

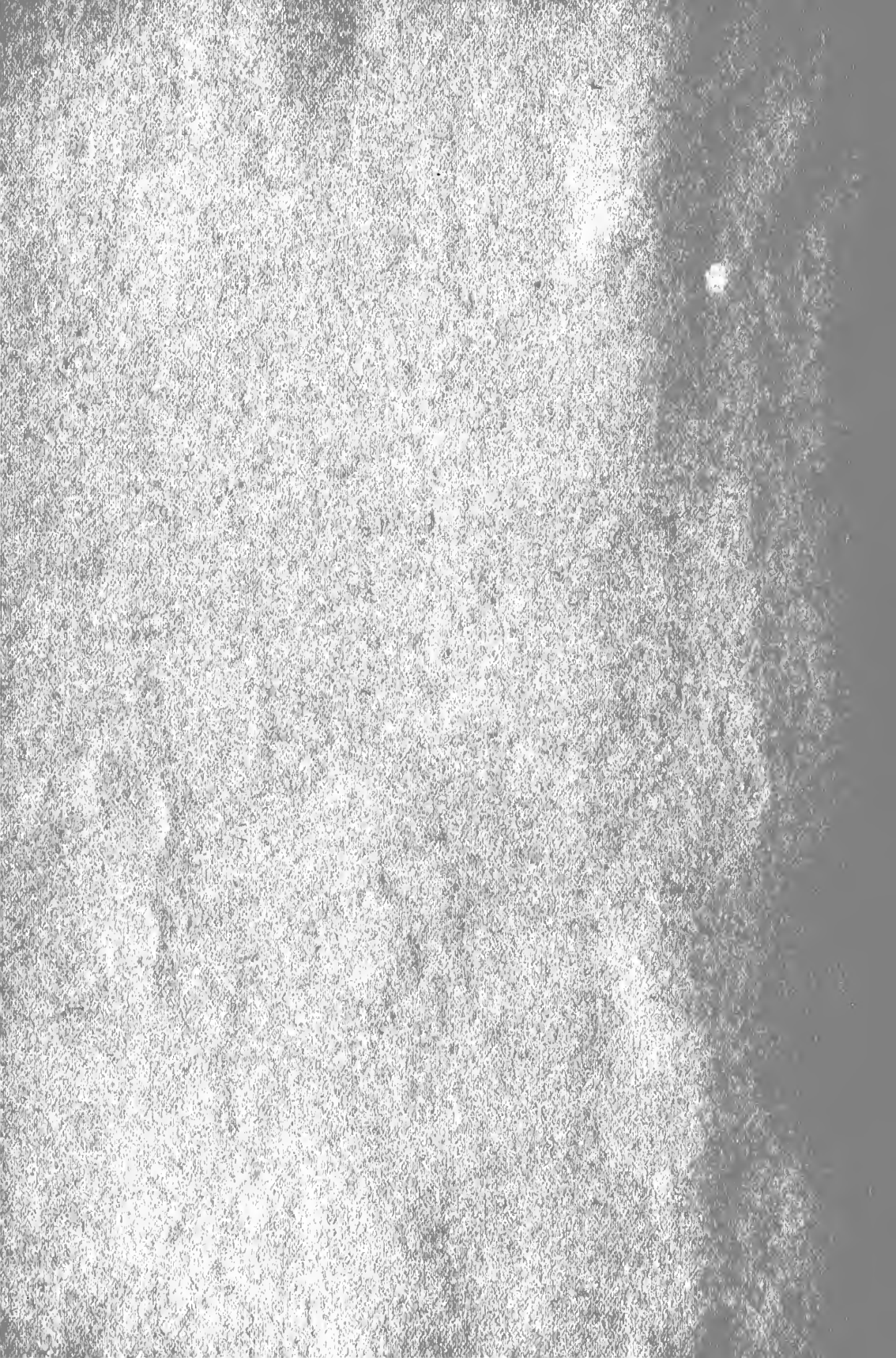
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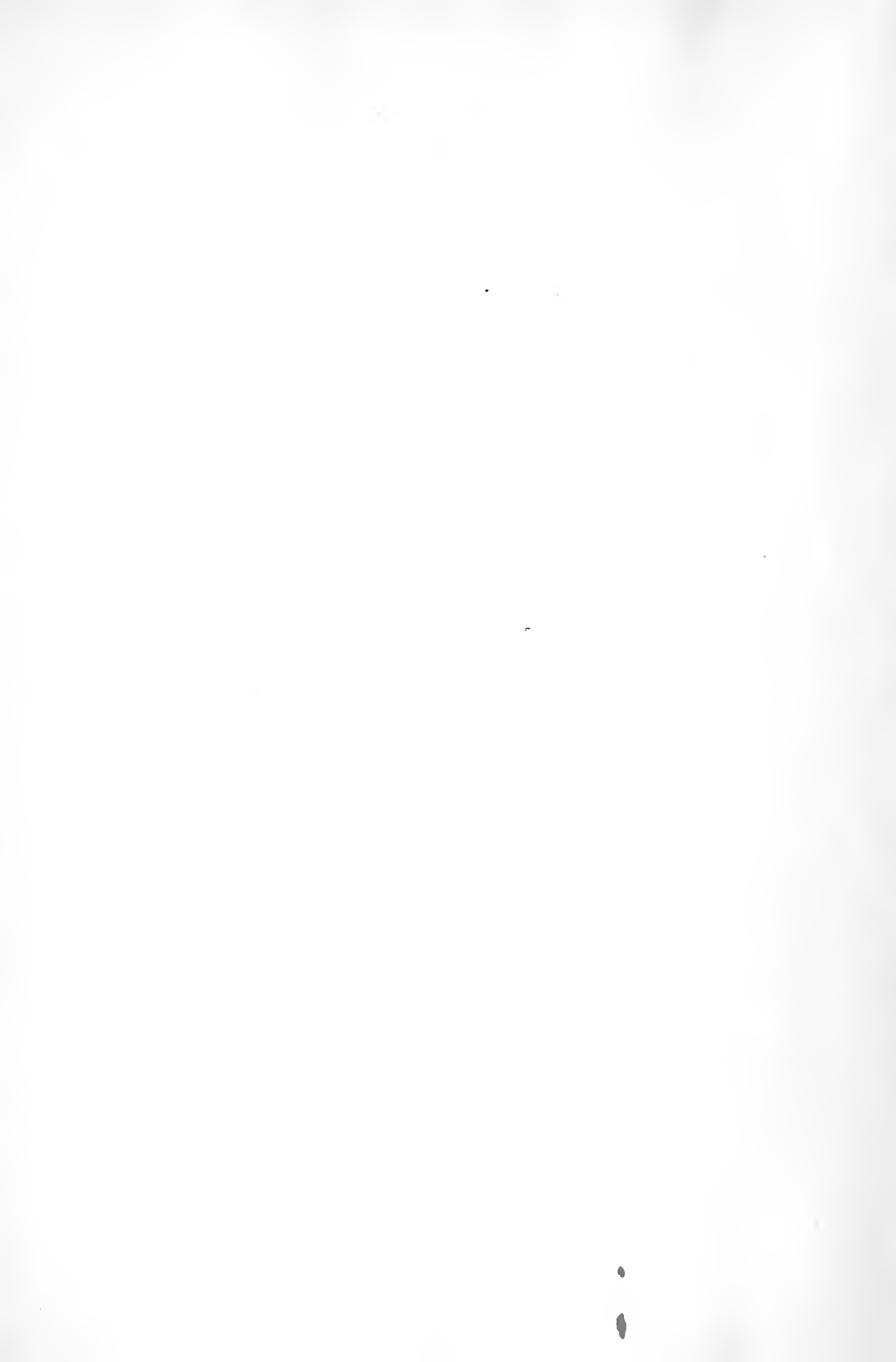
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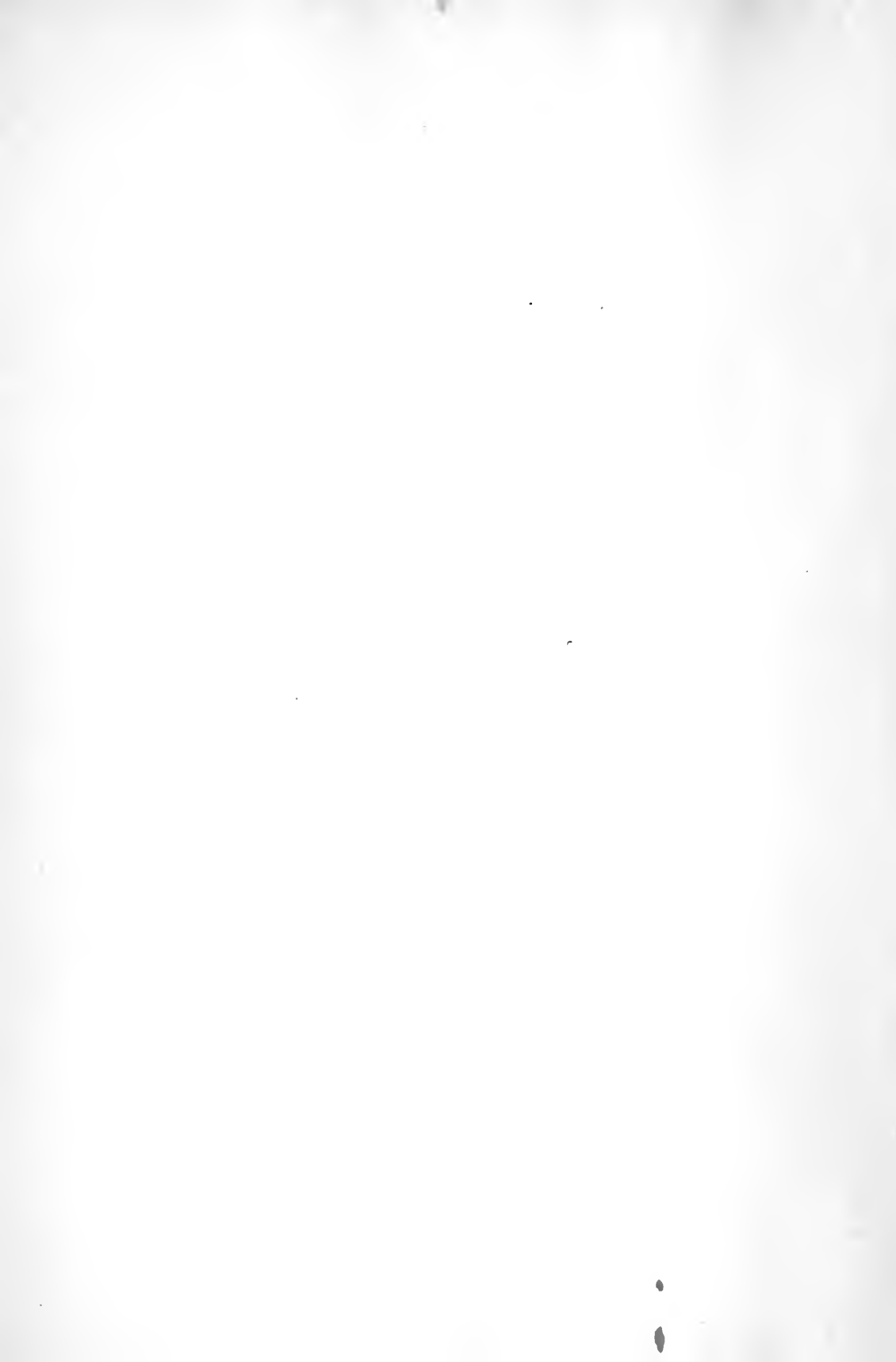
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## GREATER TERRE HAUTE AND VIGO COUNTY.

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MAXWELL CARSON HAMILL, one of the leaders of the Terre Haute bar, is a native of Sullivan, Indiana, where he was born March 27, 1866. He is a son of the late Hon. Samuel R. Hamill, Sr., and Martha (Wood) Hamill. His father was a native of Shippensburg, Cumberland county, Pennsylvania. He was a graduate of Jefferson and Williams College and in law of the university at Carlisle, Pennsylvania. When he became a settler of Indiana he located for practice at Evansville, and thence removed to Sullivan, where he was long the leader of the bar and prominent in the state as a skillful lawyer and an eloquent orator. He served as prosecuting attorney in the district composed of Vigo and Sullivan counties. He died in Sullivan in June, 1876. His mother was born in Baltimore, Maryland, and as a young woman came to Terre Haute with her widowed mother, brothers and sisters. The late surgeon general of the United States Navy, William Maxwell Wood, was her brother. The Wood family was a large one and its various members were prominent in the early financial and social history of Terre Haute and its descendants have been influential and leading citizens.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel R. Hamill were: Mary Augusta, the wife of Rev. Edward W. Abbey, a minister of the Presbyterian church at Smithtown, Long Island, New York; Frances Wood, of New York City; Samuel R., Jr., who at the time of his death was classed as one of the most able and brilliant attorneys in the West; Charles Wood, also deceased; Elizabeth R., who married Harry J. Baker, a lawyer of Terre Haute; and Maxwell Carson Hamill.

Maxwell Carson Hamill was reared in Terre Haute and educated in the public schools of that city and Hamilton, Ohio. While pursuing his law studies he taught school in the vicinity of Terre Haute and was also with the United States mail service for some time, with headquarters at Indianapolis. During the latter period he was a student in the office of Duncan, Smith & Wilson, of Indianapolis, and finished his studies with his brother, Samuel R. Hamill, Jr., of Terre Haute.

In 1900 he was admitted to the Indiana bar, and at once commenced practice in that city. In the following year he was elected prosecuting attorney of Vigo county and re-elected to the office in 1903. He afterwards served as county attorney for two years. His marked success as prosecuting attorney made him a leader in criminal proceedings, and since he relinquished the office there have been no important cases in that field

of law in which he has not participated. As a private attorney, however, he has generally been retained by the defense. Still, he is not regarded as a criminal lawyer, for his practice in civil litigation for years has been large and he is retained in almost every important case, and as a legal consultant his reputation is strong and wide and he is recognized as one of the leading lawyers in the state.

Outside of the professional organizations of which he is a member, Mr. Hamill is No. 1 in the Terre Haute Lodge of Elks, and is also identified with Social Lodge, No. 86, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and the Commercial Club of Terre Haute.

He married Miss Ann Van DerVeer, a native of Hamilton, Ohio, and daughter of Henry Van DerVeer, niece of General Ferdinand Van DerVeer, of Civil war fame, and granddaughter of Thomas Milliken, who was one of Ohio's most distinguished lawyers. Mr. and Mrs. Hamill have one daughter, Mary Milan, born in 1899.

HOMER L. WILLIAMS.—It is a noticeable fact that the young men of today are constantly forging to the front, becoming leaders in the business world, successfully controlling the veins and arteries of traffic. To this class belongs Homer L. Williams, the efficient manager at Terre Haute of the Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company. He was born at Brookhaven, Mississippi, December 18, 1880, his parents being Thomas and Ann Elizabeth (Martin) Williams, both of whom are natives of Mississippi. The father was a cotton planter of that state for many years, but during the latter part of an active business life engaged in growing rice in Louisiana. He became a prominent and influential resident of his community, exerting considerable influence in public life in both Mississippi and Louisiana. He held membership in the Baptist church, was a leading representative of the Masonic fraternity and also belonged to the Woodmen of the World.

The maternal grandfather of Mr. Williams was the late Capt. A. J. Martin, of Mississippi, who was born in Lincoln, then Lawrence, county, that state, September 21, 1835. His life record covered the span of years to November 8, 1905. He served in the Confederate army during the Civil war as captain of Company C, Third Mississippi Regiment, and was a brave and gallant soldier and an efficient commander, who inspired his men to deeds of valor by reason of his own bravery and loyalty. He left home for the front on the 15th of April, 1862, mustering one hundred and forty men in the company. At the surrender of Gen. Joseph E. Johnston at Greensboro, North Carolina, on the 26th of April, 1865, there were only thirteen members who were able to be at their post of duty, for illness, wounds and death had thus decimated the ranks. This fact alone stands in incontrovertible evidence of the



splendid service performed by Company C in that long and sanguinary struggle. On the 25th of October, 1855, Captain Martin was married to Miss Sarah Gwin, a daughter of a prominent planter of Lawrence county, Mississippi, and their daughter, Elizabeth, became the wife of Thomas Williams and the mother of our subject.

Homer L. Williams acquired his education in the common schools of Brookhaven and also attended the Peabody high school at Summit, Mississippi. Removing with his parents to Crowley, Louisiana, his father there engaged in rice growing and the boy spent his time on the plantation. Later he attended business college at Macon, Georgia, and in 1901 he came to Terre Haute, where he accepted the management of the Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company. In this connection he has given excellent satisfaction to the company which he represents by reason of his clear discernment and sound judgment, his unfaltering energy and his unflagging diligence. In the meantime, however, he returned to Louisiana and spent one season in rice growing, but in 1903 again came to Terre Haute and resumed his position as manager of the branch house of the Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company at this place.

Mr. Williams was married to Miss Louetta Greggs, of Terre Haute, and the hospitality of the best homes of the city is cordially extended them. Mr. Williams is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, No. 86, Paul Revere Lodge, Knights of Pythias, and also belongs to the Young Business Men's Club and is in hearty sympathy with its purpose to advance the commercial interests of his adopted city. Alert and energetic, he is making good use of his opportunities and his many friends feel no hesitancy in prophesying for him larger successes in the future.

JOHN NELSON WHITE, who in every relation of life displays a fidelity to purpose and a trustworthiness that have gained for him the respect and confidence of his fellow men, is now in business circles occupying the position of collector with the Root Dry Goods Company, while as a representative of Odd Fellowship he is known throughout the state. He was instrumental in forming what is today the second largest organization of the order in Indiana, and enjoys in the fullest degree the confidence and friendship of his fraters of the society. He was born in Ross county, Ohio, September 18, 1855. His parents were William J. and Mary Ann (Niseley) White, who were also natives of Ross county, the former born in 1825 and the latter in 1830. The family, however, comes of Scotch ancestry and was established in America by the great-grandfather of our subject, who, leaving the land of hills and heather, came to the United States and settled in Pennsylvania, where

the grandfather of our subject was born and reared. The maternal grandfather was also a native of Pennsylvania and, removing westward to Ohio, became one of the pioneers of Ross county, aiding in laying the foundation for its early development and progress.

William J. White, born and reared in Ohio, started westward in 1857 and visited Terre Haute, but did not settle here. He located on a farm in Clark county, near Marshall, Illinois, and there his wife died in the year 1861. Long surviving her, Mr. White passed away in Terre Haute in 1897, having made his home with his son, John, during the last twelve years of his life. Both he and his wife were devoted members of the Methodist church.

John Nelson White, whose name introduces this record, was but a young lad at the time of his parents' removal to Illinois and was there reared upon a farm in Clark county. There he acquired a common school education, and when not busy with his text books devoted his time and energy to the work of the fields. At the age of sixteen years, however, he left the farm and became engaged on construction work on the Vandalia Railroad. For six months he was employed as a laborer, after which he learned the stone-cutting trade with the company, following that pursuit for about three years. He next entered the employ of the state of Indiana, his time being thus passed between June, 1874, and April, 1876, in assisting in the care of the insane at Indianapolis. Going thence to southwestern Kentucky, he went to work for the firm Booth, Delaney & Company, proprietors of a hub and spoke factory, where he learned the trade of spoke and hub turning. Eighteen months were spent in Kentucky, after which he returned to Terre Haute in the latter part of 1877. He then joined his father in the business of getting out railroad ties in southern Illinois, and the following year took up the occupation of farming in that state, continuing in active connection with agricultural interests for two seasons.

In 1879 Mr. White once more came to Terre Haute, where he made permanent location, going to work in the spoke factory of Shoyer Brothers. He was first employed as a turner, but eventually took charge of the works. In 1882 the factory was closed and in the following spring Mr. White took up planing mill work with the firm of Snapp & Rogers, with whom he continued until the dissolution of the company. His next connection was with the Clift, Williams Company in their planing mill. There he was given charge of the machine-made product and so continued until April, 1895, when he withdrew from that line of business and engaged in the retail grocery trade with his brother, William J. White. In January, 1896, they closed out their establishment and began contracting with the Terre Haute car works, where John N.

White continued until November 19, 1899. At that time he became deputy under Sheriff Fasig, being a riding deputy. He continued in the sheriff's office until September 5, 1904, when he resigned, having been appointed a member of the Terre Haute city board of works by Mayor Bideman and continued under Mayor Buckingham, who filled out Mayor Bideman's unexpired term. He served on the board as a minority or Democratic member for two years and acted as its secretary during that period. On the 1st of November, 1906, he accepted a position as collector with the Root Dry Goods Company and continues to the present time.

Mr. White became a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows on the 11th of October, 1887, when he joined Terre Haute Lodge, No. 51. He took all of the degrees until he became a full member of the subordinate lodge, and in June, 1888, he joined the encampment; ultimately reaching the highest degree in that department of the society. In February, 1889, he was one of the charter members of Canton McKeen, No. 28, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He began active work in the order upon receiving the third degree in the subordinate lodge, and as the years have passed his activity has increased until he is today considered one of the leading Odd Fellows of Indiana. He has filled all of the chairs in the subordinate lodge and encampment and retains a membership in the grand lodge and grand encampment. For eleven years he was captain of Canton McKeen, and in 1894 associated with James Colter, he originated the idea of organizing a new subordinate lodge, the charter members of which should be composed of transient Odd Fellows, who held withdrawal cards. It required not less than ten to procure a charter to institute a lodge. In pursuance of this plan Mr. White withdrew from Terre Haute Lodge, No. 51, and Mr. Colter withdrew from Fort Harrison Lodge, No. 157. The charter was granted and the new organization, as Amico Lodge, No. 707, was instituted on July 16, 1894, with Mr. White as treasurer. Amico lodge began its new life with an initiation of sixty-eight members and is now the second largest lodge in the state of Indiana, having a membership of five hundred and fifty at the report of December, 1907. Mr. White's present activities are in the line of financial secretary of Amico lodge, which position he has filled for the last eleven years, and as secretary of the Temple Association, which was formed for the building of an Odd Fellows temple. Its plans have been perfected and the contract is now let for the building. Mr. White has not only been most active in all the work of the order, but is in thorough sympathy with its beneficent spirit and in his life exemplifies that mutual kindness and brotherly charity which constitute the basic elements of the order. He be-

longs to Social Lodge, No. 86, Free and Accepted Masons, is also a charter member of Camp No. 3376, Modern Woodmen of the World, and also a charter member of Tent No. 43, Knights of the Maccabees. He belongs to the Junior Order of American Mechanics and all of these societies find him most loyal and faithful.

On the 20th of December, 1881, occurred the marriage of Mr. White and Miss Caroline Hoff, who was born in Terre Haute, a daughter of John H. Hoff, a pioneer German resident of this city, and a sister of Charles W. Hoff, of Terre Haute. They have one daughter, Lilly Marie, who was born in Terre Haute, May 10, 1889, and a son, William LeRoy, born March 27, 1892. Mr. White was reared in the faith of the Methodist church, but withdrew from that society and is now with his family a member of the German Reformed church. The analyzation of his life work shows that in all that he has done he has been actuated by a spirit of helpfulness and kindness. His deference for the opinions of others is one of his salient characteristics. He possesses, too, that executive ability and keen discrimination which enables him to become an effective force in fraternal organizations, and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows today recognizes him as one of its most prominent and valued representatives in Indiana.

LOUIS GERHARDT.—The German element in our American citizenship has ever been an important one. The sons of the fatherland have brought to the new world the determination and energy ever characteristic of the Teutonic race, and, improving the opportunities of the new world, where labor is not hampered by caste, class, tradition, custom or precedent, they have gained positions of prominence in all lines of life contributing to business development and to the upholding of the legal and political status of the various communities in which they have established homes. To this class belongs Louis Gerhardt, who for forty years has been known as a thoroughly reliable and enterprising business man of Terre Haute, conducting through four decades a successful bakery here. He was born in Baden, Germany, August 24, 1852, his parents being August and Catherine (Lutz) Gerhardt, both of whom were natives of Baden. The father was born in 1820 and the mother in 1830. They continued residents of Germany until August, 1861, when they crossed the Atlantic to America with their family of seven children, landing at New York, whence they made their way direct to Terre Haute, where they had friends and relatives. Following his arrival in this city the father first worked for Mr. Zimmerman, a baker, for a few years, and afterward entered the employ of the Harings in a steam bakery. Acquiring capital sufficient to justify his establishment

of a business of his own, he opened a bakery on the south side of Main street, between Eighth and Ninth streets, in the old Frey building. He next removed to the old Jenkins property on the corner of Fourth and Cherry streets, and the growth of his business necessitating larger quarters, in 1872 he purchased the property on which is located the present bakery of Louis Gerhardt on Thirteenth and Deming streets. There he continued actively and successfully in business until his death, which occurred in 1879. His widow traveled life's journey for twenty-three years longer, passing away in 1902. Mr. Gerhardt was a good business man, who enjoyed in full measure the confidence and trust of his fellow citizens, and by reason of his thorough understanding of the trade he met with gratifying success in his business career.

Louis Gerhardt was a lad of only nine years when the parents left the fatherland and came to the new world. His education, begun in the schools of his native country, was continued in the schools of Terre Haute. He afterward worked in the bakery with his father and in 1880 succeeded to the business. He has continued in this line to the present, and in 1905 erected a fine brick bakery, this building being two stories in height and well equipped for the specific uses to which it is put. Year by year his trade has increased until he now has the largest local sale for bread and cake of any establishment of this character in the city. He utilizes nine delivery and supply wagons and employs eighteen men. He has always aimed at a high standard in the character of service and has sought an increase in trade through merit rather than by a war in prices.

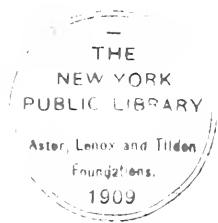
Mr. Gerhardt was married in 1883 to Miss Christina Becker, who was born in Baden, Germany. Their children are Estella, twenty-one years of age; Louis, seventeen years of age, and Mary, a little maiden of six summers. The family are communicants of St. Patrick's Catholic church and Mr. Gerhardt is treasurer of the German Savings and Loan Association. In this connection he manifests his desire to aid his fellow countrymen, and at all times he is interested in matters of public moment, giving efficient aid to many measures that are proving of genuine worth in the community. He is a supporter of the Democratic party and is a member of Humboldt Lodge, No. 42, Free and Accepted Masons, Chapter No. 11, Royal Arch Masons, the Eagles, the Travelers', Protective Association, the Improved Order of Red Men, the German Club and the German Benevolent Society. Perhaps Terre Haute has no more enthusiastic hunter than Mr. Gerhardt, as is evidenced by his hunting trips. His long residence in Terre Haute, covering almost half a century, has brought him a wide acquaintance, and his business principles have certainly stood the test of time. The consensus of public opinion

regarding Mr. Gerhardt and his life is altogether favorable and places him among the representative men of this city.

FRANK F. SCHMIDT has the distinction of being the oldest German citizen in Terre Haute in point of continuous residence, for he has been prominently identified with its business, political and social life since June of 1849, when the now populous city was but a little hamlet of twenty-three hundred. He was born in Bismarck, Prussia, Germany, November 21, 1830, and was but a lad of eighteen when he came to America with his father, John Frederick, and his brother August. Another brother, Carl, preceded them to the United States about two years, but in 1849, the year of the little party's arrival here, he and the father, who was not pleased with the prospects here, returned to Germany. John Frederick Schmidt was the father of four children and was a brewer and distiller in Germany, operating a large brewery and distillery in connection with a prominent hotel, and was a well-to-do business man. August Schmidt died in Cincinnati, Ohio, of cholera in 1849, the same year of his arrival in this country.

It was in his father's hotel in Bismarck that Frank F. Schmidt was born and reared, attending school up to the age of fourteen, and gained a fair education. A friend of his father was a German army officer, and at his suggestion Mr. Schmidt had his son learn the trade of machinist that a position as such might be secured for him in the army as chief in that department. He accordingly entered upon a three years' apprenticeship, making a specialty of the edged tool trade, but instead of carrying out the original plan of his father he left with him on the 4th of November, 1848, for the United States, landing in New Orleans in February, 1849, after a terrible voyage of fifteen weeks. From there they went up the Ohio river to Cincinnati, Ohio, from whence Frank F. Schmidt came to Terre Haute in June of the same year, and has in the main since lived in this city. At the time of his arrival here his health was impaired, for he, too, was stricken with cholera in Cincinnati, and he was not able to do any work for about two years or more afterward. But after his recovery he followed various employments until he entered upon his long connection with railroad work in 1851, for eighteen years remaining with what is now the Vandalia Railroad Company, and during six years of that time he was their foreman. He now has the distinction of being the only man in this city who was among the employes of the first railroad in Terre Haute. He also assisted in running the first locomotive from the canal. It had two drive wheels and was called a "pony."

In 1870 Mr. Schmidt abandoned the railroad business, and for two



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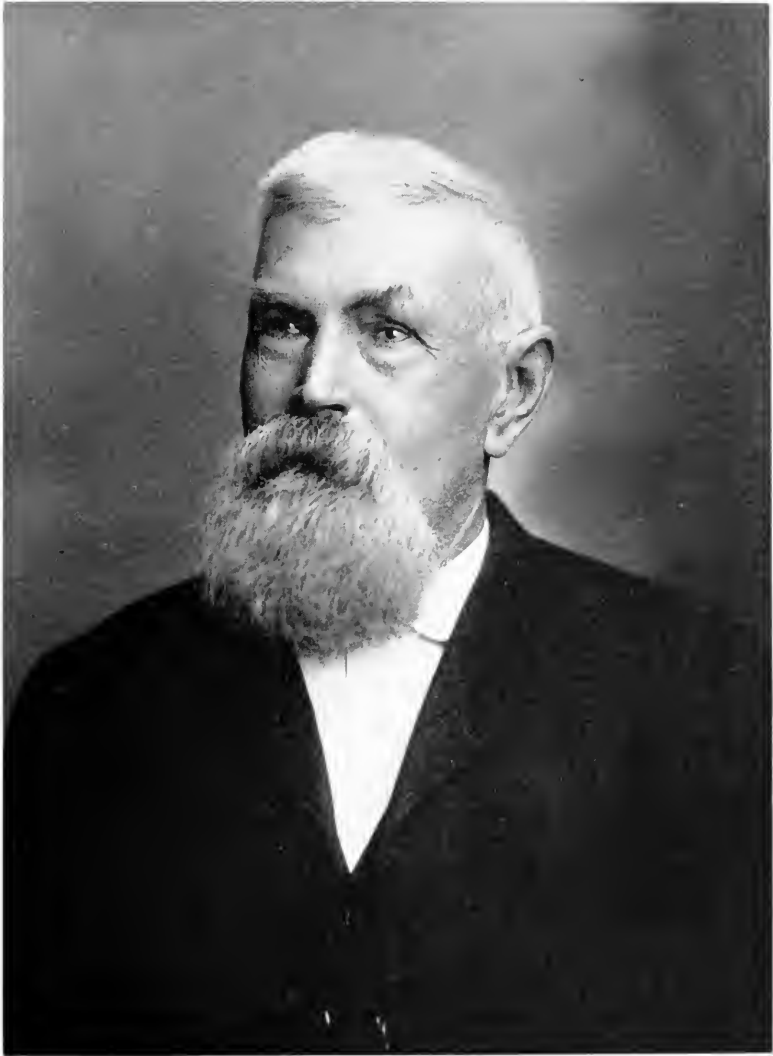
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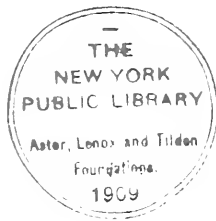


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years was engaged in the manufacture of stave and cross ties, being at the head of a crew of men, and he was also engaged in the grocery business at the same time. Since then he has devoted his activities to various industries. In 1873 he was elected a member of the city council and served for six years, or three terms. In the same year, 1873, he, with others, established the Terre Haute Mutual Savings Association, of which he has been the president since, and the institution has become one of the leading ones of Terre Haute. About twelve years ago he was the prime mover in instituting the Terre Haute Mutual Fire Insurance Company, serving as its president since the organization, and he also previously been somewhat identified with the fire insurance business, and has also dealt quite extensively in real estate. He has been successful in business and prominent in the public life of the community. He was one of twelve who organized the first Republican club of Terre Haute, he having been identified with that party's interests for several years, but has since been independent in his political affiliations. He is well and favorably known in Terre Haute and Vigo county, and is universally respected and honored for his many sterling characteristics.

Mr. Schmidt married, November 15, 1855, Miss Ida Nonnenbrunch, who was born near Cologne, on the River Rhine, in Prussia, Germany, June 10, 1837, and came to America with her parents in 1849, arriving in Cincinnati, Ohio, on the 10th of June of that year. The father, Bertram Nonnenbrunch, had, in 1848, been involved in the Prussian revolutionary uprising, and for that cause came with many other of his fellow countrymen to America, among the number being the distinguished Carl Schurz. The objective point in this country of the Nonnenbrunch family was Parkersburg, West Virginia, where Mr. Nonnenbrunch intended to build a mill, for he was a miller by trade, but his untimely death from cholera on the Fourth of July, 1849, changed all their plans. The wife and mother then bought the farm in Clark county, Illinois, which Mr. Schmidt's father had previously purchased for him, and thither she removed with her family of seven children. She survived her husband for many years, dying in 1880, aged seventy-eight years.

Mr. and Mrs. Schmidt have had four children, three now living, namely: Rosa Louise, the wife of William A. Peker, of Terre Haute; Frances Otello, the wife of Henry F. Schmidt, the present deputy sheriff of Vigo county; Edgar B., the city engineer, and Edwin F., who died at the age of five years. Mr. and Mrs. Schmidt were reared in the German Lutheran faith. Mr. Schmidt has been a prominent factor in the development and progress of Terre Haute, and his name is inseparably interwoven with the record of its advancement. The introduction of many of the business interests which have promoted the prosperity of the city

were the work of this progressive, public-spirited pioneer, and his canal boating in the early days won him the title of Captain Schmidt.

GEORGE H. COOKE, secretary and treasurer of the Hendrich Abstract Company of Terre Haute, is a native of Warren county, New Jersey, born February 2, 1861, his parents being William J. and Martha (Lantermann) Cooke, early settlers of New Jersey. The public schools afforded him his educational privileges and as an equipment for the practical and responsible duties of life he took up the study of civil engineering in the field, beginning as an axman. In 1883 he came west and, October 14, 1898, accepted a position as civil engineer with the Southern Indiana Railroad Company, the headquarters then being at Bedford, Indiana. He continued with that company on construction work until the fall of 1905, when he entered the office of the Hendrich Abstract Company, and on the 1st of April, 1906, was made secretary and treasurer. He had become a resident of Terre Haute in 1900 and has here since made his home. Through close application and discriminating energy he has developed a good business and is recognized as one of the enterprising, progressive men of the city—a valuable addition to its business circles.

Mr. Cooke was married in 1904 to Miss Caroline Hendrich and has one son, William Hendrich Cooke. Fraternaly he is connected with the Knights of Pythias and became a charter member of the first lodge of that order organized in North Dakota, in which state he was located from 1883 until 1890. He is a member of the Western Society of Civil Engineers and aside from any membership relations is known as a gentleman of genial manner, whose personal qualities make him popular and well liked.

WILLIAM E. HENDRICH, one of Terre Haute's prominent citizens, who figures in business life as president of the Hendrich Abstract Company and as a member of the bar, is a native of Tennstedt-Thuringia, Germany, born February 1, 1836. The first nine years of his life were spent in that land and in 1845 he came with his parents to the United States, the family home being established at New Albany, Indiana. He was a young man of eighteen years when, in 1854, he came to Terre Haute, and in 1856 he began reading law in the office of Col. John P. Baird. After careful and thorough preparation he was admitted to the bar in 1858 and the next year was appointed attorney for the old Terre Haute, Alton & St. Louis Railroad Company, which position he held for a period of eight years. Throughout his entire residence here, covering more than a half century, he has contributed in substantial measure to the growth, progress and development of the city. In 1864 he assisted

in erecting the block of buildings on the southeast corner of Third street and Wabash avenue. In 1868 he turned his attention to the abstract business, being the pioneer abstractor of Terre Haute and of the state. He has since conducted the leading abstract office in the city and is now president of the Hendrich Abstract Company, which he founded and which was incorporated in 1902. He also continues in the practice of law.

On December 25, 1860, was celebrated the marriage of William E. Hendrich and Miss Mary Katzenbach, a native of Germany, and their children are four in number: Mary, the wife of Charles Merrill, formerly of Clinton, Indiana, but now a resident of Riverside, California; Lucile, the wife of George M. Pierson, also living at Riverside; Caroline, the wife of George H. Cooke, secretary and treasurer of the Hendrich Abstract Company, and Linda, the wife of Josephus C. Davis, of Terre Haute.

Mr. Hendrich is a member of Humboldt Lodge, No. 42, Free and Accepted Masons, and has attained the Knight Templar degree of the commandery. He is also connected with the Commercial Club. His interest in the general welfare is that of a public spirited citizen and many tangible evidences can be given of his devotion to the public good. All who know him entertain for him the respect and good will which are ever given a man whose life is largely exemplary in its relations with his fellow men and with the community at large.

GEORGE WILLIAM JACOBY HOFFMAN, whose intense and well directed activity has gained him recognition as one of the representative business men of Terre Haute, is conducting two drug stores here, and his thorough preparation for the trade, combined with his stalwart purpose and strict conformity to commercial ethics, have brought him both prosperity and an honored name. He is one of Terre Haute's native sons, his birth having occurred October 28, 1864, in the old Cincinnati House, which stood on the present site of the new National Hotel on North Fourth street. He is a son of Tilghman J. and Alavesta (Jacoby) Hoffman, both of whom were natives of Lehigh county, Pennsylvania, and of Pennsylvania Dutch descent. The maternal grandfather was William Jacoby, whose birth occurred in the Keystone state. It was in that state that the parents of our subject were reared and married and a son was born to them ere they left Pennsylvania. Removing westward they settled in Terre Haute about 1863 and the father embarked in business as a retail grocer, in which line of trade he continued for many years, being recognized as one of the enterprising factors in commercial circles here during the middle of the nineteenth century. In 1876 he re-

moved to Sioux City, Iowa, where he engaged in business, and there his death occurred in 1885. His widow still survives and is now a resident of Terre Haute.

George W. J. Hoffman attended the city schools and the Terre Haute Commercial College. At the age of fifteen years he began clerking in the drug store of Gulick & Berry, who occupied the store in which Mr. Hoffman now carries on business on the corner of Fourth street and Wabash avenue. For four years he remained with that house, after which to further perfect himself in this line of activity he entered the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and was graduated therefrom with the class of 1886. While pursuing his studies he acted as clerk for Thomas S. Wiegand, the registrar of the institution which he was attending. His collegiate course completed, he returned to Terre Haute in the spring of 1886 and took the position of head clerk in the old drug store, where he served his apprenticeship, the style of the firm, however, having been changed in the meantime to Gulick & Company. In 1890 Mr. Hoffman became the junior partner of the firm, and in July, 1897, became sole proprietor of the business. From his entrance into the trade as a proprietor he has met with constantly increasing success, his business career being characterized by an orderly progression which has led to substantial results. On the 1st of September, 1900, he opened his second drug store on the corner of Sixth and Wabash avenue, known as the New Central Pharmacy, and now conducts both establishments, which are two of the leading drug stores of the city. The original one is known as the Hoffman Drug Store, and there he makes his headquarters. It is today the oldest establishment in this line in Terre Haute. The building was erected in 1851, and since its completion has been continuously utilized for the sale of drugs. Mr. Hoffman carries a large stock, which, combined with honorable business methods, insures a well merited success.

On the 2d of October, 1888, Mr. Hoffman was united in marriage to Miss Mattie M. Miller, the eldest daughter of Peter Miller, one of Terre Haute's oldest and best known business men and German-American citizens. He was at one time commissioner of Vigo county and prominent and influential in community affairs. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman have been born two children: Hester, who was born June 1, 1895, and Herman M., born August 3, 1900. Mr. Hoffman and his wife are well known socially and their circle of friends is constantly increasing as the circle of their acquaintance widens. Mr. Hoffman belongs to the Young Business Men's Club and Vigo County Druggists' Association. He is widely recognized as an active, alert and enterprising young business man. He moves carefully and surely in every trans-

action, possessing the persistency of purpose which ultimately reaches the objective point.

JOHN H. BALDRIDGE, M. D.—One of the best known, as well as one of the oldest and most successful physicians of Vigo county, is Dr. John H. Baldrige. Since 1884 his name has been enrolled among the active practitioners of Terre Haute, and in the interim he has achieved a success that has gained him prominence among the best representatives of the profession in the county of Vigo. He is also the son of a physician, Dr. John Alexander Baldrige, who, too, claimed Morgan county, Ohio, as the place of his nativity, from whence he moved to Sullivan county, Indiana, when his son, John, was a boy of ten years. He established the home on a farm east of Farmersburg and became actively identified with the public and professional life of the community. His wife, nee Eliza Leeper, bore him three sons and one daughter.

Dr. Baldrige was the third born and the youngest son, and had his nativity in Morgan county, Ohio, November 9, 1840. He grew to manhood's estate in the home near Farmersburg, attending the pioneer country schools of Sullivan county, as well as a private school in the town. He then began the study of medicine under the preceptorship of his father, with whom he studied for three years, and then moving to Rosedale, in Parke county, Indiana, practiced there from 1868 to 1884, covering a period of sixteen years. At the expiration of that time he came to Terre Haute. After practicing three years in Parke county, Dr. Baldrige entered the Eclectic Medical College of Cincinnati, where he graduated in 1873, and has since been a successful representative of that old and time-honored school of medicine. He has won particular success in his treatment of lung trouble.

Dr. Baldrige was first married, in 1869, to Gelana Challis, who died on the 20th of September, 1893, after becoming the mother of seven children, but only two of the number are now living. In 1898 he married Lovilla Challis. He is a Republican politically. His services in the Civil war entitles him to membership in Morton Post, Grand Army of the Republic. He enlisted in Company D, Forty-third Indiana Infantry, in 1863, and served until the close of the conflict.

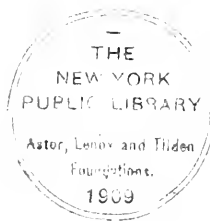
When Dr. Baldrige came to Terre Haute it was said that he had consumption, and after three years' treatment of himself he was cured and has since been in constant active practice of his profession. He is hale and hearty, notwithstanding the decision of a number of physicians that he could not last long when he came to the city. For several years he has been a member of the Eclectic Medical Association of Sullivan and Vigo counties.

JOSEPH FRISZ has taken an honorable part in the molding both of the business and the civic history of Terre Haute. He is perhaps best known as one of the oldest and most prominent grocers of the city, who continued in that line for twenty-nine years at one location, No. 301 North Thirteenth street. He is a native of Alsace-Lorraine, which at the time of his birth, September 28, 1843, was a French province. His parents, Joseph and Margaret (Long) Frisz, came to America in 1846, locating in Jennings county, Indiana, in August of that year. They settled upon an uncleared and unimproved farm and there their remaining days were passed, the father devoting his time and his energies to the cultivation and development of his property until his death, which occurred in 1864, when he was sixty-eight years of age. His wife survived him until 1868, and had also reached the age of sixty-eight at the time of her demise. Their family numbered nine children: Barbara, Christopher and Jacob, all now deceased; George, who is living in Illinois; John, a resident of Terre Haute; Michael, who has also passed away; Anna and Peter, who are also residents of Terre Haute, and Joseph, of this review. The father was a Catholic in religious belief and reared his family in that faith.

Joseph Frisz was only three years of age when his parents left his native land and came to the new world, so that he was reared upon the Indiana farm, early becoming familiar with the duties and labors of the average farmer boy. His education was acquired in the public schools, and after putting aside his text books he learned the blacksmith's trade.

In 1868 he was married, in Jennings county, Indiana, to Miss Margaret Rolles, a native of Prussia. She died May 7, 1891. For three years after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Frisz resided at Bowling Green, Kentucky, and spent nearly two years in Hopkinsville, that state. In 1873 they arrived in Terre Haute and Mr. Frisz commenced his career as a grocer at the familiar location on North Thirteenth street, where, as stated, he remained for twenty-nine years. Many patrons who came to him in early days continued to give him their support throughout the passing decades, and from time to time he found it necessary to enlarge his stock in order to meet the demands of a growing patronage. His goods were judiciously selected and tastefully arranged, prices were reasonable and measures good, and to cap all Mr. Frisz was courteous and accommodating. He therefore became one of the leading merchants of the city and secured not only a handsome competency but an honorable name—even more to be desired than riches. Although Mr. Frisz has been retired from the grocery business since 1902, he has long served as president of the Mutual Savings Association and is also identified







*W. B. Steele*

with the Terre Haute Mutual Fire Insurance Company. As a Democrat and a man of municipal affairs he has wielded a strong beneficial influence, having served for one term as city councilman and for twelve years as city commissioner. Like his business career, his public record has been a constant demonstration of a prompt, faithful and efficient discharge of the duties as they developed. He is a staunch communicant of the Catholic church, and in that faith has reared his family. Seven of his nine children yet survive: Lena M., Jacob N., Margaret K., George B., Joseph A., Clara M. and Fred J. Frisz.

JOSEPH A. FRISZ, M. D.—The medical profession of Vigo county finds an able representative in Dr. Joseph A. Frisz, a substantial type of the liberal, progressive practitioner of today. He has been located in Terre Haute since his graduation eight years ago, and the community takes a pride in his advancement and high standing because he is one of her sons, both by nativity and preliminary education. Dr. Frisz was born in that city on the 4th of March, 1878, and is a son of Joseph and Margaret (Rolles) Frisz, both Germans, although the father was born in the province of Alsace-Lorraine, which was then French territory. The father came to this country with his parents when he was three years old, spent his earlier years on an Indiana farm, became a resident of Terre Haute thirty-six years ago, and has since been prominent in business and municipal life.

The Doctor is a graduate of the Terre Haute high school, pursuing his professional course at the Indiana Medical College, from which he received his degree of M. D. in 1900. He has since established a good practice in this city. Like other progressive members of his profession, he keeps in touch with the latest development in the theories and practices of his profession by maintaining an active membership in the local and national societies. He is identified with county and state medical societies, the Esculapian Medical Society of the Wabash Valley and the American Medical Association. He is also a member of the staff of St. Anthony's Hospital of Terre Haute. His fraternal relations are with the Knights of Columbus, the Modern Woodmen of America and the Red Men, and his broad education and easy bearing secure him admission to the best society of the city.

WORTH B. STEELE, manager of the extensive lumber interests of R. A. Hooton & Company, of Terre Haute, was born in Crawford county, Illinois, July 22, 1851. His parents were Nenian T. and Martha A. (Harris) Steele. The father was born in Virginia and was of Scotch-English ancestry. In early life he prepared for the practice of medicine and sur-

gery, and, removing westward, located near Hudsonville, Illinois, where he devoted his time and energies to his profession. He died there in his forty-sixth year, while his wife passed away at the comparatively early age of thirty-eight. She, too, was a native of the Old Dominion.

Their family numbered three sons and a daughter, of whom Worth B. Steele is the eldest. He resided in the county of his nativity to the age of sixteen years, when he came to Terre Haute to supplement his early educational privileges by study in a commercial college. After completing his course he accepted a position in the W. S. Ryce dry goods house, where he remained for a short time. He then went to Louisville, Kentucky, where he spent six or seven years as bookkeeper in a wholesale grocery house, but in 1881 returned to Terre Haute, where he has since made his home. He became connected with the lumber trade as bookkeeper in the employ of T. B. Johns, who subsequently sold the business to the Wabash Lumber Company, and in 1897 the yards were purchased by R. A. Hooton & Company. Mr. Steele has been continuously associated with the business for twenty-seven years and gradual advancement has brought him to his present responsible position of manager, which is one of the oldest and most extensive in this line in the city. Its success is attributable in no small degree to his close application and executive force, and few men are better informed concerning the lumber trade and all the subjects which bear upon this important industry.

In 1873 Mr. Steele was united in marriage to Miss Delia Patterson, and unto them have been born three sons and a daughter: Malcolm A., John P., Alma L. and Wilbur B. Malcolm A. represents the Bankers' Surety Company in western Indiana and eastern Illinois; John P. is connected with his father in the office; Alma L. graduated from the high school in 1907, and Wilbur B. will finish high school with the class of 1907.

Mr. and Mrs. Steele have an extensive circle of friends in Terre Haute, gained by reason of their genuine worth during the long period of their residence in this city. Mr. Steele is moreover recognized as one of the leaders in Republican circles here. He has always given stalwart support to the party, served for one term as a member of the city council, and has done effective work for Republican interests as chairman of the city central committee. He also belongs to the Commercial Club and co-operates in various plans and movements which it puts forth for Terre Haute's development along business lines. He is likewise well known in Masonic circles, and has attained the Knight Templar degree in the commandery. While there have been no startling or exciting chapters in his life history, neither has there been a single esoteric phase. He is a man of known honesty of purpose, despising all unworthy or ques-

tionable means of securing success in any undertaking or for any purpose. His is a sturdy American character and of stalwart patriotism, and in the faithful performance of life's duties as they come to him day after day he has achieved much that is honorable and commendable and won the respect and confidence of his fellow men. He was one of the first class to become a member of the "Hoo-Hoos," No. 8383, and has always been very active, especially in the state.

EDWARD J. SCHOTT, M. D., was born in the city of Bucyrus, Crawford county, Ohio, March 16, 1875, and since 1905 he has been prominently and successfully engaged in the practice of medicine in Terre Haute. When he had attained to the age of sixteen, having in the interim attended the public schools of Bucyrus, he obtained the consent of his parents to leave home and to do for himself. Making his way to Chicago he completed his literary training in a high school there and later entered a medical college, working his own way through and finally graduating from the well known Hahnemann Medical College and Hospital, May 12, 1904. During that time he was prominently identified with hospital work, and immediately after his graduation he began practice in Chicago. Shortly afterward, in April, 1905, he left that city for Terre Haute and has inscribed his name high on the roll of its eminent physicians, following a general practice and a specialty of electrotherapeutics. He is a member of the Vigo County Medical Society and of the Knights of Columbus fraternity.

Dr. Schott married Miss Ada Cornell, of Allegan, Michigan. They had one child, Edward Anthony, who died at the age of four months. Dr. Schott is a member (and on the board censors) of the Wabash Valley Homeopathic Medical Society and the Indiana State Homeopathic Society, also the American Institute of Homeopathy.

W. B. RICHMOND, M. D.—The name of Dr. W. B. Richmond finds a place on the roll of the medical fraternity in Terre Haute, where he has practiced since 1906, but he is a native son of Mt. Pleasant, Michigan, born May 13, 1876. He was reared there and graduated from the high school in 1894, after which for one year he was employed as a bookkeeper for a general mercantile firm. He then matriculated in the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor and graduated in the medical department June 1, 1899. For three years after his graduation Dr. Richmond practiced in Brazil, Indiana, while for two years thereafter was at Mt. Pleasant, Michigan, and returning thence to Brazil he spent two more years in practice there. It was at the close of that period, in the fall of 1906, that he came to Terre Haute, and is rapidly winning a name

and place among the city's leading physicians. He served in the Spanish-American war as a member of Company A, Thirty-first Michigan Infantry. He entered the ranks as a private on the 26th of April, 1898, and was discharged from the hospital corps, United States army, September 30, 1898. He is a member of the Elks and Knights of Columbus fraternities.

Dr. Richmond married, in 1902, Oval G. Tribble, of Brazil, Indiana, and has one son, Richard Charles.

ALBERT L. PFAU.—Indelibly engraved on the pages of history in connection with manufacturing interests in Terre Haute is the name of Albert L. Pfau, the president and treasurer of the North Baltimore Bottle Glass Company. He is of German-American descent, but a native of the Buckeye state, born in Cincinnati, Ohio, May 7, 1865, a son of Jacob Pfau, Jr., a pioneer of Cincinnati, and during his lifetime one of the most prominent business men of the Queen City.

Jacob Pfau, Jr., was born in Germany, the son of John Michael Pfau, who brought his family to the United States and located in Cincinnati in 1832, becoming one of the pioneer business men. His son in time became largely interested in distilling in that city, served as a director in the old German National Bank and was otherwise prominently identified with its industries. He married Margaret, the daughter of Peter Bogen, another of the early pioneers of Cincinnati, and in his time the largest pork packer in the city. He was identified with that industry when it flourished there and gave to Cincinnati her name "Porkopolis." Mrs. Pfau was born in that city and died there in 1889, her husband's death having occurred a few years previously, in 1883.

Albert L. Pfau was reared in the old Pfau homestead on Ninth street, Cincinnati, and graduated from the old Woodward high school with the class of 1883. In the same year of his graduation and following soon upon his father's death he became interested in the glue business, his mother investing thirty thousand dollars in the industry for him. This proved an unfortunate investment, in which Mr. Pfau bought some bitter experience, for at the end of three years the company suspended business and the thirty thousand dollars invested for Mr. Pfau was lost in the enterprise. This was his first business venture, and he was at that time just twenty-one years old and married. He felt keenly the failure of his first attempt in business, but the experience gained was invaluable to him and he at once began looking around for another opening in the industrial world.

The discovery and development of natural gas was at that time attracting manufacturing interests to Findlay, Ohio, and Mr. Pfau vis-

ited that city to investigate. There he fell in with Col. I. W. Richardson, a practical glass manufacturer and at that time manager of the Hemingway Glass Company, of Covington, Kentucky, just across the Ohio river from Cincinnati. The two conceived the idea of establishing themselves in the glass industry in the natural gas belt, and in 1887 they organized the North Baltimore Bottle Glass Company, erecting their plant, on account of the high value of land in Findlay, eleven miles out from the city, at what is now North Baltimore, Ohio. And here it may be said that that town was laid out to a considerable extent by Messrs. Pfau and Richardson and they became large holders of its real estate. At the beginning the company was capitalized at fifty thousand dollars and furnished employment to sixty people, but owing largely to Colonel Richardson's practical experience their business prospered from the first and soon began to expand and enlarge. Mr. Pfau had charge of the financial business end of the firm and Col. W. Richardson the manufacturing. At that time the latter's two sons, I. W., Jr., and David C., were also members of the company and had charge of its different departments.

But in 1895 the natural gas began to fail in the Findlay district, and not waiting for it to fail entirely the North Baltimore Glass Company moved its plant to the Indiana belt at Albany. Anticipating, however, that history relating to natural gas would repeat itself there, Mr. Pfau, in 1899, began looking about for a new and permanent location for the plant, and on account of the abundance of soft coal and railroad facilities, chose Terre Haute for its future location. In 1900 the company built its first factory in this city, and in 1902 a second factory was erected, and in 1905 the third. The company was incorporated under the Indiana laws with a capital of three hundred thousand dollars, with a surplus of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, with Mr. Pfau as president and treasurer, I. W. Richardson, Jr., secretary, and David C. Richardson, general manager, both of the latter having been with the company since its organization at North Baltimore, Ohio. With the passing years the business has grown to mammoth proportions, the company now furnishing employment to six hundred operatives. They have an annual payroll of six hundred thousand dollars and an annual output of over two thousand cars of beer bottles, equivalent to eight carloads a day. The North Baltimore bottles are known to the trade over the entire United States, shipments being made from seaboard to seaboard and to all parts of the West. For the reason that the name "North Baltimore Bottles" has become so famous the appellation of the company has never been changed from its original form, notwithstanding the different removals. All of the buildings of the company are

of structural steel and brick, and with slate roofs, and the entire plant is kept in such excellent condition that it is referred to by the trade as the "parlor plant." Mr. Pfau is a lover of fine blooded horses, and owns a number of noted saddle and harness animals, finding his recreation in a spin or canter when business permits. He is a Knight Templar Mason, a Knight of Pythias, an Elk and a member of the Commercial, Manufacturers' and Young Business Men's clubs of Terre Haute, of the Columbia Club of Indianapolis, and of the Union League Club of Chicago.

Mr. Pfau married Miss Carrie L., the daughter of Joseph F. Jewett, of the old commercial houses of Jewett & Adams, Cincinnati, and of Adams, Jewett & Company, of Cleveland and Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, manufacturers of paper boxes, burlap, twine, etc. To Mr. and Mrs. Pfau three children have been born: Albert L., Jr., George Harold and Lucy Margaret. The eldest is now a cadet at Culver Military Academy, Indiana, and the younger son is a student in the Terre Haute high school. Mr. Pfau erected his handsome home opposite Collett Park, Terre Haute, in 1903, surrounded by large trees and massive shrubbery, one of the beauty spots of the city.

GEORGE M. GLICK.—The name of Glick in Terre Haute at once suggests the manufacture of vehicles, for both father and sons have been prominently identified with the enterprise since its pioneer period, and their reputation extends throughout the country. The Glick family came to Terre Haute from Circleville, Ohio, but were originally from Pennsylvania and are of Pennsylvania Dutch stock. Ananias N. Glick, the originator of the vehicle manufacturing industry in Terre Haute, was born in Ohio in 1834, and came from there to this city during its formative period and continued the manufacture of wagons here until in 1875. He then traded his business for a farm near Salem, Illinois, and there engaged in farming and also operated a wagon factory in Salem until his death in 1883. He made a specialty of manufacturing two-horse wagons, and in all these years became well known in the industry. He was a strict and devout member of the Methodist Episcopal church. His wife bore the maiden name of Matilda Rowe.

In their family was George M. Glick, who was born on South Third street, Terre Haute, October 14, 1866, and after completing his education in the public schools of this city he began learning the wagon and carriage business under his father at Salem, Illinois. In 1885 he returned to his native city and began work for his brother, Philip A., who was in business at the corner of Twenty-fifth and Poplar streets for a number of years, and in 1887 he succeeded to his brother's business. The plant, however, was destroyed by fire in 1905, entailing a heavy loss



to its owner, but he at once purchased the lot at the corner of Seventeenth and Poplar streets and erected his present manufactory, a large two-story building forty by seventy feet. Mr. Glick is not only a manufacturer of and dealer in carriages, but also does general repair work and has won a reputation in the various departments which is not confined to the limits of Terre Haute or Vigo county. He is also a director in the Valentine Company, wholesale meat dealers.

He married a native daughter of Terre Haute, Miss Minnie Higdon. Her parents are Robert and Mary E. (Hoddie) Higdon, and the union has been blessed by the birth of two daughters, Edna May and Norma Merle. Mr. Glick is a member of the Knights of Pythias fraternity.

ROBERT T. McDONALD.—On the list of Terre Haute's honored dead appears the name of Robert T. McDonald, who was one of the native sons of the city, born on the 21st day of January, 1862. His life record covered the comparatively brief span of forty-three years, his death occurring November 28, 1905. His father, Thomas McDonald, who for many years was a resident of this city, served his country as a soldier of the Union army, and in civic life was one of the employes of the Vandalia Railroad Company. He is now residing at Stewardson, Illinois.

Robert T. McDonald was reared and educated in the city of his nativity, and in early manhood here engaged in the livery business, while later he continued in the same line in St. Louis. He was afterward foreman of a flour mill in Terre Haute, and later took up railroading in the employ of the Vandalia Railroad Company, performing his duties as a switchman at the time when he sustained injuries that caused his death.

Mr. McDonald was married in the year 1890 to Miss Katherine Souder, a native of Bedford, Indiana. Unto them were born two children, Leland and Avis, both of whom possess considerable musical talent. Mr. McDonald was a member of the Knights of Pythias fraternity, in which he attained the uniform rank. He was also connected with the Woodmen, the Red Men, the Foresters, and with the Switchmen's Union, and in all these organizations gained the esteem of his brethren, who rate a man not by his wealth but by the worth of his character and by the principles which govern his conduct. Mr. McDonald held membership with the Methodist church and shaped his life in accordance with its teachings, so that all who knew him respected him, and many gave to him warm friendship. Mrs. McDonald, residing with her sons in Terre Haute, is a lady of good business ability and attractive social qualities. She has recently erected one of the best apartment buildings of the city and from her property derives a good rental.

HENRY T. BIEL is one of the leading photographers of Terre Haute, and has been identified with its interests throughout the entire period of his business career. Just one month before his sixteenth birthday he went into the studio of G. H. Wright in this city to learn the business, and under the able instructions of Mr. Wright he learned the art in its every department, and in 1886 was able to engage in the business for himself. He at that time purchased the studio of John Adams, and has ever since remained at that location, 419 Wabash avenue, his name having long stood in the front rank of photography in Terre Haute. He also owns considerable city real estate and is interested in other directions in the business life of this city.

Mr. Biel is of German parentage and a native of Sheboygan, Wisconsin, born April 25, 1855, to Henry and Augusta (Hesland) Biel. In the fall of 1854 the family, consisting of father, mother and six children, came to the United States and located at Sheybogan, but ten years later they came from there to Terre Haute. The father was a blacksmith, and for many years was in the employ of the Vandalia Railroad Company. He died in this city in 1885, in his seventy-second year, and his widow survived until 1898, dying when seventy-seven years of age. Both were members of the German Lutheran church, and in their family were the following children: Theresa, wife of Valentine Burget, of Terre Haute; Fred J., a tobacco merchant of this city; William, in the real estate business here; Fredericka, who became the wife of Charles Klaer, of Terre Haute, and both are now deceased; Hanna, wife of W. S. Mahan, who has served as a deputy both in the sheriff and clerk's offices in Vigo county, and is now residing in Los Angeles, California; Mary, who married Robert Whittenburg, who was a dry goods merchant of Terre Haute, but now deceased; Henry T., the subject of this review; Ferdinand, of this city, and Clara, who has never married and now resides in Los Angeles, California. Six of the children were born in the fatherland of Germany, and the remaining three in Sheboygan, Wisconsin.

Henry T. Biel received his educational training in both the schools of Sheboygan and Terre Haute, but his entire business career has been spent in this city. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias fraternity and of the Retail Merchants' Association. He married Francina Bundy, who was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, a daughter of Samuel K. Bundy.

EUGENE DUENWEG.—Throughout many years of his active life Eugene Duenweg was connected with many of the leading business institutions of Terre Haute, and his name therefore fills an important niche in the history of its industrial development. He was born in the Rhine.

province of Germany, March 15, 1844, but his death occurred in Terre Haute, the city in which he had so long lived and labored, March 20, 1902. In his native land he learned the carriage and harness maker's trade, and worked at those callings until he enlisted in the German army in 1862. In 1866 he served in the Austrian war, and in the following year, 1867, he came to the United States and to Terre Haute, where he first secured employment in the lumber yards of the Vandalia Railroad Company. Later he was with Bement & Company, a wholesale grocery house, for three years, was with the Hulman & Cox Company for one year, and then accepted the superintendency of the Moses Ester Brewing Company. This was the beginning of his later successful career as a brewer. It was during his deputyship in the city treasurer's office, to which he was appointed in 1877 and served for six years, that he accepted the position of manager for the Joseph Schlitz Brewing Company's interests in Terre Haute, remaining with that corporation until the spring of 1897. In 1898 he became the manager of the Miller Brewing Company's interest in this city, and continued in that position until his death. This brewing company was also of Milwaukee.

On the 8th of March, 1873, Mr. Duenweg married Minnie, the daughter of Fritz and Mary (Frautner) Glass, who were born in Germany, as was also Mrs. Duenweg, January 20, 1853, and she survives her husband. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Duenweg: Marie, Toni, Alma, Max J., Freda, Minnie, Eugene, Carl, Rudolph and Robert L. The eldest daughter, Marie, married Carl M. Reynolds and resides in Terre Haute. The second born is deceased.

Max J. Duenweg, the eldest son, was born in Terre Haute, January 4, 1880, and after attending its graded and high schools pursued a course in the Commercial College. His first entrance into the business world was with the Central Manufacturing Company, under the supervision of his uncle, Mr. Louis Duenweg. In 1898 he became an assistant to his father in the office of the Miller Brewing Company's agency, and succeeded the elder Mr. Duenweg at his death.

OSCAR PHILIP LEITH, senior partner of the firm of Leith & Avery, general merchants of Terre Haute, is a native of Effingham county, Illinois, born November 9, 1869. His parents were David Rank and Mary Jane (Wilson) Leith. The father was a native of Fairfield county, Ohio, born on the 27th of January, 1837, and his parents were James and Barbara (Rank) Leith, the former a native of Fairfield county, Ohio, the latter of Pennsylvania. In 1843 the Leith family left the Buckeye state and established their homes in Effingham county, Illinois, where the grandparents of our subject died. David R. Leith, the father, has followed

farming throughout his entire business career but in recent years has retired from active life and since 1897 has enjoyed a well merited rest, making his home among his children. In that year he lost his wife, who died on the 8th of April, 1897, at the age of fifty-six years. She was born in the same county of Ohio in which her husband's birth occurred and was the daughter of William M. and Mary Elizabeth (Snapp) Wilson.

O. P. Leith pursued a public school education in the county of his nativity, where he was reared to farm life, early becoming familiar with the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the boy who is reared amid rural environments. Desiring a commercial career, however, he has since 1903, been associated with William R. Avery in general merchandising, in Terre Haute, and the firm is recognized as a strong one, with a growing and profitable trade. In 1897 he came to Terre Haute and for a few months engaged in clerking. In July, 1898, he purchased a half interest in the store in which he was employed and which at the time of his earliest connection with it, was located on the northwest corner of Seventeenth street and Wabash avenue. When he became a partner the store was located just across the street in the place now occupied by Leith & Avery. As stated, William Avery came into the firm in 1903 and the style of Leith & Avery has since been maintained. The business from the beginning has enjoyed a steady growth and has long since become a profitable investment.

In June, 1900, Mr. Leith was married to Miss Fannie May Carter, who was born in Riley township, Vigo county, a daughter of John B. and Jane (Sankey) Carter. Mr. Leith is a member of the Masonic Lodge, No. 217, Mason, Illinois, and he and his wife are faithful and interested members of the Central Christian church. Their circle of friends is extensive and is constantly widening as the circle of their acquaintance increases. Having no children of their own, they are now rearing a little niece, Cootie Ruth Carter. There have been no exciting chapters in the life record of Mr. Leith but his history is that of a citizen who has ever been faithful to his duty, has eagerly embraced his opportunities and by persistent, honorable effort has worked his way steadily upward.

EDGAR B. SCHMIDT, civil engineer, who is now occupying a position of city engineer in Terre Haute, belongs to that class whose lives are proof of the attractiveness of Vigo county as a place of residence, inasmuch as they have always resided within its borders and yet are not lacking the ambition to establish homes elsewhere, if this locality were behind other districts in its advantages and equipments. Mr. Schmidt first opened his eyes to the light of day in Terre Haute, March 12, 1869. His father, Frank F. Schmidt, was one of the city's pioneer German residents and became

a prominent and influential factor in its business circles, mention of whom is made elsewhere in this volume.

The son, spending his boyhood days under the parental roof, was sent at the usual age to the public schools, and mastering the branches of learning therein taught, he passed from grade to grade until he was graduated from the high school with the class of 1886. He afterward attended the Rose Polytechnic Institute, of this city, for four years and lacked but a few months of completing the regular course. He left college in 1890, however, and started upon his business career as a civil engineer, by accepting the position of assistant city engineer. In 1893 he entered the civil engineering department of the Cincinnati Southern Railroad Company in the original Choctaw system, now a part of the Frisco system, but in 1896 he returned to Terre Haute and as engineer took charge of the construction of the big belt sewer, on which work he was engaged for two years, faithfully executing his task in this connection. In 1898 he became superintendent of the Peters Construction Company, of Cincinnati, Ohio, in charge of sewer construction at Wilkesbarre, Pennsylvania and Fort Wayne, Indiana. At this he was engaged for one year. In 1899 he became assistant division engineer of the Indiana Southern Railroad and superintendent of concrete construction, the duties of which position occupied his attention until 1903. He was next superintendent of concrete construction for the Cairo (Illinois) division of the Big Four Railroad Company and on the 1st of September, 1906, he was appointed to his present responsible position as city engineer of Terre Haute. In the line of his chosen profession he has established an excellent reputation, proving his powers equal to those who occupy positions of leadership in this field of labor.

On the 15th of June, 1904, occurred the marriage of Edgar B. Schmidt and Miss Emma Kenens, a daughter of Jacob Kenens, one of the old residents of Terre Haute. Mr. Schmidt belongs to Euclid Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and to the Terre Haute lodge of Elks and is a welcome member at their meetings. In this country where the road to success is open to all and where "labor is king," Mr. Schmidt has made advancement, the years bringing to him increased ability with increased experience. The positions which he has filled have been of an important character and he is now well qualified for the onerous duties that devolve upon him, while his fidelity in office is unassailable.

WILBO BERGMANN.—The German-American element has always been an important one in our citizenship, for the representatives of the Teutonic race in this as in other lands, have been foremost in planting the seeds of civilization, in developing the natural resources of the country and

in furthering the ends of trade and commerce. A worthy member of this class of citizenship in Terre Haute is Wilbo Bergmann, who has been identified with the brick manufacturing industry here for a period of more than thirty years, and is now proprietor of the Park brick plant, at No. 1100 North First street. He was born in the kingdom of Hanover, Germany, on the 5th of September, 1846, his parents being William and Gretchen (Heikes) Bergmann, both of whom were natives of Hanover, where they were reared, educated and married. In the spring of 1847, with their only child, Wilbo, they crossed the Atlantic to the new world, making the voyage in a sailing vessel, which dropped anchor in the harbor of New Orleans after sixteen weeks. From the Crescent city they made their way northward by steamboat to Evansville, Indiana, and thence by canal to Terre Haute, which was their destination when they left the old country. The father had followed farming in Germany, but in America turned his attention to industrial pursuits, securing employment in a brick yard in Terre Haute. He was thus engaged through the summer months and in the winter season was employed in a pork packing house, his attention being given to the dual pursuit for many years. Gradually through his unwearied industry and careful expenditure he secured funds sufficient to enable him in 1871, to purchase the old brick plant at what is now No. 1625 South First street. There he began the manufacture of brick on his own account and successfully and perseveringly conducted the business up to the time of his death, which was occasioned by the big distillery explosion on October 20, 1880. His wife had passed away the previous year. In the family of this worthy couple were seven children, namely: Wilbo, the subject of this review; John and Jacob, who were drowned in the Wabash river at the age of sixteen and fourteen years respectively; Daniel, who has also passed away; Enos, of Terre Haute; Minnie, the deceased wife of William Stout, a resident of Crawfordsville, Indiana; and Chris, who is engaged in blacksmithing in St. Louis, Missouri.

Wilbo Bergmann was only six months old when the family came to Terre Haute, so that he has practically spent his entire life in this city and has been closely associated with its interests. The public school system here afforded him his educational privileges and when a boy he gained a knowledge of brick manufacture through the assistance which he rendered in his father's brickyard. Being the eldest child, he remained with his parents until their deaths, and at his father's demise succeeded to the brick manufacturing business. His previous training and experience well qualified him for its successful conduct and improvement and as the years have passed he has enlarged the enterprise in its scope and in its output. In 1890 he removed the yard to a point south of Wabash avenue





JAMES S. MILLER



but four years later, in 1894, he removed to his present location at No. 1100 North First street, where he has one of the most extensive and best equipped plants for the manufacture of brick in this city, with a daily capacity of thirteen thousand. He owns altogether sixty-seven acres of clay land, practically all in one body, and he is well equipped for the continuance of his business, which is conducted along most progressive lines. He uses the latest improved machinery in manufacture and everything about the place shows the owner to be an alert, energetic man, persistent and capable in his business and in administrative direction.

In 1876 Mr. Bergmann was married to Miss Mary R. Fredericks, who was born in Terre Haute, a daughter of Richard R. Fredericks, who for more than thirty years was an expert blacksmith in the Vandalia Railroad shops of this city. Mr. and Mrs. Bergmann have become the parents of four children: William R., who was born in Terre Haute and married Elizabeth Woods, by whom he has four children, Willard, Lawrence, Clyde and Russell; Richard, who was also born in Terre Haute, married Mame Johnson, by whom he has two daughters, Helen and Mary; and Hilda and Frederick, still under the parental roof.

In municipal affairs Mr. Bergmann is deeply interested and his aid has been a valuable element in promoting many public movements which have proven of marked benefit to the city. He has positive views on all public matters and is not afraid to express his opinions. He is not aggressive, however, in doing so, yet his position is never an equivocal one. The honors and emoluments of office have had no attraction for him nor does he feel himself bound by party ties at local elections, being connected rather with that movement which regards the fitness of the candidate rather than his political allegiance. He is well known in the city, where his entire life has been passed and here has a circle of friends almost co-extensive with his circle of acquaintance. His salient qualities of energy, determination and commendable ambition might well serve to encourage others who sometimes find the path to success a hard and difficult one to travel.

JAMES S. MILLER, deceased, was for many years an active factor in the substantial improvement of Terre Haute through the conduct of his business interests as a contractor and builder, and such was the regard entertained for him personally that his death caused uniform sorrow throughout the community. He was born in Lehigh county, Pennsylvania, near the city of Allentown, February 17, 1839, and passed away in Terre Haute on the 3d of April, 1903, at the age of sixty-four years. He continued a resident of the Keystone state to the age of sixteen years, when he removed westward to Clinton county, Indiana, with his parents,

John and Hannah (Stahler) Miller, who had a large family, numbering five sons and two daughters. The father devoted his life to agricultural pursuits and also to carpentering, and thus provided for his family.

Upon the home farm James S. Miller spent his youth and the common schools afforded him his early educational privileges, which were supplemented by many lessons learned in the school of experience. After putting aside his text-books he took up the carpenter's trade, and about 1858 or 1859 located in Terre Haute, Indiana, where he resided until his death, covering a period of about forty-five years. He was identified throughout the entire time with building operations, and became a leading contractor of Terre Haute, where many evidences of his handiwork and skill are still seen in substantial modern buildings here. A liberal patronage was accorded him and he therefore met with a goodly measure of success.

While living in this city Mr. Miller was married on the 28th of November, 1865, to Miss Mary Sydney Douglas, a daughter of John W. and Isabella (Johnston) Douglas, who, coming to the middle west from Pennsylvania in the spring of 1850, settled in Terre Haute, where they spent their remaining days. The father was a carriage builder by trade and followed that pursuit in early life, while in later years he engaged in merchandising. His death occurred when he had reached the venerable age of eighty-four years. His daughter, Mrs. Miller, was born in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, January 25, 1847, and was therefore a little maiden of only three summers when brought to Terre Haute, where she has since lived. By her marriage she became the mother of four children, but the eldest and the youngest are now deceased. Her son, Willis Douglas Miller, is now engaged in the real estate and insurance business in Terre Haute, while the daughter, Charlotte Miller, is the wife of Clayborne O. Self, of this city.

Mr. Miller gave his political allegiance to the Republican party, of which he was an inflexible supporter. He always kept well informed on the questions of the day and studied the probable outcome of political problems. Fraternally he was connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and was prominent in the local lodge. He was also an exemplary member of the Masonic fraternity. A man of fine personal appearance, he possessed, too, those sterling traits of character which in every land and clime win honor and respect. He was thoroughly reliable in all business transactions, being never known to take advantage of the necessities of another, and his commercial integrity combined with his excellent workmanship to make his labors as a contractor and builder constantly sought. He was a Universalist in religious faith and his daily life was the exemplification of many high ideals. Mrs. Miller still resides in Terre Haute, is prominent in social circles and is most active and helpful in

the work of associated charities, with which she has been identified for more than twenty-five years.

CHARLES PEMBERTON WALKER, widely known as one of the leading insurance men of the middle west is located at Terre Haute as associate general agent of the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company of Milwaukee. He has a wide and favorable acquaintance in this part of the state and many readers of this volume will receive with interest the record of his life, the salient features of which are as follows: He was born on a farm in Monroe county, Indiana, February 12, 1867, and in the paternal line is descended from an old southern family represented in the Revolutionary war by Elmore Walker, who joined the Continental army and fought for the independence of the nation, participating in the battle of Guilford Court House, his home being so near that the wife and son heard the roar of the cannon. His son, Richard Walker, was born in Buckingham county, Virginia, March 30, 1770, and on leaving his native state removed to Stokes county, North Carolina, where he met and married Martha Smith, who was born in the county October 19, 1766. They lived for some years in North Carolina and thence removed to Bledsoe county, Tennessee, about the year 1803. They resided in that county and in Rhea county and were identified with the pioneer development of the localities in which they made their home. Mrs. Martha (Smith) Walker departed this life August 13, 1823, after which Mr. Walker married a second time. The descendants by his first wife located in Monroe county, Indiana, and those by the second located near South English, Iowa. He lived in Tennessee until 1857, but in the meantime his children had removed to Indiana and Iowa, and in the fall of that year he started west to Iowa. On account of the severe weather, however, he remained with the family then living in Monroe county, Indiana, and during that winter met with an accident which on account of his advanced age occasioned his death, so that he passed away in Monroe county, August 16, 1859, at the advanced age of eighty-nine years.

Joseph Walker, the grandfather of our subject, was born in Stokes county, North Carolina, April 14, 1795, and early in manhood he wedded Miss Mary Atkins, whose birth occurred in that county April 18, 1794. The 22d of February, 1821, was their marriage day. Joseph Walker was a blacksmith by trade and at the time of the war of 1812 served his country as a soldier of the American army. He died May 21, 1881, when he had reached the advanced age of eighty-six years, while his wife passed away May 14, 1857.

Their son, Richard G. Walker, was born in Bledsoe county, Tennessee, March 5, 1825, and was a young boy when he accompanied his

parents on their removal to Monroe county, Indiana, where he was reared amid the wild scenes and environments of pioneer life, spending his remaining days in that county, save for a brief period passed at Urbana, Illinois, where he removed about 1862. The latter part of his life he made his home in Bloomfield, Greene county, Indiana. He was a blacksmith by trade, having learned the business with his father, and during his active life he followed that pursuit in connection with farming. He served as a soldier in the Mexican war under Colonel Bowles and like others of the family was noted for his loyal and zealous patriotism. He was married March 25, 1849, to Miss Martha S. Adams, and passed away May 10, 1886, while his wife died in March, 1877. She was a descendant of Robert Freeland, who emigrated from England in 1690, and married a Miss Day, near Baltimore, Maryland. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Richard G. Walker were as follows: Milton A., who was born May 16, 1850, and now follows farming in Nebraska; Mary A., who was born November 12, 1852, and died August 9, 1875; Joseph B., who was born March 4, 1854, and died April 14, 1904; George A., who was born September 11, 1857, and is engaged in the grocery business in Bloomington, Indiana; William L., who was born September 17, 1860, and died in infancy; Ira L., who was born June 5, 1862, and is also engaged in the grocery business in Bloomington, Indiana; Robert E., who was born January 17, 1864, and is engaged in the live stock business in Indianapolis, and Charles P., whose name introduces this sketch.

The last named was largely reared upon the home farm and early became familiar with the duties as well as the privileges of rural life. He pursued his education in the district and high schools, the latter at Bloomfield, Indiana. His first business experience was that of a clerk in a grocery store, where he remained for about two years, and on the 27th of June, 1887, he accepted the position of chief clerk with the general manager of the Indiana & Illinois Southern Railroad, now a part of the Illinois Central System, at Sullivan, Indiana. In September, 1890, he resigned and became chief clerk to the superintendent of the Evansville & Terre Haute Railroad, with headquarters at Evansville, this state, filling that position until September, 1892, when he resigned and once more entered the services of the Indiana & Illinois Southern road, at Sullivan. From that date until December 31, 1899, he filled the position at different times of train master, car accountant, purchasing agent and general freight agent, at Sullivan, Indiana. On account of the purchase of this railroad by the Illinois Central, Mr. Walker, on the 1st of January, 1900, took the position of chief clerk to the general manager of the Southern Indiana Railway, with headquarters at Bedford, Indiana, where he remained for two years and was then

transferred to Terre Haute. He had advanced by reason of his merit and efficiency, to various positions in the railroad service, but on the 23d of August, 1905, he left the service of the Southern Indiana Railroad to accept the position of associate general agent of the Northwestern Mutual Insurance Company of Milwaukee, and since that time has given his undivided attention to the life insurance business, with offices in the McKean Bank Building, at Terre Haute.

Mr. Walker was married December 18, 1890, to Miss Hannah Moore, of Sullivan, Indiana, who was born at Belleville, Illinois, March 11, 1866, a daughter of Hugh and Margaret Moore, both of whom were natives of England. Her father was the pioneer coal operator in the coal fields of Sullivan and Vigo counties and thus contributed much to general prosperity through his development of the natural resources of this region. Mr. and Mrs. Walker have become the parents of a daughter and son: Lela Margaret, born March 31, 1893, and George Harold, born January 9, 1896.

Mr. Walker is a welcome member of the gatherings of Sullivan Lodge, No. 263, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, of which he served as master in 1899. He belongs to the Terre Haute Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons and to the council. He is likewise connected with the Young Business Men's Club, and he and his family are members of the First Methodist Episcopal church. He is an example of that class of men to which the ever vigorous and advancing community chiefly owes its prosperity. His parents did not have sufficient means to reduce his early life to a condition of ease and in fact it was necessary in his youth that he come to a realization of the value of industry and enterprise in the acquirement of a living. He has steadily worked his way upward to positions of responsibility and trust and deserves much credit for what he has accomplished.

ROBERT R. HARROLD, attorney at law, of Terre Haute, and United States commissioner, was born in Bloomington, Indiana, December 19, 1878. He is a son of Alonzo M. and Elizabeth (Moore) Harrold, the former a native of Mooresville, Indiana, born July 9, 1844, while the latter was born in Bloomington on the 10th of April, 1845. The paternal grandfather, Thomas Harrold, was a native of Blount county, Tennessee, and became a pioneer of Owen county, Indiana. Reared and educated in this state, Alonzo M. Harrold was only about seventeen years of age when in response to his country's call for troops he enlisted at Terre Haute, in June, 1861, and became a member of Company H, Fourteenth Regiment of Indiana Infantry. He was mustered out June 6, 1864, after serving for three years in the eastern army under General McClellan. He had six

brothers who were defenders of the Stars and Strips, three of them being members of the Fourteenth Indiana Regiment. With his command Alonzo M. Harrold participated in many hotly contested battles but was always faithful to his duty whether on the firing line or the lonely picket line. After the war he carried on contracting and was deputy sheriff at Bloomington, Indiana, until 1880. In that year he removed to Terre Haute, where he continued in the contracting business for some time. For three years, from 1880 until 1883, he was a member of the Terre Haute fire department and in matters relative to the city's welfare and growth he was always deeply and helpfully interested. In 1906 he and his wife removed to Los Angeles, California, where they are now residing.

Robert R. Harrold was reared in Terre Haute and pursued his education in the public schools, passing through consecutive grades until he became a high school student. At the age of fourteen years, however, he started out in life on his own account, securing employment in a hardware store and while thus engaged, realizing the necessity and value of further education, he took up the work in the Garvin Business College, from which he was graduated in due course of time, after paying his own way through the school. He next became bookkeeper for a cigar firm and in the spring of 1897 he began reading law in the office of Doyle & Crangle, of Watseka, Illinois, with whom he continued for fifteen months. On the expiration of that period he matriculated in the Northwestern University, at Chicago, where he pursued a two year's course, meeting the expense of his college course by work on newspapers. For want of funds he did not graduate, leaving college two months before the completion of the term. He then successfully passed the required examination for admission to the bar and was licensed to practice in the Illinois courts in the spring of 1899. Soon after he returned to Terre Haute and continued his reading in the office of Wilson H. Soule. He began the practice of law here on the 4th of January, 1900, and in November, 1901, became associated with D. V. Miller, the partnership continuing until September, 1904, at which time Mr. Harrold was appointed clerk of the board of public safety, under Mayor Bidaman, which position he held until September 1, 1906. He continued his practice during this time and in May, 1907, became associated with A. M. Higgins in practice, and in March, 1908, was appointed United States commissioner, succeeding Mr. Higgins, who resigned to remove to New York city. Mr. Harrold has become recognized as one of the able young lawyers of the Terre Haute bar. His business methods are frank and honest, characterized by that high sense of honor which comes to him as a second nature from a long line of high bred ancestry. In the trial of a case he sees quickly every advantage and disadvantage, notes the affect of an argument with remarkable

precision and is recognized as possessing to a large extent the qualities which go to make up the successful advocate. He has gained place among the prominent members of the Terre Haute bar as the result of his knowledge of the law, his eloquent and forceful manner and his strong personality and strength of character.

Mr. Harrold is a member of the Uniform Rank of the Knights of Pythias, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights and Ladies of Honor, the Fraternal Aid Association and the Sons of Veterans. He married Alta Mae Watkins, daughter of M. S. Watkins, of Terre Haute, and to them has been born a daughter, Gwendolyn. Both Mr. and Mrs. Harrold are favorably received in the leading social circles of the city and as an energetic, upright and conscientious lawyer and gentleman of attractive social qualities he stands high in the estimation of the entire community.

GEORGE G. MORRIS, general agent of the Penn Mutual Insurance Company, with headquarters at Terre Haute, began the journey of life on the 5th of June, 1873, in Waveland, Montgomery county, Indiana. He was the son of the Rev. Aaron H. and Anna A. (Harlan) Morris. The father, a native of Butler county, Ohio, was born on a farm near the college town of Oxford, in 1847, and the mother's birth occurred on a farm near Liberty, in Union county, Indiana. The paternal grandparents both died when their son Aaron was a child and little is known concerning the ancestral history of the family. The maternal grandfather was George Harlan, an early settler of Union county, Indiana, who removed from the east and cast in his lot with the pioneers of this state at a very early period in its development.

The Rev. Aaron H. Morris was educated at Miami University, in Oxford, Ohio, and left college to enter the army as a Union soldier, enlisting as a member of the Eighty-sixth Regiment of the Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He served throughout the war with that command and when hostilities had ceased joined the ministry of the Christian church, to which he devoted his life. He occupied the pulpits of various churches of that denomination in Indiana, being located at different times in Noblesville, Tipton, Knightstown and Greencastle. He was an earnest, able and forceful speaker and his influence in the church was of no restricted order but was the means of leading many to adopt higher ideals of daily conduct. From 1884 until 1890, a period of six years, he was the efficient superintendent of the Soldiers and Sailors Orphans Home, at Knightstown, thus devoting his life to a most beneficent work and purpose. On leaving that position he resumed active work in the ministry, being called to the Christian church at Greencastle, Indiana, where he

remained in untiring devotion to the upbuilding of the cause until his death in 1897. His widow, a lady of many friends, still resides in Greencastle, and is now in her sixtieth year.

George G. Morris spent his boyhood days at Noblesville and Knightstown and acquired his education in the public schools of those cities. He entered DePauw University in 1890 and left the college in 1897 on account of the death of his father. In 1899 he became general agent for the Penn Mutual Insurance Company, at Vincennes, where he continued until April, 1900, when he was put in charge of the district embracing both Vincennes and Terre Haute, with headquarters in the Erwin block, in the latter city. He has built up a fine business for the company and has established a reputation as one of the leading insurance men in this part of the state. He is thoroughly versed concerning the insurance business in all of its departments and has gained a most creditable position in insurance circles.

On the 26th of September, 1901, Mr. Morris was married to Miss Jesse Neff, who was born in Greencastle, Indiana, a daughter of the late Willis G. Neff, who was a leading member of the Putnam county (Indiana) bar and prominent in Democratic circles in this state. Mr. and Mrs. Morris have a daughter, Margaret. They are well known in social circles in Terre Haute, having gained many warm friends here, while the hospitality of the majority of the best homes is freely accorded them.

PHILIP F. KADEL, who is engaged in the coal trade in Terre Haute, is one of the native sons of the city, with a wide acquaintance and warm friendship resulting from the possession of sterling traits of character. His birth occurred January 30, 1874, at No. 621 Tippecanoe street, and the house in which he first opened his eyes to the light of day is still standing. His parents were George John and Marie (Yanda) Kadel. The father was a native of Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, born November 23, 1840, and the mother was born at Prague, Bohemia, on the 2d of February, 1848. The former was a son of Adam and Anna (Ohlenschlager) Kadel, both natives of Hesse-Darmstadt. In 1852, when a boy of twelve years, George John Kadel came to the United States with his sister, who is now Mrs. Sophia Hoffman, a resident of Lafayette, Indiana, and they landed at Baltimore, Maryland, and came direct to Terre Haute, being influenced in their choice of location by the fact that they had distant relatives in this city. Necessity rendered it important that Mr. Kadel secure immediate employment and he entered the service of T. C. Buntin, who was then proprietor of the old Buntin Hotel. Mr. Kadel, then a lad, became very much attached to his employer, a most kindly old gentleman, and his son, who entertained for him an equally favorable regard. He was taken



into the home circle more as a companion and member of the household than as an employe and lived with the family for a number of years, being thus very fortunate in his early surroundings. During that time he taught the sons of the family the German language.

At a later date Mr. Kadel entered the employ of the old Indiana & St. Louis Railroad Company, now a part of the Big Four system, and continued in that service for a number of years. On his retirement from that line of work he engaged in the retail grocery business at the corner of Sixth and Elm streets, but there suffered a heavy loss by fire. Not discouraged, however, he soon resumed business at the corner of Second and Ohio streets and after many years in the grocery trade, during which time he met with gratifying success, he turned his attention to the hotel business at the corner of Eighth and Main streets. In this he was associated with his brother-in-law, Nicholas Kadel, in the conduct of the old Washington House, of which he subsequently became sole proprietor, conducting that hostelry with profit for several years. When his health became impaired he withdrew from hotel life and again entered the railroad service in the employ of the Indiana & St. Louis Railroad Company. In 1880 he embarked in the retail coal business, opening his yards at No. 921 Main street, in the building which is still standing. He then continued in that field of activity up to the time of his death, which occurred November 23, 1891. He established a large business and became a prosperous man, winning both success and an honorable name by reason of the straightforward business policy which he followed. He was a leading and devoted member of the German Lutheran church and served for many years as secretary of the congregation. He was also an elder of the church and was one of the leading promoters of the project for building the new house of worship. His aid and influence were an element in the growth of the church and the extension of its influence in many ways, and his entire life was in harmony with his professions, making him a man whom to know was to esteem and honor. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Kadel were born fourteen children: Edward, who died at the age of six years; William C., who is a traveling salesman for H. Hulman & Company; George J., who is engaged in tinsmithing and guttering at the corner of Fourth and Ohio streets; Catherine, the wife of Warner F. Coordes, who is with John A. Jergins in a hardware store; Marie, who died at the age of eight months; Philip F., of this review; Michael, who died at the age of one year and three months; Anna Rose; Herman J., who died at the age of nineteen years; Sophia M.; Margaret A.; Robert N. T., a member of the firm of Kadel & Richardson, 125 South Seventh street; Elizabeth; Anton J.; and Lydia M.

Philip F. Kadel was reared in Terre Haute and secured his education in the German Lutheran parochial schools. At the age of twelve

years he joined his father in business and acted as his assistant until admitted to the partnership in the coal trade, under the firm name of George J. Kadel & Son, in 1890. This relation was maintained until the death of the father, when the firm name of George J. Kadel's Son was assumed. He had not yet attained his majority, but on the first of April, 1894, when he reached the adult age, the business was turned over to him entirely and he has since conducted it under his own name. At that time he removed the place of business one door east of the old office and there continued a little more than two years, when, on account of ill health, he closed his office, abandoned business and for four years traveled for the benefit of his health. On the 15th of March, 1902, he became a manager for the Lancaster Block Coal Company, with which he continued until 1904, when he again embarked upon an independent venture as a coal merchant, establishing his office and yards at No. 1201 Crawford street. He has a good business, which is steadily growing, and is regarded as one of the leading retail coal dealers of the city, being popular with the trade and with his many patrons. His business methods are such as will bear the closest investigation and scrutiny, for commercial probity stands as an unquestioned factor in his career.

Mr. Kadel has always been a great reader and is today a man of broad culture and learning. He has what is probably the largest private library in Terre Haute, containing over four thousand finely bound volumes, with the contents of which he is largely familiar. He numbers as his friends the leading minds of all ages and greatly delights in that companionship. He is an interested, active and helpful member of the German Lutheran church, of which he has served as deacon for four years. For nine years, continuing to the present time, he has been president of the Young People's Society of that church, of which he is one of the organizers. He is also a member of the choir, is interested in all departments of the church work and has labored earnestly and effectively to promote its interests. He is also active in the Young Men's Christian Association and his influence is ever found on the side of right, justice, reform and progress. He is an enthusiast on the subject of automobiling and finds his chief recreation in his car. The name of Kadel in Terre Haute has always been a synonym for business integrity, and life record of him whose name introduces this review stands in contradistinction to the old adage that "A prophet is never without honor, save in his own country," for Mr. Kadel enjoys the full respect of his fellow townsmen, among whom his entire life has been passed.

MERRILL N. SMITH, in whose recent death the city of Terre Haute lost one of its respected and worthy residents, was born November 8,



Merrill N. Smith,



1848, in Covington, Indiana. He was educated in the public schools and was a man of naturally strong intellectual force, who added largely to his knowledge by reading and observation. He possessed a retentive mind and his respective powers enabled him to quickly grasp an idea. During his business career he was identified with several interests and in all maintained an unassailable reputation for his loyalty and enterprise. He was an accountant with the Hulman house for a number of years, and in 1893 was connected with the Elliott hat business for a short time, but afterward retired and during his last years engaged in no active business enterprise. Twice he served as county clerk of Vigo county and his official record was characterized by accuracy and promptness in the discharge of his duties and by unflinching fidelity to the trust reposed in him.

Mr. Smith was married twice. In 1875 he wedded Miss Matie Milliken, daughter of Hon. Thomas Milliken, of Hamilton, Ohio, who died in 1884. For his second wife he wedded Mrs. Julia C. Williams, nee Gorham, this wedding being celebrated in 1888.

Mr. Smith was a very popular man of generous, kindly disposition, who won friends wherever he went. His political allegiance was given to the Republican party and he took an active and helpful interest in its work and growth, doing all in his power to secure its success. It was upon the party ticket that he was twice chosen to the office of county clerk, and in the councils of his party his opinions carried weight and influence. He was prominent socially, belonging to the Fort Harrison Club, and in the Masonic fraternity he attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite. He had some military experience as captain of the Terre Haute Light Guards. All who knew him respected him and he held friendship inviolable. He had a faculty not only of winning friends but also in retaining them and as they came into closer contact with him their friendship increased, for they recognized in him those sterling traits of manhood which ever win the highest esteem and affection. He passed away January 12, 1902, but his memory is yet enshrined by many who knew him, and whose lives were enriched by his congenial companionship. Mrs. Smith still survives her husband and is a member of the board of directors of the Union Hospital, and of the board of the Humane Society. She is greatly interested in charitable and benevolent work and gives earnest co-operation to many efforts of that character.

MOSES WARREN WILLIAMS.—The history of Moses Warren Williams is that of a man who in the business world arose from a very humble position to one of affluence and comfort. He was born in Rocky Hill, near

Hartford, Connecticut, May 18, 1828, a son of Horace Williams, who lived and died in the Charter Oak state. Spending the days of his boyhood and youth in Connecticut, Mr. Williams of this review, there pursued a public school education, and when a young man, feeling that the west offered better opportunities, he made his way to Indiana and settled in Terre Haute. He here secured employment as a clerk in a mercantile establishment and a result of his careful expenditure and unfaltering integrity, at length secured the capital sufficient to enable him to engage in business on his own account. He therefore opened a dry goods store, which he conducted for a number of years. In this he received a good trade and conducted the enterprise successfully for some time, but eventually sold out and became identified with the Terre Haute Gas Company as its secretary, a position which he filled up to the time of his death, which occurred on the 11th of February, 1884. In the position of administrative ability and executive control he proved himself equally competent as he had in mercantile fields, and the success of the gas company was attributable in no small degree to his efforts.

In 1852 Mr. Williams was married to Miss Margaret M. Wood, who died in 1874, leaving one child, Charles Wood Williams, now deceased. In 1877 Mr. Williams was again married, his second union being with Julia C. Gorham, who, after his death, became the wife of the late Merrill N. Smith.

Mr. Williams was a staunch Republican in politics, his study of the issues of the day leading him to give unfaltering support to the party, for he believed that its principles were most conducive to good government. He never held office, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs. He was prominent, however, in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and his life was in harmony with its beneficent spirit and its teachings concerning mutual helpfulness and brotherly kindness. He was an honest man, his life characterized by honorable purpose, and at his death he left behind many friends.

WILLIAM WARD ADAMSON, senior member of the firm of Adamson & Anderson, wholesale and retail dealers in paints, oils and window glass, at 644 Wabash avenue, in Terre Haute, is a native of Indiana, and displays in his life the spirit of enterprise and progress which has been dominant in the upbuilding of the commonwealth and the promotion of its financial interests. His birth occurred at Rockville, Parke county, March 28, 1847. He is the youngest of a family of nine children of English-Irish parentage, born of the marriage of Nathan and Phœbe (Ward) Adamson, the mother being a direct descendant of Capt.

James Ward, who served his country as a soldier of the Revolutionary war. William Ward spent his youth with his parents in Rockville, and while yet quite a young lad became connected with the firm of Stark Brothers, druggists of that place. He continued with them as a clerk until he attained his majority and then in recognition of his capability and trustworthiness he was admitted to a partnership in the business, but a few months later the store, together with the entire block, was destroyed by fire. The other partners not desiring to continue the business after the fire, Mr. Adamson went west to seek his fortune, and located at St. Joseph, Missouri. Two years later, however, he returned to Indiana and established his home in Terre Haute, where he accepted a position with the firm of Gulick & Berry, with whom he remained for eight years. His unfaltering industry and careful expenditure during that period brought him capital sufficient to justify his embarkation in business on his own account and he then again embarked in business.

In 1882 was celebrated the marriage of William Ward Adamson and Miss Mary E. Harrison, a granddaughter of Britton M. Harrison, a prominent citizen of Terre Haute of the early days. They now have two daughters.

In community interests Mr. Adamson is very prominent and influential. At the present writing, in 1908, he is serving as president of the Retail Merchants' Association of Terre Haute. He is also a valued member of the Commercial Club and belongs to the Indiana Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and to the Masonic fraternity. In the last named he has attained high rank, being now a thirty-second degree Mason and a Shriner, and also the present captain general of the Terre Haute commandery Knights Templar. He is a man of social, genial nature, a courteous gentleman and a pleasant, entertaining companion, who has many staunch and admiring friends among all classes of men. As an energetic, upright and conscientious merchant and a gentleman of attractive social qualities, he stands high in the estimation of the entire community.

EDWIN A. BADGLEY.—Terre Haute's commercial interests find a worthy and well known representative in Edwin A. Badgley, dealer in hardware and tinware, at the corner of Twenty-fifth street and Washington avenue. His life record began in New Jersey on the 24th of November, 1851, his birthplace being about two and a half miles southeast of Plainfield, in Middlesex county. He is a son of John A. and Mary Jane (Thorpe) Badgley, both of whom were natives of Middlesex county, New Jersey, whence they removed westward to Terre Haute in

1856. A few months later they took up their residence upon a farm west of the river in Sugar Creek township, where they remained for a few years, when the father purchased a tract of land near Seeleyville, where the family resided until 1863. In that year they returned to the city and established their home at the corner of Fourth and Oak streets. The father then engaged in the retail grocery business at No. 143 Main street, now 507 Wabash avenue, where Mr. Badgley carried on business for about six years. On the expiration of that period he purchased five acres on Twenty-fifth street, near Hulmann street, where he engaged in gardening and continued to make his home until his death in 1888. He was then about seventy-six years of age, his birth having occurred in 1812. His wife, who was born in 1815, died in 1898. Both parents were members of the Methodist Episcopal church and were people of the highest respectability, true to their faith and the teachings which they followed. Their family numbered nine children: Thomas P., now deceased; Sarah, the wife of William Sims, a resident farmer of Sugar Creek township, Vigo county; Mary C., who married Charles Eppert, a photographer of Terre Haute; John J., deceased; Samuel F., who is now living in Toronto, Canada; Adaline W., the wife of David M. Solomon, of this city; Edwin A., Richard L., who resides in Indianapolis, and Thompson, who is engaged in the notion business near Twelve Points, in this city.

Edwin A. Badgley was reared in Terre Haute and attended the common schools. On the 15th of October, 1871, he went to New Jersey and began to learn the trade of a tinsmith, completing his trade, however, with C. C. Smith, of Terre Haute, returning to this city September 15, 1872. His term of apprenticeship was over December, 1874, and January, 1875, he entered the employ of Patton Brothers on South Fourth street, in the capacity of clerk and bookkeeper, and continued with them for about eight years. He then spent a year and a half in the same capacity with James W. Stout and on the 14th of August, 1882, he entered the office of the Vigo Iron Company, where he remained until March 1, 1896, or for a period of fourteen years. Desiring that his labors should more directly benefit himself, and ambitious to engage in business on his own account, he had, previous to this, embarked in the grocery trade with his brother Thompson, with whom he continued for a year and a half. They then sold out and Mr. Badgley, of this review, accepted the position of shipping clerk with the Republic Iron & Steel Company, remaining in that capacity until January 1, 1905, when he withdrew and engaged in his present business. He has since conducted a hardware and tinware store at the corner of Twenty-fifth street and Washington avenue, where he has built up a large and constantly grow-



ing trade. His business methods are thoroughly reliable and his earnest desire to please his patrons, combined with his reasonable prices, have secured to him a gratifying trade.

Mr. Badgley was married to Miss Helene Katzenbach, who was born in Terre Haute, a daughter of Peter Katzenbach, a pioneer of this city. They have two children, Irma E. and E. Luther.

Mr. Badgley has been a worker in the cause of the Republican party but has never held office. At the present writing, however, he is a candidate for the office of township trustee of Harrison township. He belongs to Social Lodge, No. 86, Free and Accepted Masons, and to Oriental Lodge, No. 81, Knights of Pythias, and is also a member of the Sheet Metal Workers' organization. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist church, and he is interested in all that pertains to the welfare and upbuilding of the community, to its moral, intellectual, social and material progress. His own business career has been marked by orderly progression and each forward step has brought him a broader outlook and wider opportunities until he is today one of the successful merchants of the city and a self-made man, whose record is most creditable.

WILLIAM D. CHAMBERS, secretary and treasurer of the Indiana division of the Travelers' Protective Association and one of Terre Haute's native sons, was born March 14, 1868. His parents were Dixon and Mary J. (Ferguson) Chambers, both natives of Ireland, born in the vicinity of Dublin. They were reared, educated and married in their native land and on coming to America in the early fifties, settled first in New York city, where they remained but a short time. They then came to Terre Haute and the father was for many years engaged in the pork packing business here, in association with John Duncan. Later his time and energies were devoted to carpentering, in which he continued until the end of his days, his death occurring in Terre Haute in 1871. His widow still survives and yet remains a resident of this city.

At the usual age William D. Chambers became a pupil in the public schools and passed through successive grades until at the age of twelve years he left school and began earning his own living, being employed as an errand boy by the Townley Stove Company, with which he continued for twenty-three years. The record of that long service is marked by the utmost fidelity to duty and by successive promotions. He advanced from one position to another as his knowledge and capabilities increased, and for several years represented the house upon the road as traveling salesman. His trustworthiness was above question and he enjoyed to the fullest extent the confidence of those whom he repre-

sented. In 1904 he entered the county auditor's office as first deputy to Mr. Denehie and continued in that position until the expiration of Mr. Denehie's term on the 1st of January, 1908. In 1902 Mr. Chambers had been elected to the position of secretary and treasurer of the Indiana division of the Travelers' Protective Association and served as such through that and the succeeding year. In the fiscal year of 1904 he was again elected and has continued to hold the office to the present time, in which position he is giving eminent satisfaction to those interested.

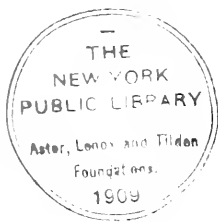
Pleasantly situated in his home life, Mr. Chambers was married to Miss Sue M. Humphreys, who was born in Rockville, Indiana, a daughter of James H. and Margaret (Pinegar) Humphreys, of Parke county, Indiana. Mr. and Mrs. Chambers have one son, Laurence, and the family is well known in the community, where they have the friendship of many and the respect of all who know them. Mr. Chambers is a member of the Knights of Pythias fraternity and is a gentleman of genial, social nature, who readily recognizes and appreciates the good in others and whose life record proves the truth of the Emersonian philosophy that "the way to win a friend is to be one."

**JAMES MADISON SANKEY.**—In a history of Vigo county it is imperative that mention be made of James Madison Sankey, whose record as a business man and citizen entitle him to a distinctive representation with the prominent and leading residents of this part of the state. He was born on a farm in Riley township, this county, July 26, 1836, his birthplace being on a tract of land which his father had entered from the government in early pioneer days. He was a son of John Sankey and a grandson of Thomas Sankey. The family name has figured in connection with progress and improvement here for many years, especially in the line of agricultural development.

James Madison Sankey was reared on the home farm where his birth occurred, and the place is still owned by his widow. His early education, acquired in the public schools, was supplemented by study in the State University of Indiana, and he put his education to good use as a teacher in this locality, and also in his later work as farmer and public official. In carrying on general agricultural pursuits he displayed an aptitude for successful management, accompanied by unfaltering diligence and unwearied industry. Upon that basis he builded his success and was recognized as one of the prominent representatives of farming in central Indiana. At the time of his death he was a member of the State Sanitary Stock Commission and was the oldest member of the State Agricultural Society.



*James M. Sankey*



His fellow-citizens, recognizing his worth, ability and loyal citizenship, selected him for several positions of public honor and trust and his duties were ever discharged with the utmost fidelity. In 1872 he became treasurer of Vigo county and at the succeeding election was defeated, but at the close of that term was again chosen to office, the vote being an endorsement of the excellent service which he had rendered during his first term. In order to better discharge the duties of the office he removed to Terre Haute in 1875 and there resided up to the time of his death. He was a member of the first police board of commissioners for the city and his opinions carried weight in public councils. He was ever a stalwart advocate of the Democracy and was widely recognized as one of the prominent party leaders in Vigo county.

In 1872 Mr. Sankey was united in marriage to Harriet A. Leak and unto them were born two children, Anna Blanche and James Madison, the latter now looking after the farming interests of the estate.

Mr. Sankey in his business affairs attained a measure of success which was most creditable and indicated his superior ability and executive force. In addition to his home farm, comprising seven hundred acres of rich and productive land, he owned other farm property and was moreover a pioneer shorthorn breeder of the country, in which connection he not only furthered his own interests but also promoted the welfare of stock raisers in this locality by introducing high grade cattle and raising the price paid for stock here.

Fraternally he was a Mason of high rank, attaining the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite, and was the first Master Mason of Riley lodge, at Riley. Spending his entire life in Vigo county, his history was an open book which all might read. His political opponents acknowledged his personal worth and all who knew him entertained for him a warm regard. His life was actuated by high principles and honorable purposes and by a sense of justice which prompted the utmost consideration for his fellow men and made his business affairs matters of the strictest integrity and honor.

DAVID W. WATSON, whose name is on the roll of Terre Haute's honored dead, figured among the prominent and influential citizens and leading business men of the city twenty-five years ago. He was, moreover, one of the promoters of early industrial activity here—the pioneer plumber and gasfitter of Terre Haute and the builder of the first stone front business house here.

Mr. Watson was born in County Armagh, Ireland, in the year 1820, and was educated for the ministry at the Presbyterian College of Belfast, but, determining to give his life to another calling, he learned the trade

of plumbing and gasfitting, attaining a high degree of efficiency in those lines. Study and comparison of the trade conditions of the old world and the new led him to the determination that he would seek his fortune in the United States, and accordingly he crossed the Atlantic to New York, where he engaged in the plumbing and gasfitting business for several years.

From the same county in Ireland, in 1846, had come the Scott family, with the members of which Mr. Watson was well acquainted. James Scott, the father, with his wife and children, emigrated to the new world a few years prior to the arrival of Mr. Watson and lived for a time in New York city, but later made his way direct to Terre Haute and became the pioneer carriage and wagon manufacturer here, establishing a shop at the corner of Second and Chestnut streets. He was active in the early industrial development of Terre Haute, but died in 1858. While still living in New York city, Mr. Watson came to Terre Haute on a visit to the Scott family in 1854 and during that visit wedded Eliza, the daughter of James Scott, whom he had known in Ireland. Just at that time the first steps were being taken in Terre Haute toward the erection of a gas plant, and parties interested in the project solicited Mr. Watson to locate permanently in this city, and exacted from him a promise to return as soon as the gas plant was completed and open here a gasfitting and plumbing establishment. With his bride Mr. Watson went to New York, but in accordance with his promise again came to Terre Haute in January, 1856, bringing with him a stock of goods for the equipment of his shop. He then opened the first plumbing and gasfitting establishment of Terre Haute, commencing business on Fourth street, between Main and Cherry streets. Later he erected a frame business building at the corner of Third and Mulberry streets, having his shop on the ground floor and his residence on the second floor. The growth of his business justified his erection of a new business house in 1862 at No. 634 Main street on the site of the *Star* newspaper office. This was a brick structure with a stone front and was the most pretentious business block of the city at that time. In 1868 Mr. Watson further extended the scope of his activity by engaging in the ice business, with which he was connected for a number of years, but during that period he contracted rheumatism, from which he was ever afterward a great sufferer. Disposing of his ice business, he then concentrated his energies upon plumbing and gasfitting, in which he continued until his death on the 25th of September, 1883. His business was then carried on by his son, John C., who had been associated with the father from boyhood and who was even then a partner under the firm name of Watson & Son. In 1885 the firm of D. W.

Watson's Sons Company was formed by John C., David L. and Lester W. Watson and Macelroy B. Glenn, a son-in-law of the founder of the business. Mr. Glenn died in 1905 and the partners are now the Watson brothers. Theirs is one of the largest concerns in this line in the state, the business having been developed substantially, a liberal patronage being accorded in recognition of honorable methods and the progressive spirit of the house.

Mr. Watson was a member of the Masonic fraternity of the First Congregational church—associations which indicate much of the character of his interests and his ideals. His life was ever actuated by high and honorable purposes and principles which found expression in his business career and daily associations. His life work was closely interwoven with the development of Terre Haute, and thus the history of the city would be incomplete without mention of him. Mrs. Watson survived until 1898 and passed away at the age of seventy-three.

The sons and daughters of Mr. and Mrs. David Watson were as follows: Sarah, born in New York city, married Macelroy B. Glenn, and is now a widow, residing in Terre Haute.

John C., born February 4, 1857, attended the public schools and as a boy worked with his father, becoming his partner in business and succeeding to the business upon his father's death. He then conducted the enterprise alone until the firm of D. W. Watson's Sons Company was formed and he is now senior partner. He is recognized as one of the leading citizens and business men of Terre Haute and has a wide acquaintance both socially and in the trade. Fraterally he is connected with the Masons.

David L. Watson was born March 11, 1859, pursued a public school education and afterward learned the trade of plumbing and gasfitting with his father, in whose employ he remained for a number of years. In 1878 he went to Texas and for four or five years was engaged in the stock business in that state. He afterward spent several years at different points in New Mexico and returned to Terre Haute to locate permanently in 1886. He became office man for the D. W. Watson's Sons Company and had charge of that department until 1896, when he assumed the duties of the office of county clerk of Vigo county, to which he had been chosen at the previous regular election in 1894. He filled the office for one term and then was re-elected in 1898, serving out the last term, after which he retired from the office in 1904, as he had entered it—with the confidence and good will of all concerned, for he had proven himself a trustworthy and capable official. In 1904 he became largely interested in land in North Dakota, purchasing an entire township in that state. He disposed of this, however, in 1906, after which

he engaged in the oil and gas business, organizing the Watford Oil & Gas Company, of which he is secretary, treasurer and general manager. This company drilled the second hole in the Illinois oil field. To this business he now gives his entire attention, being only a silent partner in the D. W. Watson's Sons Company. He is one of the most prominent members of the Elks fraternity in Indiana. He organized the local lodge, served as secretary of the lodge for a number of years, was twice exalted ruler and was also deputy grand exalted ruler, of the state of Indiana, for two years. He is now chairman of the finance committee of the local lodge and a member of the committee having in charge the erection of the new Elks club room. Mr. Watson was a candidate for grand secretary of the grand lodge of Elks at the national convention held in Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1904, and after a canvass of only a week's time was defeated for that position by only two votes, his large following indicating his personal popularity in the order.

Lester W. Watson, the next member of the family, was born at the southwest corner of Third and Mulberry streets, in Terre Haute, July 10, 1864. He attended the public schools, then entered his father's shop, where he mastered the trade, and in 1886 located in Vincennes, Indiana, where he engaged in the plumbing and heating business for two years. Returning to Terre Haute, he became a member of the D. W. Watson's Sons Company and has so continued to the present time. In 1906 the company opened an elaborate showroom on South Seventh street, of which he has charge. He married Miss Mame Whomhart, a daughter of J. M. Whomhart, of Terre Haute, and they have one daughter, Josephine. The name of Watson has been closely associated with the history of Terre Haute for more than a half century and has ever been a synonym for business enterprise and integrity, for public-spirited citizenship and for social worth.

WILLIAM H. JACKSON is the vice president, treasurer and manager of the Valentine Company, wholesale meat dealers. From an early period in his life he has been prominently identified with the live stock business, buying, feeding and growing, and while thus engaged he probably shipped more stock to the large markets than any other man in Vigo county. Since 1901 he has maintained his home in Terre Haute, and was engaged in the retail meat business until, with Harvey Valentine, he organized, in 1904, the Valentine Company, wholesale meat dealers, and he then retired from the retail business. At the formation of the Valentine Company he was made its vice president, treasurer and manager, and his wise management and business ability have contributed not a little to the success of the undertaking. He has likewise been



prominently interested in the public affairs of his community, and in 1904 was elected a member of the West Terre Haute council, but resigned his position after a year and eight months in order to devote more time to his business affairs.

Mr. Jackson is a native son of Vigo county, born in the township of Riley, August 3, 1867, a son of Charles D. and Lavina (Hickson) Jackson, who were early pioneers in the township. Charles D. Jackson, born in Dearborn county, Indiana, August 18, 1836, was a son of Enoch and Betsey Jackson, who came to Indiana from Ohio in an early day. Enoch Jackson died here in 1837 almost immediately after locating in Riley township, and his widow then moved to Clay county, Indiana, where her death occurred in 1879. Charles D. Jackson followed farming and stock raising throughout his entire business life. Both Mr. and Mrs. Jackson resided in the village of Riley. She was a member of a family who came from Ohio to Indiana during an early period of its development, and was born in this state on the 9th of November, 1844. The name of her father, John Hickson, is enrolled among the early pioneers of Riley township. Mr. and Mrs. Jackson became the parents of the following children: Glenora, deceased; Anna, the wife of A. Freeland, of Terre Haute; William H.; Mary, the wife of J. S. Whittacre, of Riley; Minnie Gertrude, the wife of C. S. Murray; Lizzie, the wife of Dr. C. M. DuPuy, and Bertha, all of the village of Riley.

William H. Jackson remained on the farm in Vigo county until his removal to Terre Haute in 1901, and in the meantime he had become extensively interested in the stock business. It was in 1886 that he first began dealing in live stock, and from a grower and shipper he has gradually worked his way into the wholesale meat business, and is now at the head of one of the leading establishments in his line in the city. He is a member of the Masonic, Odd Fellows and Knights of Pythias fraternities, and votes with the Republican party.

Mr. Jackson has been twice married, first wedding Mary Edna Foulk, a daughter of David and Isabella C. (Fagan) Foulk, and a native of Clay county, Indiana. She died on the 4th of October, 1896, leaving two sons: Guy G., born March 22, 1890, and Crawford, born November 8, 1892. On the 10th of November, 1897, Mr. Jackson married Olivine Florence Ray, who was born in Vigo county and is a daughter of John and Martha Meighan. Both Mr. and Mrs. Jackson are members of the Methodist church.

SAMUEL T. GREENBERG.—In this age of colossal enterprise and marked intellectual energy, the prominent and successful men are those whose abilities, persistency and courage lead them into large undertak-

ings and to assume the responsibilities and labors of leaders in their respective vocations. During the past few years Terre Haute has gradually but surely forged to the front as one of the most prominent manufacturing centers of Indiana, and among the men who have given the city prestige in this direction must be placed the Greenbergs, father and son, the one the vice president of the A. L. Greenberg Iron Company, and the other its secretary and treasurer.

The latter, Samuel T. Greenberg, is one of the representative young business men of the city, but was born in Buffalo, New York, in August, 1875. He received his educational training in the public schools of Indianapolis and Terre Haute, and at the early age of fifteen he entered the clothing store of Thornman & Schloss, of Terre Haute, as a salesman, and remained with that house for fourteen years. In 1901 he entered upon his present business career as a partner of his brother-in-law, Jacob R. Finkelstein. In 1907 the two incorporated their large business as the A. L. Greenberg Iron Company, with Samuel T. Greenberg as its secretary and treasurer. His success in the business world stands forth in its own exemplification, and he wields a potent influence in furthering the interests of many of the city's leading industrial institutions and, enjoys a wide acquaintance and marked popularity here. He is a stockholder of the Linton Ice and Cold Storage Company, of the Linton Opera House Company, of the Southern Indiana Railroad, of the Phoenix Building and Realty Company, of the Kettle Creek Coal Company and the Riley Oil Company. He is a member of the Phoenix Club.

A. L. Greenberg, the vice president of the A. L. Greenberg Iron Company, and a well known business man of Terre Haute, is a native son of Poland, where he was born February 11, 1846. He left his native land in 1867 for England, and from there, in 1869, came to the United States, making his way from the harbor of New York to the city of Syracuse, where he spent about nine months. During the next two years he was located in Detroit, Michigan, from whence he returned to the state of New York, but after a residence of about fifteen months in Buffalo he came to Indianapolis, Indiana, and from that city to Terre Haute in 1886. His next removal was to Brazil, Indiana, but after five years there he returned to Terre Haute, and in 1896 he went to Quincy, Illinois, and was engaged in business there for a year and a half. Following this he was for three years at Sullivan, Indiana, and it was at the close of this period that he returned to Terre Haute to reside permanently. During all of his various residences, with the exception of the time spent at Syracuse, New York, he was a jewelry salesman, but since locating permanently in this city he has been engaged along the clothing and iron lines.

Mr. Greenberg married in Detroit, in 1872, Rachael Tilser, who was also born in Poland, and there have been born to them four children: Louis L., engaged in the millinery business at 515 Wabash avenue, Terre Haute; Samuel T., secretary and treasurer of the Greenberg Iron Company; Bertha, the wife of J. R. Finkelstein, the president of the Greenberg Iron Company; and Tillie, at home.

JACOB R. FINKELSTEIN has gained distinctive recognition as one of the leading financiers of Terre Haute, but perhaps his name is best known through its connection with the presidency of the A. L. Greenberg Iron Company. This is one of the largest corporations of its kind in the west, and its business ramifies into all parts of the country. Although young in years he has shown a marked capacity for the successful conduct of large affairs, and he is not only ranked among the most prominent men of his own city but his reputation extends throughout many portions of Indiana.

Mr. Finkelstein was born in Creston, Iowa, December 25, 1877, a son of Christopher and Sarah Finkelstein. In the year following his birth the family moved to Indianapolis, and it was there that the son was reared and educated and where for many years his father was an extensive dealer in old iron. At the age of thirteen years young Finkelstein began his commercial career by going on the road for his father, traveling for a number of years over the United States and buying iron from all the large concerns in that business. It was while thus employed that he laid the foundation for his successful career of the present time. In 1901 he located in Terre Haute to engage in the iron and machinery business with Sam T. Greenberg, beginning on a very small scale, their volume of business at first not exceeding five hundred dollars a month. But by leaps and bounds it has grown and expanded until at the present time their sales average three hundred and fifty to four hundred thousand dollars annually. In May, 1907, the business was incorporated under the name of the A. L. Greenberg Iron Company, with Mr. Finkelstein as president, A. L. Greenberg as vice president, and Sam T. Greenberg as secretary and treasurer. The company handles new and second hand machinery of all kinds, buying, selling and exchanging, also steel culverts, rails, engines, pumps, tanks, boilers, beams, pipe, etc., and handles scrap iron extensively. Their offices and yards are located at the corner of Tenth and Crawford streets, with their uptown office in the Grand Opera House block.

Besides his presidency of this, the largest manufactory of its kind in the west, Mr. Finkelstein was for a time secretary and general manager of the Linton (Indiana) Rolling Mill Company, the vice president of the Linton Ice and Cold Storage Company, a stock holder in the Linton Opera

House Company, a stockholder in the Southern Indiana Railroad Company, a director of the Phoenix Building and Realty Company, of Terre Haute, a stockholder in the Kettle Creek Coal Company, of Terre Haute, the president of the Fairbanks (Indiana) Oil and Gas Company, and owns stock in a number of gold and silver mining properties. He is president of the Phoenix Club, of Terre Haute, and a member of the Commercial and Young Business Men's clubs, of this city, and of the Columbia Club, of Indianapolis. He is also a member of the Masonic fraternity.

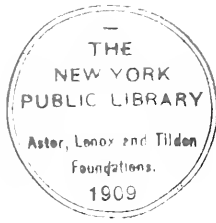
Mr. Finkelstein married, March 5, 1901, Miss Bertha, a daughter of A. L. Greenberg, of the Greenberg Iron Company.

WALTER RHODES, D. O., has won prominence in Terre Haute and Vigo county as an osteopathic physician, and has practiced here since January, 1904. He was born on the same farm near Lovington, Illinois, which was the birthplace of his father, Hillary Rhodes. The grandfather, John Rhodes, had moved to Illinois from North Carolina with his father when but five years of age, and had later entered this farm from the government. He was of English origin. Hillary Rhodes married Angie Kepler, a native of Pickaway county, Ohio, and a daughter of James Kepler, who was born in Germany, but coming to America became one of the early pioneers of Ohio. Mrs. Rhodes came with her widowed mother and her family to Illinois, and both she and her husband are living on a farm in that state.

Dr. Walter Rhodes, the eldest of their six children, born September 2, 1868, was born and reared on the old Rhodes farm near Lovington. He received an excellent educational training in the district schools, the Lovington high school, the Christian (Denominational) College, of Eureka, Illinois, and the Illinois State Normal School. Having decided to adopt the practice of osteopathy, he became a student in the Still College of Osteopathy, in Des Moines, Iowa. During his term as student at Still College he was assistant professor in pathology and bacteriology, under Dr. Carl Heinrich Hoffman, of Heidelberg, Germany, and was in charge from time to time of the classes in physiology, anatomy and nervous diseases, and was offered the chair in college on nervous diseases. He graduated therein in 1904. Previous to this time as a stepping stone for his high professional training he had traveled in the interests of the Standard Oil Company, also spent three years as a singing evangelist for the Christian church, and taught at intervals. He began the practice of osteopathy in Terre Haute in January, of 1904, and has built up a large practice in this city and surrounding country. He is a member of the Indiana State Osteopathic Society and of the American Osteopathic Association, and also has membership relations with the



Dr. Walter P. Rhodes



Young Business Men's Club and the Central Christian church, being a deacon.

JOHN O'NEIL belongs to the group of influential manufacturers who have made Terre Haute one of the principal manufacturing centers of the state. His name is associated with the O'Neil Machine Works, located at the northeast corner of Eleventh and Sycamore streets, and for many years he has been an active factor in the industrial interests of the city. His father, Terrence O'Neil, was for many years connected with railroad advertising here. Both he and his wife, Ann (Denning) O'Neil, were natives of Ireland. Terrence O'Neil came from county Longford to the United States in 1836, and in 1851 brought his family to reside in Terre Haute, but, after a residence here of seven years, he, in 1858, started overland for the Golden state. He never reached his destination, however, and when his family last heard from him he was leaving Kansas city, so that his death must have occurred somewhere between that point and California. His widow survived until 1886, and died in this city.

John O'Neil was born in the city of New York, February 28, 1845, but his educational training was received in Terre Haute, in its public schools. Before he had a chance to establish himself in life the Civil war was inaugurated, and in June of 1862, when he had just passed his seventeenth birthday, he enlisted in Company H, Fourth Regiment of Indiana Cavalry, and saw service with the army of the Southwest. He participated in many of the hard-fought battles of the conflict, and among them may be mentioned those of Stone River, Chickamauga, Dalton, Resaca, Kennesaw Mountain, the siege of Atlanta, Jonesboro, Franklin and Nashville. After the battle of Nashville he went with his command on the Wilson raid into Alabama and Georgia to liberate the prisoners confined in Andersonville prison, and it was his brigade that captured Jefferson Davis. During his three years of army life Mr. O'Neil was neither captured nor wounded, although he was often in the thickest of the fight, and after being mustered out near Nashville, Tennessee, in June, 1865, he returned at once to Terre Haute and entered upon his career as a machinist and manufacturer. His first employment was in the machine shops of Holmes & Laws, and from there went to the Old Phoenix Foundry Company, where he worked for twenty-five years and in that time was advanced to the superintendency of the machine department. The year of 1893 witnessed the establishment of his own works, first on a small scale, but gradually he has broadened and enlarged his interests until his manufactory is numbered among the largest and most important of the city's industries. Business is now conducted under the name of O'Neil & Son.

He married Kate Leonard, who was born in Marshall, Illinois, a

daughter of Elias Leonard, and to them have been born four children: Edward, with the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railroad Company, at Terre Haute; John L., in business with his father; Grace H., and Robert H. Mr. O'Neil is a member of the Union Veteran Legion, the Ancient Order of Hibernians, and of the Commercial and Manufacturers' clubs.

GUSTAV C. LINDEMANN, the cashier of the Terre Haute Brewing Company, is a native son of the Buckeye state of Ohio, born on a farm near Cincinnati, July 4, 1850, a son of Julius G. and Fredericka (Kahle) (Vordemann) Lindemann. Julius G. Lindemann, the father, was born in Göttingen, province of Hanover, Germany, in 1821, and came to the United States in 1846, his first location having been in Cincinnati, Ohio. In his native land he had learned and followed veterinary surgery, but after coming to Cincinnati he with a friend who had accompanied him on the voyage to America, engaged in the manufacture of cigars. But after a number of years he transferred his activities from a commercial to an agricultural life and farmed twelve miles out from Cincinnati until 1856. During the following year he farmed near Indianapolis, Indiana, spent another year in Greencastle, and in 1858 came to Terre Haute and formed a partnership with Dr. Lambey in the drug business in the Terre Haute House. In 1866, however, Mr. Lindemann retired from the business and purchased the E. A. Chess music store on Wabash avenue, where he remained until one month before his death, which occurred in December, 1869. He was a member of the Lutheran church, of which denomination his father, Gustav Lindemann, was a minister in the fatherland.

Mr. Lindemann was married in Cincinnati to Fredericka (Kahle) Vordemann, who was born in Brunswick, Germany, in 1825. She came to the United States in 1846, and married first, Mr. Vordemann, the friend and business associate of Mr. Lindemann. Her death occurred in Terre Haute. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Lindemann: Gustav C.; Oscar, deceased; Julia, the widow of Ernest Kloer and a resident of Chicago; and Julius G., the teller of the First National Bank of Terre Haute.

Gustav C. Lindemann, after attending the public schools of Terre Haute, entered upon a course in the old Garvin Commercial College, of this city, and with his education completed entered his father's music store. After the death of his father he clerked for one year in the retail grocery store of James Davis, and then for twenty-three years was with the H. Hulman Company, finally leaving that firm to become chief deputy revenue collector at the Terre Haute office, under Collector Jump, remaining in that position for years. In 1898 he assumed the important and responsible position of cashier of the Terre Haute Brewing Company,



his present office. During three years, from 1894 to 1897, he was a member of the Terre Haute school board, and at one time made the race for councilman against Dr. J. S. Young. His opponent was a popular man, and the ward is nominally Republican by over one hundred, but in the face of all this Mr. Lindemann was defeated by only twenty votes. He is a member and past chancellor of the Oriental Lodge, No. 21, Knights of Pythias.

Mr. Lindemann married Edith F., the daughter of John and Louise Fisbeck, of Terre Haute, and their three children are: Clara, Paul and Lucy. The eldest, Clara, is the wife of M. P. Smith, a resident of this city.

FRED WILDY has attained distinction in the business circles of Terre Haute as the proprietor of the Wildy Distilling Company, wholesale liquor dealers. He was born in this city on the 12th of February, 1871, a son of the late Joseph M. Wildy, the former mayor and a prominent citizen of Terre Haute, who was born in Franklin county, Pennsylvania, and in his early life learned the carriage making trade. In 1861 he came to Terre Haute and became a member of the firm of Harper, Wildy & Company, carriage manufacturers, and that business he later carried on alone, and still later as a member of the firm of Wildy & Poths. In 1864 he enlisted for service in the Civil war as a member of Company D, One Hundred and Thirty-third Regiment of Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and when his term expired he veteranized in Company E, One Hundred and Fifty-sixth Regiment of Indiana Volunteer Infantry, Colonel Charles Smith commanding. He was made the second lieutenant of his company, and continued as a soldier until the close of the conflict.

Returning to his home after the close of the war Mr. Wildy continued in the carriage manufacturing business until 1882, and then became the collector for the Terre Haute Brewing Company, continuing in that capacity for fourteen years. But he not only attained prestige in the business life of Terre Haute, becoming conspicuously identified with its political history as well, and served as a member of the city council for two terms, as a justice of the peace, as police judge and in 1878 was made its mayor, the only representative of the Greenback party ever elected to that office. Mr. Wildy married Sarah A. Watson, who with the following children survive: William R., born May 1, 1859, is a sign writer and decorator in Terre Haute; George Mc., born October 10, 1861; Mary, born February 13, 1864, married W. T. Brown, of Terre Haute; Joseph, born November 9, 1866, and Frederick.

Fred Wildy left the public schools of Terre Haute to become a clerk in the shoe store of N. Stein & Company, and continued with that firm

and its successors, Hornung & Bernheim, until he went to Chicago in 1896 to take a position as clerk in the Hub clothing store. At the close of his two years connection in that city he became a traveling salesman for the Steuben County (New York) Wine Company, and remained with them for five years, traveling west of the Mississippi river. He then began work for the old Kentucky Distilling Company, of Louisville, but after a year returned to the Steuben County Wine Company and continued with them until he went into business for himself, in 1906, establishing the Wildy Distilling Company, wholesale liquor dealers, in Terre Haute.

Mr. Wildy married, July 11, 1902, at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Retta, the daughter of Benjamin E. Strickler. Mr. Wildy is a member of the Commercial Club, of Terre Haute.

RUDOLPH GAGG.—In reviewing the lives of others of the important citizens of Terre Haute much has been said concerning the city's varied industries, but in touching upon the life and achievements of Rudolph Gagg, its art industry, but little referred to previously, is brought into prominence. During many years he was one of its best known art dealers, loving his work for its own true worth, and he continued in the business here from the close of the Civil war until his death, in 1896.

Mr. Gagg was a native of Constance, Baden, Germany, born in 1832, and in his early life he received a liberal educational training in both the German and French languages. In 1857 he came to the United States and located in Indianapolis, Indiana, entering the business life of that city as an architect, and he remained there until his enlistment, in 1861, in the Thirty-third Regiment of Indiana Volunteer Infantry for the Civil war. At the expiration of his first term of enlistment he veteranized in the Ninth Pennsylvania Battery of Light Artillery, and served with his command until the close of the conflict. It was then that he came to Terre Haute and gratified his love for art by opening a store, and as above stated he remained in the business until his life's labors were ended by death.

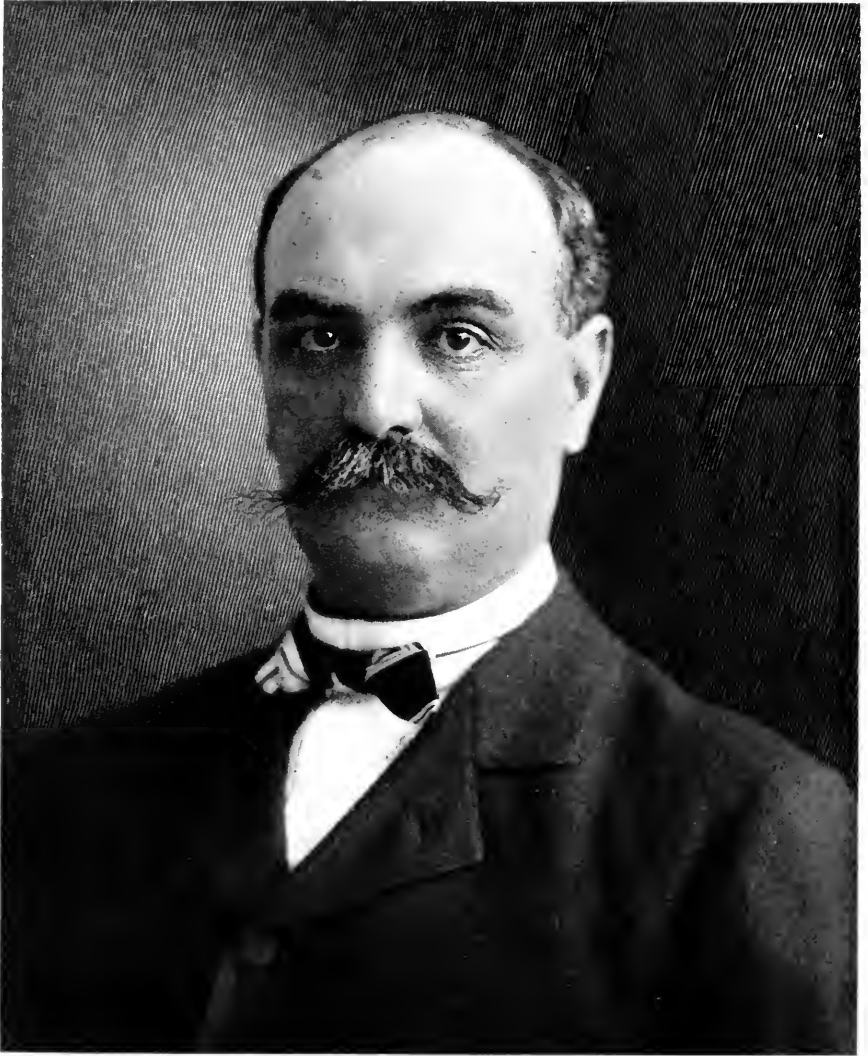
On the 17th of September, 1863, Mr. Gagg married Georgiana Holtzman, who was born in Piqua, Ohio, and yet survives her husband, residing in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. They became the parents of seven children: Major George A., Oscar L., Ernest G., August, Minna, Louis R. and Elise, the three eldest born in Indianapolis and the remainder in Terre Haute. Major George A. Gagg was engaged in the banking business in Terre Haute until 1902, when he went to New York city to become the manager of the Eastern Trust Company's branch, but after two years returned to this city and took charge of the Wabash Realty and Loan Company. Oscar L., the second son, is now in business in New York, where he resides, and his brother Ernest, is in the art business



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in Knoxville Tennessee. August, the first of the children born in Terre Haute, is assistant cashier of a banking house in Denver, Colorado. Louis R. is a United States representative for foreign artists, with headquarters at Milwaukee and New York city. The two daughters, Minna and Elise, are with their mother in Milwaukee.

HOMER L. STEES has been engaged in the undertaking business in Terre Haute since 1891, but his industrial interests are many and varied, and he has achieved success in his business career. He was born in Auburn, Shawnee county, Kansas, June 10, 1861, a son of Reuben and Nancy (Hood) Stees. Reuben Stees was a native of Union county, Pennsylvania, and became one of the pioneer school teachers of Huntington, Indiana, from whence, in 1859, he removed to Kansas and became a merchant and farmer at Auburn. There his son Homer was born and lived on the farm until he reached his fourteenth year. His mother died and from that time he has been obliged to hew his own pathway. His first employment was as a clerk in a clothing store, and he was but fifteen when he became a cowboy, riding the plains at that time. For four years he was on a cattle ranch, and then drifting into the mountains as a miner, he remained there for three summers, spending the winter months in Denver, which was his headquarters. It was in that city that he obtained his first experience as an undertaker in the employ of J. J. Walley, with whom he remained until 1886, and he spent the following five years in Lafayette, Indiana, where he was engaged in the same business. In July, of 1891, he came to Terre Haute and remained in the employ of Isaac Ball for three years and a half, and on the first of March, 1895, entered into business as an undertaker for himself. He bought his present building in 1900, remodeled it and is prepared to conduct obsequies in the simplest or most elaborate manner. Mr. Stees is also quite extensively engaged in the raising and selling of horses, owning a stock farm in Clark county, Illinois, near Farmington, and he is a director of the American-German Trust Company.

Mr. Stees married Nellie Niemantsverdriet, who died June 11, 1896, and for his second wife he wedded in Lafayette, January 1, 1899, Hattie E. Dodson, of Terre Haute, daughter of Nicholas and Mary Dodson. Mr. Stees is a thirty-second degree Mason, a member of the Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias orders, also the Red Men, Tribe of Ben Hur, Knights and Ladies of Honor, the Modern American Fraternal Aid, Ancient Order of United Workmen and Knights and Ladies of Security. Mr. Stees belongs to all the branches in Masonry, also in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias and Red Men. He is also a member of the Travelers' Protective Association.

HARVEY VALENTINE.—Many years have passed since the Valentine family became residents of Vigo county, and one of its representatives, Harvey Valentine, has won for the name an enviable distinction in the business life of Terre Haute, being now president of the Valentine Company, and also a member of the city council. He was born at Greencastle, Franklin county, Pennsylvania, May 1, 1871, a son of Isaac F. Valentine, a native of Washington county, Maryland, born June 20, 1841, and he in turn is a son of David and Margaret (Crum) Valentine, both natives of Maryland. Both the Valentine and Crum families came originally from Germany.

Isaac Valentine attained to manhood's estate in the county of his nativity, and in September of 1864 he enlisted in Company M, Seventeenth Regiment of Pennsylvania Cavalry, for service in the Civil war. He enlisted at Chambersburg and served until the close of the conflict, having been mustered out at Cloud's Mill, Virginia, in 1865. After the war had closed he and his brother, John T., engaged in the milling business near Mercersburg, Franklin county, Pennsylvania, and about eight years afterward left that city to engage in the same occupation in Martinsburg, West Virginia, where they remained for one year. Returning thence to Franklin county, Pennsylvania, they located at Greencastle, and there the brothers severed their business connection, Isaac engaging in the meat business, but it was not long before he left there and came to Middletown, Indiana, to engage in the same line of trade. It was in 1873 that he came west, and after four years in Middletown he purchased a farm in Delaware county, Indiana, and put in eight years as an agriculturist. Trading this land for a larger farm in Fairfield, Illinois, he removed to his new possessions, farming there for two years, and following this he bought and conducted a meat market in the town of Fairfield for a time. It was in 1887 that he located permanently in Terre Haute, and carried on the meat business until 1897, when ill health compelled him to retire.

Mr. Valentine married in Franklin county, Pennsylvania, Amanda Miller, born in that county February 3, 1847, to Daniel and Jane (Mowery) Miller, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania. Her paternal grandfather, Daniel Miller, as well as her maternal grandfather, Daniel Mowery, was from the Old Dominion state of Virginia. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Valentine: Edna, Harvey, Clara, Daisy, Ocie, Earl, LeRoy and Merl, but Earl and Merl are deceased.

Harvey Valentine received the principal part of his education in the public schools of Fairfield, Illinois, and he came with his parents to Terre Haute. He remained at home for some time after leaving school, helping his father in the store, and finally succeeded to the business in 1898. His is now one of the largest grocery and meat establishments on

the east side, located at 1133 Poplar street, and his large double brick store room was erected in 1901. In April, 1906, the Valentine Company was incorporated with Mr. Valentine as president. The company's slaughterhouse is located just across the river from Terre Haute, and does the largest business of any house of its kind in the city. Mr. Valentine was elected a member of the city council from the second ward in 1906. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias fraternity and of the Sons of Veterans.

Mrs. Valentine bore the maiden name of Ida Dickey, and was born in Fairfield, Illinois, a daughter of Newton Dickey. Their three children are Lena, Mildred and Carl.

JOHN G. HEINL.—To John G. Heidl belongs the honor of being the pioneer florist of Terre Haute, but after many years of active participation with that business he is now living retired. He was born in Austria, in 1844, a son of Anton and Marie Annie (Gradl) Heidl. The family came to America in 1854, and two years afterward, in 1856, young Heidl entered the employ of a florist at Toledo, Ohio, with whom he continued for seven years, and in that time proved himself thoroughly competent to carry on the business on his own account. Accordingly, in 1863, he located in Terre Haute and established one of the first green houses of the city. From the beginning to the close of his career as a florist in Terre Haute he was successful and became recognized as one of the leaders in his line in this part of the state. In 1895 the firm of J. G. Heidl & Son was formed, and in 1901 the senior member retired, leaving his son Frederick to carry on the business which he had established and brought to such a high state of perfection, but business is still conducted under the old firm name.

Although the name of John G. Heidl is so prominently associated with the business interests of Terre Haute it is perhaps as well known for his benevolent and philanthropic work. He is a member of the board of managers of the Rose Orphans' Home, and also of the board of managers of the Rose Dispensary. He was one of the organizers of the Fort Harrison Savings Bank, having been elected the vice president of the institution at the time of the organization and he has so continued to the present time. He is a Mason of both the York and Scottish Rite branches.

In 1870 Mr. Heidl was married to Marie Debbs, a daughter of Daniel Debbs, and two sons have been born to them; Frederick and Robert. The younger son is a journalist on the editorial staff of the *New York Sun*.

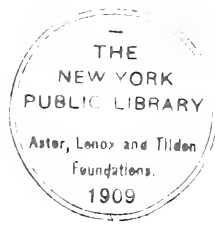
WILLIAM BRIGGS HICE is one of the prominent young members of the bar of Terre Haute, and was born on a farm in Harrison county, Indiana, May 30, 1874, a son of G. S. and Sarah J. (Briggs) Hice. G. S. Hice, the father, was born in central Pennsylvania in 1839, and came with his parents to Indiana at the close of the Civil war, living first at Greencastle, and from that city G. S. Hice went to New Albany, Indiana, where he has ever since resided, although he is now living a retired life. Mrs. Hice was born in Orange county, Indiana.

It was in New Albany, Indiana, that William B. Hice grew to years of maturity, receiving his literary training in its public schools and in a private preparatory school at Louisville, Kentucky. After he had thus laid a good foundation on which to erect his future life work he entered as a student, the law department of the University of Michigan, and graduated with the class of 1898. A short time was then spent in the prosecuting attorney's office at New Albany, and from there Mr. Hice came to Terre Haute and entered upon what time has proved a successful legal career. He is prominent as well in the political circles of the city and county, and has served as secretary of the Republican county and city committees. He is a member of the Young Business Men's Club, the Commercial Club, and of the Masonic, Knights of Pythias, Elks and Maccabees fraternities.

CHARLES W. HOFF has attained prestige in Terre Haute as a business man and public official, and although a native son of Germany, he has spent the most of his life in the United States, coming to America in 1857, with his parents at the age of seven years, and throughout his later years has been conspicuously identified with many interests which have subserved the material prosperity of Terre Haute. He entered upon his business career when a lad of twenty-one as a retail grocery merchant at the corner of First and Osborn streets, in this city, but after a year and a half he transferred his activities to the manufacture of brick, first on a small scale, but gradually his interests have broadened and expanded until he has now one of the largest and most complete plants in the state. His brick plant is strictly modern, being equipped with all the latest machinery, and is located on Prairieton avenue, consisting of forty-five acres.

Mr. Hoff was born in Germany, March 7, 1849, a son of the late John H. and Marie Wilhelmina (Trottier) Hoff, both of whom were also born in Germany. The mother was of French Huguenot descent, born in 1824, and she died in Terre Haute in 1861. John H. Hoff was born in 1812, and died in this city in 1898. They came to America in 1857 and Mr. Hoff was one of the early brick-makers of Terre Haute. With perhaps half a dozen others he was a charter member of the German Reformed church and served as an official of the congregation. Their son





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Charles continued the education begun in his native land in the German Reformed schools of this city, and, as above stated, when twenty-one entered upon his business career. In 1889 he was made a member of the city school board, and at the close of his three years' term was elected on the Democratic ticket to the office of county assessor for a term of four years. In 1888 he was elected a trustee of the German Reformed church, and has held that office continuously to the present time, and was also president of the board when the present church edifice was erected. He is a member of Humboldt Lodge, No. 42, Free and Accepted Masons, of Terre Haute Chapter, No. 11, Royal Arch Masons, Terre Haute Commandery, No. 16, Knights Templars, Indianapolis Consistory, Scottish Rite, and of the Murat Temple of the Mystic Shrine, Indianapolis. In Odd Fellowship he is a member of the Goethe Lodge, No. 382, Vigo Encampment, No. 17, and of the Grand Lodge of Indiana. He is also a member of Paul Revere Lodge, No. 374, Knights of Pythias.

Mr. Hoff married, in 1872, Minnie S., a daughter of Louis and Mary Wilhelmina Koch, both born in Germany, the father in 1813, and the mother in 1818. They came to the United States May, 1851, and both died in Terre Haute, Mr. Koch in 1851, and his wife many years afterward, in 1897. Two daughters, Minnie S. and Flora L., have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Hoff.

ODELL WEAVER, M. D., a specialist in diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat, was born in Murfreesboro, Tennessee, August 1, 1870, a son of John Perry and Sarah Belle (Bolleš) Weaver. The father was a Baptist clergyman, and for forty-two years was stationed at Murfreesboro and Nashville. The Doctor was reared in both cities, and at the age of twenty, in 1890, he graduated from the Vanderbilt University, where for two years he served as a demonstrator of anatomy. In 1891 he graduated from the New York Polyclinic, while later he pursued post-graduate work in both the Chicago and New York Polyclinics, and for seventeen years he has been a member of the medical profession. During fifteen years of that time he has practiced in Terre Haute, where native talent and acquired ability have won him high standing, and as an eye, ear, nose and throat specialist he has few equals.

ELLSWORTH LAWRENCE.—In examining into the causes of success and failure two things are particularly noticeable: One is that the great majority do not heed the opportunities which are open to all; and the other is that the great number fail for lack of that persistency of purpose which is the basis of all success. In an analysis of the life and work of Ellsworth Lawrence it will be noticed that he is lacking in neither essential,

and thus he has worked his way steadily upward in the business world until he is now meeting with gratifying prosperity as secretary and manager of the Terre Haute Casket Company. He was born upon a farm in Clay county, Indiana, October 8, 1862, his parents being Etna and Eliza (Wickiser) Lawrence, both of whom were natives of Ohio, but for the past fifteen years have resided in Terre Haute. For a long period they were residents of Clay county, where the father was interested in general agricultural pursuits and in the manufacture of half-bushel measures. He is now traveling salesman for the Terre Haute Casket Company.

In the county of his nativity Ellsworth Lawrence was reared to the age of fifteen years, when he came to Terre Haute to attend the high school, therein pursuing his studies until he was graduated with the class of 1882. He afterward engaged in teaching in the country schools for a brief period, and then accepted a position with the Central Manufacturing Company, of Terre Haute, which in addition to other products were manufacturing caskets. While in the employ of that company Mr. Lawrence gained his first practical experience in the manufacture of caskets, and thus laid the foundation for the success which he is now enjoying. He remained with the Central Manufacturing Company until 1898, in which year the Terre Haute Casket Company was organized. It was incorporated as a stock company on the 14th of February, with F. W. Hertwig as president; L. D. Bledsoe as vice president; and Ellsworth Lawrence as secretary and manager, and these officers have continued without change. Mr. Lawrence was active in the organization of the company, and from the beginning has capably managed the business so as to increase its output and bring constantly growing success to the enterprise. The company manufactures burial caskets and undertakers' supplies, and is the only concern of the kind in Terre Haute.

In 1886 occurred the marriage of Mr. Lawrence and Miss Catherine Holmes, a daughter of B. Holmes, a prominent real estate dealer of this city. They occupy an enviable position in social circles, and the hospitality of their home is one of its most attractive features. Mr. Lawrence is a member of the Order of Knights of Pythias, belonging to both the subordinate lodge and the Uniform Rank, in the latter serving as first lieutenant. He is an active official member of the Liberty Avenue Methodist Episcopal church, generous in its support and a liberal contributor toward the building of the church edifice. His religion is not a matter of Sunday observance but a factor in his every day life, and his allegiance to high principles is a fact uniformly recognized by all who know him.

HARRY H. HUTTON, junior partner of the firm of Ford & Hutton, clothiers, has resided in Terre Haute since 1886, coming to this city as a

young man of eighteen years. He was born in Grandview, Illinois, May 5, 1868, and while spending his boyhood and youth there pursued a public school education. When he arrived in Terre Haute he accepted a position as bundle boy in the clothing house of A. C. Bryce & Company, and his fidelity and industry won him promotion, so that in the course of time he became a salesman. He continued with that house for twelve years or more as one of its most faithful and reliable representatives. He was afterward with Tune Brothers for five years and represented that house as head salesman, having also attained that responsible position with his first employers. Ambitious to engage in business on his own account he purchased the interest of the junior partner in the firm of Ford & Overstreet, and the present firm of Ford & Hutton was then formed. They have a large and well appointed store, in which they carry a carefully selected line of clothing, hats and men's furnishing goods, and also conduct a merchant tailoring establishment. They are now well established in trade with a constantly growing and profitable patronage, and both partners are recognized as alert, enterprising and progressive men of the city.

In 1892 Mr. Hutton was married to Miss Sarah C. Black, of Terre Haute. In church matters they are deeply interested, and are prominent in the social circles of the city, having many warm friends here. Mr. Hutton exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the Republican party, but is not an aspirant for office. Fraternally he is connected with the Elks, while in more specifically commercial lines he is connected with the Retail Men's Association and the Young Business Men's Club, being vice president of the latter. What his hands find to do he does with all his might and with a sense of conscientious obligation whether it is some service in connection with the public welfare, with his fraternal interests, with his business affairs or his social relations.

He is past esquire of the Elks, Terre Haute Lodge, No. 86, and now chairman of the membership committee and also holds the office of esteemed lecturing knight. He is also one of the building committee of the Elks' new one hundred and twenty thousand dollar home.

WILLIAM E. MCKEEVER has throughout the entire period of his business career been connected with the railroad service, and at the present time is filling the position of ticket agent at Terre Haute, where he is known as an obliging, courteous and capable representative of railroad interests. One of Terre Haute's native sons, he was born June 27, 1858. His father, John McKeever, a retired engineer of the Vandalia line, was born August 8, 1829, in New Hampshire, and was a son of John and Nancy (Collins) McKeever. John McKeever was a native of Ireland

and after coming to America followed boating on the Merrimac river, continuing a resident of New Hampshire until his demise. His wife was born in the old Granite state but spent her last days in Terre Haute.

John McKeever was the second of a family of nine children and was reared in the state of his nativity, where he acquired a common school education. He worked as a section man on the railroad and then going to New York, continued to work in the railroad employ. After two years spent in the Empire state, he removed westward to Ohio, where he engaged in railroad construction work and later took up his abode in Crestline, Ohio, about which time he was made a fireman on the Ohio & Indiana Railroad. When a year had passed he removed to Chicago, where he operated a stationary engine for a short time and then went to Iowa, where he was again engaged at railroad construction. The year 1856 witnessed his arrival in Terre Haute and he accepted the position of engineer on the Evansville & Terre Haute Railroad, continuing in that capacity for seven years, when he became engineer on the Vandalia Railroad. His association with the latter was of long duration and was discontinued only a few years ago, when he retired to private life. He was one of the most careful, trustworthy and reliable engineers of the line and had the entire confidence of the company which he represented.

Mr. McKeever was married in Evansville, Indiana, September 21, 1857, to Miss Themis A. Chambers, a daughter of Clarence and Malinda (Revis) Chambers, the former a native of New York and the latter of Indiana. The father was a farmer by occupation in early life but afterward became a prominent railroad man and a leading citizen of Princeton, Indiana. Mrs. McKeever was born in Gibson county, Indiana, February 3, 1838. At a recent date Mr. and Mrs. John McKeever celebrated their golden wedding, an occasion long to be remembered by all who participated therein and who wish for this couple many more happy anniversaries. They are consistent and faithful members of the Methodist church and Mr. McKeever is a Royal Arch Mason, loyal to the teachings of the craft. His political allegiance is given to the Republican party. Unto him and his wife have been born the following named; William E., Clarence O., George E., Fred, Jessie, Mattie, Grace and Frank.

William E. McKeever was reared in Terre Haute and pursued his early education in the public schools, while later he attended Garvin's Commercial College. Since the 1st of September, 1873, or for a period of thirty-five years, he has been with the Vandalia Railroad Company. He entered their service as a messenger boy in the auditing department, at different times was connected with the assistant's office and for twenty years was local freight agent. During the last six years, however, he has been ticket agent at Terre Haute for the Vandalia, his promotions coming in recognition of merit and ability.

In 1885 Mr. McKeever was married to Miss Fannie Kelly, who died in 1891. In 1894 he was again married, his second union being with Miss Emma Miller. He is well known in Terre Haute, where his entire life has been passed and has made a creditable business record for fidelity and industry. No higher testimonial of his capable service could be given than the fact that he has been in the employ of one company for thirty-five years.

JESSE H. SROFE, president and manager of the Up-to-Date Manufacturing Company, of Terre Haute, is a native of Brown county, Ohio, born December 15, 1857, his parents being Thomas L. and Rachel M. (Holtzen) Srofe, both of whom are natives of Ohio and representatives of old pioneer families of the state, while the more remote ancestry settled in America at an early period in the colonization of the new world. The father was a carpenter and farmer and Jesse H. Srofe was reared upon the home farm to the age of fifteen years, when he started out in life on his own account and has since been dependent upon his own resources. He had been left fatherless in the meantime and it was necessary that he put aside his text-books and leave school in order to assist in the support of his widowed mother, who was dependent upon him for many years, receiving from him every filial care and attention. She long survived her husband, passing away about 1904.

Jesse H. Srofe and a brother are now the only survivors in a family of five children. On starting out in life on his own account he eagerly availed himself of every opportunity, whereby he could make an honest dollar. He was therefore variously employed for several years and for sometime worked in the timber purchasing department of the Pennsylvania Railroad. In 1889 he became a traveling salesman for Kitselman Brothers, of Muncie, Indiana, who were manufacturers in a business line similar to that in which Mr. Srofe is now engaged. He represented that house upon the road as a traveling salesman for twelve years and became thoroughly conversant with the business. Laudable ambition prompting him to engage in business on his own account, he then organized the Kokomo Fence Company, of Kokomo, Indiana, where he continued until 1899, when he sold his interests there and came to Terre Haute. Here he built his present plant and organized the Up-to-Date Manufacturing Company. This is a stock company which was incorporated in 1899 and was the first factory established in Terre Haute through the influence of any commercial club. He is now president and manager of the business with Harry E. Bindley as secretary. The company manufactures all kinds of iron and wire fencing, fire escapes, wire works for offices and all kinds of iron stable fixtures and light structural iron

work. Their output also includes window guards, wire cloth and similar materials. The products are sold and shipped to every state and territory of the Union and a large export trade is now enjoyed, for they have many patrons in foreign countries. The factory has never been closed a day during the nine years of its existence and the business has steadily increased. Mr. Srofe had become thoroughly familiar with the trade during the previous years of experience and established his enterprise upon a safe basis, while as the years passed he has gradually extended the scope of his business and has kept upon the market high grade materials in his line of manufacture.

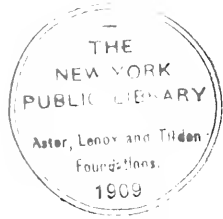
In the year 1880 Mr. Srofe was married to Miss Catherine Kress, of Fayette county, Ohio, and they have three children, Fred L., Clifford C. and Jesse H., Jr. Mr. Srofe is a Master Mason and is a member and director of the Terre Haute Commercial Club. His business career has been one of steady progression. In early positions which he occupied his salary was small, but like many other brainy, energetic young men who have left their impress upon the business development of the west, he did not wait for a specially brilliant opening. Indeed he could not wait and his natural industry would not have permitted him to do so even if his financial circumstances had been such as to make it possible. In early life he showed conspicuously the traits of character that have made him a substantial, enterprising and successful business man. He has perhaps in his business career not found all days equally bright but his rich inheritance of energy and pluck has enabled him to press forward, even in the face of discouragements and to eventually win the success for which he was striving.

DAVID R. ULMER, M. D.—Since January, 1906, Dr. Ulmer has practiced medicine in Terre Haute, but before entering actively upon the work of the profession he thoroughly equipped himself in every possible manner, both in theory and practice, and studied under the best tutors. He is a graduate of the Barnes Medical College, of St. Louis, with the class of 1901, and during his last year in that institution he held an appointment in the City Provident Association. In 1901-2 he was house surgeon in the Alexander (Indiana) Hospital, and following this, in 1902, he pursued a course in the New York Post-Graduate Medical College. The year of 1905 was spent in Europe, where he studied under the best masters of the old country, pursuing post-graduate work in the West London Hospital and clinical courses in Vienna, Berlin and Paris. It was after his return from abroad that Dr. Ulmer began the practice of medicine in Terre Haute, and in the following year he entered upon a course of operative surgery in the Chicago Post-Graduate College. He is a member of the Vigo County, State and American Medical societies.





*Dr. Palmer*



Dr. Ulmer was born in Gerard, Kansas, March 29, 1871, a son of John and Sarah (Lokey) Ulmer. The father served three years as a soldier in the Union army in the Civil war, and he now resides with his son David. He was a farmer, and the first thirteen years of the Doctor's life was spent on the farm. The family then moving to St. Louis, Missouri, he attended school there, and later was a student in the Christian University, at Canton, Missouri. He graduated from that institution with the class of 1897 and with the degree of Master of Ancient Literature. With this excellent literary training he was well prepared to enter upon the study of medicine, and the success he has already won in the profession is the merited reward of thorough study and research. Dr. Ulmer is specializing along the line of surgery and diseases of women.

Dr. Ulmer married in 1904, Miss Blanche Trimble, of St. Louis, Missouri. He is a member of the Methodist church, and Mrs. Ulmer, of the Christian church. He has fraternal membership with the Knights of Pythias.

FRANK L. GILBERT, engaged in the wholesale and retail cigar trade in Terre Haute, his native city, was born on the 7th of April, 1876. His parents were William Henry and Kate J. (Lockwood) Gilbert. His father, a native of England, was born May 16, 1846, and died in Terre Haute, January 5, 1888. During his childhood days he was taken from his native land to Toronto, Canada, and thence to Paris, Illinois, from which place he came to Terre Haute soon after the close of the Civil war. He had been a loyal defender of the Union cause during the period of hostilities between the north and the south, serving for a time as a member of Company C, One Hundred and Thirty-fifth Regiment, Illinois Infantry. Following his arrival in this city, Mr. Gilbert accepted a position in a shoe store as a salesman and such was his enterprise, diligence and economy that after a few years he became a shoe merchant, conducting business on his own account. Later he became a successful confectioner and continued in that line of business up to the time of his demise. He belonged to that class of representative American men who contribute to the general welfare while promoting individual prosperity. In 1873 he wedded Miss Kate J. Lockwood, a native of Cincinnati, Ohio, and a daughter of William B. and Delia M. (Sherman) Lockwood, both of whom were natives of New York. They became residents of Terre Haute in 1853 and her father was for many years engaged in the stove and tinware business here, but in later life established and conducted a confectionery store. He died in 1874, when about sixty years of age. His widow is now one of the oldest ladies residing in Vigo county, having passed the eighty-seventh milestone on life's journey. She now makes her home

with her daughter, Mrs. Gilbert. Her children were as follows: James F., who is deceased; George E., Kate J., now Mrs. Gilbert; Emma H., and Charles and Frank L., both of whom have passed away. Mr. Lockwood was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and his religious faith was indicated by his membership in the Christian church. His widow has been a life long member of that church and a most earnest Christian woman. William Henry Gilbert likewise affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and although a member of the Methodist church in early life in his later days he attended the Christian church with his wife. Unto them were born two children, Frank L. and Harry W.

In taking up the personal history of Frank L. Gilbert we present to our readers the life record of one who is widely and favorably known in this city. Here his entire life has been passed. He was reared under the parental roof and at the usual age began his education as a public school student, passing through consecutive grades and thus becoming well equipped for life's practical and responsible duties. He also prepared for a business career by a course of study in Terre Haute Commercial College, where he mastered the art of bookkeeping. He not only gained a knowledge of that branch but he also displayed the elemental strength of his character by working in order to pay his way through the school. Entering upon his business career, he was for about one year in the employ of a real estate concern and then became bookkeeper for a bicycle company, with which he continued for about the same length of time. For a number of years he has been a bookkeeper in the employ of E. H. Bindly & Company, wholesale druggists, and in 1898 he established an independent business venture, opening a cigar store, which he has conducted along both wholesale and retail lines, having the largest and finest cigar store in Terre Haute. He began this business with a small capital but by reason of excellent management he has witnessed the steady growth and development of his trade which has now assumed extensive proportions and brings him a gratifying capital.

Mr. Gilbert is a member of the Young Business Men's Club and also of the Travelers' Protective Association and is interested in all that pertains to the commercial development and progress of the city. Fraternally he is connected with the Masons and has taken the degrees of the council. He is also a Knight of Pythias and a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

In 1889 Mr. Gilbert was married to Miss Edith L. Hazelett, of Clinton, Indiana, and they are well known in social circles in the city, the hospitality of many of the best homes being freely accorded them.

Harry W. Gilbert, brother of Frank L. Gilbert, is serving as a sales-

man for the latter and has charge of the wholesale department. He was born in Terre Haute on the 8th of February, 1882, and was also educated in the public schools, while later he pursued a course in stenography and bookkeeping in the Terre Haute Commercial College. After being in the employ of the Central Coal Company for about one year he became city salesman in the cigar trade and has since remained in the house, being now in charge of the wholesale department and manifesting in its control a spirit of intense activity and energy. He, too, is a member of the Travelers' Protective Association, and also a Mason. In 1904 he married Miss Ione, a daughter of R. H. Catlin, a prominent lawyer of Terre Haute.

CHARLES E. DAVIS, who is devoting his time and energies to the real estate business in Terre Haute, first opened his eyes to the light of day on a farm in Linton township, Vigo county, July 29, 1855. His parents were David W. and Mary F. Turner Davis, both of whom were natives of Kentucky. The father, who was born in 1834, departed this life in April, 1907, while the mother, whose birth occurred in 1835, is still living. The paternal grandfather, William Davis, and the maternal grandfather, John W. Turner, came from Kentucky at about the same time and both located in Linton township, Vigo county, where their remaining days were passed. They aided in the pioneer development of the locality and their efforts in behalf of the community were of a most beneficial and far-reaching character.

No event of special importance occurred to vary the routine of farm life for Charles E. Davis in his boyhood. He aided in the work of plowing, planting and in the cultivation of the crops until they reached fruition in golden harvests. When not busy in the fields he attended the public schools and eventually became a student of Terre Haute Commercial College, from which he was graduated. He then took up educational work in 1872 and for twenty-two years continued teaching in the country schools, devoting the winter seasons to that profession, while in the summer months he carried on the work of the fields. A coincident of his experience is that he taught his first and last school at the Oregon schoolhouse and it was the first school which he attended as a boy. He was known throughout the community as a capable educator, imparting clearly and readily to others the knowledge that he had acquired, maintaining discipline and encouraging and inspiring his pupils with his own zeal and interest in the work.

His official service began in 1895, when he was appointed deputy auditor by James Soules, in which position he continued until 1903, when he became deputy under Auditor Frank E. Benjamin. This position he resigned, however, in a short time to become deputy treasurer under

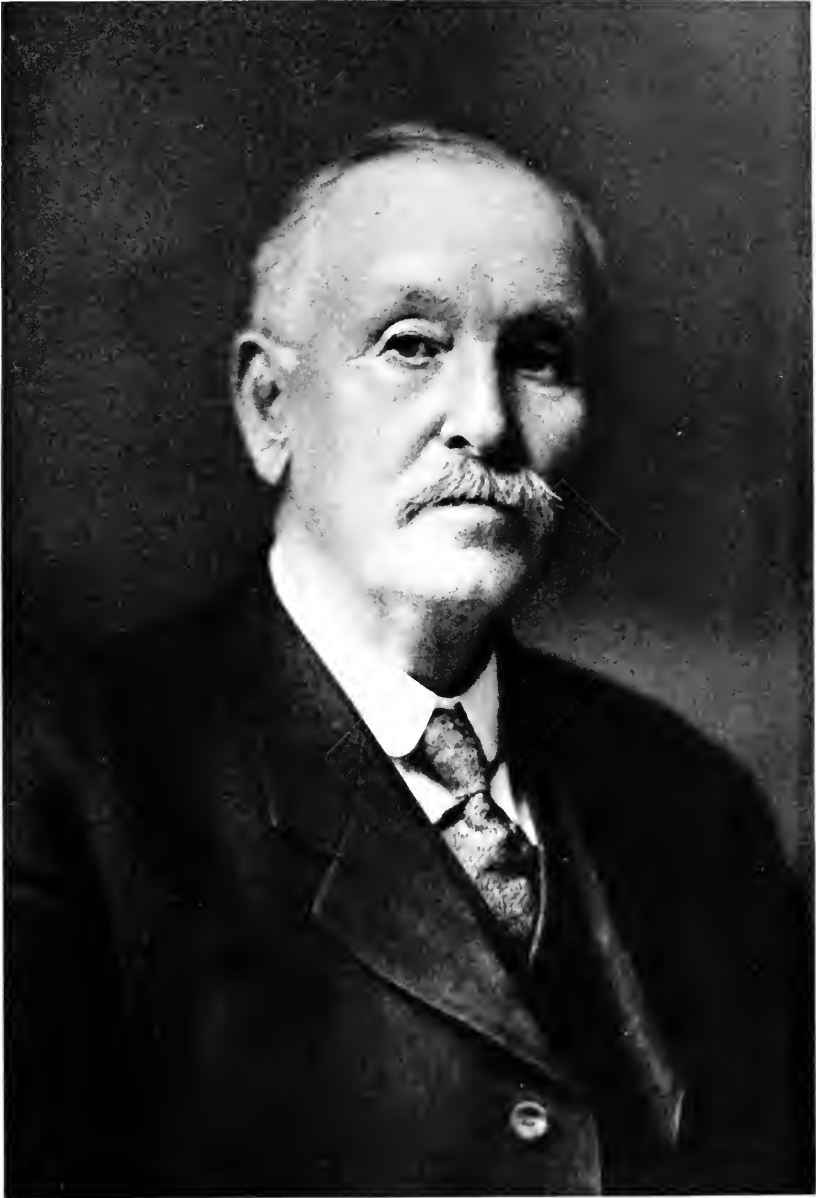
County Treasurer Clark. His public service was characterized by the utmost faithfulness in which he gained the full esteem of those under whom he served. In June, 1906, he opened a real estate and insurance office and at the same time became secretary of the Merchants' Savings and Loan Association. To these business interests he is now giving his time and attention with good success.

Mr. Davis married Clara Whetsel, who was born in Vermilion county, Indiana, a daughter of Andrew Whetsel, a native of Ohio. Their children are Raymond W. and Ward G., both of whom are now in North Dakota; Grace, who married Oscar A. Spear, and resides in Wagner, Oklahoma; Clyde V., a bookkeeper in the employ of the Vandalia Coal Company, of Terre Haute; Clara, Charles E., Jr., and Mary.

In his fraternal relations Mr. Davis is a Mason and is also identified with the Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias. He has ever discharged his duties with marked ability and fairness, for he is a most loyal, public-spirited citizen. As a business man he has been conspicuous among his associates not only for his success, but for his probity, fairness and honorable methods. In everything he has been eminently practical and this has been manifest not only in his business undertakings but also in social and private life.

SILAS C. BEACH.—For many years Silas C. Beach was prominently connected with the building interests of Terre Haute, many of its most substantial residences and business houses standing as monuments to his skill and ability, but he is now living retired from active business life. He was born in Newton, Sussex county, New Jersey, September 8, 1833, a son of Silas C. and Susan (Ludlow) Beach, born respectively in the states of New Jersey and New York. Silas C. Beach, Sr., died when his son and namesake was but three months old, and when he was about eight years old his mother married again and moved to Honesdale, Pennsylvania, where they resided for four years, during a similar period were residents of Brooklyn, New York, and in the spring of 1850 the family came west from New York to Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, by railroad, thence by canal to Pittsburg, their boats having been drawn over the mountains in sections, from Pittsburg down the Ohio and up the Wabash to Terre Haute, three weeks having been spent en route.

Young Beach received his educational training in the east under the able instructions of his mother, who taught while a widow, and he worked on a farm previous to the removal of the family to the west. After coming to Terre Haute he began learning bricklaying and plastering with his stepfather, Charles C. Knapp, and worked at the trade until during the latter part of the war, or until he entered the field as a con-



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tractor and builder. He thus became one of the pioneer contractors of Terre Haute, and continued in the business until his retirement, in 1899. During that time he erected all of the McKean blocks, did the brick work on the postoffice, built the Minshall home, the Joseph Strong buildings, Ray's wholesale houses, and many others, and for over five years was a member of the board of public works, while from 1882 to 1883 he was a member of the city council. He is a charter member of the Wabash Building and Loan Association, and the only one of the original charter members now living, and a member of the first Harrison Club, and is a member and trustee of the First Congregational church, of which he has been a member for the past forty-five years. He is a member of the Fort Harrison Club and of the board of trustees of the Rose Orphans' Home.

Mr. Beach married Adaline Conn, a sister of Nelson W. Conn, and she died in April, 1879, leaving one son, William C. Beach, of Terre Haute. Mr. Beach afterward married Amelia C. Baur, a daughter of John J. Baur, of Terre Haute.

RAY GREENE JENCKES.—By intense and well directed activity, Ray Greene Jenckes is contributing to the sum total business enterprise which constitutes the measure of Terre Haute's growth and prosperity. He is now manager of the American Hominy Company, a leading productive industry of the city, and aside from commercial interests he labors for public welfare through his co-operation with many movements for the municipal good. Vigo county numbers him among her native sons, his birth having occurred at the old Jenckes homestead east of the city, the farm being now comprised within the boundaries which is Highland Lawn cemetery and the old home in which his birth occurred is still standing there. His natal day was July 11, 1847. His parents, Joseph S. and Isabella Mary (Greene) Jenckes, were both natives of Rhode Island and representatives of old families of that state. The old Jenckes home is still standing in Providence and is more than two hundred years old. Both families came originally from Wales to the new world. The paternal grandfather was Joseph Jenckes, who on leaving the east removed to Indiana in 1823, making the trip in a closed carriage to Vigo county. He died in Terre Haute a short time after his removal to the west.

Joseph Jenckes, the father of our subject, arrived in Vigo county in 1827. He located in Terre Haute and purchased many acres of choice land in the vicinity of the city. For sometime he made his home on the tract now occupied by Highland Lawn cemetery, which was afterward sold to the city by our subject. Later in life he became cashier of the old State Bank of Terre Haute, his period of banking activity extending from 1849 until 1852. He then retired to his country place and his remaining

days were largely devoted to agricultural pursuits and the supervision of his invested interests. During the latter years of his life he made his home in Terre Haute where he passed away in 1888, at the age of eighty-five years. He had long survived his wife, who died August 1, 1863, in her fifty-ninth year. In their family were six children, one of whom died in infancy.

Ray G. Jenckes, whose name forms the caption of this review, was reared upon the home farm to his fifteenth year and early became familiar with the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. His preliminary education was acquired in the district schools, while later he studied in Gambier (Ohio) College and in the college at Poughkeepsie, New York. He has had a varied business career and has contributed in substantial measure to the welfare and upbuilding of the city. He served as cashier of a bank for eight years, at one time was engaged in the manufacture of staves and barrels and also for a period carried on general merchandising. A wholesale lumber business has likewise claimed his time and energies and in 1873 he purchased an interest in the Hudnut Hominy Mills, with which he has since been connected, covering a period of thirty-five years. His business has constantly increased, becoming an important productive industry of the city and Mr. Jenckes has become well known in this line of manufacture, serving at the present time as a member of the executive board of the American Hominy Company. He is also largely interested in agricultural pursuits and owns four large farms in this vicinity, from which he derives a good rental. One of these properties is located in Otter Creek township, Vigo county, another at Numa, Parke county, Indiana, a third about ten miles west in Clark county, Illinois, and the fourth in the Country Club. He also owns the Terre Haute Country Club grounds, the land which is thus utilized having been in possession of the Jenckes family since 1836. Mr. Jenckes is also interested in two grain elevators and the foregoing will indicate him to be a man of ready resource and unflagging enterprise, who by carefully directed labor has met with gratifying success. In his business affairs he seems to look beyond the exigencies of the moment to the possibilities of the future and to rate correctly the chances for successes and the possibilities of failure. He therefore never makes a mistake in looking for prosperity under conditions that prevent its attainment and at the same time he possesses a spirit of strong purpose and energy that enables him to conquer many obstacles and difficulties and work his way steadily upward to the goal of prosperity.

Mr. Jenckes was married, in 1877, to Miss Grace Floyd, of Keokuk, a native of Terre Haute and a daughter of John G. Floyd, an engineer of the United States army, who came to Terre Haute on official business.





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They had but one child, Grace Louise. Mr. Jenekes is a member of the Fort Harrison Club, with which he has been identified from its organization, and he is also connected with the Country Club. He is a representative of one of the prominent old families of the county, identified with the interests of this section of the state from the period of its earliest development, while his personal attributes of character well entitle him to mention among the valued and representative citizens of this locality.

ALLEN PENCE, M. D.—The sudden death of Dr. Allen Pence, on January 22, 1908, removed from the medical profession of Terre Haute its oldest practicing member, and from the community at large one of its most honorable representatives and its best citizens. Fine physician though he was, he was far more than that; he was a man of broad usefulness, helpful sympathy and openhanded generosity. Locating in Terre Haute on the 4th of July, 1844, Dr. Pence has been not only actively identified with the noble work of his profession for nearly sixty-four years, but with municipal affairs of the community and with the higher activities of benevolence and charity. He was a fine type of the old-time doctor, whose ripening years witnessed an increasing experience in beneficent work and a progressive strength and richness of character.

Dr. Pence was born near Urbana, Ohio, on the 8th of September, 1819. His father, Joseph Pence, was a native of Virginia, coming from German stock, and his mother, Sarah (Rector) Pence, was born in Kentucky, of English parentage. The son spent his boyhood years upon a farm, studied in the country schools, and at the age of sixteen began teaching in Logan county, Illinois. Two influences determined him to study medicine: The inborn love of ministering to the sick, which he inherited from his mother, and an accident which, at the age of six weeks, permanently dislocated his hip, and incapacitated him for manual labor for life. This burden of physical disability turned his attention to all bodily suffering and determined him to devote his life to the alleviation of suffering in others. He therefore began the study of medicine at the age of eighteen, completing the course three years later at Springfield, Illinois, where he made the acquaintance of Abraham Lincoln, whose stories had for him a perpetual charm and for whom, in 1860, he cast his first Republican ballot.

Dr. Pence first located at Danville, Illinois, and thence removed to Terre Haute, in 1844. About a month after his arrival he rented an office at the corner of Second and Ohio streets, and it was in that locality that he passed more than sixty years of his professional life. In 1852 he established a drug store which was conducted in the same building with

his home, and in 1864 he erected what was generally known as Pence Hall, at his old location on Second and Ohio streets. There, for many years in connection with his profession, he carried on a successful drug business. As a medical practitioner, his advancement was rapid and enduring, and hundreds are still living who eagerly subscribe to his skill, human sympathy and splendid qualities of heart and brain. At his death such testimonials came from all parts of the country. One lady from Chicago wrote: "The debt of gratitude I owe Dr. Pence can never be repaid. When I think what an invalid I was when the Doctor commenced treating me and how splendidly well I am now, I can never be thankful enough to him." A leading physician of Arizona wrote: "It was certainly fortunate for me upon my first entrance to the professional and business world that I was thrown into such environment as your family gave me." The Doctor's wide and enduring influence as a member of his profession, made it all the more remarkable that he should have attained such standing in the civic affairs of Terre Haute. He was elected alderman by the Democrats in 1868, and by the Republicans in 1862, serving as city commissioner in 1872, and in all his public service he displayed the same traits of conscientious earnestness and practical ability which marked the conduct of his private affairs.

Dr. Pence was first married in 1846, to Miss Elizabeth Sparks, who died several years later. She had been the mother of two children who died in infancy. On December 26, 1850, he wedded as his second wife, Miss Louise Weinhardt, by whom he had one son, who died at the age of eighteen months. A few weeks before his death Dr. Pence celebrated the fifty-seventh anniversary of his second wedded life, which had been filled with so much honor and happiness.

The deceased was a man of great singleness of purpose, never losing sight of his early ambition to become a good and conscientious physician. His family life was kind and gentle, and he was tolerant of the faults of others, while maintaining a strict standard for his own life. He had an unusually keen sense of humor, with the tenderness, generosity and hospitality which usually accompany it. As a friend and a host he was therefore charming. In his professional capacity he never spared himself, and the night was never too black or cold, or the distance too great, to deter him from cheerfully responding to a sufferer's call. In quite an unobtrusive way, he was a strong force in the upbuilding of the city, and without display or flourish accomplished many acts of charity. Neither can his sympathetic co-operation in the extensive charities of his wife be passed over without high commendation. The deceased was a devout believer in Spiritualism, and for many years Pence's Hall was the center of interest for its supporters. Mrs. Pence and their daughter, Mrs. V. N. Griffith, survive the Doctor.

WALTER C. ELY, the treasurer and general manager of the Highland Iron and Steel Company, of Terre Haute, is a native of Ohio, born at Sylvania, September 23, 1861, a son of Henry C. and Delia Edith (Kent) Ely. Henry C. Ely was born in the state of New York and was descended from ancestors who settled in Massachusetts in colonial days. Mrs. Ely was born in Ohio, near Hiram, and was a classmate at Hiram College, of James A. Garfield, afterward President of the United States. The Kents were among the earliest settlers of the Western Reserve of Ohio.

Walter C. Ely spent the first twenty-one years of his life on a farm, receiving his early educational training in the district schools, after which he became a student in the Raisin Valley Seminary, a Quaker college at Adrian, Michigan, and he completed his education by a course in civil engineering at the Northwestern Ohio Normal University, at Ada, that state. He taught during the year following the completion of his education, during the following five years served as the deputy auditor of Lucas county, Ohio, at Toledo, and in 1889 entered upon a three years' connection with the United States internal revenue service, at Toledo. In 1892 Mr. Ely left the government service to become one of the organizers of the Marion Steel and Iron Company, and erected a rolling mill at Marion, Indiana, of which he took charge and operated as the secretary and treasurer. In 1901 he became treasurer and general manager of the Highland Iron and Steel Company, of Terre Haute.

Mr. Ely married Miss Charlotte, the daughter of Louis Walker, of Waukesha, Wisconsin, and their three children are Walter C., Jr., Delia Katherine and John Huntington. Mr. Ely is a member of the Masonic fraternity, belonging to the Toledo (Ohio) Consistory of the Scottish Rite, and Murat Temple of the Mystic Shrine, at Indianapolis. He also belongs to the Commercial and Young Business Men's clubs.

JAMES C. SAWYER, one of the leading lawyers of Terre Haute, is a member of the substantial firm of Lamb, Beasley & Sawyer. His parents were natives of North Carolina, he himself being a son of the Hoosier state. Mr. Sawyer received his education in Sullivan county, Indiana, attending, among other institutions, the "Old Seminary," at Farmersburg. Well prepared, both by natural aptitude and thorough training, he commenced soon after his graduation to teach school in Sullivan county and the adjoining territory. He was thus occupied for about eight years, and, although he had already become interested in the law, he did not begin his systematic readings until he was a resident of Newport, Vermillion county.

Mr. Sawyer made such good progress in his legal studies that he

was admitted to the bar in January, 1876, at once entering practice at Newport. Within the succeeding twenty years he established a leading practice in that part of the state, and in 1896 he entered a larger professional field by coming to Terre Haute with Judge Rheuby and establishing the firm of Sawyer & Rheuby. A few years later Judge Rheuby returned to Newport, but Mr. Sawyer continued his professional progress until January 1, 1904, and at the date named became a member of the firm of Lamb, Beasley & Sawyer.

Mr. Sawyer has attained a firm standing as a thorough, conservative and successful lawyer, and is also recognized as one of Terre Haute's most reliable and progressive citizens. He is an active member of the Commercial Club, and stands high among the fraternal orders of Masons and Elks. His wife was formerly Miss Mintie Harvey, of Newport.

JAMES WESLEY LANDRUM, a prominent educator and business man, has for many years been closely identified with the coal operating interests of this part of Indiana and is now the secretary, treasurer and general manager of the Terre Haute Coal and Lime Company. The president of this company is J. Smith Talley, and the vice president William E. Eppert, two of the prominent business men of Terre Haute. From 1893 to 1907 Mr. Landrum was also secretary of the Coal Bluff Mining Company, another of the important industries of Terre Haute.

He was born in Eminence, Morgan county, Indiana, May 6, 1855, to William R. and Margaret (Rhea) Landrum, who came from their native state of Tennessee to Indiana, in 1854. After graduating in the Terre Haute high school with the class of 1874 James W. Landrum taught for eight years, one year in the country and seven years in the city schools, and during this time he served two years as principal of the Fourth District school of this city, from which he was transferred to the principalship of the Seventh District school. After another three years he gave up a professional for a business life, and during the following five years held a responsible position in the office of the Vandalia Railroad Company. In 1887 the Terre Haute Coal and Lime Company was organized with Mr. Landrum as its manager, but in later years his duties with this company have so far increased until he is now its secretary and treasurer as well, and from 1892 until 1907 he was also secretary of the Coal Bluff Mining Company. During the years of 1882-3-4 Mr. Landrum was a member of the Terre Haute city school board, serving during the first year as secretary of the board, during the second as treasurer, and during the third year was the president. When the Columbia Club of Terre Haute was organized he was elected its vice president, and in 1889 was chosen the president. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, Young



Business Men's Club and Commercial Club. He holds membership in Centenary Methodist Episcopal church and is superintendent of Liberty Avenue Methodist Episcopal Sunday school. He is a charter member of Young Men's Christian Association and a member of its board of directors since its organization, and also a director of the state Young Men's Christian Association board.

On the 17th of February, 1878, Mr. Landrum was married to Kate, a daughter of James M. and Mary (Scantline) Tolbert. Mrs. Landrum graduated from the high school in the same class with her husband. Their eldest son and child, Robert Dallis, born in 1882, graduated from the high school and the Rose Polytechnic Institute, and from 1904 to 1907 was chemist for the Columbian Enameling and Stamping Works, Terre Haute. He was then made the assistant professor in chemistry of the Kansas University at Lawrence, that state. Margaret, the eldest daughter, born February 12, 1885, is a graduate of the Terre Haute high school, the DePauw University and the Indiana State Normal. She taught in the Booneville high school during the school year of 1905-6, and in September, 1907, was elected an assistant teacher in Latin in the Terre Haute city schools. Ruth, born December 16, 1891, is a member of the senior class of the high school.

JAMES N. HICKMAN, who is meeting with success in the undertaking business in Terre Haute, has been thus engaged since 1891, and in 1895 erected his present building at Nos. 1210 and 1212 Wabash avenue. His life record began in Floyd county, Indiana, October 6, 1849, his parents being Preston and Sarah (Ross) Hickman, who were also natives of Floyd county, this state. The paternal grandfather, James Hickman, was born in Virginia, and after residing for some time in Kentucky, came to Indiana, where he lived until after his children had attained adult age, when he returned to the Old Dominion and there passed the evening of his life. Preston Hickman became a farmer by occupation and upon the home farm James N. Hickman was reared, early becoming familiar with all the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. He continued to assist his father until twenty-one years of age, but, thinking to find other pursuits more congenial, he then left home. He gained a fair education in the schools of New Albany, Indiana, and received a teacher's certificate in his native county, after which he engaged in teaching in the district schools for several terms. He also followed the profession in the town of Palmyra, Indiana, and later took up merchandising, which he followed in Palmyra until 1877.

That year witnessed the removal of Mr. Hickman to Terre Haute, where he engaged in the sewing machine business and was general agent

for the White sewing machine in ten counties. He was thus associated with commercial activity until 1895, but in 1891 had entered the undertaking business and since 1895 has given his undivided attention to this line. It was in that year that he erected a fine business block at Nos. 1210 and 1212 Wabash avenue, here carrying on business very successfully.

In 1880 Mr. Hickman was united in marriage to Miss Maggie Hancock, a native of Harrison county, Indiana, and unto them have been born two children: Harley E., who is associated with his father in business, married Hallie Sherwood and has one child, Charles Sherwood Hickman; and Raymond N. Both father and son graduated from Barnes' College of Embalming of Chicago, and from the Massachusetts College of Embalming of Boston, and are licensed embalmers of the state of Indiana. Mr. Hickman belongs to the subordinate lodge and the encampment of the Odd Fellows' Society, and has attained the Royal Arch degree in Masonry. A pleasing personality has gained him many friends and he is much esteemed in Terre Haute, where he has now resided for more than three decades.

JOSEPH G. ELDER.—The life record of Joseph G. Elder is another illustration of the fact that in America opportunity is unhampered by caste or class. The great majority of the business men who are today enjoying success and prominence in their respective communities are those, who without special advantages at the outset of their career, have worked their way upward through the force of their character and utilization of advantages which surround the great majority of mankind. Mr. Elder, conducting a prosperous business as a real estate and insurance agent in Terre Haute, is a native of Pennsylvania, his birth having occurred in Bedford county, February 22, 1852. He is a son of John and Louisa (Vickroy) Elder. His ancestors settled in Pennsylvania during the colonial period in American history, several generations having lived in Bedford county.

The great-grandfather of Joseph G. Elder came originally from Scotland and established his home upon a farm of one hundred and ninety acres, which he entered in Bedford county and which is still in possession of his descendants, it having passed from family to family.

Joseph G. Elder lost his father when only eighteen months of age. He was about twenty years of age when he accompanied his mother to Terre Haute, Mrs. Elder remaining a resident of this city until her death in 1904, at the age of seventy-eight. In this city the son first secured employment in the planing mill of which James Hook was proprietor. He remained there eight years: the mill was destroyed by fire in 1880. Sub-



*Joseph S. Elder*



sequently Mr. Elder became manager of a large farm in Kansas owned by W. R. McKeen, of Terre Haute. He resided there for two years, after which he returned to Terre Haute and became superintendent of the Terre Haute Street Railway Company, in which position he served for three years, or until the motive power of the system was changed to electricity. He then accepted a position in the real estate and insurance office of I. H. Royse, where he continued for six years and then became engaged in business as a partner of John Foulkes. In 1894 he became secretary of the Wabash Savings, Loan and Building Association and has since been a leader in its development, which has grown under his management to the largest in western Indiana and fourth in size in the state, its deposits being \$574,000.00 in 1907, the stock in force being \$3,000,000.00. He has at the same time maintained a real estate and insurance business. The transactions of the former have grown to over \$200,000.00 per year. He is now operating along these lines and is well known in connection with property interests of the city.

Mr. Elder was married to Margaret M. Miller, a daughter of Daniel Miller, one of the old-time and respected business men of Terre Haute. They have one daughter, Mallie B.

Mr. Elder belongs to the Commercial Club, to the Young Business Men's Club and to both the subordinate and uniform rank of the Knights of Pythias. He and his wife have many friends in the city and hospitality of many of the best homes is freely accorded them. He has gradually advanced in the business world, owing to the fact that he has made himself a useful factor in business circles, manifesting at all times a capability that has been supplemented by the most thorough trustworthiness.

L. J. WILLIEN, M. D., holds high rank among the physicians and surgeons of Indiana. He has practiced his profession in Terre Haute since 1872, and his strict conformity to a high standard of professional ethics, combined with his recognized skill and ability has won him the approval and respect of his professional brethren as well as of the general public, which accords him a liberal patronage. A native of Alsace, France, he acquired a liberal literary education, and then took up the study of medicine, the degree of Doctor of Medicine being conferred upon him in 1863 by the Strasburg Medical Faculty.

Upon coming to the United States Dr. Willien first practiced medicine in Jasper county, Illinois, in 1864, and received his degree of Doctor of Medicine from St. Louis Medical College in 1867, and two years later removed to Effingham, Illinois, where he resided until coming to Terre Haute in 1872. During his thirty-six years in which he has been connected

with the medical profession of this city he has been one of its most active practitioners, from the beginning enjoying a liberal patronage, which has extended beyond Terre Haute and the vicinity to other cities. He established St. Anthony's Hospital at Terre Haute, being the one who leased the first building at the northeast corner of Second and Mulberry streets, and brought the sisters here, and has been longer and more closely associated with the hospital than any other physician in the city. For many years he was pension examiner, and for thirty-five years physician to St. Mary-of-the-Woods. While many years have passed since he became an active practitioner he has at all times kept abreast with the progress that has been made by the medical fraternity. He has also advanced in the profession in touch with various societies for the dissemination of scientific knowledge. He belongs to the Vigo County Medical Society, the Indiana Medical Society, the Aesculapian Medical Society of Wabash Valley and the American Medical Association.

In religious faith Dr. Willien adheres with fidelity to the teachings of the Catholic church. In political matters he has never been active, devoting his time and attention to his profession, yet he is not remiss in the duties of citizenship, and at all times favors progress and improvement. In manner he is kind and courteous, firm in his convictions and true and faithful in his friendships.

JOSEPH H. HAUCK, M. D.—One of the able and well known physicians of Terre Haute is Dr. J. H. Hauck, who was born at Harmony, Clay county, Indiana, March 15, 1874. When he was but two years of age his father, G. C. Hauck, established the family home in Terre Haute, and here the little son was reared and received a high school training as well as instruction in a business college for a short time. His first employment was as a clerk in a wholesale notion house, but after four years of business life he left the store to begin the preparation for his future life work as a practitioner of medicine, studying under Dr. J. H. Baldridge as his preceptor for two years, and he then entered the Eclectic Medical Institute of Cincinnati and graduated in 1899. He at once began practice in his home city, Terre Haute. Dr. Hauck is a member of the Eclectic Medical societies of Vigo and Sullivan counties, and of the State and National Eclectic Medical societies. His fraternal relations are with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Maccabees, and he is a member of the Methodist church. Dr. Hauck has hewed his own pathway to prominence in the professional life of Terre Haute.

WILLARD E. MCJOHNSTON, M. D., one of the old-school physicians of Terre Haute, has now practically retired from the profession and is devoting his entire time to his large drug trade. He was born on a farm in Vanderburg county, Indiana, September 24, 1852, a son of Edwin and Ann (Hilliard) McJohnston. Edwin McJohnston was born in Vanderburg county, this state, and became a local Methodist minister in Evansville, as well as a successful merchant and farmer. He was born September 3, 1823, and died November 27, 1894, his life's span covering seventy-one years.

Dr. Willard E. McJohnston was a boy of thirteen when his father moved to Evansville, and there he completed his literary education and worked in his father's grocery and meat market. But after the business was sold the son worked at the carpenter's trade for some six or seven years, and from that occupation entered upon the study of medicine under the preceptorship of Dr. C. P. Bacon, with whom he studied for about two years. In 1874-5-6 he attended the Evansville Medical College, and from the spring of 1876 until the fall of 1878 practiced his profession at Youngstown, having practiced there two and a half years before his graduation, 1879. In the fall of 1882 Dr. McJohnston entered the Chicago College of Pharmacy, and after a one year's course there he secured the position of pharmacist in North, Illinois. Two years later he resigned that position to become a druggist in Evansville, where he was engaged in business from March, 1885, until September, 1893. It was at the close of that period that he came to Terre Haute and resumed his drug business. After one year he bought where his present store now is, at 1401 South Third street, but in August, 1896, sold his stock and leased the building, and during the following three years Dr. McJohnston engaged actively in the practice of medicine in Terre Haute. In June, 1899, the store and its contents were burned, but in the fall of 1899 he rebuilt his store and again became a druggist. He has now practically retired from the medical profession and gives his time exclusively to his large drug trade. He is a member of the Vigo County Medical Society, the Indiana State Medical Society and the Pharmaceutical Society. Dr. McJohnston married, October 7, 1880, Rena St. Clair, of Youngstown, Indiana.

SAMUEL VALENTINE RAMSEY, D. V. S., the leading veterinary surgeon of Terre Haute, is at the head of one of the largest and best equipped veterinary hospitals in Indiana, located at northeast corner of Third and Poplar streets. He was born in New York city, February 8, 1860, and was reared in that city to the age of twelve years. When but a boy of eight he was left fatherless. When he had reached his

twelfth year he was sent by the Children's Aid Society of New York to Champaign county, Illinois, where he worked for wages on a farm during the following six years. He was then eighteen, and having developed a fitness and fondness for veterinary surgery he turned his attention to that line of work in Champaign county, and about nine years afterward he became a student in the Chicago Veterinary College and graduated in March, 1889. From that time until 1897, Dr. Ramsey practiced his profession in Tuscola, Illinois, and from there came to Terre Haute and entered upon a career which has been extremely satisfactory and has placed him in the lead in his special line of work. After seven years of practice his hospital was enlarged and better equipped, and in 1904 his present hospital building, the largest and best equipped in Indiana, was built and furnished with all modern improvements. In connection he has a canine and feline department, a building fifteen by sixty feet, with operating rooms and kennels, all of which are well ventilated. Dr. Ramsey has hewed his own pathway to success, and is a man of liberal views and public spirit.

He married, in 1881, Mary Muns, of Parkville, Champaign county, Illinois, and they have four children: Samuel Vern, Lola, Nettie and Sylvia, and an adopted daughter, Edna. The Doctor is a Republican politically, and is a member of the Knights of Pythias and the Order of Red Men.

JAMES E. ELLIOTT, M. D., holds and merits a place among Terre Haute's well known physicians. He is also the son of an eminent medical practitioner of Indiana, Dr. Thomas A. Elliott, who was a native of Clay county, Indiana, and a graduate of the University of Tennessee. He practiced for about twenty-seven years at Poland, Indiana, and rose to high rank in his profession. He died on the 16th of June, 1907, his life's span having covered fifty-six years. He had married Annie B. Collier, who survives him, and unto the union were born five children. The first born, Harry, is a member of the profession at Poland, the successor of his father's large practice, and a graduate of the Indiana Medical College in 1904, graduating in the same class with his brother, Dr. James E. Elliott.

It was in his native, city of Poland, where he was born July 20, 1882, that Dr. James E. Elliott attained to manhood's estate and received in the main his literary education. He attended the Indiana Medical College at Indianapolis four years and received his degree in 1904. In May of that year he came from there to Terre Haute, and for one year was an interne at St. Anthony's Hospital. Since then he has been engaged in the active general practice of his profession. He is a member







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of the Vigo County Medical Society and of the Esculapian Medical Society of the Wabash Valley, and has fraternal relations with the Knights of Pythias.

In 1906 Dr. Elliott married Miss Kathryne Dietz, of Terre Haute. He is a Democrat and a member of the Presbyterian church.

EDWARD E. LAWRENCE.—A leading citizen of Terre Haute for over a quarter of a century, the gentleman whose name heads this sketch is the present assessor of Vigo county, as well as president and general manager of the Terre Haute Laundry Company. He is a native of Clark county, Illinois, where he was born in 1844, and is a son of James and Sarah A. (Handy) Lawrence. The father was a native of Massachusetts, a graduate of Andover College and a civil engineer by profession, while his mother, who was an Illinois woman, taught school for many years in her native state. In 1840, while a young man and early in his professional career, James Lawrence came to the state of Illinois, and soon afterward was employed on the survey of what was then known as the "Brough" line, now the Vandalia Railroad. As one of the party who made the preliminary survey, he walked from Terre Haute to the Mississippi river, bearing a compass and level, and later assisted in securing the right-of-way for the road.

Notwithstanding his youth, during a portion of the Civil war Edward E. Lawrence served in the provost marshal's office, being stationed at Marshall, Illinois. Later he entered the ranks and served for about seven months, re-enlisting in 1865 and continuing in the faithful discharge of his duties as a private until the close of the Rebellion. After the war he returned to Marshall, where he filled various clerical positions until he became a resident of Terre Haute in 1868. His first employment in this city was as manager of a boarding house and wagon yard, and after being thus engaged for two years he learned the baker's trade, subsequently engaging successfully in the business. He conducted a bakery and confectionery, on an expanding and profitable basis, from 1870 to 1894, when he sold the combined business and established the Terre Haute Laundry Company, later incorporated under the name of the Terre Haute Laundry and Dyeing Company. This is now one of the most substantial institutions in the city. Mr. Lawrence efficiently served as assessor of Vigo county from 1900 to 1906, and in the latter year was re-elected for a term of four years. These facts speak without comment.

In 1868 Mr. Lawrence was united in marriage with Elizabeth White, of Terre Haute, and they have become the parents of two sons—Fred J., who is vice president and foreman of the company named, and M. Roy, who is its secretary and treasurer. The mother died in 1888,

and in 1892 Mr. Lawrence married Miss Mary H. Hedges, also of Terre Haute. Mr. Lawrence is an active member of the State Laundry Association, and, as a fraternalist, is identified with the Masonic order and the Grand Army of the Republic. As a business man, a social factor in the community and a citizen and public servant, he is in every way an honor to himself, his family and his city.

CHARLES H. GOLDSMITH is today the oldest commission merchant in years of continuous connection with this line of business in Terre Haute, having, since 1877, been a representative of this department of commercial activity, while for fifteen years he has been at his present location, No. 934 Wabash avenue. A native of Rochester, New York, he was born January 30, 1847, and resided in the Empire State until seventeen years of age, when he began railroading. For thirteen years he was connected with the railroad service and on the 4th of September, 1867, arrived in Indianapolis. For a number of years thereafter he was brakeman on the Terre Haute & Indianapolis, now the Vandalia line, so continuing until 1869, when he became connected with the San Francisco line as conductor of a freight train on the eastern division. Later he was with the Indianapolis & St. Louis Railroad and resigned on the 16th of October, 1877, to engage in his present business. For almost thirty-one years he has been numbered among the commission merchants of Terre Haute and is today the oldest representative of this department of trade. For sixteen years he was located at No. 29 North Fourth street, after which he leased his present property at No. 934 Wabash avenue, being now the owner of the building. He started in a small way as a retail dealer in feed and country produce and later extended the scope of his business by adding fruits. He has resided in Terre Haute continuously since 1875 and has been successfully carrying on business as a commission merchant since 1877.

On the 4th of March, 1869, Mr. Goldsmith was married to Miss Lizzie A. Young and unto them were born three sons: Charles H., Fred C. and Arthur F. The wife and mother died in 1879 and Mr. Goldsmith afterward wedded Miss Mattie E. Sparks, by whom he has one daughter, Eleanor, now the wife of Dr. J. C. Bohm, of Terre Haute. Fraternally he is prominent as a Mason, having attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite, and he is also connected with the Elks. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the First Methodist Episcopal church. He is a man generous in spirit, kindly in disposition, progressive in business and in citizenship. During the long years of his residence in Terre Haute he has never selfishly concentrated his energies upon his private interests, but has found time and opportunity for co-

operation in public affairs which have been directly beneficial to the city. The high position which he occupies in the regard of his fellow men is the merited tribute to his personal worth and the honorable principles which have actuated him in every relation of life.

CLARENCE R. LABIER, M. D., a practicing physician of Terre Haute, was born in Vernon county, Missouri, February 6, 1873. He was reared in Nevada, of that county, and graduated from its high school, completing his literary training in Battle Creek College, of Battle Creek, Michigan, where he graduated with the class of 1895. He was then well prepared to enter upon the study of medicine, having determined to make its practice his life work, and accordingly matriculated in the medical department of the Michigan University at Ann Arbor. After spending two years in that well known institution he entered the Barnes Medical College of St. Louis, Missouri, and graduated in 1898. For two years thereafter Dr. LaBier was numbered among the medical practitioners of that city, and from there came to Terre Haute in September of 1899, and has since been actively engaged in practice here. In 1905 he pursued a course and graduated in the Post-Graduate College of Physicians and Surgeons, Chicago. He is a member of the Vigo County, the Indiana State and the American Medical Associations, and is a member of the staff of physicians and surgeons of Union Hospital. Fraternally he is a member of the Uniform Rank Knights of Pythias, No. 3, Occidental Lodge No. 18, Knights of Pythias, the Maccabees, Red Men, Ancient Order of United Workmen, Fraternal Aid Association and the Security Casualty Company. He gives his political support to the Republican party.

Dr. LaBier married, in 1898, Lilly M. Tressel, and they have one son, Clarence Russell. Dr. LaBier is a member of the Young Business Men's Club of Terre Haute. He is a Presbyterian in his religious faith.

PETER M. FOLEY, a well known member of the Vigo county bar and a leading citizen of Terre Haute, was born at North Vernon, Jennings county, Indiana, in 1863. He pursued his education in the common and high schools, passing through consecutive grades, and after completing his studies he entered upon man's work in a clerical position in Washington City, to which he was appointed in 1884. While in the service of the federal government he took up the study of law, which he pursued in Columbian College of Law, Washington, D. C., and when he became thoroughly equipped for the profession he began practice in Terre Haute, joining his brother, Thomas A., in a partnership in 1886. Two years later his brother died and Peter M. Foley was afterward,

for a number of years, associated with his brother, Joseph C., in the practice of law. In 1903 he formed a partnership with Samuel D. Royse, under the firm name of Foley & Royse. He has enjoyed a good clientage since becoming connected with the legal profession here and is recognized as an able lawyer, who neglects not that laborious work of the office which must always precede the forceful presentation of a cause before the courts. His devotion to his clients' interests is proverbial, and his understanding of legal principles is comprehensive and exact. His ability is such as to win for him a distinctively representative clientage and he is justly accounted one of the strong members of the legal profession in Terre Haute.

Mr. Foley is also well known in political circles in this part of the state. In May, 1892, he was appointed city attorney, which office he filled acceptably until October, 1894, and was again selected city attorney in May, 1898, to September, 1904, and during that time the city forced the opening of Ohio street across the Evansville & Terre Haute Railroad. This, among many other important matters, was taken up during his service. In fact during his incumbency he conducted some very important and complicated litigation, in which the city was involved. A stalwart advocate of the Democracy, he has served as county chairman of the Democratic party, and in the campaign of 1908 is serving as county chairman of the fifth congressional district. He is a man of many excellent qualities, of strong force of character, who has won warm friendships and kindly regard among those with whom he has been associated in his profession, in his political work and in social relations. He is now the Democratic district chairman of the fifth congressional district.

JUDGE SAMUEL C. STIMSON, who for ten years sat upon the superior bench of Indiana and is regarded as one of the most distinguished representatives of the legal fraternity in Terre Haute, was born in Noblesville, Indiana, May 9, 1846. He is a son of the Rev. William N. Stimson, whose birth occurred in Worcester, New York, and who, devoting his life to Christian work, became a home missionary of the Presbyterian church, in which capacity he removed to Indiana in 1835, during its pioneer epoch, establishing a mission at Noblesville. He continued in active connection with the church in this state for many years, having charges at Franklin, Thorntown, Lebanon and other Indiana towns. In 1888 he removed to Portland, Oregon, where he died in 1903, at the very venerable age of ninety-six years. Thus closed a life of great activity and usefulness, in which his influence was of an extended order, while his memory remained as a blessed benediction to all who knew

him. He was married in early manhood to Miss Mary Wilson Johnson, who was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, and died in 1848.

Judge Stimson pursued his more advanced education in Wabash College, of which institution he is now a trustee and holds an honorary degree from the college. He prepared for the profession of law as a student in the law department of the University of Michigan, from which he was graduated in 1872. He read law while teaching in a seminary in Crawfordsville and also in the offices of Richard Dunnegan and Samuel Royse in Terre Haute. Since his admission to the bar in 1872 he has been continuously and actively connected with the profession and in a calling where advancement depends entirely upon individual merit, has gained more than local distinction. During the first ten years of his practice he was in partnership with his former preceptor, Mr. Dunnegan, and afterward was a member of different leading law firms until 1907, when the firm of Stimson and Tilley was formed, Judge Stimson being joined by Louis F. Tilley, one of Terre Haute's leading young attorneys. On the 1st of November, 1897, Judge Stimson was appointed to the bench of the superior court to fill a vacancy and was elected to that office in 1898 and again in 1902. His decisions indicate strong mentality, careful analysis, a thorough knowledge of the law and an unbiased judgment. The successful lawyer and the competent jurist must be a man of well balanced intellect, thoroughly familiar with the law and practice, of comprehensive general mind, clear in reasoning and possessing a self-control that will enable him to lose his individuality, his personal feelings, his prejudices and his peculiarities of disposition in the dignity, impartiality and equity of the office to which life, property, right and liberty must look for protection. Possessing these qualities, Judge Stimson justly merits the high honor which was conferred upon him by his elevation to the court. He is a member of the State Bar Association and was a delegate to the National Bar Association at the convention held in Indianapolis.

Judge Stimson was married in 1873 to Miss Maggie C. Allen, a daughter of the Rev. A. C. Allen, of Indianapolis, who served as chaplain of Gen. Benjamin Harrison's regiment during the Civil war. The Rev. Allen was the first graduate of Wabash College and became well known in church circles. In 1893 Judge Stimson was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, who died, leaving one son, James Cameron Stimson, now one of Terre Haute's most successful real estate men. The Judge's second marriage was to Miss Stella C. Courtright, a daughter of the Rev. Calvin Courtright, a minister of the Presbyterian church, now residing in Oakland, California. There are two children of this marriage: Margaret Elizabeth and Stuart Courtright. Judge Stimson

having spent his entire life in Indiana is well known throughout the state, and wherever known is honored and respected by reason of his personal attributes as well as his professional attainments. His life has been varied in service, constant in honor, fearless in conduct and stainless in reputation.

FRANTZ BROGNIÉZ, superintendent, brewmaster, and a director of the People's Brewing Company, of Terre Haute, is a member of a family who have been brewers of beer for generations, his father, grandfather and great-grandfather having been expert brewers, and it was under his father's able instructions that he learned the business. He was born at Baume, Belgium, October 26, 1860, and his educational training embraced a course in the arts and sciences at the University of Louvain. In 1884 he established a brewery at Lichterville, Belgium, and in connection with this brewery was a school or scientific institute for teaching the art of brewing, and this institution has since become quite famous.

In August, of 1896, Mr. Brogniez left his native land for the United States and located in Detroit, Michigan, where he at once began the erection of the brewery now owned by the Tivoli Brewing Company. The buildings were completed and put in operation in the spring of 1897, and the brewery was afterward enlarged and is now one of the largest establishments of its kind in Detroit. But after severing his connection with the Tivoli Brewing Company in April, 1904, Mr. Brogniez came in the following December to Terre Haute to take charge of the erection of the People's Brewing Company's plant, which was completed under his supervision and along his ideas. The first brew was made on the 18th of May, 1905, and the first beer delivered to customers on the 31st of July following. The capacity of the plant at first was twenty-five thousand barrels annually, but it was not long before the company began to increase the capacity and it now has an output of thirty-six thousand barrels annually. It is one of the largest plants of its kind in this part of the state.

Mr. Brogniez was married at Detroit, Michigan, to Alida Grymonprez, who died in 1903, after becoming the mother of a son and daughter, Frank and Alida. He afterward married in that city, her sister, Alice, and they have one son, Fernand, who was born in Terre Haute. Mr. Brogniez is a member of the Masons, Elks, Eagles, the German Club and the Young Business Men's Club.

CHARLES GERSTMAYER, M. D., whose life work is of large benefit to his fellow men has, in the practice of medicine and surgery, given proof of his marked ability and his thorough understanding of the principles





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of the medical science. He is well known as a successful practitioner of Terre Haute and one who in his chosen profession displays close adherence to a high standard of professional ethics. A native of Germany, he was born in Mayence, on the 30th of January, 1844, his parents being August and Elizabeth Braum Gerstmeyer. The father was a well known and leading physician of Terre Haute for many years. He had qualified for the profession and had practiced in his native land before emigrating to the new world. Upon coming to the United States in 1852 he located at Richmond, Indiana, where he engaged in practice until 1861, when he removed to Terre Haute, spending his remaining days in this city, his death occurring in 1882, when he was seventy-one years of age. His wife passed away in 1876, at the age of sixty-six years.

Dr. Charles Gerstmeyer largely spent his youth in Richmond, Indiana, where he pursued his education in private schools. He also took up the study of medicine there and after reading under the direction of his father for a time, entered the Ohio Medical College, from which he was graduated in 1867. Since that time he has continuously practiced his profession with success and has gained recognition of his ability in a wide patronage. He was one of the organizers of the Vigo Medical Society and has always believed in maintaining a high standard of efficiency among the representatives of the medical fraternity.

FRANK PROX.—One of the largest and best known enterprises of Terre Haute is the Frank Prox Company, and its president and executive head is a native son of Germany, born in Papenburg, Province of Hanover, May 18, 1840, a son of Carl Prox. He received a military training in his native land and served in the Hanover army. At an early age he also learned the coppersmith's trade, and continued its work in Germany until his emigration to the United States in 1866. For a time after his arrival in this country he worked at his trade in Cincinnati, Ohio, and from there, in 1869, came to Terre Haute and accepted the position of foreman at the McGregor distillery, then the property of Herman Hulman, and thus he continued for six years. In 1875 Mr. Prox formed a partnership with D. W. Watson in the gas fitting, coppersmithing and plumbing business, the firm name becoming Watson & Prox, but two years later the junior member withdrew to engage in the same line of business for himself at 677 Main street. His business soon grew to such dimensions as to require larger quarters, and he erected buildings at Nos. 17, 19, 21, 23 and 25 North Ninth street, where Hulman & Company later erected their large wholesale establishment. The business continued to grow so rapidly that still larger quarters were required, and forming a partnership with W. R. McKeen and John F. Brinkman,

under the firm name of The Prox & Brinkman Manufacturing Company, they purchased the Phoenix Foundry and Machine Company in 1890, erecting an additional number of large buildings, which occupy a solid block on North Ninth street, from numbers 201 to 234, inclusive. May 16, 1905, John F. Brinkman retired from the business, and on March 1, 1902, Mr. Frank Prox purchased the stock of W. R. McKeen, thereby becoming sole owner of the entire plant.

June 20, 1905, the Frank Prox Company was organized, with Mr. Frank Prox as president; Herman C. Prox, vice president and general manager, and J. Edward Schoemehl, secretary. The company manufacture steam and hot water heating boilers and mining machinery, are also jobbers in mill, mine, plumbing, steam and gas fitters' supplies, and do a large volume of business and employ many workmen, the majority of whom are skilled mechanics. Mr. Prox is himself an inventor of some note, and among other things he has invented steam and hot water heating appliances of great value.

He married, October 6, 1868, at Cincinnati, Ohio, Agnes Middendorf, who came from her native land of Germany to the United States when a child with her parents, and they established their home in that city. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Prox are Herman, the vice president and general manager of the Frank Prox Company; Anton, a member of the firm of Prox & Burget Company, plumbers, etc., of Terre Haute; Theodore, who died at the age of thirty-one years, and Frank, who died in his infancy, eighteen months old. The family are members of the Catholic church, and Mr. Prox is a member of St. Francis' Society, Knights of Columbus, Commercial and Manufacturers' clubs.

EDWARD P. FAIRBANKS, a widely known and prominent citizen of Terre Haute, is a native of the city, born January 3, 1850, son of the late Hon. Henry Fairbanks, an early business man of Terre Haute and mayor of the place. He was educated in its public schools and began his business career in railroad business. After having held a number of important positions in this line, he resigned as general freight agent of the Illinois Midland Railroad and retired from that field of activity. Later he became associated with his brother, Crawford Fairbanks, in different business enterprises, and is so engaged at the present time. He married Miss Helen Gray, daughter of Albert Gray, of Terre Haute, and they have one daughter, Helen Pauline Fairbanks.

HENRY C. STEEG.—Among those who have won distinctive prestige in Terre Haute and have contributed to the success of private life and to public stability is Henry C. Steeg, former mayor, president of the

People's Brewing Company and vice president of the Reiman & Steeg Company. He is also one of Indiana's native sons, born on a farm at Greencastle Junction (now Limedale), Putnam county, May 1, 1857, and a representative of a family long and prominently identified with the business affairs of that community. They came from Germany in 1829, the family consisting of the father and children, for the mother had died in her native land, and their first home here was at Frederick City, Maryland, from whence they later removed to Indianapolis, Indiana, where the father followed rope making and finally died there.

William Steeg, his son and the father of Henry C., was born in Baden-Baden, Germany, February 26, 1820, and from Indianapolis he went to North Vernon, Indiana, and worked in the stone quarries in that vicinity. In 1853 he located at Greencastle Junction, Putnam county, Indiana, and engaged in the manufacture of lime as a partner in the firm of Dixon, Butch & Steeg. After a time the interests of Dixon & Butch were purchased by J. W. Fellingner, of Terre Haute, and the firm name then became Steeg & Fellingner, so continuing until Mr. Steeg, in 1874, purchased his partner's interest and continued the business until his death, August 30, 1876. On their farm near Indianapolis he married Emily Langenberger, who was born in Germany in 1832, and she died September 21, 1904, at Greencastle Junction.

Among the other children of the family is Charles E. Steeg, who, born in Putnam county, reared on farm, and educated in the public schools, entered the railroad service, and is a conductor on the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton Railroad, with residence at Indianapolis. David B., another son, is also in the railroad service, being traveling passenger agent for the Pennsylvania Railroad. He began at Limedale as joint agent for the Monon and Vandalia railroads, and his ability and attention to business gained him promotion to his present position. Frank Steeg, another of this family, after leaving the Greencastle high school and a commercial college in Terre Haute, entered the employment of the Vandalia as bill clerk, was later transferred to the St. Louis city office, and is now traveling salesman for a plaster company. Julia C. and Addie C. are residents of Franklin, Indiana, and Martha is the wife of Charles E. Bell, manager of a lumber company at Linton, Indiana.

After attending the common schools and the Roanoke College of Salem, Virginia, where he was a student from 1872 to 1873, Henry C. Steeg secured a position in his father's business at Greencastle Junction, and after his father's death he took charge of the business and continued at the same location until 1885. In the meantime, in 1882, he constructed the first stone pike roads in Putnam county. In 1885 he located in Terre Haute and engaged in general contracting along the line of bridge

building, etc., finally, on the 1st of October, 1887, forming the firm of Reiman & Steeg, his partner being Ernest L. Reiman, and upon their incorporation, in 1891, E. E. Reiman was taken into the firm. This firm deals in all kinds of lime, cement, sewer pipes and building material, and in 1891 the company was incorporated, with E. E. Reiman as president and general manager and Mr. Steeg is the vice president. He was also one of the organizers of the People's Brewing Company in 1904, and in 1906 was made the president of the company. In 1888 he was elected to represent his district in the city council, his term of office continuing until 1890, and in 1898 he was made the mayor of Terre Haute, the highest office within the gift of his fellow citizens, and again elected in 1902 and served until the close of his term, September, 1904. He has attained to the thirty-second degree in Masonry and is a member of the Elks, the Eagles, the Commercial Club, the Young Business Men's Club, the German Club and Red Men.

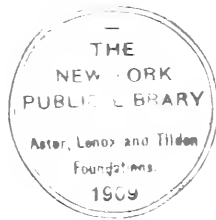
Mr. Steeg married Anna E. Marsh, who was born in St. Louis, Missouri, October 26, 1859, a daughter of Henry Marsh, for years connected with the Vandalia Railroad. Their children are William H., Mabelle L., now the wife of Edward Lammers, of Terre Haute; Paul E. and Ernest R. Paul E. is deceased and William H. is cashier of the People's Brewing Company, Terre Haute.

EDWARD B. COWAN, a leading florist, member-at-large of the city council of Terre Haute, and a representative citizen generally, is a native of the Empire state, born in Orange county on the 23d of June, 1869. His parents, Charles B. and Jane (McCormack) Cowan, were born in Wightonsire, Scotland, where they were married and where one son and two daughters were born. The family came to the United States in March, 1869, and first located in Orange county, where they resided until 1875, when they removed to Terre Haute. Here the father engaged in fruit growing and the dairy business, dying in April, 1892, at the age of fifty-four years. The widow is still living.

Edward B. Cowan was reared and educated in Terre Haute, and in 1882 commenced his career as a florist. He was with John G. Heiml for two years and with the M. A. Hunt Floral Company for a period of nine years. In 1894, as a member of the firm of Cowan Brothers & Company, he engaged in an independent business, with green houses at the corner of Spruce and Twenty-first streets. In 1904 Mr. Cowan was elected as councilman-at-large, and has taken a prominent part in the proceedings of that body. In that capacity he has supported all reformatory and progressive movements, has earnestly sustained necessary municipal improvements, and waged a vigorous fight along these lines, caring



*Edward B. Cowan*





nothing for criticism so long as the best interests of the city were conserved.

Mr. Cowan's wife was formerly Miss Ella M. Daily, born in Parke county, Indiana, and daughter of James Daily. To their union have been born Minnie, Frederick, Katherine and Gladys.

Mr. Cowan is a member of the Commercial and Young Business Men's clubs, and is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias, Ben Hur and Maccabees.

WILLIAM H. BERRY.—The activities of William H. Berry touch many lines, and various interests have profited by his co-operation, his wise counsel and his sound judgment. He is now serving as clerk of Vigo county and is widely known as a leader in Republican circles. He is also prominent in the business life of the city as vice president of the Indiana State Bank, and also as president of the East Side Building and Loan Association, which he assisted in organizing in 1876. His birth occurred in Braxton county, Virginia, now West Virginia, on the 28th of February, 1848. His parents, Washington and Agnes (Cunningham) Berry, were also natives of the Old Dominion and the father devoted his entire life to the occupation of farming.

William H. Berry was born and reared upon the home farm and pursued his education in private schools, for his school days covered a period prior to that in which the free school system had been established in his home locality. In fact he was one of the first to teach free schools, which was organized in his native county. He had not yet attained his majority at that time. In 1870 he left West Virginia and removed to Ohio, where he was in the employ of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company for four years. In 1874 he arrived in Terre Haute, where he entered the service of the Vandalia Railroad Company and for a period of thirty years and forty-five days he was in the employ of the corporation, entering the service as a day laborer and rising by successive stages to the position of general foreman of the car department, his promotions coming to him in recognition of his merit and worth.

In 1902, while still with the Vandalia Company, Mr. Berry was nominated by the Republican party and elected to the office of county clerk. He took charge of the office in 1905 and his administration is giving uniform satisfaction. He has thoroughly systematized the work of the department and demands of all absolute accuracy in executing the duties of the position. Since 1876 he has been associated with the business affairs of Terre Haute, in which year he was one of the organizers of the East Side Building and Loan Association, of which he is now the president. He was also one of the organizers of the Indiana State Bank

of Terre Haute and is now vice president of this institution, which is regarded as one of the strongest moneyed concerns of western Indiana.

Mr. Berry was married in Ohio to Miss Tillie Definbaugh, who was born in Wheeling, West Virginia. They are now the parents of three sons: George L., a druggist of West Terre Haute; Charles H., a machinist in the employ of the Vandalia Railroad Company, and Alvin D., a clerk in the Vandalia car accountant's office. In 1888 Mr. Berry was elected to the Indiana legislature, being nominated without his consent, and in 1896 was again elected to the same position.

In his fraternal relations Mr. Berry is connected with Social Lodge, No. 86, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, of which he is now the treasurer. He also belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, to Ben Hur lodge and to the Commercial Club. His actions during his life have been such as to distinctly entitle him to a place in this publication, and although his career has not been filled with thrilling incidents, probably no biography published in this volume can serve as a better illustration to young men of the power of honesty, integrity, determination and unwearied industry in insuring success.

ALLEN H. DONHAM.—The financial interests of Terre Haute find a worthy representative in Allen H. Donham, treasurer of the Terre Haute Savings Bank, and a man whose enterprise, laudable ambition and stalwart determination stand as salient elements in his life record, while his history illustrates what may be accomplished through the possession of those qualities. He is a son of the late Darius and Mary (Allen) Donham, natives of Ohio and Indiana, respectively. The father was born near New Richmond, in Clermont county, Ohio, in 1819, while the mother's birth occurred in Vermilion county, Indiana, in 1833. The paternal grandfather was William Donham, also a native of Clermont county, whence he removed to Vigo county in 1833. He located in Honey Creek township, where he entered government land and there, in the midst of the wilderness, developed a new farm. Throughout his remaining days he devoted his time and energies to agricultural pursuits and was closely associated with the early improvement and progress of this part of the state. His wife in her maidenhood was Miss Brown. The maternal grandfather of our subject was Joseph Allen, a native of Ireland, and a pioneer of Vermilion county, Indiana.

Darius Donham, coming to this state in his youth, assisted in the arduous task of developing a new farm, experiencing all the hardships and privations which fall to the lot of the pioneer. On attaining manhood he chose as a life work the occupation to which he was reared, and continuously followed farming until 1882, when he removed to Terre

Haute, spending his remaining days—a period of twenty years—in this city. He passed away in 1902, while his wife died in 1897.

Allen H. Donham was reared on the home farm and pursued his education in the district schools and the high school of Terre Haute. He took up his abode in this city in 1878 to read law in the office and under the direction of the firm of Davis & Davis. He afterward continued his studies with Allen & Mack, and was admitted to the bar in 1879. He then opened an office and continued in the practice of his profession until 1893, when he was appointed postmaster of Terre Haute under President Cleveland and served for one term of four years. On his retirement from the office he resumed the practice of law, but in 1902 became treasurer of the Terre Haute Savings Bank, which is the leading savings institution of the city and one of the important banking concerns of the county. This claims his entire attention, leaving him no time for active participation in legal interests as a practitioner.

Pleasantly situated in his home life, Mr. Donham was married to Miss Julia Ball, a daughter of the late William J. Ball, of Terre Haute, and a sister of William C. and Spencer F. Ball of this city. They are well known socially and the hospitality of their pleasant home is greatly enjoyed by their many friends. Mr. Donham is a member of the Commercial Club and in 1892 was chairman of the Democratic central committee. His life has been one of industry and perseverance and his systematic and honorable methods which he has followed have won for him the support and confidence of the citizens of Vigo county. Without the aid of influence or wealth he has risen to a position among the prominent citizens of Terre Haute and his native genius and acquired ability are stepping stones on which he has mounted.

JAMES A. PINSON, M. D., one of the oldest active members of the medical profession of Terre Haute, was born in the village of Tecumseh, Vigo county, Indiana, on the 8th of February, 1837, being the son of Thomas and Mary (Polly) (Ward) Pinson. Aaron Pinson, the paternal grandfather, was a native of North Carolina, whence he migrated to Pike county, Kentucky, and thence to Edgar county, Illinois, locating, in 1829, on a tract of two hundred and forty acres near the present city of Paris. He was the son of Thomas Pinson, a native of England, who came to the United States before the Revolutionary war and settled in North Carolina, where he served the cause of the patriots for four years.

The Doctor's maternal great-grandfather, Jonathian Ward, was also a native of England, who likewise settled in North Carolina at an early date in American history. His son, Elijah M. Ward, the maternal

grandfather, was a native of that state, married Polly Cullins, and afterward removed to White county, Tennessee, where, on August 4, 1810, was born the mother of our subject.

In 1829 the Ward family came to Vigo county, Indiana, the Doctor's mother fording the Wabash river on horseback at the point known as Indian Riffle, two and a half miles from Terre Haute. Her father, the Elijah Ward already mentioned, was the first man to preach what later became known as the Christian faith; but these times were long before the days of Alexander Campbell, the recognized founder of the sect called Christians, or Campbellites. The old gentleman was a preacher of that faith all his life, dying in Fayette township, Vigo county, in 1857.

The father of the Doctor was born in Pike county, Kentucky, on April 22, 1810, and was nineteen years of age when he came to Edgar county, Illinois, with his parents. Thomas Pinson wedded Mary (Polly) Ward on the 24th of March, 1836, the couple at once settling on a farm in Vigo county. The children of this union were as follows: James A., our subject; Elizabeth A., who married Garrett Amis, and now lives in New Goshen, Indiana; Lurany, Mrs. James Lamb, who resides at New Goshen, Indiana; Sarah M., the wife of Fielding C. Nolan, and living in Edgar county, Illinois; Lora A., who died in 1897, at the age of fifty-two years; and Mary A. and Luna D., who died in infancy.

The Doctor obtained a common school education, and in August, 1858, commenced reading medicine in the office of Dr. B. F. Swafford, in Fayette township, this county, where he continued until 1863. On September 5th of that year he was mustered into the Union service as a corporal of Company G, Seventh Regiment, Indiana Cavalry. At one time he was detailed to duty in the medical department, continuing thus until his discharge, on account of ill health, in the latter part of 1864. In 1866 he attended regular lectures at Rush Medical College, Chicago, and then engaged in practice at St. Bernice, Vermilion county, Indiana. In 1872 he graduated from the Indiana Medical College, and the following year located in Edgar county, Illinois. Two years later he settled at New Goshen, Indiana, where he practiced until March, 1878, when he located in Putnam county, Missouri, and was there engaged in professional work for eleven years. In 1889 he returned to Indiana, locating at Clinton. Since 1895 he has been a progressive practitioner of Terre Haute. Dr. Pinson has since established a substantial practice, based upon his ability in his profession and his high honor as a man. In 1902 he was appointed a member of the board of United States pension examiners for Vigo county, and has since served as treasurer of that body. He has also been honored by his old comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, who thrice elected him their post commander, while in

Missouri, and one term in Terre Haute. His identification with Masonry dates from 1866. On March 7, 1861, Dr. Pinson married Miss Diana M. McAdams, a native of Fayette township, Vigo county, born September 26, 1844, and a daughter of Harry G. and Harriet (Mathany) McAdams, old settlers of the county, who came from Kentucky in 1829. The children born to the Doctor and his wife are as follows: Franklin S., born January 18, 1863, who died October 20, 1864; John L., born November 7, 1865, and who died November 27, 1866; Thomas A., born in September, 1868, who is now junior editor of *Atlanta (Ga.) Constitution*; Harriet R., born September 29, 1870, who died May 29, 1885; Mary J., born May 9, 1873, who died October 21, 1874, and Harry M., who was born September 2, 1875, and resides at Mammoth Cave, Kentucky.

HORACE C. PUGH.—Statistics indicate that the great majority of the successful professional and business men of the city are those who have spent their early lives amid rural surroundings. To this class belongs Horace C. Pugh, who today practicing at the Terre Haute bar is accorded a large and distinctively representative clientage that has connected him with much of the important litigation tried in the courts of the district. He was born on a farm in Honey Creek township, this county, September 12, 1854, and is a son of David and Catherine W. (Durham) Pugh, of whom mention is made on another page of this work in connection with the sketch of George Edward Pugh. He is the second of three sons, and in the district schools he began his education, which was further continued as a high school student in Terre Haute. Later he entered DePauw University, from which he was graduated with the class of 1875, and during his college days he became a member of the Greek letter fraternity, the Delta Kappa Epsilon. In 1878 he received an appointment to the pay department of the United States navy, with which he continued until the summer of 1880, when he resigned at Buenos Ayres, South America. While in service he was with the South Atlantic Station and he visited the entire South American coast and not a few towns of interest in the interior. On his way home after leaving the service he traveled northward through Africa, thence to Lisbon, Portugal, Bordeaux, Paris and London. He toured both France and England and saw much of interest in his travels, in fact gaining thereby that culture and general knowledge which only travel can bring.

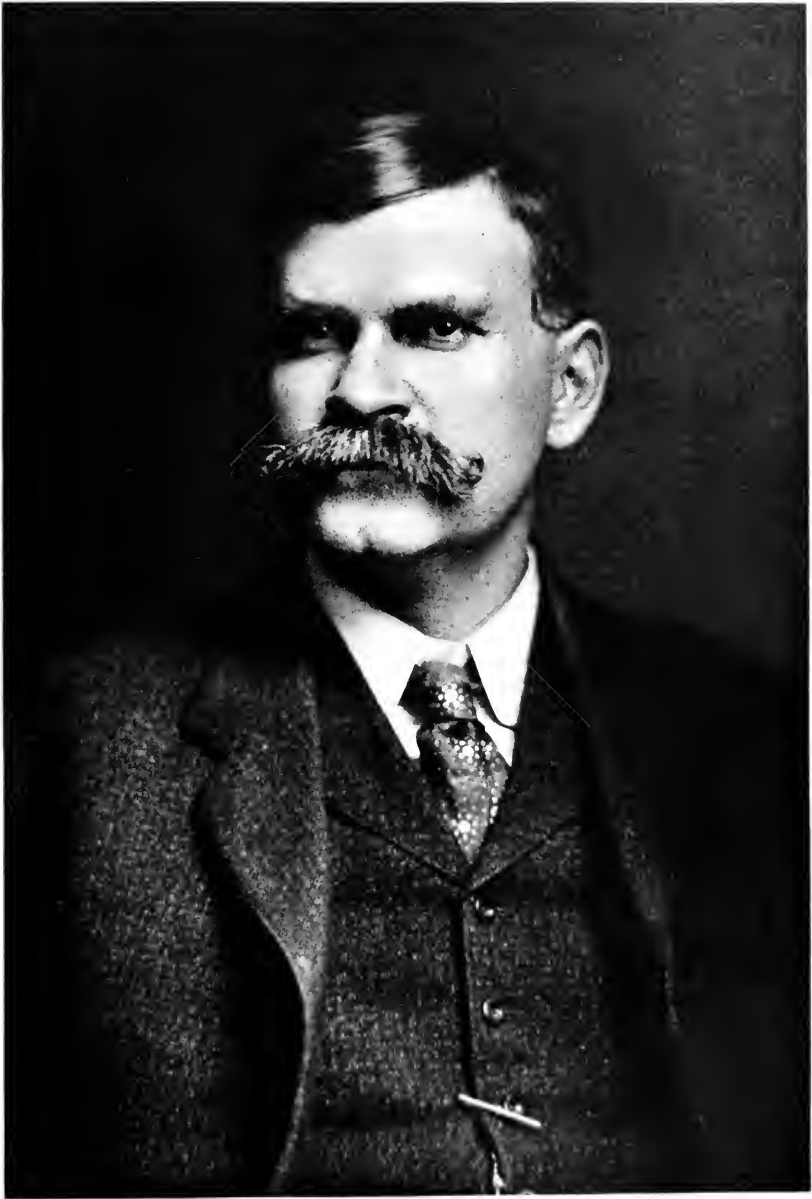
Having read law while in college, upon his return from his service with the navy Mr. Pugh resumed his law reading, and after passing the required examination was admitted to the bar in 1881. He then began

the practice of law in partnership with his brother, George Edward, and continued an active member of the legal fraternity here until 1889, when he was appointed, under the Harrison administration, United States consul to Newcastle, England. He remained there in that capacity for a year and a half and remembers it as a most delightful period in his life, having been fortunate in being received socially by the best families of the locality. While at Newcastle he was promoted in the consular service by being appointed consul to Palermo, Sicily. He was sent there by the United States government to break up the customs frauds that had been allowed to develop under his predecessor, whereby the government was being swindled out of large sums of money annually. Though it was a difficult and arduous task that confronted him, Mr. Pugh succeeded in accomplishing his mission there, and in fact performed his duties so well and ably that he received high commendation from the department of state, and when he shortly afterward tendered his resignation he was offered the important post of consul general of Rome, but declined the honor, owing to his desire to return to his home city and resume the practice of his profession. He devoted altogether four years to the consul service and while stationed at Sicily he utilized the opportunity for extensive travel through Egypt, to the Black sea and on the continent.

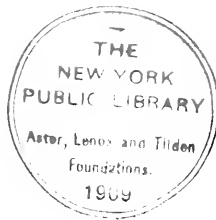
On again becoming a resident of Terre Haute, Mr. Pugh resumed the practice of law, in which he has since continued and has attained a high position in professional ranks in Terre Haute. For six years he was referee in bankruptcy. He is also president of the Terre Haute, Robinson, Oliney & Southwestern Railroad; a director of the William-ville, Greenville & St. Louis Railroad, and a director of the Terre Haute & Danville Traction Company. He is a member of both the Commercial and Young Business Men's clubs and is thus associated with the organized movements for the upbuilding of the city.

Mr. Pugh was married to Miss Mary J., second daughter of W. R. McKeen, of Terre Haute. He is well known in the city both socially and professionally and his personal qualities render him popular, while his close application and ability have gained him distinction in professional and business circles. Courteous, genial, well informed, alert and enterprising, he stands today as one of the leading representative men of his city—a man who is a power in his community.

CHARLES L. HARTENFELS is an example of that class of men who win advancement by reason of inherent force of character, strong determination and laudable ambition. His course has ever been marked by progression and he is today secretary of the Acme Coal & Lime Com-



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pany, of Terre Haute. He is a native of the Buckeye state, his birth having occurred in Mansfield, Ohio. His parents were George J. and Maria (Strater) Hartenfels, natives of Nassau, Germany. The father was born in August, 1826, and is still living, making his home among his children, but the mother, who was born in 1832, passed away in January, 1901. They came to America prior to their marriage but both crossed the Atlantic in the year 1848. The father was a cabinet maker by trade and after his arrival in the United States followed that business in New York city, in Brooklyn and Buffalo, New York, and in other cities. Eventually he located in Mansfield, Ohio, in 1849, and it was there that he wedded Miss Strater. After locating in Mansfield he entered a sash and door factory owned by the late Hon. John Sherman, but sometime afterward withdrew from industrial interests and engaged in farming in Richland county, Ohio, near Mansfield. He was also interested in a large stone quarry and engaged in the sale of its output until he reached his eightieth year. He is yet a most hale and hearty man but has retired from active business to enjoy the evening of his life in well earned rest. He found his success not in any advantageous circumstance, but as the result of industry carefully directed by sound judgment.

While spending his boyhood days under the parental roof Charles L. Hartenfels acquired a public school education and later continued his studies in Ada College, at Ada, Ohio. After leaving college he taught school for one year. From early boyhood he depended largely upon his own resources for a living, being employed at a tender age as messenger boy in the Erie Railroad station in his home city. After completing his year at teaching he removed westward to Iowa and joined a railroad surveying party that worked on the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific line. Subsequently he took a position in the freight and passenger department of the Erie Railroad at Mansfield, Ohio, and in 1889 accepted a position with the Ohio Valley Railroad, at Evansville, Indiana, and for three years was chief clerk in the freight department of that company. In 1892 he was offered the position of bill clerk at Terre Haute with the Evansville & Terre Haute Railroad, but later resigned in order to return to the Ohio Valley Railroad as agent at Evansville. When he left that service he returned to the Evansville & Terre Haute and also represented the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railroad at Terre Haute, continuing as cashier and chief clerk of the two roads until September 1, 1901, when he became general agent, at Terre Haute, of the Southern Indiana Railroad. Through the succeeding five years he represented that corporation, at the end of which time, in 1906, he organized the Acme Coal & LIME Company, of which he became secretary and manager. This is his present business connection and his carefully directed labors have con-

stituted the strong element in the success of the company. He also assisted in the organization of the Indiana State Bank and is a member of its board of directors. A man of resourceful business ability, readily recognizing opportunities, he also assisted in organizing the East Side Building & Loan Association and the Central Building & Loan Association, being now vice president of the former and treasurer of the latter. Whatever he undertakes he carries forward to successful completion, for his strong purpose overcomes all obstacles and difficulties in his path and at the same time conforms strictly to a high standard of business ethics.

Pleasantly situated in his home life, Mr. Hartenfels was married to Miss Susie Louise Fox, who was born in Mansfield, Ohio, a daughter of John and Katherine Marie (Kochheiser) Fox, early residents of Mansfield and natives of Germany. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Hartenfels have been born two children, Carl and Katherine, aged respectively nine and six years. The family are members of the Presbyterian church and Mr. Hartenfels belongs to Euclid Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and to the Royal Arch Chapter in Terre Haute. He is likewise connected with Paul Revere Lodge of the Knights of Pythias and with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and his brethren of these fraternities entertain for him warm regard in recognition of his fidelity to the principles of the order and of the admirable qualities which he displays in every relation of life. While he started out as a messenger boy, he has today attained a creditable position in business circles, with opportunities for further business expansion and consequent success.

JOHN O. PIETY.—The consecutive progress which can be interpreted in no other way than the expression of ability and merit on the part of the individual has characterized the professional career of John O. Piety, a most successful and prominent attorney of Terre Haute, who stands today as the exponent of high ideals in the practice of law. He was born on a farm in Prairie Creek township, Vigo county, Indiana, September 15, 1864, and is a son of J. D. E. and Eliza (Perry) Piety, who were of Scotch-English descent. The paternal grandfather was James Piety, a native of Kentucky, who became one of the earliest residents of Vigo county, settling within its borders in 1818, only two years after the admission of the state into the Union. The city of Terre Haute was in an embryonic condition and the entire countryside was an almost unbroken wilderness, with only here and there a few settlements to show that the work of improvement had been begun. The maternal grandfather, William Perry, was a native of Pennsylvania and became one of the first tanners of Vigo county. The father, J. D. E. Piety, was born

in this county in 1833, and his life record covered the span of years to July, 1906. He long survived his wife, who, like him, was a native of Vigo county and who died in 1887.

During the early boyhood of John O. Piety his parents removed to Clark county, Illinois, where he attended the common schools. Later he continued his studies in the Indiana State Normal at Terre Haute, in 1884, but prior to that year he had engaged in teaching school for a number of years and had devoted his evenings and leisure hours during that period to the study of law. The summer seasons were devoted to reading law in the office of Col. Thomas J. Golden, of Marshall, Illinois, and he was admitted to the bar on examination before the Illinois supreme court in 1889.

Mr. Piety at once located for practice in Terre Haute, where he has since remained, and gradually he has won a place in the foremost rank of the representatives of the legal fraternity of this city. For a time he was in partnership with his brother, James Edward, which connection was continued until the latter was elected judge of the circuit court of Vigo county in 1896. Since that time John O. Piety has practiced alone. He served as city attorney from 1894 until 1896 and has been attorney for the city school board since 1905. He does a general practice in civil law in the courts of Vigo county and surrounding counties in the federal courts, giving but little attention to criminal cases. His devotion to his clients' interests is proverbial, yet he never forgets that he owes a still higher allegiance to the majesty of the law, and in his practice he maintains a high standard of professional ethics, which has won him the thorough respect of his fellow practitioners, who also acknowledge his ability in the presentation of his cause and in the application of legal principles thereto.

Mr. Piety was married to Miss Josephine, the daughter of Joseph Kent, formerly of Terre Haute, but now deceased. They have become parents of a son and daughter, John K. and Jane E. Mr. Piety belongs to the Young Business Men's Club of Terre Haute, while in professional lines he is connected with the State Bar Association. He is devotedly attached to his profession, is systematic and methodical in habit, sober and discreet in judgment, diligent in research and conscientious in the discharge of every duty.

JACOB C. KOLSEM.—One of the most successful business men of Terre Haute is Jacob C. Kolsem. Few men have been more prominently or widely known in this city, and his popularity is well deserved, for he is public spirited and thoroughly interested in whatever tends to promote moral, intellectual and material advancement, and for many years he has been numbered among the city's most valued and honored citizens.

Mr. Kolsem claims Prussia as the land of his nativity, born on the 24th of July, 1849, but since his earliest boyhood days he has been an American citizen, true to its interests and institutions. With their family his parents, Jacob and Catherine (Schnitzler) Kolsem, came to the United States in 1853 and located in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, where the husband and father, an excellent mechanic, spent the remainder of his life and died in 1887. During his youth the son, Jacob, attended the public schools of Pittsburg, and after the completion of his education learned the nail-cutting trade and worked in the factories of Pittsburg until 1868. It was in that year that he came to Terre Haute, first working at his trade for a time, and then learning the cooper's trade followed that for a short time, leaving it to accept a position as salesman in a hat store. In 1884 he became local manager for the clothing firm of H. D. Pixley & Company, and continued in that capacity until in 1894. Throughout the period of his residence in Terre Haute Mr. Kolsem has been prominently identified with its commercial interests, and being a man of excellent business and executive ability has not limited his efforts to one line, but has encouraged many enterprises and promoted the industrial activity of the city by his financial assistance and his advice. He has served as president of the Terre Haute Water Works Company, as vice president and general manager of the Terre Haute District Telegraph Company, as a member of the board of directors of the Building and Loan Savings Association and as treasurer of the Vigo Loan and Savings Association. But perhaps the name of Jacob C. Kolsem is best known throughout Vigo county as the mayor of Terre Haute, for he served two terms in the highest of the offices within the gift of the citizens, and in his administration he was loyal to his duties. For two terms he was also a member of the city council. In the fraternal circles of the city he has reached a high degree in Masonry, being a past eminent commander of Commandery No. 16, Knights Templar, has received the thirty-second degree and is a member of the Mystic Shrine. He is also a past chancellor in the Knights of Pythias Order, Occidental Lodge, No. 18. In politics he is a Democrat.

Mr. Kolsem married, in May, 1874, Mary F. Stakeman, who was born in Terre Haute, of German parentage, and they have six children; Charles J., John H., Anna, Eva, Francis and Agnes.

WILSON NAYLOR.—Although many of Terre Haute's residents antedate the arrival of Wilson Naylor, there are few if any of the citizens who have taken a more active and interested part in its development or had more at heart its welfare and progress. He was for more than a

quarter of a century identified with the progressive steps which kept it apace with the trend of universal growth and improvement, and his public service, though done as a private citizen and not as an officeholder, made heavy demands upon his time and attention. None questioned the sincerity of his purposes as a citizen or as a business man, while in the private walks of life he enjoyed in full measure the confidence and friendship of the great majority with whom he was brought in contact. He was born in Adams county, Ohio, December 5, 1828, his parents being James P. and Sarah (Moore) Naylor, who were of English descent. In the year 1831 the family came to Indiana, settling first at Eugene, Vermilion county. The education of Wilson Naylor was limited to the opportunities offered by the schools of his day and thus his advantages were quite meager, but in the school of experience in later years he learned many valuable lessons. As a boy just entering his teens he found employment on a flat boat and made altogether fifteen different trips down the Wabash and Ohio and the Mississippi rivers to the New Orleans market. Later when the methods of navigation were somewhat changed he made several trips on steamboats. Following this experience he was for twenty-two years a dry goods merchant in Eugene and conducted a successful business there, which was beneficial to the city as well as a source of profit to himself. The year 1864 witnessed his arrival in Terre Haute, where he opened a grocery store on the corner of Fourth and Ohio streets. In 1882 the financial affairs of the old Terre Haute Opera House became involved. The public, including Mr. Naylor, had subscribed one hundred thousand dollars in stock to the company. The fine four-story stone structure erected at a cost of two hundred and eighty-three thousand dollars, and being heavily mortgaged to an eastern firm, its affairs were brought into court. At this juncture Mr. Naylor purchased the property for one hundred thousand dollars and changed the name to the Naylor Opera House. This he conducted until his death, and following his demise his estate managed the opera house until it was destroyed by fire in 1896. On the site of the old building the estate of the late Benjamin G. Cox erected the handsome Naylor-Cox business block, which is one of the most conspicuous buildings in the city. In his business affairs Mr. Naylor displayed keen discernment and unfaltering enterprise and his efforts were crowned with a measure of success which can only be accomplished by unfaltering purpose and well directed activity.

In 1848 occurred the marriage of Wilson Naylor and Miss Florilla Shaw, a daughter of Benjamin Shaw. She was born near Eugene, Vermilion county, Indiana, and lived in Terre Haute for forty years, her death occurring in this city, March 4, 1904. She was a leading member of the First Congregational church and for many years was one of the

best known ladies of the city, occupying a prominent position in social circles, while her many good acts in connection with the church and charitable work won her the esteem and love of all.

Mr. Naylor in his fraternal relations was identified with the lodge, the chapter, the council and the commandery of Masons and also with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and in his life exemplified the beneficent spirit of the order, which has as its basic element mutual helpfulness and brotherly kindness. His early political allegiance was given to the Whig party and he afterward became a stalwart Republican. He was postmaster at Eugene, Indiana, for sixteen years, holding commissions bearing the signatures of Presidents Taylor, Fillmore, Lincoln, Johnson and Grant. In Terre Haute he never sought nor desired public office, but was recognized as one of the strongest men of the community in his influence for the city's upbuilding and in his effort for its substantial improvement. He was connected with every movement instituted for its benefit through a long period and his co-operation could always be counted upon. Moreover he possessed many of the qualities of the able leader and the fact that he supported a measure usually gained to it additional support. Many who knew him cherish his memory, while his life record finds appropriate place upon the pages of the city's history because of what he did for its substantial improvement.

WILSON NAYLOR COX.—Among the younger members of the Terre Haute bar who have forged to the front and displayed ability enabling them to cope with older and more experienced lawyers and win notable victories, is numbered Wilson Naylor Cox, who, since 1900, has been an active practitioner of law. Terre Haute numbers him among her native sons, whose record is creditable to the city. He was born November 11, 1876, and is a son of Benjamin G. and Elizabeth (Naylor) Cox, and a grandson of Robert and Laura Elizabeth (More) Cox. Robert Cox was a prominent early merchant of Terre Haute and contributed in substantial measure to the commercial development of the city during its formative period.

Benjamin Guille Cox, father of our subject, and now deceased, was one of Terre Haute's most prominent, influential and successful business men and citizens. For many years he was closely identified with commercial interests here and did much toward advancing the city's welfare and substantial improvement. His birth occurred in Cincinnati, Ohio, May 7, 1847. When a young man he entered the grocery house of E. P. Trenchard, of Cincinnati, securing a subordinate position, but gradually working his way upward by reason of his unwearied industry, capability and trustworthiness to a position of responsibility. While thus engaged

he underwent a thorough schooling in business methods which made his subsequent career such an unqualified success. In 1867 he arrived in Terre Haute, where he entered the grocery house of Cox & Sons, which had been established some years before by his father (then deceased) and at that time was being conducted by Robert Cox, Jr., and Mrs. Robert Cox, Sr. In 1869 Benjamin G. Cox purchased the old Bartlett book store, which was so prominent a feature in the early history of the town. Later the grocery houses of Hulman and Cox were consolidated and the wholesale grocery establishment was opened at the corner of Fifth and Main streets, under the firm style of Hulman & Cox. This house Benjamin G. Cox afterward entered as a clerk, later was made a traveling salesman and subsequently when Robert Cox, Jr., retired from the firm, became general manager. In 1885 the business was reorganized and B. G. Cox became one of the firm. He displayed exceedingly rare and substantial qualities in business. He was a thorough and systematic worker and such was the regard felt for his judgment and opinion that his decisions were always final even in the most trivial matters. The care and management of the large store devolved upon him and in this he exhibited the master hand with which he touched every subject. From a fertile brain he also evolved the system of bookkeeping which has been pronounced wonderful by experts from all sections of the country, and which was exclusively kept by the largest stores of the land. Mr. Cox had a combination of talent seldom found in one man. He was a thorough lawyer as well as an efficient business man and had all the qualifications of a successful cattle raiser as well. More Park, the beautiful country place of Mr. Cox, was one of his chief delights. He purchased the farm in 1887 and at once began the process of beautifying and improving it until More Park soon became one of the show places of Vigo county. It was also a profitable investment when viewed from a pecuniary standpoint and was always a source of pleasure to Mr. Cox, who took keen delight in the growth of the crops and any other work connected with agricultural development. He was a member of the Jersey Cattle Club and along more strictly social lines was connected with the Terre Haute Club, now the Columbia Club, of Indianapolis. He was likewise an honorary member of several New York social organizations.

On the 26th of August, 1870, Benjamin G. Cox was married to Miss Elizabeth Naylor, a daughter of the late Wilson Naylor, and unto them were born four children, Wilson Naylor, Eleanor, Laura and Newton, all yet living. The death of Mr. Cox occurred in Terre Haute, August 31, 1898. For two years prior to his demise he had been in ill health and in June of that year, accompanied by his friend, Frank Prox, sailed for Europe in the hope of receiving benefit from the journey and from medical

treatment he expected to take while abroad. After a short stay in England he went to Germany, where he was treated by the best physicians in the city of Bremen. His condition did not improve, however, and finding the country less congenial than he had anticipated and pining for his own home, he soon decided to return. He did not long survive his arrival in America. The voyage home was a severe test on his strength and vitality and on several occasions it was feared that he could not live until the vessel reached New York. He survived, however, and his last hours were spent in Terre Haute. His death was the occasion of deep regret to many friends who had long known, esteemed and honored him.

Wilson Naylor Cox, son of Benjamin G. Cox, and immediate subject of this sketch, began his education as a public school student and passed through consecutive grades until he was graduated from the city high school in 1895. He afterward spent two years at Exeter College, in New Hampshire, and subsequently was graduated from the law department of Columbia University, in New York city, as a member of the class of 1900. The same year he was admitted to the New York bar and later in that year was admitted to practice in the courts of Indiana. Locating in Terre Haute, he immediately opened an office here and entered upon his professional career. He has met with success as one whose knowledge of the law is comprehensive and whose application thereof is broad and correct. He is accorded a liberal clientage and has also gained success in other lines. Aside from his profession he has many important interests, including the New York Mail Company, of which he is manager and part owner. This company has a contract with the federal government to handle the mail in New York city.

On the 10th of October, 1907, Mr. Cox was married to Miss Lassie Gardenhire, a daughter of Colonel Francis M. Gardenhire, of Chattanooga, Tennessee. The young couple are well known socially in this city and the hospitality of its best homes is freely accorded them. Mr. Cox is a member of the Terre Haute Lodge of Elks, the Young Business Men's Club, Country Club, Terre Haute Gun Club, and the Columbia Club, of Indianapolis. He is a prominent and popular representative of old and leading families of this part of the county and by reason of his personal worth deserves representation in this volume.

PATRICK BERNARD WALSH.—When the historian of the future comes to tell the story of the growth and development of the city of Terre Haute and of the evolution of its municipal government, a large portion of that story between the years 1892 and 1910 will deal with that which pertains to the personal biography of Patrick B. Walsh, president of the board of public works.



Born in Terre Haute December 25, 1863, he has resided here throughout his life, receiving his education in the parochial and public schools of the city, and making one of that numerous company of lively lads whose pranks are related yet today. After leaving school he engaged as clerk in the shoe store of John R. Miller, where he remained for three years. Later he worked for two years in the famous old Wabash Rolling Mills, and then he set up in the grocery business for himself. For many years he was engaged in mercantile pursuits, making a success of his business by the conservatism and painstaking care with which he conducted his affairs.

That portion of his life, however, from 1892 until the present time is part of the history of the political life of the community. In that year, considerably against his will, he was nominated by the Democrats for councilman of the sixth ward and served for four years. In 1896 he determined to leave politics and notified his friends of his unwillingness to seek re-election, carding the papers to that effect, but in the face of this positive announcement the convention again named him by acclamation and a committee was appointed to notify him of the action of the convention. Again he reluctantly accepted and again he was elected, serving until his resignation in 1899.

During these seven years the city council was composed of many of the strongest characters in the city, numbering among its most active members such men as A. J. Crawford, Dr. Stephen Young, Bert Rockwood, Lee Goodman and Henry Urban; and during this period some important legislation was enacted and several important innovations were made. In all of this Mr. Walsh took an important part. As a member of the streets and alleys committee, the finance committee, the judiciary committee and the fire committee he did great service to his constituents and the citizens of the city generally.

One of the important things accomplished by the council, through a committee of which he was a prominent member, was the banishment of the slaughter houses from the city limits and the establishment of the Terre Haute abattoir. The presence of these slaughter houses had had an ill effect upon the health of the community and the city had been threatened with an epidemic. In conjunction with Dr. Young he worked out the solution of the difficulty and aided in the work which finally resulted in the establishment of a common slaughter house outside of the limits of the municipality. The growth of the city, likewise, confronted the community with the problem of proper collection and disposal of garbage, and again Mr. Walsh acted on the special committee which determined upon the erection of a crematory. These gentlemen traveled over the country studying the methods of garbage collection and disposal and as a result of their investigation a crematory was built which has served the city for many years.

Perhaps the most momentous work with which Mr. Walsh's councilmanic experience deals is the formation of the present city charter which has been vindicated by experience. He was one of the committee from the council which acted in conjunction with a committee of citizens in this constructive work. This committee made a thorough investigation of the best forms of municipal government and the present city charter was the result.

When the charter went into effect, in 1899, thereby giving birth to the board of public works, he was invited by Mayor Steeg to accept the important position of president of the board, and resigning his seat in the council, he accepted this post and remained in this position continuously until the expiration of Mayor Steeg's last term, in September, 1904.

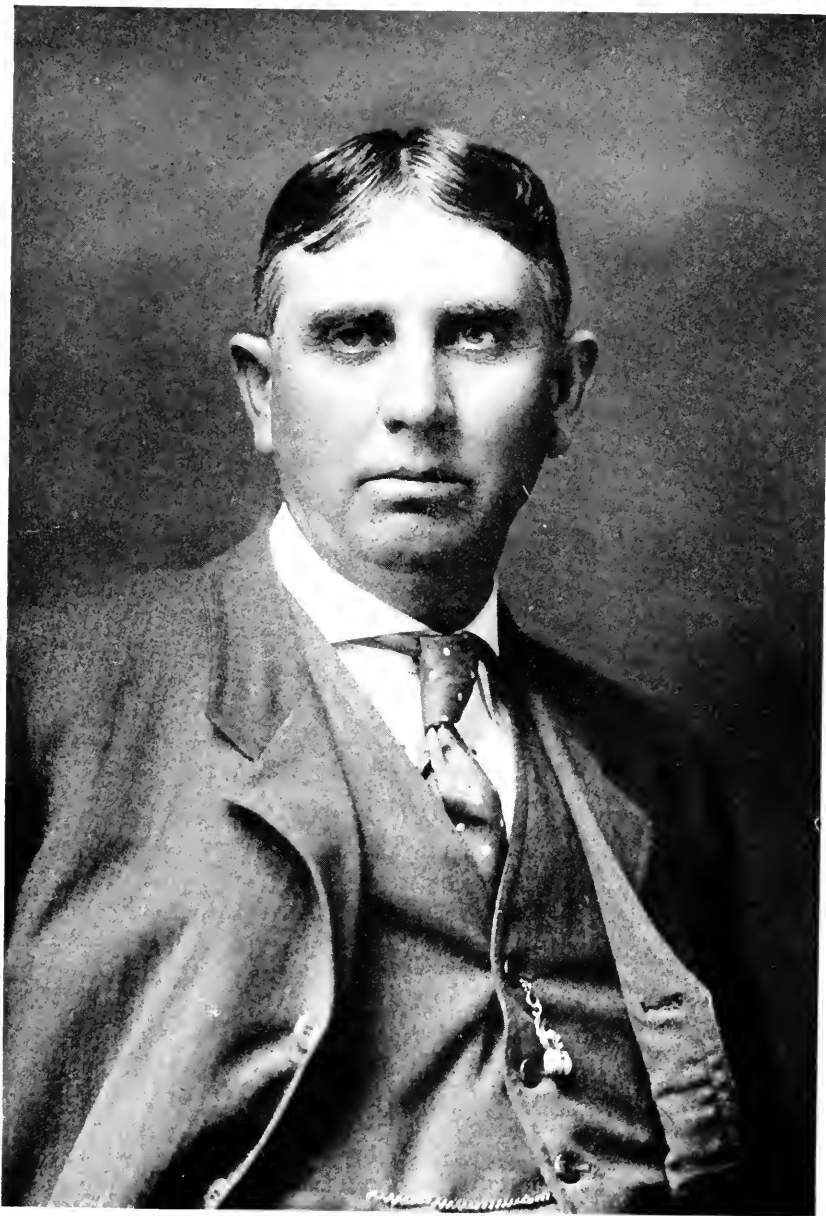
When Mayor Bidaman came into power Mr. Walsh retired to private life, acting, however, for a brief time, as clerk of the school board. When Mayor Lyons came into office, in September, 1906, Mr. Walsh was again asked to take the presidency of the board of public works, and it is presumable that he will remain in this position until January, 1910, making sixteen years of service in the employ of the city.

President Walsh is recognized as one of the most thorough students of municipal problems in the city or state. In the discharge of his duties on the board he has always been actuated by the idea of serving the public, has always been noted for his fairness, impartiality, unimpeachable integrity, courtesy and conscientiousness. The desire of Mayor Lyons to make his administration stand for progress and public improvement probably had something to do with Mr. Walsh's re-appointment, and the present board will likely go down in municipal history as the one that has done more for the material advancement of the city than any other in the history of the community. And in view of the unprecedented amount of street and sewer building that is being done by the board and administration it is scarcely probable that the record will be equaled for many years. At any rate a high standing is being set and one that will be hard to surpass. During the first year under the Lyons administration, the board of works, under the presidency of Mr. Walsh built more paved streets than have ever been built in any four years combined, more sewers than in any three or four years combined, and more cement sidewalks than in any six years combined in the history of Terre Haute. And this too, at a less cost to property owners.

Under the presidency of Mr. Walsh all the public business of the board of public works is done in the open, no star chamber or secret sessions being held. The records are kept in such a way that any tax payer can learn, now or in the future, every step taken in a public im-



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Mr. Walsh is a prominent figure in the Democratic politics of the city and county. He is also prominent in lodge circles, having acted in every official capacity in the Ancient Order of Hibernians, in the county, and during the last eight years as state treasurer of the order. This latter honor indicates his standing for probity, carefulness and integrity. He was one of the founders of the Phoenix Building and Loan Association sixteen years ago and is still one of the board of directors and one of the board of appraisers. He is also a member of the Order of Red Men, and a member of the Knights of Columbus.

He was united in marriage to Miss Winifred Connolly, then a teacher in the public schools, on July 6, 1891.

Personally "Pat" Walsh is genial, companionable, loyal to his friends. He is an ardent sportsman and for years he made one of a party which included Eugene V. Debs, which spent a portion of the hunting season on the prairies of Illinois.

WILLIAM C. DORSEY, a general contractor on public works, with an office in Terre Haute, occupies a leading and influential position in industrial circles. In the paternal line he represents an old southern family, his grandfather being Samuel Dorsey, a native of Baltimore, Maryland. His father, A. J. Dorsey, was a native of Ohio, where his parents located. After arriving at years of maturity he wedded Sarah C. Butler, a native of Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, and a daughter of Capt. William Butler, an officer in the English navy, who was stationed at Prince Edward Island for a number of years. In the support of his family A. J. Dorsey engaged in the foundry business for a number of years and his last days were passed in Terre Haute, where he died in 1885, his widow still surviving, yet makes her home in this city.

William C. Dorsey was reared in Terre Haute and attended the public schools in the acquirement of an education and even at that early day provided to some extent for his own support by selling newspapers. His initial step in the business world, however, was really made as an office boy for the old *Express*, one of the early newspapers of the city. He continued there until his capability and trustworthiness secured him promotion to the position of press feeder and ultimately he became a compositor. Not desiring to engage in the printing trade as a life work, however, he entered upon an apprenticeship at the machinist's trade in the old Phoenix foundry, after which he turned his attention to railroading for a number of years. While thus busily occupied during the day he studied civil engineering at night, and in 1886 took up that work, being employed as a

civil engineer by the city of Terre Haute as first assistant engineer, in which capacity he remained until 1891. In that year he took up general contracting on public works and is thus busily engaged at the present time. The firm with which he is associated has done contract work from the upper peninsula of Michigan on the north, to Mexico on the south, and their operations have involved the expenditure of millions of dollars.

As time has passed Mr. Dorsey has developed his latent powers and energies and has become recognized as a man of resourceful business ability, now controlling large affairs and varied interests. Aside from being president and general manager of the Dorsey Construction Company, he is also a member of the Dorsey & Harris Contracting Company, president of the Dorsey Sand & Gravel Company, president of the Terre Haute Parcel Delivery Company and a member of the Averett-Dorsey Drug Company. He is likewise interested in farming. In business affairs he is energetic, prompt and notably reliable and has in a large measure that quality of everyday common sense which is an indispensable element in all success. He possesses, too, keen perception and honesty of purpose, guided by resistless will power. At the same time he has always been fair in his treatment of employes and by reason of personal merit and ability has gained a position of distinction in the business world.

In 1899 Mr. Dorsey was married to Miss Lilly A. Carpenter, who was born in Cloverland, Clay county, Indiana, a daughter of William H. H. Carpenter, a farmer, now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Dorsey are now parents of a son and daughter: Arthur E., born June 17, 1890, and Eugenia Blanche, born November 23, 1897. Mr. Dorsey is connected fraternally with several societies, including the Masons, the Knights of Pythias, the Elks, and the Maccabees. He has likewise taken an active interest in politics, and although he has never sought nor desired office, he filled for two terms, the position of deputy oil inspector of the state. A man of great natural ability, his success in business from the beginning has been uniform and rapid. As has been truly remarked, after all that may be done for a man in the way of giving him early opportunities for obtaining the requirements which are sought in schools and in books, he must essentially formulate, determine and give shape to his own character and this is what Mr. Dorsey has done. Persevering in the pursuit of a persistent purpose and prompted at all times by laudable ambition he has gained a most satisfactory reward.

JOSEPH STRONG, founder of the wholesale house of Joseph Strong & Company, is a native of Chillicothe, Ohio. He was born June 25, 1839, of the marriage of William Y. and Anna (Massie) Strong,

natives of Pennsylvania and Kentucky respectively. The father was for years engaged in merchandising in Chillicothe, Ohio, to which city he removed from Philadelphia—his birth place—in early manhood. His wife died while they were residents of Ohio. His father came to Terre Haute, passing away while temporarily residing with his son in this city.

Reared in the place of his nativity, Joseph Strong acquired his education through the medium of the public schools and began his business career in 1861, in the old Commercial Bank, of Cincinnati. Four years later he removed from that city to Terre Haute and soon afterward established a wholesale grocery house in the old Dowling Hall, on North Sixth street, between Wabash and Cherry streets, now occupied by the Miller-Parrott bakery. He began operations on a comparatively small scale but soon was accorded a liberal patronage, and increased his facilities to meet the growth of his trade from year to year until he was at the head of one of the leading wholesale enterprises of the city. In the early seventies he began making a specialty of coffee and spices and soon afterward concentrated his attention entirely upon this line, establishing himself in his present three-story brick block at the corner of Sixth and Ohio streets, the building being erected especially for his business. He was the pioneer coffee and spice merchant of Terre Haute and in 1889 the firm of Joseph Strong & Company was formed by the admission of Anthony G. Blake to a partnership in the business. There is no esoteric phase in his entire commercial career. On the contrary his business record is as an open book which all may read and on its pages are set down many lessons that might be profitably followed, showing the methods he has followed whereby he has won simultaneously success and an honored name. He is also a director of the Terre Haute National Bank and of the Citizens' Mutual Heating Company, and his opinions on business matters are always received with respect and largely regarded as authoritative, for his fellow townsmen have recognized the soundness of his views and his keen perception.

Mr. Strong was married in 1866, to Miss Mary B. Blake, a daughter of Dr. Richard Blake, now deceased, one of the old time and successful practicing physicians of Terre Haute. As the years have passed six children have been added to the Strong household, namely: Anna M., the wife of Benjamin McKeen, general manager of the Vandalia Railroad Company, with headquarters at St. Louis, Missouri; Richard B., who wedded Catherine Carlton and resides in Terre Haute; Henrietta D., the wife of S. Crawford McKeen, who is cashier of the McKeen National Bank, of this city; Franceska G., the wife of Grant Fairbanks, a resident of Haverhill, Massachusetts; Susan M., the wife of James Cooper, Jr., an attorney of Terre Haute, and Elizabeth A. B., the wife of John L. Crawford, also a resident of this city.

Of the Commercial club, the leading commercial club of the city, Mr. Strong is a valued and representative member and he is also identified with the Fort Harrison Club and with the St. Stephen's Episcopal church—associations which indicate much of the character of his interests and the rules which have governed his conduct throughout a useful, active and honorable career. The energy, ability and talent which he possesses have been manifest in his establishment and control of an important commercial enterprise. His record is an illustration of what can be done if a man with a clear brain and willing hands but sets himself seriously to the real labors and responsibilities of life. He has never feared that laborious attention to the details of business so necessary to achieve success and this essential quality has ever been guided by a sense of right which will tolerate only the employment of those means that will bear most rigid examination, by a fairness of intention that neither seeks nor requires disguise. It is but just and merited praise to say of him that as a business man he ranks with the ablest, as a citizen he is honorable, prompt and true to every engagement and as a man he holds the honor and esteem of all classes of people.

ANTHONY GROVERMAN BLAKE.—In the varied business interests which go to make up the aggregate of Terre Haute's commercial prominence and importance the wholesale house of Joseph Strong & Company is well known. With this enterprise Anthony G. Blake is connected as junior partner and is well known in business circles as a man of enterprise, who, as the architect of his own fortunes has builded wisely and well. A native son of Terre Haute, he was born June 22, 1851. His father, the late Richard Blake, came from Crawford county, Maryland, to this city at an early period in its development and became one of its leading physicians, practicing for many years. For a long period he was associated with Dr. Ball, whose prominence as an early member of the medical fraternity here left its impress upon the history of the city. Dr. Blake, too, is well remembered by those who knew and esteemed him for his professional and personal worth. He passed away, however, during the early boyhood of his son Anthony. The mother bore the maiden name of Franceska J. Groverman.

Reared in the city of his nativity, Anthony G. Blake pursued his education in the public schools and on the 15th of September, 1868, made his way from the old Blake homestead east of the city to the establishment of Joseph Strong, and securing a position, he entered upon active connection with the house, remaining as an employe until 1888, when he was admitted to the firm as the junior partner. This house was established as a wholesale grocery enterprise but in the course of years began mak-



ing a specialty of coffees and spices, and so gratifying was the reputation which it secured in this connection and so large the trade that other lines were closed out and the business of the house was concentrated upon the sale of those articles. Mr. Blake gradually gained knowledge of the business in every department and passing on to a position of executive control and administrative direction, he has now stood for twenty years as one of the owners and principal factors in the successful control of this important business.

In 1875 Mr. Blake was united in marriage to Miss Catherine J. Morgan, whose father, Jasper A. Morgan, came from Youngstown, Ohio, to Terre Haute and was a partner in the old Terre Haute nail works. Mrs. Blake died in 1899, leaving four children, namely: Edward M., who resides in Denver, Colorado; Fannie A., who is still under the parental roof but at the present writing is traveling through Europe; Mary J., the wife of Robert Herkimer, a resident of Terre Haute; and Charles W., who is city salesman, representing the firm of Joseph Strong & Company.

Having lost his first wife, Mr. Blake wedded Mrs. Eva W. Floyd (nee Walsworth), of Mendota, Illinois. Socially he is connected with the Commercial Club and with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is a man of even temperament, calm and self-poised, of a refined character, in whom nature and culture have vied in making an honored and interesting gentleman, while the inherent force of his own character has gained him a place with the representative merchants of his native city.

WILSON H. SOALE.—One of the able jurists practicing at the bar of Terre Haute is Wilson H. Soale, a native son of Ohio. His parents, Peter and Sarah (Parkes) Soale, were of German and Irish descent. On his father's farm in Highland county, Ohio, Wilson H. Soale attained to years of maturity, receiving his primary education in the district schools and his higher educational training in the college at Hillsboro, where he pursued a regular classical course and graduated with the class of 1874. He was well fitted to begin his preparation for the practice of law, and after studying at Hillsboro and being admitted to the bar he practiced in Highland and Ross counties until 1883, at that time accepting a position in the United States pension office, and in 1884 he was appointed supervisor of pensions of the state of Indiana, with headquarters at Terre Haute, but after a time resigned that position to resume his law practice, still maintaining his residence in Terre Haute, and his career has been a successful one. In 1890 he was appointed supervisor of the census for the fourth district of Indiana.

JUDGE JOSIAH T. WALKER.—In the history of the courts and those who are prominent as representatives of the bar mention should be made of Judge Josiah T. Walker, who formerly sat upon the bench of the city court and is now practicing law in Terre Haute with a large and distinctively representative clientele. He was born upon a farm near Worthington, Greene county, Indiana, on the 26th of March, 1865. In pioneer days his grandfather, Jesse Josiah Walker, located in that county and took up the arduous work of developing and improving the district. He was a native of Pennsylvania, whence he removed to Coshocton county, Ohio, and later came to Indiana.

His son, James Josiah Walker, was born in Coshocton county, Ohio, in 1835, and came with his family to Greene county, Indiana, in his boyhood days. His life was devoted to general agricultural pursuits and constituted a busy, active and useful career. He bought and cleared three different farms in Greene county, thus contributing materially to its substantial development. When the Civil war came on his patriotism led him to volunteer as a soldier but on account of a severe attack of typhoid fever earlier in life which left him in poor physical condition, he was rejected. Later he was drafted but was again rejected and on still another occasion he volunteered but did not pass physical muster. When General Morgan was on his raid in Indiana, Mr. Walker rode all night, expecting to be able to join the Union forces at Bloomington. Even though he did not get to render active service at the front as a soldier, he was unfaltering in his loyalty to the advocacy of the Union cause, and the Walker family was well represented in the army, as five of the brothers enlisted from Greene county and did valiant service in the south, William Walker giving his life upon the altar of his country, his death occurring while he was a member of the Union army. Leander, Thomas, George W. and Ransom Walker, were also numbered among the boys in blue, the last named entering the service when but a youth of fifteen years.

The mother of Judge Walker is Mrs. Eliza E. (Taylor) Walker, who was born near Maysville, Kentucky, in 1840, and was a daughter of Richard Taylor, of Virginia birth, who became an early settler and miller of Kentucky. Later he removed to Greene county, Indiana, and cast in his lot with its pioneer settlers. There amid the conditions and environments of frontier life Mrs. Walker was reared and is still residing upon the old home farm near Midland, where she and her husband spent so many happy years. In 1876, however, she was called upon to mourn the loss of her husband.

Judge Walker was reared upon the home farm, early becoming familiar with the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. The death of his father, which occurred when the Judge was but a boy





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of eleven years, left him, in a measure, the support of his widowed mother and the other children of the family. In early manhood he taught school for four years during the winter seasons, while in the summer months he worked upon the home farm in planting, plowing and harvesting of the crops. Every leisure moment during this period was devoted to reading law, for he had become imbued with a desire to join the legal fraternity and to this end he took a course in DePauw University. He then read law for three years in the office of Wilson & Todd, at Bluffton, Indiana, and in 1892 located in Terre Haute for the practice of his profession.

On coming to this city Judge Walker formed a partnership with Judge Eggleston, with whom he continued for about a year. Since that time he has been alone in practice and has risen through his own merits, unaided by the influence or assistance of friends. For two years he served as deputy prosecuting attorney of Vigo county, and for sixteen months was judge of the city court, during which time he gained an enviable reputation for fairness, justice and equity. His decisions were based upon the law and its application to the points in issue and the correctness of his opinions was uniformly acknowledged.

In 1906 Judge Walker was a leading candidate before the Republican primaries for the office of judge of the superior court and received the nomination, but went down with his party in a Democratic landslide. He has served as a member of the board of police commissioners of Terre Haute, under the old metropolitan police system, having been appointed by Governor Durbin. For the last twenty years Mr. Walker has taken an active part in local and state politics.

Judge Walker is well known socially, is a valued member of the Commercial Club, is a past master of Social Lodge, No. 86, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and likewise belongs to the Knights of Pythias fraternity. He is greatly esteemed in the community and enjoys the unqualified regard of his professional associates as well as of the general public.

WILLIAM ALBERT HAMILTON.—Among his business associates William A. Hamilton is known as an able and enterprising insurance man and a strong factor in large enterprises which tend to materially develop the city of Terre Haute, and among citizens generally he stands as one of their best representatives, an earnest and generous promoter of the higher movements along the line of charity and religion. Specifically, his position in the insurance community is as manager of the Mutual Life Insurance Company, of New York, and as vice president of the Doak-Riddle-Hamilton Company, insurance and real estate agents. He came to Indiana from the east, his birth having occurred in Washington

county, Pennsylvania, on the 5th of May, 1857. His parents, Joseph Wright and Elizabeth (Palmer) Hamilton, were also natives of the Keystone state and were of Scotch-Irish descent, while both families were established in the new world during the colonial period of American history. The Hamilton family was well represented in the Patriot army during the Revolutionary war. Joseph W. Hamilton became a contractor on public works and for many years resided near Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

William A. Hamilton acquired a good English education, and began his business career as cashier in a wholesale store in Pittsburg. In 1876 he became a resident of Terre Haute, and two years later became a member of the real estate and insurance firm known as Riddle, Hamilton & Company. This business was founded in 1863 by W. B. Wharton and J. Irving Riddle, and has had a continuous existence to the present time. Since 1892 Mr. Hamilton has held his present position with the Mutual Life Insurance Company, of New York city, and under his management the business of the company in its allotted territory has out-ranked that of any other similar corporation. Together with his associates, Mr. Hamilton is largely interested in all lines of insurance, as well as in the real estate and rental business, and the Doak-Riddle-Hamilton Company is the leader of its class in Terre Haute. Personally Mr. Hamilton is also a stockholder in a number of outside business enterprises of an important character, and his influence is both broad and high among his business and commercial associates. He is a charter member of the Commercial Club and is also a member of the Young Business Men's Club, and is a representative of the best progress in these fields of life.

In 1881 occurred the marriage of Mr. Hamilton and Miss Clara Bitner, the wedding being celebrated in New Castle, Pennsylvania. The three children of their union are Lloyd Park, Paul Bitner and William A. Hamilton, Jr., and the entire family is widely known in Terre Haute, its members being welcome guests at many of the most important social functions. Mr. Hamilton's patriotic ancestry gives him firm standing among the Sons of the American Revolution, and he has already served one term as president of the Indiana society. He is also a thirty-second degree Mason and a member of the Mystic Shrine, and is even more widely known for his activity in charitable and religious work, to the support of which he has donated not only abundantly of his means, but of his time and abilities. He is an elder in the Central Presbyterian church, and for years has been an earnest and successful teacher of young men in the Sunday school. He is also a member of the board of the Light House Mission, which is a non-sectarian organization doing a noble work among the deserving poor of the city, and for several years

has served as director in the Young Men's Christian Association and the Union Hospital. In the midst of such varied and broad activities as has been described above, it may be unnecessary to add that although he is a Republican voter, he has never attempted to become a leader.

In whatever field of endeavor Mr. Hamilton has entered he has evinced characteristic qualities of quick apprehension, prompt decision, sound judgment, ready sympathy and broad charity. His life record is therefore fertile in valuable object lessons. The spirit of self-help has also been his, in whatever position he has been placed, so that his success in business and the great good he has been able to accomplish with his abundant means come to him as a logical and just reward for his strong traits and his staunch virtues.

FRED WESLEY BEAL.—An able and popular attorney and one of the most efficient prosecuting attorneys ever connected with the public service of Vigo county, Fred W. Beal, of Terre Haute, has also the distinction of descent from one of the most honorable pioneer families of that section of the state. He was born near Rockville, Parke county, Indiana, on the 20th of October, 1870, son of Mark and Margaret A. (Bailor) Beal, both of the parents being now residents of Terre Haute. Fred W. came to this city when but a year old, and it has been his home ever since, the family homestead being in Otter Creek township, just north of the city. He spent his earlier years on the farm, and after draining the educational resources of the district school in his neighborhood assumed his more advanced studies at the Terre Haute high school. In 1889 he graduated with unusual honors from that institution, having made the best percentage (among the boys) for the four years' course and won a scholarship in Wabash University. The succeeding four terms were spent in attendance at the Indiana State Normal School, after which he taught school for a year in Otter Creek township. As is the case with many ambitious young men, Mr. Beal's teaching proved but a stepping stone to the door of his legal career, which opened into the law department of the University of Michigan. After his graduation therefrom, in 1893 he entered the law office of Davis, Robinson & Reynolds, of Terre Haute, as a practitioner, having been admitted to the bar the preceding year, while still a student at the university. In 1897 he formed a partnership with Sanford C. Davis, which was dissolved by the death of the latter in the following year. This (1898) was also the year of his election to the office of prosecuting attorney of Vigo county, his majority of 532 votes making him one of only three successful candidates on the Democratic ticket. His service was so marked for its energy and ability, as well as his conservatism in the bringing of doubtful suits, that he was re-elected by a

majority of 672. While prosecuting attorney he tried the only woman ever sentenced to prison for life in Vigo county, and while prosecutor and deputy convicted three of the seven murderers who have been convicted during the history of Vigo county. Furthermore, every indictment which he prepared withstood the test of the court. After retiring from office he practiced alone until November, 1907, when he became associated with Samuel K. Duvall, under the firm name of Duvall & Beal, and has continued since in a substantial and growing practice. Mr. Beal's activities extend far beyond the court and the law office, important as these are; he is a citizen of broad intelligence and practical helpfulness, being an earnest member of the Commercial Club and other organizations which participate in the advancement of the city. He is also an influential figure in the fraternities, his connections being with the following organizations: Social Lodge, No. 86, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; Knights of Pythias, Uniform Rank; Fort Harrison Lodge, No. 157, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Encampment and Canton McKeen; the Improved Order of Red Men, and other fraternities. On July 30, 1901, Mr. Beal was united in marriage with Miss Cora E. Case, daughter of Marvin H. Case, one of the leading farmers of Parke county, Indiana, and vice president of the Rockville (Indiana) National Bank. The child of this union, Cora Roselyn Beal, was born on the 30th of October, 1903.

The paternal grandfather, Jeremiah Beal, was for many years an extensive real estate dealer and trader of Terre Haute. He was born in Loudoun county, Virginia, on March 5, 1807, son of Samuel and Nancy (Garner) Beal, both of whom were natives of that state, the former born in 1770. In 1812 Jeremiah Beal, then five years of age, was taken by his parents from Virginia to Blount county, Tennessee, and later five of the sons removed thence to White county, that state, and thence to Jackson county. The grandfather lived in the county last named until 1827, then marrying Rebecca Fuqua, daughter William Fuqua, of Tennessee, and settling in Vigo county. Later he moved across the line into Parke county, walking to Crawfordsville, a distance of forty miles, to make his entry of the forty acres which he there took up. Eventually he collected several hundred acres of fine land in that county, which he sold in 1859, after which he located in Terre Haute and engaged in business as a real estate dealer and general trader. Later he bought a mill at Kankakee, Illinois, but sold the property after a year, and has since confined himself to investments in Terre Haute. Jeremiah Beal volunteered for service in the Mexican war, but was rejected on account of a disabled wrist. His father (the great-grandfather of Fred W.) was a soldier in the war of 1812, one of his sons, served in the Civil war, and one of them served as commissioner of Vigo county for one term,



so that the Beal family through a variety of long-standing associations is intimately identified with the history of Vigo county.

Mark Beal, the father, for years a leading farmer and stock grower of the county, was born in Parke county, Indiana, on the 5th of October, 1844, and in that section he was reared and educated. He was also married in Parke county, on November 25, 1865, to Margaret A. Bailor, born in 1846, and a daughter of George and Lydia (Overpeck) Bailor, both of German descent. They became the parents of Nettie F., Fred W., and Elizabeth M., their residence in Vigo dating from 1870, when they founded the family homestead in Otter Creek township. They now live in Terre Haute, where the father devotes his time to the handling of real estate and his farming interests. Nettie F. is the wife of Oscar Creal, a leading farmer of Otter Creek township. Elizabeth M. is a graduate of the State Normal and was a supervisor of the city schools for four years, and is now connected with the public schools of Pasadena, California.

ROBERT H. CATLIN.—A leading member of the Terre Haute bar, Robert H. Catlin is a native of Parke county, Indiana, born on the 12th of October, 1856, son of Hiram and Hanna (Elson) Catlin, natives respectively of Indiana and Ohio. The father is of English origin, and the mother of Swedish.

Our subject was born and reared on the home farm in Parke county, his educational advantages consisting of attendance at the common schools, the Bloomingdale Academy and the DePauw University. He studied law with Judge A. F. White, of Rockville, was admitted to the bar in 1879, and, after teaching for two years, began the practice of his profession in Parke county. In 1880 he located in Terre Haute, where he has since resided, a recognized leader of the local bar. He has been active and prominent in politics, and has gained a national reputation as an orator, having been an influential figure in several presidential campaigns.

In 1879 Mr. Catlin was married in Sullivan county, Indiana, to Miss Letitia R., daughter of Mesha H. and Delphia (Davis) Eaton, and is of English and German descent. Two children have been born to them, Ione and Madge.

JAMES H. CALDWELL is actively connected with the profession which has important bearing upon the welfare and stable prosperity of any section or community and has long been considered as conserving the public interests by furthering the ends of justice and maintaining individual rights. In no profession does advancement depend more entirely upon individual merit and unfaltering effort, and that Mr. Caldwell is

now recognized as an able lawyer is due to his possession of those qualities. He was born in Charleston, Clark county, Indiana, December 28, 1863, his parents being William and Sarah (Richardson) Caldwell, both of whom were natives of Clark county. The father's birth occurred in Charleston in 1831, while the mother was born at Henryville, in 1837. In the year 1888 the family removed to Vigo county, settling on a farm near Pimento, where William Caldwell carried on general agricultural pursuits until his death. He passed away in 1903, since which time his widow has made her home with her son James.

No event of special importance occurred to vary the routine of farm life for James H. Caldwell in his boyhood and youth. He attended the common schools and worked in the fields, but thinking to find other pursuits more congenial than those of the farm he removed to Terre Haute in 1882 and accepted a position in the grocery store of W. W. Cliver. He there remained for a year, when, realizing the importance and value of further educational training, he entered the Indiana State Normal School, from which he was graduated with the class of 1888. He afterward spent two years as a student in the Indiana University at Bloomington, subsequent to which time he resumed farming and devoted a few years to that occupation. It was his ambition, however, to become a representative of the learned professions and to this end he read law prior to his admission to the bar on the 1st of January, 1892. Opening an office in Terre Haute he at once began practice and for two years was junior member of the firm of Price & Caldwell. Since that time he has been alone and his success in a professional way affords the best evidence of his capabilities in this line. He is a strong advocate with the jury and concise in his appeals before the court, and he seems almost to place a correct valuation upon the importance of every point bearing upon his case.

Pleasantly situated in his home life, Mr. Caldwell was married to Miss Cora Alice Alexander, who was born in Knoxville, Tennessee, a daughter of William B. and Louisa Alexander. Their marriage has been blessed with a daughter and two sons, Leona A., Richard A. and James D. Fraternally Mr. Caldwell is connected with both the subordinate lodge and Uniform Rank of the Knights of Pythias and also holds membership with the United American Mechanics, the Loyal Legion of America and the Knights and Ladies of Honor. His entire life has been passed in this state, and for twenty years he has been a resident of Vigo county, where he is well known, and the fact that many of his staunchest friends are those who have known him from the early period of his residence here is an indication that his has been an honorable and well spent life.

DANIEL NICHOLDS DAVIS is one of the well known and popular residents of Terre Haute. Entirely approachable and in manner genial and affable, he has an extensive circle of friends, and not to know "Dan" Davis in Terre Haute is to argue one's self unknown. From a humble position he has gradually worked his way upward in the business world until he is now at the head of an extensive and profitable enterprise as president of the Dan Davis Coal Company. He is a native of Wales, his birth having occurred September 7, 1851, at Victoria, Monmouthshire. The original spelling of the family name was Davies, but on account of mispronunciation the present orthography was adopted by William G. Davis, the father of Daniel N., in December, 1868, while the family was residing in Youngstown, Ohio. William Gabriel Davis and his wife, Mrs. Jane (Thomas) Davis, were both natives of Monmouthshire, Wales, the former born at Tredgar on the 7th of June, 1827, the latter at Beaufort, August 6, 1829. The paternal grandparents were Daniel Gomer and Mary (Lloyd) Davies, who spent their entire lives in their native city, Victoria, Wales. The maternal grandparents were John Henry and Jane Thomas, both natives of Beaufort, Monmouthshire, where the former died, while the latter, coming to America, spent her last days in Youngstown, Ohio. The marriage of William Gabriel Davis and Jane Thomas was solemnized on the 30th of September, 1850, in the parish church at Bedwelty, in County Monmouthshire, and of this marriage there have been thirteen children, as follows: Daniel Nicholds, the subject of this review; Joseph Henry, who was born at Victoria, May 13, 1853, and died in infancy; Mary, who was born February 26, 1855, at Blyna, Monmouthshire, Wales; Joseph Henry, the second of the name, who was born at Blyna, May 6, 1856, and passed away in Terre Haute on the 10th of January, 1907; Charlotte, who was born at Blyna, November 14, 1857; Thomas Winfield, who was born August 26, 1859, at South Bank Terrace, Yorkshire, England; Gabriel Evan, who was also born at South Bank Terrace, January 5, 1861; William Gomer, also a native of that place, his natal day being December 13, 1862; Elizabeth, who was born at Newport-on-Tees, Yorkshire, February 25, 1865; Evan, who was born at Middlesborough, Yorkshire, March 10, 1866, and who died in infancy; Hester, who was born August 15, 1867, at Youngstown, Ohio, and died in infancy; Gwilym Gwent, who was born in Terre Haute, August 11, 1871, and also died in infancy, and John Lloyd, who was born in Terre Haute, February 24, 1873.

William G. Davis, the father, was by trade a roller and refiner of iron and became an expert in that line. He learned the trade in Wales and followed it in that country and at different points in England until 1866, when, attracted by the broader business opportunities and the

higher wages paid in the new world, he crossed the Atlantic to the United States, locating at Youngstown, Ohio, where he was employed in the iron mills. In 1868 he came to Terre Haute, and it was Mr. Davis who rolled the first bar of iron produced in this city, at what is now remembered as the first rolling mills—an enterprise which has passed out of existence. His life was one of untiring activity and diligence and his example in this respect may well be followed by those who wish to attain success. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity, the Odd Fellows Society and the Methodist Episcopal church, and was true to the beneficent, fraternal and moral teachings of all. He died in Terre Haute, December 13, 1898, while his widow passed away in this city, March 22, 1907. Both were highly esteemed by all who knew them for their many sterling traits of character, which won for them a large acquaintance and the unqualified friendship of the majority of those with whom they came in contact. Both were very active and helpful in the work of the church and both possessed natural musical talents, being gifted as singers, in which connection they will long be remembered for the generous use to which they put their powers in that direction. The *Terre Haute Gazette* of December 15, 1898, commenting upon the demise of William Gabriel Davis, said: "All that was mortal of the late William G. Davis was laid to rest in beautiful Highland Lawn this afternoon. His cheery presence will be sadly missed in business, social, church and musical circles—wherever men and women meet in the daily duties and higher pleasures of active life. The debt of gratitude that all the best there is in Terre Haute owe to this kindly gentleman, now gone from among us, and to his good wife, not only directly and personally, but to them for their sons and daughters, who have inherited their genial personalities, and his personal gifts cannot well be overestimated. It was a fortunate day for Terre Haute when he, who went to his long home today, came here to make this town his home. It is a better town for his coming and has been a happier one. His life was attuned to the harmonies that daily sang in his soul. Honor, love, obedience, troops of friends, all things that become old age, were his. His grandchildren in these later years were to his old age as the hopes and ambitions of his youth. His end, as was fitting, was as calm and peaceful as his life had been. A smile was on his dead lips as if he knew at last the universal hope had been realized and that the Master would lead him gently home." Following the demise of Mrs. Davis, the *Terre Haute Spectator* of April 6, 1907, said: "Amateur musicians have suffered irreparable loss in the death of Mrs. W. G. Davis, that rare spirit of enthusiasm and good will so familiar to every singer or player in the city. Her presence in the audience was an inspiration to the per-

former, whether of little or much experience, and her hearty praise or hand-grasp, combined with her glowing face, has sent many an amateur home to renewed effort and higher aspirations. Of an intensely musical temperament and possessing a great love for humanity, no one was outside of her interest. She was the first to encourage new enthusiasts in music, and she never deserted the old. The fine points in every performance were quickly discovered by her and she doubled her pleasures by sharing them. She adored her children, but she had room in her heart for others who sang, and made them feel that they belonged to her. Choir singers will miss her expressive face in the congregation and the word of praise that was never forgotten at the close of the service. She was young, happy, hopeful and helpful to the end of her more than three score years and ten, her life one grand *Te Deum*, shedding its influence throughout the entire circle of her acquaintance. Great-hearted, generous, glorious in faith, she will long remain an inspiration in the hearts of those who knew her."

Daniel N. Davis, who is known as "Dan" to his many friends in Terre Haute, spent his boyhood days in this city, for in early childhood he was brought by his parents from the little rock-ribbed country of Wales to the new world, and after a brief period spent at Youngstown, Ohio, came to Indiana. The public schools afforded him his educational privileges in a general way, while his business training was obtained in Garvin's Commercial College and he entered business life as an employe in the old nail works, where he continued for a year. He then engaged in the retail grocery business at the corner of Seventh and Main streets, after which he accepted the position of bookkeeper with the old Wabash Iron Company. He remained with that concern for twenty-six years, and no higher testimonial of his efficiency and faithfulness could be given. In 1900 he engaged in the coal business, and meeting with success in this independent venture, in 1905 he incorporated the business under the name of the Dan Davis Coal Company, and has built up an extensive and profitable trade. His business career has been characterized by consecutive advancement, resulting from close application, unwearied industry and commendable ambition.

Mr. Davis has been married twice. His first wife was Miss Emma Dodson, who was born September 23, 1855, at the corner of Fifth and Eagle streets, in this city. She died September 23, 1881, and on the 4th of March, 1883, Mr. Davis was married to Mrs. Maggie D. Strout, a native of Fairmount, West Virginia, born September 6, 1856. Their children are Anna C., the wife of R. P. Johnson, of Muncie, Indiana; Paul Hyde and Charles S., who is secretary and treasurer of the Dan Davis Coal Company, and is now residing in Muncie, Indiana.

Mr. Davis is a valued and exemplary member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is also a vestryman of the Episcopal church. Inheriting the superior musical talent of his parents, he is himself a fine vocalist and has charge of the famous quartette of the Centenary Methodist Episcopal church. A lover of music, he has done much to promote musical culture in the city and occupies a most prominent place in both business and musical circles.

WILLIAM J. WHITE enjoys peculiar distinction as a prime factor in building operations in Terre Haute in the past few years. He entered upon his varied duties with admirable equipment and is a practical builder, carrying out his projects with such industry that he is credited with the erection of various substantial structures here, which are pleasing to the eye and have been erected with conscientious regard for real utility as well as attractiveness and architectural design. The high reputation which he has won in business circles assures him a liberal patronage and many fine edifices of Terre Haute stand as monuments to his skill and enterprise.

Mr. White was born on a farm three miles from Marshall, in Clark county, Illinois, on the 17th of March, 1860. His father, William J. White, Sr., was a native of Ross county, Ohio, born in 1826. The paternal grandfather, John White, was a native of Virginia, whence he removed to the Buckeye state, while in 1858 he became a resident of Clark county, Illinois, where the residue of his days was passed. The mother of our subject bore the maiden name of Mary Knisely, and was born in Ross county, Ohio, in 1833, a daughter of John Knisely, who was of German descent and lived to be ninety years of age, his death occurring in Ohio. It was in the year 1858 that Mr. and Mrs. William J. White, Sr., became residents of Clark county, Illinois, where the mother of our subject passed away in 1862. The father continued to follow farming in that county until 1888, when he removed to Terre Haute, where he spent the succeeding decade in honorable retirement from labor, being called to his final rest on the 22d of April, 1898.

William J. White, whose name introduces this review, was born on the farm and early became acquainted with the task of following the plow and the harrow, of planting the seed and of cultivating the crops until they were ripe for the harvest. He mastered the common branches of English learning as a district school student and on Thanksgiving day of 1885 he left the home farm and came to Terre Haute, where he has since resided. During his first winter here he was employed in the Terre Haute Car Works and in the succeeding spring he entered the employ of Daniel Herzel, one of the leading contractors of that day, with whom he con-

tinued until the following July. He then began working with James Hook, who at that time was engaged on the construction of the wholesale coffee house on Sixth and Ohio streets for Joseph Strong. For two years he was connected with Mr. Hook, being employed during that period on the inside work of the Vigo county court house. In connection with Mr. Huber he did all of the work in the basement of the court house, including the placing of the machinery there. Mr. White next entered the shops of the Clift & Williams Company, with whom he continued for nine years, or until the firm passed out of existence. He then began contracting on his own account and has been very busy since that time. Some of his leading buildings in Terre Haute are the Herz dry goods store on Wabash, Phoenix Club House, the residence of E. P. Fairbanks, the residence of Burtis McCormack and also the homes of Richard Strong, Daniel Fasig and many other structures in the north part of the city. Since completing the Herz building he has put in twelve new fronts on Wabash avenue, this being done in the winter of 1907-08. He also removed the vault and remodeled the McKeen National Bank in 1908, and also remodeled the Deming block on Wabash for the Siegel Dry Goods Company. He now has the contract for the erection of the Odd Fellows temple, which is in course of construction. All this indicates his superior skill and ability. He is himself an expert workman, and is therefore capable of directing the labors of others. He believes in using only the best materials, in employing good workmen and in always working toward an ideal standard in the personnel of his business, in the methods pursued and in the character of the service.

The lady who is now Mrs. White was formerly Mrs. Ella Abbott, nee Colter. She was born in Grayville, Illinois, and is a daughter of J. H. and Margaret Colter, the former still living. Mrs. White is a member of the Presbyterian church and presides with gracious hospitality over her pleasant home. Mr. White is identified with the various branches of the Odd Fellows society, including the subordinate lodge, the encampment, Canton McKeen and the Rebekah lodge. He is also a past chancellor of Oriental Lodge, No. 81, Knights of Pythias, and of the Court of Honor. In social circles, as in business life, he enjoys an enviable reputation and has gained an eminent position, which is the public recognition of his genuine worth and admirable qualities.

JAMES B. MULLIKIN is a lawyer who in his professional career has made that steady advancement which results from hard work and an unfaltering devotion to the interests of clients. He began his life record in Johnson county, Indiana, on the 1st day of December, 1868. His parents, James M. and Nancy A. (Kindle) Mullikin, were also natives of

Johnson county, the former born in the year 1839 and the latter in 1841. The paternal grandfather, Harvey Mullikin, a native of Kentucky, made his way to Indiana, during the pioneer epoch in the history of the state. It was also during the early days that the maternal grandfather, Joseph Kindle, a native of Ohio, arrived in Johnson county. Both were agriculturists. James M. Mullikin was also a farmer and removed with his family in 1878, to Rinard, Illinois, where both he and his wife still reside.

The environment and influences which surrounded James B. Mullikin in his boyhood days were those of the home farm, and in the acquirement of an education he passed through the common and high schools and afterwards attended Franklin College, at Franklin, Indiana. After two years spent at the State Normal School, at Terre Haute, he began preparation for a life work in taking up the study of law in the office and under the direction of the firm of McNutt & McNutt, attorneys of this city. He was admitted to the bar April 21, 1891, and at once located for practice here. Advancement in law is proverbially slow, but gradually Mr. Mullikin demonstrated the possession of abilities entitling him to a liberal share of the public patronage and he now has a distinctively representative clientele, which he represents in the courts and in the management of their affairs.

Mr. Mullikin was married to Miss Elizabeth Higgins, who was born in Tippecanoe county, Indiana, a daughter of Michael Higgins, and they now have one son, Paul, thirteen years of age. The parents are prominent socially and Mr. Mullikin is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Improved Order of Red Men.

SAMUEL K. DUVALL, senior partner of the firm of Duvall & Beal, has been an active member of the profession since 1891, when, following his graduation from the University of Michigan, he located for practice in Terre Haute, where he has since remained. He was born on the home farm in Pearson township, Vigo county, July 26, 1861, his parents being Thomas and Lydia M. (Lloyd) Duvall, both of whom were natives of Nelson county, Kentucky. The paternal grandfather was William Duvall, a native of South Carolina and of French Huguenot lineage. Removing westward in pioneer times, he became one of the first settlers of Nelson county, Kentucky, and assisted materially in its development and improvement through its formative period. The maternal grandfather was William Lloyd, who came from Kentucky to Sullivan county, Indiana, at a very early day and was here married to Louisiana Grable, a native of the Blue Grass state. After the death of her husband Mrs. Lloyd married Joseph Liston, who was a soldier of the War of 1812



and for years acted as a scout all along the Wabash river valley in the employ of the United States government. Following his death, which occurred when he had reached the venerable age of ninety-three years, his widow, Mrs. Louisiana Liston, received a pension from the national government in recognition of the military aid he had rendered in the second war with England. She survived him for some time and was buried from the home of Samuel K. Duvall in Terre Haute in 1902, at the very advanced age of ninety-six years, being probably the oldest lady in the county at that time.

The marriage of Thomas Duvall and Lydia M. Lloyd was celebrated in Kentucky, but they cast in their lot with the early settlers of Vigo county in 1837. Both had previously been to the county and Thomas Duvall entered land from the government in both Linton and Pearson townships, his home being situated on the boundary line between the two. The first year his house stood in Linton township, but afterward the residence was in Pearson township. It still stands as one of the landmarks of pioneer times, having been a mute witness through many years of the events which have shaped the history of the county and molded its destiny. Year after year Thomas Duvall carried on the work of the farm, bringing his fields under a high state of cultivation and gaining a goodly measure of success as a reward for his industry and perseverance. He died in 1898, at the age of seventy-four years, having long survived his wife, who passed away in 1868.

Samuel K. Duvall was reared as a farm boy, working in the fields through the summer months and attending the public schools in the winter seasons. He enjoyed, too, the pleasures and sports common at that day. Further educational advantages were afforded him, and in 1886 he was graduated from the Indiana Normal School. Becoming imbued with a desire to enter professional circles, he resolved to make the practice of law his life work and to this end matriculated in the law department of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, where he completed the full course by graduation in 1891. The same year he was admitted to the bar and has since been an active follower of his profession. He first formed a partnership with W. J. Whittaker, under the firm name of Duvall & Whittaker, a connection that was continued until the junior partner was elected probate judge. Mr. Duvall then practiced alone until November, 1907, when he was joined by Fred W. Beal, in forming the present law firm of Duvall & Beal. He has conducted important litigation in the federal and state courts with gratifying success. He has much natural ability, but is withal a hard student and is never contented until he has mastered every detail of his cases. He believes in the maxim "there is no excellence without labor," and

follows it closely. He is never surprised by some unexpected discovery by an opposing lawyer, for in his mind he weighs every point and fortifies himself as well for defense as for attack. He convinces by his concise statements of law and facts rather than by word painting, and so high is the respect for his legal ability and integrity that his assertions are seldom questioned seriously in court.

In 1892 Mr. Duvall was married to Miss Lucretia E. Moore, a daughter of William Moore, of Linton township, this county. She died in October, 1905, leaving a daughter, Lois M. Fraternally Mr. Duvall is connected with the Knights of Pythias and the Uniform Rank and is thoroughly in sympathy with the principles of the order. He has not sought to figure prominently in public life aside from his profession, but gives undivided attention to his law practice and the interests of his clients, with the result that he has made for himself a creditable place at the Terre Haute bar.

HARVEY V. JONES, superintendent of police of Terre Haute, was born in Owen county, Indiana, June 17, 1861, a son of Hazle K. and Rebecca (Close) Jones, both of whom were born in Ohio, the father in Tuscarawas county, and the mother in Carroll county. They were both young when they came with their respective parents to Indiana, and they were married in Patricksburg, Owen county. Hazle K. Jones was fatally injured May 27, 1868, while coupling cars at the old Planet furnace, six miles northeast of Brazil, and died on the day following the accident. Although he was reared on a farm, the most of his life after attaining mature years was spent in public works, in mill machinery, etc., and he was but thirty years of age at the time of his death. Mrs. Jones is now living in Terre Haute, having reached the Psalmist's span of three score years and ten, for she was born on the 17th of September, 1838. Of their family of three children only two, a son and a daughter, are now living.

The boyhood days of Harvey V. Jones were spent on a farm in Vigo county, for his mother had come to this county with her father in 1871, but when he was twenty-three young Jones left the farm and worked at different places at the carpenter's trade for a number of years. In 1890 he came to reside permanently in Terre Haute, and eight years afterward, on the 22d of January, 1898, was made a member of the Terre Haute police department as a patrolman. For four years he was also the desk sergeant, but retiring from that position again became a patrolman for ten months, and was then promoted to patrol sergeant. On the 3d of September, 1906, he became the superintendent of police of Terre Haute, his present office.

Mr. Jones married Sophrona Z. Fox, who was born and reared in Riley township, Vigo county, and is a daughter of Michael and Mary E. Fox. The only child of Mr. and Mrs. Jones, Marrilla, died in less than a month after her birth. Mr. Jones is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Amico Lodge, No. 707, and Terre Haute Encampment, No. 307; the Knights of Pythias, Oriental Lodge, No. 81; Social Lodge, No. 86, Free and Accepted Masons; the Modern Woodmen, Terre Haute Camp, No. 8800, and the Rebekahs, Alma Lodge, No. 568.

JAMES D. BIGELOW, the prominent real estate man of Terre Haute, and the pioneer of "Insurance and Real Estate Row," as South Seventh street has become known, is a representative of that famous old Connecticut family which numbers in its ranks that New England darling of the Revolution, brave Israel Putnam. The General was the maternal great-grandfather of our subject, and his grandfather on the paternal side was Col. Guy Bigelow, also of Revolutionary fame. Mr. Bigelow himself was born in Colchester, Connecticut, on the 9th of September, 1856, son of Asa R. and Ann P. (Brown) Bigelow. The old-world origin of the family is England, the American ancestors coming to New England in early colonial times. Asa R. Bigelow, the father, followed the traditional occupation of farming in Connecticut, and died within the limits of that state in 1904, at the age of seventy-six. His wife had preceded him to her rest in 1898, aged sixty-seven years.

James D. Bigelow was reared and educated in his native town of Colchester, and in 1874, at the age of eighteen, located at Terre Haute, entering the law and insurance office of Boudinot & Brown. He was admitted to the bar in 1879. In 1881, following the death of Mr. Brown, he became associated with the surviving partner, and two years later, when Mr. Boudinot retired to become insurance inspector, he succeeded to the business. For ten years he maintained the office in the old Opera House block, corner of Fourth and Main streets, and in 1890 removed to No. 22 South Seventh street, at which time his was the only office of its kind on the thoroughfare which has since received the distinctive name of "Insurance and Real Estate Row." In 1903 he transferred his business home to the present location, corner of Seventh and Ohio streets. Mr. Bigelow's business is firmly established and expanding in a substantial manner. He also takes a keen interest in progressive organizations of a semi-public character, such as the Commercial Club of Terre Haute, and is closely identified with the Masons, Odd Fellows, Elks and National Union fraternities.

Mr. Bigelow's wife was formerly Miss Kate Krout, daughter of

Robert K. Krout, an old and leading citizen of Crawfordsville, and sister to Kate K. and Caroline Krout, well known writers of Indiana. Two daughters have been born to Mr. and Mrs. James D. Bigelow: Ann, who graduated from an eastern institute and for two years has been a student of music in Germany, and Jane, a graduate of Butler College, and now a student at the Chicago University.

EDWIN R. BRYANT, freight agent of the Pennsylvania Lines at Terre Haute, and one of the oldest and best known railroad men of the city, is of New England birth and a representative of an old family of that section of the country. He was born in Enfield, Massachusetts, on the 5th of June, 1839, his parents being Oliver and Susan P. (Richards) Bryant, natives of New Hampshire and Massachusetts, respectively, the father being a cousin of William Cullen Bryant, the poet. Oliver Bryant was engaged in mercantile pursuits at Enfield, Massachusetts, for a long period, and in 1851 removed to Lawrence, that state, where for a long period he manufactured machine cards for cotton and woolen manufacturers. His wife died in Lawrence in 1858. Later in life, after he had retired from active business pursuits, he removed to Ohio, making his home in Cincinnati until his demise in 1865.

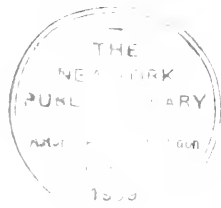
Edwin R. Bryant was reared in Enfield and in Lawrence, mastering the branches of learning which usually constitute the public school curriculum. In the latter city he also took up the study of telegraphy, which he followed as a profession for a number of years, becoming quite expert in that field of endeavor. When the Civil war was inaugurated he was an operator for George B. McClellan, and when that distinguished officer later became commander of the Army of the Potomac Mr. Bryant was attached to his staff as telegrapher, in which connection he did expert service in sending and receiving the dispatches indicating the movements of the army and other important war business. He remained on General McClellan's staff until 1862, when he was disabled and retired from the service.

On returning to the north Mr. Bryant entered the service of the Vandalia Railroad Company at Indianapolis as train dispatcher, and from that time to the present, covering a period of more than forty-five years, has been continuously in the employ of the Pennsylvania company as one of its most trusted, capable and efficient representatives. He came to Terre Haute in 1865 and has since been freight agent at this point.

Mr. Bryant was married in Terre Haute, in 1864, to Miss Rose Ross, a daughter of the late Harry Ross, one of Terre Haute's old-time leading business men and prominent citizens. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Bryant was born one son, Harry, whose birth occurred in 1870, but who died in 1903.



*Edwin R. Bryant*



Mr. Bryant is a member of the Commercial Club and is connected with the board of trustees of the Rose Dispensary. He is also an Elk and has attained the Knight Templar degree in Masonry. The craft finds him an exemplary representative, who follows its teachings concerning brotherly kindness and mutual helpfulness. No higher testimonial of fidelity to duty could be given than the fact that for almost a half century he has been in the employ of one company, doing faithfully and well the duties that devolve upon him in this connection.

CHARLES E. TEMPLE is one of Terre Haute's well known citizens and the superintendent of the Central Manufacturing Company. He was born in Washington county, New York, April 30, 1846, a son of Joseph and Emeline (Norton) Temple. Joseph Temple moved from his native state of Vermont to New York when a young man, while in 1857 he left there for Beaver Dam, Pennsylvania, in 1860 became a resident of Canton, Ohio, in 1863 removed to Oregon and Wisconsin, and in 1864 came to Terre Haute. His residence in this city covered a number of years, and he passed away in death in 1880, aged fifty-four years. His first wife, the mother of Charles E. Temple, died in young womanhood, and he married for his second wife Josephine Frazier.

The school days of Charles E. Temple were spent in his native state of New York, and when he had attained the age of sixteen he began learning the pattern maker's trade under his father's directions, and with him he came to Terre Haute in 1864 and began as an engineer in the round house. After a year there he accepted a position with the Eagle Iron Works, and after three years had passed he became the fireman of an engine in the city fire department. Next he became the general superintendent of the Spoke and Wheel factory. In 1883 he formed a partnership with Sidney and Walter Temple and organized the Central Manufacturing Company, of which he was made the superintendent.

Mr. Temple married, January 13, 1869, Mary, a daughter of Elisha Baker, and she was born in Vigo county, Indiana, October 11, 1850. Their three children are Frank E., Floyd L. and Nellie.

Floyd L. Temple, the secretary and manager of the Temple Laundry Company of Terre Haute, was born in this city July 10, 1878, and received his education in its high schools and the old Isabell College. During several years after the completion of his education he was with the Central Manufacturing Company, while for a year he served as the manager of Hunter's Laundry in Chicago, and then for six years he was with M. K. Weems & Company as the manager of their laundry at Springfield, Illinois. Returning to Terre Haute in July, 1907, he turned his attention to the installing of the Temple plant, of which he is the

promoter and for whom it is named. Mr. Temple is a member of the Elks fraternity.

The Temple Laundry Company of Terre Haute was organized in April, 1907, with the following gentlemen as its officers: Levi G. Hughes, president; Frank E. Temple, vice president; Frank P. Brinkman, secretary, and Floyd L. Temple, secretary and general manager. The company began the erection of their building on the 1st of April, 1907, and on the 1st of October of the same year the building was completed and the machinery installed ready for operation. The factory is located at 703 Lafayette avenue, and is a two-story concrete block in the form of an L, one hundred and sixty-six feet long, fifty-eight feet wide in the rear and thirty-eight feet front. The lower floor is devoted to flat or family work and the second to finished articles, and constant employment is furnished to between forty-five and fifty employes. The plant is equipped with the very latest and most approved laundry machinery, and at the present time the company confine themselves to laundry work only. They have their own water works, their own electric light plant, and their hand ironing is done by electric irons. All work is delivered by wagons, and they have no city agencies, the company thus dealing directly with the people. This is one of the leading industries of Terre Haute, and its promoter, Floyd L. Temple, is rapidly winning for himself a name and place high on the roll of its prominent business men.

HENRY CLAY HANNA.—The business record as well as the official record of Henry C. Hanna are alike commendable, for in both relations he has been true to his trusts, and has had the honor of serving as the president of the board of commissioners of Vigo county, and is still a member of that board. He is a native son of Indiana, born near Waveland, in Montgomery county, March 23, 1844, a son of William and Mary D. (Watson) Hanna, both of whom were born in Kentucky, the father in Shelby and the mother in Crab Orchard. William Hanna became a citizen of Indiana during his early manhood and entered land about Waveland, where he afterward made his home. Both he and his wife are now deceased.

It was on his father's farm there that Henry Clay Hanna was born and attained manhood's estate, receiving his education in the Waveland Academy. In August, 1862, soon after the tocsin of war had sounded over the land, he enlisted in Company B, Seventy-eighth Indiana Regiment of Volunteer Infantry, but shortly after he had been mustered in he was discharged on account of illness, and for ten years following the close of the war he was an invalid. During that time he opened a mer-



cantile business in Waveland, but was forced to abandon it on account of continued ill health, and from that city he went to Parke county and opened a livery and feed barn at Rockville. During a period of seven or eight years he was in business there, but at the expiration of that time he went to Sullivan, Indiana, but later returned to Rockville, and after four years went to Danville, Illinois. From there, in 1888, he came to Terre Haute and purchased and operated for fourteen years a transfer business, but during this time he was also engaged in the horse and mule trade, and is now the second oldest dealer in that line in the state of Indiana. He sold his transfer business at the close of the fourteen years. But while participating actively in the business life of Terre Haute and Vigo county he has at the same time been conspicuous in its political councils. In 1904 he was elected one of the county's commissioners for a three years' term. As above stated he was made the president of the board.

Mr. Hanna married Sophrona E. Russell, a daughter of J. W. and Lucinda Russell, who were born in Kentucky, but are now deceased. The two sons of Mr. and Mrs. Hanna are Scott Clay and Hubert Russell. They have lost three children: Mamie Clay, dying at the age of nine years; Clare, a son, when two years old, and Mabel E., at the age of two and one-half years. Mr. Hanna is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and of the Masonic fraternity.

PROFESSOR JOHN SHERMAN HUBBARD, superintendent of the schools of Vigo county, is prominently before the people as an instructor, and his ability has rapidly forced him to the front as an educator. He was well fitted for the position he now holds by an excellent training in his earlier life, passing from the district schools to the graded schools of Odon, Indiana, where his parents had established their home, and after graduating from the high school he spent two years at DePauw University, of Greencastle. From there he entered the Indiana State Normal at Terre Haute and graduated, and in 1885 began teaching in Madison township, Daviess county, Indiana. Thus his first educational labors were in the county of his nativity, for he was born on a farm in that county, July 31, 1864, a son of William and Harriet M. (Laughlin) Hubbard, natives, respectively, of Kentucky and Indiana, and both are now deceased.

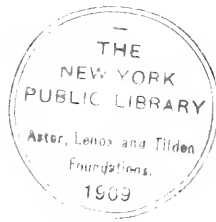
After teaching in Daviess county and other locations Mr. Hubbard came to Terre Haute in 1901 to take charge of the Burnett school, and from there, after two years, he went to the Highland school in Harrison township, where he remained for two and a half years, and in the meantime this school had become a part of Terre Haute. In 1907 he was

promoted to the Hulman school in the city, but after two months there he was elected the superintendent of schools for Vigo county to fill out the unexpired term of C. F. Grosjean. At the following election in June, 1907, he was re-elected for a full term of four years.

Professor Hubbard married Miss Emma J. McCoy, who was born in Washington, Daviess county, Indiana, a daughter of Hugh and Eliza J. McCoy, and their children are Donald M., Walter R., Hattie H. and Edith E. The second born, Walter R., died in infancy.

FELIX F. BLANKENBAKER, attorney-at-law with offices in the Naylor-Cox block, Terre Haute, is one of the city's promising young lawyers, who in a few years only has established a reputation which promises well for the future. He is a representative of a prominent old family of the Old Dominion state of Virginia, from whence came Felix Blankenbaker, the great-grandfather of Felix F., to Indiana in an early day. He established his home in Harrison county and reared a large family of children, among whom was Felix Blakenbaker, Jr., who moved from his native county of Harrison to Clark county, Illinois, in 1851, entering land there and there also spending the remainder of his life. His son and the father of Felix F. was Samuel C. Blakenbaker, who was also born in Harrison county, Indiana, and was reared on his father's farm. He served three years in the Civil war as a member of Company G, One Hundred and Twenty-third Regiment, Wilder's celebrated brigade, and yet he maintains his home in Clark county, Illinois. He married Samantha J. Athey, born in Licking county, Ohio, in 1844.

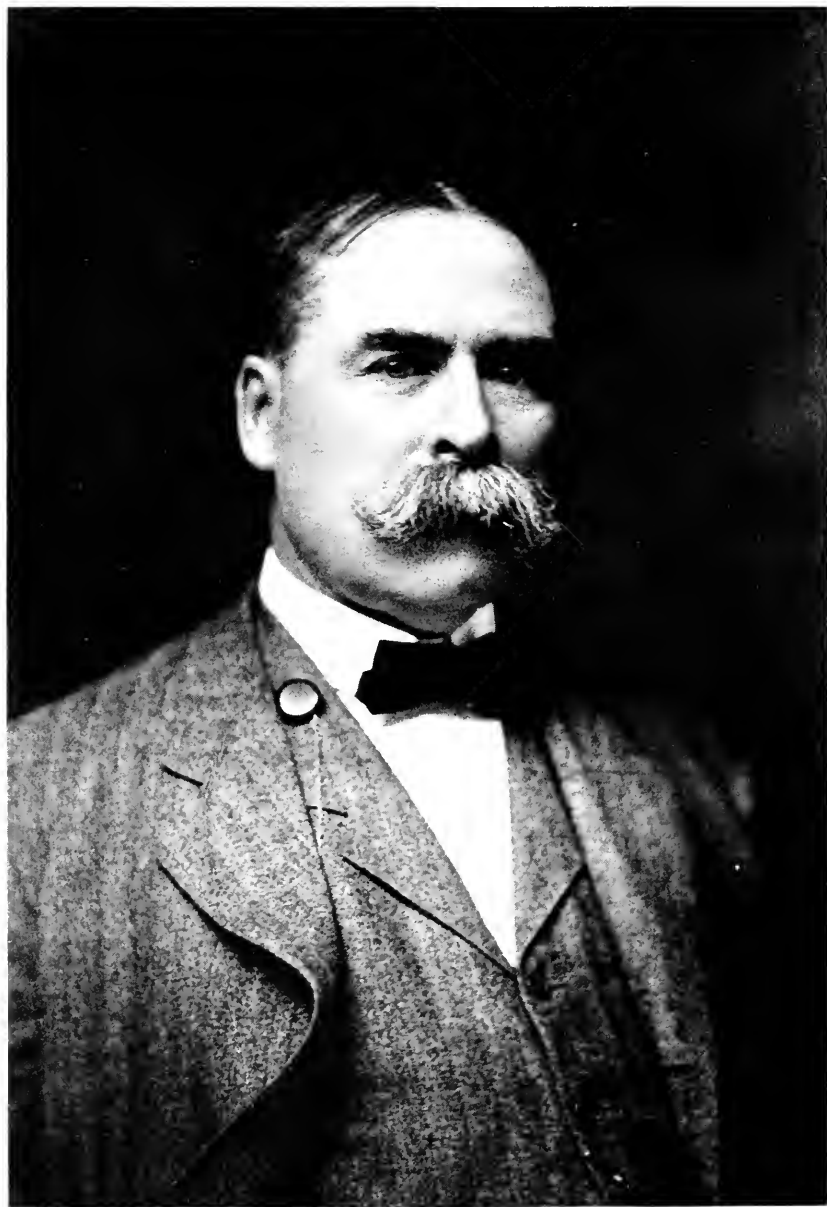
Among their children was Felix F. Blankenbaker, who was born in Clark county, Illinois, March 2, 1868, and was reared on his father's farm there. In 1888 he graduated from the Martinsville (Illinois) high school, and soon afterward was elected a justice of the peace in that city. It was during his tenure of that office that he first began reading law, and his legal studies were further pursued in the Northern Illinois College of Law, where he received the degree of Bachelor of Laws, and following this took a post-graduate course in the same institution and was given the degree of Master of Laws. In 1901 Mr. Blankenbaker came to Terre Haute to engage in the practice of law, and during the time which has since intervened he has served as counsel in many important cases and in the majority of them was victorious. He has never lost a suit for personal injury damages. He won an important damage suit against the American Car and Foundry Company, of this city, also one of the same nature against the city of Terre Haute, but his most recent and probably his most important triumph in this line was the case against the Big Four Rail-



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road Company in the noted Sanford explosion of powder on their lines, in which he was pitted against leading Indianapolis counsel. Mr. Blankenbaker has exceptional talents as an orator, and is a convincing and effective speaker before the jury. He is a member of the Sons of Veterans, the Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias fraternities, and of the Methodist Episcopal church.

He has been twice married, wedding first, Alice Lafferty, who was born in Martinsville, Illinois, a daughter of J. F. Lafferty, and their only child is a son Ralph. The wife and mother died on the 22d of May, 1902, when only twenty-six years of age, and Mr. Blankenbaker subsequently married Reba, a daughter of William Secrist, of Terre Haute.

J. IRVING RIDDLE is conducting a prosperous business in fire insurance and real estate at Terre Haute, and is widely known in these fields, even outside the state of Indiana. His birth occurred upon a farm near the little city of Wauseon, Fulton county, Ohio, on the 7th of September, 1847, his parents being James S. and Matilda (Siddons) Riddle. The family ancestry is traced to Scotch and English stock, the paternal forefathers living at Riddell Castle, on their estate near Edinburgh, Scotland.

Mr. Riddle was reared upon the home farm and received his education in the Wauseon public schools and at Williams Center Academy. In his boyhood days he worked upon the home farm, and later taught school, as well as entered the field of fire insurance. Finally he became agent at Wauseon for the Phenix Fire Insurance Company of Brooklyn New York, and gradually advanced to the supervisorship over ten counties. In 1873 he removed to Terre Haute, became associated with W. B. Wharton in the insurance and real estate business, and following the death of his partner became sole proprietor. In 1878 the firm of Riddle, Hamilton & Company was formed, and in 1893 the Riddle-Hamilton Company was incorporated, with Mr. Riddle as president. In January, 1908, the Doak-Riddle-Hamilton Company was organized to succeed Riddle, Hamilton & Company, with a capital of \$25,000 and Mr. Riddle president of the new corporation.

In 1874 Mr. Riddle was appointed Indiana agent for the Phenix Fire Insurance Company of Brooklyn, and has held that position ever since, its responsibilities and importance having vastly increased during the intervening thirty-four years. He has charge of more than 500 agents, and his supervisory duties now keep him on the road the greater portion of the time. In his capacity of state manager he has manifested marked ability in controlling, assimilating and shaping into unity the elements which constitute a compact and at the same time an elastic business of

this character, and has made the Indiana territory of the company one of the most productive in the United States. He is regarded as an authority on all matters connected with fire insurance, makes frequent contributions to insurance periodicals, and is one of the best known men in the field of the middle west. An illustration of his wide acquaintance with those in the same line of business is his collection of photographs representing fire insurance men throughout the country. It really approaches the dignity of a gallery, and is undoubtedly the finest collection of the kind in the world.

On the 7th of September, 1873, at Detroit, Michigan, occurred the marriage of Mr. Riddle and Miss Fannie M. Joy, a native of St. Lawrence county, New York. They have three living children—Herbert W., Vinita B. and Don C. The parents hold membership in the Christian church, in which Mr. Riddle has served as an official for many years and been a constant and helpful worker. He is also an earnest and worthy Mason. In manner he is a congenial, cordial, social gentleman, who wins friends by his attractive qualities and firmly retains them by his sterling traits of substantial ability, honesty and practical helpfulness.

WILLIAM F. CARMACK, attorney-at-law and a prominent leader of the Republican party in Terre Haute, was born in Douglas county, Illinois, January 18, 1862. He is a son of Isaac A. and Minerva (Howell) Carmack. The father, a native of East Tennessee, was a son of Isaac Carmack, and in the year 1856 became a resident of Douglas county, Illinois, where his remaining days were passed. His wife was a native of Eugene, Vermilion county, Indiana. Their son, W. F. Carmack, was born and reared upon the home farm and acquired his early education in the common schools. Later he continued his studies in the public schools of Danville, Illinois, and in the Terre Haute Commercial College. He came to this city in 1882 and accepted a position in the office of the county assessor under Frank Armstrong. Later he became deputy county treasurer under C. A. Ray, and afterwards was first deputy recorder under Levi Hammerly. In the meantime he had become imbued with a desire to practice law and to this end became a student in the office and under the direction of Hugh Roquett, an attorney of Terre Haute. After thorough preliminary reading he successfully passed the examination which secured his admission to the bar in 1898. He has since engaged in the practice of his profession in Terre Haute and although advancement in law is proverbially slow, he has yet made a good record in building up a clientage and now conducts a law business of considerable importance. He is likewise prominent in political circles. His early official service and connection with those who were political

leaders of the county led to his deep interest in politics and he has always kept well informed on the questions and issues of the day. He is today well known as a Republican leader and has served for several terms as secretary of the Republican central committee. He has, however, never sought office for himself, his endorsement to party principles being the result of his firm belief in their efficiency in promoting the best interests of the country.

Mr. Carmack was married to Miss Sadie Hughes, a daughter of Daniel Hughes, now deceased, of Terre Haute. This marriage has been blessed with one child, Lucile. The parents are members of the First Methodist church, of which Mr. Carmack is serving as a trustee and he also belongs to the Uniform Rank of the Knights of Pythias.

ALBERT J. KELLEY is a prominent lawyer of Terre Haute, and has been quite influential in the Democratic politics of the state. He is a native of Cincinnati, Ohio, born on the 21st of March, 1849, and son of Andrew J. and Bridget (Johnson) Kelley, the father having been a native of Ireland and the mother of Cincinnati. The elder Mr. Kelly, who was an engineer, died aboard the United States transport, "Dakota," an April 20, 1863, the steamer being engaged in carrying soldiers of the Union army.

In 1856 the family had located at Terre Haute, the home being on a farm a mile east of St. Mary-of-the-Woods. Here Albert J. Kelley lived until he was nineteen years of age, received a common school education, and at this period in his life came to Terre Haute to commence the reading of law in the office of William E. McLean. In 1869 he was admitted to the bar, and as a practitioner entered the office of Richard Dunigan, with whom he was associated for about a year. He then formed a partnership with Emory P. Beauchamp, afterward United States consul to Aix-la-Chapelle, Prussia, and St. Gaul, Switzerland, the connection continuing until Mr. Beauchamp was elected city attorney. In 1874 Mr. Kelley was elected prosecuting attorney of Vigo county, being re-elected in 1876, 1878 and 1880. He then retired to the private practice of his profession and has continued alone, with the exception of the four years which he spent in Washington under Cleveland's first administration. He served as secretary of the Indiana state senate in 1883-5, the period from 1874 to 1885 being that of his greatest activity in politics and public affairs. Mr. Kelley married Miss Margaret J. D. Deveraux, a native of Lafayette, Indiana, who died February 23, 1898, leaving a daughter and a son—Mary Louise and Daniel Vorhees Kelley.

NICKOLAS STEIN, president of the Fort Harrison Savings Bank and one of Terre Haute's best known citizens, is a native of Germany, born October 3, 1843, in Hesse-Darmstadt, son of Nicholas and Elizabeth (Huebner) Stein. His parents were also natives of Hesse-Darmstadt and came to America in 1858, settling first in Missouri. In the spring of 1860 they came to Terre Haute, where for years they have been among the city's honored citizens.

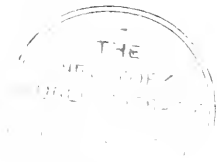
The son received a public school education and served an apprenticeship at the shoemaker's trade until 1864, in May, of that year, enlisting in Company I, One Hundred and Thirty-third Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and serving as a four months' soldier. He was assigned to guard duty at Bridgeport, Alabama, and was mustered out at Indianapolis, in September, 1864.

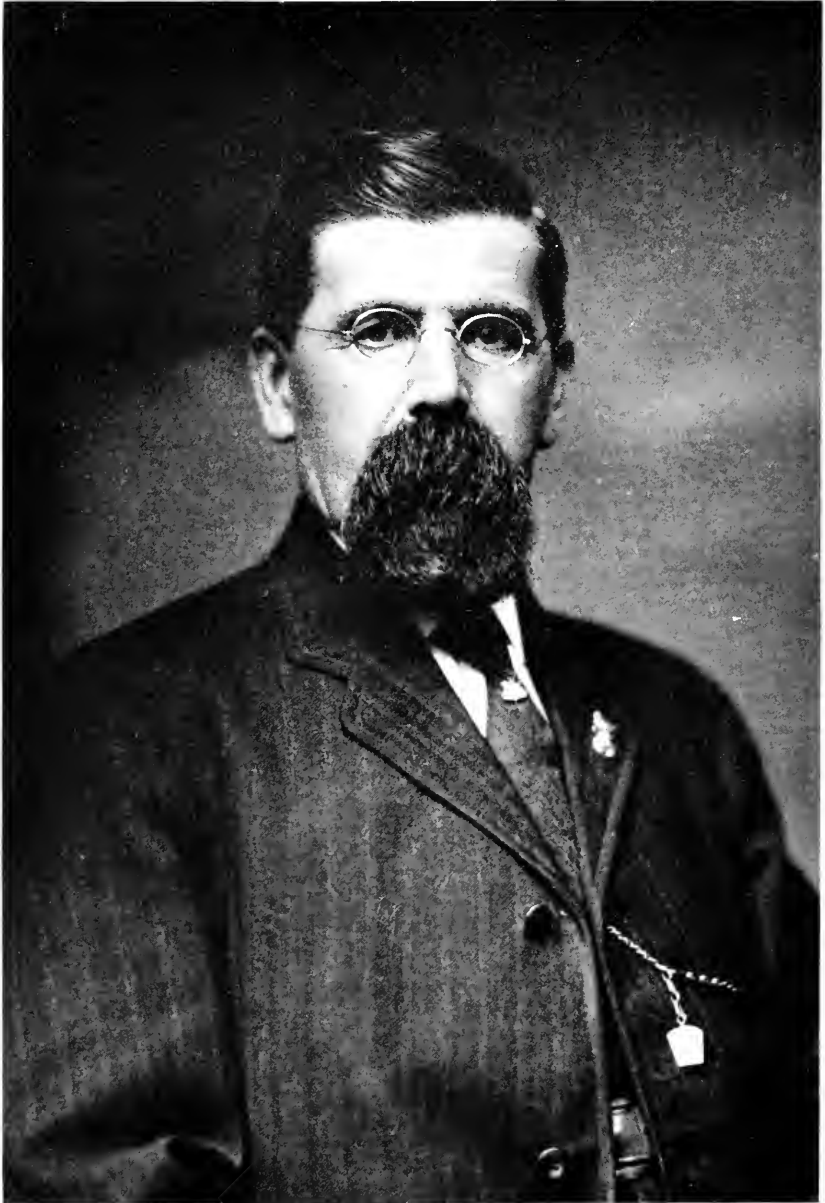
Returning to his home in Terre Haute, the young soldier resumed civil employment by engaging in the boot and shoe business, in partnership with Mr. Heckelsburg, under the firm name of Stein & Heckelsburg. This establishment was for years one of the city's leading commercial houses. Mr. Stein finally retired from active business.

On May 11, 1867, Mr. Stein was married to Catherine, daughter of Charles F. and Hannah (Seeberger) May, both natives of Baden, Germany, who died in the United States. Mrs. Stein, who was the youngest of seven children, was born September 21, 1843. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Nickolas Stein are Charles F., Edward E., Gertrude M. and Katy May. Mr. Stein is identified with the Grand Army of the Republic, a member of the Masonic and Odd Fellows fraternities, in which he has passed all the chairs, and also a member of the Commercial Club. He is a Democrat and has served as school trustee and alderman.

WILLIS A. ETHINGTON.—Terre Haute numbers among her native sons Willis A. Ethington, the present secretary of its board of education and well known in its real estate and fire insurance circles, with offices at 421½ Wabash avenue. The family trace their ancestry to the Blue Grass state of Kentucky, the birthplace of James Ethington, who moved from there to Indiana and resided in Fayette township of Vigo county until he removed to a farm near Paris, Illinois, dying there in 1871, at the age of ninety-six years. His son, James E. Ethington, was born in the old home in Kentucky, and coming to Vigo county, became one of the earliest residents of Terre Haute, where as a brick mason he worked on many of the early buildings of this city. He died here in 1861. His wife bore the maiden name of Nancy M. Leek, and also claimed Kentucky as the state of her nativity. It was in that state also that she became the wife of James E. Ethington, coming with him to Terre Haute, and she died in 1873.







*James M. Bolton*

In their home in this city, in what is now the First Ward, Willis A. Ethington was born April 24, 1859, and after completing his education in the public schools he secured employment in the wheel works. In 1879 he enlisted in the Regular army, in which he served for five years and was discharged in Texas. He then returned to his home here and accepted the position of foreman with the wheel works, but resigned that office after fifteen years to become a bailiff under Judge Henry, of the superior court, and was reappointed by Judge Stimson, of the same court. He served as a bailiff until the 1st of January, 1906, and then entered the field of business as a real estate and fire insurance dealer, representing the North British and Mercantile Insurance companies, of London and Edinburgh. He was elected to the city school board at the regular session of June 4, 1907, taking the oath of office on the 2d of August following, and he was made the secretary of the board. Mr. Ethington is a member of the fraternal order of Maccabees, the National Aid Society, the Knights and Ladies of Honor and the Home Defenders, No. 2, and has held offices in all of the societies.

On the 6th of September, 1884, he married Miss Julia Sidenstick, born at Xenia, Ohio, and a daughter of David Sidenstick, residing in Terre Haute. Their children are: Ernest L., born June 24, 1885; Ethel, born August 1, 1887; Inez, born March 30, 1897, and Clyde, born September 14, 1894.

JAMES M. BOLTON.—In a county which formerly had a strong Republican majority, James M. Bolton was elected to the office of treasurer upon the Democratic ticket, and members of the opposition as well as of his own party endorse his service as that of one who is most loyal and faithful to the trust reposed in him. He was born on the 25th of October, 1845, on a farm in Rockingham county, Virginia, his parents being James and Sarah (Horn) Bolton, both of whom were natives of the Old Dominion, the former born in Rockingham county and the latter in Rockbridge county. It was in the year 1855 that the removal was made from Virginia to Vigo county, Indiana, at which time the family home was established in Fayette township, where the father purchased a half of section 18, near the village of New Goshen, and there upon the farm which he developed and improved he passed away in 1877. His wife continued to make her home there until her demise in 1889, and they were numbered among the most respected and worthy residents of the community, having a circle of warm friends, who held them in highest regard. The father was a member of the Masonic fraternity.

James M. Bolton was a lad of ten years when brought by his parents to Indiana, and upon the home farm he was reared, early learning lessons

of industry, enterprise and integrity as he was trained in the work of the fields and instructed concerning those things which are of true worth in life. He attended the public schools and continued to assist in the work of the home farm until his parents were called to their final rest. His life has been one of industry and perseverance, and capable direction and sound judgment characterized his agricultural interests.

Mr. Bolton has figured quite prominently in political circles through the past decade. In 1898 he became the Democratic candidate for county clerk, but the entire ticket was in that year defeated. In 1900 he was again a candidate of his party, this time for the office of county treasurer, but the election resulted in a tie vote and the matter was finally settled by the supreme court, the decision awarding the office to the Republican contestant. In 1906 he was again his party's candidate for county treasurer and received public endorsement at the polls, so that on the 1st of January, 1908, he entered upon the duties of the position, which he is now capably and creditably filling. He has carefully systematized the work of the office, and his well known reliability insures a faithful accounting for all public funds.

Mr. Bolton has been married twice. He first wedded Miss Sarah Whitesell, who was born at New Goshen, Vigo county, a daughter of Jacob and Susan Whitesell, who came to this county from Augusta county, Virginia. She died in 1870, at the age of twenty-five years, leaving two sons—James Monroe, a farmer living in New Goshen, and Jacob Harvey, who is a gauger in the revenue service at Terre Haute. For his second wife Mr. Bolton chose Miss Mary E. Strole, who was born in Page county, Virginia, a daughter of Simeon S. and Agnes Strole, who settled near New Goshen, in Vigo county, in 1857. In his fraternal relations Mr. Bolton is connected with the Odd Fellows, the Red Men and the Masons. He and his father were initiated into the Masonic lodge on the same night in 1869 and he has since been one of its exemplary representatives, true to the beneficent spirit and helpful teachings of the craft. His residence in the county covers more than a half century and he has therefore witnessed much of its growth and development as it has taken on all the evidences of a modern, cultured civilization. While there have been no exciting or unusual chapters in his life history, it has been characterized by a faithful performance of daily duties, by activity and trustworthiness in business relations and now by an unflinching fidelity in official service. He has a large circle of friends, many of whom have known him from his youth to the present time.

DANIEL FASIG, an ex-chief of police of Terre Haute, an ex-sheriff of Vigo county, and now a well known citizen and real estate dealer in

Terre Haute, was born in Clark county, Illinois, January 29, 1850, a son of Henry and Eliza (Taggart) Fasig, both of whom were born in Pennsylvania. During an early period in its history Henry Fasig became a resident of Clark county, Illinois, where for several years he was engaged in business, and his death occurred there in 1852, when but twenty-six years of age. His widow survived him for many years and died in 1879, aged forty-three.

When a boy of ten years, Daniel Fasig became a resident of Terre Haute, and after completing his education in its public schools he entered upon an apprenticeship at the harness-maker's trade with the firm of Miller & Schmebel, remaining with them from 1873 to 1874. During the following six years he was in the employ of Farley & Roach, harness makers, and at the close of that period formed a partnership with Oscar Froeb, under the firm name of Froeb & Fasig, and bought the harness and saddlery business of P. J. Ryan, the firm of Froeb & Fasig continuing in the business from 1873 to 1877. In 1880 Mr. Fasig formed a partnership with John F. Reagan and established the "Health Office," making of it a popular and successful business place and conducted it for twelve years, in the meantime, in 1885, purchasing his partner's interest. Mr. Fasig sold the Health Office to Mr. Myers and forming a partnership with William Starr and Fred Appman bought out the Joseph H. Biggs wholesale commission house, but on January 1, 1900, sold his interest therein to the Vigo County Commission Company. But in the political as well as the business circles of Vigo county, Mr. Fasig has won prominence and a high position, and has held several responsible positions in the city and county government. In 1877 he made the race for the office of city marshal, but was defeated at the polls, and he then accepted a position on the city police force as a lieutenant, serving in that position for over three years, and in 1883 was made the chief of the police department for two years. In 1896 he was an unsuccessful candidate for the state senate, and in 1898 was defeated for county auditor, but in November, 1900, was successful in the race for the office of sheriff of Vigo county, and was re-elected in 1902, his tenure of office covering four years and forty-one days by reason of the legislature extending the time law. In 1905 Mr. Fasig engaged in the real estate business, and is now the owner of considerable valuable improved property in this city, including the Colonial flat building on North Seventh street, and twelve residences in the block bounded by Fourth and Sixth streets and Second and Third avenues, all up-to-date and modern homes.

He has been twice married, first wedding S. A. Seaschultz, who was also born in Clay county, Indiana, a daughter of Samuel and Mary (Love) Seaschultz, and of their four children two are living, A. A. and

Curtis O. The elder is now a resident of Anna, Illinois, where he is engaged in the ice business on a large scale and is also prominently identified with its street car interests. Curtis O. Fasig, is residing in Kansas City, Missouri, where he is a hard-wood finisher. For his second wife Mr. Fasig married Emily Kisner, the daughter of Alpheus and Harriet (Downey) Kisner. Alpheus Kisner was for some time proprietor of the old Boston House, one of the earliest and most noted of Terre Haute's hotels. Mr. Fasig is a member of the Masonic, Odd Fellows, Red Men, Woodmen, Knights of Pythias, Junior Order of American Mechanics and the Elks fraternities.

JOHN KENNEDY, the superintendent of the Terre Haute Fire Department, first became connected with the public life of this city in 1869, when he was made the night fireman of the Terre Haute Fire Department, at a salary of ten dollars a month. He served under John D. Bell, the first paid chief of the department. In 1882 he became the chief of the department, but after ten months he resigned the office to engage in business. On the 8th of May, 1888, Mr. Kennedy returned to the position, succeeding Martin Hunter, his term expiring on the 16th of May, 1890, when he was succeeded by J. D. Jones. In 1892 he was appointed Mr. Jones successor and served until the 8th of May, 1894, when he in turn was again succeeded by Mr. Jones. On the 3d of September, 1906, for the fourth time Mr. Kennedy was made the chief of the fire department in Terre Haute, succeeding Elias Leonard. Under its different administrations the department has been permitted to retrograde, but under the present regime it has taken on new life, having been greatly improved in all its appointments and it is now in an excellent condition, worthy in every way to form an important part in the city government.

Mr. Kennedy is of Irish descent, for his parents, James and Ann (Calahan) Kennedy, were both born in that country, the father in County Tipperary and the mother in County Limerick. In his early manhood James Kennedy left his native land and came to Canada, where for a number of years he was engaged in lumbering. Mrs. Kennedy came to the United States in her girlhood days, and they were married in Ohio, from whence they journeyed on the Wabash and Erie canal to Indiana and located in Parke county. After farming there for a time they moved to near Iowa City, Iowa, but eventually returned to Parke county. After her husband's death Mrs. Kennedy came to Vigo county and died on her son's farm north of Terre Haute. It was during their residence in Parke county that their son John was born, his natal day being the 10th of January, 1853, and he was practically reared on a farm. In 1867 he came to Terre Haute, and for a time worked for his brother Michael, after which

he worked for different employers in this city until he joined the fire department.

Mr. Kennedy married Mary Ralston, a native daughter of Parke county, Indiana.

W. HOMER FLOYD.—In architectural circles the name of W. Homer Floyd has passed beyond the confines of Terre Haute and Vigo county and has permeated many parts of the United States. It was here, however, that he entered upon his career as an architect in 1880, and here he has mounted the ladder of success until he now stands among the successful few in the profession. In 1887 he moved to Chattanooga, Tennessee, but returned to Terre Haute in the spring of 1892, after a seven years' residence in the south. During that time, however, he planned and superintended the erection of some of the commonwealth's principal buildings, including the Read Hotel, the First and Third National banks of Chattanooga, and the Park Hotel, of Chickamauga, Tennessee. He was also the architect of the Dennison Hotel, of Indianapolis, Indiana, the McDermot and New Florence hotels, of Butte, Montana, the French Lick Springs Hotel, of French Lick, Indiana, and the Terre Haute House, the Indiana State Normal School, the Filbeck Hotel, Wheeler building, Erwin block, Grand Opera House, Emeline Fairbanks Memorial Library, and the Root and Herz store buildings, the latter having been completed in 1907 and is the finest and most complete store building in the west, all of Terre Haute. Mr. Floyd has also furnished plans for many of Terre Haute's finest residences, including those of Crawford Fairbanks, H. J. Miller, George Foulkes and J. H. McCoy, also the Bement flats.

The birthplace of Mr. Floyd was Evansville, where his family on both sides were prominent for many years, and his birthday is the 1st of August, 1852. He is a son of L. L. and Alice C. (Stinson) Floyd. The Stinsons came to Indiana from the state of New York, and establishing their home in the southern part of the state became leading residents of the community. Mrs. Evans, the widow of the late General Evans, one of Evansville's most prominent citizens and in honor of whose family the city was named, was a member of the Stinson family. That city was also the birthplace of Mrs. Floyd. L. L. Floyd was born in Mill Springs, Kentucky, and was a member of the family who moved from the Old Dominion state of Virginia to that commonwealth many years ago. For years he was engaged in the lumber and saw milling business in Evansville, but his interests took him away from home during a considerable portion of his time, spending several years each at Rockport, Indiana, and Mt. Carmel, Illinois, but although he took his family with him to these places he always maintained his home in Evansville. His death occurred at Mt. Carmel, and his wife died in Evansville.

It was in that city that W. Homer Floyd attained to man's estate, in the meantime attending its public schools and the Collegiate Institute, of Rockport, Indiana, where he was a student for two years. He learned the trade of stair builder at Evansville, and during his several years' connection with that work he also studied mechanical engineering and architecture. As above stated he located in Terre Haute in 1880, and with the passing years he has enrolled his name high among its architects and builders. He is a member of the Masonic and Elks fraternities.

Mr. Floyd married Fidelia, a daughter of Judge Bozman, of New Harmony, of this state. She was born and reared in that little city on the Wabash, and at her death, in 1901, she left to survive her one daughter, Ione, who became the wife of Clarence Kirk, a merchant of Terre Haute. For his second wife Mr. Floyd married Mrs. Ada Belle Sears, of this city.

J. MERRILL SHERMAN.—The architectural circles of Terre Haute numbers among its members J. Merrill Sherman, who was born in Boston, Massachusetts, November 5, 1861, a son of James Henry and Amanda M. (Taft) Sherman, natives respectively of Newton, Massachusetts, and Pawtucket, Rhode Island.

James H. Sherman is a son of James Madison Sherman and a nephew of Seth Boynton, the inventor, with whom he lived for a time in Newark. He learned the wood-working business in the Pettie Machine Works, of Newton, Upper Falls, and remained with the works for five or six years, and it was at the close of this period that he went to New Jersey and to the home of his uncle in Newark. After three years in Newark he accepted a position with the Wheeler & Wilson Sewing Machine Company, at Boston, Massachusetts, continuing in their factory for seventeen years, and during the following six years he worked for the Hancock Inspirator Company. In 1882 he came to Terre Haute to accept a position with the Rose Polytechnic College as an instructor in their wood department, and for ten years he was numbered among the faculty of that prominent institution. After spending some time in the Vandalia Railroad shops in this city he retired and is now making his home with his son, J. Merrill Sherman. His wife died in 1886.

After completing his educational training in the Boston public schools J. Merrill Sherman began work as an architect in a small way, but when a mere boy, before he had attained his sixteenth year, he had made plans to some extent for Boston contractors. In 1882 he came to Terre Haute and began to work in the shops of the Rose Polytechnic College, but after about a year there he entered the employ of the Clifton Williams Company,



and in 1894 began as an architect on an independent scale, with offices on South Sixth street until 1904. Since then he has maintained his offices at his residence, 1504 Second avenue. During his connection with the business interests of this city Mr. Sherman has executed the plans for the Bement-Rae wholesale grocery house, on Wabash and Eighth streets, the McKeen block, on the corner of Seventh and Wabash, the Maple Avenue Methodist Episcopal church, the remodeling of the First Baptist church, the Tabernacle Baptist church, the pavilion in Collett park, and a number of residences in different parts of the city. His latest works, completed in 1907, were the Cook building, at the corner of Eighth and Cherry streets, for a wholesale drug company, the Montrose Methodist Episcopal church, on College and Seventeenth streets, and the plans for the addition to the Union Hospital.

Mr. Sherman married Bellretta Rankin, who was born in Terre Haute and a daughter of William Rankin. They have one son, Clarence E. The family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

CHARLES PADGET.—Terre Haute's well known and popular architect and superintendent, Charles Padget, has the distinction of being the youngest member of the profession in the city, but although young in years he has established a record which promises well for the future. He is at the present time engaged on the plans and specifications for the Odd Fellows Temple, which is to be one of the finest buildings in the city, and Mr. Padget secured it in competition with five other architects. He has furnished the plans and superintended the erection of many other of the finest buildings of Terre Haute, including four school buildings in Harrison township, a number of fine residences and a large warehouse for the Commercial Distillery Company.

Mr. Padget is of English parentage and was born in Indianapolis, Indiana, March 4, 1874, a son of Harry and Mary Padget. Harry Padget came to the United States from the mother country in 1869 and located first in Indianapolis, from whence, in 1880, he came to Terre Haute and resumed his trade of stair building for a number of years. Later he drifted into contracting, and is yet one of the prominent contractors and builders of Terre Haute. His son Charles also began learning stair building after leaving school, serving an apprenticeship at the Clifton-Williams Planing Mill Company. After continuing as a stair builder for eleven years he took up the study of architecture in the International Correspondence School and received his diploma on the 15th of July, 1904. But long before he became a member of the school Mr. Padget had studied architecture, and immediately after his graduation he was competent to enter into business life and has since been con-

spicuously connected with the building interests of the city. He is a member of the encampment of Odd Fellows, the Maccabees and the Masons.

IRA D. ANDREWS, the secretary and treasurer of the Indiana-Texas Land Company, with offices in the Naylor-Cox block, Terre Haute, and active in the business, educational and social circles of Vigo county, was born in Vermilion county, Indiana, April 15, 1861, a son of John and Margaret (Rhoads) Andrews, natives of Ohio and Indiana respectively. John Andrews moved to Vermilion county from Ohio when a boy with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Andrews, led an agricultural life and Mr. Andrews died there in September of 1885, aged eighty-seven years. His wife died in 1883, when sixty-five years of age.

On his father's farm in Vermilion county, Ira D. Andrews grew to years of maturity and received his educational training in the district schools. He also attended the state normal in Grant county, Missouri, and for one year he taught in that state. Returning thence to Dana, Indiana, he spent one year in the hardware business, and then for two years farmed on rented land in Fayette township, Vigo county. Following this he purchased the old Squire Shirley farm and for a number of years devoted his activities to its cultivation and improvement. In 1900 he was elected the trustee of Fayette township, and during his four years' term in that office he attended and presided over each township institute—an act unparalleled by any other trustee of the township. To his credit it may also be stated that he was elected as a Republican with a majority of sixty-four votes in a township with a nominal Democratic majority of fifteen, and had the whiskey element on both sides against him. Mr. Andrews engaged in his present business in 1904, but it was not until two years later that he moved from his farm to the city, and he still owns his estate of one hundred and ten acres in Fayette township, also four hundred and eighty acres in Swisher county, Northern Texas, and ten hundred and sixty-nine acres in the coast country of Texas. He is largely interested financially in the Indiana-Texas Land Company and is its secretary and treasurer.

He is now president of the Vigo County Sunday School Association, and served as its president eight years ago and has been very active in church and Sunday school circles for many years. He is a member of the Second United Brethren church and superintendent of its Sunday school. He was sought very much by the temperance people to make the race on the Republican ticket for county commissioner for the second district. This he refused largely on account of his many business interests which required all his time.

Mr. Andrews married Mary E. Koonce, a daughter of John S. Koonce and a native of Fayette township. They have had three children, Lela M., Lena and May, but the first born died at the age of eight years. Mr. Andrews is a member of the Ivy Lodge, No. 564, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, at New Goshen.

ABRAHAM L. MILLER is junior member of what is regarded as one of the strongest legal firms of Terre Haute—that of Crane & Miller. Born in Parke county, Indiana, upon the home farm, June 17, 1879, his parents were John and Martha (Steel) Miller, natives of Parke and Putnam counties respectively, while the natal year of both was 1826. The paternal grandfather of our subject was John Miller, a native of Virginia, who emigrating westward in pioneer days became one of the early settlers of Parke county. There he reared his family, and John Miller, Jr., after devoting his entire life to general agricultural pursuits, passed away in February, 1898, being survived for a brief period by his wife, who died in 1899.

Abraham L. Miller was reared upon the home farm. No event of special importance occurred to vary the routine of agricultural life for him through the period of his boyhood, which was devoted to the duties of the schoolroom, the pleasures of the playground and the work of the fields. After mastering the branches of learning taught in the common schools, however, he became a student in Danville (Indiana) College, where he remained during the school years of 1887, 1888 and 1889. He then devoted four years of his life to teaching, after which he returned to the Danville College and pursued the law course, while at the same time he read law in the office and under the direction of Hogate & Clark, well known attorneys of Danville. He was graduated in 1896 and was admitted to the bar in Danville in June, 1896, and at Terre Haute on the 1st of August, 1896. He then engaged in the practice of his profession in the office of I. H. C. Royse, while in 1899 he became a member of the law firm of Crane, Miller & Miller. This connection was discontinued in December, 1901, and the firm of Henry, Crane & Miller was formed, although it was more of an association than a partnership. In 1903 the present firm of Crane & Miller was organized and has taken rank with the leading law firms of the city, having an extensive patronage. Mr. Miller's mind is largely judicial in its cast, capable of an impartial view of both sides of a question and of arriving at a just conclusion. This gives his peculiar strength in the preparation of his cases. In his practice he is absolutely fair, never indulging in artifice or concealment, never dealing in indirect methods, but winning his victories, which are many, and suffering his defeats, which are few, in the open field face to face

with his foe. He has achieved distinction at the Terre Haute bar and deserves it.

In May, 1902, Mr. Miller was united in marriage to Miss Charlotte Williams, a daughter of William Williams, now deceased, of Terre Haute. They have no children of their own but are rearing an adopted daughter, Susan.

Mr. Miller is very prominent in the Odd Fellows circles of Indiana, widely known in the fraternity throughout the state. He has filled all of the chairs in Amico Lodge, No. 707, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and Vigo Encampment, No. 17. He is likewise a member of Canton McKeen, No. 28, of Patriarchs Militant and of Rockville Lodge of Rebekahs, No. 321. In 1907 he was elected grand warden of the Grand Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Indiana. He is also connected with the Masonic fraternity and the Improved Order of Red Men. The position to which he has attained in fraternal and legal circles has made him widely known, while his personal traits of character have gained him popularity and high regard.

JACOB ANSLEM PARKER, deceased, was for many years one of Terre Haute's most prominent citizens and successful business men, closely identified with, if not at the head of the iron manufacturing industry of the city. He was a native of Maine, born in Kennebec county, March 20, 1830, a son of Jacob R. and Louise (Robinson) Parker, both also natives of the Pine Tree state and of Scotch-Irish and English descent. Having attained his majority and in the meantime completing his education in the schools of his native commonwealth J. A. Parker went to Boston to enter upon an apprenticeship in the locomotive works in that city, and following this he became an engineer on a Maine railroad. In 1851 he came west, and with Terre Haute as his headquarters continued railroading in this section until in the following year he was made master mechanic of the old Greenville & Miami Railroad at Greenville, Ohio. After three years as a master mechanic Mr. Parker gave up all railroad work and going to York, Illinois, spent three years as a lumber merchant there, from whence he went to Hudsonville, that state, and resumed his lumber interests, at the same time adding a planing mill to his other interests. Near that city he purchased a farm of six hundred acres, which he improved and engaged quite extensively in the raising of blooded stock, in which he had always taken a great interest.

It was in 1871 that Mr. Parker made his way back to Terre Haute and it was at this time that he entered upon his brilliant and successful career as an iron manufacturer, first purchasing the old Eagle Iron Works and for over thirty years was at the head of this large and well known

industrial institution. In 1902 he organized the Eagle Iron Works Company, of which he was the principal stockholder and was also made its president. But at this time, when he had reached the zenith of success, he decided to give up in a large measure the care of so vast and such a growing industry and retired to his farm at Hudsonville. There he passed away in death in October, 1905. In his relations to the community in which he so long labored and to so goodly ends he enjoyed the confidence which is always awarded to sterling integrity and achieved the honor of a spotless name.

Mr. Parker was married in Maine to Elizabeth Wentworth, a granddaughter of Governor Wentworth, of that state, and she with the following children survive him: Gertrude, who married R. Geddes and resides in Indianapolis; Mary J., the wife of John C. Warren, of Terre Haute; George W., also of this city; Thatcher A., a prominent manufacturer of Terre Haute, and Elizabeth, the wife of N. S. Kidder, of Chicago.

George W., the third child and eldest son, was born at Hudsonville, Illinois, January 2, 1864. He came with his parents to Terre Haute in 1871 and attended the public and high school and the Rose Institute. In 1885 he became identified with his father in the Eagle Iron Works, and in 1902 succeeded him as its president. He married Alice Plimpton, of Vermont, and their children are George A., Jr., and Harrold P.

Thatcher A. Parker, the youngest son of the late J. A. Parker, is one of the most prominent contractors and manufacturers in Terre Haute. He was born in Hudsonville, Illinois, September 28, 1868, passed through the graded and high schools of Terre Haute, and entered the State University, Lansing, Michigan. After leaving college he secured a position in the laboratory of the Homestead plant of the Carnegie & Phipps Steel Company, at Pittsburg, but after fifteen months there returned to Terre Haute and accepted a position with the Eagle Iron Works. In 1892, however, he left his father's works to go to Burlington, Iowa, where for three years he served as the superintendent of the Murry Iron Works, returning at the close of the period, in 1895, to Terre Haute and again entered the Eagle Iron Works. But on the first of the following year, 1896, Mr. Parker began contracting in steel structural work on his own account, and as his business grew in volume and importance from year to year, and in 1900 completed his own plant for the manufacture of structural iron and steel bridge material. Among the buildings of note which he has erected may be mentioned the following: The Columbia Enameling and Stamping Works, Terre Haute; the Highland Iron and Steel Plant, and all of the gas house plants of this city; the Commercial and Merchants' Distillery plants, the Grand Opera House block, all of this city; the Iowa University building, at Ames, Iowa; the Illinois University

auditorium, the library building at the Indiana University, the Herze building, of Terre Haute, and the Terre Haute Trust Company's building.

Mr. Parker married Miss Electa, the daughter of B. F. McKeen, of Terre Haute, and they have one daughter, Julia. Mr. Parker is president of the Young Business Men's Club, of Terre Haute, and has, during the past eight years, served as president of the Independent Field Trial Club, the leading organization of its kind in the United States. He is a member of the Country Club, the Masons, Elks, Knights of Pythias, the Junior Order of American Mechanics, and also of Indiana Division, Sons of the American Revolution. He also has membership relations with the National Association of Stationary Engineers and of the Mechanical Engineers' Association of the United States. He is a Republican and has been very active, though he has never sought office. He is ex-city chairman, and now county chairman, also ex-president of the board of public safety.

JEROME W. PERRY, the present city clerk of Terre Haute, has resided in that city nearly his entire life, and his long career as a conservator both of private and public trusts has made a continuous record of faithfulness and ability. He received his educational training in the city schools and the Commercial College of Terre Haute, and commenced his business career as cashier in a large barber shop. Following this, he was identified with several firms in various clerical capacities, and in 1888 became clerk and time keeper for the Terre Haute Car and Manufacturing Company. In 1893 the concern named went into the hands of the receiver and later in the same year the plant was destroyed by fire. Mr. Perry then secured the position of bookkeeper for a contracting firm, and in 1896 returned to the car works, remaining with the re-organized business until his appointment to the United States revenue service in 1898. During his connection of three years and four months with the revenue department he made his headquarters at Terre Haute, and after leaving the service was engaged for some time in auditing the books of the city treasurer, clerk and board of public works. He was again called to a position of responsibility with the car works, remaining in that capacity until June 1, 1906, when he resigned to assume the duties of city clerk of Terre Haute, to which office he had been elected.

Although Mr. Perry has passed his life in Terre Haute since he was about five years of age, he was born in Chariton, Iowa, on the 9th of May, 1867, being the son of Thomas L. and Elizabeth (Cochran) Perry. His parents were both natives of Delaware county, Ohio. Early in the history of the Buckeye state, the Cochran family was established in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, the great-grandfather of Mrs. Perry

migrating from that locality to Chillicothe, Ross county, Ohio, and afterward to Columbus and Delaware county, that state. He served in the war of 1812, and when he established his homestead on the west bank of the Scioto river, nine miles northwest of Delaware, the Indians swarmed around as thick as bees. His wife, formerly Elizabeth Wilson, was also a native of Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, and this sturdy and honored pioneer couple are both buried in the Boles Creek cemetery, near Warrensburg. Their son, James W. Cochran, Jr., was born in Chillicothe, Ohio, on the 9th of October, 1811, and soon after the Civil war removed from his Ohio farm to a tract of land near Decatur, Iowa. He had married Margaret Swartz, daughter of Sebastian and Elizabeth (Moberly) Swartz, Ohio pioneers, and both the maternal grandparents died on their Iowa homestead. Thus both the Cochran and Perry families are leaders in the early agricultural development of Ohio and Iowa. The great-grandfather of our subject, Robert Perry, emigrated from Wales to America in 1802, and as a youth of seventeen located in Delaware county, Ohio. He was born December 16, 1785, and his wife, Sarah (nee Hoskins) on the 14th of November, 1788. The paternal grandparents were William and Rebecca E. (Lavenser) Perry, whose son Thomas L. Perry (the father of our subject) was born on the 18th of August, 1838. The latter enlisted in the One Hundred and Fifteenth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, for service in the war of the Rebellion, and at the close of the conflict settled in Iowa, where the wife and mother died June 20, 1869, two years after the birth of Jerome W. The deceased was born November 11, 1891, daughter of James W., Jr., and Margaret (Swartz) Cochran. In 1871 the husband came to Terre Haute and became identified with the old nail works of that city. In 1887 he returned to the old Perry homestead in Ohio and there engaged in farming until his death, February 3, 1892. His second wife, Mary (nee Atkinson), survived him and is still living. He was buried in the Thompson cemetery near Radnor, Delaware county. This fine old farm has remained in the possession of some member of the Perry family ever since it was granted by the government. Jerome W. Perry married Elizabeth Asperger, born in Riley, Vigo county, January 28, 1868, to Godfrey and Katherine Asperger, both natives of Germany. The two children of this union are Myrtle C., born October 16, 1901, and Frederick J., born on the 10th of November, 1903. Mr. Perry is a charter member of the Blinn Camp, Sons of Veterans, and in view of his father's commendable service in the Civil war has always taken an active part in the support and development of the fraternity.

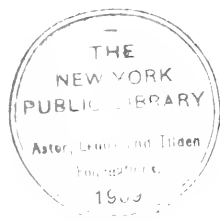
CHARLES E. McKEEN, energetic and determined, has as salient qualities in his makeup those characteristics which enable him to overcome difficulties and obstacles in a business career, and as president of the Columbia Laundry Company he is now at the head of one of Terre Haute's paying enterprises. Born in Illinois, his natal place was Martinsville, and the date of his birth September 20, 1860. His father, Dr. Benjamin Franklin McKeen, was a native of Indiana, born on Shaker's Prairie, near Oaktown, in Knox county, October 4, 1827. He was the son of William and Nancy (Latshaw) McKeen, the former born in Lewis county, Kentucky, June 5, 1798, and the latter in Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, on the 5th of November, 1805. They were both of Scotch-Irish descent, the ancestors coming to America in early colonial days. Charles E. McKeen traces his descent in direct line from Thomas McKean, of Revolutionary fame, although the spelling of the name has undergone a change since that time. William McKeen and two brothers were early settlers of Shaker Prairie, in Knox county, Indiana. The McKeen brothers were farming people, but were also skilled in handling tools and machinery. They bore their full share in the work of early development there at a time when Indians still lived in the state and utilized their old hunting grounds in search of game. Most of the homes were log cabins heated by fireplaces and lighted by tallow candles. After devoting the early portion of his residence here to general agricultural pursuits William McKeen, the grandfather, moved from Shaker Prairie with his family to Walnut Prairie, Illinois, and subsequently took up his abode in the town of Marshall, that state, where both he and his wife spent their remaining days.

Benjamin F. McKeen, the father of our subject, was young when his parents moved to Illinois, and he was educated in the village of Marshall, where he attended the common schools and the academy. Determining upon a professional career, he began reading medicine, while later, to further equip himself for his chosen calling, he attended Rush Medical College, at Chicago. When he was qualified for practice he opened an office at Martinsville and remained a member of the profession for two years. He then withdrew from that field of activity, however, and turned his attention to the milling business in Martinsville, where he remained until the fall of 1864, when he removed to Terre Haute. The following year he became a resident of Chicago and operated on the Board of Trade for two years. He then again came to Terre Haute and took a position as general purchasing agent with the Vandalia Railroad Company, continuing in that capacity for many years. He wedded Miss Mary Cowles, who was born at Elyria, Ohio, December 19, 1840, a daughter of Erwin A. and Electa (Clark) Cowles, who were natives of Durham, New





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York, and Westfield, Massachusetts, respectively. Dr. McKeen died at his summer home at Burt Lake, Michigan, on the 13th of August, 1903, while his widow now resides at Terre Haute.

Charles E. McKeen came to this city with his parents in 1864 and largely acquired his education in the public schools here. His first work was in the train service for the Vandalia Railroad Company, which he entered at the age of nineteen years, continuing in business connections with that company for fifteen years, except for about two years (beginning in 1881), when he entered the gents' furnishing goods business in Terre Haute. He sold this and returned to the railway business. He entered the laundry business at Logansport, Indiana, in 1894, and fifteen months later returned to Terre Haute, where he purchased a controlling interest in the Columbian Laundry. In October, 1895, the business was incorporated under the name of the Columbian Laundry Company, with Mr. McKeen as president and general manager. On the 3d of December, 1904, the present quarters of the Columbian Laundry on East Wabash avenue were completed and the building was put to its present use. It is one of the largest and finest laundry buildings in the state and the plant is one of the best equipped in this part of the middle west, not excepting any to be found in the largest cities. Mr. McKeen, as executive manager of the business, has made it a profitable enterprise, with an extensive patronage, and in his undertakings is meeting with the success which he deserves.

In 1881 Mr. McKeen was united in marriage to Miss Margaret H. Wilson, a daughter of John D. Wilson, of Terre Haute, now deceased. Unto them was born one son, Frank W., whose birth occurred August 30, 1886, and who is now secretary of the Columbian Laundry Company. Mr. McKeen is recognized as a prominent representative of his line of business throughout the United States, and was three times elected president of the Indiana Laundryman's Association, serving in 1899, 1900 and 1901, while in 1904 he was chosen president of the National Laundrymen's Association. He is a member of the Commercial Club, and for the last three years has been chairman of its membership committee. He is also an active member of the Young Business Men's Club, and is deeply interested in all that pertains to the welfare and substantial upbuilding of the city. He is likewise connected with the various branches of Masonry, being a Knight Templar and a Shriner, and belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is pre-eminently an enterprising business man, alert and energetic, carrying forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes. Personally his salient characteristics have made him popular, and his circle of friends is constantly increasing as the circle of his acquaintance widens.

WILLARD KIDDER.—The name of Willard Kidder is closely identified with the early and subsequent history of Terre Haute, and he is one of the city's pioneer millers and business men. He is a native of Windham county, Vermont, born May 7, 1833, to Ashbell and Mary (Sprague) Kidder, both natives of Vermont, the former born on December 28, 1795, and the later on the 29th of July, 1806. Ashbell Kidder was a prosperous farmer for years in his native state and also in Illinois, to which state he had moved with his family in 1854, settling at Granville, Putnam county. He died August 27, 1866, and his widow survived him many years, dying on the 23d of July, 1894.

Willard Kidder spent the first fifteen years of his life on a farm in Vermont, attending the common schools, the high school of Jamaica and the old Leland Seminary at Townsend, that state. With his education completed he went to work in a store at Newfane, the county seat of Windham county, and from there came west to Illinois with his parents in 1854. After their location in Putnam county the father purchased a farm and of which the son Willard had charge of its cultivation. Two years later this farm was sold and another of raw prairie purchased near Geneseo, Illinois, and this in turn was sold and land purchased at Mount Palestine, that state. In all the work of improving these different farms Willard Kidder had charge, acquiring at the same time an interest in the lands. Eventually leaving the farm he bought an interest in a flour mill and grain business at Geneseo, continuing the business there until his removal to Quincy, Michigan, in 1867, to become a member of the company of Alden, Sutton & Company, proprietors of a general store and a large plant for the manufacture of staves, bolts and coopers' stock. The mercantile branch was an exceptionally fine one for those days, and in connection with the store the company also conducted a banking business, Mr. Kidder and Mr. Sutton attending to the store while the two other partners looked after the manufacturing part. The company also had stave works in different parts of Michigan, and that part of the business was very extensive and successful, but in 1875, Mr. Kidder disposed of his Michigan interests and came to Terre Haute and formed the firm of Kidder & Donnemeyer. They purchased the flour milling property near the bridge on Wabash avenue and engaged in the manufacture of flour, etc. This old mill was built originally for a brewery, but previous to 1875 had been remodeled into a flour mill, but the enterprise had not proved a success and at the time Mr. Kidder took hold of the property the grinding was done by stones and the capacity was less than one hundred barrels a day. In 1879 Mr. Kidder's brother, W. L., purchased Mr. Donnemeyer's interest in the mill and the firm name became Kidder & Brothers, so continuing until in August, 1884, when Willard

Kidder purchased his brother's interest and has since owned and operated the mill alone. The "Wabash Mills" are at the present time the largest and best plants of their kind in Vigo county. The old stone method of grinding has long since given way to the improved roller system, and the daily capacity has from time to time been increased until it is now over nine hundred barrels.

It is not alone, however, in this one line of industry that Mr. Kidder has won prominence in the industrial life of Terre Haute and Vigo county, for he is one of the three men who purchased the old Terre Haute street car line, improved it and changed the horse and mule power to electricity. He was also one of the organizers and a director of the Terre Haute Tool Works, one of the city's early industries, and was active in the organization and at one time a director in the Citizens Gas Company, which was instrumental in lowering the price of gas from two dollars to thirty-five cents a thousand feet.

In Illinois, on the 9th of December, 1860, Mr. Kidder married Louise Kendall, who was born in Vermont, February 13, 1836, a daughter of Capt. Isaac Kendall, who served as captain of a company of Vermont militia in the early days. Seven children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Kidder. The eldest, Cora Louise, born February 27, 1862, married, on the 21st of November, 1888, O. R. Wood, a railroad passenger agent at Wheeling, West Virginia. Marcus Willard, born May 4, 1866, received his education in the city schools and the Rose Polytechnic Institute, and is now in the office of the Wabash mills. He married October 30, 1895, Lila Goodman. Clinton Baxter, born November 28, 1867, also received his education in the city schools and the Rose Polytechnic Institute, and he then took charge of the Overman Wheel Company, manufacturers of bicycles, at Springfield, Massachusetts, where he had over one thousand men under his supervision. Following this he was electrician for a Cincinnati street railway company. He was serving as manager of the Terre Haute Street Railway Company at the time the motive power was changed from mule to electricity, for several years was in charge of the street railway and lighting plant at Savannah, Georgia, and is now managing a large farm of twenty-five hundred acres for his father. The property is located near Wahpeton, North Dakota, and is principally under cultivation. He married, June 24, 1896, Helen Randell. Idelle, born September 5, 1871, married June 2, 1904, Dr. Fred J. Walter, managing physician of a noted health resort at Mudlavia, Indiana. Ned Solon, born April 10, 1874, attended the public schools and after graduating from Rose Polytechnic Institute served as city engineer of Terre Haute, and now has charge of the American Asphalt and Rubber Company, at Chicago, Illinois. On December 20, 1900, he married Elizabeth

Parker. Arthur Dale, born March 26, 1876, graduated from the Rose Polytechnic Institute and took a post-graduate course at the Columbian University, of Washington, D. C., after which he accepted a position with the United States government in that city, while at the present time he is holding the important office of examiner of geodetic surveys at the capital. He married Fidelia Royce March 31, 1904. Sidney Jesse, born June 3, 1878, attended the public schools, and after graduating from the Rose Polytechnic Institute took a post-graduate course in mining engineering at the Columbia University, of New York city, and he now has charge of a large stamp mill at Millers, Nevada, for the Tonopah Mining Company. In politics Mr. Kidder is a life-long Republican.

CHARLES N. MURPHY, the treasurer of the People's Brewing Company and one of the well known citizens and business men of Terre Haute, is a native of Crawford county, Illinois, born on the 14th of October, 1861, to Morris H. and Elizabeth (Jones) Murphy, both now deceased. Although born on a farm Charles N. Murphy was reared in Russellville and Palestine, Illinois, and in Sullivan, Indiana, securing his education principally in the public schools of the latter city, where his parents had moved in 1870. It was there also that he began his business life, entering upon an apprenticeship at the baker's trade, but in April, 1876, left there for Crawfordsville, Indiana, where he completed his trade and then came on to Terre Haute in 1878 and took charge of the "Oyster Room" for Leo Werner. In the following summer he opened a peanut stand on the corner of Wabash avenue and Sixth street, but in the fall sold the stand and returned to the employ of Mr. Werner.

In the spring of 1880, in company with Oscar Raukin, Mr. Murphy journeyed as far west as Colorado and prospected for silver until in the fall, when he returned to Terre Haute and to his old employer. In the spring of 1881 he again made the trip to Colorado, and this time engaged in the bakery, restaurant and confectionery business at Pueblo until his return to his former location at Gunnison City, from whence, in 1883, he came again to his old home in Terre Haute. On the 17th of December, 1884, he married Miss Tillie Werner, a daughter of his former employer, and upon the death of Mr. Werner in July, 1890, he took charge of his business and continued it at the old stand until he leased his present quarters at 412 Wabash avenue in March, 1892, and fitted up the finest retail liquor store in Indiana. In 1899 he purchased the property, one of the valuable sites on Wabash avenue. Mr. Murphy was one of the organizers of the People's Brewing Company, of Terre Haute, and was made the first treasurer of the company, and he has ever since held this office.

He was also one of the promoters of the Lake View Park Company, Terre Haute's leading amusement park, and is a director of the company at the present time. He is also interested in the Merchants' Ice and Cold Storage Company, of Terre Haute, and yet retains an interest in gold and silver properties in the west.

Mr. and Mrs. Murphy have two daughters, Zelda and Mildred. Mr. Murphy is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Red men and the Eagles fraternities.

THOMAS JEFFERSON SCOTT is the proprietor of the leading, if not the only, department store in Terre Haute, located at 1125 Wabash avenue, and he is one of the foremost business men of the city. He is also numbered among Vigo county's native sons, for he was born on a farm in Prairie Creek township March 4, 1864, a son of Alexander and Julia (Walker) Scott, who were born in the states of New York and Indiana respectively. During the early fifties Alexander Scott also became a resident of this commonwealth, and in Vigo county was married and followed farming. He died in 1870, in his sixty-first year, and the death of his wife occurred about two years later, in her fifty-fifth year.

Thomas J. Scott was but six years of age at the time of his father's death, and at the death of his mother so soon afterward was left practically homeless, his father's small estate proving of little or no benefit to him at all, and his boyhood days were filled with hardships. He made his home wherever he could find any one who would take him in for the work he could perform, and the longest period spent with any one person during this part of his life was with a widow near Prairie-ton. After attaining the age of fourteen he began for the first time to "work for wages," and from that time on until he was twenty-five he worked on farms. During that period he saved a few hundred dollars and finding that farm work was not to his liking he sold his team and farming outfit and with A. B. Ferguson, an old friend with whose family he had spent considerable time at different periods, he opened a small grocery store on the Prairie-ton road, on the south edge of Terre Haute, but after a year and a half the young grocery merchant found the business too slow and turning over his interests to Mr. Ferguson, to be paid for at his convenience, if ever, went to work in the brick yard of C. W. Hoff, spending two seasons there. Following this he opened a general mercantile store in Ellsworth, Otter Creek township, in partnership with Adolph Beggins, and after two years bought his partner's interest and conducted the business alone for a number of years. While in business in Ellsworth Mr. Scott was elected the trustee to Otter Creek township and served in that office for five years and three months, his term having been extended over the

four years' time by reason of the change of law in holding township elections.

Desiring a wider field for his activities Mr. Scott sold his business in Ellsworth and opened a large general store at Burnett, in Fayette township, where he has ever since conducted a large and growing business, but still on the watch for greater possibilities, in November, 1907, he purchased the large and modern brick business block at 1125 Wabash avenue, Terre Haute, and opened what is perhaps the only department store in the city, still continuing, however, his business at Burnett. His Terre Haute store occupies two floors and a basement, and he carries a large and complete stock, new and up-to-date, and although but a short time has elapsed since he enrolled his name among Terre Haute's merchants and business men, and in that time too he passed through a long and serious illness, the Terre Haute venture has proved a success and promises well for the future. Mr. Scott is prominent in Odd Fellowship and is a charter member of the Otter Creek lodge, and also of the Burnett lodge of Knights of Pythias.

He has been twice married, wedding first Kate Beard, who was born in Terre Haute and died in 1896, after becoming the mother of a son and daughter, Edith and Thomas B., but the son died in infancy. Mr. Scott's second marriage was to Miss Anna Mason, a teacher of Otter Creek township. To this union have been born two daughters who died in infancy.

JOHN M. POLLITT has been a gardener throughout his entire business career, and now owns and operates sixty-one acres of garden land in Honey Creek township, Vigo county. He was born in Hanover township, Shelby county, Indiana, March 4, 1857, a son of John M., Sr., and Susan (Merdith) Pollitt, both of whom were born in the Blue Grass state of Kentucky. Their marriage was celebrated in the year of 1844. Their son John remained at home with them until he had reached his twenty-fourth year, working with his father on the farm, and after his marriage he began gardening for himself on rented land. After the first year he rented twenty acres of David Pugh, later becoming the owner of the property, but he sold it in 1904 and bought his present homestead of sixty-one acres. He ships about half of his produce to Chicago, and the remainder is consumed by the Terre Haute market.

On the 31st of August, 1881, Mr. Pollitt married Mahala Evans, a daughter of Silas and Eliza (Willfon) Evans, both natives of Illinois. They became residents of Prairie Creek township, Vigo county, Indiana, where they owned and operated ninety acres of land, but both are now deceased, the mother dying on the 14th of February, 1868, and the father







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December 25, 1877. In their family were seven children—Harvey, John, Ellen, William, Jane, Mary and Mahala, but only four of the number are now living. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Pollitt, but the first born, Edith, died at the age of nine years; the second, a little son, John Roy, died aged seven, and the only one living is Doris, five years of age. Mr. Pollitt is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, and his political views are in harmony with the principles of the Democratic party.

KARL L. FREEMAN, D. D. S., of West Terre Haute, was born at Liberty, Indiana, October 28, 1886, and is perhaps the youngest dental practitioner in Vigo county. His father is James Monroe Freeman, also born at Liberty, and his mother was Eunice Stanton, of a substantial English family. Its members emigrated from the mother country, and after stopping for a time at Nantucket Island, Massachusetts, migrated to the middle west and located at Liberty. Besides the Doctor, the members of the Freeman family are as follows: Dr. F. E. Freeman, residing in Laporte, Indiana; Nellie E., wife of Professor J. E. Stevens, of Liberty; Carrie V. and Martha I.

Dr. Karl L. Freeman was reared in Liberty, Indiana, until he was eleven years of age, when the family removed to Cleveland, Tennessee, where he received a high school education. In 1904 he entered the Indiana Dental College, and after taking a three years' course received his degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery. In June, 1907, he located in West Terre Haute and has since established a substantial practice. He is a member of the Indiana Dental Association, and is a thoroughly progressive member of his profession.

JUDGE CHARLES MONROE FORTUNE.—The man who wins prominence at the bar of America's thriving cities must have a thorough understanding of the law, and all must begin on a common plane and rise to eminence by perseverance, industry and ability, or fall back into the ranks of mediocrity. In like manner with all others, Charles Monroe Fortune started out to win a name and place for himself, and his success has made him one of the leaders of the Terre Haute bar and the present city judge.

He was born on a farm in Prairie Creek township, Vigo county, November 25, 1870, a son of Henry Cole and Frances C. (Howell) Fortune, the former a native of Meigs county, Ohio, born in 1831, and the latter was born in Mason county, West Virginia, in 1838. The paternal grandfather, Zachariah Fortune, was one of the pioneers of Meigs county, and Nelson Howell, the maternal grandfather, served as a soldier in the Civil

war and was killed in battle. Henry C. Fortune and Frances Howell were married in Mason county, West Virginia, and immediately afterward came west to Clark county, Illinois. During the period of the Civil war Mr. Fortune contracted and operated the ferry on the Wabash river at Darwin, Illinois, his business proving very successful. In 1869 he purchased one of the best farms, comprising one hundred and seventy acres, in Prairie Creek township, Vigo county, where he lived and farmed for many years, and later in life bought a valuable farm of one hundred and eighty acres in Clark county, Illinois, operating the two places jointly. He died at his Clark county home in July, 1883, but his widow survived him for many years and died on the farm in Prairie Creek township, Vigo county, February 28, 1907. In their family were the following children: John W., deceased; DeKalb, a well known farmer of Prairie Creek township; George W., deceased; Paul, deceased; William J., a railroad man in Seattle, Washington; Hattie, deceased; Charles M., the subject of this review; Effie M., the wife of Henry Busch, a farmer of Prairie Creek township; and Frances, deceased. Mr. Fortune, the father, was a member of the Masonic fraternity. He was a prominent man and a leader in the communities in which he lived, and was often solicited to make the race for public office, but as often steadfastly refused. Mrs. Fortune was a member of the United Brethren church.

The early years of the life of Judge Fortune were spent on his father's farm, receiving his primary education in school No. 3, or what was commonly known as the Fortune school, as it was located on a portion of the Fortune farm in Prairie Creek township. His higher educational training was received in the schools of Darwin, Illinois. When he had attained the age of nineteen he left the farm and came to Terre Haute, where for a year and a half he worked in the shops of the Sanford Fork and Tool Company, after which he accepted a clerkship and learned the watch maker's trade, at the same time reading law at night from books which he had purchased. In 1898 he continued his reading in the office of Cox & Davis, and while there was also permitted to practice, so when he finally took the examination before the Vigo county bar he made a very creditable showing and was admitted. He at once engaged in practice in Terre Haute, soon winning a clientage that connected him with much of the important litigation heard in the courts of the district, and at the primary election in June, 1905, he received the Democratic nomination for the office of city judge without opposition. The Republican majority in the city at that time was over two thousand, and the Democratic nomination was considered a forlorn hope, but after a vigorous campaign against a popular opponent Mr. Fortune was elected by a majority of seventy votes. He assumed the duties of the judgeship on the 6th of

January, 1906, and his administration thus far has proved a great success and his popularity has increased threefold, not only among the best element, but among those to whom he has also been obliged to administer justice. His popularity, both personally and politically, has led to his candidacy for the office of circuit judge at the hands of the Democratic party. In his race for the judgeship of Vigo circuit court, he had very strong opposition, but received a Democratic majority of 1,150. The judge is thoroughly acquainted over Vigo county, having warm friends and supporters even in its remotest parts. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias, the Elks and the Red Men fraternities, and of the Commercial and the Young Business Men's Clubs. His offices are in the Erwin Building, corner of Fifth and Wabash streets.

Judge Fortune married, March 18, 1897, Myrtle L. Sparks, but she died in July of the same year. Mrs. Fortune was well known as an author in Terre Haute. When a mere child she wrote for the old Terre Haute *Express*, verses that had a distinct charm, and her poems, since published in book form, have delighted many readers. One phase of Judge Fortune's career should not be overlooked, and that is his practical philanthropy. He gives freely and yet without display to many charitable causes, and this trait has characterized him particularly during his practice at the Vigo county bar.

NOAH D. BRILL, president of the Modern Construction Company of Terre Haute and well known for many years here as a building contractor, was born on a farm in Muskingum county, Ohio, June 20, 1853, a son of John and Sarah (Vnise) Brill, both of whom were natives of Loudoun county, Virginia, and were pioneer settlers of Ohio. The father became a prominent farmer of the Buckeye state, where both he and his wife remained until called to the home beyond.

Noah D. Brill, the youngest in a family of thirteen children, was reared on the home farm and assisted in its development and improvement until after he had attained his majority. He was indebted to the public school system for the educational privileges he enjoyed and he afterward learned the carpenter's trade and became identified with general building interests. For the prosecution of his business affairs he located at Riley in 1879 and has since been a resident of Vigo county. He there engaged as a building contractor and contributed in large measure to the substantial improvement of the vicinity until 1890, when, seeking a broader field of labor, he came to Terre Haute, where he has now made his home for eighteen years. For eleven years he occupied the position of general superintendent with A. Fromme, a general contractor, after which he resigned, and in March, 1904, aided in organizing the

Modern Construction Company, of which he was chosen president and manager the following year. This is an incorporated company for general construction and has erected the People's brewery plant, the Walden flats, the Fairbanks library, the Cook building, Home Packing Company's plant, Simons Packing Company's plant, of Youngstown, Ohio, and is now building the new Elk lodge building, the county jail and the Union Hospital. As the years have passed Mr. Brill has met success in his undertakings and his labors, too, have been of a character that have contributed to public progress as well as to individual prosperity.

In 1880 occurred the marriage of Mr. Brill and Miss Lizzie Achauer, by whom he has three children. Mr. Brill is a member of the first Methodist Episcopal church, affiliates with the Knights of Pythias and is a Republican in politics—associations which indicate much concerning the character of his interests. In business circles he is regarded as one whose trustworthiness is above question, while in his activity and unwearied industry are found the secret of his success.

LOUIS DUENWEG.—Highly influential and honored for his broad participation in the financial, industrial and commercial progress of Terre Haute, Louis Duenweg has for almost half a century been a notable figure in the substantial development of his city and state. He is a strong and able representative of Germany, his fatherland, and America, his adopted country, and the land to which he has donated his best energies of body and mind since the earlier years of his mature life. He is a native of that country, born near the city of Cologne, on the 9th of October, 1837, his education in the fatherland including not only a scholastic but a commercial training. In 1856 he became a bookkeeper in the great iron works of Ruhrort, known as Phoenix II, but three years later came to the United States with the determination to become an independent factor in Terre Haute, the city of his location.

Mr. Duenweg is, therefore, within a year of having attained the golden anniversary of his settlement in this city. The first few months therein were spent in search of employment, and in 1860 he commenced to learn the printer's trade with the German newspaper then in existence. Finally, he reached the position of foreman, but six months in this capacity determined him to enter the field of business. He was a fine accountant, and within the succeeding three years was bookkeeper for the packing company of Farrington & Williams, H. D. Williams (wholesale grocer) and the distillery of Alexander McGregor & Company. He served the last named from 1864 to 1869, when H. Hulman purchased the distillery, and Mr. Duenweg not only continued in his old position but later on bought a small interest in the business. He thus continued

with Hulman & Fairbanks and Cox & Fairbanks, successive proprietors of the business, and when Mr. Cox retired from the firm he became joint owner of the same, his partner being Crawford Fairbanks. These two gentlemen finally organized the Terre Haute Distillery Company, and in 1887 Mr. Duenweg retired from the business, leaving Mr. Fairbanks as sole proprietor.

Since the time of his retirement from the Terre Haute Distilling Company, twenty years ago, Mr. Duenweg has been identified with many important enterprises, all highly successful. For a number of years he was extensively interested in lead and zinc mines of the Joplin district, Missouri, and has developed several very productive properties. During this period he was president of the Center Valley Lead and Zinc Company, and secretary of the Duenweg Mining Company. The little city of Duenweg, Missouri, a place of 2,500 population, founded largely upon the industries of this and other mines, was named in honor of this sturdy Terre Haute citizen. For a number of years Mr. Duenweg was also president of the Vigo Clay Company, and has long been connected with the Central Manufacturing Company of this city, successively as secretary, president and director. At the present time he is president of the Union Savings Association, president of the Star Exploring and Mining Company, vice president of the Terre Haute Abattoir and Stock Yards Company and vice president of the People's Brewing Company.

On May 7, 1864, Mr. Duenweg was married to Miss Catherine van Schellenbeck, who was born in Cologne, Germany, and they have the following children: Mathilde, Otto E., interested in mining properties at Webb City, Missouri; Louis, secretary and treasurer of the Central Manufacturing Company of Terre Haute; Annie R., who married Frank Temple, manager of the Central Manufacturing Company, and Bertha, who became the wife of L. W. Ott, of Indianapolis, now a resident of California.

EUGENE V. DEBS.—At the national convention of the Socialists party in Chicago, in May, 1908, Eugene Victor Debs was nominated for President. Mr. Debs has been the leader of the Socialists in national elections since 1900, and it is significant of the increasing strength of the party as also of his personal influence that the presidential vote in 1904 was nearly three times as large as that cast in 1900. For the past fifteen years E. V. Debs has been a national figure, and probably only a small proportion of those who know him by reputation associate his name with Terre Haute, where he began his career and attained the influential position in labor circles that, during a crisis, brought him into national prominence.

Many recall the grocer and provision merchant, Daniel Debs, who had a store in Terre Haute from 1851 to 1887. He and his wife were natives of Alsace, while that was a French possession, and were married after coming to New York, and moved to Terre Haute in 1851. A sister of Eugene is the wife of John G. Heintz.

Eugene V. Debs was born in Terre Haute, November 5, 1855, grew up in the city and attend the common schools with a number of the men who are now active in business affairs here. When he was sixteen years old he became a fireman on the Terre Haute & Indianapolis Railroad, and his four years' experience was the basis of his career. From 1875 to 1879 he was with the wholesale firm of Hulman & Company, and in the latter year became city clerk. He was elected grand secretary and treasurer of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen in 1880, and at once became one of the active organizers of this powerful branch of organized labor. Though he continued as city clerk until 1883 and was a member of the Indiana legislature in 1885, he was principally active in the work of the order, and for some time was editor of the *Locomotive Fireman*. From grand secretary and treasurer he was elevated to the presidency of the American Railway Union, in 1893, and at once took the leadership in directing the greatest railway strikes in the history of American industrialism. He won a strike on the Great Northern Railway, and in 1894 while directing the strike on western railways that practically tied up every system between the Alleghenies and the Rocky mountains he was arrested on a charge of conspiracy, but after one of the trials famous in labor history was acquitted. This was followed by a charge against him of violation of an injunction, and he was sent to jail for six months for contempt of court. Since those memorable days of 1894 Mr. Debs has been constantly active as an organizer, and as a writer and lecturer has advocated his doctrines in every part of the nation. His residence remains in Terre Haute, and he increases the fame of this city as the home of many men of national reputation. Mr. Debs married Katherine Metzger, June 9, 1885.

JOHN JAMES SHEA, JR.—The attractiveness of Terre Haute as a place of residence is indicated by the fact that many of her native sons have remained within her borders, finding here good business opportunities, with equally excellent educational facilities and other opportunities contributing toward individual advancement. Among the native residents of the city is numbered John James Shea, Jr., now president of the Terre Haute Oil and Coal Company. His birth occurred at the corner of Sixth and One-Half and Tippecanoe streets on the 25th of November, 1873. His father, John J. Shea, Sr., was a native of Ireland, born in



1847, and when twenty years of age he bade adieu to friends and native country and sailed for the United States. He first located in Fort Wayne, Indiana, where he began work in connection with railroad construction, and on leaving that place removed to Sullivan, Illinois, where he was again busy on railroad construction work. In 1872 he came to Terre Haute, remaining, however, in railroad employ until his retirement from active business life a few years ago. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Bridget Griffin, was also a native of Ireland and came to the United States in the late sixties, spending about a year and a half in Boston, Massachusetts, after which she came to Terre Haute. It was in this city that Mr. and Mrs. Shea were married and here they have spent the residue of their days to the present. Both are communicants of St. Joseph's Catholic church.

John J. Shea, Jr., was reared in Terre Haute and acquired his education in the public and parochial schools, supplemented by a night course in the Garvin Commercial College. In 1892, when a young man of but eighteen years, he started out upon an independent business career in connection with the oil trade. By the aid of friends he obtained a wagon and horse and then invested five dollars in oil, which he began to sell from house to house. For eight and a half years he retailed oil from the wagon, and on the expiration of that period, in 1896, he formed a partnership with Daniel O'Connell under the firm name of the Terre Haute Oil and Coal Company. They began to handle both oil and coal, selling to the wholesale and to the retail trade, and in 1904 they incorporated the business with Mr. O'Connell as president and Mr. Shea as secretary and treasurer. The company was capitalized for forty thousand dollars. In 1907 Mr. O'Connell retired from the business on account of poor health and the company was then reorganized, with Mr. Shea as president and general manager, Maures Walsh as vice president and Harry Ward as secretary and treasurer, and with Joseph Crockett and William Drought on the board of directors. The company now utilizes fifteen wagons in the sale of the products which it handles and does an annual business of from one hundred and twenty thousand to one hundred and forty thousand dollars. From the beginning the business has steadily developed along substantial lines and the success is attributable in large measure to the efforts and intelligent direction of Mr. Shea.

Mr. Shea was married in 1901 to Miss Mary A. Kennedy, a daughter of Michael Kennedy and also a native of Terre Haute, her birth having occurred at the corner of North Fifth and Eagle streets. She has become the mother of three children, Mary, Anna and John, all of whom are yet under the parental roof. Mr. Shea is a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, the Young Men's Institute, the Modern Woodmen camp

and the Knights of Columbus. He has a wide acquaintance in his native city, and the fact that many of his staunchest friends are those who have known him from boyhood indicates that his has been an honorable life and that his acquaintances find him a congenial companion. Both Mr. and Mrs. Shea are members of St. Joseph's Catholic church.

JOHN F. BRINKMAN.—The late John F. Brinkman, who died in Terre Haute on the 18th of January, 1904, was one of its foremost citizens, from whatever point of view he is considered; for he was a leader in the business and industrial development of the community, of energetic temperament and broad mind, and his heart was not only tender for those nearest to him, but his affections went out to those of other families who were physical or spiritual sufferers. Like many of large practical affairs, this breadth and depth of sympathy were largely veiled during his busy life, but at his death the community came to fully realize its pervading force. A local publication thus touches upon this character trait in the strong and beloved personality of the deceased: "The will of John F. Brinkman was one that fell upon this community like a benediction. It exhaled a kind, thoughtful spirit that revives one's flagging faith in mankind. He had a large family who might have claimed all his consideration when making his last will and testament, and if it had, it would not have excited comment, but the fact that, as he stood on the brink of eternity before he went into the operating room, he thought of so many to whom to leave a bequest, bespeaks a tender heart that appeals to all and sweetens his memory. Little orphan children were remembered; a hospital where sufferers find relief was not forgotten; brothers, sisters, a cousin and a friend have reason to know he thought of them just before being called hence. Not only did he remember the church in which he worshiped, but all the others in the city of his faith. It was a beautiful will, full of kindly thought, which serves to endear the maker's memory in this community to all who admire generosity and thoughtful kindness. And who does not?"

The able, strong man, to whom these words so justly apply, is a native of Indiana, born in Oldenburg, Franklin county, on the 30th of October, 1841. He was of substantial German parentage, and was left an orphan at thirteen years of age. Thus thrown upon his own untried strength and resourcefulness, he enjoyed no exuberance of youth, but passed directly from boyhood to manhood. He had attended a German school at Oldenburg for a short time, and that was the extent of his education drawn from text books. Leaving his native town soon after the death of his parents, he went to Indianapolis and afterward to Batesville, Indiana, where he was occupied at such various vocations



*John H. Brinkman*



as timber buyer and traveling salesman. Both at Batesville and Jamestown he operated a stave factory, and in 1878 located at Terre Haute. In partnership with Frank Russell he first ran a stave and heading factory for about three years, and thereafter continued the industry alone until 1894. He then sold his establishment and purchased a stave factory in Paragould, Arkansas, which he conducted until 1901, and after disposing of this plant to advantage he bought a large interest (in March, 1903) in the W. W. Wilson Stave Company, a corporation of Little Rock, Arkansas, organized with a capital stock of \$50,000. For about four years he was also a member of the Terre Haute firm of Prox & Brinkman, manufacturers of machinery, and also engaged in the livery business for several years. At the same time he was a stockholder in the United States Trust Company, a director in the Fort Harrison Savings Bank, and otherwise interested in financial and industrial enterprises.

Although he was never active in politics, Mr. Brinkman had firm faith in Democratic principles, and consistently supported the party. When W. A. Armstrong was mayor in 1885 the board of police commissioners came into existence, and Mr. Brinkman was appointed a member of that body. Otherwise he never even held office of any political character. The later years of his life were mainly devoted to his farming interests, his property being located about five miles southeast of the city.

The deceased was twice married—first, in 1863, to Miss Catherine Kipper, who died at Terre Haute in 1889, leaving the following children: Charles J., George, Otto, Frank, John, Carrie and Antoinette. In 1890 he wedded for his second wife Mrs. Agnes Rudy, and one child, Richard J. Brinkman, has been born to their union. The maiden name of Mrs. Agnes Brinkman, the honored widow, was Agnes Weidel. She is a native of Terre Haute, and had a daughter by her first marriage, Bregetta. The deceased was a devout member of the Catholic church, as are all the family, and was long a leading member of the St. Benedict's church. He was also prominent in the fraternal affairs of the Knights of Columbus, and served as treasurer of the St. Francis German Catholic Central Society for a period of seventeen years.

EDWARD T. HAZLEDINE, proprietor of the E. T. Hazledine machine shops, the largest concern of its kind in Terre Haute, is a native son of the mother country of England, born at Coalbrookdale, Shropshire, on December 3, 1859, in the same house in which his father, William Hazledine, was also born. William Hazledine was a machinist by trade, and he and his good wife, Margaret Webb, died in their native town, the

mother in 1876, aged forty-eight, and the father in 1907, after he had traveled the journey of life for eighty years.

In his native town of Coalbrookdale their son Edward grew to years of maturity and received his education in its common or denominational schools. But at the early age of twelve he put aside his text books and three years later entered upon an apprenticeship at the machinist's trade, although during the three years intervening between his school days and the beginning of his business life he had spent much time in and around the shops. He practically grew up in a machine shop, and is therefore naturally adapted to the trade and is thoroughly familiar with the business in all its departments. After completing his apprenticeship Mr. Hazledine worked in different cities in England until he sailed for the United States in 1881 to try his fortune in this free land. He came direct to Terre Haute, where he had relatives living, but soon afterward began work in the railroad shops at Paris, Illinois, and from there entered the Pullman car works at Chicago. After working at various other points he came again to Terre Haute and became identified with the Eagle Iron Works, but leaving their employ, worked in Chicago, Illinois; Louisville, Kentucky; Evansville, Indiana, and other cities, in all this time grounding himself deeper and deeper in the intricacies of the trade until at length returning once more to Terre Haute he filled important positions in the Vandalia Railroad shops and the Eagle Iron Works. In 1887 he began business for himself by opening a machine shop at 231-233 South First street, his present location, beginning in a very small way, at first doing all his own work. But soon the business began to grow and expand and today it is the largest of its kind in Terre Haute and furnishes on an average to twenty skilled mechanics. Mr. Hazledine has the active management of the establishment in all its various departments and does a general machine business, manufacturing many special kinds of machinery for different and often distant parts of the world. He is a public-spirited and progressive citizen and takes an interest in all matters of public importance, but has never entered politics. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, of the Independent Order of Foresters and the Elks.

In 1887 Mr. Hazledine married Gertrude Darnell, born at Worthington, Indiana, a daughter of Isaac M. and Emma (Rowland) Darnell, both originally from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Margaret Jean, the eldest child of Mr. and Mrs. Hazledine, was born in Terre Haute and received her education in its graded and high schools and is now completing her musical education in Chicago. She is already an accomplished musician, and is a performer of more than ordinary ability and of great promise on the cello. Emma Rowland, the second daughter, was

born in Terre Haute, and having passed through the city schools she is now a student at the training school of the Indiana Normal at Terre Haute, as is also her sister, Ione Cosette, who is also a musician.

GEORGE T. STEVENS has been closely identified with the interests of Terre Haute for many years, and today stands at the head of one of its leading concerns, the Terre Haute Stone Works Company. He became identified with the stone-cutting business in his early manhood in England, and since that time his master mind has planned and executed until he now stands in the front rank of the industry and among his adopted city's most prominent business men.

The birth of Mt. Stevens occurred in Faversham, Kent, England, March 19, 1846, and his parents, John and Mary (Wiles) Stevens, were also born in that city and there spent their entire lives. They gave to their son a common school education, and after its completion he went to London to serve his apprenticeship at the stone-cutter's trade. He remained in that city until in March, 1873, when he sailed for the United States, and spent some time at his trade in New York city. From there he went to Chicago and later to Indianapolis, where he worked on the Marion county court house, and from Indianapolis he came to Terre Haute in 1878 to become the foreman for a Mr. Eppenhousen, a cut-stone contractor, who sent Mr. Stevens to Paris, Illinois, to superintend the building of a city school house. His next employers were Chadwick & Henry, cut-stone contractors, and after leaving their employ became the superintendent for the old Terre Haute Stone Company, composed of Chadwick, Lyons and Gulick, with whom he continued for about ten years. In company with Mr. E. D. Chadwick he then purchased Mr. Gulick's interest in the business and since that time the business has been conducted under the firm name of the Terre Haute Stone Works Company, with mill, yard and office at the corner of Sycamore and Water streets. The plant covers an entire square, three hundred by three hundred feet, and employment is furnished to from twenty to twenty-five people.

Mr. Stevens married in London, England, Miss Elizabeth Abbinett. She was born in Hampshire, England, a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Kennedy) Abbinett, the father a native also of that place, and the mother of Belfast, Ireland. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Stevens are Gertrude, born in London, England, is the widow of Harry Abbinett and she makes her home with her parents; George A., born in Chicago and also a stone-cutter, married Amelia Ains, of Terre Haute; Mary, born at Greencastle, Indiana, is the wife of William Surber, of Indianapolis; John Thomas, the youngest, was also born in Greencastle, and he died in

that city. Mr. Stevens and his family are members of the Episcopal church.

EDWARD DRIVER CHADWICK, secretary and treasurer of the Terre Haute Stone Works Company, and thus a leading representative of industrial interests in Vigo county, possesses the alert, enterprising spirit of the business man of the twentieth century, who recognizes and utilizes his opportunities and has the power of co-ordinating forces to bring about practical and desired results. Such men are the real upbuilders and promoters of a town or city, for municipal progress does not depend upon the wheels of government, but on the class of men who constitute a citizenship and are the promoters of its commercial life.

Mr. Chadwick is a native of England, his birth having occurred in the town of Burnley, Lancashire, August 8, 1846. His parents, Hitchon and Mary (Diver) Chadwick, were also natives of Burnley, the former born in 1825, while his death occurred in 1903. The mother, however, passed away when her son Edward was but two years of age. Hitchon Chadwick was a general contractor and his father and grandfather had also been connected with that line of business. Edward C. Chadwick has continued in the same line of activity. After acquiring his preliminary education in the graded schools, he pursued a course in a literary institute and then learned the business of general contracting with his father, with whom he continued until he came to the United States in March, 1869. He felt that America was the land of opportunity and ambitious to advance his financial interests, he crossed the Atlantic and spent but one season in New York and Philadelphia. In the fall of that same year he made his way westward to Terre Haute, where he arrived on the 4th of October, 1869. He left Philadelphia, however, without a definite destination in view, thinking that he would probably go on through the country to the coast and then to Australia, but at Chicago the information reached him that stone men were wanted in Terre Haute by the Vandalia Railroad Company and thus he was influenced to become a resident of this city. After having spent some time at work on the railroad he was induced by Jabez Castro to locate permanently in Terre Haute. Following Mr. Castro's advice he has since been a resident of the city and for two years he devoted his time and energies to bridge building in the employ of the county.

It was during that period that Mr. Chadwick was married on the 26th of January, 1871, to Miss Catherine Hoopes, whose birth occurred at Sandford, Vigo county, her father being Lewis Hoopes of that place. The young couple journeyed westward on their wedding trip, and at Wamego, Kansas, made a location, Mr. Chadwick there engaging in



contracting during the season. The town was at that time on a boom, but the abnormal growth waned, and thinking that he would prefer the substantial development of Terre Haute, he returned to this city. Here he at once began business as a general contractor, in which line he has since continued. He was thus a member of the firm of Chadwick Brothers, his partner being James T. Chadwick, while the association continued for two years. They did stone work during that period on the McKeen Bank building, at the corner of Wabash and Sixth streets, at the old market house, and on the residences of William Warren and Theodore Hudnut. At the end of two years, however, James T. Chadwick decided to locate elsewhere, removing to Wamego, Kansas, while Edward D. Chadwick continued in business alone in Terre Haute. He was thus identified with building operations here until the 25th of February, 1881, when a stock company was organized, composed of P. C. Henry, Frank McKeen and Edward D. Chadwick, under the firm name of the Terre Haute Stone Works Company, with quarters at the corner of Tenth and One-half and Mulberry streets. Mr. McKeen was chosen president, with Mr. Henry as secretary and treasurer and Mr. Chadwick as superintendent. In 1883 the official board changed, when J. B. Lyne became president and John F. Gulick secretary and treasurer, while Mr. Chadwick remained as superintendent. In 1893 a further change occurred, the company being reorganized with Mr. Chadwick as president, Mr. Gulick as secretary and treasurer and George F. Stevens as superintendent. Such was the personnel of the company until 1898, when George F. Stevens became president and Mr. Chadwick secretary and treasurer, with William Cleland as vice president. From the organization of the company the business has constantly grown in volume and importance and has largely approached the ideal business standard. The company has ever met competition in a rivalry of merit rather than in a war of prices, putting a premium on high grade work by employing efficient workers and paying them their legitimate share of the profits which their talents bring to the business. The character of their patronage is indicated by the fact that they were awarded the contract for the building of the present county court house and also the Soldiers' and Sailors' monument at Indianapolis, which is one of the finest pieces of architecture of the kind in the country. They have furnished the stone work for almost every prominent building in Terre Haute and still the business has opportunities for expansion. It is managed by men who understand the business themselves and who know how to develop the latent capacity of their employes, and it is permeated by a spirit of courtesy, thoroughness, enthusiasm, energy and perseverance.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Chadwick has been born a daughter, Margaret

A., a native of Terre Haute and now the wife of Frank B. Cook, of the Cook & Black Wholesale Drug Company of this city. Mr. Chadwick is a member of Social Lodge, No. 86, Free and Accepted Masons, belongs to the Commercial Club and to the Young Men's Christian Association—connections which indicate much of the character of his interests, showing him to be a man of public spirit and beneficent principles. His political allegiance is given to the Republican party. His life has been characterized by indomitable perseverance and strong individuality and a freedom from every esoteric phase. While he has gained prominence in his chosen field of labor his life accomplishment but represents the result of the fit utilization of the innate talent which is his and the directing of his efforts in these lines where mature judgment and rare discrimination lead the way.

CHARLES W. BAUERMEISTER, the president of the C. W. Bauermeister Grocery Company, is a native of Prussia, Germany, and received his education in the excellent schools of his native land. In 1860 he sailed from the land of his birth to the United States and came direct to Terre Haute, where eight years later he entered upon the business career in which he has achieved such splendid success. It was in 1868 that he embarked in the grocery business as the senior member of the firm of Bauermeister & Busch, but subsequently Mr. Bauermeister purchased the entire business and conducted it under his own name until in June, 1905. At that time the C. W. Bauermeister Company was incorporated and he was made its president, with his son, Carl E., as the secretary and treasurer.

Mr. Bauermeister is married and has the following children: Sidonia, the wife of W. G. Valentine, of Chicago; Cora M., who died in 1897; Norma, the wife of R. V. Jenkins, paymaster of the Vandalia Railroad Company, and a resident of Terre Haute; and Carl E., who is the youngest son and the secretary and treasurer of the C. W. Bauermeister Company; and Anita R.

Carl E. attended the city schools and the Chicago University Preparatory School, and after leaving the school room entered his father's business. He is a member of the Masonic order, the Knights of Pythias, the Elks and the Travelers' Protective Association. He also has membership relations with the Young Business Men's Club.

L. F. PERDUE was born in Jeffersonville, Indiana, March 12, 1841. His parents were Jesse and Elizabeth (Ford) Perdue. His grandfather, Jesse Perdue, was the descendant of a French Huguenot family that came to the American colonies early in the eighteenth century, settling in South Carolina and later near Winchester, Virginia. He came to In-



L. F. Perdue



diana territory in February, 1798, and settled upon a claim he purchased from a soldier of George Rogers Clark's command, located twelve miles above the Falls of the Ohio. At the time his was one of only twelve white families living above the falls. He had built a log cabin and moved his little family across the river on the ice, and hurried back to get his stock over before the breaking up of the river, but, as fortune had it, he was cut off by rains and moving ice, and the wife, with two little children, two dogs and a gun, was left alone for more than a week at the mercy of the wild animals and wilder Indians. Sitting up nights, with fire brands, she helped the dogs drive off the wolves and protect her children.

Elizabeth Ford was the daughter of Col. Lemuel Ford, of Virginia, who was first sergeant in Capt. Joel Henry's company of infantry of Colonel Dudley's Thirteenth Kentucky Militia in the War of 1812. He was taken prisoner at the battle of the Thames, May 5th of that year; was afterward paroled, but made to run the gauntlet, escaping with his life, badly beaten and bruised. He walked with two other soldiers over two hundred miles, barefooted, almost naked and half-starved, before finding friends and food. He moved to Clark's grant, Indiana territory, in 1815, settling near what afterward became Charlestown, the county seat of Clark county. Here he learned the carpenter's and cabinet maker's trade—built houses, made furniture for them and made the coffins in which to bury the dead, as was the custom of the times. He was commissioned captain of mounted United States Rangers, June 16, 1832; became captain of First United States Dragoons, August 15, 1833, serving as such until July 31, 1837; was again commissioned captain of infantry in March, 1847, and assigned to the Third United States Dragoons, April 9, 1847, serving until July 31, 1848, and was promoted to brevet major, October 19, 1847, for gallantry in the battle of Atlixco, Mexico. He went into the city of Mexico with Gen. Winfield Scott. Because of wounds received he resigned soon thereafter. He was the first warden of the Southern Indiana Prison, now called the Reformatory—that institution was built under his supervision—in which position he died of cholera, August 28, 1850, he and his wife dying the same day.

He married Hannah McDowell in Woodford county, Kentucky, February 4, 1809. Hannah McDowell was a daughter of Joseph McDowell, who, as major, commanded a body of North Carolina militia at the battle of King's Mountain and the Cowpens, winning an enviable place in the history of the War of the Revolution by his gallantry. After the war he served twelve consecutive terms in the North Carolina House of Commons and two terms as member of Congress, 1793 to

1798, and he also was member of the North Carolina convention for ratification of federal constitution. He died in 1801. Major McDowell's mother was Margaret O'Neil, a descendant of the O'Neils of Down and Antrim—a plucky Irish girl, closely allied to royalty, but preferring her Scotch lover and America to royalty and wealth. Her husband, Joseph McDowell, was a Scotch weaver. Mrs. Ellet's "Women of America" tells of her heroism in making powder to help her three sons fight the battles that freed the States from English rule, and chasing Tories to recover her stock stolen by them, as well as nursing the wounded and feeding the hungry soldiers and Tory prisoners. Major McDowell's wife was Margaret Moffett, daughter of Col. George Moffett, one of the earliest settlers of Augusta county, Virginia; a soldier in the early Indian wars and an officer in the War of the Revolution; a man of great enterprise and public spirit, and active in all good works; a prominent churchman and promoter of education, and for many years a trustee of Lexington College. Colonel Moffett's wife was a daughter of Capt. John McDowell—a sister of Gen. Samuel McDowell, an officer of the Revolution and the first United States judge of Kentucky, which position he held from March, 1783, to the time of his death, September, 1817. Samuel McDowell had seven sons, all officers and soldiers in the War of the Revolution. John McDowell's wife was Magdalena Wood, a direct descendant of the Argyle Campbell family. One of Maj. Joseph McDowell's sons was congressman from the Hillsboro (Ohio) district. Margaret McDowell, his second daughter, was the wife of Allen Trimble, governor of Ohio, and mother of Joseph McDowell Trimble, an eminent Methodist Episcopal preacher of Columbus, Ohio, and of Col. William Trimble, of the Sixtieth Ohio, during the War of the Rebellion. Maj. Joseph McDowell's descendants are scattered over the west and south, taking active part in the conduct of affairs and filling prominent and honorable positions in the affairs of life and that of the nation.

Mr. Perdue learned telegraphy at Madison, Indiana, in 1857. He went to the Army of the Cumberland at the commencement of the war as a member of the United States military telegraph corps. He came to Terre Haute, September 8, 1867, as special operator at the fair grounds during the Indiana state fair, and has remained here since that time. He worked in the city office two years. He married Miss Julia A. Ross, eldest daughter of Mr. Harry Ross, one of Terre Haute's old-time substantial citizens. For two years following this he was superintendent of telegraph of the Indianapolis & St. Louis Railroad, and lived at Mattoon, Illinois. With that exception he has been a continuous resident of the Prairie City. He was in the ice and coal business for fifteen years, and for the last ten years has been in the concrete and street contracting

business. He has three daughters: Mrs. W. L. Halstead, of Bristol, Virginia; Mrs. William H. Weller, of Bellingham, Washington, and Mrs. Alexander L. Crawford, of Terre Haute, Indiana.

CLAUDE G. BOWERS, a member of the Terre Haute board of public works, has been prominently identified with the public service in lines in which the city, county and state have greatly benefited. He was born in Hamilton county, Indiana, November 20, 1879. His paternal grandfather, Christopher Bowers, belonged to one of the oldest families of western Tennessee and was an early pioneer settler of Indiana. The maternal grandfather, James L. Tipton, a native of Indiana, became one of the founders of the Republican party in the state, took a most active interest in politics and just prior to the Civil war engaged in a series of joint debates with Senator Marvin, who was prominent in the legislature during the war. He declined a nomination to congress during the period of hostilities between the north and the south that he might give personal aid to the Union upon the field of battle, and was killed in the engagement at Missionary Ridge.

Lewis Bowers, the father, was a merchant, who died when his son Claude was but ten years of age. He had lost a comfortable fortune by paying security debts made in the interests of friends and thereby the support of the family devolved upon his widow and her son Claude. The latter was but a young lad at the removal of the family to Indianapolis, where he lived until coming to Terre Haute. He acquired his education in the graded schools of the capital city and after four years spent in the Shortridge high school was graduated in 1897. While a student there he took a prominent part in oratorical and debating work, winning every contest and capturing the state honor for the school at Richmond. After leaving school he pursued a course in economics and sociology under Dr. Dewhurst, formerly the head of that department in one of the eastern colleges. Determining upon the practice of law as a life work Mr. Bowers devoted three years to study in the office of the late Frank B. Burk, the prominent orator, politician and United States district attorney, and under Henry Warren, late city attorney of Indianapolis. During this period Mr. Bowers wrote some magazine articles on political and economical questions. This led him into the field of journalism. At different times he assisted Jacob Piatt Dunn and Samuel E. Morss, editors of the Indianapolis *Sentinel*, and when Mr. Dunn accepted the city comptrollership under Mr. Taggart, Mr. Bowers, then in his twenty-first year, became an editorial writer on the *Sentinel*.

Even before attaining his majority he was most deeply interested in political questions, situation, and issues of the day. Citizenship has never

meant with him the acquirement of every possible privilege and protection under federal government without return of what has stood for faithful service according to the position and ability of the individual, and as the years have passed Mr. Bowers has done effective work in support of principles that he has believed to be of benefit to the county, state and country at large. In 1900 he was sent out by the state central committee and again in 1902 to address the citizens of northern and central Indiana upon the dominant questions of those years. His removal to Terre Haute in January, 1903, was occasioned by the offer of a position on the *Gazette*, and when that paper ceased to have an existence he became connected with the *Star*, acting as editorial writer and dramatic critic for that journal until December, 1906. In the position of editorial writer he intimately identified the paper with the movement for a more progressive, a more prosperous and a cleaner and more beautiful city; and he made a persistent and strong editorial fight against public gambling, resulting at length in its being prohibited in the city. He kept in touch with all the organizations that had in view the welfare of the city and did much to advance the cause.

In Terre Haute, as in Indianapolis, he has been equally prominent in the ranks of the Democratic party. He was here nominated by acclamation for congress, made a thorough canvass for the first time in many years, speaking every day, without a single exception, for eight weeks, and although defeated he ran several thousand votes ahead of the presidential candidate. In 1906 he was again nominated by acclamation and again his campaign was a thorough one, resulting in the reduction of the normal Republican majority of forty-five hundred to eight hundred and running farther ahead of the gubernatorial nominee than any congressional nominee in the state except Benjamin F. Shiveley. In December, 1906, he was appointed a member of the board of public works and is still serving in that capacity. The policy of public improvement which he had advocated so zealously as editorial writer on the *Star* he now helped put into effect, and the board of works at this time has vastly surpassed in achievement all previous efforts. In the work on the board he always stands for the improvement by paving of streets, for the completion of a great sewer system, for the purchase of more parks and play grounds and for the general beautification of the city.

In 1908 he was elected by acclamation to represent the district in the Democratic national convention at Denver and in the same year declined a renomination for congress. He has wielded a wide influence in public affairs and is recognized as a leader among the people of this district. Even his political opponents entertain for him warm regard



and respect him for his fidelity to his principles. He is unswerving in his loyalty to a course which he believes to be right, and energy and patriotism might well be termed the keynote of his character.

LOUIS F. TILLEY, a well known member of the Vigo county bar and the junior member of the law firm of Stimson & Tilley, has in his professional career been actuated by a laudable ambition that has prompted the most careful preparation of his cases and has led to that clear and forceful presentation before the courts. A native of Indiana, he was born in Cass township, Clay county, on the 9th of March, 1875, and is a son of Milton and Mary A. (Mace) Tilley, the former a native of North Carolina and the latter of Tennessee. The father devoted his entire life to the occupation of farming and spent his last days in Clay county, Indiana, where he passed away in January, 1904. The only interruption to his agricultural interests came during the period of the Civil war, when he offered his services to the government in defense of the Union and went to the south as a follower of the stars and stripes. Although he lived a quiet, uneventful life, he commanded the respect and merited the good will of those among whom his lot was cast. His widow still survives and is yet living upon the old homestead in Clay county in her seventy-first year. In both the paternal and maternal lines Louis F. Tilley is a representative of old families of Indiana. His grandfather, James Tilley, was a pioneer of Clay county, settling in that locality when the country was an almost unbroken wilderness. The forest trees stood in their primeval strength and only here and there had a little clearing been made to show that the white race had penetrated into the western wilderness to reclaim this region for the uses of civilization. He bore his part in the early development of the county at a time when there were still many evidences of Indian occupancy in this part of the state. The maternal grandfather, David Mace, a native of Tennessee, also settled in Clay county in pioneer times. He was a millwright by trade and by reason of his skill in mechanical lines was called upon in early days to make all of the coffins used in the Eel river country of Clay and adjoining counties.

Louis F. Tilley was reared upon the old homestead farm in Clay county, where his mother is still living, remaining there until he reached his sixteenth year. In 1892, at the age of seventeen years, he began teaching school in his native county, following that profession through the winter months, while he spent the summer seasons as a student in the State Normal School. He afterward attended the University of Indianapolis, where he pursued his law course, being graduated from that institution in 1901. Ten days later he began the practice of his pro-

fession in Brazil in partnership with Curtis G. Scofield, and continued a member of the bar of that city for a period of four and a half years, during which time he served as deputy prosecuting attorney of Clay county. Seeking a broader field of labor through the further advantages for professional success offered in city life, he came to Terre Haute in the fall of 1905 and entered upon active practice as a partner of Judge S. C. Stimson, under the firm style of Stimson & Tilley, this partnership being formed on the 1st of January, 1907. They have an extensive and distinctively representative clientage and Mr. Tilley, although a young man, is giving evidence of the opportunities of acquired and natural talents which well qualify him for further important successes at the bar.

Mr. Tilley has been married twice. His first wife was Miss Jessie A. Smith, a daughter of E. W. Smith, a contractor and builder of Brazil, who was an officer in the Confederate army during the Civil war. Mrs. Tilley passed away in February, 1904, leaving a daughter, Jessie Lucile, who is now four years of age. For his second wife, Mr. Tilley chose Miss Cora Biddle, a daughter of George Biddle, deceased, who was a railroad man of Brazil. They occupy a prominent position in social circles of Terre Haute and have many warm friends here. Mr. Tilley is a member of the Masonic fraternity and is also connected through membership relations with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Sons of Veterans and the Young Business Men's Club. He is a Republican and has taken an active part in politics since becoming a voter. He possesses the alert, enterprising spirit which has been a dominant factor in the upbuilding of the middle west and with high ideals in his profession and in citizenship he is rapidly forging to the front in both lines and enjoys in full measure the confidence and good will of his fellow citizens.

LEVI G. HAMMERLY, at one time recorder of Vigo county, claims Ohio as the state of his nativity, his birth having occurred on the 2d of June, 1846, in Ross county. His parents were Joseph and Rosanna (Cramer) Hammerly, both of whom were natives of Germany. The father came from that country when a young man and settled first in Ross county, Ohio, whence he afterward removed to Clark county, Illinois, in 1848. He was one of its early residents and became a farmer there, continuing in the active work of tilling the soil and cultivating the crops for fifteen years, or until his death, which occurred in 1863. His widow survived him for about nine years and passed away in 1872.

Levi G. Hammerly was reared upon the home farm in Clark county, working in the fields through the summer months, as he assisted in the task of plowing, planting and harvesting. He acquired his education

in the district schools and was still upon the farm when the great Civil war broke out. While too young at the beginning of hostilities to enlist in the service of his country, he was fired by patriotic zeal and desired to aid in the preservation of the Union, and in February, 1864, although not yet eighteen years of age, he volunteered and was accepted as a soldier of Company A, Forty-first Regiment (Second Cavalry) of Indiana Volunteers. He enlisted at Terre Haute and was with General Sherman on the memorable march to the sea, which proved that the boast of the Confederacy as to its strength had no base, for it was soon shown that the troops had been drawn from the interior to defend the border. Mr. Hammerly participated in the battle of Atlanta and was but two miles away at the time of the capture of Jefferson Davis, the president of the Confederates. He remained at the front until after the surrender of General Lee at Appomattox, and when peace once more prevailed over the broad land he returned to Terre Haute to again take up the pursuits of business life.

Mr. Hammerly did not return to the farm, but gave his attention to the boot and shoe business, in which he continued for ten years with success. However, agricultural pursuits attracted him and he purchased a farm in Linton township, near Young's Station, to which he removed, there carrying on general farming until 1882. In that year he was appointed deputy county treasurer of Vigo county by C. A. Ray, lately deceased, and was also appointed by Mr. Ray's successor, James Cox, to the same office. His acceptable service led to further political honors and in 1886 he was nominated on the Republican ticket for the office of county recorder, to which he was elected by a good majority. His administration of the affairs of the office was so generally satisfactory that at the expiration of his term he was again nominated by his party, but with the balance of the ticket was defeated that year.

On leaving the county recorder's office Mr. Hammerly returned to the farm, living this time in Linton township, where he resided for about seventeen years. He then became a resident of Terre Haute, where he engaged in the conduct of a livery and boarding stable, establishing the Majestic stable on South Fourth street. This he conducted until 1907, when he sold out and erected his present large brick barn at No. 118 South Second street. Here he conducts a large business under the name of the Vigo Feed and Tie Barn and has a liberal patronage, keeping a large number of horses for rent.

On the 21st of June, 1868, Mr. Hammerly was married in Vigo county to Miss Effie Reese, a daughter of John Reese, an early settler and prominent farmer of Riley township. Unto this marriage there were born two children: Minnie, now the wife of Charles Adkins, of

Riley township, and John W., deceased. The mother of these children died in 1888, and in 1889 Mr. Hammerly wedded Miss Dora Hixon, who passed away in 1890. In 1891 Mr. Hammerly wedded Mrs. Elizabeth N. Timmons, nee George, and they have had three sons: Lee R. and Harry A., who died in 1906, and Adam C.

Mr. Hammerly is a member of the Odd Fellows Society and is interested in the work of the order and in the basic principles upon which it is founded. He is a man who by patient striving has carved out for himself a solid reputation for business activity and success. In matters of citizenship he is loyal and is as interested in the welfare of his country as when he followed the stars and stripes upon southern battlefields. There are few men of his years who can boast of service in the Civil war, but although only a boy when he joined the army, his valor and bravery were equal to that of many a veteran of twice his years.

MORTON C. RANKIN, whose name was associated with every public-spirited movement of Terre Haute, belonged to that class of citizens whom a community can ill afford to lose. A successful and honorable business man, he thus contributed to the commercial prosperity and at the same time found opportunity to assist in many progressive measures which worked for needed reform and improvement and were a matter of civic virtue and of civic pride. While his name is now on the roll of the city's honored dead, the influence of his life and work has not ceased to be felt, nor have the measures which he promoted reached their full fruition in the city's welfare.

Morton C. Rankin was born in Terre Haute, October 10, 1840, and at the usual age entered the public schools, where he laid the foundation for that general knowledge and broad-mindedness which made him a strong factor in business and political circles in later life. He had scarcely entered upon the period of manhood when in response to the country's call for troops he enlisted in 1862 as a member of the Seventy-first Indiana Volunteer Infantry, going to the front with Company B. Although he was discharged from the army in the same year of his enlistment because of disability, there was ample time for the display of a heroism and loyalty which none questioned. During his service he was four times wounded and was once taken prisoner. His first injury was sustained at Richmond, Kentucky, at which point the commanding officer of the regiment, Colonel Topping, was killed. At other points he was injured by the enemy's bullets and because of the disability thus engendered he was forced to return home.

On entering upon his business career, if he did not express his purposes, he certainly had well defined plans and principles. Throughout

the entire period of his connection with commercial interests he never deviated from a course which he believed to be right and ever maintained a most unsullied reputation for business integrity. He was in the employ of others until 1872, and during this time gained considerable knowledge of the lumber trade. He then embarked in the lumber business on his own account and in the years which followed built up an extensive enterprise. For some time prior to his demise he was associated with James L. Armstrong under the firm style of the Morton Lumber Company and their business reached extensive proportions, owing to well directed management, keen discernment, close application and unwearied industry. He did not confine his energies entirely to one line, for he was a promoter of the first building and loan organization of Terre Haute, which has done so much toward the material improvement of the city. He was also interested in several financial institutions and in manufacturing concerns and his judgment was regarded as sound and reliable.

Mr. Rankin was married twice. After the death of his first wife he married Miss Angeline Layton, who died leaving an only son, Morton L. Rankin, who was born in Terre Haute, July 24, 1873.

While his trade relations brought him into contact with only a limited portion of the population, however, Mr. Rankin was well known to every citizen of Terre Haute by reason of his active work in behalf of the city's progress and development. Even prior to the Civil war his influence and labors were felt as a moving force in community affairs. In the days of the old volunteer fire department he was one of the active men in looking after the protection of the city and became captain of the hose reel of the Northern Liberty Company in 1857. Two years later he was one of the men who solicited subscriptions to buy the first four-wheel hose reel ever used in this city. In later years he became one of the directors of the Volunteer Firemen's Association and at a meeting held in 1906 was appointed chairman of the committee to draft resolutions of respect in honor of the members who died during that year. In early manhood Mr. Rankin was a pronounced Republican and in 1868 was his party's candidate for treasurer, to which office he was elected and served for two years. About 1870 a change in his political views led him to identify himself with the Greenback party, which ultimately became the Populist party, and in 1894 and 1896 he was the Populist candidate for congress in his district, and in 1896 he was treasurer of the national Populist committee. However, Mr. Rankin was never a bitter nor aggressive partisan. He recognized the good in all parties and in political workers and when it seemed for the interest of the community he did not hesitate to champion the cause of the candidate whom he be-

lieved could best serve the people for a given purpose. In this way he supported various Republican candidates between the years 1870 and 1905, when he again enlisted under Republican banners, for he had come to believe that the issues which were now dominant found their strongest champion in the grand old party.

Mr. Rankin was prominent in the affairs of both the local and state Grand Army organizations. He became one of the charter members of Morton Post, No. 1, of Indiana, and never missed a state encampment from that time forward. He filled various offices in the local organization and served on many committees. Always interested in military affairs and especially in the welfare of his old comrades in arms, he was a champion in the movement for the erection of a monument to the soldiers and sailors of Vigo county and was prominent in the organization which for more than a quarter of a century has been endeavoring to raise a fund. On the Saturday prior to his demise he was one of three who went before the county commissioners, petitioning them to make an appropriation of twenty thousand dollars for the monument. The cause of his death resulted from another public-spirited work, which he was undertaking entirely uninfluenced by personal reasons. The city council opposed the plans of the Vandalia Railroad Company to make changes in their tracks without consulting the council. Mr. Rankin, however, whose lumberyard bordered the tracks, saw the value of such a course, not only to the railroad but to the city as well, and on the afternoon of his demise visited Mr. Cowan, one of the aldermen, to present the matter to him. On returning, when walking on the railroad tracks, he stepped from one track to get away from an approaching freight train and failed to note the approach of a passenger train. The accident which resulted caused almost immediate death and he passed away on the 19th of December, 1907.

While not a member of the church, Mr. Rankin took the deepest interest in moral progress and was an active Sunday school worker. His life was noble, his actions manly and sincere and one of the strongest traits of his character was his spirit of helpfulness, manifest in his aid to the individual, to the city and to every movement, which he deemed would prove of benefit. It is not from the few conspicuous deeds of life that the blessings chiefly come which make the world sweeter, better, happier; but from the countless lowly ministries of the everydays, the little faithfulnesses that fill long years. And thus it was that Morton C. Rankin contributed in large measure to the interests of Terre Haute and her citizens. Such were his strong and commendable characteristics and such his activity that the news of his death brought a sense of personal bereavement to almost every resident of Terre Haute.

COL. WILLIAM EDWARD McLEAN.—In a history of those men whose lives have conferred honor and dignity upon the communities that have honored them it is imperative that mention be made of Col. William Edward McLean, who is everywhere spoken of in terms of admiration and respect. His life was so varied in its activity, so honorable in its purposes, so far-reaching and beneficial in its effects, that it became an integral part of the history of Terre Haute and also left an impress upon the annals of the state. He exerted an immeasurable influence on the city of his residence; in professional life as an able lawyer; in social circles by reason of a charming personality and unfeigned cordiality, and in politics by reason of his public spirit and devotion to the general good, as well as his comprehensive understanding of the questions affecting state and national welfare.

His life record began in Frederick City, Maryland, on the 12th of October, 1832. His parents were George and Amelia (Cookerly) McLean, both natives of Maryland and of English lineage. The father devoted his life to general farming, and while he never attained wealth he manifested throughout his business career and in every relation such characteristics as won for him unqualified respect. He died in 1833 and the early death of his mother left Col. W. E. McLean an orphan. He was an only child and in 1841 he came to Terre Haute with his maternal grandmother, Mrs. Dorcas Cookerly, in whose home he was reared. This city at that time contained a population of only about three thousand, and with its development as the years passed by Colonel McLean was closely associated, bearing his full share in the labors that have brought about its present prosperity and progress.

Completing his education by graduation from the State University of Indiana as a member of the class of 1849, Colonel McLean then turned his attention to the profession of teaching and for a time was thus closely associated with the development of the public school system of Vigo county. He regarded this, however, merely as an initial step to other professional labor and, with the desire to become an active member of the bar, he took up the study of law, and in the fall of 1852 was admitted to practice. He opened an office in Terre Haute and for many years figured as one of the ablest and most prominent representatives of the legal profession in this city. He did not give undivided attention to the law, however, but left the impress of his individuality upon varied interests. He became the editor of the *Terre Haute Journal*, which was then published weekly and was the only Democratic newspaper in the congressional district. For five years he edited the paper with eminent success and then withdrew from the field of journalism to concentrate his energies upon other interests. In the year 1854 he was

elected prosecuting attorney for the Vigo county circuit court and as a conservator of the legal interests of the county displayed the utmost fidelity in the performance of his duties, combined with a comprehensive knowledge of the principles of jurisprudence and notable correctness in their application to the points in litigation.

Still higher official honors, however, awaited Colonel McLean, who, in 1860, was chosen by popular suffrage to represent his district in the state legislature. He served as a member of the house of representatives until September, 1861, when he resigned to accept the appointment from Governor Oliver P. Morton as lieutenant colonel of the Forty-third Indiana Volunteer Infantry, with authority to raise and organize that regiment. Before the end of the month the regiment was organized, it being the last one raised in Vigo county under President Lincoln's first call for three hundred thousand troops. In October, 1861, the Forty-third proceeded to the south and joined the command of General Crittenden in Kentucky. Upon the resignation of Col. George K. Steele in January, 1862, Lieutenant Colonel McLean was appointed to succeed him and retained the colonelcy and command of his regiment until it was mustered out in June, 1865, having served as colonel longer than any other officer of that rank from Indiana. He had the love and confidence of his troops to an unusual degree and inspired his men with much of his own bravery and loyalty. After being mustered out Colonel McLean was breveted brigadier-general for gallant and meritorious services. He was ever interested in the military affairs of the country and especially in the welfare of his old comrades in arms, and in 1903 he wrote and published a full and accurate history of the Forty-third Regiment of Indiana Volunteers.

When the country no longer needed his military aid Colonel McLean resumed the practice of law in Terre Haute and again was called to aid in framing the laws of the state, being once more elected to the legislature in 1866. While in the house he gave careful and discriminating consideration to every question which came up for settlement, served on some of the important committees and, associated with others, was instrumental in securing an appropriation for the Indiana State Normal School at Terre Haute, now one of the strongest educational institutions of the state. In 1872 Colonel McLean was the Greeley elector of his congressional district and at the Cincinnati national convention, which nominated the distinguished editor of the *New York Tribune* for president, he served as secretary. He was thereafter a stalwart supporter of Democratic principles and in 1876 he was his party's candidate for Congress. From President Cleveland he received appointment as first deputy commissioner of pensions in March, 1885, and creditably filled the office until the change in administration, when in June, 1889, he resigned.



After resigning from that position Colonel McLean became prominent in the practice of law in Washington, D. C., but afterward returned to Terre Haute, having the deepest attachment for the city in which so many years of his life were passed. His interest in its welfare was manifest in many tangible ways. He co-operated in every movement calculated to prove of public benefit and instituted many measures for the general good. He served on the city board of park commissioners and was a trustee of the Indiana State Normal School. He was also secretary of the Vigo Agricultural Society and became a director of the First National Bank. He contributed liberally toward the Union Hospital of Terre Haute and was interested in various plans for the amelioration of hard conditions of life for the unfortunate.

Colonel McLean was married in early manhood to Miss Juliette Barnes, who died in 1889, and later he wedded Miss Jessica Cliver, who survives him. She is well known in the social circles of the city, where her many good qualities have won her favorable regard. Colonel McLean held membership with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and maintained active relations with the soldiers of the Civil war through his membership in the Grand Army of the Republic and the Loyal Legion. Few lawyers have made a more lasting impression upon the bar of the state, both for legal ability of a high order and for the individuality of a personal character which impresses itself upon a community.

THEODORE W. BARHYDT, JR., president and manager of the Barhydt Theatre Company, who have charge of the Grand Opera House in Terre Haute, is a member of a prominent old Holland family. The American representative fought in the Continental army during the War of the Revolution, and thus Mr. Barhydt is entitled to his membership in the society of the Sons of the Revolution of Indiana, of which he served as a director in 1906. A. G. Barhydt, the father of Theodore, moved westward from his native town of Schenectady, New York, to Burlington, Iowa, in 1857, and there he was subsequently married to Miss Mary Copp, who was born in Dunkirk, New York, and had moved to Burlington in 1863. She died in 1882, but the husband is still living, a resident of Colorado. For many years he was a boot and shoe merchant of Burlington.

It was in that city that Theodore W. Barhydt, Jr., was born, on the 1st of May, 1867, and there he grew to years of maturity and received his education in the city schools and Elliott's Business College. After the death of his mother in 1882 he made his home with his uncle, for whom he was named, T. W. Barhydt, a banker of Burlington, and in

1884 entered the employ of the T. W. Barhydt boot and shoe house of that city. After two years there he entered his uncle's bank as a messenger boy, and during his five years' connection with that institution he worked his way upward from the humble position of a messenger boy to that of teller, but in 1891 he left the bank and in company with F. W. Chamberlin, now deceased, assumed the management of the Grand Opera House of Burlington. They soon afterward enlarged their circuit to include the cities of Ottumwa, Iowa, and Quincy and Peoria, Illinois, and in 1893 Mr. Barhydt moved to Peoria to take personal charge of their interests in that city. In 1897 the partnership was dissolved, and on the 1st of November of the same year he came from Peoria to Terre Haute to assume the management of the Grand Opera House here. The building had just been completed at that time, and it was under his management that the theater was opened to the public. He is also president of the Lyric Theatre Company, owners and operators of the Lyric and Variety theaters, and president of the Barhydt-Hœffler Company, operators of the Lyric theater at Danville, Illinois. Mr. Barhydt has membership relations with the Commercial Club, the Young Business Men's Club of Terre Haute, the Burlington (Iowa) Boating Club, of which he was the treasurer for six years, and with the fraternal order of Elks. He married, October 23, 1897, Henrietta Viola, the daughter of George and Minnie Schulheis, prominent old residents of Quincy, Illinois.

CARL KRIETENSTEIN has for almost a half century resided in Terre Haute, witnessing its transformation from a small town into the second city in importance in the state. He has, moreover, taken an active and helpful part in the work of general improvement and is recognized as one of the leading German residents of Terre Haute. Born in the fatherland, the place of his nativity was Langenholtzhauser, Auf Vavanholtz, Lippe-Detmold, and his natal day October 10, 1837. He is the son of Gobst Henry and Wilhelmina (Pløger) Krietenstein, both of whom were born in the place where their son's birth occurred. In his boyhood he attended the common schools of his native town and afterward learned the bricklayer's trade. The favorable reports concerning trade conditions and business opportunities in America led him to cross the Atlantic to the United States in the spring of 1858. He made his way at once to Freeport, Illinois, where he resided until the succeeding fall, when he went south to New Orleans and spent the winter in that city. In the spring of 1859 he came to Terre Haute and entered the employ of Mr. Beigler, for whom he worked as a gardener and teamster.

In February, 1860, Mr. Krietenstein married, after which he sought

and secured employment on the section of the old Terre Haute & Richmond Railroad, working eleven hours out of the twenty-four for a dollar per day. He eagerly availed himself of every opportunity for advancement, however, and in the spring of 1861 he began braking on a local freight between Terre Haute and Indianapolis. It was necessary that he remain over nights in the latter city, and he paid for his lodging and meals out of his wages of a dollar and a quarter a day and at the same time maintained his home in Terre Haute. When that train was laid off the next spring Mr. Krietenstein began work for Henry Hellman, a plasterer and cistern builder of this city, carrying a hod for a dollar per day. In the meantime, however, his adopted country became involved in Civil war and his loyalty to the Union cause found expression in his enlistment in August, 1861, as a member of Company E, Thirty-second Regiment of Indiana Volunteers. It was the first German regiment raised in Indiana and remained at the front for three years, Mr. Krietenstein participating in all of the battles and engagements in which the Thirty-second took part. He was mustered out of the service in September, 1864, receiving an honorable discharge.

Mr. Krietenstein went forthwith to his wife and home in Terre Haute and soon afterward secured a position as assistant baggage master and night watchman with the Vandalia Railroad, thus continuing until 1866. At that time he accepted a position as freight and money clerk with the Adams Express Company and later entered the service of the American Express Company, each change indicating a forward step in his business career. In November, 1868, he entered the employ of Barr, Gulick & Berry, proprietors of a drug store in the old Terre Haute Hotel building. He continued with that firm during its different changes for twelve years and seven months, during which time he thoroughly mastered the business in principle and detail and on the 1st of June, 1881, formed a partnership with F. L. Shinkle under the firm name of Shinkle & Krietenstein, opening a drug store at No. 641 Main street, where is now located the office of the Singer Sewing Machine Company. They called the new establishment the Beehive Drug Store, but in the succeeding autumn the firm of Shinkle & Krietenstein was dissolved and Mr. Krietenstein entered into partnership with Will W. Adamson under the firm name of Adamson & Krietenstein, thus carrying on business until 1885, when the junior partner became sole proprietor. The following year he removed to the corner of Fourth and Ohio streets and in 1896 bought the brick business block on the southwest corner of Fourth and Cherry streets. Taking up his quarters in that establishment, he has since engaged extensively in the drug, paint

and glass business, carrying a large line of goods and receiving a very gratifying patronage. His son George is associated with him in business at the present time and the firm constitutes one of the strong commercial organizations of the city. Connected with the drug and paint trade for forty years, Mr. Krietenstein is thoroughly familiar with the demands of the public and his earnest desire to please his patrons, combined with irreproachable business integrity, has gained him place with the most successful merchants of Terre Haute.

As stated, Mr. Krietenstein was married in early manhood, the lady of his choice being Miss Mary Glanzer, a native of Hessen, Germany, who came to the United States in 1858. They have two sons, George W. and William L., and a daughter, Minnie, now the wife of Walter A. Haley, a salesman with Thomas & Schloss, clothiers of Terre Haute.

Mr. Krietenstein has long been prominent in the German Benevolent Society, of which he has been a member since 1860 and an officer continuously since 1865. He was the first secretary of the widows' and orphans' fund, next financial secretary and afterward treasurer, serving in the last named position for twenty years. He has been a member of the Odd Fellows Lodge since the seventies, and is a past commander of Morton post, Grand Army of the Republic. Prominent in that military organization, he has served as aid-de-camp to the commander and chief of the Department of Indiana. These associations indicate much of the character of his interests, showing his devotion to those organizations which tend to ameliorate the hard conditions of life for the unfortunate. In politics he is a Republican, having long supported the party. He has prospered in his business and now has many interests in commercial and industrial circles. He is today president of the Central Manufacturing Company, while in other enterprises he has investments which are bringing to him substantial benefits annually. He is a notable example of the young man of foreign birth who, embracing opportunities offered by the new world, steadily works his way upward and in legitimate business lines gains not only gratifying success but also wins an honored name.

GEORGE W. KRIETENSTEIN, one of Terre Haute's prominent young business men, is associated with his father, Carl Krietenstein, in the drug, paint and glass business in Terre Haute, his native city. He was born on the 4th of July, 1871, and after completing his education in the city schools he engaged in business with his father and has so continued to the present time. Early realizing that all honorable success depends upon close application, unfaltering industry, good management and a high standard of commercial ethics, he has so directed his labors that he has

contributed in substantial measure to the prosperity which is attending the firm.

Mr. Krietenstein is also a prominent figure in political circles, known not only locally, but in the state as well. He is recognized as one of the Republican leaders of this district and in 1900 was district manager of the Lincoln League, a state organization. He was also a member of its executive committee and is now its treasurer. At one time he was president of the Thompson Club, also a political organization, and he possesses that keen discernment and ability in co-ordinating forces so necessary in a political leader. In 1901 he was appointed by Governor Durbin as custodian of the state house, which position he filled until April, 1903, when he resigned. The same year Governor Durbin appointed him deputy state oil inspector and he was re-appointed by Governor Hanly, so that he is now filling the position at the present time. During the administration of Governor Mount, Mr. Krietenstein served on his staff with the rank of major. He is widely known among the Sons of Veterans and served for three years as treasurer of the Department of Indiana and was state commander in 1901 and 1902. He is well known as an exemplary representative of the Masonic fraternity, the Knights of Pythias, the Elks and the Maccabees. Local interests receive his co-operation in large measure and he gives his endorsement and aid to many movements for the city's welfare promulgated by the Commercial Club, of which he is a member, having served on a number of its important committees. He is likewise a member of the German Benevolent Society.

Mr. Krietenstein was married to Miss Minnie Schirathin, a daughter of Jacob Schirathin, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and unto them have been born a daughter and son: Bertha, born in 1894, and Carl Mount, in 1898. The parents are well known socially in this city, where Mr. Krietenstein has spent his entire life. His strong personality and marked individuality have made him a recognized force in fraternal, political and business circles. Strong and positive in his Republicanism, his party fealty is not grounded on partisan prejudice and he enjoys the respect and confidence of all of his associates, irrespective of party. He is a believer in that movement toward higher politics which is common to both parties and which constitutes the most hopeful political sign of the period and at the same time in his political work he labors for practical results and not for glittering generalities.

RICHARD VOORHEES NEWTON.—Terre Haute numbers among her able lawyers Richard V. Newton, who is a representative of a family who have

been identified with the annals of Indiana's history since an early period in its development. In the early year of 1834 there journeyed from Southampton county, Virginia, William Newton, the grandfather of Richard Voorhees, who, with his family, was bound for Parke county, Indiana. The journey was made with an ox cart, the male members of the little party walking most of the distance and on arriving in Parke county they established their home on a farm in Florida township. They were numbered among the early pioneers of this part of the state, and there William Newton spent the remainder of his life.

One of the sons of this Indiana pioneer was Richard N. Newton, who followed farming as a life occupation, and died on his farm in Parke county on November 12, 1898. By his marriage to Amanda A. Horne, two of the oldest families of that county were united. Her father, William Horne, established his home within its borders, in Florida township, at an early period in its history, but later in life he moved to Missouri, and died there at an extreme old age. Mrs. Newton died some years before her husband, in 1889, and both were members of the Christian church.

It was on their old home farm in Florida township, Parke county, that Richard Voorhees Newton was born, his birthday being the 22d of June, 1866, and in the old homestead there he grew to manhood's estate and received his early education in the public schools of Florida township. From the public schools he entered the Central Normal College at Ladoga, Indiana, and later was a student in the Indiana State Normal School, at Terre Haute. During the completion of his educational training he taught in the schools of Florida township for two years, and in 1890 was a member of the graduating class from the old Terre Haute Commercial College. For a time after his graduation he filled one or two clerical positions in this city, and then began his legal studies in the office of Rhodes & Williams, entering their office on the 28th day of December, 1890, and he continued his reading under their able instructions until the beginning of the school year of 1891, entering the law department of the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor, and graduating with its class of 1893, with the degree of Bachelor of Law. Mr. Newton was now well equipped with an excellent literary and professional training with which to begin the battle of life for himself, and he returned to the office of his old preceptors, Rhodes & Williams, where he practiced from that time until his removal on the 10th day of May, 1903, to his present offices, rooms 14 and 15 Naylor-Cox building, corner of Wabash avenue and Fourth street. His ability as a lawyer has won him marked success and high judicial honors, and he is accorded a prominent position at the Vigo county bar.

Mr. Newton married, April 7, 1898, Miss Eva A. Johnson, born on a

farm in Otter Creek township, Vigo county, April 8, 1868, daughter of James S. and Martha J. (Stapleton) Johnson, of this county, who are also members of the Christian church. Miss Johnson followed the profession of teaching for a period of nine years up to the date of her marriage. She graduated from the Indiana State Normal School in the class of 1893. Mr. and Mrs. Newton have two children: Richard Harrold Wayne, born in Terre Haute, February 5, 1899, and Agnes Eleanor Newton, born in that city December 13, 1905. Mr. Newton is a member and past grand of Terre Haute Lodge, No. 51, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and his political affiliations are with the Democratic party. Mr. and Mrs. Newton and son are members of the Central Christian church, of Terre Haute.

ANTON MAYER.—One of the leading German citizens and successful business men of Terre Haute is Anton Mayer, the pioneer brewer of the city, who has been closely identified with the business interests of this county for over forty years. Mr. Mayer is a native of Germany, having been born on January 12, 1842, in Wurtemberg, and is the son of Bartholomew Mayer. Mr. Mayer was reared on his father's farm in the fatherland, and received his education in the common schools of his native land. While in Germany he worked for a period of eighteen months in the brewery, and the knowledge thus gained formed the foundation for his great success in that line in this country. He came to the United States in 1858, when but little more than a mere boy, leaving home and parents behind. He came direct to Terre Haute but remained in this city but a short time, going to Cincinnati, Ohio, where for a period of over eight years he was employed in a brewery, three years of which he was foreman of the establishment. While at work in Cincinnati he was a close observer of the way the brewery business was managed, and became thoroughly familiar with all the details of the same. He was of an economical disposition and his wages soon accumulated sufficiently for him to determine to venture into the business on his own account. When the time came for him to put his plans into force his mind traveled back to Terre Haute, and so, in 1868, he returned to this city and formed a partnership with Andrew Kaufman and together they purchased the brewery plant of his brother-in-law, Mathias Mogger, and engaged in the manufacture of beer. Mr. Kaufman died about eleven months after it was established, Mr. Mayer becoming the sole owner.

When the brewery was first opened for business it was on a small scale, with a yearly capacity of two thousand five hundred barrels. During his ownership the plant was improved and enlarged until the capacity,

in 1889, was raised to twenty-five thousand barrels a year. In that year Mr. Mayer sold that business, which is now the Terre Haute Brewing Company, and retired from active business. He owns considerable valuable improved city and farm property, the management of which takes all of the time he is now willing to devote to business. So successful has been the business career of Mr. Mayer that he is accounted one of the wealthy men of Terre Haute, as well as one of the city's leading and influential citizens. Mr. Mayer was married in Terre Haute, April 29, 1879, to Miss Sophie, daughter of Stacey Miller, a native of Germany. To Mr. and Mrs. Mayer the following children have been born: Herman, treasurer of the United States Trust Company, of Terre Haute; Bertha, Ida and Gertrude, the latter two deceased.

HON. DAVID W. HENRY.—One of the most distinguished members of the Vigo county bar, Hon. David W. Henry is also one of Terre Haute's leading citizens. In 1884, three years after his graduation in law, he was elected prosecuting attorney for the forty-third judicial district, which was co-extensive with Vigo county, and was re-elected to the office in 1886. He served as chairman of the Republican county central committee in 1892, and in 1894 was elected judge of the superior court. On the first of November, 1897, he resigned from the bench and a week later assumed his duties as collector of internal revenue under appointment by President McKinley. He acted as collector of the seventh district of Indiana for four years, and during that period collected for the government over \$56,000,000.

After leaving the revenue service Judge Henry engaged again in the practice of law, which was largely confined to corporation practice. Among his clients was the United States Steel Corporation, for which he acted as purchasing agent and had charge of their properties in Indiana. He afterward became personally interested in the oil fields of Oklahoma, then located in Indian Territory. He is a great admirer of the late Col. Richard W. Thompson, and at his own expense published a memorial for distribution among the friends of the deceased, as his personal tribute to him.

Judge Henry is a native of Ohio, born in Columbiana county, October 10, 1852, being the son of Jacob and Alvira (Rowles) Henry, natives of Pennsylvania and Ohio respectively. His training in the public schools was followed by a course in Ascension Seminary, Sullivan, Indiana, from which he graduated in 1872. Then came several years of teaching, and a scientific course of two years at Mount Union College, Ohio. Having thus laid a broad and substantial foundation of general





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knowledge, Judge Henry began his professional studies in Terre Haute in 1876. After about a year he temporarily abandoned his studies on account of ill health, and at his recovery taught school for some years in Vermilion and Sullivan counties, Indiana. During the two years following this period he had charge of the Farmersburg schools, after which he visited various sections of the west in his general search for a location. He finally returned to Indiana, and was in charge of the Bloomfield schools for two terms, resigning this position to resume his legal studies.

At his graduation from the Central Law School, of Indianapolis, in 1881, Judge Henry became connected with the office of Davis & Davis, of Terre Haute, and in 1883 succeeded to the practice of Harvey D. Scott, who had been appointed to the circuit bench of Vigo county. A year later he formed a partnership with J. D. Early, and soon afterward was elected prosecuting attorney. From that time to the present his progress as a lawyer, judge, public official and man of various affairs has been uninterrupted, and his standing is as honorable as it is prominent. Fraternally he is a Mason, and Elk, is also a member of the Young Business Men's Club.

On the 30th of June, 1885, Judge Henry married Virginia, daughter of Col. Richard W. Thompson, late secretary of the navy in President Hayes' cabinet. The two children of this union are Harriet, born in 1886, and Richard Porter, born in 1890.

WILLIAM C. RETZ, SR., is one of the well known German citizens of Terre Haute, where he has for many years been prominently identified with the meat business and is now the president of the Abattoir and Stock Yards Company. His birth occurred in Neuenstadt, am Kocher, Wurtemberg, Germany, January 28, 1849, and he is the son of Christian and Johanna (Neutz) Retz. He was reared, educated and served an apprenticeship at the butcher's trade in the city of Halle, but in 1867 he left his home there with the intention of coming to America, but instead joined a brother in Paris, France, and remained in that city until 1870. It was then that the Franco-Prussian war broke out and as a result all the German residents there were given but forty-eight hours in which to leave the country, so Mr. Retz determined to follow out his original plan and come to America, arriving here in October of that year. Upon reaching the shores of this country he first made his way to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where he worked at his trade for three years, and in the spring of 1873 came to Terre Haute. But in the fall of the same year he left the city for Cleveland, Ohio, to engage in the meat business for himself, returning six months later to marry Mary Imbery, born in Indianapolis, in 1852, to

Charles August and Mary B. Imbery. The wedding occurred in March, 1874. He returned with his bride to his Cleveland home, but in 1878 left there with the intention of going to Kansas, instead, however, he stopped in Terre Haute and finally decided to make this city his permanent home and at once embarked in the retail meat business. In 1893 he became one of the organizers of the Terre Haute Abattoir and Stock Yards Company, being at once elected its president, with Louis Duenweg, vice president, and F. A. Suburger, the secretary and treasurer. This is one of Terre Haute's substantial organizations, and as its president Mr. Retz is well and prominently known in the industrial circles of this city, and retired from the retail business in 1901.

Six children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Retz, namely: William C., Jr., in the retail meat business in Terre Haute; Mary, deceased; Annie, a teacher in the kindergarten department of the city schools; Carrie, at home; Paula, deceased, and Bertha, also at home. Mr. Retz was made a Mason in 1891, and in 1896 was made the master of Humbolt Lodge, No. 42, Free and Accepted Masons, in which he served for four years. He is also a member of the Bismarck Lodge, the Order of Ben Hur, and the Schwaben Society.

BRUCE F. FAILEY, one of the prominent young business men of Terre Haute and a leader in its financial affairs, was born in Indianapolis, on the 20th of August, 1874. He is the son of James F. Failey, of Indianapolis, Indiana, who has been retired from active business for several years, was long at the head of large wheel manufactory in Indianapolis. At the present time he is a vice president of the Indiana Trust Company, and a director of the Merchants' National Bank, of Indianapolis.

Bruce F. Failey was reared in Indianapolis, and was educated in its public schools. After graduating from the high school he entered the Rose Polytechnic Institute, of Terre Haute, in which he also completed the regular course. For three years he was a member of the Blair & Failey Manufacturing Company, of that city. At the present time he is connected with various leading enterprises of Terre Haute, and is also a member of the board of directors of both the Terre Haute National Bank and the United States Trust Company. His social and fraternal relations are indicated by his membership in the Country Club, Young Business Men's Club and the Lodge of Elks. Mr. Failey's wife was formerly Sara Fairbanks, daughter of Crawford Fairbanks, of Terre Haute, and to their marriage have been born a son and daughter—Crawford and Alice.

FREDERICK W. SHALEY, A. B., M. D., one of the leading physicians of Terre Haute, is a native of that city, where he was born September

13, 1858. This has been his life-long home, and here for many years his father was a prominent business man and a citizen of pronounced character. The family may be traced back through the annals of German genealogy for more than two centuries, in its earlier periods being known as "Scheele." Many of its members occupied such government positions in the fatherland as those of mayor and postmaster, and presented a uniform record of faithfulness, practical ability and honor. The parents of Dr. Shaley, Frederick W. and Matilda (Criss) Shaley, were natives respectively of Hesse-Cassel, Germany, and the state of Ohio. The father came to the United States early in his life, and his mother, in her girlhood, was brought by her parents from her Ohio home to Owen county, Indiana. The elder Mr. Shaley first located in Philadelphia, and after a short residence in that city settled in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. His first business venture was to connect himself with a general store at Isle Royal, in the Lake Superior region, and thence, in the early fifties (about 1853) he became a resident of Terre Haute. From that time until his death he was prominently identified with its business life, during most of the period as a grocer located at the corner of Eighth and Poplar streets. But it was not alone in business matters that Frederick W. Shaley, Sr., was honored; for he was for many years one of the active and strong figures in the work of the German Reformed church. He was long an elder in the local organization and one of the most influential lay members of the committee which harmonized the differences between the two branches of the church in the United States and effected a union of them into one compact body.

Dr. Shaley was the eldest of four children who grew to mature years. In his youth he attended the city schools of Terre Haute and the Mission House College, a German institution of Franklin, Wisconsin, remaining three years at the latter, from which he graduated in 1876. He then entered Heidelberg University, at Tiffin, Ohio, pursued therein a classical course covering four years and graduated with the class of 1881. His next educational step was to commence the study of medicine under the preceptorship of Dr. Armstrong, and in 1882 he became a student at Rush Medical College, Chicago, and graduated with his professional degree in 1884. His degrees of Bachelor of Arts and Doctor of Medicine were fairly earned, and when he graduated in medicine and located for practice in Terre Haute he had laid a broad foundation for future development. His thorough preparation has since been justified in those practical results which have marked him as a skillful physician and surgeon, and a man of adaptable character who is at home with all classes and able to inspire them with confidence and respect. The

Doctor is a member of the Vigo County and Indiana State Medical societies, the American Medical Association and the Esculapian Medical Society of the Wabash Valley. He is also identified with the surgical staff of St. Anthony's Hospital.

Dr. Shaley was married, February 24, 1886, to Miss Julia Brewer, daughter of N. L. and Harriet (Chidister) Brewer, the former a native of Maryland and the latter of New York, and both of German-English descent. Mrs. Shaley was the first born of their four children, her birth occurring in Tiffin, Ohio, April 10, 1862. Of the four children born to Dr. and Mrs. Shaley one died in infancy and the living are Irene, Agnes B. and Frederick Nelson Shaley. The Doctor's fraternal affiliations connect him with Masonry, the Knights of Pythias, Elks, Knights and Ladies of Honor, and the National Union. He is a Democrat and a member of the Central Presbyterian church.

CHARLES CARTER SMITH is one of the pioneer hardware merchants of Terre Haute, whose name has figured long and honorably in connection with the trade interests of this city.

His father established a branch house dealing in general merchandise and tinware here in 1836, under the name of Smith & Graff. The Smith name has remained a factor in this line of trade. His is an honorable record of a conscientious man, who by his upright life, has won the confidence of all with whom he has come in contact. He was born in Vincennes, Indiana, February 12, 1824, his parents being Nicholas and Hannah (Foster) Smith. The father a native of Elizabeth, New Jersey, was born in 1790 and was the only son of Peter Smith, who was also an only son and was born in Inverness, Scotland. His wife was a Carter, one of the Colonial families of New Jersey and Virginia. He was the founder of this branch of the family in America, settling in New Jersey in Colonial days. He lost his life by drowning in the Passaic river, in 1826. Hannah Foster, the mother of our subject, was a native of Ohio and was of English-Irish lineage. Her father was Gabriel Foster, his wife Pamela Campbell.

Early in the eighteenth century, Nicholas Smith came to the west and settled in Cincinnati, Ohio. Near there he was married to Hannah Foster, whose family had also become residents of Hamilton county. In 1818, when Indiana was admitted to the Union, Nicholas removed to Vincennes, then one of the most flourishing trading posts of the state, where he engaged in dealing in merchandise and tinware. He was also otherwise connected with the early development of the locality. He engaged in packing pork, which he shipped by flat boat to the New Orleans



C. C. Smith





market. Both he and his wife died in Vincennes. The death of Mr. Smith occurred in the early seventies, while his wife survived for nine years.

Charles Carter Smith was reared in Vincennes, Indiana and attended the Catholic schools. Father Shassie (well known here) was one of his early teachers. Later he attended the Crosby school. His school days were cut short by financial difficulties of his father. His first experience in business was in the dry goods and general store of Mr. William Burtch, where he remained two years, then he went to his father's assistance and by his frugal management his father was relieved of his embarrassment.

In 1856 he took up his abode in Terre Haute and with his brother, G. Foster Smith, now deceased, took charge of the business which had been founded twenty years before. In 1865 the firm of G. F. & C. C. Smith dissolved, the senior partner going into business for himself further up Main street, while C. C. Smith continued the business at the old location, a partnership having been formed with J. P. Townly which lasted until Mr. Townley withdrew and moved to Kansas City. From 1873 to 1879 the firm was known as Smith & Townley. In 1887 he removed to the corner of Wabash and Third streets, at which time the firm of C. C. Smith & Son was organized, Nicholas Smith becoming the junior partner. Business was thus carried on until 1893, when Charles C. Smith retired from the active management of the firm. Then the hardware was added and the firm style changed to that of C. C. Smith's Sons Company, with Nicholas and Heber S. Smith as partners. In 1896 Heber S. Smith died, and while the firm name remains the same, Nicholas Smith is the only member.

In early manhood Charles C. Smith was married to Miss Phebe Sandford, who was born in Edgar county, Illinois, January 14, 1824, and was a daughter of General Isaac Sandford, a native of Long Island, whence he removed to Cincinnati and entered the banking house of Gilmore Brothers, his brothers-in-law, moving to Edgar county, Illinois, in 1829. He served in the Black Hawk war in 1832, commanded the First Regiment, Second Brigade, afterwards general of militia. He was a prime mover in extending the Terre Haute & Alton Railroad. Later he purchased large tracts of land in Illinois, becoming owner of over 11,000 acres. His labors were an important element in the early development and progress of the section where he operated. He married Miss Belinda Foster, daughter of Judge Luke Foster. General Sandford died in 1852 and his widow passed away in 1866. Their daughter, Mrs. Smith, was called to her final rest in 1901.

Their children were Nicholas, born in Vincennes; Laura, who was born in Terre Haute; Heber S., now deceased, who was born in Terre

Haute, and Harriet, who was born in Terre Haute and is now the wife of John S. Talbot, a resident of Chicago, Illinois.

Mr. Smith has long since rounded the Psalmist's span of three score years and ten. In fact he has reached the eighty-fourth milestone on life's journey, but although the snows of many winters have whitened his hair, in spirit and interests he seems a man of much younger age. The evening of life does not necessarily suggest weakness or inactivity or even want of occupation or helplessness. There is an old age that is a benediction to all that comes in contact with it, that gives out of its rich stores of learning and experience and grown stronger intellectually and spiritually as the years pass. Such is the life of Charles C. Smith—an encouragement to his associates and an example well worthy of emulation to the young.

ALGERNON NICHOLAS SMITH is the worthy successor of his father in the hardware trade and is now conducting a large and profitable business in that line. He was born in Vincennes, April 23, 1856. In the same year his parents removed to this city and he acquired his education in the public schools. When eighteen years of age he entered his father's store and continued in the establishment through the different changes and through the process of development to what is now the largest and oldest establishment of its kind in the city. He made it his purpose to master the business in principal and detail and gradually greater responsibilities were given him and with a partnership interest he also became very active in the management, and when his father retired was at the head of the business. He was associated with his brother in the ownership of the store for some time and following his brother's death has since been alone. Aside from his mercantile interests Mr. Smith is a director in the Fort Harrison Building and Loan Association, a director in the Union Hospital and a member of the Commercial and Young Business Men's clubs. His interests thus touch many affairs of moment to the community. He likewise belongs to the Country Club, while in Masonic circles he has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite and is also a member of the Mystic Shrine.

Mr. Smith was married in 1889, to Miss Phila Wise, of Vincennes, a daughter of Augustus Wise. Their home is the center of a cultured society circle. Honored and respected by all, there is no man who occupies a more enviable position in commercial circles in Terre Haute than does A. N. Smith, not alone by reason of the success which he has achieved but also owing to the straightforward business principles he has ever followed. Mr. Smith possesses the requisite qualities for the advancement

of his interests in keeping with the onward march of the times and his record proves conclusively that success is not a matter of genius, as held by some, but is the outcome of clear judgment, experience and unwearied industry.

CHARLES VERNON DORSEY, a salesman in the interest of the Baker Medicine and Extract Company, of Keokuk, Iowa, and a prominent and well known business man of Vigo county, was born in Prescott, Shelby county, Indiana, June 6, 1871, to William and Ellen (Finney) Dorsey. The father moved from his native county of Butler, Ohio, where his birth had occurred on the 17th of December, 1838, to Clinton county, Indiana, in 1849, and was married to Ellen Finney on the 7th of September, 1865, in Richmond. She was born in Ohio, in 1844, and died February 5, 1877, at Frankfort, Indiana. A short time after his marriage Mr. Dorsey removed with his young wife from Richmond to Frankfort, locating on a farm just northeast of the city, where he still resides, but is now living retired. When a lad of eighteen years he began teaching school, holding one of the highest grade certificates issued at that time, and he continued his educational labors for about ten years. It was at the close of that period that he turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, and stock raising, principally hogs, having been very successful in the latter calling. His estate consists of seventy acres. On the 28th of October, 1885, Mr. Dorsey wedded Ruth Waddell, who was born near Frankfort, October 6, 1862, and they have become the parents of three children: Garnet, born April 4, 1888, is a resident of Terre Haute and is also associated with the Baker Medicine and Extract Company; Lore, born August 24, 1889, is at home, and Helen, born May 28, 1895, is also at home. Mrs. Dorsey had two children by her former marriage, Bruce and Grace Waddell. Four children were born to Mr. Dorsey by his first marriage, namely: Anna, born September 17, 1866, died October 22, 1894; Harry E., born August 24, 1869, makes his home with his brother and is a general salesman in Parke county for the Baker Medicine Company; Charles Vernon, of this review, and Pearl, born October 22, 1874, is the wife of Samuel Schenck and resides just east of Frankfort. The wife and mother was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Charles V. Dorsey spent the period of his boyhood and youth on the homestead farm, and when he had attained the age of sixteen he began working as a farm hand during the summer months and continued his studies in the district school during the winters. When nineteen he went to Denver, Colorado, and became associated as a lineman with the

Denver City Tramway Company, but one year later returned to the home farm and in the following spring came to Terre Haute to enter upon his association with the Baker Medicine and Extract Company, of Keokuk, Iowa, as a salesman. This was in the year of 1893, and the business was not at that time in a very flourishing condition in Vigo county, but he has increased the trade of his territory until it requires the services of a second salesman. He carries a full line of family medicines, extracts, spices and other commodities, and has been very successful as a salesman. In 1903 Mr. Dorsey purchased ten acres of land on Lafayette avenue and Eighteenth street, in Harrison township, three-quarters of a mile north of the city corporation, and in 1907 completed the erection thereon of a fine modern frame residence, two-story and basement and containing eight rooms. It is modern and complete in all its appointments and is one of the pleasant homes of the community. He is a stockholder in the Riley Oil Company, of Vigo county.

On the 15th of December, 1895, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Dorsey and Emma Engle. She was born near Rosedale, in Vigo county, June 25, 1875, a daughter of William S. and Caroline Engle. The father is deceased, but the mother resides on the old homestead near Rosedale. Three children have been born to this union, Vern, born April 19, 1900; Paul, born October 19, 1902, and Joy, born February 3, 1905. Mr. Dorsey upholds the principles of the Democratic party, and has membership relations with the Blue Lodge of the Masonic Order in Terre Haute; the Encampment No. 307, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; the Maccabees; and the Ancient United Order of Workmen. He and his wife are members and active workers of the Second United Brethren church of Terre Haute.

JOHN C. MYER.—Harrison township, Vigo county, numbers among its most prominent farmers and business men John C. Myer, the owner of one of the best improved farms in the county. It is located in section 1, and consists of a quarter section in Harrison township and a quarter section in Lost Creek township, while in addition he also owns eight hundred acres in North Dakota, principally grazing land. He is a self-made man in the truest sense of the word, for in his early youth he began to battle for himself, alone and unaided, and his valuable property is but the merited reward for industry, economy and excellent business ability.

John C. Myer was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, January 21, 1828, to Karl Frederick and Margaret Myer, both of whom were born and died in the fatherland. They gave to their son John, one of their thirteen children, an excellent educational training in his native land and early in

life he became identified with agricultural pursuits. He also served five years in the German army, and in 1852 emigrated to America and located first in Ohio, from whence, in 1856, he removed to Vigo county, Indiana, and three years later purchased the nucleus of his present homestead. He first bought a quarter section of wild and unimproved land, the purchase price being ten thousand dollars, and the little log cabin which he first erected continued as his home for a number of years but finally gave place to the commodious and elegant brick residence, and a large and substantial barn and other outbuildings have also been built. The place is beautifully ornamented with shade trees and flowers. Mr. Myer is a practical and progressive farmer and a natural mechanic, and he was also at one time quite extensively engaged in the raising of registered shorthorn cattle.

In Ohio, on the 2d of July, 1852, Mr. Myer married Christena Blum, also a native of Germany, born January 6, 1833, and she came to America on the same ship with her future husband, but it was not until after they had arrived in Cincinnati that they became acquainted and they were there married. Nine children have been born to them, namely: Charles, who, at his death, left two children, William and Charles, both machinists with the Vandalia Railroad Company and residents of Terre Haute; William P., of Indianapolis; Louisa, the wife of D. Porter, of Terre Haute; George, in Arkansas; John Albert, who owns a half section of land in Harrison township, but he farms his father's land; Otto C., who resides in Washington; Caroline W., the wife of Adolph Mason, of Terre Haute; Wilhelmina, the wife of George Koffman, of the state of New York; and Herman J., engaged in the dairy business in Harrison township. Mr. Myer also has fourteen grandchildren. The family are members of the German Lutheran church. Mr. Myer is a Republican in his political affiliations, and for several years he held the office of road supervisor, and to him belongs the credit of building many of the roads in this part of the township. He has filled all the offices in the local lodge of the Odd Fellows fraternity, and has attained prominence as a Knight Templar Mason and as a member of the consistory. He has also conducted many Masonic funerals.

HERMAN J. MYER.—For many years Herman J. Myer was prominently associated with the milk business in Terre Haute, his dairy being known as the I. X. L., but recently he disposed of his business and is now devoting his entire time to his agricultural pursuits. He is a son of one of the county's best known and most prominent citizens, John C. Myer, whose history appears preceding this sketch, and was born in section

1. Harrison township, February 12, 1867. On his father's farm he grew to manhood's estate and was prepared for life's future activities, and he remained with his father and worked with him on the homestead farm until he had reached his twenty-sixth year. He then rented land near Terre Haute for one year, and at the close of that period bought forty acres in section 1, just across the road from his boyhood's home, and here he has ever since remained. His first year here was spent as a general farmer, but following this, in 1896, he opened a dairy and milked on an average of twenty head of cows. During eleven consecutive years he conducted a retail milk wagon in Terre Haute, in that time building up a large and lucrative trade, and in fact was accorded the best retail milk trade in the city. Assisted by his estimable wife he performed nearly all the work connected with the dairy, aerated and bottled all his milk and operated a steam plant in connection with the dairy. But in 1907 Mr. Myer sold his cattle. In 1902 he suffered a heavy loss from a fire which completely destroyed a fine new dairy barn, forty by eighty feet in dimensions, a brick dairy house, twenty by twenty feet, with a fourteen foot shed extending the entire length of the house, and a residence which he was at that time remodeling. The loss was estimated at five thousand dollars, covered with but one thousand dollars insurance. He was obliged to begin anew and replace his buildings, which left him very much in debt, but his perseverance and excellent ability have again placed him in the front ranks.

Mr. Myer married, February 28, 1893, Bertha R. Maurer, who was born in Clark county, Illinois, March 30, 1873, a daughter of Andrew and Susan (Schweitzer) Maurer. The father was a native son of Germany, born April 21, 1842, and when a boy of fourteen he came alone to the United States and located in Marshall, Illinois. When nineteen years of age he enlisted for service in the Civil war as a member of Company F, Seventy-ninth Illinois Infantry, in which he served for three years, and during the last three months of the war was held as a prisoner. With the pay he received as a soldier, he brought to this country, his mother, step-father, a brother and sister. After returning from the war he located in Clark county and bought the Sweitzer estate, there remaining until his death on the 16th of January, 1905. He became a very successful farmer and stock raiser, and at the time of his death owned three hundred and sixty acres of land in Oklahoma, in addition to his valuable estate of five hundred acres in Clark county, the homestead being still owned by his heirs. He was a Republican and served in the office of supervisor, and was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and the fraternal order of Red Men. Mrs. Maurer was born in Clark

county, Illinois, December 25, 1840, and died in 1878, after becoming the mother of six children: Benjamin C., a resident of Clark county; Jacob Henry, also of that county; Agnes, the wife of William Davison, of Clark county; Bertha R., the wife of Mr. Myer; John P., deceased, and William Herman, of Seattle, Washington. Mrs. Myer received an excellent educational training in the public schools of White and Clark counties, Illinois, and also attended for a time the public schools of Carmi, that state. Her mother was a successful educator during her younger days and her maternal grandfather was a prominent and well known minister. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Myer, namely: Carl Frederick, who died in infancy; Wallace Andrew, born March 14, 1897, and May Christine and Paul Christine, twins, born January 28, 1899, but the little son died when but five days old. Both Mr. and Mrs. Myer are members of the Methodist church, and she is also a member of the King's Daughters.

WILLIAM M. HOSIER has been identified with the interests of Vigo county throughout his entire life, and he is now living on the old homestead farm in Harrison township, on which he was born November 14, 1867, and which is endeared to him through its association with his boyhood days. His parents, Jacob J. and Susan (Marshall) Hosier, were both natives of Montgomery county, Ohio, the father born November 10, 1832, and the mother December 26, 1833. There they were also married January 17, 1867, and coming direct to Harrison township, Vigo county, the young couple purchased sixty-five acres of land, on which they lived and labored during the remainder of their long and useful lives, the mother dying in July, 1894, and the father on the 8th of November, 1904. Mr. Hosier was a life-long farmer and was an independent political voter. In their family were two children, the younger being Frank M., who was born October 26, 1870.

William M. Hosier, the first born, started out at the age of sixteen to see something of the world, and for two and one-half years he journeyed from place to place, visiting many different states in his wanderings and working at various occupations. Returning thence to Harrison township he has devoted his life's activities to farming and is now the owner of the old Hosier homestead. He is a Democrat politically and has served as a member of the county council for one term, and his fraternal relations connect him with the Knights of Pythias, the Red Men and the Modern Woodmen of America, and he is also a member of the Young Men's Club.

On the 17th of January, 1889, Mr. Hosier wedded Rose Grathwohl,

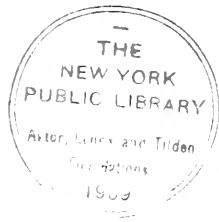
who was born and educated in Harrison township, her natal day being the 17th of July, 1869. They have two children, William, Jr., born March 25, 1892, and Samuel, born March 26, 1897. Mrs. Hosier is a member of the Methodist church.

JOHN J. SMITH.—On the 8th of September, 1906, there passed from this life one of Vigo county's most prominent pioneer residents, John J. Smith. He lived and labored among its citizens for many years, and his well spent life commended him to the confidence and esteem of all, and in his death Terre Haute lost one of its most successful business men and grocery merchants.

Mr. Smith was born in the fatherland of Germany, a son of Christopher and Christena Smith, but was only three months old when brought by his parents to America, the family spending their first four years in this country in Louisville, Kentucky, from whence they came to Terre Haute and the father engaged in gardening and fruit raising. He thus continued until his death in December, 1876. In his native land he served in the German army. To his son John he gave the benefit of a public school education in Terre Haute, he attending the old seminary, which school was on the site of the Normal School, and among his schoolmates were many of the well known citizens and business men of the present. The son remained with his father and assisted him in his gardening until he had attained his twenty-seventh year. It was at that early age that he entered upon his career as a grocery merchant in this city, on the corner of Fifth and Van streets, and for eleven consecutive years he continued as one of the most successful grocery merchants of Terre Haute. During that time he also purchased and built up what is now known as the John J. Smith addition, and also purchased a tract of forty acres where his family yet reside. He also bought several houses and lots in the city of Terre Haute which are yet owned by his widow. On retiring from the grocery business Mr. Smith moved to his forty acre farm on Seventh street to become a fruit and vegetable farmer, and in time his increasing business required the erection of two hot houses, and two more have been built since his death. He was a Democrat politically.

On the 28th of February, 1873, Mr. Smith was united in marriage to Marie Katherine Setzer, who was born in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, March 27, 1852, to John and Marie (Volmer) Setzer. The parents were natives of Wittenburg, Germany, but came to America in their early lives and were married in Pittsburg, from whence four years later they journeyed to Clark county, Illinois. The father became a very successful







Marshall Lee

farmer and stock raiser there, and died in 1894, his widow passing away in death two years later, in Terre Haute. Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Smith. William, the eldest, was born March 17, 1875. He is a graduate of the high school and Isabelle Commercial College, of Terre Haute, and since leaving the school room he has worked in the county abstract office for thirteen years. He also supports the principles of Democracy. Lulu was born December 19, 1877, and is a graduate of the Terre Haute high school with the class of 1895. She educated herself in instrumental music, and during the past six years has been a successful teacher of the piano in this city. Frederick William, born October 15, 1879, attended the high school and commercial colleges of this city and is now a gardener on the home farm. Catherine, born September 15, 1881, is the wife of Dr. O. L. Baldrige, of Bridgeton, Parke county, Indiana. She is also a graduate of the Terre Haute high school. Augusta, born August 22, 1883, is a member of the high school alumni and is now a teacher of china painting. She is also an artist in water colors, and has many fine pieces of her own work in both china and water colors, and has twice been awarded premiums at the Vigo County Fair. Charles, born October 16, 1885, is at home and assists in the work of gardening. Charlotte, born January 1, 1888, is a graduate of the city high school and is also at home. Mrs. Smith and her family are members of the German Lutheran church on Poplar street. She resides in one of the pleasant homes of Terre Haute, a large white brick building built by Jacob Early, on Seventh street. It stands in a beautiful walnut grove just outside of the corporation limits on the east side of the north and south road, a continuation of Seventh street.

MARSHALL GRAY LEE, of Terre Haute, is one of the leaders of the Indiana coal industries and one of the most extensive owners of real estate in Vigo county. He is a native of Clark county, Illinois, born on the 9th of November, 1857, being the son of Isaac and Mary (Davis) Lee. The family is of Scotch stock, but settled in London in early historical times, and certain members of it are located in Pennsylvania in the colonial era of the United States. Gen. Robert E. Lee was of the same family. Isaac Lee's grandmother was Mary Boone, a cousin of the famous Daniel Boone, of Kentucky. The immediate ancestors of Marshall G. Lee were Pennsylvania Quakers, his father being a native of Reading and his mother, of Lebanon. In 1839 the parents migrated from the Keystone state to Clark county, Illinois, where Isaac Lee established himself as the founder of the pioneer grist mill in that section of the state. He seems to have been a versatile mechanic, for his regular trade was

that of a scythe-maker and he long operated a forge in Pennsylvania. The town of Farrington, Illinois, is located on what was the original Lee homestead of Clark county. In 1866 the family located at Liggett, on the Vandalia Railroad, four miles west of Terre Haute, and there the mother died in 1875, at the age of sixty-two years, the father following her in 1881, seventy-four years old.

Marshall G. Lee spent the early years of his boyhood in his native Illinois county, where his father eventually became a large owner of land and a prosperous citizen. The son was reared amid comfortable surroundings and received a thorough and broad education. His earlier training was obtained in the common schools, and after a course at the State Normal he taught school for two years. He then entered DePauw University, from which he graduated in 1884 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, and two years later was honored with Master of Arts.

With the advantage of this liberal education, Mr. Lee engaged in business in Terre Haute. He has since demonstrated, in many ways, the practical advantages of a university education, his ease of bearing, his breadth of view and the facility with which he enters into large enterprises and develops them along clearly defined lines, evincing a well trained mind and a rounded character. Of late years Mr. Lee has devoted his special attention to the handling of coal lands. He is the treasurer of the Sugar Creek Coal Company, and of the Marshall Vein Coal Company, and also a director in several of the largest coal concerns in the state. It is stated that he now owns more farm land in Vigo county than any other one man of the past or present.

Mr. Lee has also been largely instrumental in the beautifying of various residence districts of the city as well as maintaining them at a high standard of improvements and morality. In many parts of Terre Haute may be seen rows of neat, comfortable cottages, owned by those of modest circumstances who accord their substantial station in life to the efforts and influence of Mr. Lee. He has also taken a deep and active interest in several of the subdivisions of the city, Strawberry Hill being one in whose upbuilding he has been especially prominent. This is one of the most beautiful sections of Terre Haute, and its development has been so regulated by those interested in it that it is in every way a desirable residence district for cultured and moral families. From the first property owners have been restricted to those who would bind themselves to erect residences not less than two stories in height, and groceries and saloons were strictly excluded. The result is that Strawberry Hill is uniformly attractive, as well as desirable from a moral point of view. In the rare development of this enterprise Mr. Lee has had a large part, and has

superintended the progress of the attractive subdivision around Collett Park. Altogether, he is a leader in the movement tending to make Terre Haute one of the most attractive and desirable residence cities of the middle west.

On the 5th of August, 1885, Mr. Lee was united in marriage with Miss Alma Blanchard, daughter of John D. and Vesta Blanchard. Her grandfather, Jonathan Noyes, was born in Abbingdon, near Boston, Massachusetts, and was related to several old and well known families of the Hub. Mrs. Lee herself, is a native of Newport, Vermilion county, Indiana, and her only child, Blanche, died in infancy. Both Mr. and Mrs. Lee are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, the former keeping green his memory of old college days through his membership in Phi Kappa Psi fraternity and the Terre Haute Literary Club.

ARTHUR E. COLVIN has been identified with the interests of Vigo county through his entire business career, and now is serving as assessor of Harrison township, having taken the oath of office on the 1st of January, 1900. He was elected on the Republican ticket. Mr. Colvin was born at Merom, in Sullivan county, Indiana, March 15, 1866, a son of Squire and Nancy Ann (Hurst) Colvin, the former of whom was born in Kentucky, in 1823, and the latter was born in Vigo county, Indiana. They were married in Merom, this state, where Squire Colvin passed away in death in 1888, but the wife and mother survived until 1898, dying in Terre Haute. He was a general merchant in Merom, and in politics was a Democrat. Of their large family of eight children only two are now living, Arthur E. and his brother Lewis, the latter a resident of Merom.

Arthur E. Colvin received an excellent educational training in his youth, first attending the public schools of Merom, later the Union Christian College, at the same place, and subsequently was a student in the old Garwin Business College, now known as the Brown Business College. Previous to entering college, however, and when a boy of sixteen he clerked for one year at Prairieton, Indiana, and after spending the following year on a farm in Sullivan county he came to Terre Haute. After leaving the Commercial College he was with the Wabash Lumber Company as a foreman of one of their mills for about seven years, and following this was for a time in the grocery business with W. S. McCoy, on North Eighth street, in Terre Haute. From the grocery he transferred his activities to the feed business, and was thus engaged until his election, in 1899, to the office of township assessor. He assumed the duties of this position January 1, 1900, and will be a candidate on the

Republican ticket for the same office in the coming election. He is a member of the Maccabees, the Odd Fellows and the Blue Lodge of the Masonic Order.

On the 17th of September, 1890, Mr. Colvin was united in marriage to Nellie Messick, who was born in Kentucky, but was reared and educated in Terre Haute, where her parents had moved during her infancy. Their three children are Reba, Gladys and Lorena. Mr. and Mrs. Colvin are members of the First Baptist church.

LEONARD H. MAHAN, well known gardener and fruit grower of Harrison township, was born in Clay county, Indiana, just across the line from Vigo county, October 9, 1839, a son of William H. and Mary M. (Davis) Mahan. The father was born in Butler county, Ohio, March 16, 1816, and the mother was born in Warren county, of that state, in 1815. They were also married in that commonwealth, and in 1838 came to Vigo county and purchased one hundred and twenty acres of land in Lost Creek township, adjoining the Clay county line, and with the exception of about a year's residence in the last named county he continued as one of Vigo's successful agriculturists until his busy and useful life was ended in death. He subsequently sold his farm in Lost Creek township in the seventies to remove to Terre Haute, but later bought land near that city and until his death lived on a ten acre tract on the corner of Twenty-fifth and Wabash avenue, where the Orphans' Home now stands. Both he and his wife were Universalists in their religious belief. Five of their children grew to mature years, namely: Sarah Ann, the widow of Silas Price; James P., deceased; Leonard H., whose name introduces this review; Mary Elizabeth, deceased, and Erula A.

The boyhood days of Leonard H. Mahan were spent on his father's farm, and for two years he attended DePauw University, pursuing a scientific course, and he thereafter taught district school for a year. From that time until his enlistment for the war, on August 15, 1861, he operated his father's farm, and after returning from the conflict, in 1865, he continued its cultivation for a year or two longer and then began the raising of vegetables and fruit, and since that time he has been engaged in greenhouse and storage business.

The marriage of Mr. Mahan was celebrated on the 8th of February, 1876, when Lydia M. Hardy became his wife. She was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, December 23, 1847, a daughter of Patrick H. and Ann S. (Davis) Hardy, natives respectively of Ireland and Ohio. They were married in Cincinnati, and continued to reside in different parts of Ohio until their daughter Lydia was about seventeen years old, the family then

moving to Terre Haute and Mrs. Mahan attended the high school. Later the parents purchased a home in Hartford City, Indiana, and moved there, but after the death of her husband, in 1875, Mrs. Hardy came to the home of her daughter, Mrs. Mahan, and died here in 1905. During a period of nine years Mrs. Mahan was a successful educator, teaching for a time in the city schools of Terre Haute and near Greencastle, and one year in northern Indiana. Of the children born to Mr. and Mrs. Mahan one was still born, and the other, Edward R., was born in April, 1880, and attended the high school and the business college of Terre Haute, and is associated with his father as a gardener.

AARON CONOVER.—The farm which Aaron Conover owns and operates is one of the historic ones of Vigo county and is the site of the county's first fair grounds. It was used by the soldiers during the Civil war, and Mr. Conover can yet recall to mind when the soldier boys bunked in the stable of the fair grounds. A small frame building still standing near his barn was used by the commissary, and it has a number of times in recent years been photographed by the soldiers. The old canal which was in operation in the fifties also runs through this historic farm, and as a boy Aaron Conover rode a mule up and down its banks. In those early days he was well acquainted with a negro who, unable to swim, often performed the feat of crossing the canal by wading in and crawling on the bottom to the opposite shore.

Aaron Conover was born in Harrison township, July 10, 1852, a son of Ralph and Eleanor (Snedeker) Conover, both of whom were born in New Jersey, the father in 1811 and the mother in 1821. The husband passed away in death in 1888, and the mother in February, 1908. They were married in New Jersey, and in 1840 came to Indiana and cast their lot with the early residents of Terre Haute, where the husband and father followed his trade of a brick mason for many years and many of the older brick buildings of the city still stand as monuments of his handiwork. His first work here was on the Terre Haute House. He was a Republican and both he and his wife were members of the Baptist church. Their eleven children were Aaron (first), deceased; William also deceased; Jane, the widow of William Merry; Harmon, deceased; Alfred, who resides on Seventh street, in Terre Haute; Daniel, deceased; Aaron (second), of this review; Belle, deceased; Gertrude, the wife of William Mason, who also resides on Seventh street, in Terre Haute; Eliza, the widow of Scott Hovey, and Ralph, whose residence is on Third street, Terre Haute.

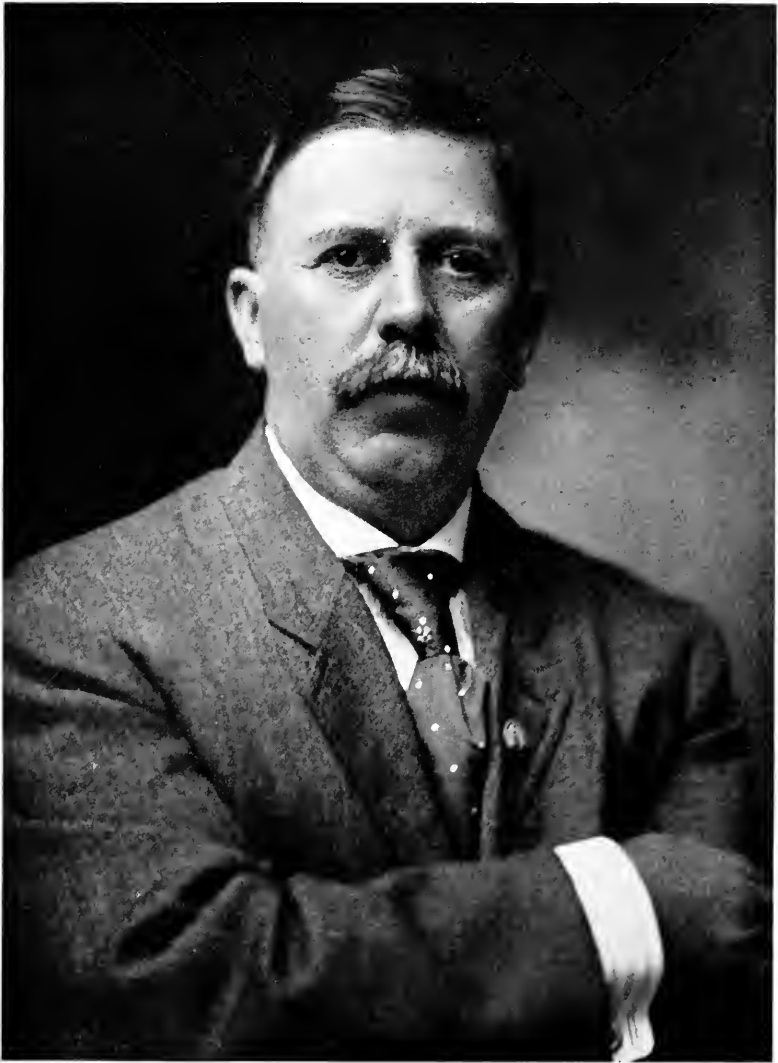
During his early life Aaron Conover learned the mason's trade of

his father, and after following it as an occupation for five years he turned his attention to farming and gardening, now owning an estate of one hundred and twenty acres in Harrison township. At one time he was quite extensively engaged in the breeding of registered Jersey cattle and Berkshire hogs, but in recent years has followed farming and gardening exclusively. As a Republican he has been active in the public affairs of his community, and for an extended period served in the office of supervisor, his first term extending from 1881 to 1889, and was re-elected in 1903 and again in 1905, his term expiring on the 10th of December, 1907.

Mr. Conover married, November 1, 1876, Nettie Metcalf, born at Paris, Illinois, in February 12, 1856. She was reared in her native city, and her parents dying when she was young, she came to Terre Haute, and it was here that her marriage occurred. Four children were born of the union, but the first born, Carl, born August 21, 1877, is deceased. Earl, the second son, born February 1, 1879, is a graduate of the high school and a commercial college in this city and of the Medical College of Louisville, Kentucky, and is now practicing his profession in Evansville, this state, one of the city's most prominent physicians. Warren was born December 21, 1880, and died at the age of five years. Beulah, the youngest of the family, was born March 13, 1889, and for four years was a student in the Catholic school at Oldenburg, Indiana.

WILLIAM ALEXANDER THORNTON.—On the official record of Vigo county is recorded the name of William Alexander Thornton, who is now serving the township of Harrison as its trustee. He took the oath of office January 1, 1905, and his term will expire January 1, 1909. He has been prominently identified with the business and social interests of Vigo county since attaining the age of maturity, but he is a native son of Bloomington, Monroe county, Indiana, born December 17, 1856, to Joseph Alexander and Nancy (Mercer) Thornton, both of whom were born on a farm near Lexington, Kentucky, the father on the 13th of December, 1823, and the mother on the 2d of April, 1829. At the age of twelve years, James A. Thornton came with an uncle from Kentucky to Bloomington, Indiana, riding a horse the entire distance, and after remaining there for two years he rode on horseback to St. Louis, Missouri. In that city he learned the trade of a buggy-maker and remained there until he attained his eighteenth year, returning thence to Bloomington. In the meantime he had saved a little money, and on his return built with his own hands a three-room residence. In that little dwelling his marriage was celebrated and there his seven children were born and reared to





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lives of usefulness and honor and there too, he and his life companion celebrated their silver and golden wedding. It was from this little home which he had fashioned with his own hands that he was at last laid to rest, on the 1st of April, 1903, and there the wife and mother still resides. He worked in a carriage shop of his own until his life's labors were ended in death. Their seven children are: Dr. F. G. Thornton, a prominent physician of Brazil, Indiana, and he has also represented his county of Clay in the state legislature for two terms; George D., who for two terms served as the sheriff of Monroe county, Indiana; Joseph D., the foreman of the Showers bedstead factory, in Bloomington, Indiana; William A., of this review; Maggie Belle, the wife of Henry Munson, of Bloomington; Jennie, the wife of Emery Stout, also of Bloomington; Carrie, deceased, and one who died in infancy.

William A. Thornton spent the early years of his life in his native city of Bloomington and is a graduate of its high school with the class of 1874, one of his schoolmates having been Professor Albert Woodburn, now of the State University. It was in 1877 that he came to Terre Haute and assumed the position of foreman of the farm of Theodore Hullman, in Honey Creek township, and six years later became foreman of the Fouts & Hunter livery barn, in Terre Haute. After four years there he took charge of the Crawford Fairbanks stables, of Terre Haute, and remained there until he was elected township trustee. In the fall of 1904 he was elected on the Republican ticket to the office of trustee of Harrison township, Vigo county. He is also a stockholder in the American Trust Company, of Terre Haute.

On the 15th of November, 1880, Mr. Thornton was united in marriage to Minnie C. Ohm, who was born at Marshall, Illinois, in 1861, a daughter of Benjamin and Minnie C. Ohm, both now deceased. Mrs. Thornton received her education in the high school of Marshall and remained at home until her marriage. Three children have blessed the union: Roscoe, born February 12, 1882, is married and is traveling for the Bell Hardware Company, with residence in Indianapolis; Lillian C., born May 1, 1885, received a high school education with one year at the Butler University, in Indianapolis, and is at home, and Dorothy, born June 1, 1895, is attending school. Mr. Thornton is a Republican and a member of the Odd Fellows fraternity, No. 51, the Knights of Pythias, No. 18, and the Junior Order of United Workmen. Both he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

THEODORE F. BROWN, M. D., of Sandford, Vigo county, Indiana, was born in Butler county, Ohio, November 9, 1846, and is the oldest son of

Dr. Nathan S. and Nancy (Irwin) Brown, the former a native of Virginia and the latter of Pennsylvania. The parents were of German and Scotch descent. The father was a physician who came to Indiana in 1852, settling in Rossville, and thence (in 1862) locating at Sandford, where he practiced for a number of years. At the age of fifteen, while still a schoolboy, Theodore F. enlisted in the Seventieth Illinois Infantry, completed his three months' service and then re-enlisted in Company B, Sixth Indiana Cavalry, remaining at the front until the close of the war. He suffered all the hardships of a soldier's life, was engaged in a number of hard-fought battles, and was wounded and taken prisoner with General George Stoneman, while serving as a riding messenger for that officer near Macon, Georgia. He was held a prisoner for more than nine months, being most of the time confined in Andersonville, Georgia, and was released at Jacksonville, Florida, weighing but sixty-nine and a half pounds.

After returning home Dr. Brown re-entered school at Greencastle, Indiana, and thence went to Miami Medical College, Cincinnati, where he graduated in 1869; also from the Indiana Medical College in 1886. He is a member of the Indiana State Medical Association, the Mississippi Valley Medical Society, Aesculapian Society of Illinois, and of the Vigo County Medical Society. He began practicing at Sandford with his father, but soon afterward located at Rosedale, Parke county, Indiana, and in 1872 removed to Crawfordsville, where he remained until 1883. He then returned to Sandford, where he has since been actively engaged in the practice. For five years he served on the United States board of examining surgeons for pensions, and is now postmaster at Sandford. He was united in marriage at that place, May 16, 1867, to Miss Susan, daughter of Manuel and Caroline (Norton) Staley. Doctor and Mrs. Brown have two children—Glen C. and Elbert S., who are jewelers in the city of Terre Haute. The parents are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which Doctor Brown has been a trustee for more than twenty years; they were also identified with the Order of Eastern Star, the Doctor being a member of Sandford Lodge, No. 330, Free and Accepted Masons, and of Charles Cruft Post, Grand Army of the Republic. In politics he is a Roosevelt-Taft Republican.

JOHN BOND JOHNSON.—The town of Sandford numbers among its leading merchants and business men John Bond Johnson, a member of the firm of Shickel & Johnson, but Terre Haute claims him among her native sons, his birth occurring there on the 11th of December, 1841. His parents were Calvin and Mary (Bond) Johnson, the former born on

the 19th of November, 1809, and the latter in Olean Point, New York, July 7, 1815. The mother was a daughter of Major John Bond, who accompanied Colonel Webb and his family up the Wabash river to Fort Harrison. Calvin Johnson was of Scotch-Irish origin, and as a boy of seven he started with his parents from North Carolina to Indiana, but the mother died en route, and the little son was later bound out in Sullivan county and lived there until his marriage in the early thirties. In 1836 he moved to Terre Haute and worked at the carpenter's trade there until 1852, when he moved two miles north of Sandford on the Illinois side and bought one hundred and twenty-four acres of land. He later added twenty-five acres to the boundaries of that farm, and forty acres of the tract was on the Indiana side. After the death of his wife on the 22d of February, 1891, he left there and came to Sandford to reside with his son John, his death occurring here February 17, 1899. He was a Republican and his wife was a member of the Methodist church. She was of English descent. In their family were three children: Emeline, the widow of William H. Easom and a resident of Nebraska; John Bond, the subject of this review, and Cedelia, the widow of Angus Van Houtin and a resident of Fayette township, near Libertyville.

In the district schools John Bond Johnson received his educational training, and was a classmate between the age of seven and ten years, of the editor of this work, C. C. Oakey, and they were the pupils of Benjamin Hayes, in Terre Haute. On the 10th of August, 1861, he enlisted for service in the Civil war as a member of Company A, Seventh Illinois Cavalry, with which he served until October 19, 1864, and in the interim took part in the battles of Corinth, Coldwater, Iuka and Oxford, all of Mississippi, his services being principally in that state, and although his clothing was many times pierced with bullets he was never wounded. He now receives a pension of twelve dollars a month. After the close of the conflict Mr. Johnson returned to Vigo county and began farming one mile east of his father's home in Fayette township. During the winter of 1871-2 he went west, and about seventy-five miles west of Omaha, Nebraska, in Sanders county, he bought three hundred and sixty acres of railroad land, but sold two hundred acres of the tract, and the remaining one hundred and sixty he traded for a farm of eighty acres in Fayette township. He only went to Nebraska for the purpose of buying land, not intending to remain, and in addition to the eighty acre tract which he obtained from his trade he owns another tract of fifty acres, six lots in Sandford, and one of the prettiest homes of the town, enclosed with an evergreen hedge and surrounded with fine old pine trees. He became a resident of this city in 1879 and at once became identified with

its business life as a druggist and grocery merchant in partnership with James B. Shickel. The firm also own and operate the grain elevator here, and in the past they were extensively engaged in the sale of all kinds of farm implements.

Mr. Johnson married, November 2, 1865, Elizabeth Fuqua, born in Johnson county, Indiana, January 16, 1844, to David P. and Isabelle (Wilson) Fuqua. From their native commonwealth of Kentucky the parents emigrated to Johnson county, Indiana, and in an early day in its history came to Vigo county, where they spent the remainder of their lives. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have one son, Charles C. Johnson, who is now the shipping clerk for the Columbia Stamping Mill, at Terre Haute. He married Maud Staley, and is a member of the Methodist church.

LOUIS PHILLIP SEEBURGER, president of the board of commissioners of Vigo county, a prominent citizen of Terre Haute, and a leader of the state Democracy, was born in that city, on the present site of the Majestic distillery, June 2, 1855. He is the son of Louis and Caroline (Frey) Seeburger, both natives of Germany, the father born in Baden and the mother in Wurtemberg. They were married in Philadelphia, and in 1846 came to Terre Haute. The family homestead was first located at the corner of Second and Poplar streets, but about 1848 transferred to lot 72, which was purchased for the purpose. There the father died in 1876, being at the time a candidate for the legislature. In many respects he had been a prominent citizen. He served for four years in the city council, and in 1872 and 1874 was nominated for county commissioner and city treasurer respectively. After his death the widow removed to the corner of Seventh street and Washington avenue, where she now resides at the age of eighty-two years.

Louis P. Seeburger was reared in Terre Haute, and received his education in several of its well known schools of the early days. His initiation as a pupil was at the pay school kept by Mrs. Dildine, on South First street. This was followed by courses at the old seminary, another pay school, and at the Rose and Hook (first ward) public schools. After completing his public school education, he finished his preparation for practical work by mastering a commercial course. In the meantime, however, he had obtained, not a little experience which was to prove of value to him, for at the early age of six years he became a butcher's boy, and when ten years old bought his first cattle, paying seven cents per pound on the hoof. He continued in various departments of the meat business until 1882. This year was a turning point in his life in more ways than one.

On January 26, 1882, Mr. Seeburger was married to Miss Mary W. Noble, daughter of Charles T. and Elizabeth L. (Herring) Noble. The father was the first school teacher in Vigo county, and taught many of the boys who became leading business men. Following his marriage Mr. Seeburger removed to his farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Honey Creek township, and in November, of that year, was appointed deputy sheriff under John Cleary. In January, 1883, he returned to the city, locating on the corner of Fifteenth and Chestnut streets, where he resided for eighteen years. After serving four years as deputy sheriff he became deputy under County Treasurer Cox. In 1887 he entered the United States revenue service under President Cleveland, and continued thus identified until 1889, when he resigned and formed a partnership with John McFall in the meat business. They continued to operate a profitable establishment on Fourth street between Main and Ohio streets, until Mr. Seeburger was nominated by the Democracy for the shrievalty, in 1894. Although he ran seven hundred votes ahead of his ticket, he was defeated, after which he formed a partnership with William Patton, and under the firm name of Seeburger & Patton, established a wholesale packing house at the abattoir. In 1896 he was nominated for sheriff by acclamation, and in this campaign carried the county by a majority of four hundred and forty eight. There was but one other man on the Democratic ticket elected, and an idea of Mr. Seeburger's strength may be gained when it is noted that McKinley carried the county for president by a majority of four hundred and sixty. In 1898 Mr. Seeburger was re-elected by a majority of seven hundred and eighty-eight, and in November, 1900, concluded his service as sheriff of Vigo county to the unbounded satisfaction of the public and his high personal credit. In 1899 he had bought a farm in Harrison township, three miles north of the court house and now within a short distance of the city limits, and since that year it has been his homestead. In 1906 he was elected county commissioner by a majority of one hundred and ninety-six, and in 1908 was chosen president of the board. His service in the interests of the county has been of such a useful and efficient character that he received the Democratic nomination for state senator by a majority of one thousand one hundred and ninety-eight, in May, 1908. He is a leading Mason, being a member of Humbolt Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, No. 42, chapter, council and consistory, and a Knight Templar. He is also connected with Occidental Lodge, No. 189, Knights of Pythias, and as a leading business man belongs to the Commercial Club, of Terre Haute. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Seeburger, two of whom died in infancy and three are living—Edward, John and Louis.

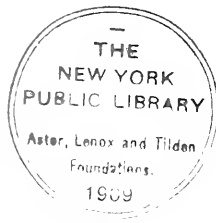
JOHN WILLIAM BAUER was born in the fatherland of Germany, September 21, 1852, a son of Christian and Johanna Bauer, both of whom were born and spent their entire lives in that country. The father followed the butcher's trade.

In his native land of Germany, in April, 1875, their son John was married to Laura Cadizer, born August 20, 1856, and in 1883, with his wife and four children, he came to the United States and on to Harrison township, Vigo county, Indiana, where he lived in different sections of the township until purchasing, in 1890, thirteen and a half acres of land, his present homestead. Here he has since become well and prominently known as a gardener, having followed that occupation ever since coming to the county, and he now has three cement hot houses, each twenty-five by eighty-five feet in dimensions. He wholesales the most of his garden vegetables to the merchants of Terre Haute, and built up a large and remunerative trade, and he is also a stockholder in the People's Brewery, of Terre Haute. There are two residences on his farm. Mr. Bauer affiliates politically with the Democracy, and is a member of the Knights of Pythias fraternity. Previous to coming to this country he served three years in the German army.

Mr. and Mrs. Bauer have become the parents of the following children, namely: Emma, the wife of Mathew Link, of Harrison township, and they have four children; Fred William, who is married, has four children, and lives in Harrison township; Christian, who is married and is also a resident of this township; Louise, the wife of Robert Bockner, and they have one child; Theodore, who is married and resides with his father; Frederick, engaged in business with his brother Theodore; Freda, and two who died in infancy. The four eldest children were born in Germany, and all the sons are now engaged in gardening in Harrison township. The family are members of the German Lutheran church.

JAMES HUBERT EVANS.—Harrison township numbers among its most prominent agriculturists James H. Evans, a member of one of Vigo county's best known and highly esteemed pioneer families. His birth occurred in its township of Otter Creek, April 29, 1854, born to Bazil and Malinda (Strange) Evans, both of whom were of Scotch parentage. Bazil Evans was born in Virginia, in 1813, and died in Otter Creek township, Vigo county, in March, 1862. He came with his father, Joseph Evans, to this county in an early day in its history, locating in the township of Otter Creek, and there they both spent the remainder of their useful lives and now lie buried in the family cemetery on the Evans estate.







Yours Truly  
Elroy B. Smith

The land is owned by Mr. Evans' sister Sarah, the wife of Robert Black. Agriculture continued as the life occupation of Bazil Evans, and he became one of the most successful farmers of Vigo county in his time, owning at the time of his death between four and five hundred acres. He was a Republican and for several years served his township of Otter Creek as a trustee. Both he and his wife were members of the Methodist church. Mrs. Evans was born in Parke county, Indiana, December 19, 1822, and died on the 1st of February, 1895.

In the community in which he was born James Hubert Evans grew to manhood's estate and received his educational training. Remaining with his widowed mother until reaching the age of twenty-one, he purchased and began farming a quarter section of land in Otter Creek township, which he operated for eighteen years and then sold, although he still continued to live there for several years, finally removing to Lost Creek township, and five years later came to Harrison township, locating on the Jacob Jackson farm, and in the spring of 1908 located on the Mariah Jackson farm, Fruit Ridge avenue, near Maple avenue, about four miles from the court house. He farmed both the Jacob Jackson and Mariah Jackson farms. For several years during his residence in Otter Creek township he served in the office of trustee, and he is a Republican politically.

By his marriage in 1875, to Clara Phillips, Mr. Evans united two of Vigo county's most honored pioneer families. Mrs. Evans was born November 16, 1854, in Otter Creek township, where her parents, Aquilla and Matilda (Simmons) Phillips, long resided, but both have long since passed away. They were married in Maryland and from that commonwealth journeyed to Vigo county, Indiana, and cast their lot with the early residents of Otter Creek township, and in time became numbered among the most prominent residents there. The husband and father upheld the principles of Democracy and was a slaveholder in the south. Seven children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Evans: Nora A, at home; Theodore Clifford, who married Rosamond Crabb, and they reside in Otter Creek township; Linnie Belle and Mattie May, at home; Grace Fay, attending the State Normal, and twins who died in infancy. The family are members of the Methodist church.

ELROY B. SMITH, who has resided within the borders of Vigo county since he was two years of age, has proven a strong force in its agricultural and civic development throughout the entire period of his mature life. Otter Creek township is especially indebted to him for its prosperity and high standing. His father, James M. Smith, was a sturdy

pioneer farmer of this section, who, in 1864, moved with his family from Knox county to Vigo county, first residing in Harrison township for seven years. During the succeeding fifteen years he farmed in Otter Creek township and from that time until his death his homestead was in Harrison township. The father was born in New Albany, Indiana, on the 16th of April, 1831, and died on the 19th of February, 1891, passing away as a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal church. He was a life-long Republican, casting his first vote for John C. Fremont. Mrs. James M. Smith bore the maiden name of Helen A. Potter, and was born three miles north of Vincennes, Indiana, on the 23d of October, 1833. The place of her birth is still known as the Potter farm. It was in Knox county that she married Mr. Smith, and to their union was born a family of seven children, of whom the following survive: Alice, wife of John Chadwick, of Vincennes, Indiana; Ross, who married James Perkins, of South Bend, that state; Elroy B., of this sketch, the fourth in order of birth, and Charles W. Smith, of Ellsworth, Indiana. The widow also resides at the last named city, being a venerable and honored pioneer mother in the seventy-fifth year of her age.

Elroy B. Smith was born in Knox county, Indiana, December 20, 1862, and he remained at home with his father until he was twenty-one years of age. In addition to the conduct of his large agricultural interests, he has been engaged in the buying and shipping of grain at Ellsworth since 1897, and also owns a half interest in the elevator at Lyford, Indiana. He has played a useful part in the public affairs of Otter Creek township, having served as township trustee from 1900 to 1904.

On the 7th of March, 1889, Mr. Smith was united in marriage with Miss Ella Parks, who was born in Cumberland county, Illinois, on the 5th of October, 1868, daughter of Samuel D. and Phebe (Hardesty) Parks. Her parents were natives of Virginia, the mother born at Mount Vernon, on the 11th of October, 1820. The father's birthday was April 17, 1811, and after his marriage in the Old Dominion he migrated with his young wife to Cumberland county, Illinois, and established a home in the wilds of that frontier district. He passed the years of his active business career as a merchant, and died in Cumberland county in December, 1876, his widow surviving him until the 12th of February, 1905. Five of their thirteen children are still living: George, Sarah, wife of Peter Devore, and a resident of Neoga, Illinois; Harriette, now Mrs. Samuel Rogers, living at Cape Girardeaux, Missouri, and Ella, who married Elroy B. Smith. It may also be stated that Mrs. Smith's father, Samuel D. Parks, was a member of the Soldiers' Legion and of the Masonic fraternity. The five children of Mr. and Mrs. Smith are as

follows: Ralph E., born July 21, 1891; Nola May, born May 21, 1894; Russell E., born April 26, 1897; Nellie Gertrude, born August 12, 1899, and Ruth Helen, born July 16, 1904. Mr. Smith has a wide and leading connection with the fraternities, being a member of Elam Lodge of Odd Fellows, No. 826, at Edwards; of Otterville Lodge, No. 436, Knights of Pythias, and the Cree Tribe of Red Men, No. 294, at Burnett. He has long been active in all phases of denominational and charitable work connected with the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he is an honored trustee.

JOHN E. BICKEL, an honored soldier citizen of Harrison township, has been identified with the various interests of Vigo county since the period of his early manhood, first as a saddler and hardware merchant and later as a farmer. He was born on his father's farm in Ohio, August 10, 1841, to David D. and Susan (Row) Bickel, also natives of that commonwealth, whence they removed to Owen county, Indiana, in 1857, and spent the remainder of their lives there, the father dying in 1878.

At the age of twenty-one John E. Bickel started out to do for himself, remaining with his father for one year on the farm, and then, learning the trades of saddle, harness and collar maker, joined Fred A. Ross in Terre Haute, and for four years was associated with him in the saddlery and hardware business. For fifteen years he devoted himself to the work of his trades, and for four years thereafter was a resident of Fayette township. At the close of that period he purchased twenty-three acres of land in Harrison township (this being in the year 1876) and on this little homestead he followed general farming, in connection with his trades, until twenty years ago, since which time he has devoted himself to gardening.

John E. Bickel enlisted at Gosport, Indiana, November 1, 1861, as a private in Company B, Fifty-ninth Regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry, under Capt. Andrew Wilson and Col. Jesse L. Alexander, his term being for three years or during the war. The regiment was assigned to General Palmer's division, seventeenth corps, Army of the Tennessee, and participated in the following engagements: New Madrid (Missouri), Island No. 10, Tiptonville and siege of Corinth, Port Gibson, Raymond, Champion Hills and Vicksburg. He was promoted from corporal to sergeant, and after his injury was taken from the field hospital to the convalescent hospital at Benton Barracks, Missouri, being honorably discharged at St. Louis, December 3, 1863. On February 15, 1864, he re-enlisted in Company C, Eleventh Regiment, Indiana Veteran Volunteer Infantry, under Capt. Harry McMullen and Col. Dan

McCauley, and was assigned to the second brigade, second division, nineteenth army corps. In August and September the regiment was engaged in skirmish operations in front of the enemy's line near Winchester, and on the 19th of the latter month was regularly engaged, also participating in the battle of Fisher's Hill (September 22d) and Cedar Creek, Virginia (October 19th). At the conclusion of General Sheridan's Shenandoah campaign the shattered command marched to Baltimore, where it was assigned to garrison duty at Fort McHenry. It was also detailed at Winchester and Cedar Creek to care for the wounded and bury the dead, and was finally discharged from the service July 26, 1865, at Indianapolis, Indiana.

With such a record, it is natural that Mr. Bickel should have been long and earnestly identified with the Grand Army of the Republic. He was chosen commander by his comrades of John P. Baird Post, No. 592, for the year 1899, not missing a single meeting during the entire term of his service. For the same year James A. Sexton, of Chicago, commander-in-chief of the national organization, chose him as an aid-de-camp on his staff. Mr. Bickel has also served as aid-de-camp on the staff of the department commander, B. F. Starr, of Richmond, Indiana; was again appointed to serve on the staff of Commander-in-Chief John C. Black, of Illinois, in 1903, and in 1906 was aid-de-camp on the staff of Department Commander E. R. Brown. He is also a member of Union Veteran Legion, Camp No. 128, Department of Indiana.

Mr. Bickel is descended from a family of soldiers, for his great-grandfather, Thomas Bickel, served in the Revolutionary war; his grandfather, David Bickel, took part in the Indian wars, and his father, David D. Bickel, was a brave soldier of the Mexican war. The patriotic record is continued in his son, Charles E. Bickel, who enlisted July 27, 1899, for service in the Spanish-American war, joining Company H, Thirty-first Regiment, United States Infantry, and receiving his discharge June 18, 1901, after nearly two years of soldierly conduct, principally in the Philippines.

On the 28th of October, 1871, Mr. Bickel married Miss Eliza Hyler, born in Putnam county, Indiana, October 4, 1847, and they have five children living: Charles E., who is married and lives in Terre Haute; John Russell, who is also married and resides in that city, and Benjamin F., Louetta and Gertrude, all, at this date (July 1, 1908), living at home.

WILLIAM D. MARKLE.—Since an early epoch in the history of Indiana the Markle family have been prominently identified with the his-

tory of this community, and the name is inseparably interwoven with the record of its advancement. The founder of the family here was Abraham Markle, the grandfather of William D. He was a valiant soldier with the rank of major in the war of 1812, and on account of his loyalty to the American cause he lost all his land holdings in Quebec. The United States government therefore allowed him to enter seven hundred and fifty acres in Vigo county, Indiana, and in 1818 he built a flour mill in Otter Creek township. This old landmark is yet standing, a mute reminder of the early days here, and some of his lands now form a part of the city of Terre Haute.

Frederick Markle was a son of this honored old Vigo county pioneer and was born in Canada in 1809. He came to this community with his mother when a small child, and after attaining to manhood's estate became a stage coach builder and conducted a line of stage coaches between Terre Haute and Lafayette for a number of years, but in time became interested in the flour mill business and erected mills in Roseville, Indiana, and Kankakee, Illinois, and also owned the old Markle mill in Otter Creek township. For two terms he served his county as one of its commissioners, and was the incumbent of the office at the time of his death in 1865. It was through the efforts of his father that the county seat was located at Terre Haute, and he took an active part in the political life of his community, voting with the Republican party. He also served the country as a soldier, having been a member of the relief committee in the Civil war, and he was a very prominent man. In Otter Creek township, Vigo county, Mr. Markle was married by the Rev. Mr. Jewett to Sarah B. Denny, who was born in Ohio, July 30, 1816, and died March 30, 1888. Of the ten children, nine sons and a daughter, born of this union, five are now living: Abraham, William D., James, Nelson and Frederick.

William D. Markle was born in Otter Creek township, Vigo county, August 20, 1841. At the age of fifteen years he entered his father's flour mill in Otter Creek township, and when he became twenty-one years of age he was admitted to the business as a partner, and was a partner in the business when his father died. In 1898 he quit milling and engaged in contracting and building, thus continuing until his retirement from active business life in 1906. During one term he served as the assessor of Otter Creek township, and was a member of the school board for two years. He is a Republican politically.

On the 29th of April, 1869, Mr. Markle was married to Miss Anna Elizabeth Rogers, born in Harrison township, Vigo county, August 21, 1847, a daughter of Milton and Mary (Simmons) Rogers. Milton Rogers

was born in Ohio in 1818, but in an early day in its history he accompanied his parents, Jonathan and Nancy (Dawson) Rogers, on their overland journey with team and wagon to Harrison township, Vigo county, Indiana. He erected a log cabin in the wilderness and spent his days here, becoming a large land owner. He was a member of the Centenary Episcopal church, and was a Whig politically. He died in February, 1877. On the 24th of December, 1844, Milton Rogers married Mary Simmons, born in Queen Anne county, Maryland, in 1824, and of their nine children four are now living: Mrs. Markle, Helen M., the wife of H. Simmons; Emma C., the widow of Morris Ray and a resident of Terre Haute; Barbara, the wife of Walter H. Denney. Mrs. Rogers was a true and devout Christian, a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and she sang at the dedication of the old Asby church. She was a kind mother and a devoted wife, loved and honored by all who knew her, and when death came on the 9th of February, 1860, she was happy with her family at her bedside. Six children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Markle: Mary Helen, born March 9, 1870, died December 17, 1874; Frederick, born October 8, 1871, died September 16, 1872; Herbert M., born January 4, 1873, is the cashier for the American Express Company of Terre Haute; David, born September 7, 1875; Mabel, born January 1, 1878, married William C. Weir on January 1, 1902, and to them one daughter has been born, Anna Mabel, and Charles R., born August 25, 1885.

SETH B. MELTON, M. D., has been enrolled among the members of the medical profession of Vigo county since 1877, when he opened an office at Burnett and practiced there until, wishing to still further perfect himself in his chosen profession, he entered the Indiana Medical College at Indianapolis in 1880 for a one year's course. Returning at the close of that period to Burnett he practiced there until his removal to Fontanet in September of 1887, and since 1904 he has been one of the leading medical practitioners of Edwards.

The Doctor is the eldest child of William S. and Julia E. (Williams) Melton. The father was born in North Carolina, May 14, 1813, and in 1834 he made the journey from there on foot to Indiana, locating first in Greene county. He had learned the painter's trade in North Carolina, but after coming to Indiana he taught school one winter in Greene county, and in the following spring came to Vigo county and resumed his educational labors in Nevins township. He was also a local minister in the Methodist Episcopal church. During the Civil war he served as a member of Company I, Forty-third Regiment of Indiana Volunteers, enlisting





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in October, 1861, for three years, but was discharged on account of sickness in 1862, and in the spring of 1863 returned to Otter Creek township, where he died on the 14th of June, 1872. He was both a Whig and Republican in his political affiliations. His father had served with General Scott in his brilliant campaign in the Mexican war. On the 11th of November, 1847, William S. Melton married Julia E. Williams, who was born in Otter Creek township of Vigo county, September 19, 1821, and died March 18, 1897. Of their seven children four are now living: Seth B., Barzilia, the postmaster of Burnett; Julia A., the wife of S. D. Humphrey, and John D.

Dr. Seth B. Melton was born in Nevins township, Vigo county, December 27, 1848, and received his early elementary educational training in its district schools, while later, from 1869 to 1870, he was a student in the Garvin Commercial College at Terre Haute. In the fall of 1873 he entered upon the study of medicine under the preceptorship of Dr. Samuel Watkins, at Judson, Indiana, and remained with him until opening an office for himself at Burnett in 1877. He has been eminently successful in his chosen field of labor, and has faithfully labored to alleviate the sufferings of those afflicted with the ills to which the flesh is heir.

On the 2d of September, 1885, the Doctor was united in marriage to Miss Ada Payne, who was born in Indiana, September 8, 1857, and died on the 18th of March, 1904, after becoming the mother of three children, but the first born died in infancy, and the remaining two are Guy and Hila. Mrs. Melton was a daughter of Mark and Phebe (Smith) Payne, both of whom were natives of Tennessee and of German origin. The father was for many years a prominent farmer in Vigo county. On the 9th of November, 1904, Dr. Melton married Mary B. (Ray) Smith, born in Parke county, Indiana, September 6, 1869, to Martin and Rhoda (Pendegrast) Ray, of English descent. The father worked at his trade of shoemaking in his young manhood, but spent most of his time in the saw mill business in Parke county. He was a Republican and a member of the Methodist church. Of the five children born to Mr. and Mrs. Ray three are now living: Frederick, Mrs. Melton and Jabez E. Mrs. Melton was first married to Lewis A. Smith on the 6th of October, 1887. He was born in Terre Haute, Indiana, May 11, 1862, and after attending the public schools of that city he pursued a full course at the Terre Haute Commercial College and graduated in 1885. He then served as a salesman for the Coal Bluff Mining Company at Fontanet for a number of years, and then returning to Terre Haute served in the capacity of a bill clerk with a wholesale grocery house until his death on the 13th of November, 1898. He had one son, Ray A. The parents of Mr. Smith,

Samuel and Elizabeth A. (Lackey) Smith, were natives of Vigo county and representatives of the early pioneers on the Wabash. When the Civil war came on the father laid aside his farming to serve his country and was killed on the field of battle. During his residence at Fontanet Lewis A. Smith served the Methodist church as a trustee and as the superintendent of its Sunday school. He voted with the Republican party.

Dr. Melton is a member of Social Lodge, No. 86, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, at Terre Haute; Fontanet Lodge, No. 174, Knights of Pythias, and has held all the offices in the order, and of Elem Lodge, No. 826, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, at Edwards. Both he and his wife are charter members of the Rebekah Friendship Lodge, No. 698, and of which she was the first noble grand. She was also a delegate to the state grand lodge in May, 1907. Both are members of the Rathbone Sisters lodge at Fontanet and of the Methodist church at Edwards. The Doctor is a Republican politically.

SAMUEL A. DANIELS.—One of the first to establish a home within the borders of Vigo county in the early pioneer days was Hartwell Daniels, who came from his Virginia home to Indiana in 1836 with team and wagon and located five miles from Greencastle in Putnam county. It was just two years later, in 1838, that he journeyed on to Terre Haute, where he established his home permanently and became one of its most influential residents. He resumed his trade of a stone and brick mason, and in 1840 he brought his family from Putnam county. He was a Democrat and a member of the Baptist church. Of the seven children born to Hartwell and Lucy (Winn) Daniels only two are now living, Samuel and Jennie.

Samuel A. Daniels was born in the Old Dominion state of Virginia, March 15, 1834, but when only two years old was brought by his parents to Indiana and grew to manhood's estate under the parental roof in Terre Haute, assisting his father in the laying of brick and plastering and attending the public schools in the winter months. Thus his boyhood days were passed, and after his marriage he came to Otter Creek township and purchased eighty-seven and a half acres in section 30. Later on he added to his landed possessions until he now owns two hundred and ninety-eight acres of excellent farming land, well improved. He follows general farming and stock raising, and in his pasture are found eleven head of horses, thirty head of cattle and one hundred hogs. When he first came to Otter Creek township with his young wife they were able to move their entire belongings on a sled, and their many valuable holdings of the present time represent their own labor and economy.

Mr. Daniels married, December 23, 1863, Miss Elizabeth Overpeck, born in Parke county, Indiana, to George and Jane Overpeck. They came from their native state of Ohio to Indiana in an early day in its history, locating four miles south of Rockville, where the husband and father at one time owned four hundred acres of land. He was both a Democrat and a Methodist. Of the twelve children in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Overpeck the only ones now living are Anna and Mrs. Daniels. Eight of the eleven children born to Mr. and Mrs. Daniels are living, namely: Fred, Emma, Chloe, Olla, Leathia, Edna, Maud and Pearl. Mr. Daniels enrolled his name among the honored early pioneers of Vigo county, and among other reminiscences of the early days here he could recall to mind his ride on the first railroad engine which ever ran into Vigo county. He supported the principles of the Democratic party. Mr. Daniels died March 31, 1908.

EDWARD R. CRABB.—Edward R. Crabb, a prominent business man of Vigo county, traces his ancestry to the mother country of England, from whence came Edward R. Crabb, the great-grandfather of Edward R., of this review, and the youngest of three brothers who made the voyage to this country. They had been merchants and horse dealers in their native land, and they brought with them, on the sailing ship, brick with which to erect their buildings. Edward R. Crabb married a relative of George Washington, a Mrs. Ball, and he became a prominent citizen of the Old Dominion state of Virginia, the birthplace of his son, James Crabb. The last named was reared, however, in Ohio, and for many generations the family have been prominently identified with agriculture and true and devout members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Edward R. Crabb (2d), a son of James, was born in Pickaway county, Ohio, July 21, 1815, but in 1824 emigrated with a horse team to Indiana and located in Parke county, where he grew to manhood's estate and received a tract of eighty acres of wild timber land which his father had bought from the government. In time he became the owner of a fine estate of three hundred acres. He had to cut twenty-seven trees in order to clear a space sufficient to erect his first little log cabin, but he later built him a double house of hewed logs, in which his son Edward was born, while later this gave place to a frame residence, in which he spent the remainder of his life. He was one of the most prominent of the early residents of Parke county and for many years worshiped in the Methodist Episcopal church. In 1860 he transferred his political allegiance from the Democratic to the Republican party. He died August 27, 1890. His first wife bore the maiden name of Liona Williams and

was born in Hardin county, Kentucky, October 14, 1813, and died July 31, 1855. They were married in Bridgeton, Parke county, Indiana, April 7, 1835, and became the parents of eight children, but only five are now living: Lucinda, the widow of J. T. Jefferes; Nancy, the widow of Daniel Webster; James H., Peter B. and Edward R.

Mark Williams, the father of Mrs. Crabb, built the first dam on Raccoon creek, in Parke county, and also the first mill at Bridgeton. For his second wife Mr. Crabb married Amanda (Williams) Tyler, February 28, 1856, and their only child is Louisa E., the wife of Reuben Cox, of Parke county. Mrs. Crabb died May 12, 1857, and he wedded Mrs. Nancy Harding, March 23, 1858. She died in September, 1892.

Edward R. Crabb (3d) was born in Raccoon township, Parke county, Indiana, August 18, 1849, and in addition to his public school education he also attended for a time the Sullivan County Seminary. It was in 1887 that he came to Vigo county, locating near Burnett, in Otter Creek township, where, in 1891, he purchased a farm, but later sold his land there and bought the farm on which he lived until the 1st of September, 1907, when he again sold and removed to Edwards. He is an excellent business man, and formerly he was engaged in the raising of full-blood Jersey cattle. He sold three full-blood cows when he disposed of his last farm. For eight years he served as deputy township assessor and then served four years, by appointment, as assessor. He is well known in the public life of his community and votes with the Republican party.

On the 2d of March, 1892, Mr. Crabb married Miss Josephine Briggs, who was born in Otter Creek township, Vigo county, February 19, 1863, a daughter of Robert Briggs. He was born in England, and coming to the United States located in Vigo county, Indiana, where he spent the remainder of his life as a farmer. Two sons, Edward F. and Robert Watson, were born to Mr. and Mrs. Crabb, but the wife and mother is deceased, dying September 19, 1902. On the 14th of December, 1904, Mr. Crabb married Emma Youmans. She was born in Pike county, Indiana, November 6, 1852, a daughter of Isaac and Harriett (Scilcott) Youmans, the former of whom was born in New Jersey, June 6, 1814, and died April 6, 1869, aged fifty-four years and ten months, and the latter, born in Brown county, Ohio, March 7, 1828, died June 13, 1892. They were married in Parke county, of this state, and became the parents of seven children: Elizabeth, Emma, Margaret, Lewis E., Rachel, Robert O., Ulysses G. Mr. Youmans, the father, came when a mere child with his widowed mother and brother to Ohio. The mother later became the wife of John Burson, and they removed to Parke county,

Indiana, where the son was reared to years of maturity and became a farmer. He in early life voted with the Whig party and was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. During many years Mr. Crabb has been a leading member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and has served as president of its board of trustees, as a class leader, steward and district steward and as a Sunday school superintendent.

WILLIAM A. KENDRICK, a grocery merchant and the postmaster at Edwards, was born in Hamilton, Butler county, Ohio, where for many years his father, Lemuel Kendrick, was prominently identified with educational and journalistic work. He was interested in newspaper work with John B. Weller, an influential citizen, and was one of the first teachers in both Ohio and Indiana. He was a Jefferson Democrat. He was born in Vermont and died in Ohio at the age of fifty-eight years. In Mount Vernon, of this state, Mr. Kendrick married Ruth Kinkade, who was born in Frankfort, Kentucky, and died at the age of sixty-six years, in 1875. Of their four children, two sons and two daughters, only two are now living, William A. and his brother Isaac, of Michigan City.

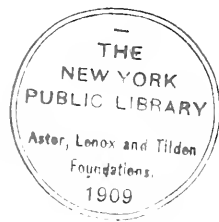
William A. Kendrick learned the flour milling business in Lafayette, Indiana, whither he moved in October, 1856, and on the 21st of March, 1861, he arrived in Terre Haute and began work in a saw mill. But in the same year, on the 15th of August, he laid aside all personal considerations and enlisted in the service of his country, joining Company K, Thirty-first Regiment of Indiana Volunteers. He was mustered in at Terre Haute on the 5th of September, and remained as a true and loyal soldier until his discharge at Bridgeport, Alabama, December 31, 1863. On the 1st of January, following, he re-enlisted as a veteran, and took part in all the skirmishes and battles in which his regiment participated with the exception of Fort Donelson, when he was sick in the hospital. Receiving his final discharge at Victoria, Texas, December 8, 1865, he returned home and entered the employ of H. S. Creal, the proprietor of a flouring mill, and later had charge of a mill for Creal & Adams. In July, 1881, he began bridge building for the Big Four Railroad Company, making his home in Terre Haute, but in the following spring moved to Burnett and thereafter followed contracting and carpentering until 1901. Since that time he has been numbered among the leading grocery merchants of Edwards, conducting his store in connection with the post-office, having received his commission as a postmaster on the 1st of October, 1902.

Mr. Kendrick married Miss Matilda Havens, February 16, 1868. She was born in Otter Creek township, Vigo county, August 15, 1842.

and died on the 23d of March, 1905. Her father, Thomas Havens, was born in Indiana, August 14, 1818, and soon after his marriage he moved to Otter Creek township, Vigo county, and began work in a pork packing house in Terre Haute. He later spent seven years as a farmer in Whiteside county, Illinois, and returning thence to Indiana spent some time in Newton county. From there he moved to Crawfordsville, Montgomery county, but in 1860 sold his saw mill there and came to Otter Creek township, Vigo county, and engaged in farming. In August, 1861, he became a soldier in the Civil war as a member of Company M, Seventy-second Indiana Volunteers, which went out as the Seventy-seventh regiment and was reorganized as the Fourth Regiment of Indiana Cavalry. He died in the hospital at Nashville, Tennessee, and was buried in the National Soldiers' Cemetery there. He was a Republican politically. At Knightstown, Indiana, June 8, 1840, Mr. Havens married Mary Miller, who was born in Pennsylvania, January 28, 1824, and her death occurred in 1874. There were born of this union twelve children, and the five now living are: William H., Amanda M., Albert, Mary and Walter S. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Kendrick, Eveline and Asa. The daughter is the wife of D. F. Humphrey, and the son married Mabel Howard. Mrs. Kendrick was a noble wife and mother, and to her memory her husband has placed a memorial window in the Methodist Episcopal church at Elsworth. Mr. Kendrick is a member of Fort Harrison Lodge, No. 157, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and upholds and supports the principles of the Republican party.

THOMAS J. WELSH, who is now living retired at his home in Edwards, was born in Sullivan county, Indiana, August 16, 1853, a son of James M. Welsh, and a grandson of John Welsh. The last named moved from Kentucky to Clark county, Illinois, and there his son James grew to manhood's estate. In 1849, soon after his marriage, he moved to Sullivan county, Indiana, where he bought timber land and built the hewed log house which is still standing and in which his son Thomas was born. He owned at one time about three hundred acres of land in that county, the most of which he cleared, and was extensively engaged in the raising of cattle, sheep and hogs. He was a Jackson Democrat and a member of the Presbyterian church, dying in its faith on the 10th of September, 1902. His birth occurred in Kentucky, December 27, 1820. He was married in Sullivan county, Indiana, September 2, 1849, to one of its native daughters, Eliza Thixton, born January 19, 1833, and she died July 22, 1895. Seven are living of their nine children, namely: Angeline, Thomas J., Charles, Clara B., Mary, John S. and Carrie.







MR. AND MRS. THOMAS STEVENSON

During the days of his boyhood and youth Thomas J. Welsh attended school and worked on the farm, and soon after his marriage he began farming for himself in Sullivan county. But in 1877 he moved from there to Clark county, Illinois, and from there, in 1887, went to West York, in Crawford county, that state, and built a flour mill. In 1898, after selling his mill, he became interested in the grocery business in Terre Haute, which he sold, and on the 31st of March, 1899, came to Otter Creek township and bought the Markel flour mill, now known as the Forest Park mill. In May, 1907, he disposed of his milling property and has since lived retired in Edwards.

Mr. Welsh married, November 12, 1876, Miss Emmet Pogue, who was born in Fairbanks, Sullivan county, Indiana, September 4, 1853, a daughter of Albert and Sarah (Perry) Pogue. His father was born in Fairbanks, this state, April 6, 1828, and he spent his life in his native county as a farmer, dying December 30, 1886. He owned at one time two hundred acres of land, and was a grain grower and general farmer, also serving for many years as a school director. In 1851 he united with the Christian church and continued a devoted Christian during the remainder of his life. He was a Whig politically. Mrs. Pogue was born in Vigo county, Indiana, May 3, 1830, and was a granddaughter of William Perry, who came to Indiana in an early day in its history and located in what is now Vigo county. He built the first tannery here and traded with the Indians for pelts, shipping the leather to New Orleans and Chicago on flat boats. Mr. and Mrs. Pogue were married July 23, 1851, and became the parents of seven children. Those now living are Mrs. Welsh, John, Emma Zetta, James M. and May F. The two children born to Mr. and Mrs. Welsh are Florence S., married January 2, 1908, to Harry D. White, a farmer, of Otter Creek township, and Gertrude C. Mr. Welsh exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the Democratic party. Mrs. Welsh and daughters are members of the Christian church. Mr. Welsh has a handsome modern residence, which was erected in 1905.

THOMAS STEVENSON.—The life span of Thomas Stevenson covered the period of seventy-five years, years marked with success and the attainment of a leading position among the agriculturists of Vigo county. This was also the county of his nativity, born in section 8, Otter Creek township, March 31, 1826, to Mahlon and Ruth (Durham) Stevenson, natives respectively of Tennessee and Virginia. They were of English descent and were among the earliest residents of Vigo county. It was in 1816 that Mahlon Stevenson enrolled his name as a resident of Vigo

county, and in 1819 he came to Otter Creek township and set about the opening of a farm in the wilderness, for the country was then new and undeveloped, and he spent the remaining portion of his life here. He had learned the wheelwright's trade and could turn his hand to other work with success, having with other articles manufactured chairs quite extensively. Both he and his wife died and were laid to rest in Otter Creek township. Of their ten children eight grew to years of maturity.

Thomas Stevenson was next to the youngest of the children, and he supplemented his district school training by a course in Bloomington Academy. In time he became one of the prominent farmers of Otter Creek township and the owner of three hundred acres, following both general farming and stock raising. He voted with both the Whig and Republican parties, and served his township for one term as a supervisor and a similar period as a trustee.

On the 27th of February, 1862, in Tippecanoe county, Indiana, Mr. Stevenson married Miss Eliza Aholtz. She was born in York county, Pennsylvania, September 1, 1838, to George S. and Sarah (Coffman) Aholtz, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania and were of German origin. They were married in Lancaster county of that state, and in an early day moved to Tippecanoe county, Indiana, where Mr. Aholtz was a farmer for many years, but retiring spent his last days in Lafayette. He gave his political allegiance to the Whig party and was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Of the eleven children, nine sons and two daughters, born to Mr. and Mrs. Aholtz, only two are now living, Mrs. Stevenson and her brother Ambrose, now of Chicago. Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Stevenson: Nora, George L., Sarah I., Archibald, Norma, Octavia and Frederick. - Nora died in infancy. George L. married Minnie Crabb, who died in 1904, and he then married Clara Dickerson. He is a farmer of Otter Creek township. Sarah I., widow of John Orth. Archibald married Stella Keeper. He now lives in California. Norma married Ed Small, and resides in Urbana, Illinois. Octavia is single, and at her mother's home. Frederick married Emma Watkins and lives in Otter Creek township. Mr. Stevenson remained true to the religion of his parents, the Society of Friends, until his useful and beneficent life was ended in death, November 26, 1901. Mrs. Stevenson is a member of the Methodist church.

MARK A. CREAL.—One of Vigo county's oldest and best known citizens, Mark A. Creal, was laid to rest on the 14th of October, 1906. For many years he was numbered among the leading business men of the community, prominently identified with its milling, farming and

stock interests, and his sterling worth gained him respect and confidence. Otter Creek township was his birthplace, where he was born on October 12, 1840, a son of Anthony and Malinda (Williams) Creal. The father was born in Jamestown, New York, November 22, 1800, and became one of the early pioneers of Otter Creek township, where he conducted a tannery and a mill. He was both a Whig and a Methodist. Mrs. Creal was born in Kentucky, January 10, 1806, and died in September, 1878, surviving her husband for five years, his death having occurred November 27, 1873. They were married in 1825, and of their large family of nine children none are now living, Hulda, the last of them, dying at a sanitarium at Benton Harbor, Michigan, on April 8, 1908, aged seventy-five years, two months and seventeen days. She was the widow of Thomas Hobbs.

During his early manhood Mark A. Creal taught school. He remained at home with his parents until his marriage, and then began farming for himself, and in 1888 erected the fine farm home in which his widow now resides. For some years he was also prominently identified with the milling business, and for three years bought and shipped stock, becoming one of the prominent business men of Otter Creek township.

Mrs. Creal bore the maiden name of Catherine D. Gray, and it was on the 14th of February, 1865, that she was married to Mark A. Creal. She was born in Butler county, Ohio, April 7, 1845, a daughter of Joseph and Sarah (Vansickle) Gray, the former of whom was born in the southwestern part of Virginia, of Irish parents, and the latter in Pennsylvania, in 1814. They were married in Butler county, Ohio, January 19, 1832, and became the parents of six children: Sarah J., the wife of Noah Doty; Moses V., Hannah M., the widow of Henry S. Creal; Mrs. Creal, the youngest of the children, and two deceased. Mr. Gray was quite extensively engaged in the cooperage business, employing a number of men, and he found a market for his barrels in Cincinnati. He was also a farmer, and at one time owned one hundred and sixty acres of land in Michigan, while at the time of his death he owned one hundred and sixty acres in Ohio. Both he and his wife were charter members of the Christian church at Carthage, Ohio, where they spent their lives, and he affiliated with the Whig party. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Creal: Oscar, who married Nettie F. Beal; Hubert, who died at the age of twelve years; Charles T., who married Jessie Beal; Lena L. and Wilfred, both of whom died in infancy. For forty years Mr. Creal was a true and loyal member of the Christian church, and one of its elders, and his life was in harmony with his professions. He voted with the Republican party until late in life, when

he became an independent voter, voting for the man rather than for the party.

GEORGE A. PAINE is prominently known as a farmer of Otter Creek township, where he was born on the 4th of November, 1829, to Alva and Sarah (Searing) Paine, natives of Massachusetts and Saratoga county, New York. Soon after their marriage in the early twenties they entered government land at Vincennes, Indiana, and located in Otter Creek township, of Vigo county, where their first home was a little log cabin and where for a number of years Mr. Paine served as a justice of the peace. He was a Whig politically. Of the five children, three sons and two daughters, born to Mr. and Mrs. Paine, three are now living: John J., George A. and Marvin.

George A. Paine was left fatherless when but a mere child, and when he had attained his sixteenth year he began work with his brother John at the currier's trade, with whom he remained for two years. During the following ten or twelve years he was employed as a farm hand, and he then engaged to drive an ox team for the government from Fort Leavenworth. When only a few days out from the fort the Indians headed them off from going through to Santa Fe, and instead they went into southwestern Missouri and thence on to Forts Riley and Bents. Their train was composed of thirty-three wagons loaded with supplies for the forts, and they were nine months out. On his return journey through Missouri to Indiana Mr. Paine covered about four hundred miles on horseback. This was in the summer of 1855, when the Indians and buffaloes were plentiful and were seen on every hand, and after arriving at his old home in Indiana he worked out as a farm hand at from eleven to thirteen dollars a month. In this way he saved enough money with which to buy, in company with William Baldwin, the Webster farm, while in 1862 he purchased Mr. Baldwin's interest in the land, and in 1886 erected thereon a pleasant farm home. This took the place of their former home, which had burned, and in which they lost their only daughter, Lucinda, a beautiful girl of fourteen years. Mr. Paine has owned as high as four hundred acres of land in Vigo county, and his present estate consists of three hundred and twenty acres of rich and well improved land. For a number of years he has also served his community as a school director and has served as an administrator for three families of orphaned children. His first presidential vote was cast for John C. Fremont.

On the 26th of March, 1862, Mr. Paine married Miss Clarissa Mills, who was born in Kentucky, January 22, 1839, a daughter of Henry B.

and Lucinda (Somers) Mills, both also natives of the Blue Grass state, and born respectively in 1811 and April 20, 1810. They came to Vigo county, Indiana, in 1858, and spent the remainder of their lives here as farming people. He affiliated with the Whig party and the Christian church. The mother died in 1886. They were married in 1834 and became the parents of ten children, of whom the four now living are Luther, Evan, George and Mrs. Paine.

Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Paine, namely: Henry, who died when a young man of twenty years; Edward, who married Clara Evans, now holding position in the office of the auditor of the Vandalia Railroad in Terre Haute; Luna, who died in infancy, and Lucinda, who, as noted above, lost her life when a girl of fourteen years in the burning of her parents' home.

SAMUEL R. JONES is one of the best known and most prominent farmers and stock raisers of Vigo county. He is also a member of one of Indiana's early pioneer families, for it was in the early year of 1833 that Robert and Sophia Jones, grandparents of Samuel, came with ox teams from North Carolina and established their home in Green county. The family were later cruelly mistreated by the Indians and the women were scalped, but Mrs. Jones' mother survived the terrible ordeal and lived for many years afterward. One of the sons, John Jones, was captured and carried into captivity, and it was only after thirteen years of diligent search and the expenditure of all his money that his father at last found and recovered him.

Aquilla Jones, the father of Samuel, was born in North Carolina, March 15, 1822, and was therefore a boy of eleven years when the home was transferred to Greene county, Indiana. His younger days were spent at work on the Erie canal, and in March, 1854, he started from Bloomfield on the overland journey with ox teams, via the Kit Carson route, to Santa Fe and California, and was nine months and two weeks on the road. At one point enroute they were obliged to pay fifty dollars for fifty pounds of flour. Eventually arriving at their destination Mr. Jones spent four years in the Golden state, one year as a miner and three years at burning charcoal, which was a very remunerative business at that time, and then started on the return journey by the Isthmus route to New York, and thence to Riley township, Vigo county, where he lived for about four years. He was killed in a railroad accident November 29, 1901. In Greene county he had married Mary Burcham, born in North Carolina, August 22, 1821, and died in August, 1892. Of their six children only two are now living, John and Samuel, and those deceased are

Silas, Rachel, Betty and Robert. Mr. Jones married for his second wife Dorothy Sanders, and six of their seven children are living. They were William W., Louise B., James T., Luella Moody, Clem, Aquilla Jackson and Minnie. He was a member of the Christian church and was an active worker in the local ranks of the Democratic party. During the presidential campaign of James K. Polk he rode a steer through the streets of Bloomfield and carried a Polk staff.

Samuel R. Jones was born in Greene county, Indiana, June 4, 1854, and soon after his marriage he began farming in Lost Creek township, Vigo county. His farm was located near Seeleyville and his cash capital at the time he began life for himself consisted of seventeen dollars. In 1884 he removed to Harrison township and worked one year for C. T. Smith, and in 1889 entered upon his three years' career as the proprietor of a boarding house. In 1892 he moved to the Jacob Jackson farm, in 1897 rented the Jenks and Blocksom farm of about twelve hundred acres, and in 1898 assumed the management of Mr. Jenks' farm of seven hundred acres, his present home. On this land he has raised as high as nine thousand bushels of corn and sixteen hundred and thirty-eight bushels of wheat in a single year. In 1906 ten acres netted him five hundred and fifty bushels of wheat and twenty acres ten hundred and fifty-two bushels. He also is extensively engaged in the breeding of full-blood Berkshire hogs, imported from England, and he has an American Berkshire record boar, son of Durham Prince, 2d, No. 83682, and Dutchess of Devonshire, Eastbourne, England. He now has fourteen full-blood Berkshire sows, and in all owns over one hundred head of hogs. He also breeds full-blood Jersey cattle. Mr. Jones has won many premiums, both in his stock and cereals, a bronze medal having been conferred upon him at the Universal Exposition in St. Louis in 1904 for his excellent production of corn, and in 1906 won the Purdue medal for hominy corn. He also secured the first premium and sweepstakes on Berkshire hogs at the Vigo county fair in 1907.

Mr. Jones married, March 23, 1873, Miss Jane Jackson. Her father, Solomon B. Jackson, was an own cousin of Gen. Stonewall Jackson and was born in Maryland February 18, 1817. He in subsequent years became a farmer in Ohio, and in 1859 came from that state to Indiana and located first in Clay county. In 1871 he came to Vigo county, but after ten years here returned to Clay county, and after the death of his wife lived with his children, dying October 24, 1904. Mrs. Jackson bore the maiden name of Eliza Slayback and was born near Rising Sun, Indiana, in 1826, and died October 24, 1894. Of their family of eleven children four sons and three daughters are living: John, William, Mrs. Jones,



James, Alonzo, Mary and Ella. Six children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Jones: Jesse A., who married Miss Emma Milligan; John B., who married Ida Lawson; Ennis A., who married Emma Miller; Nellie Lee, the wife of Allie M. Lewis; Glenn D., the wife of Charles Russell, and one deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Jones also have eleven grandchildren.

SHOVER DOUGLAS HUMPHREY, a farmer in section 17, Otter Creek township, was born in Parke county, Indiana, April 28, 1856, a son of David and Elizabeth (Myers) Humphrey, born respectively in Ohio in 1821 and at White's Mill, Parke county, Indiana, in 1832. David Humphrey came in an early day to Indiana with his parents, Robert and Hepsey Humphrey. Robert Humphrey was left an orphan when a small boy, and having been bound out to a gentleman in Ohio was reared as a Quaker. After coming to Indiana he entered government land in Parke county, and there his little son David grew to manhood's estate. He became a millwright, blacksmith and farmer, and he erected a number of mills in Parke county, from whence he moved in 1866 to Otter Creek township, Vigo county, and bought two hundred and sixty acres of land. The log house which stood on the farm when he took possession continued as the family home until the erection, in 1876, of the two-story frame dwelling in which he spent the residue of his life, dying December 20, 1879. For many years he served as postmaster in Parke county and was a member of old Roseville Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. He voted with the Democratic party. Mrs. Humphrey died in 1890, after becoming the mother of five sons and a daughter, but only four of the sons are now living: H. D., S. D., David F. and Hiram.

S. D. Humphrey accompanied his parents on their removal to Vigo county in 1866, and when convenient attended the public schools. He received a good business education and learned the carpenter's trade, and many of the buildings in Otter Creek township now stand as monuments of his handiwork. From 1879 until 1904 he also operated a threshing machine, and has won a reputation of threshing more wheat in the same length of time than any other man in the county. From one o'clock in the afternoon until seven in the evening he threshed ten hundred and eighty-six bushels. During these years in which he operated his machine he also served as supervisor under the appointment of Dr. Watkins, of Otter Creek township. In 1896 Mr. Humphrey opened a general store at Heckland, which he conducted in connection with his other interests for twelve years.

He first married Elizabeth Sayler, a native of Montgomery county,

Indiana, and she bore him five daughters, but only two, Maranda and Hepsybeth, are now living. On the 4th of June, 1879, he married Julia A. Melton, who was born in Montgomery county, Indiana, November 28, 1855, a daughter of William S. and Julia E. (Williams) Melton. This union has been blessed by the birth of six sons: Montcliff, born April 22, 1880, and died February 26, 1881; David W., born June 20, 1882; Franklin, born March 27, 1885, died March 9, 1886; John R., born January 18, 1887; Seth B., born March 25, 1889, and Homer D., born March 19, 1891. Mr. and Mrs. Humphrey also have three grandchildren. Mr. Humphrey is a charter member of Burnett Lodge, No. 709, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and of the Encampment, No. 276. He votes with the Democratic party. David W. belongs to the Terre Haute Lodge of Eagles; Seth B. belongs to the Junior Order of American Mechanics, Burnett Council No. 2, and Homer D. is in the United States navy.

JACOB STUMP, the owner of one of the largest green houses in Vigo county, was born in York county, Pennsylvania, March 9, 1862, a son of Daniel and Elizabeth (Cooke) Stump, both of whom also claimed York as the county of their nativity, born respectively in 1817 and 1824. Some years after their marriage they came to Indiana, arriving in Terre Haute in 1868, and here the husband and father resumed his trade of a hatter. For over fifty years he was a member of the fraternal order of Odd Fellows, joining the order in Pennsylvania, and he was a Whig politically. Both he and his wife now lie buried in Terre Haute, Mrs. Stump dying in 1889, and just ten years later her husband was also laid to rest. Of their twelve children, six are now living: Obediah, George, Rebecca, Albert, Jacob and Hattie.

When he had attained to the age of nineteen years, Jacob Stump engaged in business, adding in 1890, a stock of groceries, and in 1897 he became interested in a green house, building one of the best hothouse plants in Vigo county. In 1905 he disposed of his grocery interest in Terre Haute, and in the same year he completed the building of a beautiful residence, five miles north of Terre Haute, in Otter Creek township. It is one of the finest stone and brick homes in the entire county and is complete in all its appointments. He has installed therein a water plant which furnishes hot and cold water for the entire building, and also has his own gas plant for heating and lighting purposes. His hot house contains over ten thousand square feet of glass, heated by a hot water system. Mr. Stump is also quite extensively engaged in the breeding of fine horses, and now has two standard-bred stallions, one the son of Axtel and the other of Jersey Wilkes. He also raises yellow leg game chickens.

On the 30th of September, 1890, Mr. Stump married Miss Anna Smith, born in Terre Haute, Indiana, March 17, 1867, to Lewis and Mary (Shea) Smith. Lewis Smith was born in Germany, and in his early manhood made the journey to the United States on a sailing ship, and from the harbor of New York he made his way to Illinois and thence on to Vigo county, Indiana, where he resumed his former work of gardening near Terre Haute. He gave his political allegiance to the Democratic party. He died when fifty-seven years of age. Mrs. Smith was born in Ireland in 1833, and is now living in Terre Haute. They were married in Illinois, and of their eight children four are now living: L. D., Mamie (wife of Woodford Helms), Mrs. Stump and William. Mr. Stump supports the principles of the Republican party.

JOHN L. HASELBERGER, a retired farmer of Otter Creek township, was born in Bavaria, Germany, October 4, 1836, and in that province his parents, Andrew and Barbara (Wagner) Haselberger, also had their nativity, the father born in 1800 and the mother in 1803. They were married in Bavaria, and with their family of six children they set sail for the United States in the early forties, landing at Baltimore, Maryland. After stopping there for a short time they continued their westward journey to Cincinnati, Ohio. In Germany, Andrew Haselberger had been a hop buyer, and after removing to Cincinnati worked in the vineyards until his removal to St. Clair county, Illinois, and from there, in 1854, he came to Vigo county, first locating in Fort Harrison and later in Otter Creek township. Here he bought forty-five acres of land and spent the remainder of his life on this little homestead, dying in 1873. He was a member of the Lutheran church and a staunch supporter of the Democratic party. Mrs. Haselberger preceded her husband in death, passing away, in 1865.

John L. Haselberger, the youngest of his parents' six children, was reared and educated in Ohio, and the first land which he ever owned was a little tract of forty-five acres in Otter Creek township. His career is a worthy example of perseverance and industry in business, for he has made of life a financial success and from his little farm of forty-five acres has grown his present valuable estate of two hundred and eighty acres, well improved. For a number of years he bought and sold stock in addition to his general farming, but in 1903 he laid aside the cares of a business life and has since rented his land. The only public office which he has ever held was that of supervisor. He is a staunch supporter of Democratic principles.

Mr. Haselberger married, February 17, 1870, Miss Eleanor A. Ackers, who was born in Iowa and is of Irish and German descent.

JAMES L. DEVONALD is one of the most prominent mining engineers of this section of the state and is now in charge of the Grant Coal Mining Company's business, as well as serving as the general manager of the Binghamton Trust Company, of Binghamton, New York, the successor of the Patoki River Coal and Coke Company, Winslow, Indiana. He was born of Welsh parents at Boston Bay, April 2, 1862, the only child of James L. and Sarah (Devonald) Lewis, both of whom were born in South Wales, the father in 1829 and the mother in 1839. James L. Lewis served over twenty years as a captain in the English navy and was seriously injured by the accidental explosion of an oil shell, and from that time until his death, two years later, in 1869, he was unable to walk. He was a member of the Baptist church. After her husband's death Mrs. Lewis returned to South Wales and subsequently became the wife of Thomas Robert, a native also of that country. Four children were born of her second marriage: Mary J., William J., foreman of mine No. 3 of the Grant Coal Company; David T. is still in South Wales, and Martha A., deceased. Mrs. Robert is yet living at her old home in South Wales.

The first five years of the life of James L. Devonald were spent with his parents on the ocean. His father died when he was but a boy of seven, and he then returned with his mother to South Wales and made his home with his maternal grandfather, David D. Devonald, until twelve. His grandfather, at his own expense of three hundred dollars, had the lad's name changed from Lewis to Devonald. This family is an old and prominent one in the old country and has the distinction of never having been conquered, but instead gained a treaty from the English government, upon which the present generation look with a just and fond pride. As a boy of twelve James L. Devonald became associated with the South Wales and English Surveying Troop and remained with the company for twelve years, the last four years being a member of the geology staff. He remained in the government service in all twelve years, six years as a civil engineer, and then became assistant manager of a coal mining company in South Wales. On account of poor health he left his native land in 1888 and sailed for the United States, locating first in Knightsville, Indiana, and during his first year in this country his salary was regularly paid him. He then sent for his family, but two months after their arrival their son died. The family were then living at Rosedale, in Parke county, and in 1889 Mr. Devonald took charge of the mines of the Parke

County Mining Company as mining foreman, holding that position for four years and for two years was their superintendent. It was at the close of that period, in 1895, that he came to Vigo county, where for five years he had charge as superintendent of the Grant Coal Mining Company at Burnett, and he then took charge of the Coal Bluff Mining Company at Fontanet, but after two years of superintendency he returned and took charge of the Grant Coal Mining Company at Burnett, as their general manager, and remained with them since as their general manager. At the present time he is also in charge of the Binghamton Trust Company at Winslow, Indiana.

On the 10th of December, 1883, he married a daughter of his own native land, Margaret Lewes. She was born on the 8th of October, 1864, to William and Mary (Griffith) Lewes, both also natives of South Wales and the parents of eight children: Thomas, Susannah, James, Margaret, Elizabeth, Mary J., Edward G. and Maria. Mr. Lewes spent his entire life as a coal miner and was a member of Wesley church. Of the five children born to Mr. and Mrs. Devonald three are now living: Margaret, Edgar J. and Gladys E. Mr. Devonald is a member of Rosedale lodge and the Burnett encampment of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, also of Rosedale Lodge, No. 259, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and is a Republican politically.

JOHN F. TROUT.—For many years the Trout family have been prominently identified with the agricultural interests of Indiana, but they trace their ancestry to the Blue Grass state of Kentucky, from whence came John Trout, the grandfather of John F., with his parents, to found a home in the then frontier country of Indiana. He was a Democrat and a Baptist. William G. Trout, his son, was born in Greene county, Indiana, and died on the old family homestead in Putnam county, of this state, in 1901, when he had reached the age of sixty-four years. He was a life-long farmer of Putnam county, was a member of the Christian church, and gave his political support to the Democratic party. His widow now resides on the old home farm there and has reached the Psalmist's span of three score years and ten. Their marriage was celebrated in Greene county and they became the parents of six children, but only three, John F., L. R. and Ellen, are living.

John F. Trout, the eldest of the three, was born in Putnam county, Indiana, December 5, 1856, and after farming there for several years he came to Otter Creek township, in Vigo county, in 1887, and has ever since been identified with its agricultural interests. He, too, votes with the Democratic party. On the 23d of September, 1875, he married

Laura A. Sims, who was born in Owen county, Indiana, on April 14, 1857, the daughter of Eli and Sally (Waldrige) Sims, natives respectively of Owen and Greene counties. Eli Sims became a prominent farmer and stock raiser and spent his entire life in Owen county. He supported the principles of the Democratic party and was a member of the Christian church. Five are now living of the six children born to Mr. and Mrs. Sims, namely: Wiley W., Joseph, Mrs. Trout, Alice and Amanda. Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Trout, and the four now living are Virgil, William P., Everett and Ethel. The Democracy receives the political support of Mr. Trout.

FRANK L. HESS is one of Otter Creek township's substantial farmers and business men, and his valuable and well cultivated estate is located in section 27. He is a native son of Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, born April 12, 1863, to Levi and Elizabeth (Christ) Hess, the former of whom was also born in Pennsylvania, in Perry county, but the mother is a native of Bavaria, Germany. Levi Hess, the son of a farmer, enlisted in one of the Pennsylvania volunteer regiments for service in the Civil war, and during the conflict was captured and thrown into Jacksonville prison, where he suffered all the horrors of a southern war prison and at last was starved to death. He left two children, a daughter Annie, the first born, and Frank L. Mrs. Hess moved to Clark county, Illinois, in 1865, and subsequently became the wife of Peter Cole, a farmer there, and they had four sons, Edward, Jacob, Fred and Harry. Mr. Cole died in September, 1906, a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and his widow is yet living and is a resident of Marshall, Illinois.

Frank L. Hess was left fatherless when but a babe of one year, and taken by his mother to Clark county, Illinois, he grew to manhood there and farmed until in March, 1903, when he left Clark county for Otter Creek township, Vigo county, Indiana. After his arrival he bought one hundred and thirty-nine acres of land, and in 1904 erected thereon a pleasant and commodious home. He is now farming one hundred and eighty-five acres of land and is quite extensively engaged in the breeding of Percheron horses, Berkshire hogs and other stock. He votes with the Republican party.

On the 14th of April, 1896, Mr. Hess married Emma Shoemaker, who was born in Clark county, Illinois, May 12, 1876, a daughter of Abraham and Helen (Freedeburger) Shoemaker. The father, born in Germany, is now living in Clark county, but his wife is deceased, dying in 1878, after having become the mother of five children—Christ, Lizzie, Fred, George and Emma. He came to this country when a lad of







fifteen, making the voyage on a sailing ship, and during the period of the Civil war he served the government as a horseshoer. After the close of the conflict he became a farmer of Clark county and is now one of the county's most prominent agriculturists and business men. He has allied his interests with the Democracy and has served his township as a supervisor. For his second wife, Mr. Shoemaker married Lua Wesser, and their four children are John, Kate, Clara and Edgar. The three children of Mr. and Mrs. Hess are Elizabeth, Annie and Harry. Both Mr. Hess and his wife are members of the Court of Honor, in Illinois.

JACKSON COX is one of the oldest if not the oldest living resident of Vigo county, and he was born in its township of Prairie Creek, April 10, 1820. His father, John Cox, was born in North Carolina, and was married in Ohio to one of the state's native daughters, Ruth Allen, and together they came to Indiana in 1819, first locating in Knox county, and from there, in the spring of 1820, they came to Vigo county, where the wife afterward died. In 1852 Mr. Cox went to the home of his daughter Mary, in Illinois, but he died two years afterward. They became the parents of six children, but only the whereabouts of two are known to Jackson Cox. One, Harmony, will be ninety years of age at her next birthday in the fall of 1908, and she resides in Parke county, Indiana. Her sister Mary lives in Illinois.

Jackson Cox was reared and educated near Prairieton, in Vigo county, and has never been out of the county longer than a year at any time in his life. He has farmed during the most of his business career, and he remained at home with his parents until about twenty-two years of age. He then started out in life for himself as a farmer, buying fifty-five acres in Prairie Creek township, but in 1856 he traded that for one hundred and seventy-five acres in Sugar Creek township on the Wabash river, and conducted a ferry there for about twelve years. From that time on he confined his activities to agricultural pursuits, and has added to his original purchase until he now owns two hundred and eighty-five acres, now under the supervision of his son. In the early days Mr. Cox gave his political support to the Whigs, but since the formation of the Republican party he has been a member of its ranks, and for one term he served as a squire.

On the 22d of August, 1842, he married Martha Jane Mobley, who was born in Kentucky, September 4, 1820, and died December 6, 1848, and their three children are also deceased. On the 8th of January, 1850, Mr. Cox wedded Elizabeth Reynolds. She was born in Crawford county, Illinois, January 8, 1831, and they became the parents of fifteen

children, but only eight, four sons and four daughters, are now living, namely: Martha Jane, the wife of Andrew Austin, and they live on her father's farm; Mary, the wife of Robert Ridge, of Danville, Illinois; Lydia, the wife of Charles Haslet, of West Terre Haute; Cyrus, farming on the old homestead; Ruth Anna, the wife of Finley Elliott, of Sugar Creek township; Silas Elmore, of Illinois; Charles Allen, of Terre Haute, and George Emory, who operates the home farm for his father, and he also has a farm of his own. Mr. Cox also has twenty-six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Although he has reached the eighty-eighth milestone on the journey of life he is yet strong and enjoys excellent health, his failing eyesight being the principal mark of the hand of time. His mind is stored with many pleasant memories of his early life in Vigo county, when as a boy he drove the wild turkeys out of the wheat, and after he became old enough to use a gun he drove them out by shooting, often killing as high as eight in a single shot. On one occasion he remembers starting out to hunt with his rifle and three balls, and when he returned home he brought with him a fox, squirrel, an owl and two wild ducks, and still had one ball left. He has also killed many deer in this locality and in Illinois. Both Mr. and Mrs. Cox are members of the old Quaker church.

GEORGE LEE BERRY, a druggist in West Terre Haute, was born in the city of Terre Haute, November 30, 1877, a son of William H. and Tillie (Definbaugh) Berry, both of whom were born in West Virginia, the father in Braxton county, and the mother in Wheeling. They were married in Bellaire, Ohio, and came to Terre Haute in 1874, which has ever since been their home. George Lee was one of their four children, of whom Charles and Alvin reside in Terre Haute, and one, Olive is deceased.

George Lee Berry attended the public and high schools of his native city, and with the class of 1898, graduated in the pharmacy department of Purdue University. Previous to this time, in 1894, he became a druggist's apprentice to W. D. Waggoner, in Terre Haute, and after his graduation he entered upon a clerkship in Indianapolis for Charles C. Hahn, with whom he remained for six years, and coming thence to West Terre Haute he began the drug business for himself and has the distinction of being the second oldest druggist in years of service in the city. His store is well stocked with a full line of drugs and sundries, paints, oils, glass, etc., and it also contains an excellent and well patronized soda fountain. Both the political and social interests of this city receive Mr. Berry's active support. He affiliates with the Republican party and is a member

of the Red Cloud Tribe, No. 18, of Red Men, in Indianapolis, the Knights of Pythias, Castle Hall, No. 521, New Hope Lodge of Odd Fellows, Lodge No. 824, in West Terre Haute, Sugar Creek Encampment of Odd Fellows, No. 346, and the Court Oak Foresters, No. 1440, in Indianapolis.

Mr. Berry married, September 1, 1903, Ethel Gallmore, who was born in Louisville, Kentucky, January 15, 1884, a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Yerkes) Gallmore, both of whom are living in New Albany, Indiana. Mrs. Berry received her education in that city, and she remained at home until her marriage, which has been blessed by the birth of two children—William H., born July 22, 1904, and George L., Jr., born February 19, 1906. Mrs. Berry is a member of the Christian church.

GEORGE W. SPLATY occupies a representative position among the leading merchants of West Terre Haute and is at the head of the hardware house of George W. Splaty & Company. He began the battle of life for himself at the unusually early age of fourteen years, his first employment being as a cash boy in the store of A. Z. Foster, of Terre Haute, with whom he remained for about two years, while during the succeeding three years he served as bill clerk in the wholesale dry goods house of Havens & Geddes. He then became connected with their retail store as a cashier, two years later became a bookkeeper with the W. D. Morris & Company's wholesale and retail store, where he remained for four years, for seven years occupied the same position with C. C. Smith's Sons & Company retail hardware store, and in 1906 came to Terre Haute and entered upon his successful mercantile career here. He has steadily and persistently climbed the ladder of success, mounting step by step from the humble position of cash boy to the proprietorship of one of the leading mercantile houses of the city, his versatility of business talent and capable management gaining him distinction in commercial circles. His associate in business is E. E. McGrath, and the firm of George W. Splaty & Company handle a large line of hardware, stoves, ranges, enameled ware, tinware, sewing machines and miners' supplies.

Mr. Splaty is not only classed among Terre Haute's foremost citizens but is also numbered among its native sons, his birth occurring on the 26th of August, 1870, and his parents were Aaron and Christena (Neshmeyer) Splaty. Aaron Splaty was born May 26, 1837, and when young came to Terre Haute, Indiana, and remained here until his death, July 22, 1877. In 1861 he enlisted in the Civil war, becoming a private in the Thirty-first Infantry, and was discharged in Texas, in May, 1865. During that time he participated in the battles of

Fort Donelson, Stone River, Murfreesboro and Lookout Mountain. Before leaving for the war he had been a farmer, but after his return he learned and followed the carpenter's trade until in 1867, when he engaged in the lumber business on the National Road near the state line in Sugar Creek township, continuing as the proprietor of a saw mill and lumber yard until 1871. He then returned to his former occupation of carpentering in Terre Haute and thus continued until his life's labors were ended in death. Mrs. Splaty was born in Clay county, Indiana, May 4, 1844, and she is now residing on North Fifth street, Terre Haute, with her son George. Of her four children, the first born, John, is deceased, as is also the third child, Anna. The only living daughter is Fannie, a graduate of both the Terre Haute high school and the Indiana State Normal, and she is now teaching in California.

Mr. Splaty of this review is a Republican and a member of the Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias, the Red Men and the Sons of Veterans. He affiliates with the Odd Fellows and the Red Men fraternities in West Terre Haute, and is also a member of the Wabash Cycling Club of this city. He is a member of the German Methodist Episcopal church. With his mother he maintains his residence in the city of Terre Haute.

MARION JOSEPH THRALLS, an agriculturist of Sugar Creek township, Vigo county, was born in Fayette township, of this county, March 17, 1852, a son of Isaac and Anna (Cameron) Thralls, natives respectively of Indiana and Kentucky, and both are yet living. They reared their son Marion to mature years on their home farm in Fayette township, and he supplemented his common school training by a course of two terms in the University of St. Louis, in which he matriculated in 1872. Returning then to the homestead he farmed with his father until 1882, when he started in business for himself, and now he conducts one of his father's farms in Sugar Creek township, just across the road from the old homestead. The senior Mr. Thralls owns a valuable estate of five hundred acres, and both the father and son are numbered among the successful agriculturists of the community. Marion Thralls also operates a threshing machine, a corn shredder and a saw mill.

On the 19th of October, 1875, he married Anna Kintz, who was born in Ohio, July 12, 1849, but when five years of age she came with her parents to Parke county, Indiana. Her father, George Kintz, was a miller and followed that occupation until his death. Mrs. Thralls was educated at Mackey, Parke county, and by her marriage she has become the mother of three children. The first born, Charlotte, attended the Com-

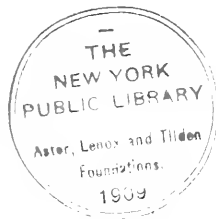




*Mrs Marion Thralls*



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mercial College of Terre Haute, and is now at home. She was born in Fayette township, August 1, 1882. Blanche, born February 9, 1885, is a graduate of the Indiana State Normal College, and taught in the district schools of Sugar Creek township for five years. She is the wife of Joseph T. Haller, a machinist of Detroit. Grace, born August 28, 1885, attended the State Normal and is now the wife of George Coleman, engaged in railroad work in Terre Haute. They have two children, Dorothy and Frank. Mr. Thralls and his family are members of the Immaculate Conception Catholic church at St. Mary's.

WILLIAM A. MICHAEL, the only merchant of St. Mary's, has been identified with the business world since thirteen years of age, first working at various employments, but in 1889 opened a general mercantile store at St. Mary's and now carries a large and well selected stock of groceries, fresh meats, dry goods, hardware and other commodities. During twelve years he was also postmaster of this city.

Mr. Michael was born in Assumption, Illinois, August 13, 1862, a son of Samuel A. and Sarah (Jenkins) Michael, both of whom were born in Maryland, the father on the 7th of August, 1820, and the mother on the 6th of July, 1819. They were married in their native commonwealth, but in 1851 they left there and established their home near Springfield, Illinois, where they remained until their removal to St. Mary's, Vigo county, Indiana. This city continued as their home during the remainder of their lives. After coming west Mr. Michael served as a railroad agent, being most of the time with the Illinois Central and the Big Four. He was a Democrat in his political affiliations. Thirteen children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Michael and nine, including William A., are still living, namely: Andrew, a resident of Pana, Illinois; Allan, a large land owner near Assumption, Illinois; Mary, now Sister Eleanor, at St. Mary's; Anna, the priest's housekeeper; Regina, Sister Mary Edward, of St. Mary's; Daniel T., of Taylorville, Illinois; Cecelia, the wife of Charles Hagan, of Indianapolis, and Margaret, now Sister Constantina, at St. Mary's.

William A Michael married, in 1885, Elizabeth Dermody, born in this city November 24, 1863, and their only child is a daughter, Stella, who was born October 3, 1886, and has attended St. Mary-of-the-Woods. The family are members of the Catholic church. Mr. Michael is a Democrat politically.

ARTHUR O. GILLIS, prominently engaged in the undertaking and livery business in Terre Haute, was born in Oakland, Illinois, November

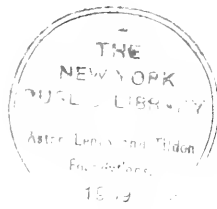
27. 1875, a son of Pearl and Mary (Taber) Gillis, both of whom were born in Edgar county, that state, and the mother died when her son Arthur was but five years old. The father, born May 5, 1851, was reared as a farmer lad and the tilling of the soil continued as his vocation until about twenty-three years ago when he came to Terre Haute and is now working with his son.

The public schools of this city furnished Arthur O. Gillis with his educational training, and at the early age of seventeen years he started out in life for himself, his first work having been in the capacity of a grocery clerk. He was thus employed for four years, and at the close of the period became an assistant to H. L. Stees, one of the leading undertakers of the city. Mr. Gillis has learned the business in its every department, and he also owns and conducts the livery stable which is operated in connection with the undertaking business. The parlors and stables are located at 112 and 113 North Fifth street.

On the 15th of December, 1899, Mr. Gillis married Nellie Barr, a native daughter of Terre Haute, and their two children are Chase and Kenneth. Mr. Gillis is a member of the Red Men, the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, the Daughters of America and the Maccabees, also the Knights of Pythias and the Ladies and Knights of Columbia, in Terre Haute, and his religious connection is with the Methodist church. He is a Republican politically and has served his city as committeeman.

DANIEL W. ZINK was born six miles west of Paris, in Edgar county, Illinois, July 5, 1828, a son of Emanuel and Delilah (Wright) Zink. The father, born in Kentucky, in 1780, died in Edgar county, Illinois, in 1858, and two years later, in 1860, the wife and mother was also laid to rest. She was born in Washington county, Indiana, in 1781. Daniel is the eldest of their eight children, the others being Mary Elizabeth, Nancy Jane (deceased), Barbara Ellen (deceased), Catherine Rebecca (deceased), Susan, America and Belle E.

Daniel W. Zink spent the period of his boyhood and youth in his native county of Edgar, and after attaining the age of twenty years he became a teacher and taught about three or four terms of district school. At the close of that period he transferred his activities from a professional to an agricultural life and in time became the owner of four hundred and eighty acres of land in Edgar county, where he farmed and dealt extensively in hogs and cattle, and he was the first to introduce the Red Duroc Jersey hogs in that county. In 1850 he left the farm to become a merchant in Kansas, Illinois, and after ten years in that occupa-

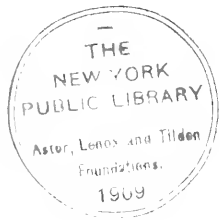




Daniel W. Gink



*Mrs. Louisa Virginia Gink*



tion he had the misfortune to have his safe blown open and robbed of a great deal of money. The offender was, however, caught and imprisoned, and after regaining his liberty made a threat to burn the store of Mr. Zink. He had been released from prison to join the army, and after serving for a short time he succeeded in carrying out his threat and burned the store to the ground. Mr. Zink then turned his attention to baling hay, conducting that business on a large scale, but after a time returned to Kansas, and in 1893 moved to Fayette township and spent two years on the old Malcolm farm, retiring at the close of that period and has since lived in West Terre Haute, where he is the owner of some houses and lots on Paris avenue. As a representative of the Republican party Mr. Zink served as a member of the county board for a number of years, and he has attained the rank of a Sir Knight in the Masonic fraternity.

He has been three times married, wedding first, when twenty-two years of age, Evelyn Wells, who died one year later, and after remaining alone for four years he married Louise Leslie. She died in 1883, after becoming the mother of nine children, of whom five sons and one daughter died in infancy, and one daughter died after attaining mature years. The two living are Maggie E., now the wife of Frank Ault, a minister in Indian Territory, and Ida, the wife of Robert Wilhoit, a prominent farmer in Westfield, Illinois. On the 18th of May, 1884, Mr. Zink married the widow of Dr. J. H. Payton, of Kentucky, who served as the first surgeon of the Eleventh Kentucky Cavalry. She bore the maiden name of Louisa Virginia Malcom, and was born in Sugar Creek township, Vigo county, Indiana, May 26, 1843, a daughter of Peter and Delilah (Riggs) Malcom, the father born in Hampshire county, West Virginia, in 1803, and died in Vigo county, in 1885, and the mother, born in Miami county, Ohio, in 1823, died here in 1884. Mrs. Zink's father was of Scotch lineage, a people who are known for their honesty, integrity and thrift. They were married in Ohio and came to Vigo county in 1840, where the husband and father was successfully engaged in farming, owning at the time of his death, about nine hundred acres of land. Of their eight children three are now living—Eliza, Anna and Louisa Virginia. Mrs. Zink remained at home until her marriage to D. W. Rippetoe, in December of 1864, and of their two children, Charles and Jessie, the younger is now deceased. In 1880 she wedded Dr. Payton, who died two years later, and in 1884 she became the wife of Mr. Zink. She has two grandchildren, one of whom lives with her father, and the other, Hila V., the daughter of Jessie Rippetoe, is with Mr. and Mrs. Zink. She is an excellent musician. Mr. and Mrs.

Zink and their granddaughter are members of the Methodist church, Mrs. Zink is a member of the Eastern Star, the Knights and Ladies of Honor, is a state officer in the Woman's Relief Corps and is prominent missionary worker. She is a lady well known in Vigo county and the city of Terre Haute, as a woman of excellent business acumen, and one who has taken deep interest in the several societies of which she is a valued member and officer.

EDWARD SCOTT, the senior member of the firm of Scott & Warren, grocery merchants of West Terre Haute, has been identified with this industry during the greater part of his business career. It was in 1898 that he first entered the grocery trade, opening a store at Hatton, Illinois, where he remained for six months, and from there he went to Auburn, Illinois, still continuing as a grocery merchant. From that city he came in 1900, to West Terre Haute, and recently, in 1907, he admitted George Warren to a partnership in his business. The grocery house of Scott & Warren is well known to the public, and its straightforward business dealings have won for it a large patronage.

The senior member of the firm, Edward Scott, is a son of Alexander and Maggie (Conden) Scott, who moved with their respective parents from their native state of Ohio to Illinois in their childhood days, and they were married in Clark county, and it was there that their son Edward was born, on the 29th of December, 1870, the younger of their two children, and his sister Ella is the wife of George Cline, of Dudley, Missouri. The wife and mother died many years ago, about 1874, but Mr. Scott is yet living and continues his farming in Clark county. It was on his old homestead there that his son Edward attained manhood's estate, receiving a public school education, and he remained on the farm until he was twenty-five years of age. During the following five years he ran a huckster wagon, and it was at the close of that period that he embarked on his mercantile career.

Mr. Scott married Bessie Richards, who was born in Danville, Illinois, a daughter of William and Cynthia (Wright) Richards, and their children are Cyrel, Syble, Eunice, Fred, Opal, "Baby." He is a Democrat and a member of the Missionary Baptist church, as is also his wife.

Mr. Richard was born in Sidney, Shelby county, Ohio, September 20, 1846. He was educated in the common schools and was a practical printer for forty years. He was a soldier in the Civil war, serving twenty months as a member of the One Hundred and Thirty-fifth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, also the One Hundred and Fifty-fourth Volunteers. He



received two honorable discharges. He is a Liberal Democrat and cast his first vote for Tilden. He is a Mason and a member of Kenesaw Post, Grand Army of the Republic, at Danville, Illinois, and he was chaplain of the post. His wife is deceased. He makes his home at the present time in West Terre Haute.

MARTIN TERRELL ALL, the proprietor of one of the leading grocery houses of West Terre Haute, is well known in the mercantile, political and fraternal circles of this city. He started out in life for himself at the early age of twelve years and continued working at farm labor for others until reaching the age of twenty-four years. He then learned the blacksmith's trade at West Terre Haute and for fourteen years thereafter worked at his trade here, putting it aside to become the postmaster of West Terre Haute during Cleveland's presidential administration. It was during his incumbency in that office that he became identified with the grocery trade, and since his retirement therefrom, four years later, he has given his entire attention to the business, and his large and well appointed store is now located on Prairie avenue, West Terre Haute.

Mr. All, although so prominently identified with the interests of this city, is a native son of Parke county, Indiana, born February 18, 1856, to Grayson and Mary (Cox) All, the former of whom was born in Bell county, Kentucky, January 19, 1806, and died in Vigo county, Indiana, December 17, 1868, and the latter, born in Ohio, September 18, 1819, died in West Terre Haute, in March, 1900. Grayson All was of Scotch-Irish descent and was a miller throughout the period of his business career. For forty-five consecutive years he was in the employ of a Mr. Blaze, in Parke county, and of John Debaun, in Prairieeton, Indiana. He was a Democrat, staunch and true, and both he and his wife were church members, he of the United Brethren and she of the Congregational church. They became the parents of seven children: Ruth, the wife of Austin Piety; David H., deceased; Reuben, who resides in West Terre Haute; John D. and Theodore, also deceased; Martin, the subject of this review, and Lafayette, who is also a resident of West Terre Haute.

Mr. All, of this review, was first married to Lettie Milam, February 26, 1880. She was born in 1860, and died June 21, 1881. On the 15th of August, 1885, he wedded Miss Dovie M. Liston, who was born in Sullivan county, Indiana, in 1870, and they have had six children: Gladys, Leslie, Jesse, Mary, Josephine and Martin, but two, Leslie and Jesse, are deceased, and the remainder are all at home. The daughter Gladys is her father's chief clerk. The family are members of the Con-

gregational church. Mr. All is a Democrat in his political affiliations, and he served as the town treasurer of West Terre Haute from 1898 to 1905. He has also attained prominence in the fraternal circles of his city, and is a member of the Odd Fellows, Lodge No. 824, the Knights of Pythias, Castle Hall No. 521, and the Red Men, Tribe No. 104, all in West Terre Haute, and of the Foresters, Court Rose, No. 1240, in the city of Terre Haute. He was instrumental in establishing the Odd Fellows fraternity in his home town, was its first noble grand and had the distinction of naming the lodge "New Hope." Its number is 824. He is now acting as chief patriot of the camp, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is a member of the West Terre Haute Building and Loan Association.

HENRY L. ENSMINGER entered upon his career as a railroad man at the early age of fifteen years, in 1896, and from that time to the present has remained with the Vandalia Company, being now their agent in West Terre Haute. His first work was as telegrapher in his native city of St. Jacobs, Illinois, his birth having occurred there on the 27th of June, 1881, born to John and Ollie (Hayes) Ensminger. The father was also born in the city of St. Jacobs, in 1845, and the mother was born near Rockford, Illinois, in 1855, and both are now living at West Terre Haute.

From St. Jacobs, Henry L. Ensminger was transferred to Greenville, Illinois, thence to the Union Station at Terre Haute, and was later made the agent at Macksville, Indiana. From there he came to West Terre Haute and resumed his duties as agent for the Vandalia Company. His fraternal relations connect him with the Odd Fellows order, Lodge No. 824, the Knights of Pythias, Castle Hall No. 521, and the Woodmen of America, Camp No. 3376, and his political affiliations are with the Republican party. He is now serving as the city clerk of West Terre Haute, entering upon the duties of that office in 1905, and his term will expire in 1909.

On the fifth of November, 1903, Mr. Ensminger was united in marriage to Glens All, who was born in West Terre Haute, January 11, 1880, and received her educational training in its high school. Her father, David All, died in 1900. A son, John David, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ensminger, May 10, 1905. Mrs. Ensminger is a member of the Congregational church.

GIDEON ALBERT HARRIS is a member of two of the oldest and most honored pioneer families of Vigo county, and in its township of Sugar





*Martha J. Harris*



*Gideon A. Harris*



Creek, in section 25, he was born January 5, 1850, a son of John and Lavina (Bennett) Harris. The mother also had her nativity in Sugar Creek township, born in 1820, and she died in February, 1900.

John Harris was born in the state of Delaware, in March, 1820, and died in Sugar Creek township, Vigo county, Indiana, in 1886. He was but a boy of ten years, when, with his father, and one sister, he left his native state for Indiana, his mother having died in his infancy. They made the entire trip with a one-horse wagon and settled on what was then known as Schisler Hill, where the senior Mr. Harris spent the remainder of his life. The family were descendants of the English and Welsh, and both the grandfather and the great-grandfather of Gideon A. Harris were slave holders in Maryland and Delaware. On the maternal side he is Irish and Pennsylvania Dutch. John Harris was always a farmer and stock raiser, and was a successful business man and an excellent financier. At the time of his death he owned eleven hundred acres of land, all in one body. He was a Republican from the formation of the party in 1860, but previously voted with the Democracy. He never sought political honors, and was therefore, never in office. Both he and his wife worshiped in the Methodist Episcopal church, and in their family were ten children, but the five eldest, Mary, James, George, Thomas and Richard, are deceased, as are also Charles Francis and Martha, the seventh and eighth born. Frances E. has never married and resides on the old homestead, and her younger sister, Lavina Barbara, is deceased.

Gideon A. Harris, the sixth born, graduated from the district schools of Sugar Creek township, and then for three years attended DePauw University, of Greencastle. From that time until the present he has remained on the old Harris homestead, and he now owns three hundred and forty acres and follows general farming. His land is also rich in coal, and he operates one mine and is a stockholder in another. Mr. Harris follows in the political footsteps of his father and votes with the Republican party, and he also has fraternal relations with the Order of Red Men, Ionia Tribe, No. 104, in West Terre Haute, with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, No. 51, of Terre Haute, and with the Canton McKeen Encampment, No. 17, and with the Knights of Pythias in West Terre Haute, Castle Hall, No. 521.

On the 15th of February, 1880, he was united in marriage to Martha J. Hicklin, who was born in section 15, of Sugar Creek township, June 9, 1854, a daughter of Josiah and Lydia Jane (Shuey) Hicklin, natives respectively of Vincennes, Indiana, and of Virginia, and both are now deceased. Two daughters have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Harris. The elder, Estella, graduated in the Indiana State Normal with the class

in 1906, and is now teaching in the graded schools of West Terre Haute. Lena Louise graduated in the Terre Haute high school with the class of 1907, and is now taking post-graduate work in the same institution. Mr. Harris is a Methodist, but his wife and daughters are members of the Congregational church, at West Terre Haute.

In relics, Mr. and Mrs. Harris have a salt cellar with the portrait of General Washington. This little souvenir with the two silver spoons for salt, is over one hundred and fifty years old. This is the oldest relic found in Vigo county. They and their two daughters have one of the finest private libraries numbering over one thousand volumes. The family are more than ordinarily educated, father and mother both receiving good educations, as well as their accomplished daughters. Both of the daughters have taken instrumental music. In their library are two old volumes, "The Instructor," published in 1795, and "The Travels Before the Flood," published in 1797.

JACOB N. FARR.—West Terre Haute numbers among its retired merchants and soldier citizens Jacob N. Farr, who is now spending the evening of his long and useful life at his pleasant home on the corner of Market street and Johnson avenue. He was born near Harrisburg, now Uniontown, Pennsylvania, a son of John and Eleanor (Linkhorn) Farr, who came west from their native commonwealth of Pennsylvania and spent the remainder of their lives in Vigo county. The father was a wagon-maker.

Jacob N. Farr was but a lad of two years when he came with his parents to Sugar Creek township, and just one year later he lost his mother by death, and when a boy of seven he was left an orphan by the death of his father. He then went to live with his oldest brother, Jehu Farr, twenty years his senior, and who died four years ago, aged ninety-two. When he reached his sixteenth year Jacob Farr left his brother's home to learn the wagon-maker's trade in Belleville, Illinois, and for thirty years he worked at his trade in various places. He then became identified with the mercantile interests of West Terre Haute, but after fifteen years as a merchant he retired in 1903 and is now living quietly in this city, where he is the owner of eight houses and lots. In August, 1862, Mr. Farr laid aside all personal affairs and enlisted as a private in the Seventy-ninth Illinois Infantry, from which he was transferred to the First United States Veteran Volunteer Regiment, and was discharged at Nashville, Tennessee, in November, 1865. He participated in many of the historic engagements of the war, but his hardest fought battle was at Stone River, but he was present at the last battle of Nashville.



He was wounded slightly in the left side with a minie ball. He now receives a pension of fifteen dollars a month.

On the 3d of July, 1853, Mr. Farr married Nancy A. Hanks, who was born in Boone county, Kentucky, and died in 1903, after becoming the mother of five children: Mary, deceased; Liddy A., the wife of Joseph Williams; Mary Frances, the wife of John Frost; Charles W. and Emma, who died in infancy. In February, 1904, Mrs. Harriet Weakley, of Terre Haute, became the wife of Mr. Farr. She was born in Indiana, and has one son by her former marriage, Ross Weakley, a resident of Terre Haute. Mr. Farr votes with the Republican party.

JACOB THACKERY POPP is the owner of a valuable estate in Sugar Creek township and was born in Hamilton county, Ohio, May 31, 1857, a son of John and Katherine (Knarr) Popp, both of whom were born in the fatherland of Germany. It was after their emigration to the United States, however, that they became acquainted, and they were married in Ohio. From that state they subsequently journeyed to Illinois and spent two years in Clark county, for one year resided in Jasper county, of that state, and in 1869, the family established their home in Sugar Creek township, Vigo county. John Popp was killed in the army, but his widow married again and is now the wife of a Mr. Kadel and resides at Staunton. Jacob T. Popp was the elder of her two children by the first union, but the daughter, Anna, is now deceased.

When a boy of fourteen Jacob T. Popp began working by the month for J. S. Casto, in Sugar Creek township, spending eighteen years in his employ. During one year he worked by the month in Adams county, Illinois, and then returned to the Casto farm and rented land of a widowed daughter of Mr. Casto for two years. At the expiration of that period he went to Parke county, Indiana, to become the foreman of a large farm, where he remained for three years, and thence once more returned to the Casto farm and superintended its work for five years. He then bought property in Sugar Creek township and is now the owner of a valuable estate of fifty-four acres, fifteen acres of which is devoted to the raising of berries of all kinds. His is one of the largest berry farms in this locality, and he gives almost his entire attention to their cultivation, finding a ready market for his product in the city of Terre Haute. He is a Republican in his political affiliations.

On the 16th of September, 1888, Mr. Popp married Lulu Shanks, who was born in Sugar Creek township, December 25, 1866, a daughter of George P. Shanks, and both he and his wife are deceased. The three children of Mr. and Mrs. Popp are Ruby Alice, John Jacob and Margaret

Louise. Mrs. Popp is a member of the Methodist church in that township.

GEORGE W. HARRIS, JR., who is now farming the old Harris homestead in Sugar Creek township, was born in section 25, of the same township, November 3, 1876, a son of George W. and Cindora (McClain) Harris. The father was born in the same vicinity as his son and namesake, December 12, 1844, and was killed at a railroad crossing in Sugar Creek township, October 12, 1904. Mrs. Harris was born in Springfield, Ohio, August 15, 1842, and is now a resident of Terre Haute. It was in this city that she became the wife of George W. Harris, and their union was blessed by the birth of six children, but only three are now living. The eldest, Herschel, resides in Terre Haute. He graduated from the Rose Polytechnic College with the class of 1892, and is now a civil engineer and contractor. Ethel resides with her mother in Terre Haute. She attended the State Normal there, and is now teaching music.

George W. Harris, Jr., the youngest of the three living children, received a public school education and remained on the home farm until he was twenty-one years of age. He then enlisted in the First Coast Artillery, at Fort Barrancas, Florida, as a private, and after three years' service at the fort was discharged December 26, 1901. After serving for two years he was advanced to a corporal, and following his discharge he returned to the old home farm here and began its operation. The homestead, containing about three hundred acres, has never been divided and he farms the entire tract. He is a Republican politically.

In August, 1906, Mr. Harris was united in marriage to Dorothy Carlisle, who was born in March, 1882, in Booneville, Missouri, and she was a commercial teacher in the Brown Business College, of Terre Haute, at the time of her marriage.

ALBERT BARBOUR, a prominent and well known farmer in Sugar Creek township, Vigo county, was born in Terre Haute, October 26, 1854, to Cromwell and Derexa (Whitcomb) Barbour, natives respectively of New York and Ohio, the former born on the 19th of September, 1809. His death occurred in the country, May 5, 1889, and his wife passed away in Terre Haute. They were married in Clinton, Indiana, March 26, 1840, and became the parents of ten children, of whom eight are living, namely: James, deceased; Elizabeth, deceased; Emma, the wife of S. N. Smith, of Muncie, Indiana; Mary, the widow of W. H. Coffin, and a resident of Terre Haute, Indiana; Louise, a teacher in the high school of this city; Susie, a teacher in the city schools of Indianapolis; Raymond, a





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member of the firm of Barbour Brothers, in Terre Haute; Albert, whose name introduces this review; Jennie, the wife of N. R. Moore, a druggist of this city, and Florence, the wife of Francis Cleaver, of Rutland, Vermont. Mr. Barbour, the father, practiced law in Terre Haute for over twenty years, in partnership with his brother Orson and Colonel Thompson, and was well known as a practitioner at the bar of Vigo county.

Albert Barbour was reared and received his educational training in Sugar township, for his father retired from the practice of law and moved to a farm here when his son was but five years of age, and the lad remained with his father until he had reached his twenty-fifth year. Leaving his boyhood's home he then went to New Mexico and bought eleven hundred sheep and drove them up the Santa Fe trail to Kansas, where for four years he was engaged in the sheep business in Gray county, and during his sojourn there he has also become the owner of three hundred and twenty acres of land. He still owns that tract in Kansas, and returning to Sugar Creek township he took charge of his father's farm of three hundred and thirty-seven and a half acres and has ever since continued the supervision of the old homestead. In the meantime he has added forty acres to the original boundaries. In addition to his general agricultural pursuits Mr. Barbour is a member of the firm of Barbour Brothers and is conducting a general store in Terre Haute, selling principally vehicles, and he is also operating a threshing machine and saw mill. He is a member of the advisory board at the present time and is a Republican politically.

On the 6th of October, 1883, Mr. Barbour married Miss Henrietta Harwood, born in Waterville, New York, May 24, 1867, but she came west when yet in her teens and remained at home until her marriage, which has been blessed by the birth of four children—Marion, Louise, Harwood and Mary, who died in infancy. The eldest, Marion, will graduate with the class of 1908 at the State Normal, and the two younger are attending the high school in Terre Haute.

LORENZO BARNHART, a well known farmer of Sugar Creek township, has been identified with the interests of Vigo county since his arrival within its borders, in 1874, with the exception of eighteen months spent in California and a similar period spent in Michigan. He now owns a fine estate of four hundred and fifty-three acres in Sugar Creek township, also has city property in Terre Haute and is a stockholder in a corporation boring for oil on his land. His time and attention are now almost wholly given to his agricultural labors, although in years past he worked at various employments, carpentering, plastering and coal mining.

Mr. Barnhart was born in Genesee county, Michigan, December 25, 1851, a son of William and Ardilla (Luce) Barnhart, both of whom were born in Ohio and died in Michigan. The father was also a farmer. They became the parents of twenty children, of whom Lorenzo was the next to the youngest, and nine of the number are still living. Lorenzo Barnhart left his parents farm home when a boy of ten and since that early age has taken care of himself. In 1871 he went to Vermilion county, Indiana, where he resided for three years, and from there came to Vigo county to cast in his lot with its early residents. He is an independent voter and is a member of the Maccabees lodge, of Terre Haute.

On the 10th of February, 1875, Mr. Barnhart was united in marriage with Margaret Ellen Smith, born in Vermilion county, Indiana, February 10, 1860, and of their twelve children seven are now living: Nellie, the wife of John Starke, and they reside on her father's farm; Walter and Homer, who also farm their father's land, and Clyde, Eddie, Leonard and Harvey, with their parents. Mr. and Mrs. Barnhart have in their possession one of the parchment deeds executed under the hand of President Van Buren and bearing the date of March 15, 1837. This is the second deed of the kind found so far in Vigo county and it is a valuable relic.

LINDSEY E. GOSNELL.—Among the earliest families to establish their home in Vigo county is numbered the Gosnells, and in its township of Sugar Creek, Andrew J. Gosnell, whose name is so prominently associated with the early business and navigation interests of Terre Haute, was born December 29, 1829, and he yet resides in the city. Leaving the farm on which he was reared, at the age of sixteen, he learned the gunsmith's trade and worked at it for a number of years, and during that time also followed boating on the river during the summer months, running flat boats from Terre Haute to New Orleans. He holds a captain's license on all western waters, and the exciting scenes of river boating in the early days are familiar to him in every detail. Since the war he has supported the principles of the Republican party, formerly affiliating with the Democracy, and he is a member of the Masonic lodge in Terre Haute. Mrs. Gosnell is a member of the United Brethren church. She bore the maiden name of Isabelle Eddington and was born in Fayette township, Vigo county, in 1835. Of their large family of ten children nine are living: Charles J., of Terre Haute; Frank D., with his father and mother in that city; Lindsey E., the subject of this review; William E. and Henry H., also Terre Haute; Allen E., deceased; Laura B., the wife of J. D. Greenley, of Terre Haute; Mary Elizabeth, a graduate of







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Union Hospital of that city, and now a trained nurse: Ada L., the wife of John Bard, of Brazil, Indiana, and George E., of Terre Haute.

Lindsey E. Gosnell received his educational training in the public schools of his native city of Terre Haute, where he was born April 6, 1861, and when he was sixteen he went to the home of his maternal grandparents and farmed there until he was about twenty-three. He then began boating on the Wabash river in the capacity of mate, continuing as a river boatman for ten years during the summer months, and in the winters he worked in the mills. During three years he was also a mail carrier in Terre Haute, this having been during the Harrison administration, and for a number of years afterward was in the employ of the different express companies, spending four years with the Adams Company, two years with the United States and one year with the American. In 1889 he bought eight acres of land in section 26, Sugar Creek township, having since added to his landed interests, and for a number of years has been quite extensively engaged in berry and truck farming, finding a ready market for his products at home. He is a Republican and a member of the Masonic fraternity in Terre Haute and of the Knights of Pythias in West Terre Haute.

In December, 1892, Mr. Gosnell married Clara A. Peters, who was born in Fayette township in 1864 and died in 1893. In 1898 he married Sidney B. Fuqua, born at Sanford, Indiana, February 20, 1866, and she was reared and educated in that city. No children were born of either union. Both Mr. and Mrs. Gosnell are members of the Methodist church at Terre Haute.

REV. AUGUSTINE RIEHLE has long and earnestly labored in the Master's cause as the priest in St. Mary's. He is a man of superior attainments and was well fitted for his high calling by an excellent training. He first attended parochial schools of his native city of Cincinnati and later became a student in St. Mary's of the West, more commonly known as Mt. St. Mary's, of that city, where he graduated in 1876. He then entered St. Meinrad Seminary of Indiana, and was ordained to the priesthood June 15, 1879, by Bishop Chatard. After his ordination he came direct to St. Mary's, Vigo county, he being the third priest to preside in the present church building. His work at first extended over three counties, Parke, Vermilion and Vigo, but the territory is now presided over by four priests, their united efforts performing the work which was long accomplished by the one earnest laborer.

Rev. Father Riehle was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, February 7, 1854, a son of Martin and Anastasia (Eckstein) Riehle, both of whom were

born in Germany. The father, whose natal day was November 11, 1821, died on the 9th of December, 1902, but he is still survived by his wife, who was born April 9, 1826, and she yet maintains her residence in Cincinnati. Mr. Riehle, the father, followed the trade of a mechanic. Rev. A. Riehle is an independent voter politically.

GEORGE S. GLICK.—George S. Glick, the proprietor of a farm in Sugar Creek township, and who recently conducted the only milk route in West Terre Haute, was born in the city of Terre Haute, December 3, 1856, a son of Abraham and Lydia Ann (Anderson) Glick. The mother was born in Pickaway county, Ohio, and died in 1858. Abraham Glick, the father, was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, July 3, 1825, and his father was a native of Pennsylvania. During ten years of his early life, from 1849 until 1859, Abraham Glick was a general merchant in Terre Haute, and then purchasing one hundred and sixty acres of land in Sugar Creek township, section 34, he turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, and at the time of his death, June 18, 1900, he was the owner of a valuable estate of two hundred and forty acres. He was very successful both as a merchant and farmer, and was a Republican politically.

Mr. Glick was three times married, and became the father of three sons by his first union, to Lydia Ann Anderson—Luther, a resident of Terre Haute; Charles, who died in infancy, and George, of this review. Mr. Glick married secondly Catherine Ray, and their three children were Emma J., the wife of John N. Broadhurst, of Terre Haute; Clara B., the wife of Irwin Hardesty, in Indian Territory, and Martin Ray, deceased. For his third wife he married Caroline Bell, whom he also survived in death, and there were no children by the third and last marriage.

George S. Glick has spent almost his entire life in this section of Sugar Creek township, receiving his education in its district schools, and he remained at home until his father's death. With the exception of a short time when he was the proprietor of a feed store in Terre Haute he has farmed the old homestead since entering upon his business career, and he now owns sixty-six acres of the original farm, which was devoted principally to dairy purposes. The product of this dairy was consumed in West Terre Haute, where he conducted the only milk wagon of the town. He is now only in the stock raising and farming business. As did his father, Mr. Glick supports the principles of the Republican party, and is a member of the Ute Tribe of Red Men, Lodge No. 152, of Terre Haute.

On the 22d of August, 1885, he married Effie H. Coler, who was born in Ross county, Ohio, April 6, 1862, a daughter of William and

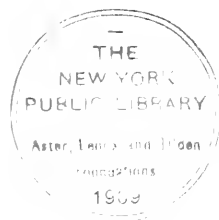




Mary Lee Camp



J. B. De Camp





Lurinda (Connell) Coler, both of whom were born in Hardy county, Virginia. They were also married in that state, from whence they subsequently moved to Ohio, and from there Mrs. Coler came to Indiana. Mrs. Glick was one of their nine children, six of whom are now living, and she was reared and educated in western Indiana and eastern Illinois, and remained at home until her marriage. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Glick, namely: Walter C., born in 1886, was a student in the Brown Business College of Terre Haute, and is associated with the National Insurance Company, now of Los Angeles, California; Elsie B., born August 11, 1888, is a graduate of the district schools; Abraham was born May 12, 1890; Luther A. was born September 12, 1892, and graduated in class of 1908, and Willard Anderson, born November 17, 1897, is in fifth grade. Mrs. Glick is a member of the Congregational church at West Terre Haute.

JOHN B. DECAMP is one of the most prominent business men of West Terre Haute, well known as a general merchant at the corner of Market street and National avenue and as the president of the Northern Oil, Gas and Mineral Company, which has its headquarters at Little Rock, Arkansas, and Brazil, and also owns the DeCamp block on Paris avenue. He owns other property in this city and is a real estate owner in Brazil, Indiana.

Mr. DeCamp is of French parentage and was born at Knightsville, Clay county, Indiana, March 26, 1871, to John B., Sr., and Sophia (Van Devoir) DeCamp. The father was born in France June 26, 1840, and coming to the United States in 1863, located first in Danville, Illinois. The mother, who was born in France in 1847, crossed the ocean on the same vessel with her husband, and during the trip across they became acquainted, and she, too, came on to Danville, Illinois. They later moved to East St. Louis and in the same year were married there, in 1863. About one year later they removed to Shotwell, Kentucky, but in the following year returned to Danville and after remaining there a few months continued their journey to Brazil, the husband walking the entire distance from Danville to Brazil, since no railroad was constructed at that time between those towns. That city has ever since been their home, where Mr. DeCamp is living retired from his former work as a miner. He is a Democrat in his political affiliations. Of their two sons, the younger, Arthur, was born in 1873, and is now a stationary engineer at Farmersburg, Sullivan county, Indiana.

John B. DeCamp, the first born, was reared and educated in Brazil, this state, and starting out in life for himself at the age of nineteen he

worked as a coal miner until his twenty-third year. He had begun work as a miner, however, when a little lad of eight years, and during the following fifteen years he worked almost continually at that occupation, abandoning it to engage in the grocery business for himself at Brazil, Indiana, where he built up a large patronage and remained there for sixteen months. During the following four years he was the proprietor of a store at Perth, seven miles north of Brazil. He was burned out there and reopened his store at Diamond, two miles north, where he conducted a general store for five years, and at the close of that period he sold his interests there and opened his store in West Terre Haute, where a large and lucrative trade has been accorded him and he is one of the successful merchants of the city.

On the 12th of October, 1891, Mr. DeCamp married Mary Caudron, who was born in France, March 25, 1873, but two years after her birth her parents, Osee and Jenevieve Caudron, came to the United States, and both are now deceased. Mrs. DeCamp received her education in the common schools of Brazil. Four children have been born of this union, namely: Sophia, born September 15, 1892; Mary, born June 10, 1893; John B., Jr., born September 15, 1894, and Arthur, born October 6, 1901. Mrs. DeCamp is a member of the First Methodist Episcopal church at Brazil. Mr. DeCamp belongs to the Knights of Pythias Fraternity, No. 565, at Brazil, Indiana, and the Blue Lodge of Masons, No. 264, of Brazil. In politics he supports the principles of the Democratic party.

EMANUEL GORMONG, a farmer in Honey Creek township, was born in the eastern part of Virginia, December 30, 1842, a son of Emanuel and Rebecca (Shippe) Gormong, natives, respectively, of Pennsylvania and Virginia. They were married in the Old Dominion state, but in 1863 left their home there for the west and located in Clark county, Illinois, where they bought eighty acres of land and continued to reside for ten years. They then became residents of Terre Haute, purchasing a home on First street, near Main, and there Mr. Gormong spent the remainder of his life. His widow now resides in this city with a daughter. He followed agriculture as a life occupation. In the early days he voted with the Whigs and while in Virginia held the office of supervisor, and he also belonged to the Home Militia there, and was a member of a fife and drum corps. Ten children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Gormong, namely: Jonas, who owns and resides on a fine farm south of Nashville, Tennessee; Charles, Calvin, James and Martha, deceased; Emanuel, of this sketch; Ann Rebecca, the widow of W. Hall, and a resident of Terre Haute; Mary, deceased; Richardson, of Terre Haute, and Caroline, deceased. The parents were devout members of the Baptist church.

Emanuel Gormong remained with his father on the farm until twenty years of age, and going then to Belmont county, Ohio, he worked on a farm by the month for one year. At the close of that period he returned to Illinois, and in September of 1864 enlisted as a private in the Fifty-seventh Indiana Infantry, and served until the close of the conflict in 1865. During his military career he served in the battles of Franklin and Nashville, Tennessee, and in compensation for his services as a Civil war soldier he now receives a pension of seventeen dollars a month. After returning from the war he drifted about in the different states for three or four years and finally settled in Clark county, where he farmed for about two years. Coming thence to Terre Haute, he was for fifteen years an engineer in a flouring mill, for one year was an engineer in a nail factory, and during the following two years he lived retired in this city. In 1885 he bought forty-five acres of land in Honey Creek township, Vigo county, and has since been engaged in farming. He is a Republican and a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, Morton Post, at Terre Haute.

During the dark days of the Rebellion, Mr. Gormong's father was a heavy loser, since all of his wheat, corn, cattle and horses were confiscated by the Confederates. The notes of obligation given for his property proved to be almost worthless. This was a heavy loss since Mr. Gormong was a thrifty man and had accumulated considerable personal property at that time. Politically he was a stalwart advocate of Republicanism. Jonas Gormong, brother of Emanuel, while at his home in the south was forced to accompany the Federal troops, and as several of his rebel neighbors claimed that he was a spy, accordingly, upon his return home, he was arrested and cast into prison. The Federals heard of the false accusation and they returned and put under arrest seven of these rebels, and said: "Now when you release Jonas Gormong we will liberate you," which was quickly done.

Mr. Gormong married, in 1868, Cynthia Jones, who was born in Ohio in 1844, and died in February, 1904. She received her educational training in her native state of Ohio, and afterward moved with her parents to Illinois. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Gormong: Edward H., who owns and farms sixty acres of land in Honey Creek township; Herbert, who is married and farms sixty acres of land in this township; Frank, at home with his father, as is also the daughter, Gertrude, and Harry, the eldest child, is deceased. Mrs. Gormong was a member of the Presbyterian church.

JOHN ROYSE.—On the banks of the Potomac river, in Hampshire county, West Virginia, November 3, 1790, there was born into the world Samuel Royse, who was destined to play a conspicuous part in the development of the agricultural resources of Vigo county. When a youth of eighteen, in January, 1808, he journeyed to Butler county, Ohio, and there he met the lady who afterward became his wife, Martha Nichol, and they were married there on the 3d of February, 1829. She was born in Fayette county, Pennsylvania, November 3, 1795, and had moved to Butler county, Ohio, in 1804. It was on the 26th of November, 1855, that the Royse family arrived in Vigo county, where the husband and father at once resumed his chosen occupation of agriculture, and his name is prominently associated with those who cleared the forests and developed the wild lands of Honey Creek township. He supported and upheld the principles of the Democracy, and Mrs. Royse was a member of the United Presbyterian church. In their family were seven children, but all but two have passed away, namely: George, born February 26, 1830, and died January 19, 1896; Daniel and Katherine, twins, born December 29, 1831, but the daughter died in infancy and the son on the 12th of July, 1881; Thomas, born August 30, 1833, and resides in Honey Creek township; Samuel, born in 1835, and died in 1838; John, the subject of this review, and Samuel, born December 6, 1839, and died April 4, 1894. The parents both died in Honey Creek township, the mother on the 19th of September, 1862, and on the 9th of January, 1870, the father was also laid to rest.

One of the younger sons of these honored pioneers of Vigo county, John Royse, was born in Butler county, Ohio, November 27, 1837, and in the county which gave him birth he grew to manhood's estate and received a common school education, and he remained with his father on the farm until the latter's death. The farm which the father purchased on coming to Vigo county consisted of one hundred and sixty acres in section 3, Honey Creek township, and this old homestead is still owned by John Royse and his son. With his brother, George, Mr. Royse made his first purchase of land in 1867, in section 4, Honey Creek township, but two years later he purchased eighty acres in section 8, where he has since lived and labored, and in after years he added one hundred and sixty acres to the boundaries of the original purchase, making the homestead farm a large and valuable tract of two hundred and forty acres. In 1895 he built thereon one of the finest residences in Vigo county, a frame structure thirty-six by sixty feet in dimensions. He also owns a farm of one hundred and fifty-five acres in section 16, Honey Creek township. As did his father, Mr. Royse supports by his ballot the Democratic

party, and from 1873 until 1879 he served as the county superintendent of public schools. To him belongs the honor of being the first county superintendent in Indiana after the passing of the law organizing that office. He is a charter member of the Grange No. 1.

On the 26th of September, 1871, Mr. Royse married Lavinia Mann, who was born in Sullivan county, Indiana, October 31, 1846, a daughter of James B. and Fidelia Ann (Turman) Mann. The father is deceased, but the mother is still living and is a resident of Sullivan county. She was born January 31, 1825. Mrs. Royse received her educational training in the public schools of her native county of Sullivan and in the well known educational institution, St. Mary-of-the-Woods, and by her marriage she has become the mother of two children. The elder, James Samuel, was born December 19, 1872, and resides on the old Royse farm in this township. He married, October 11, 1900, Mabel Jeannette Tuller, and they have two children, John Tuller, born September 25, 1901, and James Samuel, Jr., born November 18, 1906. Fidelia, the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Royse, was born November 28, 1879, and is the wife of Arthur Dale Kidder, a government engineer. They reside with her father.

HENRY BECKEL, who is prominently identified with the agricultural interests of Honey Creek township, Vigo county, was born in the fatherland of Germany, February 19, 1832, a son of Henry and Elizabeth (Frank) Beckel, who were born, reared and spent their lives in the fatherland, the father dying at the age of seventy-three, and the mother when she had reached the age of seventy-eight. In their family were four children, namely: William, Henry, John and Carrie, but all are now deceased with the exception of the second born.

When a lad of nineteen years Henry Beckel came to the United States, and during his first fifteen years in this country he worked at the butcher's trade in Baltimore, Maryland, and was also for one season with a large packing house in Wheeling, West Virginia. From Baltimore he went to Indianapolis, Indiana, where for a time he was ill, and going thence to Louisville, Kentucky, he continued in the butcher business in that city for eight or ten years. About the year of 1865 he came to Terre Haute, and for about ten years following was engaged in buying and selling cattle, and then trading his house and lot in Terre Haute for one hundred and fifty acres of land in Honey Creek township he turned his attention to agricultural pursuits. With the passing years he has won success in the calling, and his estate now numbers three hundred and forty acres.

Mr. Beckel married Riga Seylocker, and their nine children are: George, deceased; Henry, who married Molly Fales, and died on the 1st of November, 1907; Fred, who has been twice married, his first wife being Miss Hines; Charlie, deceased; William, an employe of the government in the capacity of a conductor on the Panama canal; Liza, the wife of John Hendy, of Prairieton township, Vigo county; Carrie, the wife of Tanse Flesher, who resides in the same township, and Gertrude, who is unmarried and is living in Terre Haute. Mr. Beckel upholds the principles and policies of the Democratic party.

ULYSSES BLOCKSON.—No better known or more honored family exists in Vigo county than the Blocksons, who have been intimately associated with its development and increasing prosperity since an early epoch in its history. The ancestry is traced to the southland of Maryland, where was born the father of Ulysses, William Blockson, in 1778. On the 9th of October, 1816, he came with his parents to Honey Creek township, Vigo county, Indiana, and in his early business life flatboated corn down the river to New Orleans and later drove a transportation wagon. For a time he also operated the only threshing machine in Vigo county, and after abandoning the transportation business he purchased four hundred acres of land in Honey Creek township and began farming. His first wife lived but four years after her marriage, leaving at her death one child, Eliza, now deceased, and by his second marriage to Edna Adkinson he had eight children—Julia, Ulysses, Mary Jane, Wesley Simson, Boyd Hamilton, Elnora Belle, William Alonzo and Edna Allis. Mr. Blockson, the father, voted with the Republican party and his wife was a Methodist.

Ulysses Blockson, born on his father's farm, in section 29, Honey Creek township, Vigo county, remained at home and assisted his father until he was of age. For three years thereafter he farmed the home place, and he then bought a tract of forty acres, while by a subsequent purchase he became the owner of two hundred and twenty acres and now has an estate of nine hundred acres in Vigo county. In addition to this valuable homestead farm he also owns 2,479 acres in Briscoe and Swisher counties, Texas, thus making him one of the largest land holders in this section of Indiana.

Mr. Blockson married Catherine Rigney on the 17th of October, 1872, and they have two sons. The elder, Walter R., married Ethel Pickard and lives in Vigo, Texas. William F. married Iva Cornell and resides with his father. He has two living children, Ora W. and Clyde C., aged respectively nine and seven years. Both Mr. Blockson and his

younger son support the principles of the Republican party, and Mr. Blockson, Jr., has membership relations with the Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias and the Grange.

William A. Blockson, a brother of Ulysses, was born February 14, 1856, in section 24, Honey Creek township, Vigo county, and after his father's death, when he was a lad of eighteen, he remained with his mother for two years. He then started out in life for himself on a little tract of eighty acres which had been left to him by his father, but with the passing years he has added to this little homestead until its boundaries now include one hundred and eighty-five acres and is a well known farmer and stock dealer. He is a well educated man, having supplemented his common school education by a course at the Prairieton public schools, and he is a Republican politically. He married, October 20, 1886, Susannah B. Walker, a daughter of Daniel D. and Mary Ann (Corbin) Walker. The mother is still living, but the father died in 1868, leaving three children—Susannah B., William Daniel and Maud A. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Blockson—Mary C., aged nineteen; Herman W., seventeen years of age; Boyd H., fifteen, and Edith, twelve. Mrs. Blockson is a member of the New church. During the past nine years the family have spent the winter months in Terre Haute.

HENRY C. JORDAN was born on his father's farm in Honey Creek township, March 26, 1837, a son of George and Judith H. (Bennett) Jordan, the former of whom was born in Pennsylvania, April 5, 1798, and the latter in Barren county, Kentucky, February 23, 1806. In the early year of 1819 George Jordan came to Indiana and built and conducted a flatboat on the Wabash river, and from that occupation he later transferred his activities to agricultural pursuits, continuing to cultivate and improve the old Jordan homestead in Honey Creek township until his death, January 20, 1881, and eighteen years later, May 1, 1899, his wife was also laid to rest. In their family were eight children: Isaac L. and Mary M., deceased; Eusebia E., who became the wife of William Casto and lives in Woonsocket, Rhode Island; George W. and Martha M., also deceased; Elizabeth H., who was twice married, first becoming the wife of a Mr. Griffin and later of a Mr. Graham, but both are now deceased and she is living in Van Wert, Ohio, and Clara, who is living with her brother on the old home farm.

Henry C. Jordan, one of the eight children, remained with his father on the old homestead farm until the latter's death, receiving his education in the nearby country school, and with his sister Clara he yet maintains his residence on the old place which was the home of his parents for so

many years. The farm consists of one hundred and sixty acres of rich and fertile land. When the Civil war was inaugurated Mr. Jordan offered his services to the Union cause and became a member of what is known as the one hundred days' service, enlisting May 17, 1864, with the One Hundred and Thirty-third Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and continued as a valiant soldier until his services were no longer needed. He has since affiliated with the Republican party and in the olden days his father supported and upheld the principles of the Whigs.

FRANK HULMAN.—During many years the grocery trade of Terre Haute found an able representative in the late well known German-American citizen, Theodore Hulman, who took up his abode in this city in the early fifties and continued as a grocery merchant in company with his two brothers, Frank and Herman, for ten years. Throughout the period of his residence here he was prominently identified with its industrial activity, and his death occurred on the 19th of April, 1903, but his widow, who bore the maiden name of Sophie Roderick, still survives him and yet maintains her residence in Terre Haute. Of the nine children born to them, the following are living: Sophia, Theodore, Anna, Frank, Josephine and Gertrude. Josephine married Charles Trowbridge and is living in this city.

Frank Hulman was born on his father's farm in Honey Creek township, Vigo county, December 13, 1878, and after graduating from the high school of Terre Haute in 1893 he worked for the Hulman Company as their city salesman in the liquor department for about six months, and during the two following years was the foreman of their tin department. After his father's death he assumed charge of his farm in section 7, Honey Creek township, and in addition to this valuable property of seven hundred and fifty-six acres the estate consisted of a lot one hundred and fifty by three hundred feet, a two-story brick building with a thirty-foot front and three double houses three hundred feet front and seventy-five feet deep, in Terre Haute.

Mr. Hulman married Goldie (Sachs) October 14, 1903. She was born September 18, 1879, a daughter of Henry and Dora Sachs, residents of this city and members of St. Benedict's church. The father, born in Marshall, Illinois, October 23, 1861, began railroading when a boy of sixteen years, and from an oil boy he was later promoted to a call boy and was finally made an engineer, his present position. Mrs. Sachs was born April 13, 1864, and by her marriage has become the mother of two children—Goldie and Don R. The son is unmarried and is in the employ of the Vandalia Railroad Company. Mr. Hulman is a Democrat in his political affiliations.



MARY ISABELLE WEIR is the widow of the late John L. Weir, for many years one of the most prominent farmers and business men of Honey Creek township, Vigo county, where his busy and useful life was ended in death on the 3d of April, 1903. His birth occurred on the 13th of October, 1850, a son of John Weir, Sr., who was born January 13, 1807, in Ireland, but in his boyhood days came to the United States and to Virginia, from whence he removed to Curry township, Sullivan county, Indiana, and later to Honey Creek township, Vigo county, where he became the owner of what was afterward known as the old Weir homestead in section 20. There were thirteen children in his family, but only one, Sarah (Weir) Fitch, is now living. John L. Weir was a farmer throughout his entire business life.

Mrs. Weir was born in Honey Creek township May 25, 1855, a daughter of Robert and Martha (Williams) Kennedy. The parents were married in Otter Creek township, Vigo county, March 4, 1851, and became the parents of Sarah, who died at the age of ten years; Mary Isabelle Weir, and Alice, the widow of M. Aquilla Rogers. Mary Isabelle, in 1880, gave her hand in marriage to John L. Weir, and they became the parents of four children, but the first born died in infancy, and the second, Robert Ernest, when but a year old. The two daughters of the family, Ethel C. and Mildred A., are aged respectively fourteen and eleven years. Mrs. Weir resides on her estate of eighty acres in Honey Creek township, and on this farm a specialty is made of the raising of Duroc hogs, of which they sell from one to two hundred head each year. Mr. Weir upheld the principles of the Republican party.

THOMAS L. DURHAM, a successful and well known farmer and stock raiser of his native township of Honey Creek, is a member of one of the oldest and most prominent of the county's early residents. His paternal grandparents, Daniel and Martha (Falkner) Durham, were both natives of the Old Dominion state of Virginia, where they were farming people. In 1816 they embraced the Quaker belief, which strongly opposed the institution of slavery, and they accordingly set about fifty of their slaves free. This made it necessary for them to leave their Virginia home, and during the following two or three years they resided in Kentucky, from whence, on the 21st of June, 1821, they came to Vigo county, Indiana, purchasing one thousand acres of land in Honey Creek township. Many of their slaves came with them to their northern home, and during the first year of their residence here one died and was buried back of their barn lot, this starting the Durham cemetery, which is now a public burying ground. David Durham was a Whig in his political belief, and the

principles of this grand old party has been embraced by his descendants as one generation has followed another.

Thomas Durham, Sr., a son of this early Vigo county pioneer, was born in the old home in Jamestown, Virginia, June 2, 1801, and accompanying his parents on their removals northward he came with them to Vigo county, Indiana, in 1821. In time he grew away from the beautiful old Quaker belief of his parents and joined the Methodist Episcopal church, and in its faith he passed from this life on the 2d of January, 1872. Just fourteen days later his wife was laid to rest by his side. She bore the maiden name of Jane Clem and was a daughter of George and Polly Clem, both of whom were born in Butler county, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Durham became the parents of nine children, namely: Arabella, Frank, George, Ransom, Sarah, Harriette, Walter, Martha and Thomas L.

Thomas L., the youngest of the family and the only one now living, was born in section 8 of Honey Creek township, Vigo county, January 21, 1852, and he remained at home with his father until the latter's death. In time he became extensively interested in the raising of fast horses, and is now the owner of Grimalkin, whose registered number is 2482, and Jersey Wilkes, No. 2516. He also has a fine estate of six hundred acres of land. He married, September 26, 1872, Clara M. McPheeters.

† THOMAS WELLS ROYSE.—The agricultural interests of Honey Creek township, Vigo county, find an able representative in Thomas W. Royse, who has been identified with its interests since 1858. His birth occurred in Hanover township of Butler county, Ohio, and he is a brother of John Royse, in whose sketch in this work will be found much of the family history.

Remaining at home until reaching the age of eighteen years Thomas W. Royse then went to Lafayette, Indiana, where he learned the harness-maker's trade and remained for two years, while a similar period was then spent at work at his trade in Ohio, during the following year was a resident of Anderson, Indiana, and coming thence to Vigo county in 1858 he, with three brothers, conducted the old Royse farm in Honey Creek township until he sold his interest to his brothers in 1864 and bought a tract of eighty acres in section 16. It was not until 1869, however, that he removed to this farm. He now owns a little over three hundred acres in the county. Although many years have been added to the cycle of time since Mr. Royse started out in the world to battle for himself he still gives an active supervision to the work of his land and has long been classed with Vigo county's leading agriculturists and busi-

ness men. The many large and substantial buildings which now adorn his farm represent his untiring efforts, and he has succeeded in clearing all but twenty-seven acres of his land. His residence is located on a natural building site and the Seventh street electric road runs past the home, a beautiful grove of beech trees separating the road from the house. Mr. Royse is a Democrat politically and has held the offices of assessor four years and trustee five years.

On the 12th of May, 1870, he was united in marriage to Sarah L. Balding, born in Richland county, Ohio, October 29, 1841, to Nathan and Lucinda (Yoho) Balding, who claimed Ohio county, Virginia, as the place of their nativity, but they were reared in Monroe county, Ohio, and died in Otter Creek township of Vigo county, Indiana. Mrs. Royse received her educational training in the public schools of Vigo county, and remained at home until her marriage, which has been blessed by the birth of three children: Martha, born April 22, 1871, and died September 3, 1872; Mary, born November 29, 1872, and died January 15, 1889, and Samuel, born June 11, 1875, and died July 18th of the same year. Mrs. Royse is a member of the Christian church.

EDWARD H. BALL.—During many years, from its earliest pioneer record, the Ball family were prominently identified with the professional life of Terre Haute, for Edward V. Ball, the grandfather of Edward H., was one of the first physicians of this city, and for over fifty years he practiced his profession here. The work was then carried on by his son, Dr. Lawrence S. Ball, who practiced almost continuously in Prairieton. He was born on the 15th of March, 1831, in Terre Haute, and he was first married to Frances A. Burr, who was born in August, 1831, and was a direct descendant of Aaron Burr. The Balls are members of the same family as Martha Washington. Mrs. Ball died in April, 1875, after becoming the mother of three children—Edward H., Agnes and Preston, but the last named is deceased. For his second wife Dr. Lawrence S. Ball married Clara A. Kelsey, and their three children were Bertrand, Clarence (deceased) and Helen. Dr. Ball was a graduate of the Georgetown Military Academy and also of the School of Medicine of Cincinnati, Ohio. During the war he served as captain of a company and was stationed at Indianapolis to guard the prisoners sent there.

Edward H. Ball remained with his father until he reached the age of sixteen, and for two years thereafter was a clerk in C. C. Oakey's store—"The Bee Hive"—after which he returned to his father's home and remained there for a number of years. For some time he was with J. G. Heintz, and then, on account of failing health, went to Kansas, this

being when he was twenty-three. In the spring of 1882 he began gardening in Honey Creek township, and this has ever since been his vocation. During the first five years he operated rented land, and he then became the owner of twenty-one acres, while at the present time his estate consists of fifty acres. He ships a large part of his product to the Chicago market.

On the 1st of November, 1883, Mr. Ball married Carrie O. Wyeth, a daughter of George and Mary (Kester) Wyeth, the former of whom was born on the 21st of January, 1842, and the latter on the 29th of June, 1840. In their family were six children—Carrie, Audria, Minnie, Willard, Edwin and Daniel, but Audria and Daniel are deceased, as is also the wife and mother, who died May 12, 1897. The father is now living at the Soldiers' Home. He served three years during the Civil war. The four children of Mr. and Mrs. Ball are Lawrence S., Margaret, Eugene and Christene, all at home. Mr. and Mrs. Ball are members of Honey Creek Grange, No. 1, the first grange in Indiana.

ARTHUR M. POLLITT is one of the well known garden farmers of Honey Creek township. He was born in Shelby county, Indiana, August 25, 1848, a son of John M. and Susan (Meridith) Pollitt. He remained at home with his parents until reaching his twenty-first year, and he then began the battle of life for himself, first renting forty acres in Prairieton township, Vigo county. In 1876 he became the owner of a little tract of thirteen acres in Honey Creek township and began the trucking business. He has spent several winters in Florida and other states in the south, and on several of these trips he has bought tracts of timber land and sold them at an advantage.

On the 15th of January, 1873, Mr. Pollitt married Minerva Rider, and their two children, William and Minnie, are married and are living on their father's farm, assisting in the gardening. Mr. Pollitt follows in the political footsteps of his father and votes with the Democratic party. Mr. Pollitt has made a signal success of his business as gardener and he has the full confidence of the best citizens of Terre Haute.

ELIAS LITTLETON, a pioneer in the garden farming industry of Terre Haute, was born in Clermont county, Ohio, December 28, 1831, a son of Thomas and Catherine (Beckelheimer) Littleton, natives respectively of Kentucky and Pennsylvania. The mother was a resident of Ohio from the age of three years, and the father was twenty when he moved there from Kentucky, and both died in that commonwealth. Thomas Littleton operated a sawmill during the most of his active busi-

ness career in connection with his farming and mechanical work, and Mrs. Littleton was one of the noted weavers of her time. Nine children were born to them, namely: Leanore, Betsy and John, all deceased; Derius, who has never married and resides in Ohio; Elias, of this review, and Jane, Thomas, Barbara and Van Buren, also deceased.

Elias Littleton grew to years of maturity on his father's farm, and remained at home until his twenty-first year, when he married and established a home of his own, removing to Hancock county, Indiana, where he first purchased eighty acres and later twenty acres more. For eighteen years he was engaged in general agricultural pursuits there, but selling the farm then he came to Honey Creek township, Vigo county, in 1866 and bought twenty acres, the nucleus of his present homestead. By a subsequent purchase he became the owner of thirty-four acres, and here he has ever since followed gardening. He was one of the first to engage in that industry in Terre Haute, and he still drives his wagon during the summer months. Mr. Littleton is also a blacksmith and has made five wagons complete for his own use, three of them having worn out in the service and the remaining two are still in use. He is a Democrat politically and has had fraternal relations with the Odd Fellows order.

On the 19th of November, 1840, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Littleton and Sarah Beckelheimer. She was born in Clermont county, Ohio, December 4, 1824, and died on the 23d of August, 1900. The only child of this union was Aaron S., who was born in 1841 and died November 5, 1880, leaving a wife and two children, Frank L. and Nettie M. The daughter is the wife of Thomas Cane, a lawyer, of Noblesville, Indiana. The son, Frank, received his education in the high school and DePauw University of Greencastle, and going then to Indianapolis he began reading law under the preceptorship of a Mr. Elliott, with whom he was also in partnership for about five years. Since then he has served as the attorney for the Big Four Railroad Company, with residence in Indianapolis. Mrs. Littleton subsequently became the wife of a Mr. Smith and resides in Noblesville, Indiana. Mr. Littleton, of this review, is a member of the Methodist church.

HIRAM ALEXANDER CROCKETT.—The Crockett family have long been identified with the interests and upbuilding of Vigo county, and in its township of Sugar Creek, Hiram A. Crockett was born to John and Susan (Hiten) Crockett, April 9, 1837. The parents were natives respectively of Tennessee and Kentucky, but during their youths they came with their families to Vigo county, the paternal family locating two miles south of Sandford, while the maternal family established their

home west of Terre Haute. John and Susan (Hiten) Crockett were married in Sugar Creek township, where the husband was identified with agricultural pursuits until his death in 1854, at the early age of thirty-seven years. His widow survived him many years and died in 1890, aged sixty-five. She was a second time married, wedding William Kirkendahl, and of their four children Nancy Alice and Harvey, the first and third born, are deceased, and Allen and Ann are living. Mr. and Mrs. Crockett had seven children: Hiram, of this review; Benjamin Franklin, deceased; William Henry, of Missouri; John Wesley, deceased; Elizabeth, the widow of Robert Ferris and a resident of Dennison, Illinois; Catherine, deceased, and George, of Oklahoma. Mr. Crockett, the father, was a Democrat, and a member of the Christian church. His wife was also a member of that denomination until after his death, when she became a Methodist.

When Hiram A. Crockett was a boy of eighteen his mother married again, and he then started out in the world to battle for himself, working on a farm by the month until his enlistment for the Civil war, August 16, 1862, becoming a member of the Eighty-fifth Indiana Infantry, and as a private served until the close of the conflict. His first engagement was near Nashville, Tennessee, a siege of about twenty-four hours, and his next battle of any consequence was when Hood retreated to Nashville, after which he took part in minor skirmishes until he was stricken with smallpox and taken to the hospital at Stone River, February 14, 1864. He remained there until the 25th of July, and as a result of that terrible disease he lost the sight of his left eye, while during the last three years of his life he was almost totally blind. After leaving the hospital he did government duty until his discharge in July, 1865, having been mustered out at Washington on the 12th of July. His first pension was but four dollars a month, but this was increased from time to time until he drew seventy-two dollars a month.

After returning from the war Mr. Crockett began farming in Sugar Creek township, where he owned twenty acres of land and also farmed rented land until his retirement from active labor in the seventies, although he continued his residence on his little homestead until he came to Sandford in 1894, and since lived in this vicinity. He owned much valuable property in Vigo county, including a residence and three lots in Sandford, one hundred and seven acres in Sugar Creek township and two houses and lots and one vacant lot in West Terre Haute. In addition to this he had twelve vacant lots on the Illinois side in Sandford. Mr. Crockett voted with the Republican party, and during his early life he served in the offices of constable and supervisor. He was a member

of the Blue Lodge, No. 330, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, at Sandford, and of the Cruft Grand Army of the Republic Post at the same place.

On the 4th of October, 1860, he married Mary A. Reese, who was born in Sugar Creek township, March 30, 1839, a daughter of John Reese. They have had five children: Franklin F., born March 27, 1862, married Ida McElvain, deceased, and they had five children: William Wesley, born August 9, 1866, died October 9, 1883; John A., born December 11, 1868, resides on the old home farm in Sugar Creek township; Emily Jane, born January 5, 1870, is deceased, and Rebecca L., born in October, 1874, died in June, 1880. The eldest son, Franklin F. Crockett, took up a claim in Oklahoma, but he makes his home in Kansas. Mr. and Mrs. Hiram A. Crockett were members of the Methodist church.

PHILIP LONG traces his ancestry on the paternal side to the mother country of England, from whence came its representatives to the new world and established their home in Virginia. The Old Dominion state was the birthplace of William Long, the great-grandfather of Philip, and he became the father of twenty-five children, fourteen sons and three daughters by his first wife and eight sons by the second wife. Both wives were born in the same county in Virginia as their husband. One of this large family, Edward Long, born in Virginia, March 24, 1791, was the founder of the family in Indiana, where he entered a quarter section of land in several different tracts. He represented his country during the War of 1812 and at the time of his death, in 1874, was drawing a pension in compensation for his services. He was a National Democrat, a member of the Masonic order, and, although an unlettered man, was a Dunkard minister for a time. He was a man of many peculiarities, but of many virtues. Alexander Long, his son, and the father of Philip, was born in Kentucky in 1818, and his death occurred on the Sangamon river in Illinois, while on the circuit. He was also an efficient laborer in the cause of the Master, and for many years was a minister in the United Brethren church. He accompanied his father on his removal to Indiana and received his educational training in its schools, and for a time after attaining to mature years followed farming in connection with his ministerial labors, but after a time gave up the work of the farm to devote his entire time to his church, dying in its service.

Rev. Long married, in Fayette township, Vigo county, in 1839, Diana Whitesel, who was of German ancestry and a granddaughter of Peter Whitesel, who was born in Rockingham county, Virginia, in

1767, and died there in 1865. Her father, Jacob Whitesel, was also a native of that county, born in 1798, and with his wife, nee Susan Brown, born in Pennsylvania in 1799, he came to Indiana in 1835. He died here in 1875, and his wife survived until 1881. Mrs. Long was born in Rockingham county, Virginia, in 1822, and died in Indiana in February, 1845, after becoming the mother of two children, Philip and Susan. They were reared in the home of their paternal grandfather, for their parents both died during their infancy, in 1845, and the daughter now resides in Paris, Illinois.

Philip Long was born November 16, 1840, and has always lived in Fayette township, never having voted outside the precincts of this locality. He began farming in 1866, and eleven years afterward, in 1877, bought his homestead of one hundred and thirty-four acres, where he has ever since lived and labored and follows general farming. He gives his political allegiance to the Democratic party.

Mr. Long married, in 1873, Ellen Duck, born in Edgar county, Illinois, in 1843. Their only child, a daughter, died in infancy, and the wife and mother is also deceased, dying in 1874. In 1880 Mr. Long married Anna Hunnell, who was born in Greene county, Indiana, February 15, 1859, but was brought by her parents to Fayette township, Vigo county, when only six months old. They have become the parents of five children, namely: Elmi, born May 14, 1882, is the wife of Jeff Pennington, of Fayette township, and they have two children; Estella, born in 1885, is the wife of Earl Smith, of Sandford, and they have one daughter; Philip Thomas, born in 1887, married Bertha Weaver, by whom he has one child; Emma, deceased, and one child that died in infancy. Mrs. Long is a member of the United Brethren church.

LOUIS HENRY RHYAN was born in the township of Fayette, Vigo county, Indiana, July 7, 1841, to Henry and Margaret (Shuey) Rhyan, both of whom were born in Virginia. They were married in their native commonwealth, and shortly afterward, accompanied by Mrs. Rhyan's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Shuey, they came to Indiana and established their home in Vigo county. This was in the year of 1835, and Henry Rhyan bought one hundred and twenty acres of land in Fayette township, to which he added from time to time until at one time he was the owner of eight hundred acres. He was both a farmer and cooper, having learned his trade in Indiana. He was a Republican and both he and his wife were members of the United Brethren church. Ten children were the fruit of their union, namely: Mary Catherine, deceased; John N., of Fayette township; Ephraim S. and Martha J., also



deceased; Eliza M., the widow of John Koonce, of Fayette township; Louis H., the subject of this review; Arminda O., the widow of J. M. Shepherd, and a resident of Terre Haute; Emma R., the wife of H. M. Shores, of Fayette township; Ottebine, died in infancy, and Walter C., who resides in the same township.

Louis H. Rhyan was reared as a farmer lad and remained with his father until he reached the age of maturity. About this time the Civil war was inaugurated, and on the 7th of August, 1862, he enlisted in the Seventy-first Indiana Infantry, Company A, from which he was later transferred to the Sixth Indiana Cavalry. His services continued until in June, 1865, and in the meantime he participated in the battle of Richmond, Kentucky, and was wounded in the right thigh. His next engagement was at Campbell's Station, Tennessee, was also in the siege of Knoxville and in skirmishes in Georgia and other southern states, and from a private was promoted to a corporal. On the Stoneman raid in Georgia he was captured and taken to Andersonville prison on the 1st of August, 1864, and was in that prison about one month, then taken to near Charleston, South Carolina, then to the prison at Florence, South Carolina, where he was held a prisoner for seven months. The lines of the Union army coming so near that the prisoners could be held no longer, he was then taken to Wilmington, North Carolina, thence to the hospital at Annapolis, Maryland. He was then furloughed home, and returning to his command at Pulaski, Tennessee, was mustered out in June, 1865. He now receives a pension of seventeen dollars a month, and maintains pleasant relations with his old comrades of the blue by his membership in the Grand Army Post at New Goshen. After the close of the war Mr. Rhyan returned to farming, renting eighty acres from his father where he now lives, and his present homestead consists of one hundred and fifty-eight acres. He has cleared a portion of his land, has erected all of its valuable improvements and is engaged in general farming.

In October, 1866, Mr. Rhyan was united in marriage to Minerva Cooper, who was born in Otter Creek township, Vigo county, in March, 1842, and died in 1888. Their daughter Maggie, born in February, 1877, died in infancy. The son, Henry C., was born February, 1868. He married Rosa Peters, who died, leaving two children. His second wife was Florence Taylor. He now lives in Helt, Vermilion county, Indiana. On the 25th of December, 1889, Mr. L. H. Rhyan married Laura W. Wright, who was born in Vermilion county, Indiana, in February, 1854. She attended the district schools of that county, the public schools of Westfield, Illinois, and the Indiana State Normal, and then taught for

two terms. Both Mr. and Mrs. Rhyan are members of the United Brethren church.

SYLVANUS RHYAN, one of the most prominent farmers and stock raisers of Fayette township, was born within its borders, February 15, 1852, a son of Ephraim S. and Sarah J. (Whitesell) Rhyan, both of whom were born in Virginia, September 3, 1832. During their infancy they were brought by their respective parents to Indiana, and in after years Mr. Rhyan became one of the best known farmers and business men of Fayette township. Although he learned the cooper's trade in early life, agriculture was his chief occupation, and he first farmed for himself on eighty acres of rented land. After his father's death he rented land more extensively and also became a large property owner, his landed possessions at one time embracing three hundred acres in Fayette township. In company with his brother-in-law he received the contract for the first gravel road across Fayette township, known as the St. Mary's gravel road. He was a Republican politically, and both he and his wife were members of the United Brethren church. She survived her husband, who died in 1905, and is yet a resident of this township. Mr. Rhyan made his will thirteen years before his death. Two sons were born to these honored pioneers, the younger being Milton, who was born February 18, 1857, and is a resident of Fayette township.

Sylvanus Rhyan, the first born, farmed the old home place with his father after reaching the age of maturity, and when his brother Milton became of age he continued with them. When the older son had reached his twenty-seventh year he married and moved to a tract of eighty acres, the nucleus of his present homestead farm, which now contains one hundred and thirteen acres and on which he is extensively engaged in farming and stock raising. After leaving the old home farm of his parents he still continued in partnership with his father and brother for three years.

Mr. Rhyan married, October 23, 1879, Minnie J. Moore, who was born in Indianapolis, Indiana, June 7, 1856, a daughter of William and Jane (McCune) Moore, both of whom were born in Ireland, the father on the 24th of June, 1826, and the mother February 11, 1830. They crossed the ocean to the United States in their early life and were married in Indianapolis, from whence, in the early sixties, a few years after their marriage, they journeyed to Fayette township, Vigo county. The father was a stone mason, and was sent to Vigo county in the interests of the owners of the stone quarries in Indianapolis, his death occurring here on the 24th of July, 1876. His wife died on the 3d of January,

1871. Their four children were Minnie, who became the wife of Mr. Rhyan; Maggie, deceased; Alexander, who resides in the west, and Agnes, deceased. Mr. Rhyan votes with the Republican party, and both he and his wife are members of the United Brethren church.

JOHN NICHOLAS RHYAN.—To John N. Rhyan belongs the honor of being one of the oldest living pioneer residents of Vigo county, and his honorable and well spent life forms a connecting link between the primitive past and the progressive present. His retentive memory is stored with many pleasant reminiscences of the early days here, and he can recall to mind that when the family first sought a home here the Indians were camped in this locality. To his boyish mind it seemed that the woods were full of them and that they were very desperate. The first dusky warrior that he ever saw was on his way to mill with a grist. The first crop of corn which his father planted in the clearing had to be watched by the little son and his brother Ephraim to keep the squirrels from digging up the seed. Corn and pumpkins were planted in the same field, and after the crop matured it had to be constantly watched from the ravages of the deer.

Amid such pioneer conditions John Nicholas Rhyan grew to a sturdy and useful manhood, and although he has been so long and prominently identified with the interests of Vigo county, he is a native son of Augusta county, Virginia, born January 3, 1830, to Henry and Margaret (Shuey) Rhyan, both also natives of that county, and born January 3, 1805, and 1810, respectively. They were married there in 1828, and in 1835 moved to Putnam county, Indiana, from whence, two years later, they journeyed to Fayette township, Vigo county. The family on both sides for many generations have been natives of the Old Dominion state, and it was there that the paternal grandfather, John Rhyan, was born, as were also the maternal grandparents, John and Catherine (Funkhouser) Shuey. They were of German descent, and from Virginia they journeyed with Henry Rhyan to Putnam county, Indiana, but only remained there one year and then came on to Vigo county, purchasing and locating on eighty acres of land in section 12, Fayette township, where they spent the remainder of their lives.

After arriving in Vigo county Henry Rhyan bought one hundred and twenty-three acres in Fayette township, he having been the first to purchase the land after it had been entered from the government, and in time became a very successful farmer and acquired between seven and eight hundred acres of land. He was also a cooper and followed his trade out of farming season. His busy and useful life was ended in

death in February, 1888. Ten children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Rhyan: John N., the eldest; Ephraim S., deceased; Mary, who died in infancy; Martha J., deceased; Eliza M., the widow of John Koonce and a resident of Fayette township; Louis H., of Vigo county; Arminda O., the widow of Nelson Shepherd and a resident of Terre Haute; Emma R., the wife of H. M. Shores, of Fayette township; Ottobin, who died in infancy, and Walter C., a resident of Fayette township.

John Nicholas Rhyan, the first born, remained at home with his parents until attaining the age of twenty years, and he then started out to battle for himself, working during the summer months at farming and at the cooper's trade in the winters during the following eight years. The first land which he purchased formed the nucleus of his present homestead. This was in 1851, and he has never moved therefrom, although he retired from the active work of the farm in 1903. The boundaries of his first little farm of eighty acres have been increased to one hundred acres, and his residence is the second ever built on the land. Mr. Rhyan cast his first presidential vote for General Scott in 1852, and he has never lost a vote since that time in the township, county, state or national elections, but although he has so faithfully performed his part of a citizen he has never accepted the honors or emoluments of office. He votes at New Goshen. During the period of the Civil war he volunteered on two different occasions for service, but was both times rejected. He is a member of the order of Odd Fellows, affiliating with the encampment and the Rebekah lodge at New Goshen, and has filled all the offices in the local lodge and four times was a delegate to the lodge at Indianapolis.

On the 28th of June, 1849, Mr. Rhyan was united in marriage to Barbara J. Hay, who was born in New Goshen, of Fayette township, February 28, 1830, a daughter of John and Barbara (Koonce) Hay, both natives of Rockingham county, Virginia. They were also married in that state, and sometime in 1820 moved from there to New Goshen, Vigo county, Indiana. Their first purchase of land here consisted of two hundred acres, owned by a Mr. Derkee, but after a short time they sold that property and bought near Libertyville, where they remained until their deaths. John Hay was twice married, and twelve children, nine sons and three daughters, were born of the first union and two sons and a daughter by the second. Reuben, a resident of Topeka, Kansas; Barbara J., who became the wife of Mr. Rhyan, and John A., a resident of Terre Haute, are all that survive of his marriage to Barbara Koonce, and Henry A., a resident of Fayette, is the only living representative of the second union. Six children have been born to Mr. and

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Mrs. Rhyan: Elva M., deceased; Charity F., born January 1, 1852, and the wife of W. A. Shores, of Fayette township, and they have three children: John H., deceased; Mary M., born March 3, 1858, is the wife of Marcus Dyer, of Terre Haute, and they have two children, a son and daughter; Sherman L., born December 3, 1864, resides on the farm adjoining his father, and he married Nora B. May, by whom he has four children, and Channing, born in 1868, married Nora C. Holdway, by whom he has two daughters, and the family reside in Fayette township. Mr. John Rhyan and his family are members of the Methodist church. Mr. Rhyan has never been confined to his bed a day by sickness thus far on the journey of life, has never used intoxicating liquors in his life and has never attended a dance or played a game of cards. This is truly a remarkable record, and is equaled perhaps by but few.

SIMON BRUCE WHITESELL, one of the best known and most prominent stock raisers of this section of the state, was born on section 11, of Fayette township, Vigo county, a son of Joseph and Jane (Farnham) Whitesell. The father was born in Virginia in 1820, and in his early manhood came west and died during the early life of his son Bruce. The mother was born in Edgar county, Illinois, and of their family of eight children only three are now living: Martha, the wife of John Whalen, and they reside on the old Whitesell homestead; Simon Bruce, the subject of this review, and Josephine, the wife of Simon Myers, of Edgar county, Illinois.

Simon Bruce Whitesell remained with his mother until he was eighteen years of age, and from that time until 1892 he farmed forty acres. At the close of that period he purchased his present home farm of one hundred and twenty acres, this being in November of 1892, and he has ever since remained here. During this time he has been very extensively interested in the raising of registered stock. He began the breeding of Poland China hogs in the latter part of the eighties, shipping his first male and two females from L. W. Strong in Seesville, Ohio, and he had them registered after arriving. He next bought Council's Big Model, sired by Clever Model, which was sold at one time for fifty-one hundred dollars. Mr. Whitesell exhibited Council Big Model at the second street fair ever held in Terre Haute and secured second prize. He next became owner of Onward C. (Poland China), which at one time weighed one thousand pounds and sired several prize winners. He purchased from Woodbury, at Danville, Illinois, Zenith Chief, No. 45555, a half brother of Chief Perfection, which in his day was the highest-priced hog in America. Zenith Chief was considered the deepest-

bodied hog in the world and had been exhibited at the Illinois state fair before becoming the property of Mr. Whitesell and won second premium. He weighed about eight hundred pounds. His next purchase was Walk-over, sired by Ideal Sunshine and bred by W. H. Walker, of Madison, Ohio. Next was Keepoff, sired by Keepon and he by Perfect Perfection; next came Ideal Tecumseh, Jr., Simp Scotter and Peter Wonder. Peter Wonder was bred by W. S. Powell, of Moline, Kansas, and sired by Wonder. He was from the Wonder family owned by Peter Mouw, the breeder of the largest Poland China hogs in the world. Peter Wonder is now at the head of Mr. Whitesell's herd.

Mr. Whitesell has also won a reputation as the breeder of good horses. His first one of note was May Queen, bought at Bellmore, Parke county, Indiana. She was a standard-bred American trotter, the sire of May Duke was Rysduke, No. 651, and he by Hambletonian, No. 10. Mr. Whitesell then bought of Samuel McKeen Old Ulva, sired by Wedgewood. Ulva had a trotting record of 2:19. He next bought Lucy Thorn of Mr. McKeen, and later secured Axtine, No. 39478, sired by Axtell, No. 5183, time, 2:12. Axtine has no record, but is a standard-bred American trotter, and the sire of Axcoline, with a record of 2:19 $\frac{3}{4}$  with but sixty days' work. Mr. Whitesell also owns Belgian Prince, a draft stallion; also Spanish Cavalier (Jack), who was bred and raised in Illinois, and Brown Kimble, who was sired by Black Chief and is both a trotter and saddle horse. He is the sire of Black Cloud, a pacer with a record of 2:19 $\frac{1}{2}$ . Black Chief was bought at Bardstown, Kentucky, in the fall of 1907.

Mr. Whitesell also has a few registered cattle of the Jersey strain, and is extensively interested in the raising of registered fox hounds. One hound, Lemon Pie, No. 1565, is registered in the National Fox Hunters' Stud Book, and No. 8385 in the American Kennel Stud Book, was sired by Hodo, No. 638, winner of first prize in speed, first in driving, first in hunting, first in trailing and first in endurance class, also the winner of the Ed Walker cup for highest general average in the all-age stake at the National Fox Hunters' Association field tricks in 1902. Lemon Pie was the winner of the highest award at the great wolf chase at Paris, Illinois, in the fall of 1905, and was bred by Rodger D. Williams, of Lexington, Kentucky. Mr. Whitesell also owns Hercules, No. 2011 in the National Fox Hunters' Stud Book. He took both Lemon Pie and Hercules to Bardstown, Kentucky, and entered them in the National Fox Hunters' Association field drive November 11, 1907, of which he has been a member during the past two years. The hunt lasted a week. Hercules was also bred by Rodger Williams, and with Lemon Pie the



dam is the sire of six living pups, of which Mr. Whitesell owns five. He also owns Mischief Maker, sired by Hercules and the dam May, whose mother was No. 2238.

Mr. Whitesell also owned the horse Bill Pittenger, sired by Bill Hambletonian, he by Swains Hambletonian and he by Robert Wilson, of Kentucky. The dam was Red Buck, and her mother, Morgan. Bill Pittenger was awarded first premium and sweepstakes for all purpose at the Vigo county fair in 1889.

On the 15th of July, 1875, Mr. Whitesell was united in marriage to Alice Chunn, who was born in Vermillion county, Indiana, January 27, 1855, a daughter of Thomas and a granddaughter of Major Chunn, of Indian war fame. They have three children: Joseph Woodson, who was born February 11, 1876, and is a photographer at Charleston, Illinois; Thomas Raymond, born January 13, 1878, married Francis Barbour, and resides in Fayette township, and Anna, born June 13, 1883, is the wife of Ernest Dyer, also of this township. She has two sons as has also Thomas Raymond. Mr. Whitesell votes with the Democratic party.

CHARLES EDWARD MARRS, one of the most prominent farmers of Fayette township, was born in Edgar county, Illinois, March 22, 1867, a son of Thomas and Ellen (Blanford) Marrs, both of whom also claimed that county as the place of their nativity. The mother, born February 19, 1839, was one of twelve children, six sons and six daughters, and she died when her son Charles was but six years of age. The father, of Scotch-Irish descent, was a life-long farmer and at one time owned about three hundred acres in Edgar county. He married the second time, Mary Erwin, also a native of Edgar county, and shortly after his second marriage he went to Missouri and remained there until his death in 1901. He gave his political allegiance to the Democratic party, and served three years in the Civil war. Two children were born of his first marriage, Frank and Charles E. The elder, born April 21, 1863, lives in Oklahoma. One daughter, Jessie, was the fruit of the second marriage, and she lives in Edgar county, Illinois.

After his mother's death Charles E. Marrs went to the home of his uncle, Robert Anderson, a prominent and well known farmer of Fayette township, and for twenty years he was also a merchant in Sandford. He was an active politician, supporting the Republican party, but was never elected to office. Although a native of Ohio, he spent many years of his life in Indiana, and died here in 1894. He had no children of his own, and Mr. Marrs remained with him until he was twenty-five, in the meantime attending the district schools and the public schools of St. Mary's.

When he attained the age of twenty-seven he entered upon a one-year's clerkship in the dry goods house of Kleeman's at Terre Haute. during a similar period was an employe of Mr. Chas. Bowmeister in the grain and mercantile business, Terre Haute, and he then returned to his present farm, a quarter of a mile from the village of Sandford. This was formerly the property of his uncle, and it is now one of the best improved farms of the community and contains one hundred acres. His residence is on an east and west road in a beautiful maple grove. Mr. Marrs is conceded to be one of the best farmers in Fayette township, and he has also won success as a stock raiser.

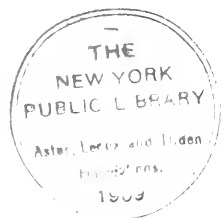
He married, November 16, 1892, Bertha Todd, born in Fayette township September 17, 1874, a daughter of John and Minerva (Richey) Todd, natives of Kentucky and early pioneer residents of Vigo county. The mother is yet living. In their family were seven children: William, a farmer in Fayette township; Thomas J., of Terre Haute; Edward, deceased; Dora, the wife of Jack Trogden, of Edgar county, Illinois; Mrs. Marrs; Fred, of Fayette township, and Emma, the wife of Raymond Fenton, also of Edgar county. The only child of Mr. and Mrs. Marrs is Coen Ernest, born December 18, 1899. Mr. Marrs votes with the Republican party, and was reared in the Catholic faith. Mrs. Marrs is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

CEDELIA JOHNSON VAN HOUTIN represents a family who has long been identified with Vigo county. She is a daughter of Calvin and Mary (Bond) Johnson, and was born in Terre Haute, November 27, 1847. She attended her first term of school in that city, her teacher being a Miss Bishop, but her father removing to Edgar county, Illinois, about two miles north of Sandford, she completed her studies in the district schools there, and remained at home with her parents until she gave her hand in marriage to Angus Van Houtin. He was born in Edgar county, Illinois, October 11, 1844, a son of Alfred and Julia (Jarred) Van Houtin, and was of Holland Dutch descent. Alfred Van Houtin, born in the state of New York, followed farming throughout his entire business career and died in Illinois in 1868. The mother was a native of Kentucky. He afterward married Ellen Gray, and their two children were Alfred M. and Laura Glendora.

Angus Van Houtin, one of his parents' nine children, seven daughters and two sons, he being the eldest of the sons, chose farming as a life occupation, and before his death was the owner of a well improved farm of three hundred and three acres, twenty-four acres of which lies just across the line in Illinois and the remainder in Fayette township, all



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in one tract. He made his own way in the world from an early age, and in politics was a Republican. In 1863 he enlisted in the Civil war as a member of the Eleventh Indiana Cavalry, Company A, but after a short time became a member of the One Hundred and Fifteenth Cavalry, Company K. He was never wounded during his military career, and his widow now receives a pension of twelve dollars a month in compensation for his services. He was a member of the Christian church at Libertyville, of which his widow and daughters are also members, and he served as its elder and trustee for a number of years, finally passing away in its faith on the 20th of June, 1903. Mr. and Mrs. Van Houtin were married on the 3d of December, 1868, and became the parents of four daughters: Mary B., born August 14, 1870, is at home with her mother; Julia, born June 4, 1875, died November 23, 1896; Emma, born December 15, 1876, is at home, and Myrtle, born December 26, 1878, died May 4, 1902. Myrtle married Jesse Hay on June 8, 1896, but left no children.

Mrs. Van Houtin yet resides on the old Van Houtin homestead of three hundred and three acres in the pleasant and commodious residence erected by her husband in 1882. It is one of the finest homes in the township, being a story and a half cottage, eight rooms, built on improved plans, and the house is supplied with acetylene gas plant, etc. In the spring of 1907 she built a cement walk around the house, and the place is neat in appearance and is kept in excellent repair. In 1905 she also erected a handsome tenant house on the farm. She owns stock in the Vigo oil fields of this community. She has passed the sixtieth milestone on the journey of life, but is as active as of yore, loved and honored for her many noble characteristics.

JOHN HARRISON HOLLINGSWORTH was born where he now resides, in Fayette township, about four and one-half miles northeast of Sandford, December 29, 1865, and is a representative of one of Vigo county's early pioneer families. His parents, James and Mary Catherine (Dovel) Hollingsworth, were born in Virginia, near Richmond, and shortly after their marriage they came to Indiana, locating in Fayette township, Vigo county. Their first purchase of land here was a tract of eighty acres, where they at once began the erection of a log cabin and the clearing of their land. His cabin home was completed in time, and he continued to own this little farm of eighty acres during the remainder of his life. Both he and his wife were members of the Christian church, and he was a Democrat in politics. His birth occurred on the 1st of January, 1821, and his death on the 26th of May, 1877, while his wife, born November 11, 1826, died May 20, 1898, aged seventy-one years.

There were five children in their family, namely: George W., born October 2, 1848, in Virginia, resides in Terre Haute; Virginia L., born in the commonwealth of that name, September 28, 1850, is the wife of William Scotten, of Terre Haute; Henrietta Josephine, born March 5, 1857, in Indiana, died June 3, 1859; James V., born March 24, 1862, died September 25, 1891, and John H., the subject of this review.

John H. Hollingsworth attended the district schools of Fayette township in his youth and began for himself at the age of twenty-one. With his brother James he conducted the home farm for his mother until he was of age, and he then rented the land and farmed it during the remainder of her life. After her death he rented the place and later purchased the interest of the other heirs, thus becoming entire owner of the old homestead, embracing eighty acres; and in 1905 he purchased forty acres adjoining the home place off the Ozy Bandy farm, making the home farm one hundred and twenty acres. In addition he also bought twenty acres off the Joseph Whitesell farm. He and his brother George also own and operate another tract of eighty acres in Fayette township, known as the John Rowe farm. He also farms eighty acres adjoining the home place, now owned by his brother George, which was bought off the Joseph Whitesell farm. Farming and stock raising have been his life's occupations, and he now feeds each year a carload of cattle, about two carloads of hogs, and he also raises a good grade of draft horses and mules, keeping about twelve head of the former. In 1906 Mr. Hollingsworth erected one of the best and most modern frame residences in Fayette township, containing eight rooms and a basement, nicely furnished and containing all the improvements of a city home. The house is supplied with the acetylene light (gas) system, is heated with steam heat, and with the Leader Way Supply Water System.

He married, March 19, 1896, Kate Ward, who was born in Sullivan county, Indiana, April 24, 1865, a daughter of Anderson and Elizabeth Jane (Roll) Ward, of Irish and Dutch and Irish descent respectively. The father, born in Tennessee, March 21, 1818, was an ordained Christian minister, laboring principally in Indiana, and he was also a farmer. His death occurred September 22, 1884. His wife, born in Vigo county, Indiana, July 9, 1836, died March 18, 1882. They were married in this county in 1853, and became the parents of eleven children: Sarah E. and Polly, both deceased; Nancy Margie, the wife of Robert Shipley, of Terre Haute; Elizabeth E., the wife of James Boatman, of Vermilion county, Indiana; Thomas Edward, of Sullivan county, this state; Kate, now Mrs. Hollingsworth; Jennie F., the wife of Hulse French, of Pierson township, Vigo county; John B., of Sullivan county; Mattie A.,

the wife of George Gagne, of Chicago; Lourena H., the wife of Frate Liston, also of Sullivan county, and Maggie C., the wife of Riley Dodd, of the same county. All of the children attended the district schools, and some, including Mrs. Hollingsworth, were also students in the State Normal School at Terre Haute. She taught during twelve terms in this and Sullivan counties. Mr. and Mrs. Hollingsworth have one child, Leah Ward, born September 6, 1897. This little daughter, at the age of ten years, completed all the studies in the sixth grade of the public school. Mrs. Hollingsworth is a member of the Christian church.

HENRY MARION SHORES, one of Fayette township's leading farmers and stock raisers, was born on the old Shores homestead in this township, October 8, 1844, a son of Meredith and Frankie L. (Tiser) Shores, both of whom were born in North Carolina, near Raleigh, the father in 1807 and the mother in 1813. Meredith Shores came alone to Indiana after reaching the age of maturity, first entering eighty acres of land in section 8, Fayette township, and he later bought a little tract of forty acres. This was the nucleus of the large estate of two hundred and fifty-four acres which he owned at the time of his death and on which his widow now resides. While in North Carolina he was a distiller, but after coming to Vigo county he enrolled his name among its leading farmers. He enlisted for service during the Mexican war, but on account of an accident was unable to go to the front, and his death occurred shortly after the close of the conflict. Mrs. Shores came to Indiana with her parents, Frederick and Elizabeth Tiser, in 1823, the father purchasing a little tract of eighty acres in Fayette township, and here they spent the remainder of their lives. Mrs. Shores was their only child, and she yet resides on the old homestead which her husband cultivated and improved, having passed the ninety-fourth milestone on the journey of life, and she is now the oldest person in the township, if not in the county. Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Shores, namely: Letitia, the wife of Samuel Livingston, of Champaign county, Illinois; Matilda, the widow of Dewitt Shirley, and resides at New Goshen; Mary Jane and Louise, deceased; William A., with his mother on the homestead farm; Henry M., the subject of this review; and Sophia and James P., both deceased.

Henry M. Shores remained at home until his enlistment for the Civil war in August, 1863, entering the One Hundred and Fifteenth Indiana Infantry, with which he served until in February, 1864. In October of the same year he became a member of the Eighteenth Indiana Battery, and continued as a soldier until the 3d of July, 1865, when he

was mustered out. He served as a high private, and now draws a pension of twenty-four dollars a month. Mr. Shores took part in the battles of Nashville and Hopkinsville, Kentucky, and Selma and West Point, Alabama, and was then in the famous march to the sea and at Macon, Georgia. After returning from the front he began farming for himself, and now owns eighty acres in Vermilion county, Indiana, one hundred and seventy-three acres in Arkansas and one hundred and twenty-six acres and his homestead of eighty-six acres in Fayette township, Vigo county. He has built the attractive residence and barn which now adorn the home farm, and it also contains the largest orchard in the township. He raises the registered Duroc Jersey hogs. He is a Democrat and a member of Shirley Post, Grand Army of the Republic, at New Goshen.

On the 1st of August, 1867, Mr. Shores was married to Emma R. Rhyan, born in Fayette township, August 20, 1847, and a member of one of its honored pioneer families. Their five children are Maggie, born November 24, 1868, died October 4, 1877; William E., born September 2, 1871, married Emma Ward, by whom he has two sons and one daughter, and the family reside in Terre Haute; Frank Leroy, born December 22, 1872, married Elpha Popham, by whom he has two sons and two daughters, and he resides on one of his father's farms; Henry Raymond, born October 10, 1874, died February 6, 1875, and Marion Welcome, born October 10, 1890, is attending the high school at Clinton. Mr. and Mrs. Shores are members of the United Brethren church.

MRS. JANE (RICHEY) TODD.—The name of Richey is prominently associated with the early and much of the subsequent history of Vigo county, and Mrs. Jane Richey Todd was born on the farm in section 27, Fayette township, on which her parents had established their home in the early forties. Her natal day was the 10th of June, 1844, and her parents, John and Mary (Wilson) Richey, both of whom were born in Kentucky, and they were respectively of Dutch and Irish descent. Shortly after their marriage in their native state they came to Indiana, where, as above stated, they located on what afterward became known as the old Richey homestead in the early forties. Mr. Richey first purchased one hundred acres of timber land, which in time he cleared and improved and became one of the prominent farmers of the community. He voted with the Whig party, and was a soldier in the War of 1812. The death of this prominent old Vigo county pioneer occurred on the 12th of December, 1856, and he was survived by his widow for many years, she surviving until the 21st of December, 1885. Mrs. Todd was the younger of their two children, her sister being Lorinda, the wife of John Mickelberry, and they reside in Montana.



Mrs. Todd was born and has spent her entire life on the old Richey homestead, attending in her youth the pay schools of this locality, and on the 18th of July, 1861, she gave her hand in marriage to John P. Todd. He was born in Fleming county, Kentucky, November 2, 1834, of Scotch-Irish ancestry, and had resided in Vigo county but a short time before his marriage. Some time in the sixties he purchased the interests of the heirs in the Richey estate, and later became the owner of another tract of forty acres, his landed possessions at time of his death consisting of a quarter section. He was a very successful farmer, and made nearly every dollar he owned by his own unaided efforts. He was a member of the United Brethren church, as is also his widow, and in their family were seven children: William, born June 20, 1862, is a resident farmer of Fayette township; he married Flora Hussong, and they have five children. Thomas, born March 31, 1865, maintains his home in Terre Haute; he married Carrie Graham and has three children. Edward was born June 9, 1867, and died December 19, 1888. Dora E., born November 6, 1871, became the wife of Jack Trogden, of Edgar county, Illinois, and they have two children. Bertha A., born September 17, 1874, is the wife of C. E. Marrs. Emma E., born June 16, 1883, is the wife of Raymond Finton, of Edgar county, Illinois. Fred C., the sixth in order of birth, was born January 9, 1879, and has always remained on the homestead farm. On attaining his twenty-first year he went to Wyoming and worked on a cattle ranch for a little over a year, being finally persuaded to return home, and he has ever since lived with his mother and farmed the homestead. He married Jessie Vermillion and they have a son and two daughters. He supports the principles of the Democratic party. His wife is a member of the United Brethren church.

CALVIN HOUK, one of the prominent agriculturists and stock farmers of Riley township, was born in Clay county, Indiana, near Bowling Green, November 16, 1854. His father, John Houk, a deceased farmer and prominent early resident of Clay county, had his nativity in Virginia, but after attaining to young manhood he left the Old Dominion state and came to Indiana, entering a farm of eighty acres in the woods of Clay county. So dense were the forests at that time that he had to clear a space sufficient to erect his little home, and in time he cleared his tract of eighty acres, and also added thereto one hundred and sixty acres adjoining. It was here in Clay county that he was married to Lina Crouse, who was born in North Carolina, but when a child her family home was established in Clay county, where she was reared to mature years. Thirteen children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Houk, but five of

the number are now deceased. The husband and father spent the remainder of his life on the farm he evolved from a wilderness to fertile and well tilled fields. He was a Republican and a worthy member of the United Brethren church.

Their sixth child was Calvin Houk, who spent his boyhood and youth on the homestead farm, but when he was twenty-four he went to Minnesota and farmed there for nineteen years. It was in 1899 that he returned to Indiana, and purchasing his present farm of one hundred and sixty acres he has lived here ever since, but in the meantime has enlarged the acreage by purchasing eighty-nine and a half acres more and with the advancing years has placed his fields under an excellent state of cultivation.

Mr. Houk married, in 1891, Louvina Bolman, who was born and reared in Owen county, Indiana, and of the two sons born of this union the younger died in infancy, leaving Carl, their first born, their only child. Mr. Houk has given a life-long support to the Republican party, and is an active worker in local politics. He and wife are members of the United Brethren church.

WILLIAM C. FOX has attained prominence in the business life of Riley in many lines, and he is also a representative of a family which have been prominently identified with the varied interests of Riley township since an early epoch in its history. It was in the spring of 1859 that John F. Fox sought a home within its borders, and purchasing a farm of two hundred and eighty-two acres he cleared and improved the most of his land, in time becoming the owner of a large and valuable homestead, and there he resided during the remainder of his life. His death resulted from the kick of a horse.

John Fox, a son of John F. Fox, was born in Hamilton, Ohio, September 7, 1846, and coming with his father to Vigo county he completed his education in the schools of Riley township and then farmed until his marriage. He left the farm to engage in the grocery business in Riley, but previous to this time he was for five years in the saloon business, and after a time he added a grocery department to his dry goods store, continuing the grocery part of the business for ten years, and it was not until 1890 that he sold his dry goods store and engaged in the undertaking business. The building which his son William occupies is one of the old landmarks of the town. In 1899, after a long identification with the business interests of Riley, he retired from the activities of life, his son William succeeding him in business. He is a life-long Democrat and a member of the Odd Fellows fraternity. On November 23, 1894, was celebrated the marriage of John Fox and Julia Heiselman.

She was born in Wabash county, Indiana, in 1851, and was of German descent, as is also her husband, and in their family were four children, three daughters and a son, but one is now deceased and all were born in Riley.

William C. Fox, their third child and only son, was born on the 17th of October, 1875, has spent his entire life in his native town of Riley, and is now one of its leading merchants, undertakers and livery men. In 1902 he added a confectionery and ice cream business to his other manifold interests, and his livery barn was opened in the spring of 1907. He is thus accorded a prominent place in the business life of Riley, and is carrying forward to successful completion the work so well begun by his father. He is a Democrat politically and a past grand of the Odd Fellows fraternity, Lockport Lodge, No. 500, at Riley, Indiana, and Mrs. Fox has been through all the chairs of Rula Rebekah Lodge, No. 251, of which Mr. Fox is also a member.

Mr. Fox married, March 9, 1902, Miss Myrtle Meighen, who was also born and reared in Vigo county, where her father, John Meighen, was for many years of his life a farmer. Two children, a son and a daughter, have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Fox, Blinn and Virginia.

HENRY LEE.—One of the earliest families making permanent settlement in Vigo county were the Lees. For almost three quarters of a century they have been identified with the agricultural interests of this community, aiding materially in the development of its resources and taking an active part in all movements for the welfare of the majority. As early as 1831 a little party consisting of Henry Lee and his family might have been observed making the journey to Vigo county, and arriving at their destination, the head of the family entered several hundred acres of land in Riley township, on which he built the little log cabin typical of the early days here, and began the work of preparing his land for the plow. He was both a Whig and a Republican and was an active worker in party ranks. His death occurred at the age of seventy-two years. Mr. Lee had married in Virginia a Miss Dunham, and of their ten children all grew to mature years, married and became farmers of Riley township.

David S. Lee, the youngest of the ten children, was born in Ohio in 1812, and for one year after starting out in life for himself he farmed the old homestead in Riley township, and he then traded that land for the farm on which he spent the remainder of his life, owning about six hundred acres at one time. For ten years he served as a justice of the peace, and he died at the age of seventy-two years, a consistent and faithful

member of the Methodist Episcopal church. In Riley township, in 1834, he married Anna Ferril, who was born in Ohio in 1816, and was a member of the Ferril family of Vigo county pioneer fame. Their emigration here antedated that of almost any other family, for it was in the early year of 1818 that they established their home within its borders, and in Riley township Mrs. Lee was reared and educated. She died at the same age as her husband to the day. Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Lee, but only seven, three sons and four daughters, reached mature years, and all were born and reared in Riley township.

Henry Lee, the eldest of his parents' seven children, was born in Riley township, March 2, 1837, and after many years devoted to the tilling of its soil he is now living retired within its borders. He received his educational training in its early pioneer schools, and at the time of his marriage he bought a little tract of one hundred and eighty acres, but with the advancing years he added to its acreage until he was at one time the owner of over three hundred acres, all of which he cleared, improved and cultivated. But in 1905 he laid aside the active cares of a business life and moved to the home he had purchased in the little village of Riley.

On the 17th of January, 1861, Mr. Lee married Nancy Hixson, who was born and reared on a farm in Clay county, Indiana. Her father, John Hixson, was one of the early pioneers of that locality, where he had moved from Clermont county, Ohio, but he was a native son of Virginia. Six children, five sons and one daughter, have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Lee, but two died in infancy, and those living are Viola, Charles M., Ray and Lon. All were born in Riley township, and all are married and are farming people. The eldest daughter, Viola, is the wife of Chris Fox. Mr. Lee is a Republican and a member of the United Brethren church.

RAY LEE.—The history of the Lee family in Vigo county dates back to the year of 1818, and from that early day to the present its representatives have been prominently identified with its agricultural and other interests. Henry Lee, a retired farmer of Riley, was for many years one of the most prominent agriculturists of Riley township, where he was also born, as was his son Ray, his birthday being the 25th of June, 1874. He was reared to manhood's estate on the old home farm there, receiving his educational training in the district schools of the neighborhood. At the time of his marriage he located on his present estate of ninety-five acres in Riley township, on which he has made all of its improvements, and he makes a specialty of the buying and shipping of fat stock. In

both departments of his business he has met with a well merited degree of success, and he well upholds the honored name which he bears.

By his marriage to Mina G. Green on the 21st of October, 1896, he united two of Vigo county's oldest and most prominent families. She is a daughter of Thomas Green, who has long held a leading place among the foremost citizens of Riley township, and she was born here August 17, 1877. Of their four children, three sons and a daughter, one died in infancy, and those living are: Kenneth, born May 26, 1900; Wayne, born October 25, 1903, and Helen, born July 31, 1907. All were born on the homestead farm in Riley township. Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise, Mr. Lee has supported the principles of the Republican party. He is a member of the Odd Fellows, Lodge No. 449, and the Knights of Pythias, Castle Hall No. 171, and of the United Brethren church. Mrs. Lee is a member of the Pythian Sisters.

THOMAS GREEN.—Among the first families to establish a home within the borders of Vigo county was the one now represented in Riley township by Thomas Green. His paternal grandfather, also named Thomas, during the formative period of this community, entered a tract of land here and built one of the primitive log cabins of the early day. And to him belongs the honor of having conducted the first mill ever built in the township, he for many years operating both a saw and grist mill. He was a natural mechanic and followed the trade in connection with his farming and milling. He was a soldier in the War of 1812. In 1839 he moved from the community which he had helped to build and spent the remainder of his life in southwestern Missouri. His political affiliations were with the Democratic party.

Alexander Green, the sixth of the ten children, seven sons and three daughters, of Thomas Green, was born in Maryland in 1808, and from his native state he moved to Ohio and thence to Vincennes, Indiana, in 1818. In the same year he came to Vigo county and located in Riley township, one-half mile east of the village of Riley. After the death of his father he farmed the old Green homestead here until he bought a place in Lost Creek township, but later returning to Riley township entered one hundred and twenty acres of what is now known as the old Green estate, cleared and cultivated it, and at the same time added to its boundaries until at the time of his death he owned two hundred acres. He was a Republican and a Methodist, and was well known and honored throughout the county of Vigo. His death occurred when he had reached the age of seventy-six years. The maiden name of his wife was Anna Robertson, and they were married in Riley township. She was born in

Washington county, Indiana, in 1814, and in 1816 her parents moved to Fort Harrison Prairie, where she was reared and educated. She was a daughter of John Robertson, another of the pioneer residents of Vigo county. Of the six children born to Mr. and Mrs. Green two died in infancy.

Thomas Green, the fourth child, was born in Riley township, October 17, 1841, and his education was received in the primitive schools of its pioneer days. At the death of his father he inherited a part of the old home farm, and he has not only cleared and improved the tract which was left him but has also added to its acreage and he is now the owner of a fine estate of two hundred and fifty-eight acres. At the opening of the Civil war in 1861 he enlisted in the Thirty-first Indiana Volunteer Infantry and served as a soldier for three years, in that time participating with the Thirty-first in all of its battles until he was finally discharged on the 15th of September, 1864. He suffered a severe wound at the battle of Shiloh, April 6, 1862, and again in 1863 he lost the sight of one eye in battle. On the 19th of September of that year, after sufficiently recovering, he returned to his regiment and served out his allotted time. He is a Republican and a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, Leslie Post, No. 410, Department of Indiana.

Mr. Green has been twice married and is the father of eight children, two sons and six daughters, two by the first marriage and six by the second. In 1867 he wedded Elizabeth Van Cleave, who was born in Clay county, Indiana, but her people came originally from Ohio. For his second wife he wedded Eliza Hamilton, September 3, 1874, and six children were born to them, one son and five daughters, all living: Mina, wife of Ray Lee; Nellie, wife of Alonzo Wilson; Ola, wife of Ray Shults; Hallie, wife of William Hudson; Opal, wife of Clinton Baker, and Glen, who is with his parents. Mrs. Green, the mother, was born in Vigo county, August 15, 1853, a daughter of James and Louisa (Thurston) Hamilton, both of whom are deceased. Mrs. Green was educated in the common schools.

WARREN LIGHT.—Riley township numbers Warren Light not only among its leading farmers and stock raisers, but its native sons as well, his birth occurring here on the 31st of August, 1861. His father, George W. Light, was for many years one of its prominent agriculturists, and was born in Clay county, Indiana, in November, 1833, but the family were originally from Kentucky, where the grandfather was born and died. When a young man George W. Light came to Riley township, Vigo county, and both before and after his removal he worked at the cooper's

trade. In 1862 he bought what is now known as the Light homestead, buying eighty acres at that time, and he lived during his remaining years on this farm, clearing, improving and cultivating it. He was a Democrat politically, and his death occurred in 1891.

In 1855 George W. Light married Clarissa Mewhinney, whose father, Benjamin Mewhinney, was one of the early pioneers of Riley township, which became the birthplace of Mrs. Light October 21, 1838. Mr. Mewhinney was born and married in Ohio, Emily Wythe becoming his wife. She was a representative of the Wythes of Revolutionary fame, and the name was also among the signers of the Declaration of Independence. She was born in Virginia. Mrs. Light was one of five children, and the family came from Ohio to Indiana in about 1832, locating in Riley township, where Mr. Mewhinney entered a farm of eighty acres. He cleared this little tract from its timber, improved it and added to its acreage until he became the owner of an estate of one hundred and twenty acres. His death occurred in this township when he had reached the advanced age of eighty-four years. His political affiliations were with the Democracy. Mr. and Mrs. Light became the parents of three children, two sons and a daughter—Warren, Benjamin and Flora, but the second son is deceased.

On the 22d of March, 1885, Warren Light was united in marriage to Rose Lee Jordan, the daughter of one of Pierson township's leading farmers, William F. Jordan. He was born in Ohio, but his daughter claims Riley township as the place of her nativity, born October 14, 1862. Two daughters have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Light: Audrey, born January 5, 1886, and Gladys Blanche, born March 17, 1893. The family home is a fine estate of one hundred and twenty acres in Riley township. Mr. Light is one of the well known educators of Vigo county, having taught in its township of Riley for fifteen years, and among his pupils in that time were his wife, one sister, three brothers-in-law and one daughter. Mrs. Light also taught for four years in Pierson township. They are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and politically Mr. Light upholds and supports the principles of the Democratic party. Mr. Light has one of the oldest deeds found in Vigo county, a parchment, executed by President Andrew Jackson. It bears the date of October 7, 1835.

WILLIAM P. HOLMES, a prominent and well known agriculturist of Riley township, was born in the township of Linton, Vigo county, Indiana, December 10, 1837. His father, Matthew B. Holmes, was one of the pioneer farmers of that locality, but was born, reared and married in Kentucky, Nancy Howard, a native daughter of the Blue Grass state, becoming his wife. They became the parents of seven sons and four

daughters, and four of the number were born before the removal of the family to Indiana. It was during an early period in its development that the little family came to Vigo county, where the husband and father bought and cleared a tract of land, but selling that farm he moved to Honey Creek township and later to Riley township, where he purchased two hundred and eighty acres of land. He cleared and improved the greater part of that tract, but finally traded it for property in Terre Haute and moved there. After the death of his wife he lived with his children until his own life was ended in death. He was first a Whig and then a Republican in his political affiliations, having cast his vote for the first Republican president, General Fremont. He was a member and for over forty years a class leader in the Methodist Episcopal church, and was a devout and faithful Christian. His death occurred at the advanced age of ninety-one years.

William P. Holmes, the fourth son and fifth child born to Matthew B. and Nancy Holmes, obtained his education in the early pioneer schools of the county. It was in the fall of 1857 that he purchased and moved to his present homestead of eighty acres in Riley township, which he has since cleared, improved and cultivated. In political matters he upholds the principles of the Republican party, but votes independently at local elections, and has been quite active in the public life of his community. For three years, elected in 1898, he served his county as one of its commissioners. During two years he served as master of Riley Lodge, No. 290, Free and Accepted Masons. In 1862 he enlisted in the eighty-fifth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, Company E, and served as a corporal for three years in the Civil war. In that time among many others he took part in the battle of Spring Hill, Tennessee, where his entire brigade was captured and taken to Libby prison. His incarceration lasted for fourteen days and nights, and returning thence to Tennessee he served as a guard until the following fall. He participated in the entire campaign from Atlanta to the sea, and although he was never wounded he was often in the thickest of the fight and had many narrow escapes from death. He was mustered out at Indianapolis in 1865, and returned to his home in Vigo county.

In 1855 Mr. Holmes married Mary Green, who was born and reared in Vigo county, a daughter of Alexander and Anna Green, early pioneers of the county. She became the mother of two children, Anna and Eliza Rudella, and died in August, 1866. In 1868 Mr. Holmes wedded Anna S. Bratt, who came from her native land of England to the United States when young, and with her parents, Martin and Mary Bratt, located in Vigo county. Their two children were Morton H. and Mary. Three



years after the death of his second wife he married, in 1888, Matilda J. Lawson, born in Tennessee in 1847, and when fifteen years of age she came with her parents, William and Katherine Lawson, to Clay county, Indiana, from whence the family later came to Vigo county. William Lawson was a Methodist minister for many years, and he had one son who served as a soldier in the Union army during the Civil war and died from exposure in a southern prison. He was also on the famous Sultana at the time of its explosion and saved his life by swimming. Mr. Holmes is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

JAMES M. PICKENS.—For many years James M. Pickens was numbered among the leading farmers of Riley township, but since 1905 he has lived retired in the town of Riley. His father, James Pickens, Sr., was one of the pioneer farmers of Riley township, but he was born and reared in North Carolina, removing from his native state to Kentucky with his father. It was in the Blue Grass state that he was married to Francis Coward, who also moved with her parents from her native state of North Carolina to Kentucky, and from there she came with her husband to Orange county, Indiana. During an early day in its history they established their home in Vigo county, locating on a farm of eighty acres in Riley township which Mr. Pickens entered from the government, and he at once began to clear and cultivate his land, but died before the completion of his work. His wife is also deceased.

James M. Pickens, the fifth child and youngest son of their eight children, three sons and five daughters, was born on his father's farm in Riley township March 13, 1832, and there he grew to years of maturity and received his education in the nearby district schools. In time he became the owner of a farm of one hundred and forty-five acres, which he has cleared and improved, and he continued its work until he laid aside the active cares of the farm in 1905 and removed to Riley. He sold his farm at that time and bought property in the city. He is an active worker in the local ranks of the Democratic party, and during the Civil war he enlisted for service in Company E, Fifty-seventh Indiana Volunteer Infantry, with which he served from 1864 until 1865, and in the meantime participated in the battles of Spring Hill, Franklin and Nashville, Tennessee, and from Nashville he went with his regiment to Texas.

On the 31st of December, 1867, Mr. Pickens married Ellen Pringle, the daughter of one of the pioneer farmers of Pearson township, Vigo county, James Pringle. Mrs. Pickens was born, reared and educated in Pearson township. The only child of this marriage died in infancy, but they have an adopted son, Frederick H. Lee, whom they have reared from

infancy. Mr. Pickens is a member of the Christian church. Mrs. Pickens died March 19, 1898.

JOHN REECE, a farmer and stock raiser of Riley township, was born in Clermont county, Ohio, January 24, 1825, and is a son of John and a grandson of John Reece. The grandfather was born, reared and married in Pennsylvania, Miss Susan Moredock becoming his wife, and she was also a native of the Keystone state. They became the parents of nine children, four sons and five daughters. In an early day in its history John Reece, Sr., moved with his family to Ohio, and settled on a farm in Clermont county, where he followed his trade of wagon making. In his later life he came to Indiana, and entering land in Clay county he spent the remainder of his life there. His political affiliations were with the Democracy.

John Reece, his son and namesake, and his third child and eldest son, was born in Greene county, Pennsylvania, in January, 1796, and from his native state he went with his parents to Clermont county, Ohio, and thence in 1835 to Clay county, Indiana, where he entered three hundred and twenty acres of land. In time he cleared the most of his land and developed it into a beautiful homestead, dying there at the advanced age of eighty-one years. He was married in Clermont county, Ohio, to one of the state's native daughters, Nancy Lindsay, born in February, 1803, and they became the parents of nine children, four sons and five daughters.

John Reece, Jr., the eldest of the nine children, was a boy of eleven years when his parents moved from Ohio to Clay county, Indiana, and in its public schools he completed his education. In the spring of 1850 he came to Vigo county, and in Riley township purchased a farm of six hundred and sixty acres, of which he cleared about three hundred acres. He resided there until his removal in 1883 to his present farm of eighty acres, which he has brought to a high state of cultivation, and on this valuable little estate he has one oil well.

On the 11th of May, 1845, Mr. Reece married Nancy Ferrell, who was born and reared in Vigo county, and their three children, two sons and a daughter, are all deceased, as is also the wife and mother, who died January 25, 1850. In October, 1852, Mr. Reece wedded Elizabeth Jane (Gummery) Mason, the widow of John Mason, who served as a soldier in the Mexican war. She was born in Guernsey county, Ohio, but was reared in Clay county, Indiana, and became the mother of three children, two daughters and a son, but one of the number is now deceased. Mrs. Reece died October 16, 1868, and on the 24th of May, 1869, he married Emilie C. (Gomery) Webster, the widow of Joe Webster, of Clay county,

and of their two sons one is now deceased. The mother died in March of 1873, and on the 30th of January, 1875, Susan (Grey) Hickson, the widow of David Hickson, of Vigo county, became his wife. Of the two daughters born of the last marriage one is now deceased. Mr. Reece has been a life-long Democrat, and since 1869 has had membership relations with the Masonic fraternity, belonging to Lodge No. 390, at Riley, Indiana.

JOHN C. MOYER.—To the Moyer family belongs the honor of having been one of the first to locate within the borders of Vigo county, and they trace their descent to the Empire state of New York, the birth-place of David Moyer, the founder of the family in Vigo county. It was in 1818 that he cast his lot among the first settlers of Honey Creek township, and he followed his trade of a millwright there during the remainder of his active life. In his old age he returned to New York and there died. Mr. Moyer was married in Ohio to one of the state's native daughters, Susan Lutz, and of their family of five children two were sons and three daughters, all born in Vigo county, but one died in infancy.

Linus Moyer was their third child and eldest son and was born in Otter Creek township, August 3, 1823, and in his youth he passed through the period of pioneer life in Vigo county. He first farmed for himself in Riley township, on a little tract of forty acres, but later he became the owner of eighty acres in another part of the township, which he cleared and improved and at the same time added to its boundaries until it now contains one hundred and ninety-nine and a half acres. He was but a poor boy when he started out in life for himself, forging his way to the front by his own unaided efforts, and during the past few years he has been able to lay aside the active cares of a business life and live retired. He learned the carpenter's trade in his early manhood and followed it as a vocation for several years. He has been a life-long Democrat, and for about thirty-two years he served as a justice of the peace in Riley township. Mr. Moyer's wife bore the maiden name of Nancy Mallory, and was born and reared in Vigo county, of which her father, Ira Mallory, was also one of its early pioneers. This union was blessed by the birth of four children, two sons and two daughters, Mary Jane, John C., Ira A., and Anna, but the two daughters, the oldest and youngest of the children, are deceased.

John C. Moyer was born in Riley township June 23, 1848, and he remained on his father's old homestead farm here until his marriage. He then established his home on his present estate of eighty acres, which he has cleared and placed under an excellent state of cultivation. His

marriage was celebrated on the 20th of November, 1873, Mary E. Holston becoming his wife. She was born in Clay county, Indiana, March 6, 1852, and is a granddaughter of Andrew Holston, another of the early and honored pioneers of Vigo county. He was born, reared and married in Pennsylvania, Castello McKee becoming his wife. After coming to Vigo county he entered land in Riley township, but subsequently removed to Clay county, Indiana. Mrs. Moyer was eighteen years of age when she came with her parents from Clay county to Riley township, Vigo county, where her father, David Holston, bought a farm, and also followed his trade of a wagon-maker in both Clay and Vigo counties, and he resided here until his death at the age of eighty-two years. Mrs. Moyer has a glass tumbler that belonged to her parents, which is nearly a century old. Mr. Moyer is a Democrat and a member of the Masonic Order, Lodge No. 390, and his wife is a member of Eastern Star Lodge, No. 22.

HENRY HAAS.—The mercantile circles of Vigo county number among its representatives Henry Haas, the proprietor of a general store in Riley. He entered upon his mercantile career in Lancaster, Owen county, Indiana, where for about eight years he conducted a general store, and then for one year returned to the work of the farm. Preferring a mercantile to an agricultural life, however, he opened a store in Bowling Green, Indiana, which he conducted for about five years and then sold. After another period of farming, this time of about four years, he became a merchant in Corey, Indiana, and after five years there he, in 1896, came to Riley to become the proprietor of a general mercantile establishment here. He handles all articles usually found in a general store, and in addition he is largely engaged in the sale of wagons and farm implements. He still has his store in Corey, and also owns one hundred and sixty acres of fine farming land in Vigo county and three hundred and eighty acres in DuBois county. He is a life-long Democrat.

Mr. Haas' father was for many years one of the prominent farmers of Owen county, Indiana, but was a native son of Germany, coming from his native land to the United States when a young man of eighteen and at once established his home in Owen county. He was married in Ohio to one of the commonwealth's native daughters, Elizabeth Berger, and they became the parents of six children, two sons and four daughters. Mr. Haas was a second time married, wedding Miss Miller, and they had three daughters and a son. He was a member of the Lutheran church.

Henry Haas was born in Ohio, November 24, 1846, the eldest of his parents' six children, and he received his education in the public schools

of Owen county, Indiana. He was also married in that county to Paulina Schmaltz, a native of Indiana and of German descent. They have become the parents of twelve children, six sons and six daughters, and all were born in Indiana.

JESSE H. WILSON.—One of the first families to become identified with the history of Vigo county were the Wilsons, and from those early days to the present time its members have been prominently connected with its agricultural interests. The founder of the family here was James S. Wilson, the grandfather of Jesse H. He was born and reared in Maryland, of Irish descent. He married a German girl named Susan Decker, they becoming the parents of nine children. James S. Wilson was a carpenter and shipbuilder in his younger years, but in an early day in its history brought his family to Washington county, Indiana, and entered land from the government. He continued to clear and cultivate the land until his removal, in 1833, to Vigo county. He came with five of his children and located in Riley township, both entering and purchasing land, and he continued to farm here until his death, leaving an estate of two hundred and forty acres. He was a Democrat and a member of the Baptist church.

Joseph Wilson was the youngest of his nine children and was born in Virginia, August 9, 1806. In time he became the owner of one hundred and seventy acres in Riley township, Vigo county, which he brought to a high state of cultivation and spent the remainder of his life on his valuable homestead. He was a life-long Democrat, serving for a number of years as a justice of the peace, and was a member of the Christian church. The death of this prominent early resident of Vigo county occurred in 1864. In Washington county, Indiana, he married Mary Hartley, who was born in North Carolina, October 24, 1812, a daughter of Tilman Hartley, one of the well known pioneer farmers of Riley township, Vigo county, where he had entered land from the government. Five children, four sons and a daughter, were born to Mr. and Mrs. Wilson: Jesse H., William Henry, Martin V., Thomas C. and Julia Ann, but the third born, Martin V., and the only daughter, are deceased. All were born in Riley township.

Jesse H. Wilson was born within sight of his present home on October 17, 1833, and in the schools of Riley township he received his early educational training. His father, in an early day, was one of the educators here. At the time of his marriage the son moved to his present homestead, a valuable estate of one hundred and twenty acres in Riley township, on which he has made all of the improvements. He is

identified with the Democracy, and aside from his agricultural labors has taken some part in local politics.

Mr. Wilson married, March 29, 1855, Cynthia Roll, the daughter of Edward and Nancy Roll, deceased farmers of Pierson township, Vigo county, the birthplace of their daughter Cynthia, on July 6, 1838. The Roll family came from Ohio to Indiana in an early day, and Mrs. Roll was formerly Nancy Beard, of Kentucky. Mrs. Wilson was the second born of their eight children, four sons and four daughters, all born in Pierson township. Five sons and a daughter have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Wilson: Edward J., John A., Henry T., Stephen F., Mary and George, all born and reared in Riley township. For thirty years and more Jesse H. Wilson has been a minister in the Christian church, and in that time has joined in marriage about two hundred and seventy couples.

GEORGE F. SANKEY.—The name of George F. Sankey is familiar to the residents of Riley township, for here he was born and has spent his entire life, and in his later years has taken an active part in its local political history. His birthday was the 26th of June, 1853, and his father, George Sankey, one of the prominent early residents of this community, and it was on his farm in Riley township that the son, George, spent the early years of his life, assisting to clear and develop it. In 1876, the year following his marriage, he located on his present farm of one hundred and twenty acres.

Mr. Sankey married, September 22, 1875, Julia E. Soules, a member of another of the prominent old families of Vigo county, born and reared in Lost Creek township, a daughter of Origin B. Soules. Their three children, two sons and a daughter, are Charles O., Fannie May and Raymond, all born in Riley township, and the daughter is the wife of Pearl Ripley, also of Lost Creek township. Mr. Sankey takes quite an active part in local politics, voting with the Democracy, and in 1902 he was a nominee for the office of county commissioner. He is a member of Social Lodge, No. 86, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, of Terre Haute, and both he and wife are members of the Baptist church in Lost Creek township.

JAMES W. BRUNKER, M. D., a leading physician and surgeon of Vigo county, who resides in the village of Riley, comes of an old and substantial English family. His father, James D. Brunker, was born in Westbury, Wiltshire, England, on the 16th of March, 1827. He was reared and educated in that portion of England, coming to America as a soldier of the Twenty-third Royal Welsh Fusileers and serving the

latter part of his term of enlistment in the Dominion of Canada. He had previously been stationed on the Isle of Wight. It was in 1849 that he came to Vigo county, Indiana, buying forty acres of timber land in Pierson township, on which he built a pioneer's log cabin and from which he commenced to clear the forest. In 1854 James D. Brunker had arrived at such a state of worldly prosperity that he married Martha T. Wilgus, born in Vigo county in 1835, and daughter of Thomas Wilgus, who at an early day entered land and farmed in Riley township. The Wilgus family was of German and Scotch descent, and Mrs. Brunker was one of nine children, all of whom were natives of Vigo county, and six sons, soldiers in the Civil war. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. James D. Brunker were six sons and one daughter: Anna E., James W., Charles D., George Thomas, Albert V., Edward and Theodore. The father of the family was a man of strong character, devoting most of his time to the work of cultivating his farm, improving his homestead and engaging generally in agricultural pursuits. For a number of years, however, he was engaged in the manufacture of brick. At the time of his death, in his sixty-seventh year, he was the owner of a fine estate of 117 acres, and a citizen of substance both in worldly goods and character. He died a devout member of the New Light Christian church, and active in the fraternal work of Odd Fellowship.

The district schools of Pierson township and a normal establishment of a private character furnished James W. Brunker with his early education. He then taught for four winters in the township, and in 1878 commenced to study medicine with Dr. F. M. Pickins. In 1884 he graduated from the Indiana Medical College, and at once established the practice which he has extended over the entire eastern portion of the county, and which has brought him both profit and honor. Dr. Brunker attended the New York Post-Graduate Medical School in 1906, has served as president of the Vigo County Medical Society, and is a member of the American Medical Association, the Indiana State and Aesculapian Medical societies. He is among the most progressive and honored members of his profession in the locality of his residence and practice. Of the fraternal and benevolent organizations, he is identified with Riley Lodge, No. 390, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; Lockport Lodge, No. 500, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; Charity Lodge, No. 171, Knights of Pythias, and Pawhuska Tribe, No. 122, Independent Order of Red Men. On the 20th of March, 1884, at Hymera, Sullivan county, Indiana, Dr. Brunker married Miss Willa C. Welty, who was born and reared in Greene county, Indiana, and is a daughter of Dr. John Welty. The children of Dr. and Mrs. Brunker are Ethel G., Herschel V. and

Edith W., all born in Riley township, Vigo county. The elder daughter is the wife of Frederick C. Harper, of Terre Haute. Dr. Bruncker is an active Democrat of considerable local influence, having been the nominee of his party for coroner of the county. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and a strong and elevating force in many fields of life.

FRED SANKEY is numbered among the successful farmers of Lost Creek township, Vigo county, and in its township of Riley he was born on the 10th of December, 1860, to George and Elizabeth (Lambert) Sankey. Riley township was also the birthplace of George Sankey, who followed agriculture as a life occupation and was successful in the vocation. As a stock raiser he was also quite prominent, raising principally Short-horn and Durham cattle, which won many prizes at the county fairs. At the time of his death, in 1872, he owned an estate of one hundred and sixty acres in the home place, all well improved land, and other land in that neighborhood. He voted with the Democratic party. Mrs. Sankey was born near Clinton, in this state, and was a member of the Baptist church. They became the parents of eight children: Louise, deceased; Patience, the wife of L. Rockwood, of Vigo county; Frank, a prominent farmer of Riley township; Freeman, of Lost Creek township; Thomas P., deceased; Fred, the subject of this review, and the two youngest died in infancy.

On the homestead farm in Riley township Fred Sankey attained to years of maturity, and remaining at home with his mother until he was twenty-nine years of age, he then moved to a tract of forty acres in section 32, Lost Creek township, which he had previously purchased. This was the beginning of his present estate, which now contains ninety-nine acres, and he carries on general farming. Mr. Sankey upholds the principles of the Democratic party, and for two years he served his county as a member of its council. He has membership with the Fraternal Order of Red Men, Lodge No. 152, of Terre Haute.

On the 6th of November, 1889, he was united in marriage to Dora Reed, who was born in Clay county, Indiana. Her parents, Daniel D. and Symanthia (Watts) Reed, were both born in Indiana and are now living retired in Terre Haute. Mr. Reed was a grocery merchant in Clay county. Mrs. Sankey is a member of the Baptist church.

OSCAR LEMUEL SOULES.—During three generations the Soules family have been prominently identified with the agricultural life of Vigo county. William Soules was one of the first to establish a home in Harrison township, where many years ago he entered land from the government, and



his son, Lemuel B. Soules, later became one of the prominent residents and farmers of Lost Creek township. He was born in the state of New York on June 15, 1824, but during his early boyhood days came west with his father, and his death occurred in Lost Creek township, September 1, 1863. At his death he left an estate of two hundred and forty acres, all on the Bloomington road in Lost Creek township, and also eighty acres on the same road. He was married to Sarah Anna McKinzie, who was born on April 8, 1828, and their marriage united two of Vigo county's early pioneer families. She was but eight years of age when she came from her native state of Ohio to Indiana with her father, who entered a quarter section of land in section 31 of Lost Creek township, and there he spent the remainder of his life. Mrs. Soules died February 5, 1897, after becoming the mother of these children, namely: William, deceased; Almira, deceased; Alvira; Alonzo, a farmer in Rockville, Indiana; Horatio L., deceased; George W., deceased; Melissa, the wife of H. C. Miller, a carpenter in Terre Haute, and Oscar L. Mr. Soules, the father, gave his political allegiance to the Republican party, and his wife was a member of the Methodist church.

Oscar L. Soules was born on his father's farm on the Bloomington road, in Lost Creek township, October 18, 1862, and when a lad of sixteen years he started out in life for himself, first working at farm labor by the month. In the spring following his eighteenth birthday he began farming for himself in Otter Creek township, while later, in 1890, he bought ninety-six acres in Lost Creek township, but in 1900 sold that land and purchased his present farm in the same township. His estate consists of one hundred and twenty acres, and he carries on general farming, and he also owns a section of land near Dickinson, in North Dakota. He is the president of the Soules-Cooper Oil Company, whose fields are located in Johnson township, Clark county, where they have thirteen producing wells.

On the 24th of December, 1889, Mr. Soules married Rella Hughes, who was born in Lost Creek township, March 7, 1864, a daughter of Peter and Ellen (Dickerson) Hughes, who were numbered among the early pioneers of Vigo county, but both are now deceased. They raised a large family of thirteen children, namely: Samuel Dickerson, deceased; Sarah E., Rachael E., George W., and Hannah L., deceased; James J., deceased; Levi G., John H., Mary D., deceased; Martha J., Emmet P., Lourella T. and Stephen C. Mr. Soules is a Republican and an Odd Fellow, affiliating with Lodge No. 51, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Terre Haute.

LYMAN ROCKWOOD, a farmer in Lost Creek township, was born in Jericho, Vermont, August 28, 1840, a son of Reuben and Lucy (Rice) Rockwood, both also natives of that commonwealth. Reuben Rockwood, born in 1806, removed with his family to the west in 1854, and for two years worked as a brick mason in Terre Haute. Shortly after his arrival there he erected with a partner the National block. After a two years' residence in that city he bought the old Hussey farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Lost Creek township, and there he spent the remainder of his life and died in 1865. He gave his political allegiance to the Republican party. Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Rockwood, namely: Hannah and Harmon, both deceased; Stella, the widow of George E. Caswell, and a resident of Europe; Josephine, who has never married, and resides in Santa Barbara, California; Lyman, the subject of this review; Reuben, who died while in service in the war; Clara, the widow of W. H. Atkins and a resident of Chicago, and Burton S., the proprietor of a grocery store on South Fourth street in Terre Haute. All but one of the children were born in Vermont.

When he had attained the age of seventeen years Lyman Rockwood began farm work by the month, and so continued until he left for the war, joining, in August, 1861, the Eleventh Indiana Infantry, under Lew Wallace. His services with that regiment continued until in May, 1864, and he was discharged as a sergeant. He was then in the quartermaster's department, driving a government team, until the fall of 1865, when he was mustered out, he having in the meantime participated in the battles of Shiloh, Vicksburg and the Red River campaign. While at New Orleans he had his right thigh broken, and for the hardships and privations he suffered as a Union soldier he now receives a pension of twelve dollars a month. After returning from the war Mr. Rockwood secured work on the Union Pacific Railroad in the northwest, but after one year with that company he went to Nebraska, where he worked on a farm during the summer, and then returning to his old home in Vigo county purchased one hundred and twenty-four acres in Lost Creek township. He became the owner of this farm in 1870, and in 1882 he erected a pleasant and commodious residence, while in 1907 he built a dairy barn and windmill.

On the 15th of February, 1870, Mr. Rockwood married Patience Sankey, who was born in 1848 in Riley township, where her parents, George and Elizabeth (Lambert) Sankey, were early pioneers. Five children have been born to this union, namely: Fred, an engineer in Texas; Josephine, the wife of Henry Collens, of Harrison township; Mary, the widow of Owen Overpeck and a bookkeeper at the Columbia

Laundry in Terre Haute; Roy, who has charge of his father's dairy; Clara, the wife of George Whitlock, of Riley township. Mr. and Mrs. Rockwood also have three grandchildren. Mr. Rockwood gives his political allegiance to the Republican party, and his wife is a member of the Baptist church.

WILLIAM SOULES was born on the old Soules homestead in Lost Creek township, June 10, 1857, a son of Origin and Frances (Watkins) Soules, the father born in Harrison township of Vigo county, July 20, 1826, and the mother was born in Virginia in May, 1826. The father died on February 12, 1908. The mother is living in Lost Creek township, where they made their home for over fifty years. Mr. Soules has been a life-long farmer and owns over one thousand acres of land in this vicinity, also city property in Terre Haute. The father was a Republican and a member of the Masonic lodge at Terre Haute. The mother is a member of the Christian church. Of their family of eight children seven are now living: Julia, the wife of Frank Sankey, of Riley township, Vigo county; William, the subject of this review; Mary, at home; James, a resident of Dickinson, North Dakota; Eliza, the wife of W. J. Woolen, a merchant in Terre Haute; Charles, a farmer in Lost Creek township; Frances, deceased, and Warren, also of Lost Creek township.

When he had reached the age of twenty years William Soules left the old Soules homestead here and went west to Kansas, but after a short time returned and has ever since lived in this vicinity. During the early part of the eighties he began farming, and this has ever since continued his principal occupation, although for about nineteen years he has been interested in the coal mining business and now operates a mine in Lost Creek township. As was his father, Mr. Soules is a Republican and a Mason, a member of the lodge at Terre Haute.

He married, August 24, 1882, Bertha Frazz, born in Clay county, Indiana, June 28, 1861, a daughter of Henry and Caroline (Harsh) Frazz, both now deceased. The mother was born in Ohio and the father in Germany. Of the six children born to Mr. and Mrs. Soules, five are now living. The eldest, Gertrude, born February 18, 1885, is teaching in Vigo county. She is a graduate of the Terre Haute high school and of the State Normal with the class of 1907. Jessie, born July 4, 1887, is at home. She graduated in what is now the Brown Business College, and is a court stenographer in Terre Haute. Lulu, born March 17, 1889, is attending high school, as is also her sister Esther, born May 10, 1894. George was born October 29, 1891, and is now in the United

States navy, on board the ship *Montana*. Mrs. Soules is a member of the Methodist church.

EDWARD HEIN, a farmer in Lost Creek township, was born on the 8th of January, 1854, in northern Germany, eight miles north of Berlin, a son of Peter and Dora (Freda) Hein, both of whom died in the fatherland. In 1877 young Hein came to the United States and his first home here was in Rochester, Minnesota, but after a year's residence there he came to Terre Haute and secured employment in Hullman & Fairbanks' distillery. He worked for two years there, and after a similar period in Hullman's wholesale grocery house he embarked in the dairy business and was thus engaged until in 1906. In 1888 he bought ninety-two acres of land in section 30, Lost Creek township, and by subsequent purchases, one in 1899 of fifteen acres and another in 1903 of ninety-six acres, he has become the owner of the largest fruit farm in the county, sixty acres of his farm being set apart for the raising of apples, pears, plums, quinces, berries, etc., and his market is in Terre Haute. Mr. Hein gives his political support to the Democratic party and fraternally is a member of the Blue Lodge of Masons, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Order of Ben Hur, all in Terre Haute. He was a German soldier and belongs to their lodge here.

In June, 1881, Mr. Hein was united in marriage to Lavina Weedner, who was born in Marshall, Illinois, in June, 1860, and her parents, both from the fatherland of Germany, are now deceased. Eleven children have been born to bless this union: Edward, Mamie, Lillie, Lulu, William, George, Gertrude, Charlie, Eva, Henrietta and Rose. The eldest son, Edward, attended the Garvin Business College in Terre Haute and is at home. Lillie is the wife of Walter Schultz, and they reside in Lost Creek township. Mr. Hein is a member of the Lutheran church, and his wife and children are members of the Baptist denomination.

WELK TRIPLETT, a farmer in Lost Creek township, was born in this township November 2, 1870, and throughout his business career he has been interested in its agricultural pursuits. He is a son of Greenberry and Susan (Grenslade) Triplett. The father was born in Ohio, April 5, 1840, and when a young man of sixteen he came to Indiana, and eleven years afterward, in 1867, to Vigo county, where he remained until his death, dying in Lost Creek township February 28, 1900. In Clay county, Indiana, he married Susan Grenslade, born in Marion county, this state, in October, 1841, and she survived her husband for two years. She was a member of the Christian church. Mr. Triplett followed farm-

ing as a life occupation, and he was a staunch Democrat in his political affiliations. Of their family of nine children five are now living: LeRoy, a farmer in Lost Creek township; Welk, the subject of this review; Viola, the wife of Aetna Whitecotton, of Lost Creek township; Rosa, the wife of Harland P. Price, and Lou, wife of John Mitchell, both Mrs. Price and Mrs. Mitchell being also residents of Lost Creek township.

Welk Triplett remained in his parents' home here until reaching the age of twenty-six years, and he has since then farmed for himself, first as a renter and later on a tract of forty acres which he bought. Selling that he became the owner of his present eighty acres in section 27, Lost Creek township.

On the 2d of November, 1896, Mr. Triplett married Delia Spears, who was born in 1879, and died on the 15th of March, 1902, leaving to survive her her husband and three daughters, Irene, Ethel and Ona. Mr. Triplett votes with the Democratic party.

CHARLES THOMAS SMITH, one of the leading agriculturists of Vigo county, was born on the old Smith homestead in Harrison township, November 6, 1862, a son of Joseph and Emma (Hall) Smith. The father was also a native son of Harrison township, born in 1816, and the mother claimed England as the place of her nativity, where she was born in 1837. She came with her parents to the United States during her childhood days, the family locating in Harrison township, Vigo county, and there she still resides on the old homestead, long surviving her husband, who died in 1863. He was a Republican in his political affiliations, and was a life-long tiller of the soil. Of their family of four children, three are now living: Julia, the wife of James Kitner, who resides near Terre Haute; Joseph W., a farmer of Lost Creek township, and Charles Thomas, the subject of this review.

After attending the district schools of his native township of Harrison, Charles T. Smith became a student in the Garvin Business College of Terre Haute and there prepared for the active duties of life. He remained at home with his parents until he had attained the age of twenty-three years, and he then began farming for himself in Harrison township, at first superintending the home farm for his mother. He then moved to his present farm of two hundred and six acres in Lost Creek township, this being in the year of 1899, and he is engaged in general agricultural pursuits. At one time he was quite extensively interested in the dairy business in Terre Haute.

On the 14th of January, 1886, Mr. Smith was united in marriage to Elva Belt, born April 16, 1867, in Terre Haute, and she received her

educational training in the public schools of that city and in St. Mary's Academy, where she graduated with the class of 1884. She is a daughter of Carlton C. and Elizabeth A. (Balding) Belt, natives respectively of Vigo county, Indiana, and Alvin, Illinois. The mother was born on the 24th of June, 1847, and died August 29, 1906, and the father is now living in Vigo county, aged sixty-nine years. Mr. and Mrs. Smith had one child, Ida Belle, born November 7, 1886, and died October 16, 1889. Mrs. Smith is a member of the Maple Avenue Methodist church. He is a Republican in his political affiliations.

JOSEPH W. SMITH is well known throughout Vigo county, which has been his home throughout his entire life, and is a representative of a family early identified with its history. He was born in its township of Harrison, September 26, 1857, a son of Joseph and Emma (Hall) Smith. The father was also a native son of Harrison township, born in 1816, but the mother claimed England as the place of her nativity, born in 1837. She came with her parents to the United States during her childhood days, the family locating in Harrison township, Vigo county, and there she still makes her home, long surviving her husband, who died in 1863. He was a Republican in his political affiliations, and was a life-long tiller of the soil. Of their family of four children three are now living: Julia, the wife of James Kisner, who resides near Terre Haute; Joseph W., the subject of this review, and Charles Thomas, whose home is in Lost Creek township.

Joseph W. Smith is indebted to the public schools of Harrison township for the educational training which he received in his youth, but later he became a student in the Garvin Business College of Terre Haute and graduated with its class of 1879. He remained at home with his parents until the age of twenty-one, and he then moved to the farm deeded to him by his father in Lost Creek township, section 6, and consisting of one hundred and six acres. He has ever since resided on this estate, and in the meantime has increased its boundaries to three hundred and seventy-one acres, all rich and well cultivated land and all in one body. There he is extensively engaged in general agricultural pursuits and also gives special attention to dairying, having sixty head of cattle, mostly Jerseys, and conducts a wholesale wagon in the city of Terre Haute.

Mr. Smith married, in 1879, Rosie E. Coakley, born in Orange county, Indiana, December 21, 1860, a daughter of John and Frances (Taggart) Coakley, both now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have eight children: Olive F., born February 23, 1880, the widow of Charles Willis, and she, with her son and daughter, reside with her father; Robert Edgar, born

July 6, 1883; William Arthur, born January 16, 1886; Mary E., born June 16, 1888; Lawrence S., born January 13, 1891; Joseph L. C., born February 16, 1895; Mabel E., born November 29, 1899, and Anna R., born November 7, 1903. The children are being educated in the schools of Terre Haute, and in that city the family are members of the Presbyterian church.

AARON L. FELLING is a native son of Vigo county, Indiana, born in Lost Creek township, September 14, 1859, to Frederick William and Augusta (Mattus) Felling. Frederick William Felling was born in Hanover, Germany, April 18, 1818, and in 1849 he came to the United States. For a short time after his arrival he worked on a canal in Ohio, and from that state came to Indiana, where, in 1850, he married Augusta Mattus, born in Saxony, Germany, June 21, 1828. She came to this country with neighbors of the old country, and worked for a time in Terre Haute. Mr. Felling was one of the first to take up his abode in Lost Creek township, where he followed farming during the remainder of his life with the exception of two years spent in the saw milling business west of Terre Haute. He was killed by a street car at Seeleyville, and died September 26, 1901. He was a Democrat in his political affiliations, and as its representative served in the office of road supervisor during one or two terms. He was a member of the German Lutheran church, as is also his wife, who still survives her husband and now keeps house for her son, Frederick H. Felling. Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Felling, but three daughters and a son died in infancy, and those living are Frederick H., Aaron L., Clemens, Henry and Charles.

Aaron L. Felling has spent his entire life in Vigo county, receiving his educational training in its public schools, and he remained at home with his father until he had attained the age of twenty-six years, in the meantime, from the age of twenty-one, working for his father by the year. He then rented the home place for one year, and since his marriage he has superintended the old Nelson homestead, owning with his wife a valuable estate of two hundred and seventy-four acres in Lost Creek township. He is extensively engaged in the raising of Poland China hogs, registered, and also of coach horses, and he recently erected one of the finest homes in the township.

In 1886 Mr. Felling married Clara Nelson, born in Lost Creek township August 29, 1867, a daughter of John and Emma (Hartley) Nelson, who have been residents of this community since their daughter was six years of age. Mr. and Mrs. Felling have had four children: Ernest, born July 17, 1888, at home; Herman, born January 23, 1902,

died in 1906; Ruth, born May 18, 1906, and one died in infancy, unnamed. Mr. Felling exercises his right of franchise in the support of the men and measures of the Democratic party.

FRED CONWAY is a member of one of Vigo county's oldest and most prominent families, and throughout his entire business career he has been identified with its agricultural interests. He started out in the world to battle for himself when but twelve years of age, working on a farm by the month, and continued working for others for twelve years. At the close of that period he purchased a farm in Lost Creek township, and he is now the owner of one hundred and fifteen acres of rich and fertile land, the old Van Vactor homestead.

Mr. Conway was born in Clay county, Indiana, February 13, 1859, a son of John C. and Sarah Melissa (Schofield) Conway, natives respectively of Indiana and Ohio, and both are now deceased. The mother came to Indiana with her parents during her childhood days, and they married in Vigo county and continued their residence here during the remainder of their lives. During the early days here Mr. Conway was numbered among the county's educators, but farming was his main occupation through life. He voted with the Republican party. John C. Conway died August 6, 1860, aged twenty-three years and eight months. He was born December 27, 1836. Sarah Melissa Conway was born November 5, 1840, and died in November, 1901. Their son, Fred, is the elder of their two children. His brother John, a grocery merchant in Terre Haute, was born in 1861.

Mr. Fred Conway married, September 10, 1883, Maggie Van Vactor, also representing one of Vigo county's early and honored pioneer families, and she was born on the farm on which she now lives in Lost Creek township, February 16, 1865. They have three children: Anna, born in October, 1884, is the wife of Jacob Miller, of Terre Haute, and they have one son; Jesse L., born September 11, 1885, is at home, and Charles, born February 21, 1891. The children have received excellent education advantages, having supplemented the training received in the public schools of Vigo county by attendance at the schools of Terre Haute. Mr. Conway votes with the Republican party, and is a member of the Odd Fellows and Knights of Pythias fraternities, affiliating with the former in Terre Haute and with the latter in Seelyville. The family are members of the Methodist church.

FREDERICK HENRY FELLING was born on the old Felling homestead in Lost Creek township, Vigo county, Indiana, October 4, 1856, a son



of Frederick William and Augusta (Mattus) Felling. Frederick William Felling was a native son of Hanover, Germany, born April 18, 1818, and in 1849 he came to the United States. For a short time after his arrival he worked on a canal in Ohio, and from that state came to Indiana, where, in 1850, he married Augusta Mattus, born in Saxony, Germany, June 21, 1828. She came to this country in the company of old neighbors of Germany and worked for a time in Terre Haute, Indiana. Mr. Felling was one of the first to take up his abode in Lost Creek township, wherè he followed farming during the remainder of his life, with the exception of two years spent in the sawmilling business west of Terre Haute. September 26, 1901, he was killed by street cars at Seelyville, Indiana. He was a Democrat in his political affiliations, and as its representative served in the office of road supervisor during one or two terms. He was a member of the German Lutheran church, as is also his wife, who still survives her husband and now keeps house for her five sons, of whom Frederick Henry is the eldest. Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Felling, but three daughters and a son died in infancy, and those living are Frederick Henry, Aaron, Clemens, Henry and Charles.

Frederick H. Felling was born and reared on the old Felling homestead in Lost Creek township, supplementing the common school training which he received in its district schools by attendance for a short time at a business college in Indianapolis, Indiana. He has always remained at home, and with his mother he now owns one hundred and sixty-seven acres of land, his mother holding a life lease, and there he is engaged in general agricultural pursuits. Mr. Felling follows in the political footsteps of his father and votes with the Democracy, and his fraternal relations are with the Order of Red Men of Seelyville and the Knights of Pythias order at Stanton.

MONT ELMER TABER was born on the old Taber homestead in Lost Creek township, Vigo county, Indiana, February 27, 1878, a son of George A. and Anna (Eccles) Taber, who have long been numbered among the prominent residents of this county, and they yet reside on their valuable old homestead of one hundred and fifty-five acres in Lost Creek township. The father was born on the 15th of April, 1837, in Urbana, Ohio, and the mother's natal day was the 15th of August, 1847, born near York, England, but she came with her parents to the United States in the early fifties, the family coming direct to Indiana and locating at Terre Haute, where her parents spent the remainder of their lives. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Taber were five children: William H., a lawyer

of Terre Haute; George M., the principal of the eighteenth district school in that city; Frank, a well known physician and surgeon of Terre Haute; Herbert E., who resides with his parents on the homestead farm, and Mont Elmer, the subject of this review. Mr. Taber, the father, supports the principles of the Democratic party.

After attending the township schools of Lost Creek, Mont Elmer Taber pursued his studies for two years in the State Normal at Terre Haute, also teaching for three years during that time, and he then entered the Illinois College of Pharmacy and graduated with its class of September, 1901, with the degree of Pharmaceutical Chemist. During the year following his graduation Mr. Taber was employed in the New Central pharmacy in Terre Haute, and then entering the employ of the E. H. Bindly & Company in Terre Haute, he served as their chemist for four years. He then became a traveling salesman for that firm, but after about one year on the road he became ill with typhoid fever and was obliged to resign his position. On the 21st of August, following, he purchased of Benjamin German the only drug store of Seelyville, and is the only prescription druggist between Terre Haute and Brazil. In addition to his large line of drugs he also carries a full line of candies, oils and paints and has a soda fountain.

On the 15th of September, 1903, Mr. Taber married Nellie L. Wright, born near Palestine, Illinois, February 22, 1884, to Willis and Mary (Wilheit) Wright, residents of Indianapolis. Mrs. Taber was educated in the schools of Illinois, and was a student for several years in Shorter College, of Rome, Georgia, pursuing a course in vocal music. She is a member of the Baptist church of that city, and Mr. Taber has membership relations with the Presbyterian denomination. He is a member of Terre Haute Lodge, No. 51, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he is a past grand; of the Modern Woodmen of America, Terre Haute Lodge, No. 3376, and of the Travelers' Protective Association of that city. A son, Mont Elmer Taber, Jr., was born to Mr. and Mrs. Taber, April 17, 1907.

SAMUEL B. SHIPLEY.—The name of Samuel B. Shipley appears upon the records of Vigo county in connection with important public service as the postmaster of Seelyville. He was born in Claiborne county, Tennessee, March 3, 1879, a son of Edward P. and America (Hughes) Shipley, both of whom were born in eastern Virginia, the father July 8, 1857, and the mother August 8, 1858, and both are now residents of Seelyville. During their early childhood days their parents moved to Claiborne county, Tennessee, where both the paternal and maternal grand-

parents died. They there reared and educated their children, and in the spring of 1877 Edward Shipley and America Hughes were united in marriage. During his early life Mr. Shipley learned the harnessmaker's trade in his father's shop in Tazewell, Tennessee, while later he also followed agricultural pursuits there, and in 1898 the family became residents of Seelyville, Vigo county, Indiana. After about three years spent in the mines here he again turned his attention to the work of the farm, and in 1906 he operated the Swamp Angel mine, and this he recently sold. He is a Republican politically, and during his residence in Tazewell he was the recipient of many public positions and was also connected with the police force of that city. Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Shipley, namely: Samuel B., Elmer B., Bessie May, Bertha, Minnie, Rella, Clarence and Frank. The second daughter, Bertha Maude, is the wife of Leroy Honeter, a resident of Terre Haute. Three of the daughters and one son are members of the Methodist church in this city. Mr. Shipley, the father, is a member of the Masonic, the Knights of Pythias and the Odd Fellows fraternities, his membership in the Masonic and the Odd Fellows orders being in Corbin, Kentucky, and with the Knights of Pythias in Seelyville.

In the common schools of Tennessee and Kentucky Samuel B. Shipley received his educational training, and after coming to this city he was connected with his father in the mine. On the 15th of August, 1907, he was appointed the postmaster of Seelyville, assuming the duties of the office on the 1st of September following. He is the youngest postmaster in Vigo county. Mr. Shipley is a staunch advocate of the principles of the Republican party, and is a member of Alimania Lodge of Terre Haute.

FRANCIS H. HEMPHILL, M. D., physician and surgeon, of Seelyville, began the study of medicine in 1894 at the Central Medical College of St. Joseph, Missouri, and he graduated with the class of 1898. His first year as a medical practitioner was spent at Starfield, Missouri. During the following two years he practiced at Chili, Indiana, and it was at the close of that period that he came to Seelyville and enrolled his name among its medical practitioners. During the intervening period he has built up a good practice and has established a reputation as an able and skillful practitioner.

Dr. Hemphill is a native son of Rensselaer, Indiana, born on the 27th of December, 1872, to Watt and Rebecca (Grant) Hemphill. The father was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1848, and his death occurred in Rensselaer on the 27th of October, 1875, just two years after the birth of his son Francis. He was a well known pattern-maker, as was also his

father, and with him he served as a pattern-maker for roller mills in Cincinnati and Minneapolis. The senior Mr. Hemphill invented a roller process and patented the same, in Minneapolis, which sold for fifteen thousand dollars. Mrs. Rebecca Hemphill still survives her husband and is living in Rensselaer, the mother of two children, the younger of whom, Mattie, is a surgical nurse at Great Falls, Montana. She was born on the 13th of October, 1874, and is a graduate of the Columbia Hospital at Great Falls.

Francis H. Hemphill, the elder of his parents' two children, was born in the city of Rensselaer, Indiana, December 27, 1872, and after completing his literary training in its schools he went to St. Joseph, Missouri, to begin his medical studies. On the 1st of January, 1902, he was united in marriage to Etta Harris, born at Roann, Indiana, who for four years before her marriage taught school. A son, Byron F., was born to them on the 29th of April, 1904. Mrs. Hemphill is a member of the Methodist church, and the Doctor's religious membership is with the Church of God. He also has membership relations with the Masonic lodge at Brazil, Indiana, with the Knights of Pythias at Seelyville and with the Modern Woodmen at Terre Haute. His political views are in harmony with the principles of the Republican party.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN VANVACTOR.—In the early year of 1857, five years after the birth of their son Benjamin Franklin, Nathan and Ellen (Howe) VanVactor journeyed with their family to Indiana and cast their lot with the early pioneers of Lost Creek township. Their first purchase of land consisted of eighty acres, heavily covered with timber, but with the passing years the husband and father succeeded in clearing the place, at the same time adding to its boundaries until he was the owner of a valuable estate of one hundred and eighty-eight acres, and he also at one time owned eighty acres in Nebraska. He was a Republican politically, and on the old home farm which he had transformed from a wilderness he passed away in death in 1882, aged sixty-seven years, for his birth occurred on the 26th of March, 1815, in Butler county, Ohio. Mrs. VanVactor, who was born September 20, 1828, died May 12, 1905. They were married in Ohio, and their union was blessed by the birth of six children, four of whom are now living: Benjamin Franklin, the subject of this review; Eva, the wife of J. W. Daniels, of Colorado; Maggie, the wife of Fred Conway, of Lost Creek township, and Louisa, the wife of W. A. Miller, a grocery merchant in Lost Creek township.

Benjamin F. VanVactor was born in Shelby county, Ohio, May 22, 1852, but when he was a little lad of five years the family home was

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established in Vigo county, Indiana, and he grew to years of maturity within its borders and received his education in its district schools. Remaining under the parental roof until he had attained the age of twenty-five years, he then began farming for himself in Lost Creek township, being now the owner of a fine estate of two hundred and seventy-five acres in section 24.

On the 22d of May, 1877, Mr. VanVactor married Miss Josephine A. Dickerson, born in Lost Creek township, Vigo county, September 3, 1856, a daughter of L. H. and Isabella (Hayward) Dickerson, natives respectively of Ohio and Union county, Indiana. Mr. Dickerson died in Terre Haute in February, 1908. Mr. and Mrs. VanVactor have three children living and three deceased, those living being: John F., born June 22, 1878, is married and resides in Stillwater, North Dakota, and they have one son; Ellis R., born September 29, 1882, resides with his brother in North Dakota; Charles B., born October 6, 1884, resides in Stillwater, North Dakota. The sons were all well educated, supplementing their public school training by a course in the Brown Business College at Terre Haute, and they are proving successful business men in their respective callings. Mr. VanVactor, of this review, upholds the principles of the Prohibition party, and his fraternal relations connect him with the Knights of Pythias lodge at Seelyville and the Odd Fellows order at Terre Haute. Mrs. VanVactor is a member of the Methodist church.

JAMES W. THOMPSON, a well known citizen and business man of Terre Haute, was born on the Thompson homestead, near Virginia, in Cass county, Illinois, on September 11, 1865.

His father, James Thompson, was born in Cass county, Illinois, in the year 1827, the son of James, a native of Ireland, who was a pioneer and large land owner of that section of Illinois. James, the second, was an extensive and successful farmer, and died at Eureka Springs, Arkansas, in 1893.

The mother of Mr. Thompson was Sarah Ellen Dick, who was born in Cass county, Illinois, in the year 1836, the daughter of John P. Dick, an Illinois pioneer, who went to that state from near Lexington, Kentucky. Mrs. Thompson died at Atlanta, Illinois, on Thanksgiving day, 1904.

James W. Thompson spent his boyhood days on the farm in Illinois. He passed through the public schools, graduating from the high school, and then took a business course at the Jacksonville (Illinois) Commercial College. Even in his youthful days the great business of railroading appealed to young Thompson and before he had reached his majority he

had, like others of our successful railroad men, mastered telegraphy and had begun the career which was to prove so successful—a career which culminated with him as the executive head of an important line of railroad before he had reached his fortieth year.

In 1885 Mr. Thompson became assistant at Galva, Kansas, to the agent of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad. During the years 1886-87 he was a telegraph operator at various points on the Santa Fe, and in 1887 he became an operator in the Chicago offices of the Western Union Telegraph Company, in which capacity he took press reports. In 1888 he became train dispatcher at Pueblo, Colorado, of the Rio Grande Railroad. During the years 1890-92 he was chief train dispatcher of the Evansville & Terre Haute Railroad at Evansville, Indiana, and in 1893-95 he was trainmaster of the same road at the same city. In 1895 he was made superintendent of the old Evansville & Richmond Railroad with headquarters at Bedford, Indiana. When the Evansville & Richmond became the Southern Indiana, Mr. Thompson continued superintendent of that system, and in January, 1904, became general manager of the same. As general manager Mr. Thompson was the operating official and had charge of the construction work when the Southern Indiana was extended from Elnora into Terre Haute. The road from Elnora to Terre Haute passes through vast coal fields, in which the railroad became interested. The development of those properties was under the management of Mr. Thompson and he also became the president of the Southern Indiana Coal Company. In the handling of the Southern Indiana Railroad and its vast and varied interests, Mr. Thompson displayed executive ability beyond the ordinary, and his judgment on important matters and affairs was always found sound and correct. His capacity for hard and continuous work, his resourcefulness, his wonderful executive ability and his quick and accurate judgment amounts to genius, and stamps him as the ideal railroad man, and his retirement from active railroading in August, 1905, to look after his personal interests, cut short what promised a most successful if not brilliant and eminent career along lines that have developed some of America's greatest men.

Since his retirement from railroading Mr. Thompson has given most of his time to the management of his private affairs, though he is largely interested in several important local enterprises. He is president of the Acme Coal and Lime Company, president of the Wabash Sand and Gravel Company and president of the Terre Haute Sand and Gravel Company, enterprises which he organized and which are commercial successes.

Mr. Thompson is extensively interested in agriculture. He owns and operates a fine farm of five hundred and forty-four acres in Dewitt







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county, Illinois, besides his home farm of two hundred and seventy-three acres in Vigo county, situated on the National road, five miles east of the city, which is one of the show-places of the country around Terre Haute. On this farm he erected one of the finest country mansions to be found in any part of the state. It is of brick, constructed on the latest and most approved plans of architecture, with all modern improvements and conveniences, its heat, light and water systems being the equal of any city residence.

Although hardly in the prime of life, Mr. Thompson has had a successful and in many respects a remarkable career, and is now enjoying the well-earned fruits of what, while it lasted, was a busy and strenuous railroad life, and which brought with it its own reward—a place among the representative and honorable men of the community. Mr. Thompson is fond of out-door life and sports and finds one of his chief diversions in hunting, at which he is an adept. The floors and walls of his beautiful home are adorned with trophies of the hunt and chase, mementoes of days spent in the wilds of the far southwest. He is a member of the lodge of Elks and of the Commercial Club of Terre Haute and of the Columbia Club of Indianapolis, and of the Crescent Club of Evansville.

Mr. Thompson married Miss Helen A., the daughter of John and Sadie (Badger) Johnston, of Evansville, Indiana, and they have the following children: Walter V., Dorothy, Margaret, Mary, Ruth and Katherine.

SARAH E. (STARK) STOUT bears the name of two of Indiana's substantial farmer citizens, and was born in its county of Clay, October 1, 1851, to Rice M. and Dorcas (Whittaker) Stark, both of whom were born and reared in Indiana. They were very prominent and successful farmers in Clay county, and Mr. Stark was a Republican politically, and for twelve years a justice of the peace. Both he and his wife were devout members of the Baptist church. In their family were six children, but the two eldest, Joseph and Alonzo, are deceased; Malissa is the wife of James Sanders and resides in Hymera, Indiana; Owen is also deceased; Jesse resides in Clay county, and Sarah E. is the youngest of the family. Three of the sons served their country valiantly during the Civil war, and Joseph was killed in the battle of the Wilderness. He enlisted in the first call for Indiana troops, and served his full time of enlistment, having been shot in the last battle of the war. Alonzo enlisted in 1862 with the Thirty-first Indiana Infantry, and served to the end of the conflict as a private. Owen entered the service in 1864, and was slightly wounded in battle, but continued to serve until the close of the struggle.

Mrs. Stout remained at home until attaining the age of eighteen, and then learning dressmaking in Terre Haute followed that trade for eighteen years. For four years thereafter she taught in the industrial department for the blind at Indianapolis. It was on the 12th of December, 1898, that she gave her hand in marriage to James William Stout. He was born in Kentucky, December 3, 1852, and was called from this life on the 12th of November, 1907. His parents, Joseph and Ursula (Taylor) Stout, were also born in the Blue Grass state of Kentucky, and when their little son was a lad of three years they came to Sullivan county, Indiana, and spent the remainder of their lives there. Their six children were: Mary, the wife of Theodore Walters, of Vigo county; James W.; Preston, who married Alice Bigger and lives in Sullivan county; Dora, who is married and resides in the west; Harriet, deceased, and Joseph, who is married and lives in Sullivan county.

During his boyhood days James W. Stout attended the country schools during the winter months and farmed with his father in the summers, but on reaching his eighteenth year he left home and went to Terre Haute to work for his cousin, James Boston, in a boarding and feed stable. Following this he was for two years on a rented farm in Prairieton township, but as the memorable flood of that time destroyed his belongings he returned to the employ of his cousin at the end of the two years. In time he was able to purchase the business and continued as its proprietor for about five years, when he sold the barn and bought a grocery store in Terre Haute. A few years later he also disposed of that business to become the chief of police, while later he was elected the sheriff for a two years' term. When his term of office had expired he bought three hundred acres in Prairieton township, to which he later added four hundred and thirty acres, making him the owner of the large and valuable estate of seven hundred and thirty acres, although he did not make this his home until his second marriage, in 1898. In 1903 he erected one of the best farm residences in Vigo county, a beautiful dwelling of ten rooms and equipped with all the modern conveniences of a city home. He was a Democrat and a member of the Masonic order in Terre Haute. He was looked upon by his neighbors as a prominent and successful business man, and his many excellent qualities of heart and mind won him the love and honor of all who knew him. His first marriage was in 1875 to Emily Trinkle, who died on the 12th of October, 1897, and it was in 1898 that he married Sarah E. Stark, but no children were born of either marriage. Mrs. Stout is a member of the Baptist church.

ROBERT L. SMITH, a well known business man of Prairieton township, was born in Garrard county, Kentucky, January 11, 1845, a son of George W. and Elizabeth (McKee) Smith. The father was born in Virginia in 1809, but when a child he was taken to Kentucky by his parents, and he later learned and followed the tailor's trade. He was killed during the slavery rebellion, June 10, 1855. Mrs. Smith was born in Garrard county, Kentucky, and died on the 16th of February, 1897. Many of her family were professional men, and she was a daughter of Hugh and Lydia McKee, in whose family were three children.

Robert L. Smith was but a boy of ten years when his father was killed, and he remained with his widowed mother until 1869. In the meantime, on the 8th of October, 1861, he enlisted with the First Kentucky Cavalry for services in the Civil war, his term expiring in March, 1862, and in May of 1865 he became a member of the One Hundred and Ninety-eighth Ohio Infantry, and as a private served in the battles of Richmond, Perryville, Nells Spring, Franklin and Wildcat. He still maintains pleasant relations with his old army comrades by his membership in Blinn Post, Grand Army of the Republic, and he also receives a pension of twelve dollars a month. After the close of the conflict he returned to his home in Kentucky, and it was in 1869 that he came from there to Honey Creek township, Vigo county, Indiana, where he worked on a farm for about twenty years. In 1890 he located in Prairieton and became a paperhanger and painter, and he still follows those occupations, while in 1904 he also embarked in the general mercantile business, and in the same year was made the assistant postmaster. In addition to his store building he owns two residences and lots. During the past eight or ten years he has also been a notary public, and he is a Republican politically.

On the 3d of December, 1875, Mr. Smith married Florence K. Stevenson, who was born May 22, 1856, a daughter of George and Caroline C. (Hull) Stevenson. The mother was born in Sullivan county, Indiana, February 4, 1817, and died on the 26th of December, 1899. The father, born November 20, 1800, died August 26, 1875. When a child he came with his parents from Philadelphia to Honey Creek township, Vigo county, Indiana, where in time he became a very prominent man and the owner of one hundred and twenty acres of land. He was an active church worker and a member of the Methodist denomination. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Stevenson, namely: Mary E., the wife of George Bunce, of Terre Haute; Julia Isabell, the wife of John Graham, of New Albany, Indiana; Nancy Deborah, wife of George Ray, of Seymour, Texas; Harriet Jane, who has never married and lives in

Terre Haute; Thursy Fletcher, with his sister in Terre Haute, and Florence K., who became the wife of Mr. Smith. Eleven children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Smith: Elizabeth McKee, who was born July 20, 1877, and died on the 8th of December, 1898; Ralph Stevenson, who was born February 10, 1879, is a painter and paperhanger and lives with his parents; George Watts, born March 24, 1881, is the postmaster of Prairieton; Robbie Hull, born June 24, 1883, is a painter and at home; Laura Edith, born October 13, 1886, died March 14, 1893; Mary Etta, born February 29, 1889, died March 12, 1893; Jessie Harriet, born December 14, 1891, died March 13, 1893; Helen Mills, born July 21, 1894; Hazel Marie, June 8, 1896; Martha Henderson, September 22, 1899, and Hugh McKee, December 2, 1902, all at home. Mr. Smith is a prominent Mason and has received four degrees in the order. He is a member of the grand lodge, also of Honey Creek Grange, No. 1.

GEORGE FREDERICK NEFF is the owner of a valuable estate in Prairieton township and is one of the community's most prosperous agriculturists. He was born in Clark county, Illinois, September 10, 1852, a son of Tobias Frederick and Sophia (Furstenberger) Neff, both of whom were born in Germany and came with their respective parents to the United States, the father when eight years of age and the mother when eighteen, both families locating near Marion, Ohio. The old log house in which the Neff family first took up their abode is still standing, but the parents spent the last years of their lives in Clark county, Illinois, at the home of their son Tobias. Tobias F. Neff remained at home until he was twenty years of age, or until his marriage, which was celebrated in Ohio, near Marion, and shortly after this event the young couple moved to Clark county, Illinois. The first farm which Mr. Neff purchased there was sold, as was also his next purchase of one hundred and twenty acres. He disposed of that tract at the beginning of the war and bought eighty acres adjoining. In December, 1861, he laid aside his work and became a soldier in the Eighth Indiana Battery, serving as a private for three years and four months, and was never wounded in all that time. For a time he drove the lead team to a cannon and participated in the battles of Chickamauga, Murfreesboro, Peach Tree Creek, Shiloh, Fredericksburg and Lookout Mountain, some of the most sanguine of the entire conflict, and after returning from the front resumed farming in Clark county, Illinois. In 1880 he left the farm there and during the remainder of his life lived retired in Prairieton township. His political views were first in harmony with the Democratic party, but after the war he became

a Republican. He was a member of the German Evangelical church, and at one time had fraternal affiliations with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He continued his relations with his old army comrades by his membership in Blinn Post, Grand Army of the Republic. His death occurred on the 13th of December, 1891, long surviving his wife, who had died July 12, 1878. In their family were ten children, namely: Anna and Catherine, both deceased; Harriet, the wife of Jacob Woods, of Prairieton; Margaret, the widow of Levi Dawson and a resident of Terre Haute; George F., the subject of this review; Elizabeth, deceased; Daniel, who has been twice married, first to Flora Slusser and secondly to Clara Norton, and he resides in Clark county, Illinois; William, who married Emma Smith, now deceased, and is living in Terre Haute; Emma, who has also been twice married, first wedding Jacob Green and afterward her present husband, Thomas Van Allen, and they are living in West Terre Haute, and Mary, deceased.

When George F. Neff had reached his fifteenth year he left home and for two years worked as a blacksmith, while during the following eight years he was engaged in teaming and hauling logs. In the spring of 1876 he rented a farm in Prairieton township, and continued as a renter for twenty-one years, and at the close of that period purchasing the farm of two hundred and seven acres. He became the owner of the place in 1897, and he now has two hundred and ten acres and makes a specialty of grain farming. In 1907 he made several improvements on his residence, including the building of a porch, and the home is now modern and complete in all its appointments.

On the 25th of October, 1877, Mr. Neff married Belle Evans, who was born January 13, 1857, a daughter of Robert and Eliza Jane (Cornell) Evans, and their five children are: Vivian, who was born February 26, 1882, and died in September of the same year; Erma, born April 23, 1883, is the wife of Louis Hayworth, of Prairieton township; Catherine, born October 7, 1884, is the wife of Willard Butler, and they reside with her parents; Georgia, born March 30, 1892, and Glen, born May 22, 1895, are both at home. All completed the course in the Prairieton school with the exception of Glen, and Catherine also attended the State Normal at Terre Haute for one term. Mr. Neff votes with the Democratic party, and is a Master Mason. He has filled all the offices in his local lodge with the exception of those of secretary and treasurer. Both he and his wife are members of the Methodist church at Prairieton.

JOSEPH DOSCH.—One of the well known German-American citizens of Vigo county, is Joseph Dosch, a farmer in Prairieton township. He

was born in Baden, Germany, December 19, 1857, a son of Jacob and Mary (Bungy) Dosch. The mother lived to the age of seventy-two years, and the father was seventy-five when death claimed him. He was a cabinet-maker and the proprietor of a shop. Of the seven children born to Mr. and Mrs. Dosch the three eldest, Catherine, Stephen and Martin, are deceased; Joseph was the fourth born; Philip resides in Terre Haute, and the two youngest, Francis and Susan, are also deceased.

Joseph Dosch came to the United States on the 5th of June, 1880, to escape service in the German army, and after landing at Baltimore made his way direct to Prairieton township, in Vigo county, Indiana. He was a florist in Germany, and after coming here worked for his uncle for two years. He was then married and began farming for himself on a rented farm which later his wife inherited, and the homestead consists of two hundred and fifty-six acres in Prairieton township. He is a successful grain and stock farmer.

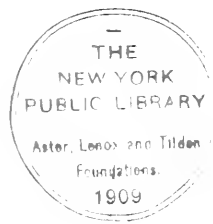
On the 14th of September, 1882, Mr. Dosch wedded Alydia Rotz, born July 22, 1860, on the farm on which she now lives, a daughter of Frank and Helen (Meyer) Rotz, both of whom were born in Germany, the father in 1814, and they came to the United States in 1840 and located in Terre Haute, where the father worked in the sawmill during the summer months and at pork packing in the winter, for eight or nine years. He then purchased a little farm of one hundred and eighty acres, and at his death, May 1, 1905, his estate consisted of two hundred and fifty-six acres. He was one of the early pioneers of Prairieton township, and in 1872 he built the brick residence in which Mr. and Mrs. Dosch now reside, one of the finest in the county, and it is now furnished and fitted with many of the latest improvements, including an acetylene gas plant of its own. Mr. Rotz was a Democrat and a member of the German Catholic church. Of his four children two died in infancy and Josephine, born March 31, 1857, lives with her sister, Mrs. Dosch. Mr. and Mrs. Dosch have six children: Frank J., who was born March 7, 1884, and is a farmer in the state of Washington; Mary N., born December 7, 1886; George, February 18, 1899; Louis, who died in infancy; Jacob B., born February 2, 1893, and Emma, born November 7, 1900. Mr. Dosch had fraternal relations with the Ancient Order of United Workmen until the lodge disbanded, and he is a Democrat politically. Both he and his wife are members of the German Catholic church at Terre Haute.

MRS. HARRIET HARLAN was born February 6, 1848, in Ohio, but from her earliest girlhood days she has lived in Vigo county and is num-





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bered among its honored pioneer women. Her parents, Nicholas Mullikin and Ellen (Brown) Mullikin, were both natives of Maryland, born respectively on the 15th of March, 1801, and December 27, 1805, and both were of Scotch-Irish descent. They were married in that commonwealth, and for a number of years Mr. Mullikin worked there in a meat packing house, working for seven dollars a month, and on this small allowance he kept a wife and three children. From Maryland they moved to Ohio, and there he farmed until his removal in 1851 to Vigo county, Indiana. They established their home in Honey Creek township, on the old Joe Jenks farm, which they rented for seven years, and then, in 1858, bought forty acres in the same township. There they spent the remainder of their lives, Mr. Mullikin dying on the 26th of November, 1884, and his wife on the 20th of November, 1883. They became the parents of twelve children: Evaline, who died when young; William Joseph, Martha, Ann Mariah and Albert, also deceased; Samuel, on the old homestead in Honey Creek township; Andrew and Mary C., deceased; John, of Terre Haute; Harriet, who became the wife of Mr. Harlan; Louis, deceased, and the youngest died in infancy. Mr. Mullikin supported the Democratic party, and his first presidential vote was cast for Andrew Jackson. During one term he served his township as its supervisor.

On the 6th of December, 1870, Harriet Mullikin gave her hand in marriage to James Harlan. He was a son of Enoch and Catherine (Pope) Harlan, the former of whom was born December 19, 1800, and died May 17, 1889, while the latter, born in 1810, died on the 29th of August, 1875. James Harlan, born January 24, 1836, died May 17, 1902, leaving his widow and five children. They had become the parents of eight children, namely: Albert, deceased; Junior, a resident of Terre Haute; Ray C., also deceased; Ida, the wife of Walter Payne, of Middletown; James Elmer, deceased; Herman, who married Clara Kennedy and lives in Linton township; Ernest, who married Miss Edith Robinson and resided in Honey Creek, and Judge, at home. The children all attended the city schools of Prairieton, and with the exception of the youngest all were students in the Commercial College of Terre Haute. Mr. Harlan was a stock and grain farmer, and at his death he left a large estate of one thousand acres, all in Vigo county. He was an active politician as well as business man, but never desires the emoluments or honors of public office. At one time he was elected the squire of Honey Creek township, but refused to serve. He was a Democrat politically. In 1880 he built one of the finest farm homes in Vigo county, a beautiful and commodious residence of twelve rooms, and there his widow now resides, the home-

stead containing four hundred and thirty-six acres. Mrs. Harlan is a member of the Methodist church. She has two of the old parchment deeds, one dated November 7, 1837, and the other October 1, 1840. These valuable documents are signed by President Martin Van Buren.

JACOB HENRY ST. JOHN has been a resident of Prairieton township throughout his entire life, born on his father's farm here March 22, 1854. Charles St. John, his father, was of German descent and was born in Ulster county, New York, June 13, 1824. During his early manhood he moved to Dayton, Ohio, where he met and married Sarah Ogle, born in Hamilton county, that state, December 22, 1826, and she was of Welsh and German descent. In 1840 the young couple journeyed from Ohio to Vigo county, Indiana, where for ten years they rented land in Prairieton township. They then became owners of one hundred and forty-three acres and here they spent the remainder of their lives, the wife dying in 1901 and the husband and father on the 17th of June, 1903. He was a Democrat and at one time a member of the Odd Fellows order, and both he and his wife were members of the United Brethren church. Their six children are as follows: Jacob H., the subject of this review; Edward, deceased; James, a resident of Edgar county, Illinois; Clifford, deceased, and the two youngest died in infancy.

Jacob Henry St. John, the first born, grew to years of maturity on a farm in his native township of Prairieton, receiving his education in the district schools, and when he had attained the age of twenty-two he left home and for years lived on a rented farm. He then purchased and removed to his present homestead. As a representative of the Democracy he has served in the office of constable for two years and for a similar period as a supervisor.

Mr. St. John married, April 19, 1876, Mollie Lockhart, who was born in Evansville, Indiana, but as her father died when she was young she was reared in the home of George Nailer in Terre Haute, receiving her education in the city schools. She died on the 24th of July, 1882, when but twenty-two years of age, and left one son, Herbert, born February 27, 1878, who was married twice. His first wife, Bessie Hayworth, by whom he has one daughter, Thelma, died, and his second wife was Myrla Whittaker, whom he married August 19, 1899. Jacob H. St. John married for his second wife Anna LeForge, who was born and educated in Vigo county, and their three children are: Jacob, deceased; Orville, who lives with his father, and the youngest died in infancy. The wife and mother died in 1891, and on the 21st of March, 1892, Mr. St. John married Miss Hallie Whittaker, who was born in Lawrence

county, Indiana, July 28, 1876, a daughter of James D. and Mary (Eastham) Whittaker. They came to Vigo county, Indiana, when their daughter Hallie was small and became prominent residents of Prairieton township, where they are still living. Mr. and Mrs. St. John have had five children—Mary, finished eighth grade; Gertrude, deceased; Ruby, Theodore and Commodore. Mr. St. John is a member of the United Brethren church, and his wife has membership relations with the Methodist denomination.

WILLIAM O. BURGETT.—Among the native sons of Vigo county is enrolled the name of William O. Burgett, who was born in the city of Terre Haute, January 12, 1842, a son of John and Julia (Webton) Burgett. From their native state of New York the parents journeyed to Terre Haute, Indiana, in the thirties, where the husband and father resumed his trade of carpentering. In their family were four children: Julia A., a resident of Indianapolis; Lawrence, of Terre Haute, and William O., the subject of this review. The father was a second time married, and by that union had four children: Richard, George, who was killed at Kitter's mill; Mary, the wife of Dr. Wolf, of Clay City, and Caroline, deceased.

William O. Burgett was left motherless when but six months old, and after being cared for by others for about a year he was taken by old Mrs. Norse, who kept him until he was three. He then returned home, for his father had married again, but after three years he again went to live with Mrs. Norse and remained with her until he enlisted for service in the Civil war, October 21, 1861. He was enrolled with Company G, Forty-third Regiment of Indiana Infantry, and saw active service until his discharge, June 14, 1864. He served two years and six months as a private, was then made first orderly sergeant, and later received the rank respectively of second and first lieutenant. He continued as a brave and loyal soldier until the close of the conflict and participated in the battles of New Madrid, Riddle Point, Ft. Pillar, all in Missouri; Memphis, Tennessee, and Helena, Azor Pass, Little Rock and Mt. Adams, Arkansas. After returning from the war Mr. Burgett farmed on rented land for four years, and he is now the owner of an estate of thirty acres in Prairieton township and also a house and two lots in Prairieton. He is an active worker in the ranks of the Democratic party, and for twenty-one consecutive years served as the assessor of his township. He has received the third degree in Masonry and is the past master of his lodge, and he is also a member of Blinn Post, No. 394, Grand Army of the Republic. In compensation for his services as a soldier in the Civil war he now receives a pension of twenty-four dollars a month.

In 1869 Mr. Burgett was married to Mary Adams, born in 1843, and her death occurred in 1883, after becoming the mother of four children: Lulu, the wife of Dan Manhart, of Terre Haute; Maude, a shorthand reporter in Galveston, Texas; Mabel, in Terre Haute, and one who died in infancy. In March, 1887, Mr. Burgett married Mary H. Ridges.

LEVI APPLGATE was born in Kentucky October 15, 1842, but since his early manhood he has been identified with the interests of Vigo county. His father, Nicholas Applegate, born in 1811, came as a laborer to Parke county, Indiana, in 1843, and worked in the mines there most of the time during the remainder of his life, his death occurring on the 26th of November, 1887. He had been twice married, having three children by the first union, but the only one now living is Levi, the youngest child. The first born was Miranda and the second James. His second wife bore the maiden name of Rebecca Thomas, and their four children were: George, still living, of Parke county, and Jeannette, Presley and Rachel, all deceased. Mr. Nicholas Applegate voted with the Democratic party until the inauguration of the Civil war, when he espoused the Republican cause and remained true to its principles.

Levi Applegate spent the first sixteen years of his life at home with his parents and then worked with different employers until his enlistment for the Civil war, October 15, 1861, entering Company G, Forty-third Indiana Infantry. He entered the ranks as a private and was discharged June 14, 1865, having been in active service during all that time and participating in the battles of New Madrid, Riddle Point, Fort Pillar, all in Missouri; Memphis, Tennessee, and Helena, Azor Pass, Little Rock and Mark Mill, Arkansas. He was captured in the last engagement but made his escape after two weeks, and throughout his entire service he was never wounded. He now receives a pension of fourteen dollars a month. After returning from the war Mr. Applegate conducted a saw mill for one year in Fountain county and then farmed rented land there for a similar period. In the spring of 1867 he came to Prairieion township, Vigo county, where for four years he rented land, and then, in 1871, purchased a tract of sixty acres, to which he later added thirty acres more, but in 1903 he sold the farm and bought three lots and a residence in Prairieion.

He cast his first vote for Abraham Lincoln, at his second term, and has voted the Republican ticket ever since. For fourteen years, representing the Republican party, he served as the constable of Prairie Creek township, and for four years was a justice of the peace in the same

township. He is a member of Blinn Post, No. 394, Grand Army of the Republic. In 1865 Mr. Applegate married Eleanor Phillips, who was born April 7, 1840, and both he and his wife are members of the Methodist church.

WILLIAM F. FARMER was born in the house where he now lives February 3, 1859, a son of Hiram and Alvina (Davis) Farmer. His paternal grandparents came from Butler county, Ohio, to Indiana, in 1832, first locating in Waveland, and in 1857 came to Prairieton township, where they purchased seven hundred acres of land. The grandfather was a blacksmith, general merchant and farmer, and spent the latter part of his life on his farm.

Their son Hiram was born August 7, 1836, and remained at home until twenty-one years of age, and then married and bought a farm in Prairie Creek township of one hundred and fifty acres, where he has lived ever since with the exception of about two years spent in Illinois. He has been a life-long agriculturist, and is a member of the Missionary Baptist church. Hiram Farmer married, first, Alvira Davis, who was born in 1843 and died in 1865, after becoming the mother of three children: William F., Fannie, who was born in 1861 and died in 1876, and Harvey, who is married and living in Terre Haute. By his second marriage, to Clara Pinkston, Mr. Farmer also had three children: Mintie, the wife of Edgar Lloyd, of Pottawatomie county, Oklahoma; Mattie, the deceased wife of William Weir, and Edward, who married Effie Manhart and resides in Terre Haute. For his third wife Mr. Farmer wedded Cordelia Taylor, but there were no children of that union. He is a Republican politically.

William F. Farmer lived in his father's home but a short time and then went to his grandmother, who cared for him until her death. He has lived on his present homestead farm all his life with the exception of five years, and has been a life-long farmer, owning at the present time an estate of three hundred and twenty-five acres. He is a Republican and a member of the Methodist church, as is also his wife.

On the 8th of November, 1881, Mr. Farmer married Blanche Ogle, who was born February 25, 1860, and they have four children: Bert O., born July 31, 1882, and now employed by the Terre Haute Theater Company in Terre Haute; Leo J., born May 28, 1884, married Louise Pugh, of Honey Creek township; Fred H., born February 25, 1886, and Willie C., born January 19, 1894, both at home. All were educated in the Prairieton schools, and the eldest son, Bert, completed a course at the Wabash Business College.

Mrs. Farmer is a daughter of Jacob W. Ogle and a granddaughter of Jacob and Sarah (Beatty) Ogle, natives of Dauphin county, Pennsylvania, and of English and German descent. Jacob's father, William Ogle, was a tailor and merchant and he located in Butler county, Ohio, in 1813, and remained there until 1839, coming thence to Vigo county, Indiana. He was a son of John Ogle, and the latter's father, the great-great-great-grandfather of Mrs. Farmer, was surnamed "John the Emigrant." He came to this country from England with Lord Baltimore and received grants of land. Col. Jacob Ogle, the grandfather of Mrs. Farmer, was born October 9, 1791, and died June 28, 1867, and his wife, Sarah (Beatty) Ogle, was born December 28, 1790, and died October 3, 1871. They had eight children, of whom Jacob W. Ogle was the fourth, and he was born in Butler county, Ohio, February 10, 1823, and was a physician and farmer. He was a graduate of Miami University at Oxford, Ohio, with the class of 1845, and was also a graduate of Rush Medical College of Chicago. He owned three well cultivated farms of four hundred acres, and served two terms as township assessor, voting with the Democratic party. He had in his possession a box of copper and brass, which was taken from the Indians, and according to the record of his grandfather this box was given to the Indians by William Penn. Dr. Ogle died March 4, 1896. He married, December 2, 1851, Eliza J. Ferguson, a daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (Lee) Ferguson, natives of Butler county, Ohio, the former of Scotch and the latter of English descent. Eight of their children grew to years of maturity and Eliza J. (Ferguson) Ogle was the youngest. Dr. and Mrs. Ogle had six children: Mary M., the deceased wife of Laney White; Sarah E., wife of B. R. White; J. B., deceased; Fred H. L., who married Agnes Ball; Blanche E., wife of William Farmer, and Frank T.

Mr. and Mrs. Farmer have one of the old parchment deeds executed under the hand of President Van Buren, which bears the date of March 18, 1837. This is the fifth deed of the kind found in Vigo county.

JOHN M. FERGUSON.—From an early epoch in its history, representatives of the Ferguson name have been prominently identified with the interests of Vigo county, more especially with its agricultural pursuits. As early as 1818 James Ferguson, who was born in Ohio, December 29, 1809, and died February 10, 1882, came with his father and grandfather Thomas to the county, and they entered three hundred and twenty acres of land, becoming prominent grain and stock farmers. James Ferguson was the eldest of a large family of children, including Nancy, born March 11, 1811; Anderson, born March 20, 1814; John,



March 1, 1816; Thomas, March 14, 1817; Henry, December 16, 1819; Mary Ann, October 5, 1820, and Eliza, June 28, 1826, all now deceased. At his death James Ferguson left a large estate of two hundred and thirty acres. He was a Democrat and a member of the Baptist church. His wife bore the maiden name of Mary Simmons, and was born July 15, 1819, and is now living in Terre Haute. Their children numbered eleven, namely: John M., the subject of this review; Thomas L., born September 2, 1836, died May 30, 1859; Eliza Jane, born September 27, 1840, the wife of Dr. Drake, of Prairieton; Sarah A., born August 23, 1842, died in infancy; James P., born March 6, 1845, died in infancy; Sarah Ann, born May 15, 1847, wife of A. M. Hurst, in Vigo county, died in September, 1904; Wilson, born February 11, 1850, died in infancy; William, born February 8, 1853, died in infancy; Martha Ellen, born November 2, 1854, wife of A. G. Hurst, died in Kansas in February, 1904; Malinda, born December 2, 1856, died in childhood, and Mary E., born June 20, 1859, the wife of Charles Davis, of Prairieton.

John M. Ferguson had reached his twenty-third year when he married and left home, his birth occurring December 16, 1836, in Vigo county. During the seven years following his marriage he rented a farm in Prairieton township, and then purchasing one hundred acres in Prairie Creek township he farmed there for another seven years. Selling that farm he then bought his present estate of two hundred and eleven acres, where he has ever since followed grain farming. He is a Democrat politically and has served one term each as a justice of the peace and road supervisor.

On the 11th of October, 1859, Mr. Ferguson married Martha Rigney, born April 26, 1842, in Orange county, Indiana, a daughter of Samuel and Mary (McPheeters) Rigney. They have had four children, namely: Cora M., born September 19, 1860, is the wife of William H. Paddock, and has two children, William M. and Clara A., of Terre Haute; Alice L., born July 7, 1862, is the wife of James W. Lee, of West Terre Haute, and has two daughters, Laura and Leare; Thomas E., born October 2, 1862, married Emma A. Roberts, resides in Honey Creek township and has three children, Harry, Charles and Dean, and Charles R., born May 3, 1872, died March 28, 1905. The daughters completed their educational training in the Prairieton schools and the sons graduated from Brown's Business College. Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson are members of the Baptist church.

JOHN F. NELSON.—The name of Nelson has been prominently associated with the agricultural interests of Vigo county since an early

period in its history, and the founder of the family here was James Nelson, who came from his native state of Kentucky and cast his lot with the earliest residents of Honey Creek township. Shortly after his arrival he entered one hundred and sixty acres of land from the government, and farming continued as his life occupation. In his family were seven children: Al, James, William, John F., Betsy, Teshia and Polly.

John F. Nelson, Sr., the fourth born, was a native son of Honey Creek township, and he remained with his father until his marriage, at the age of twenty-one years, when he began life for himself by renting a farm. He was soon able to purchase a little tract of twenty acres, and as time advanced and his financial resources increased he added to the boundaries of his farm until at his death he was the owner of two hundred and eighty acres. In addition to cultivating and improving his land he also conducted a grocery store in Prairieton from 1889 until his death, January 15, 1901, and the establishment is now under the management of his son-in-law. Mr. Nelson was a Democrat politically, and for twelve years he served as a justice of the peace in Prairieton and for four years as its constable. His wife, nee Melvina Frakes, was born in Prairie Creek township, and died January 22, 1890. They became the parents of five children: Charles, born in 1861; Sadie A., in 1863; Molly, in 1864, deceased; John F., in 1867, and Mattie, in 1869.

John F. Nelson, the fourth child, was born in Prairieton township, Vigo county, April 18, 1867, and he, too, remained at home until his marriage, at the age of twenty-one years. From that time until 1900 he rented one of his father's farms, and the little tract of forty acres then became his own by inheritance. He has followed garden farming and sells his produce at wholesale. In the fall of 1903, representing the Democratic party, he was elected to the office of assessor, his term of office to expire in the present year of 1908. His fraternal relations connect him with the Modern Woodmen of America, Camp No. 5624, in Prairieton.

Mr. Nelson married Edna Frasier on Christmas day of 1889. She was born in Parke county, December 28, 1870, and was thirteen years old when she came to Vigo county. She was educated in the common schools. Her father, John Frasier, was born in North Carolina, but during his boyhood days came to Parke county, Indiana, where in time he became an extensive farmer and stock raiser. In his family were six children: Molly, Annie, Nina, Ella, Edna and a son who died in infancy. Mr. Frasier died September 4, 1906, and Mrs. Frasier March 1, 1877.

Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Nelson: Ethel and Clarence, and two who died in infancy. The daughter received her educa-

tion in the schools of Prairieton and has a musical education, and the son is now pursuing his studies in the fifth grade in school. Mr. and Mrs. Nelson and their daughter are members of the United Brethren church at Prairieton. Mrs. Nelson is a Royal Neighbor, belonging to Harrison Camp, No. 2513, at Prairieton. Mr. Nelson has in his library an old Bible published in 1816, and he also has two valuable silver coins, one, a Mexican, dated 1830, and the other a quarter, dated 1820.

HERMAN H. INFANGE.—After a long identification with the business interests of Terre Haute, Herman H. Infange is now living retired on his farm home of one hundred and thirty acres just outside of Prairieton. He was born in what is now Prussia, Germany, September 17, 1839, a son of John Henry and Elizabeth (Determan) Infange, who spent their entire lives in their native land. John H. Infange was the proprietor of a tailorshop, but his death occurred when his son Herman was a boy of twelve. He is the youngest of their ten children and the only one now living. Two of the family came to America, Herman and his sister Margaret. She married Rudolph Wittlefelt in Cincinnati, and both are now deceased.

Herman H. Infange was only a lad of fourteen when alone and unacquainted with no one on board he took passage on a ship from Bremen to the United States. The ship was eleven weeks in making the voyage, and just before anchoring at Baltimore smallpox became epidemic among the passengers and the ship was quarantined for two weeks. From Baltimore the little lad went direct to Cincinnati, Ohio, where from 1854 to 1860 he was employed in the bedstead factory of E. Mudge. Coming to Terre Haute in October of 1860 he spent six years in a furniture factory here, and then, in partnership with a brother-in-law, Rudolph Staukwisch, he embarked in the brick business, but after one year he sold his interest to his partner and came to Prairieton to conduct a store for another brother-in-law, L. W. Pahmeyer. After two years he bought a half interest in the business, and they conducted two stores, dry goods and groceries, Mr. Infange having charge of the grocery store. At the end of three years he sold his interest, but later bought it back again and conducted the store until 1904, when he sold to his two sons, Harry and Otto, and retired from the active cares of a business life. In 1904 he removed to his farm home just outside of Prairieton, where he owns one hundred and thirty acres. For nine years he has held the office of postmaster of that town, and he is a Republican politically. His fraternal relations are with the Masonic Lodge, No. 168, at Prairieton.

On the 8th of March, 1859, Mr. Infange married Anna Staukwisch,

born near the birthplace of her husband in Germany, December 22, 1838, and she came to America with her parents, Frederick and Elizabeth (Rother) Staukwisch, in 1853. The father, who was a butcher, died in Cincinnati, and the mother died in Terre Haute. These children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Infange, namely: William, who died in infancy; William, the second of the name, who was born March 20, 1861, and is now married and is a plumber in Terre Haute; John; Harry, who is married and is the proprietor of a store in Prairieton; Elizabeth was the wife of Charles Bentley, also of Prairieton, now deceased; Anna and Herman, both deceased; Frederick, a plumber in Terre Haute; Otto, the proprietor of a store in Prairieton, and Inez, deceased. The daughter, Elizabeth, is a graduate of the high school, and William, Harry and Otto were all students at the Commercial College of Terre Haute. Mr. and Mrs. Infange attend the services of the Methodist church in Prairieton, but their religious views are in harmony with the teachings of the Lutheran denomination.

WILLIAM F. ALTEKRUSE is a member of a prominent old German-American family of Terre Haute, and was born in this city June 13, 1861, to Ernest Fred and Louise (Harding) Altekruise, both of whom were born in Germany. Ernest F. Altekruise, born October 3, 1824, came to America alone when about seventeen years old. He had two brothers living here, and he remained with one of them in Ohio for a short time and then came to Terre Haute, where he labored at different occupations until he became connected with the old Wabash distillery of this city, serving as their yeast maker for about thirty-one years. He then bought a farm of one hundred and forty acres in Linton township, Vigo county, but after the death of his wife, five years later, he sold the land and lived on the Hullman farm in Honey Creek township until he retired from active labor. At the time of his death, in June, 1902, he was living with his children. He was a Democrat politically and both he and his wife were members of the German Reformed church of Terre Haute. Their marriage was celebrated in this city and was blessed by the birth of eleven children, namely: Mary, deceased, and the second and third born died in infancy; Louise, the wife of James Coordies, of Terre Haute; Caroline, who has never married and also resides in this city; Fred, deceased; William F., the subject of this review; Henry, a farmer in Honey Creek township; Ernest, a carpenter in Terre Haute; John, also a carpenter here, and Elizabeth, deceased.

William F. Altekruise attained to his sixteenth year in Terre Haute, receiving his education in its public schools, and his father then moving to Linton township, William worked with him on the farm for nine years. He then began farming for himself on rented land in Honey

Creek township, but after five years there was able to purchase a little tract of sixty acres in Prairieton township, section 36, where he does general farming, and also operates other land in connection with his own. In the fall of 1904 he was elected to the office of township trustee, assuming the duties of the position January 1, 1905, and his term of office will expire January 1, 1909. He is a member of the fraternal order of Odd Fellows, No. 825, at Prairieton.

Mr. Altekruise married, November 30, 1887, Martha E. Smith, who was born in Clark county, Indiana, September 18, 1863, where her father, Joseph T. Smith, was for many years a well known farmer, but he is now living in Prairieton township, Vigo county. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Altekruise: Bertha, born May 24, 1888; Minnie, February 27, 1890; Oscar, August 5, 1892, and Theodore, born July 15, 1898, died April 28, 1899. The wife and mother is also deceased, dying December 26, 1906. She was a devout member of the United Brethren church, as is also Mr. Altekruise.

EDWIN H. MCPHEETERS, one of the honored soldier citizens and agriculturists of Prairieton township, Vigo county, was born in Washington county, of this state, April 28, 1843, a son of John M. and Rebecca (Pering) McPheeters, farming people. The father, born in Kentucky, September 8, 1808, died in May of 1864, but his wife, who was born April 4, 1810, long survived him and died in April, 1883. She was born in England and came to this country at the age of twenty with her mother, they locating near Livonia, in Washington county, Indiana. She had taught school in the mother country, and continued the occupation in her new home. Mr. McPheeters was an agriculturist and followed that occupation throughout his entire business career, owning, at his death, one hundred and sixty acres of land. During the Civil war he served as a member of the Home Guards, was a Whig and Republican in politics and was a member of the Presbyterian church. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. McPheeters were eight children, namely: Emily, who was born January 9, 1834, and died when young; Theophilus, born June 26, 1837, resides in Crawfordsville, Indiana, and he, too, was a soldier in the Civil war, enlisting in 1864 and serving until the close of the struggle as a private in the Forty-ninth Indiana Regiment; Louisa, born December 31, 1840, is the wife of George Clem, of Honey Creek township; Edwin H., of this sketch; Emma, born December 22, 1845, died in 1863; Amelia, born May 23, 1848, resides in Santa Barbara, California, unmarried; Margaret, born September 13, 1850, married James Jones and resides in Los Angeles, California, and Mary, born November 6, 1863, is the wife of Frank McPheeters, of Palo Alta, that state.

Edwin H. McPheeters remained at home until his enlistment for

the Civil war, joining on the 27th of June, 1863, Company C, One Hundred and Seventeenth Indiana Infantry, and he served as a private until his discharge in 1864. In that time he participated in the battles of Bean Station, Bolles Gap, Tennessee; Wildcat, Kentucky, and Knoxville, Tennessee, and in compensation for his services as a soldier he now receives a pension of fourteen dollars a month. He also maintains relations with his comrades of the blue by his membership in Blynn Post, No. 239, Grand Army of the Republic, at Prairieton, of which he served as commander during the first year of its organization.

On returning home from the war Mr. McPheeters resumed his studies in the Stratton Commercial College at Indianapolis, and from there returned to his mother's farm in Washington county and remained there until 1876. Going thence to Clay county, Illinois, he rented land for one year, during the following three years farmed on rented land in Honey Creek township, Vigo county, and in 1881 came to Prairieton township and to the farm he now owns and occupies, an estate of one hundred acres.

Mr. McPheeters married, October 5, 1869, Mary Austin, who was born July 6, 1840, in Garrard county, Kentucky, a daughter of Walter and Martha (Kennedy) Austin. They have had three children: Harry, born August 4, 1870, married Lula Morgan and conducts a garden farm in Prairieton township; Walter, born June 1, 1874, died August 21, 1875, and Lida K., born February 29, 1880, married John Perkins and resides in Honey Creek township. Mr. McPheeters is a Republican, and both he and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church, he being one of the elders of the congregation.

WILLIAM COLE MAYS is one of the pioneer farmers and soldier citizens of Prairieton township. He was born in Amherst county, Virginia, July 22, 1839, a son of Richard Anderson and Sarah C. (Bowles) Mays, both of whom were also natives of the Old Dominion state of Virginia. Richard A. Mays, who was of Scotch-Irish descent, died in Virginia in 1861, and left to survive him a widow and eight children, namely: Mary, Madison, James W. and Minerva, all deceased; Martha, the widow of S. H. Watts, and she resides with her brother William; Joshua and Sarah, deceased, and William C., whose name introduces this review.

In 1867 the widowed mother came with four children, two sons and two daughters, to Prairieton, Indiana. William C. Mays was one of the little party, and with his two brothers he bought three hundred and twenty acres in Prairieton township, and he yet owns one hundred and ten acres of the original half section. He has made his home here during all these many years and agriculture has been his life's vocation.

On the 1st of April, 1861, he became a soldier in the Civil war, entering Company B of Virginia Light Artillery, and was discharged at Lynchburg, Virginia, in the fall of 1865. His first engagement was at the famous Bull Run, after which he participated in the battles of Tar River, North Carolina, the Wilderness, Virginia, and Seven Pines, where he received a gunshot wound through the left leg, between the knee and the ankle, and this wound still troubles him at times. His next engagement was Gettysburg, where a piece of shell hit him in the left side and in the leg previously wounded. This was his last and hardest fought battle. True to his love for the southland, Mr. Mays served as a Confederate soldier, proving a gallant defender of its cause. His father had served his country during the War of 1812.

Mr. Mays married, in 1878, Emeline Hayworth, born in Prairieton township, Vigo county, to Samuel and Mary (Meyers) Hayworth, natives respectively of Indiana and Pennsylvania. Four children have been born of this union, three of whom are living and one deceased, namely: Edgar, Marshall and Ethel, all at home, and Grover, who died in infancy. The children received their educational training in the schools of Prairieton township, and Edgar also attended three terms in Westfield College of Edgar county, and the Commercial College in Terre Haute. With his brother Marshall he now has charge of the home farm. Mr. Mays supports the Democratic party, and both he and his wife are members of the United Brethren church.

BOLAN R. WHITE, a resident farmer of Prairieton township, was born in Wayne county, Kentucky, December 25, 1859, a son of Francis M. and Eliza E. (Owens) White, natives respectively of Florida and Kentucky. When he was a young man Francis M. White located in Kentucky, and was there married and became the owner of sixty acres of land. Eight children were born to him and his wife in their Kentucky home, namely: Mary, born March 12, 1848, died in 1875; James M., born April 5, 1852, died in 1903; Albert S., born March 27, 1855, is unmarried and a resident of Wayne county, Kentucky; Linas, born April 10, 1857, first married a member of the Ogle family, who died leaving three children, and he then wedded Bell Cain; Bolan R., of whom mention is made later; Rowen, born November 13, 1863, is unmarried and resides in Terre Haute; Louis A., born May 27, 1866, married Margaret Nichols, and they are resident farmers of Harrison township, and George W., born December 21, 1870, died in Kentucky.

Bolan R. White when but fifteen years of age began working for wages on different farms, and coming to Vigo county, Indiana, in 1879, he was subsequently married here and for ten years following farmed on rented land in Prairieton township. At the close of this period he pur-

chased a little tract of seventy acres, and since that time he has added forty acres to his original purchase, making him the owner of a pleasant and valuable farmstead.

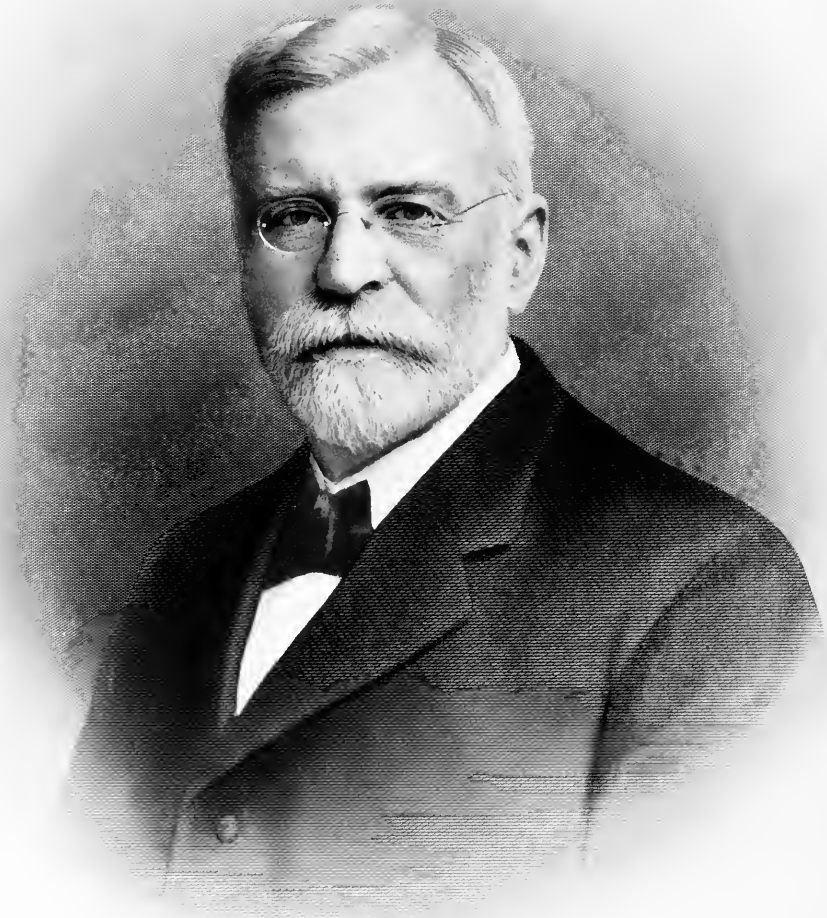
Mr. White married, February 10, 1886, Sarah Elizabeth Ogle, born September 4, 1854, and they have three children: Jacob Ogle, born March 4, 1889, has completed his educational training in the Prairieton schools and is with his parents; Jessie Eliza, born September 1, 1891, and Margaret Agnes, born August 29, 1893, is a student in the Prairieton schools. Mr. and Mrs. White have also raised three of his brother's children, namely: Mabel Pearl, who, after graduating from the Prairieton schools, entered the State Normal, and afterward taught for six years. She is now the wife of Harry Donhan; Iva Blanch also graduated from the same school and after teaching for four years married Frank McIntyre. Mary Elizabeth is now teaching her first term of school. They entered the home of their uncle after the death of their father, when they were from two months to four years of age, and they were tenderly cared for and splendidly educated by Mr. and Mrs. White. Mrs. White is a daughter of Dr. J. W. and Eliza J. (Ferguson) Ogle, prominent and well known residents of Vigo county and a review of whose lives will be found in the sketch of Mrs. Farmer, a sister of Mrs. White. Mr. White is an active political worker, voting with the Democratic party.

CHARLES K. CONWAY is descended from two of the honored early pioneer families of Vigo county, and is a son of James R. Conway, who is well remembered as one of the early business men here, spending the most of his active business life as a miller, but he retired from active pursuits in 1882 and died on the 26th of August, 1894. He held membership relations with the Masonic Lodge, No. 178, at Prairieton, and he and his family were Baptists in their religious faith. James R. Conway was born in Kentucky, November 8, 1836, and was a son of William R. and Mary Ann (Russell) Conway, both of whom were of Scotch descent, and he was the younger of their two children, the only daughter being Polly. Mr. Conway, the father, was a millwright throughout his active years.

James R. Conway married Eliza J. Lee, born in Prairie Creek township, Vigo county, November 14, 1836, and her death occurred on the 5th of September, 1894. She was a daughter of James and Mary Ann (Kercheval) Lee, prominent among the early residents of Vigo county. The father was born in Butler county, Ohio, October 13, 1802, and died October 31, 1877, while the mother was born in the same place, December 13, 1804, and died on the 4th of July, 1883. They came to Vigo county during a very early epoch in its history, and Mr. Lee, a Baptist







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minister, helped to blaze the state road from Vincennes to Terre Haute, the same being now known as the Vincennes and Terre Haute road. Their family numbered ten children: Martin K., Benjamin, Polly, John, Nancy, Elizabeth, Ruth, Eliza J., Priscilla and James B. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Conway, namely: William T., born September 17, 1860, in Vigo county, married Mary A. Conner; Mary A., born January 18, 1862, died November 26, 1881; Charles H., the subject of this review; Eliza E., born October 31, 1868, married Charles A. Cox and resides in Terre Haute, and Idell, born June 2, 1873, is the wife of Frederick Holmes, of Terre Haute.

Charles K. Conway remained with his father until the latter's death, assisting him in his mill, and after his marriage he came to the farm, which has ever since been his home. He is a grain farmer exclusively, conducting his own place of forty acres and also one hundred and sixty acres of rented land. From 1900 to 1904 he served his township as assessor, elected by the largest majority ever given to any candidate in Prairieton township.

Mr. Conway married, May 6, 1888, Theresa Ohmart, who was born May 18, 1860, a daughter of John and Mary E. (Scott) Ohmart. The father was of German descent, and was born in Ohio, January 29, 1839, and died May 12, 1894. The mother was born March 3, 1840, and died July 7, 1866. Their only son, George T., was born March 24, 1864, and died February 11, 1866. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Conway: Dora A., born October 21, 1889; Minnie J., April 21, 1891; James C., June 26, 1894, and Mary E., August 11, 1901. The two oldest are now attending the Prairieton school. Mr. Conway gives his political allegiance to the Democratic party. In the Masonic order he has attained to the third degree and has filled all the offices save one in Prairieton Lodge, No. 178. He is also a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, Prairieton Camp, No. 5624, in which he has been the venerable council for seven successive years.

DR. JONATHAN P. WORRELL, of Terre Haute, physician, ophthalmologist and otologist, is a Pennsylvanian, born in Chester county in 1844, and a representative of an old Quaker family. He is a son of Lewis L. and Rebecca (Pyle) Worrell. His ancestors on the paternal side came to America in 1684, while representatives of the maternal ancestry (the Sharpless family) landed at Chester, Pennsylvania, as early as 1682.

Dr. Worrell received his early education in the public schools, and afterward attended a private academy at West Chester. Subsequently he taught school until the fall of 1862, when he entered the army, becoming a member of the One Hundred and Seventy-fifth Regiment of Pennsylvania Infantry. He remained in the service until September of the fol-

lowing year, when he was discharged with broken health, which disqualified him for further service during the war.

Resuming teaching, he accepted a position as assistant in Clearfield Academy, Clearfield, Pennsylvania. While there, under the direction of Dr. R. V. Wilson, a distinguished physician of that place, he began the study of medicine, and in 1864 entered the Medical Department of the University of Pennsylvania, from which he graduated in the spring of 1867. The following year was spent in post-graduate work at the university, and as resident physician of Charity Hospital. In 1869 he accepted the position of resident physician in the Pennsylvania Inebriate Asylum. This institution, under the immediate charge of Dr. Joseph Parish, a man distinguished in philanthropic as well as in scientific circles, was a pioneer in the treatment of inebriety as a disease. After a year he gave up his position to enter upon the general practice of his profession at Media, the county seat of Delaware county, Pennsylvania.

Yielding at last to a desire to locate in the West, he made, in 1872, a visit to friends in Terre Haute. He was so much impressed by the advantages of the city, due to its central location, its proximity to large coal fields and its transportation facilities, together with its agreeable social features, that he determined to make this his future home. From that time on his fondness for the city of his choice has never weakened, nor his confidence in its future faltered, and he now sees in the prosperity of Terre Haute the fulfillment of his hopes and expectations.

His first patient in Terre Haute was Dr. E. V. Ball, whom he attended during his last illness. Dr. Ball was the oldest and for many years the leading physician of Terre Haute and vicinity, and numbered among his patients many of the old and prominent families of the place. To Dr. Ball's influence and that of many of his former patrons Dr. Worrell owed his immediate entrance upon a lucrative practice. His success was further promoted by the influence of Col. Thomas Dowling, then recently appointed county commissioner, and who became the dominating figure of the board. At this particular time many abuses existed in connection with the provision for the care of the sick poor, and in the management of the county poor house. A recent scandal had compelled the resignation of the county physician and his disappearance from the city. These things appealed with special force to Colonel Dowling, who determined upon bringing about a reformation. At his instance Dr. Worrell was appointed county physician, then a more lucrative position than at present. The first thing demanding attention was the county poor house, at that time in a deplorable state without proper provision for the separation of the sexes or for the proper care of the sick and insane. With the work of reorgani-

zation and the amelioration of the condition of the inmates Dr. Worrell was prominently identified. At the beginning of his term of office the building uniting the then administration building to the dormitories was erected. In this building, in accordance with his plans, hospital wards were fitted up and a dispensary installed. Under his direction also provision was made for the accommodation of the insane inmates, who up to that time had been cared for either in the ordinary dormitory or in cells in the basement, where rude accommodations, without sufficient light or heat, were furnished the most violent cases. This year, 1873, owing to the panic, general depression in all industries and consequent closure of many factories, the work of the county physician was so heavy that it became necessary for him to employ an assistant. For this reason he associated with himself Dr. W. Q. Insley in a partnership which continued for two years. This was the beginning of a friendship which terminated only with the death of Dr. Insley.

By this time Dr. Worrell had developed a strong liking for the study of diseases of the eye and ear, and recognizing in that line of work opportunity for the use of certain talents, and for the exercise of a certain manual dexterity which he possessed, he determined to direct his attention exclusively to the treatment of those organs. Accordingly in 1876 he placed himself under the instructions of Dr. W. H. Norris and Dr. S. R. Risley, of the University of Pennsylvania, on the eye, and Dr. Strawbridge, of the same institution, on the ear, and with the facilities afforded by the university and Wills Eye Hospital, he acquired a proficiency that justified him in devoting his exclusive attention to diseases of these organs.

In 1877 he returned to Terre Haute to pursue his practice as a specialist in these fields. In 1882 and in 1888 he spent several months in Europe studying the methods and attending the clinics of Von Arlt, Politzer, Hartmann and other distinguished specialists. During his last trip abroad he enjoyed the personal instruction of Professor Hirschberg, of the University of Berlin.

On the erection of St. Anthony's Hospital of Terre Haute he organized the ear and eye department therein, and has for more than thirty years been the ophthalmic and aural surgeon of that institution. He shares with Dr. L. J. Willien the honor of being the only remaining member of the original medical staff. He is a member of the American Medical Association, of the Indiana State Medical Society and of the Vigo County Medical Society, of which he was one of the founders. He belongs to the Esculapian Society of the Wabash Valley and served one term as its president. Of the societies identified with the specialties in

which he is interested he is a member of the American Ophthalmological Society and the Academy of Ophthalmology, Otology and Laryngology. He attended the ninth international congress, which met at Washington in 1887, and served as member of the council of the otological section. He has been for thirty years special examiner for eye and ear of the United States Pension Department. In connection with this position he is a member of the National Association of Pension Examiners.

Enjoying the practice of his profession rather than writing about it, he has nevertheless read many papers before the societies of which he is a member and has contributed much to the dissemination of enlightened views in connection with his special line of work. At the time of his beginning his special work the intimate relation between the general health, especially disorders of the nervous system, and affections of the eye was recognized by but few physicians. His contributions were instrumental in bringing about the general appreciation of these relations which now exist among physicians.

In 1885, at the request of the school trustees of Terre Haute, he made an examination of the hearing of the children of the public schools of the city. The results of these examinations were embodied in a report published the following year in the Transactions of the Indiana State Medical Society. This report furnished data which contributed to the development of a demand for the regular examination of the ears of school children that has become the vogue in many of our states.

Dr. Worrell has always stood for the highest ideals in the ethics of his profession. In contending for these he at times has found himself at variance with some whom he would not condemn, but whom he believes have been led into practices that are not conducive to the highest good of the greatest number. He esteems it the highest honor to be a physician and believes that the advertising of specialties is not only derogatory to the dignity of the profession, but likely to lead to abuse. In this position he is supported by a provision in the by-laws of the American Ophthalmological Society and by the opinion of many leading physicians and specialists throughout the nation.

FREDERICK LAYBOLD, a prominent agriculturist in Prairie Creek township, was born in Wittenburg, Germany, September 22, 1847, a son of Ludwig and Barbara Laybold. The mother died when her son Frederick was but two years of age; and in 1855 the father came with the remainder of the family to America, locating first in New York, and from there journeyed direct to Crawford county, Ohio. He had

learned and followed the weaver's trade in his native land, but never resumed its work after coming to this country. He maintained his home in Crawford county until his death, about 1876. He was the father of seven children, but all are now deceased with the exception of Frederick, the youngest. Two, the fifth and sixth in order of birth, died soon after the landing of the family in the United States, and the remaining four were Rachael, Barbara, Mary and Rose.

Frederick Laybold remained at home with his father until his marriage, and two years afterward, in 1869, he came to Terre Haute and entered upon his two years' connection as iron inspector with the Evansville & Terre Haute Railroad Company. For three years following this he farmed or rented land in Otter Creek township, and then moving to Prairie Creek township in 1874 he continued as a renter for about five years more. He then became the owner of his present homestead of one hundred and sixty acres, on which, in August, 1907, he erected a beautiful farm residence of ten rooms, furnished with all the modern conveniences of a city home.

On the 27th of March, 1867, Mr. Laybold married Catherine Holzwarth, born September 27, 1844, and of their nine children six are now living: John H., born January 13, 1868, married Anna Kruzan and lives in Prairie Creek township; Mamie, born February 6, 1870, is the wife of H. L. Flesher, of Prairieton township; William, born September 26, 1875, married Nellie F. Layer, and is on the home farm; Carrie, born February 8, 1875, is the wife of Elmer Evans, of Middletown; Edward, born March 28, 1881, is at home, and Frederick, Jr., born March 28, 1885, is also at home. Mr. Laybold is a Democrat politically and is a member and one of the trustees of the Methodist Episcopal church, his wife also having membership relations with the same denomination.

ISAAC RYNERSON, a prominent and well known farmer of Prairie Creek township, Vigo county, was born in Sullivan county, Indiana, March 13, 1838, a son of John and Letha (Chambers) Rynerson, natives respectively of Kentucky and Knox county, Indiana, and a grandson of Isaac, Sr., and Sarah (Lambert) Rynerson. The grandparents took up their abode in Sullivan county, Indiana, when their son John was seven years of age, and this community was then a frontier country and the home of but very few settlers. Isaac Rynerson, Sr., served in the Indian wars, and followed general farming on a small scale, and also hunted and trapped some. Nine children were born in the home of

John and Letha (Chambers) Rynerson, of whom seven lived to attain mature years and six are now living, namely: Samuel, John L. (a twin of Diana, now deceased), Monarch, William, Benjamin and Isaac.

Isaac Rynerson, the youngest of the living children, remained at home with his father until the opening of the Civil war, and on the 2d of September, 1862, became a member of Company F, Eighty-fifth Indiana Regiment of Volunteers, in which he served as a private until his muster out, June 15, 1865. Although he served throughout nearly the entire conflict he was neither wounded nor captured, and he took part in the battles of Peach Tree Creek, Smith's farm and was with Sherman on his celebrated march to the sea. After the conflict had ended Mr. Rynerson returned to his father's home in Prairie Creek township and remained with him until his marriage and removal to a rented farm. After three years on the rented farm he bought thirty acres, the nucleus of his present homestead of seventy-three acres. He moved to this place in 1891 and has ever since lived here, in the meantime having erected a modern farm residence. During the past six years he has lived retired, renting his land.

On the 8th of October, 1865, Mr. Rynerson was united in marriage to Anna F. Hunt, who was born June 26, 1842, a daughter of Acy L. and Mercy Hunt, both now deceased. The five children of Mr. and Mrs. Rynerson are Hally G., whose home is also in Prairie Creek township; John and Emma, twins, and both residents of Vigo, the son conducting the mill there and the daughter is the wife of Acy Frakes; Della, the wife of Clayton Hunt, of Prairie Creek township, and Lettie, at home. Mr. Rynerson is a Republican and an Odd Fellow, affiliating fraternally with Lodge No. 476 at Middletown. Both he and his wife are members of the Christian church.

SETH CLARK.—Prairie township includes among its agriculturists Seth Clark, who was born in Sullivan county, Indiana, July 25, 1831, a son of Anson and a grandson of Thomas Clark, both of whom were born in New York. Thomas Clark spent his entire life there, and he was of English descent. Anson Clark, born in 1797, left the Empire state when eighteen years of age and journeyed to Vincennes, Indiana, later locating in Fort Harrison, and journeyed on foot to Merom, Sullivan county, where he farmed until his removal to Vigo county in 1850.

During his residence in Sullivan county he married Sarah Wilkins, who died in 1834, when her son Seth was but a boy of three years. They had five children, but the two oldest, David and Charles, died in infancy, and the third son, Thomas, is also deceased. Mariah and her brother, the youngest of the family, are the



only ones now living. Anson Clark was three times married and his death occurred in Vigo county in 1872. He was a member of the Christian church, was both a Whig and Republican in his political affiliations and was a soldier in the War of 1812, with a New York regiment.

Seth Clark remained at home until he was thirteen years of age, entering then the employ of a Mr. Piety, with whom he remained for six years, and during the winter months he attended school until he was sixteen. However, three months was the most he ever attended in any one year, and he had to go a distance of three miles to the school house. During two years after his marriage he rented land, and the boundaries of his first little farm of forty acres has been enlarged from time to time until his estate now consists of two hundred and twenty-five acres. He is a Republican politically and cast his first presidential vote for Winfield Scott. In 1888 he was elected on its ticket to the office of trustee of Prairie Creek township, to which he was returned two years later for four years, but in that time the law was changed and he remained its incumbent for a period of six years. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity at Middletown, and of the United Brethren church. He is also entitled to membership in the Grand Army of the Republic on account of his services in the Civil war. He enlisted in January, 1865, and served until the following November with the Thirty-fifth Indiana Infantry, of which he was made the duty sergeant. Although he participated in several skirmishes he was never wounded, and the government now grants him a pension of twenty dollars a month.

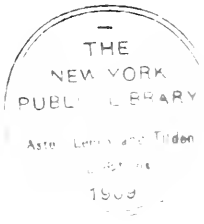
On the 15th of December, 1853, Mr. Clark was united in marriage to Sarah Meyers, who was born in Pennsylvania, May 2, 1831, a daughter of J. F. and Nancy Meyers, who came to Vigo county during an early period in its history. Mrs. Clark died January 15, 1890, leaving two children. The elder, Emanuel, born May 2, 1855, married Carrie E. Piety, and resides in Prairie Creek township; Jesse C., born February 10, 1859, married Flora Paddock, and also farms in Prairie Creek township; Nelson, the third child, was born in 1859 and died in 1875. On March 11, 1890, Mr. Clark married Flora B. Files, who was born April 6, 1857, in Vigo county, a daughter of Courtney and Jane (Walker) Files. There were five children, one son and four daughters in this family and four are living. Father Files was born in White county, Illinois, of English lineage, and was a farmer. He received a common school education. In politics he was a Republican. His wife was a member of the Methodist church. Mr. Clark participated in the grand encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic at Washington, D. C.

WILLIAM SEYMOUR RONEY is numbered among the best and most favorably known citizens of Terre Haute, and his business career has been marked by orderly progression, promotions following in recognition of his merit until he is today the auditor of the Vandalia Railroad Company. A native of Carlisle, Pennsylvania, his public school course was completed by graduation from the high school, where he prepared for college. After pursuing his college work he began his career as a railroad employe in the general offices of the Cumberland Valley Railroad at Chambersburg, Pennsylvania. For about ten years he filled a clerical position in the general passenger office of that road, after which he came to Terre Haute and entered into business connections with the Terre Haute & Indianapolis Railroad Company, now a part of the Vandalia system. Changes of position rapidly followed, always involving promotion, each successive change adding to his responsibilities, but bringing him a broader outlook until he is now auditor of the Vandalia Railroad Company. He is very prominent in railroad circles, holding high rank as an official, and his long connection with the line stands as incontrovertible evidence of his capability and fidelity.

For many years Mr. Roney has been a devoted member of the Methodist Episcopal church, active in its work and generous in his support. He is now a steward and trustee of the Centenary Methodist Episcopal church of Terre Haute, having been for many years president of the official board and financial secretary, and for about twelve years was the efficient and popular superintendent of its Sunday school, coming into close touch with the Sunday school scholars, his ready sympathy and interest in every particular qualifying him for this position. He has served as the president of the Young Men's Christian Association of the state and is now a member of the advisory board of the Young Men's Christian Association work. In 1900 he was elected vice president of the Union Hospital board, in which position he is still actively at work. At all times actuated by broad humanitarian principles, his life has been a benefit to his fellow men in many ways. He is an exemplary member of the Masonic fraternity and a past master of Terre Haute Lodge, No. 19, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. He belongs also to the chapter and council and is a past eminent commander of Terre Haute Commandery, No. 16, Knights Templar, and also a thirty-second degree member of Scottish Rite Masonry. In manner he is pleasant and genial, having due regard for the social amenities of life which win warm friendships and high regard. Terre Haute numbers him among her honored and valuable citizens, while his business ability has made his labors of much worth in business circles.



*William Seymour Roney*



WALTER F. PAYNE, M. D., is numbered among the leading medical practitioners of Middletown, where he has been in practice since his graduation, on the 18th of May, 1907, his alma mater being the Indiana University School of Medicine. To him belongs the honor of being one of the first graduates from Indiana to have his name placed on the honor roll in this state on examination before the state board for license. His per cent. of grade on his examination was 92.9. He ranked eighth in the whole state of Indiana. He is now enjoying an extensive and rapidly increasing patronage.

Dr. Payne was born in Sullivan county, Indiana, August 11, 1880, a son of William Z. and Mary E. (Martin) Payne, both of whom were also born in Indiana and are now living in Curry township, Sullivan county. William Z. Payne is a son of Isaac T. and Emeline Payne, who also claimed Indiana as the state of their nativity, and both are now deceased. Isaac T. Payne was both a farmer and merchant, and his son William was for two years a merchant at Burchard, this state, but his life occupation has been farming and he now owns an estate of eighty acres. During two years he served as a deputy treasurer, and he is both a Democrat and an Odd Fellow, affiliating with Shelburn lodge. He also has membership relations with the grange and with the Christian church. Mr. Payne is one of two children, and his sister Mary, the elder, is the wife of Henry G. Williams, of Prairie Creek township. William Z. and Mary Payne have four living children: Walter F., of this review; Bertha M., the wife of Aaron Marts, of Sullivan county; James Wiley, who married Lilly Thompson and resides in Shelburn, and Clancie, at home.

Dr. Walter F. Payne attended the public schools of Sullivan county and the Farmersburg high school, and he then taught during two winters. It was at the close of this work, in the fall of 1903, that he entered upon his medical course in the Indianapolis college, and since leaving that institution has been enrolled among the practitioners of Middletown. He is a member of the Odd Fellows Order at Farmersburg, Lodge No. 622; also Court of Honor, Middletown, of which he is the medical examiner. He is a Democrat in his political affiliations and is a member of the Christian church. He owns his own home in Middletown, and his wife also has one hundred and twenty-five and a third acres in Prairieton township.

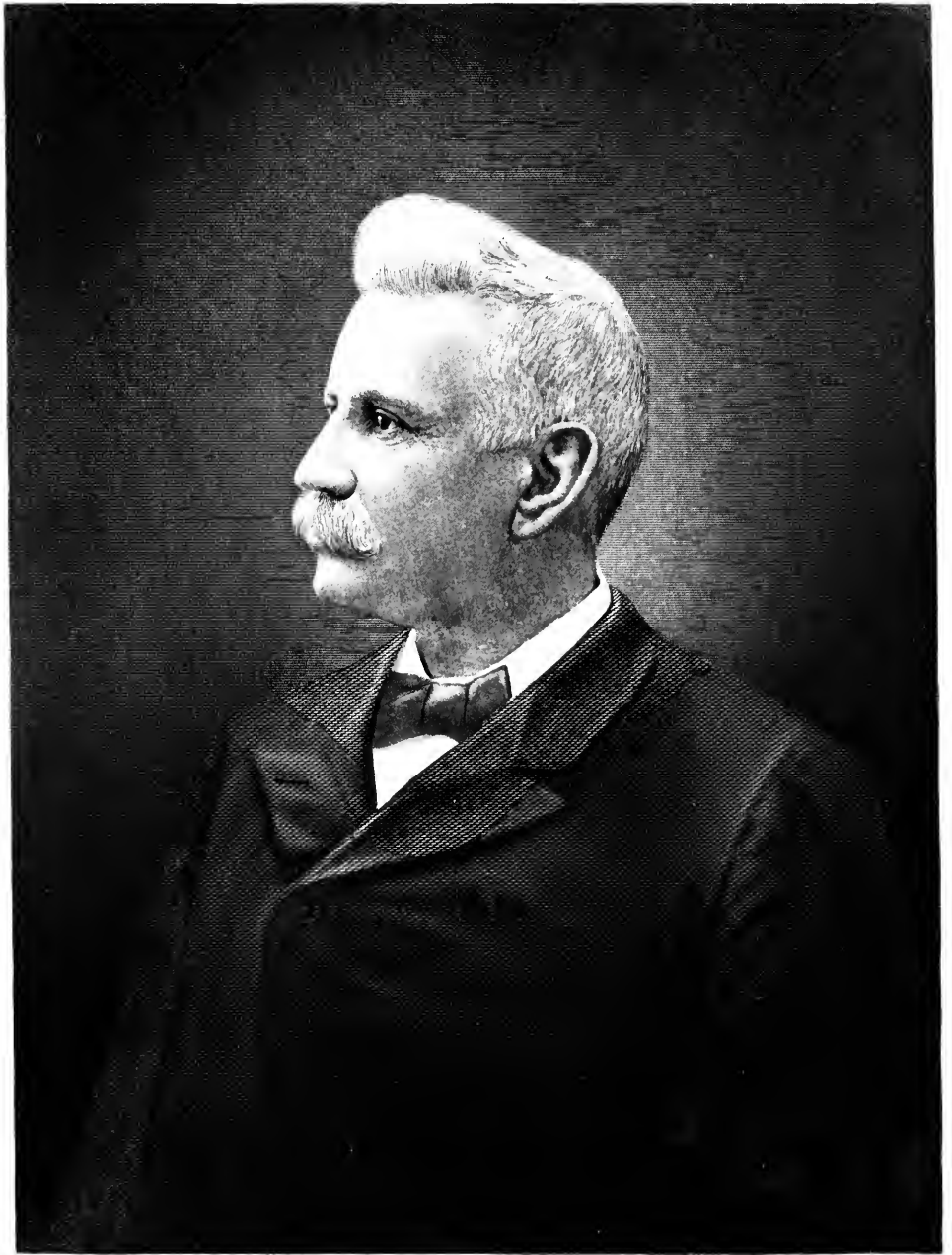
On the 24th of November, 1903, was celebrated the marriage of Dr. Payne and Miss Ida Harlan. She is a daughter of James and Harriette Harlan, and was born July 14, 1878. She was educated in the public schools. Dr. Payne is a gentleman who keeps abreast of the times in his profession. He is a member of the Indiana State Medical

Society and Vigo County Medical Society. His practice extends to Sullivan county as well as the southern part of Vigo county.

JAMES P. ENGLISH, M. D.—Although so long and prominently identified with the medical profession in Vigo county, Dr. James P. English is a native son of Illinois, born on a farm in Clark county, near Marshall, June 12, 1852, to John and Angeline (Plaster) English. John English was born near Camden, New Jersey, but came to Illinois when a boy with his father, Rev. Abel English, a pioneer Methodist minister. Here in Clark county he met and married Angeline Plaster, who was born and reared near Wheeling, West Virginia, and had come to Illinois with her parents during her girlhood days. Her father, James Plaster, was a pioneer and a prosperous farmer near Livingston, Illinois. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. English took up their abode on the farm which his father had entered from the government, one mile north of Marshall, where he became a prominent and prosperous agriculturist. He was a Republican and a prominent member of the Methodist church. His death occurred in 1882, his life's span having covered fifty-seven years, and two years later his wife was laid by his side, her death occurring at the same age. Her father lived to the age of ninety-three years and was a soldier in the Mexican war.

Dr. James P. English, named for his maternal grandfather, James Plaster, was one of ten children, five sons and five daughters, and was reared as a farmer boy, leaving the old home place at the age of twenty-three to attend medical college. In the meantime he had received a high school training in Marshall and had read medicine under the preceptorship of Dr. J. M. Janes, of that city, for three years. Entering Rush Medical College of Chicago he graduated in that well known institution with the class of 1879, and at once began practice in Nevins, Illinois, remaining there for thirteen years. At the close of the period in 1892 he came to Terre Haute and has prominently identified himself with its professional, political and social life. During his residence in Edgar county, Illinois, he served as a member of the pension examining board. This was during President Harrison's administration and during McKinley's term he served as president of the examining board of Vigo county for five years. He has served three years as a member of the school board of the city of Terre Haute, is consulting physician on the staff of Union Hospital, and is a member of the Vigo County Medical Society, the Esculapian Medical Society of the Wabash Valley and of the State and American Medical societies. His fraternal affiliations are with the Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias, and he votes with the Republican party.





*L. S. Briggs.*



Dr. English married, December 16, 1874, Ella Husted, and their three sons are Claude H., Bernard and Paul. The eldest son served three years at the head of the history department of the Terre Haute high school, and he is now managing a large stock farm in Illinois.

LEONARD SYDNEY BRIGGS.—A quiet, strong, constant and uplifting force in the community for a period of nearly forty years, the late Leonard Sydney Briggs, of Terre Haute, so widely known in the lumber trade of the west, left a field of broad practical activities in which he is sadly missed. A native of New York, he was born in Fort Ann, Washington county, on the 21st of December, 1826, and was a son of Spencer P. and Sally (Lamb) Briggs. Both sides of the family are of English descent, the father being a native of New Hampshire and the mother of the Empire state. At various times in his life the former was a farmer and a contractor on public works, finally removing to Alton, Illinois, where he died in 1864.

Leonard S. Briggs was reared on the home farm in New York, educated in the neighboring schools and became a teacher himself. In 1855 the freedom and opportunities of the west drew him to Alton also, where he established himself as a merchant. In 1861 he was appointed a sutler in the Union army, being unable to withstand the physical strain of active military service, and in 1864, after three years of this employment, he became a resident of Terre Haute. For the six years following his coming he was connected with the interests of Samuel T. Reese, a lumber merchant, when he invested his savings in an independent enterprise. During a short period he operated a planing mill, but in 1878 entered the lumber trade by establishing the L. S. Briggs Lumber Company. His son William, now deceased, was associated with him, and together they conducted a business which brought them both profit and a broad and honorable commercial standing. The executive ability and sound judgment of the founder of the company were also sought and enlisted in various enterprises in the west and southwest. In association with C. M. Daggett he founded the town of Fair Oaks, Arkansas, where was established an extensive hardwood lumber and milling business. At Alton he also organized a company which organized a mining enterprise at Golden, Colorado. This enterprise was abandoned because of the impossibility of obtaining water for the prosecution of placer mining. These are but illustrations of the wide scope of Mr. Briggs' business and industrial activities; but until shortly before his death, December 5, 1901, his abilities were mainly applied to the development of his lumber trade, the importance of which made it a factor in the material progress of Terre Haute.

While Leonard S. Briggs was thus widely known as a successful and progressive business man, he won equal honor as a faithful and efficient member of the city council, and he was at one time the Republican candidate for the mayoralty. But although earnest in manner and expression and firm and clear in his advocacy of views which he believed to be right, he was instinctively of a retiring disposition and was not a successful politician. A man of many friends, he was best liked by those who knew him best. Prominent in Masonry, he became a Knight Templar, and was also a member of the Consistory and the Mystic Shrine. He attended St. Stephen's Episcopal church and generously contributed to many good works done in the name of charity and religion. From whatever point of view is considered the character of the deceased, its traits of greatest prominence appear to be fidelity to the trusts committed to him, earnestness of purpose in the improvement of his personal talents, broad and balanced judgment and a never-failing conscience in the application of the methods of life, and finally a Christian liberality or charity in weighing the motives and acts of his fellows.

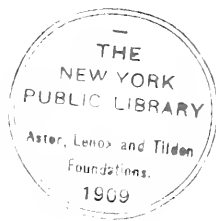
Pleasantly situated in his domestic life, Mr. Briggs found his greatest solace and happiness at his own fireside. On the 24th of August, 1857, he wedded Miss Anna M. Shineberger, daughter of Nicholas Shineberger. There were six children by the marriage, of whom only two lived beyond early childhood—William J., who died July 8, 1894, and Mary A., now the wife of Buena Vista Marshall, an attorney of the Terre Haute bar. On the 18th of January, 1891, Mr. Briggs was again married, his second union being with Miss Anna B. Douglas, a native of Terre Haute, daughter of John W. and Isabella (Johnston) Douglas.

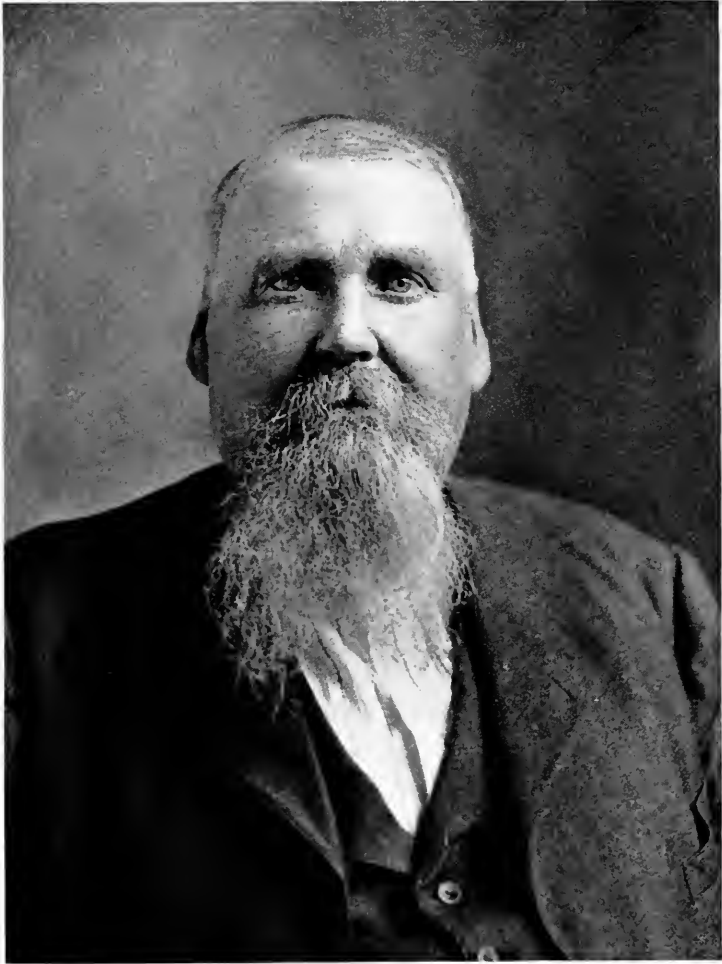
JOHN W. DOUGLAS was born in Lebanon county, Pennsylvania, December 8, 1818, and died at Terre Haute on the 27th of February, 1903, while his wife, Isabella Johnston, whose birth occurred in Ireland June 22, 1822, passed away in that city on the 10th of December, 1885. They came to Terre Haute on the 13th of December, 1849, making their way from Pittsburg down the Ohio and up the Wabash river. Mr. Douglas was one of the pioneer carriage builders of the place, but after conducting his shop for a number of years turned his attention to merchandising and subsequently carried on farming. Again he changed his occupation to the milliner business, and was so engaged at the time of his death. He was an unassuming, reliable, straightforward and honorable citizen, the father of the following six children, who lived to adult age: Mrs. Mary S. Miller, widow of James S. Miller; Virginia, wife of Jackson Reece; Margaret; J. Frank, a resident of Birmingham, Alabama; Anna, now Mrs. Leonard S. Briggs; and Josephine.



*L. W. Douglass*



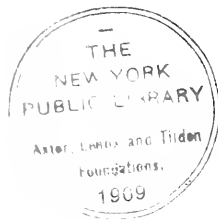




*Joseph Thompson*



*Susan E Thompson*





WILLIAM J. BRIGGS, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard S. Briggs, was born July 1, 1862, at Alton, Illinois, and died July 8, 1894. Educated in the public schools of Terre Haute, in 1878 he became a bookkeeper in his father's lumber business, and in 1890 was admitted to a partnership. This relation continued until his death, which removed a young man of high standing and brighter promise. He was well advanced in the fraternities, being a Knight Templar Mason and a member of the Uniform Rank, Knights of Pythias. He also belonged to the McKeen Cadets. Like his father, he enjoyed the unqualified honor of those who could appreciate unassuming but substantial manhood. His wife, to whom he was married on the 8th of November, 1892, was Miss Grace Bannister, who survives him, and, with relatives and numerous close friends, deeply mourns his comparatively early death.

JOSEPH THOMPSON is one of Prairie Creek township's most active business men, prominently identified with its farming and milling interests, and his home is in Middletown. For twenty-six years he has been actively connected with industrial life, first operating a saw mill for eight years, during a similar period bought and sold stock, shipping principally to Indianapolis, and since 1897 has been the proprietor of a flouring mill.

Mr. Thompson was born in Sullivan county, Indiana, May 19, 1849, a son of Joseph, Sr., and Nancy H. (Yeager) Thompson. For many years Joseph Thompson, Sr., was prominent in the business life of Sullivan county, following agricultural pursuits, and his death occurred January 22, 1849, four months before the birth of his son and namesake. Mrs. Thompson, born in 1815, survived her husband many years and died in May, 1900. She was but four years old when her parents came to Terre Haute, and she could recall to mind when that now populous city was a little hamlet of four or five houses. After her husband's death she carried on their little farm of eighty acres and made a home for her children, nine in number, namely: Clarissa, deceased; James, who married Julia Cuppy and resides in Sullivan county; Eliza, the wife of John P. Harris, a retired farmer in Nebraska; Henrietta, the wife of Stephen R. Johnson, a farmer in Sullivan county; William, who married Eliza McKinney and resides in Kansas; Nancy and Mary, both deceased; Martha A., the wife of James H. Harris, of Nebraska, and Joseph, the subject of this review.

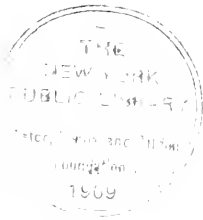
Joseph Thompson remained at home with his mother until his marriage and afterward for three years she lived with him, her death occurring at his home, although in the meantime she had lived with her other children. In 1878, three years after his marriage, he located on

his farm of fifty-five acres in Linton township, and he lived there until his removal to Middletown in 1898. His farm now contains two hundred acres, and since 1897 he has operated a flouring mill in connection with his general farming, selling his product principally at wholesale. He is also active in the public life of his community, voting with the Democratic party, and is a member of Lodge No. 476 and the encampment of Odd Fellows. He has filled all the offices in his lodge in Middletown and has three times been a representative to the grand lodge at Indianapolis.

On the 11th of February, 1875, Mr. Thompson was united in marriage to Susan E. Gaskin, who was born May 1, 1854, a daughter of Stephen and Luella Gaskin. Their seven children are Oliver R., who died at the age of thirteen months; Clement H., born March 3, 1878, married Early Ring and lives in Middletown; Lula E., born April 19, 1880, is the wife of Joseph Bailey, of Linton township; John C., born August 12, 1882; Nola N., born August 5, 1884, and Trillie Lester, born April 15, 1891, are all at home, and one, the third born, died in infancy.

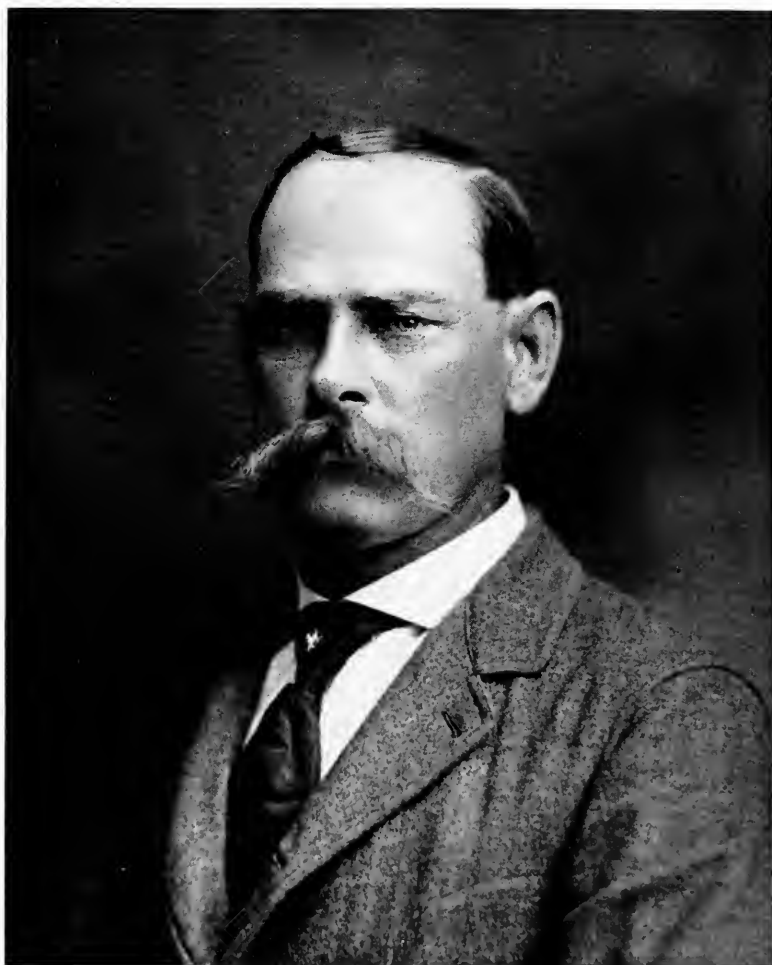
HARVEY S. EVANS.—The Evans family was established in Vigo county before the period of the Civil war, and during all these years they have been prominently identified with its agricultural interests, but Harvey S. Evans has laid aside the active work of the farm and is now living practically retired. He has taken active interest in the public and political life of his community, voting with the Republican party, and he is now serving in the office of township trustee. During six years he was the township's assessor, for two years was a member of its advisory board, for fifteen successive years was its supervisor, and he has served as the administrator for at least five estates and as the guardian for three orphan children.

Born in York, Illinois, September 24, 1854, Harvey S. Evans is a son of Silas and Eliza (Wilfond) Evans, both of German descent and both were born in Crawford county, Illinois, the father in 1832 and the mother in 1835. They were farming people, and in 1861 they located on a farm in Prairie Creek township, Vigo county, Indiana, where they spent the remainder of their lives, the father dying on the 19th of December, 1875, and the mother in 1866. Silas Evans three times offered his service to his country's cause during the Civil war, but each time was rejected on account of ill health. He was both a Whig and Republican politically, and both he and his wife were members of the United Brethren church. In their family were six children: Harvey

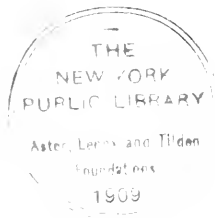




MRS. HENRY L. FLESHER



HENRY L. FLESHER



S., of this review; John, deceased; Mahala, the wife of John M. Pollitt, of Honey Creek township; Sarah Ellen, deceased; Mary, the wife of Jesse Musgrave, and William, deceased. Mr. Evans married for his second wife Elizabeth Ring, and their five children were: Silas, of Linton township, Vigo county; William, of Indianapolis; Minnie, the wife of George Liston, of Linton township; Davie, who married Joe Adams and resides in Linton township, and Mattie, of Terre Haute.

Harvey S. Evans spent the first eighteen years of his life on his parents' farm, and he was then married and rented twenty-five acres of land in Prairie Creek township. After fifteen years as a renter he bought one acre of land, later purchased fifty-four acres more, and he now has an estate of one hundred and fifteen acres besides a lot in Middletown.

On the 5th of April, 1872, Mr. Evans married Margaret A. Johnson, who was born in Vigo county, Indiana, February 7, 1853, a daughter of Daniel and Betsy Ann Johnson, both of whom also claimed Vigo as the county of their nativity. The father was a farmer and mechanic, and both he and his wife are now dead. Mr. and Mrs. Evans have had four children, but only two, Elmer E. and Zenis K., are now living, the other two dying in infancy. Elmer was born January 6, 1873, and is now a resident of Middletown. He married Carrie Laybold. Zenis married Blanche Hanaly, now deceased, and is a resident of Terre Haute. Mr. Evans is an active member of the Odd Fellows order at Middletown, Vigo Lodge, No. 476, in which he has filled all of its offices and is also a member of its auxiliary, Rebekah Lodge, No. 204. He has also filled all the offices with the exception of vice chancellor and worthy advisor in the Modern Woodmen of America, Lodge No. 5565, at Middletown. Both he and his wife are members of the United Brethren church.

HENRY LOGAN FLESHER, an agriculturist in Prairieton township, was born in Clark county, Illinois, July 12, 1867, a son of Benjamin F. and Caroline (Hall) Flesher. In 1869, when Henry was but two years of age, the family home was established in Prairie Creek township, Vigo county, Indiana, where Benjamin F. Flesher conducted a ferry and farmed, owning the estate of six hundred acres where his widow now resides. In their family were thirteen children, but the three eldest, Coakie, Charles and Rosa, are deceased; Frank is a traveling salesman for the Indianapolis Dry Goods Company; Henry Logan is the subject of this review; Cora is deceased; James has but recently become the proprietor of a barber shop in Robinson, Illinois, the finest shop in the state outside of Chicago; Effie B. Figg lives in Prairieton township;

Chauncey W. is with his mother; Edith Paddock is also a resident of Prairieton; Paul M., and the two youngest died in infancy.

Henry L. Flesher in early life displayed an ingenious spirit, having built several engines when but a lad of fourteen years, and while in school his master mind planned many of the most notable inventions of recent date, but he was never financially able to carry out his ideas. In his inventive mind was fostered the plan of wireless telegraphy, and he was one of the first to devise the water fan for pumping water out of the coverdam, while another of his ideas was the pneumatic tire. At the age of twenty-four he married and moved to his present farm, then known as the Coffman place, renting fifty acres and purchasing a similar amount. He is a grain farmer. The Republican party receives his co-operation and support, and he has fraternal relations with the fraternal orders of Modern Woodmen of America, of Prairieton, and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Vigo Lodge, No. 476.

On the 4th of March, 1890, Mr. Flesher married Mary C. Laybold, who was born in Terre Haute, February 6, 1869, a daughter of Fred and Katy (Olzworth) Laybold. Their seven children are: Katy C., born April 15, 1891; Mabel, November 19, 1892; Oran, October 25, 1894; Edna, September 24, 1895; Helen, December 24, 1897; Ralph, October 30, 1900, and Ray, April 16, 1904.

THOMAS L. TRUEBLOOD was born in Prairie Creek township, Vigo county, August 19, 1851, and is a son of one of the earliest pioneers of the community. Benoni Trueblood, his father, was brought to Prairie Creek township from North Carolina by his parents when he was a boy of seven, and he lived with his father until his marriage and assisted in clearing and cultivating the new farm during the summer months and attended school in winters. After his marriage the young couple began life together on his farm of forty acres in Prairie Creek township, and from time to time he added to his little homestead until he became the owner of three hundred and sixty acres. In 1880 he left his farm here and going to Kansas followed gardening there until 1890. From the Sunflower state he went to Neosho, Missouri, spending three years there and then returning to this township, but his death occurred soon after his return. From the Whigs Mr. Trueblood transferred his political allegiance to the Republican party at its organization, and during one term served his county as a commissioner. He married, in his early manhood, Lucinda Beauchamp, who was born in Spencer county, Kentucky, October 4, 1823, and died on the 14th of March, 1874. Mr. Trueblood was also born in October of 1823, in North Carolina, and his death occurred on the 10th of May, 1897. They became the parents of nine children,



as follows: Sarah, the wife of Milton Piety, of Prairie Creek township; Thomas L., mentioned herewith; Martha, wife of John Devol, of Middletown; Benoni Clay, who married Retta Craig, and their home is west of Middletown; Katherine, the wife of Ellis Ferguson, of Terre Haute; Ransom, who served as a private in the Forty-third Regiment of Volunteers during the Civil war, and died in the army; Ophelia, who wedded Homer Morgan and had four children, Lora and Lula being the only ones living; and Columbus and Martin, who are deceased.

Thomas L. Trueblood remained with his parents until removing to a home of his own after his first marriage, renting during the first three years, and he then moved to Middletown and conducted a general mercantile store there for seven years. At that time his store was destroyed by fire, and abandoning the mercantile business he returned to farming and rented for five or six years. He then bought a tract of twenty-seven acres, sold this and purchased a farm of about twenty-eight acres in Vigo county, the homestead now containing one hundred and seventy-five acres of rich and well cultivated land in the property of his wife—her grandfather's land. He follows general farming, and aside from this is a contractor for gravel roads.

Mr. Trueblood married, first, October 8, 1871, Cynthia Thomas, who died in 1903, leaving two children, Sophia and Claudia, the former the wife of Vincent Yeager and the latter the wife of Arthur Bryant, and both reside in Prairie Creek township. On September 1, 1904, Mr. Trueblood married Mrs. Eunice (Thomas) Kester, who was born October 12, 1840, a daughter of Elijah and Sarah (Pound) Thomas. She had three children by her former marriage, but only one daughter is now living, Eunice F., the wife of James Ring, living in Middletown. Mr. Trueblood is a member of the Masonic fraternity, Prairie Creek Lodge, No. 579, and also of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Lodge No. 476, at Prairie Creek. He is a member of the encampment of the order and has filled all the offices in his local lodge and has served as a delegate to the grand lodge. He is a Republican politically. Mr. Trueblood is a member of the Christian church and Mrs. Trueblood is a member of the Baptist church, located in Middletown, Indiana.

HERSCHEL HALL.—During many years Herschel Hall has been prominent in the public and business life of this section of Vigo county, and he is a native son of Clark county, Indiana, born May 17, 1851, a son of Edwin D. and Indiana (Tingley) Hall. The father is deceased, but the mother is yet living and a resident of Darwin township, Illinois, being now seventy-seven years old. Edwin Hall was born in New York, but when a young man came to Indiana and a short time afterward went to Dar-

win, Illinois, where he taught school for twenty years or until the opening of the Civil war. He joined the One Hundred and Thirtieth Illinois Regiment, Company K, in August, 1862, and served as a private about one year, his death occurring a short time after his return from the conflict. He was a son of Elijah and Eunice (Stevens) Hall, born respectively in Portland county, Vermont, June 17, 1784, and in New Hampshire, August 25, 1784. In their family were ten children, as follows: Oliver S., born August 19, 1807, deceased; Mary A. Hall, born August 23, 1807, taught school in Honey Creek township, Vigo county, seventy-seven years ago, among her pupils having been numbered Mrs. Francis Morgan, of this township, and she is now living in the state of Washington; William F., born August 12, 1811, deceased; Edward P., born March 17, 1814, deceased; Amanda M., born February 23, 1816, deceased; Edwin D., the father of Herschel Hall, of this review; Harrison B., born February 5, 1820, deceased; Cynthia, born February 13, 1822, deceased; Melvina, born June 2, 1825, deceased, and Roseletta, born April 13, 1831. Five children were born to Edwin D. and Indiana (Tingley) Hall, as follows: Herschel, whose name introduces this review; Melissa, deceased; Ida M., the wife of William Anderson, of Indianapolis; Eunice A., wife of Milton Craig, deceased, of Marshall, Illinois, and Louisa, who married Isaac N. Hall, and their home is in Oklahoma.

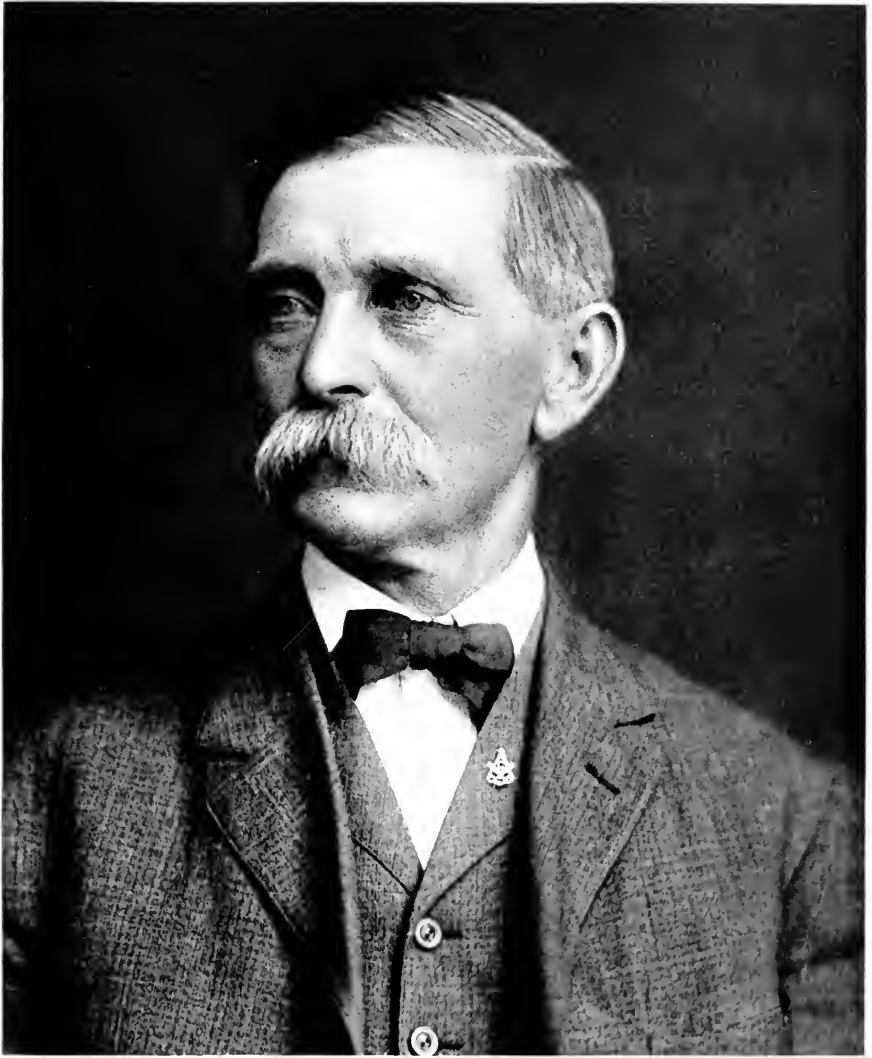
Herschel Hall remained at home with his mother until he was twenty-two years of age, when he was married and went to Darwin, Illinois. After clerking in a store there two years he resumed his former occupation of farming, and in 1884 came to Prairie Creek township and has farmed here ever since. He carries on general farming on rented land, but he owns forty acres in Clark county, Illinois. During his residence in that state he served for three terms as assessor, and in 1900 and again in 1904 he was elected to that office in Prairie Creek township, Vigo county. His political allegiance is with the Republican party. Mr. Hall received the nomination of township trustee in the spring of 1908, and he is a gentleman whose integrity and honor, as well as efficiency, is well known and will fill the office with credit to himself and the township.

On the 14th of October, 1873, Mr. Hall was united in marriage to Victoria T. Hall, who was born in Virginia, July 2, 1854, a daughter of Solomon and Delilah (Hughes) Hall. The children of this union are as follows: Ada, born October 3, 1874, died October 21, 1875; Edwin, born April 7, 1879, is teaching school; Garfield, born August 29, 1880, married Edna Collins and lives in Terre Haute; Ruby, born February 12, 1883, is the wife of James A. Barnett, of Attica, Indiana; Florence, born October 10, 1886, is at home; Flora died August 21, 1887; Minnie N.,

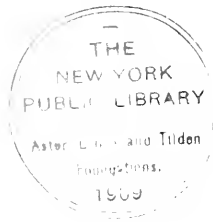




*Sarah E. Tietz*



M. H. Piety



born April 27, 1889, lives in Terre Haute; the eighth child died in infancy, and Tillie Ann, the youngest, was born April 9, 1894. Two of the children attended the State Normal at Terre Haute, and Garfield was a student in the art school at Indianapolis one term and now enjoys the reputation of being one of the best artists with the brush in Terre Haute. Herschel Hall was a member of the fraternal order of Odd Fellows.

MILTON H. PIETY is the owner of a fine farming estate of three hundred and twenty acres in Prairie Creek township. This has been his home since starting out in life for himself, his first purchase of land consisting of one hundred and thirty acres, and farming has been his vocation through life, although for five years he was also engaged in a mercantile business in Middletown.

Mr. Piety was born in Prairie Creek township, Vigo county, June 14, 1849, a son of James D. and Lurinda L. (Thomas) Piety, natives respectively of Kentucky and Ohio. It was as early as 1826 that the father located on what is now known as the old Piety farm in Prairie Creek township, and here he spent the remainder of his life as a farmer and stock man. At one time he owned fourteen hundred acres, but afterward sold all save three hundred and twenty acres and invested in the Terre Haute & Richmond Railroad, now the Vandalia Railroad, purchasing stock when the railroad was first laid out. He was both a Whig and a Republican politically. Unto James D. and Lurinda L. (Thomas) Piety were born nine children: Ellen, who has been twice married, being now the wife of L. V. List, and resides in Terre Haute; Emily, deceased; Louisa, the wife of A. W. Milegan, of Texas; Nancy, the wife of W. R. Morgan, of Prairie Creek township; Margaret, deceased; Milton H., of this review; Chauncey R., deceased; Samuel, who married Mary R. DeBaun, a daughter of ex-Commissioner John DeBaun, and is a minister in Wabash county, Indiana, and Sarah T., the wife of B. T. DeBaun, of Terre Haute. Mr. James D. Piety was twice married, his first wife having been Eleanor Harnett, of Kentucky, by whom he had eight children.

On the 6th of October, 1870, Milton H. Piety married Sarah E. Trueblood, born March 24, 1849. Her father, Benoni Trueblood, born in North Carolina, October 22, 1819, came to Vigo county when a boy of seven, and lived here during the remainder of his life with the exception of six years spent in Kansas. During one term he served the county as a commissioner, and was a Whig and Republican politically. He died May 11, 1898, surviving his wife for many years, her death occurring March 14, 1874. She bore the maiden name of Lucinda Beauchamp and was born October 4, 1823. There were twelve children in their

family, as follows: Ranson, who served about six months with the Forty-third Indiana Regiment during the Civil war and was then called upon to lay down his life on the altar of his country; Ophelia and Columbus, also deceased; Sarah E., the wife of Mr. Piety; Lafayette, who married for his second wife Eunice Kester and is farming in Prairie Creek township; Martha, who has also been twice married and is now the wife of J. W. DeVol, of Prairie Creek township; Benoni, who wedded Retta Craig; Katy L., the wife of Ellis Ferguson, of Terre Haute; Rosa and Oliver P., deceased; Homer, who married Ida Elliott and resides in Indianapolis, and Carl C., deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Piety have three children: The first born, Ozro T., is a general merchant in and the postmaster of Middletown. He was born January 19, 1873, and married Alma Turner; Agnes, born March 23, 1879, married Walter A. Williams, and they reside in Prairie Creek township, and Ernest R., born July 6, 1886, resides on the home farm; he married Margaret D. Miles. Milton H. Piety votes with the Republican party, and in fraternal circles he has membership in the Masonic Lodge, No. 598, of Middletown, in which he has filled all the offices and has received the third degree. He is also a member of the Odd Fellows fraternity, Lodge No. 476, in Middletown, in which he has also served in all the offices. Both he and his wife are members of their auxiliaries, the Rebekahs and Eastern Star, and both are members of the Christian church.

REUBEN H. LEAVITT, M. D., who in the practice of medicine in Terre Haute has gained recognition as one of the ablest of the younger members of the profession here, was born upon a farm in Riley township, Vigo county, March 9, 1877, his parents being Reuben Harmon and Zerilda (Slade) Leavitt. The father died when the son was but seven years of age and he was left an orphan by the death of his mother when a little more than ten years of age. He was largely reared, however, in Vigo county and after attending the village schools of Riley continued his studies as a high school student of Terre Haute. Later he attended the Indiana State University, and although he was not graduated he acquired a liberal literary education there prior to entering the Indiana Medical College at Indianapolis. His preparation for his profession was completed by graduation in April, 1902, and he immediately afterward located for practice in Terre Haute, where he has since remained. As he has given evidence of his skill and ability through his faithful performance of his daily duties and the excellent results which have attended his labors, his patronage has increased and has now reached gratifying proportions. He is a member of the Vigo County Medical Society, the Indiana State Medical Society, the Esculapian Medical Society of the



Wabash Valley and the American Medical Association. He is also serving on the medical staff of St. Anthony's Hospital.

In 1903 Dr. Leavitt was married to Miss Sadie E. Jenkins and the young couple are well known socially in Terre Haute. Dr. Leavitt gives his political allegiance to the Democracy, and in November, 1906, was elected coroner, which position he is now filling. He is a valued member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias, Red Men, Ben Hur, Knights and Ladies of Honor and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and has the warm regard of his brethren of these organizations, as well as the friendship of many with whom professional and social relations have brought him in contact.

JASPER HOLMES.—Now in the gentle decline of a long, vigorous and honorable life, Jasper Holmes, of Terre Haute, has the unusual privilege of being spared to review the primitive times of two great states, New York and Indiana. He is a native of the Empire state, born at Holmesville, Oswego county, on the 1st of March, 1835, being a son of Jesse N. and Martha Holmes. His father was born August 12, 1790, and his mother on the 16th of August, 1793, and at a very early day they removed from their birthplace in Winfield, Herkimer county, to the locality in Oswego county which, as it developed into a town, took the family name. At the time of their arrival the entire region was a forest tract and it was necessary to cut away the timber in order to obtain a site for the family cabin. Purchasing land at three dollars an acre, the parents settled down in the wilderness for a long season of hardships and usefulness, honorably rearing a family of ten children and living to see them prosper and the country develop into a well settled territory.

Jasper Holmes was the youngest of this York state family of pioneers, and himself remembers seeing numerous deer and bears in his home region. Fishing in Lake Ontario was also all that the most ardent sportsman could desire, although in those times the heavy "hauls" formed a staple and most welcome item in the household supplies. As there were no free schools in his boyhood days, his education was as meager as his supply of fresh air and health-giving occupation was abundant. Mr. Holmes remained on the paternal farm until 1863, or until his removal to Terre Haute. In the meantime he had married and was giving his faithful attention to the cultivation of the homestead farm, the care of his parents and the support of his own household.

Mr. Holmes arrived at Terre Haute on the 25th of December, 1863, and two years afterward saved enough money as employee and business man to buy a fair-sized wheat field, quite a distance from the business center of the town. His nearest neighbor on the north was the Petrie

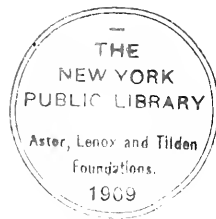
family on Maple avenue and that on the south was Mr. Hullman. Mr. Holmes still resides on the site of the old-time wheat field, now a thickly-settled residence portion of Terre Haute, at No. 1806 North Thirteenth street. His first business occupation in the city was as traveling salesman for H. Robinson, his initial trip being through southern Illinois, but upon his return he established a store of his own on the north side of the old court house, between Second and Third streets. He was doing business at this location when the court house was torn down, afterward occupying various stores, his present business headquarters being at 302 Wabash avenue, where he has remained for twenty-four years.

In 1857 Mr. Holmes was united in marriage with Miss Eliza Cary, at Holmesville, Oswego county, New York. She died childless on the 19th of November, 1906, and since her decease Mr. Holmes has spent his winters in California with his nieces. He has voted the Republican ticket almost since the organization of the party, and has been a worthy Mason since 1866. The family have generally subscribed to the faith of Methodism, and no representative of the Holmes name has been more sturdy, straightforward or honorable than Jasper Holmes, of Terre Haute.

STEPHEN ADAIR is the president and manager of the Adair Manufacturing Company and is a native son of Indiana, born in its county of Wayne, July 14, 1843, to Joseph and Elizabeth (Rigler) Adair, born respectively in Virginia and Pennsylvania and of Scotch-Irish and German descent. It was in 1843 that they established their home in Terre Haute.

Stephen Adair received his educational training in Vigo, Putnam and Hendricks counties, but he spent the most of his boyhood in Terre Haute and Vigo county, and was in this city at the time of the breaking out of the Civil war. He did not enlist until the 8th of February, 1864, and was then made a member of Company C, Thirty-first Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and with his command went to the front and participated in the battles of Atlanta, Resaca, Kenesaw Mountain, Jonesboro, Franklin and many minor engagements. He was mustered out of the service at Indianapolis in January, 1866, and returned to Terre Haute.

Just prior to entering the army Mr. Adair had worked at various occupations, and after returning was for seven years employed in Thompson's flour mill and cooper shop, in the meantime becoming as proficient at the cooper's trade, and in 1871 he engaged in the business on his own account. He has ever since continued in this line of activity, and on the 1st of January, 1907, the Adair Manufacturing Company was formed, with Mr. Adair as president and treasurer, and F. R. Corban secretary and manager. In 1893 they extended the scope of their business



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to include the manufacture of boxes, and in 1880 Mr. Adair also became a retail grocer, but closed out that department of his business in 1899.

He married, November 19, 1868, in Terre Haute, Rebecca N., a daughter of Edward and Sarah (Richardson) Derrickson, who were born in Philadelphia and were of German and English descent respectively. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Adair are as follows: J. Edward, engaged in coopering with his father, married Delia E. Shields, the daughter of Rufus F. Mann, of Terre Haute; Emma, the wife of Fred R. Corban, the secretary and manager of the Adair Manufacturing Company; Mabel, at home, and Lester, deceased. Mr. Adair is a member of the Masonic, the Odd Fellows, and the Ancient Order of United Workmen fraternities.

ELI H. REDMAN, whose large clientage is the expression of public confidence in his ability to successfully handle the intricate problems of the law, is widely known as an able attorney of Terre Haute. He was born on a farm in Clark county, Illinois, March 3, 1861, and is a son of Hilton P. and Hester R. (Briscoe) Redman, both of whom were natives of Virginia. The paternal grandfather was Joseph Redman, also a native of the Old Dominion, and there was likewise born the maternal grandfather, Henry Briscoe. On both sides of the family the ancestry is traced to those who well served their country's interests in the Revolutionary war. Both grandparents removed to Kentucky from Virginia and thence to Illinois, in which state the parents of Mr. Redman were married and spent their remaining days.

Eli H. Redman was reared upon his father's farm, early becoming familiar with its duties, acquiring his early education in the district schools and later graduating from Lee's Seminary, Illinois. He taught school in that state for about seven years and then entered the law office of J. W. Graham, at Marshall, Illinois (in 1885), to qualify himself for his profession. He also spent much time in the office of John M. Scholfield, judge of the supreme court of Illinois, whose home was in the city named. While thus pursuing his studies he was appointed to a position in the United States mail service, with headquarters at Indianapolis, continuing to serve in that capacity for about eighteen months. He did not abandon his desire to become a member of the legal profession, however, and after a year and a half he resumed his reading in the office of McDonald & Butler, of Indianapolis, the senior member of which firm was the late United States Senator James E. McDonald, and the junior member the well known John M. Butler. It may be mentioned that among other previous students in this office were Hon. Albert B. Anderson, judge of the United States district court of the state of Indiana, and United States

Senator Albert J. Beveridge, of this state. On the 16th of November, 1888, Mr. Redman was admitted to the bar of the supreme court of Indiana, the same year located for practice in Terre Haute, and later was admitted to the bar of the United States courts. Since he entered into professional work he has been a resident of this city. At first he formed a partnership with L. B. Mitchell, under the style of Redman & Mitchell, but a year later began the independent practice which he has since maintained. This is now extensive and of an important character, and he is well known among his associates for the provident care with which he prepares his cases. At no time has his reading been confined to the limitation of the questions at issue. It has gone beyond and compassed every contingency, providing not alone for the expected but for the unexpected—which happens in the courts quite as frequently as out of them. His mind is naturally analytic and his deductions are logical, so that he has won many notable triumphs in the courts.

In 1890 Mr. Redman was married to Miss L. Pearl Shepler, daughter of Sanford P. Shepler, of Terre Haute, who was born in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Mrs. Redman is a woman of strong, versatile and attractive character, liberally educated, highly intellectual, practically capable, and yet thoroughly domestic and lovable. After graduating from the graded school she spent a year in the Terre Haute high school, and then entered Coates College, where she spent two years in the academic department and three years in the college proper, completing the Vassar course with high credentials. After her marriage Mrs. Redman mastered shorthand and typewriting, combined with a study of the law under the tutelage of the Sprague Correspondence School of Law, and for several years assisted her husband in his office work. During a period of severe illness, when he was confined to the hospital, she had entire charge of his business. She is remarkably capable either in the business or domestic fields, and in literary circles ranks high as an original thinker and a finished and forceful writer. Locally her papers read before the Irving Circle and the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Young Men's Christian Association have attracted wide notice and most flattering comments in the public press.

STEPHEN JAMES YOUNG, M. D., one of Terre Haute's oldest and most prominent physicians, citizens and bankers, is the venerable and honored representative of a family which has attained lasting eminence for its pioneer work. In the religious field of the east, and for its coming to the great prairies of Illinois, as the initiator of its world-famed agricultural interests. To give credit for the latter honor it is only necessary to refer to the father of the doctor, Jonathan Young, who at the time of his death in Paris, Illinois, on Sunday, August 18, 1867, was

justly and cheerfully accorded the title "Father of the Prairies." From a memorial notice published at his decease, the following indicates the character of the beloved and noted pioneer of the west: "Out of the wreck of recollections connected with the earlier struggles of our state, the memory of Mr. Young will be kept and cherished as a man of many virtues and but few faults; as a pioneer whose venturesome plow first turned the sod of the prairies of eastern Illinois; as a Christian who found that religion is the strongest aid to man amid the world's wild strife; as a citizen who loved his country for his country's sake, and as a Mason who worked with unselfish zeal for the good of mankind."

The great-great-grandfather, Stephen Young, was banished from Scotland to America at the age of fourteen for his stanch adherence to the Presbyterian church, of which he was a prominent member until his death. The land which has given so much prosperity and financial ease to the Presbyterians of Newark, New Jersey, was the munificent gift of the generous and far-seeing Scotchman. The great-grandfather, Stephen, was a leading member of the same congregation, and remained on the old homestead until 1785, when he died full of years and honors. Aaron Young, the grandfather, was born in 1752, and remained upon the same place until his death. Before his death, at the solicitation of his friends and kindred, Jonathan Young, the father, penned the following: "I was born in the town of Newark, September 15, 1791, on the place taken up by my great-grandfather, a Scotch boy, who, at the age of fourteen, was compelled to leave his native country on account of his religion. Being a Presbyterian he was banished to America, and on arriving at New York (then a Dutch colony) with two other boys by the names of Nesbit and Clisby, he was about to be sold into servitude (with his companions) for the payment of his passage money. By the advice of friends the boys resisted, a lawsuit followed, and they were set at liberty. They went to Newark, and were received with demonstrations of joy by the inhabitants, an account of which was given by the Rev. Dr. McWhorter in his centenary sermon delivered January 1, 1800. My great-grandfather obtained (by paying for the recording and surveying) a right to the land upon which he lived during his lifetime, and upon which also my grandfather and my father lived during their lives. My father died when I was five years old, and I lived upon the same place until I was sixteen. My great-grandfather also obtained, upon the same conditions, and gave to the Presbyterian church, all that now constitutes its main wealth. My mother kept the house on the old place until within five years of her death, dying in October, 1835, at the age of eighty-two years and in full possession of all her faculties."

While a resident of Newark Jonathan Young was one of the found-

ers of the Second Presbyterian church, and when he located in Cincinnati he became a leader in the First Presbyterian church of the young city, and assisted in the establishment of a third organization of that denomination. In his early life he was a manufacturer of chairs, but his business was crippled by the War of 1812, which caused his removal from Newark to Cincinnati in 1817. There, again, the financial troubles of 1831-32 brought his affairs to a crisis, but the fairness of his dealings and wise management enabled him to save a considerable property from his manufactory and real estate, which he wisely invested in lands near the town of Paris, Illinois. This was in November, 1839. His holdings embraced about one hundred and sixty acres of timber and one thousand one hundred and sixty acres of prairie, nearly all of the latter being under cultivation. There he became known as one of the most prosperous of the early farmers of eastern Illinois; as a generous, charitable, kind and Christian gentleman, as a leader in the Presbyterian church and an active and beloved Mason, having joined the order in 1826. He had married Miss Sarah McFarran, while living in Newark, New Jersey, in which city three of their children had died, and when he came to Paris six of the family were still living.

Dr. Young was born at Cincinnati, Ohio, on March 31, 1829, and in the public schools of that city received his primary education, afterward attending the old Edgar County Academy at Paris, Illinois. In 1846 he removed to Terre Haute and began the study of medicine in the office of Dr. Ezra Read, a pioneer physician of that place. He then attended the Medical College of Ohio, at Cincinnati, from which he was graduated in 1851. Beginning his practice at Terre Haute, within the decade preceding the Civil war he had become well established. He did not hesitate, however, to accept professional service under the government, and in 1861, as an assistant surgeon, commenced active duties in the field. In February, 1864, he was promoted to surgeon, with the rank of major, but in February of the following year was obliged to resign on account of the ill health of his wife and return to private practice. The years which have since passed have brought him financial success, a high surgical and medical reputation and a most honorable standing as a man of affairs. In his professional capacity he has served both the city and the county, and in 1877 was president of the Vigo County Medical Society. He has also been president and secretary of the Esculapian Medical Society, and is an active member of the Indiana Medical Society and the American Medical Association. He is also one of the founders of the Union Hospital, has been president of that institution for several terms, and professor of anesthetics for the past twelve years. In 1852 he did his first anesthetizing and he has



not lost a case since, or for a period of fifty-six years. His useful and patriotic service in the Civil war has earned him membership in the military order of the Loyal Legion, and for many years he has served as president of the Terre Haute Savings Bank, the leading institution of the kind in the city. His religious connections have been with the Episcopalian church for many years, he has been an active participant in its work, and was made senior warden of St. Stephen's church, of Terre Haute, and still continues so.

In April, 1864, while taking a twenty days' leave of absence from his surgical duties at the front, Dr. Young was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth M., daughter of John and Elizabeth Cooper, the ceremony occurring at New Harmony, Posey county, Indiana. Their daughter, Eleanor, is now the widow of F. T. Hord, of Indianapolis, and is the mother of two children—Eleanor and Stephen Y. Hord. The doctor is a member and ex-president of the Terre Haute Club, but is too busy professionally to devote much time to general matters of sociability. An occasion of much gratitude and enjoyment to him was the celebration, on March 9, 1907, of the fifty-sixth year of his practice in medicine, the anniversary being attended by many fellow practitioners of both Indiana and Illinois.

GEORGE R. GRIMES is well and prominently known through his connection with civil engineering work and also as the county surveyor of Vigo county. He entered upon the duties of that office in 1904 for a term of two years, and at its close was returned for another term. He claims Portsmouth, Ohio, as the place of his nativity, born on the 7th of May, 1848, to James and Mary A. (Tobin) Grimes, the father born in Birmingham, England, in 1806, and the mother in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, in 1813. James Grimes came from the mother country to the United States at the age of twenty-one, and during the first several years here was identified with iron foundries in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, from whence he removed, in 1836, to Portsmouth, Ohio, to establish a stove works. He continued as an active business factor of that city for many years, dying there in 1876. Mrs. Grimes died in Portsmouth, Ohio, in 1896.

George R. Grimes attended the public schools and the college of his native city of Portsmouth, and leaving there in 1871 he came to Clinton, Indiana, and became a rodman on the construction of the Evansville, Terre Haute & Chicago Railroad, now the Chicago & Eastern Illinois, from Terre Haute to Danville, Illinois. He was with this road during the three years of its construction, and during the last year of the time was assistant division engineer. Mr. Grimes next turned his atten-

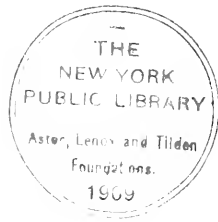
tion to the mining and shipping of coal at Clinton, in which he was associated with A. B. Fitch and C. B. Guernsey, but during the panic of 1873 the business was discontinued, and following this Mr. Grimes became division engineer for the Toledo, St. Louis & Kansas City Railroad, the "Clover Leaf." He was with this corporation for two years, for one year was division engineer for the Danville, Olney & Ohio River Railroad Company, now the Indianapolis, Danville & Western, during a similar period was division engineer for the Cincinnati & Terre Haute extension of the old Cincinnati & Terre Haute, now the Evansville & Indianapolis Railroad, from Saline City to Worthington, and he then spent a year in Kentucky and Tennessee in railroad surveys. Returning thence to Terre Haute Mr. Grimes was made the deputy city engineer, while in 1882 he was made the city engineer and continued in that office during the following six years. Following this he opened an office in the city for general engineering and surveying, and in 1893 formed a partnership with J. E. Voorhees in the constructing business, the relationship continuing for ten years, and at its close Mr. Grimes spent a year in St. Louis contracting. Returning once more to Terre Haute he, in 1904, was elected the county surveyor of Vigo county and in 1906 was re-elected.

Mr. Grimes married, in 1883, Lizzie B. Allen, a daughter of Thomas H. and Louise (White) Allen, of Clinton, Indiana, and they have three children—Mary, James Allen and George R., Jr. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity.

JOHN L. RYNERSON is one of the most prominent farmers and stock raisers in Prairie Creek township, Vigo county, and is a representative of families conspicuous in the early history of this section of Indiana. In 1824 Isaac Rynerson came from Kentucky to Indiana and old Fort Harrison. He was also with General Harrison on his memorable march, serving with the Light Horse Dragoons. The eldest of his seven children was John Rynerson, Sr., born May 7, 1817, in Kentucky, and when he was a child of seven he came with his father to Sullivan county, Indiana, where he later became prominently identified with its farming and stock raising interests. He entered land from the government, and so successful were his efforts in his chosen vocation that at the time of his death, on the 18th of February, 1897, he was the owner of a fine estate of five hundred acres.

By his marriage to Letha Chambers, John Rynerson united two of the pioneer families of Indiana. She was a daughter of Samuel and Beckie (Thomas) Chambers, who came to cast their lot with the early settlers of this state in 1817, and Samuel Chambers helped to build old





Fort Knox and participated in many of the Indian skirmishes of the early days. Henry Rynerson assisted in the laying out of the site for the present city of Chicago, and two of Samuel's sons, Scott and Thomas Chambers, were in the Civil war as privates, the younger dying in the service of his country. In his family were seven sons and four daughters. Mr. and Mrs. Rynerson had nine children, who grew to years of maturity, namely: Isaac, a farmer in Prairie Creek township; Sarah J. and Rebecca, who also reside here; Samuel C., of Prairie Creek township; John L. and Diannah, twins, but the latter is deceased; Barnett, of Crawford county, Illinois; William, a farmer in Prairieton township, and Benjamin F., a physician in that township.

John L. Rynerson was born in Vigo county, Indiana, March 24, 1849, and is of German descent. Remaining at home until his marriage he then located on seventy acres which he had purchased, and to this little tract he has added from time to time until the estate now contains four hundred and ninety-five acres. He is a prominent stock farmer, raising principally cattle and hogs.

On the 17th of July, 1878, Mr. Rynerson married Alvina Ritter, born March 5, 1859, to Jacob and Delia (Carver) Ritter, and of their five children three are now living: Nettie M., the wife of Mathew J. Hibbard, of Prairie Creek township; Letha G., the wife of John Green, of Lincoln county, Oklahoma, and Delilah E., attending school at Middletown. Mr. Rynerson is a Republican politically and fraternally has received the third degree in Masonry, and Mrs. Rynerson is a member of the Eastern Star.

CHARLES HARLAN, the owner of a fine estate of three hundred and fifty acres in Honey Creek township, Vigo county, has been engaged in agricultural pursuits in this vicinity throughout the working period of his life and his material progress and worthy citizenship have advanced together. His birth occurred within the borders of this township on the 29th of March, 1864, and he is the only child of James and Sarah (Harrington) Harlan. The father was also born in Prairieton township, his birth year being 1834, and he, too, was an agriculturist. He has been twice married, his second union being with Harriet Mulligan and they became the parents of the following children: Albert, deceased; Junior, who is married and resides in Terre Haute; Ray, deceased; Ida, who married Dr. Walter Payne and resides in Middletown; Robert, deceased; Herman, who is married and lives in Linton township; Ernest, also married, a resident of Honey Creek township, and Judge.

Charles Harlan continued to assist his father until he was twenty-two years of age, when he was married to Miss Alice Hess, September

26, 1886. He then commenced an independent career by investing \$1,000 from his mother's estate. The venture proved a total loss, but he pluckily continued his farming on rented land for five years, when he was able to purchase a tract of eighty-four acres, around which, with the passing years, he accumulated a fine acreage and a valuable estate. He is now among the leading agriculturists of Honey Creek township, although twenty-five acres of his property are located in Prairieton township.

Mrs. Charles Harlan, formerly Miss Alice Hess, was born July 17, 1866, is a daughter of Washington and Malinda (Killian) Hess, and has become the mother of the following children: Albert, who died when but a week old; Sarah A., who has received a common school education and thorough instruction in instrumental music, and Ruth, born April 13, 1893, who died November 3, 1898. Mrs. Harlan is widely known in the charitable and church work of Honey Creek township. Both she and her daughter Sarah are earnest members of the United Brethren church, the latter having served as its organist for some time. Mrs. Harlan is also one of the trustees, and in 1908 was selected as a delegate to the Biennial Convention Young People's Christian Union at Indianapolis. She is treasurer of the Ladies' Aid Society, teacher in the young ladies' class, superintendent of the Sunday school, and thoroughly alive to every phase of church and religious work. Mr. Harlan also gives his support to the practical charities and unlifting movements of his community. He has fraternal relations with the Odd Fellows Lodge, No. 685, of Youngstown, and the Woodmen camp at Prairieton. In politics he is a Democrat, and in June, 1904, was elected trustee of Honey Creek township. With whatever activity he is identified, he brings into the field industry, fidelity and ability, and is a citizen whose usefulness and honor are a part of the township's high standing.

HENRY ROBINSON.—In the death of Henry Robinson Terre Haute lost one of her pioneer business men and leading citizens. He was a native of Canada, born July 12, 1827, and was a son of William Robinson, who was born in the state of New York. When a boy of twelve his parents removed to northern Illinois, and on their farm they spent the remainder of their lives. After attaining to manhood's estate Henry Robinson returned to the state of New York, where he attended school for several winters, and when he again left the parental home in northern Illinois he went into the pine woods of Wisconsin and spent several winters cutting timber. Returning from there to New York, he spent two or three seasons at work in a cooper shop and again returned to the old home in Illinois. From there he came to Terre Haute, in 1856 or 1857, and in 1859 began busi-

ness by opening a notion and auction store on the south side of Main street, between Fourth and Fifth streets, being first in partnership with a Mr. Adams and after his death with a Mr. Shurbin. After this relationship was dissolved Mr. Robinson continued in business for himself for many years and was very successful in his ventures. After a time he took in C. L. Bramen as a partner, and they engaged in the wholesale dry goods and notions business for many years, until finally he again purchased his partner's interest and remained alone until late in the eighties, when failing health made it necessary for him to retire from business.

As an auctioneer Mr. Robinson was extremely successful and he is well remembered as one of the city's pioneers in that line. His character for honesty and integrity was well known and he had a keen appreciation of the ethics of commercial life, so that he not only commanded the respect of his fellow men for his uprightness but also won their admiration for his marked abilities. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity. In 1858 Mr. Robinson married the widow of Henry Holmes (Ann Carey), and together they lived and labored in Terre Haute, the husband finally passing away on the 1st of December, 1892, and two years afterward, on the 21st of April, 1894, his wife joined him in the home beyond.

BENJAMIN M. KNISELY, a contractor and builder, of Terre Haute, is numbered among the native sons of the neighboring state of Illinois, his birth having there occurred in Palestine, August 14, 1863. His parents were Benjamin and Margaret (Blything) Knisely. The father was born in Canal Dover, Ohio, and was of an old Pennsylvania Dutch family. His great-grandfather became one of the pioneer settlers of Canal Dover and gave the land to the county upon which the first court house was built. He was a public-spirited citizen and contributed in substantial measure to the early development of the locality. The mother of Benjamin M. was born in Crawford county, Illinois, to which state the father removed at an early period in its development. He was a harness maker by trade and died at a comparatively early age, passing away in 1863, prior to the birth of his son, Benjamin M. In 1869 his widow came to Terre Haute and from the age of six years Mr. Benjamin M. Knisely has been a resident of this city.

Benjamin M. Knisely entered the public schools of Terre Haute, passing through consecutive grades until he had acquired a good practical English education. In early youth he learned the trade of a brick mason, serving a three years' apprenticeship in this city, after which he went to Chicago, where he received training for three more years in

the line of his chosen occupation, becoming familiar with the advanced building methods of that city. In 1887 he returned to Terre Haute, where he began contracting, and in the intervening years has erected many substantial structures here. He has also done all the brick work for the street railway of Terre Haute and under contract has erected a number of the leading business houses; also three engine houses for the city, a school building, the Phoenix Club house and other structures. He built and owns two modern flat buildings, known as the Knisely flats, at the corner of Chestnut and Sixth streets, and from these derives a good rental. Although he started out in life with limited capital, he has been very successful and the years have brought him gratifying prosperity.

On the 23d of November, 1887, Mr. Knisely was married to Miss Hannah G. Dullea, daughter of John and Johanna (Crowley) Dullea. They have had two children: Benjamin A., now seventeen years of age, and Cleon Gertrude, who died at the age of seven years. Mr. Knisely is a Mason, belonging to the lodge, chapter and commandery. He is a popular citizen, possessing the personal traits of character which win him lasting friendships and kindly regard. In business he receives the confidence and good will of his colleagues, associates and patrons, who recognize him to be an honest, enterprising man, possessing that strength of character which works for good citizenship as well as for individual gain.

JOSEPH BURGESS FUQUA is one of the best known of Terre Haute's prominent citizens, and at the present time is serving as a member of the board of public safety. On both the paternal and maternal sides he is descended from old southern families of the Blue Grass state of Kentucky. Washington Fuqua, the grandfather of Joseph B., was born in that state and married one of its native daughters, Rebecca Wilson, but in the early fifties, with their families, they journeyed northward with team and wagon and located in Eldridge township, Edgar county, Illinois, on land adjoining the right-of-way of the Big Four Railroad Company, then known as the Indianapolis & St. Louis Railroad, and located two and a half miles east of Vermilion. There they spent the remainder of their lives, Washington Fuqua dying in about 1879, aged seventy-nine years, and his wife in 1873, at the age of seventy-three years.

David M. Fuqua, their son, was born in Fleming county, Kentucky, and was a farmer throughout life. He died on the 3d of October, 1859, the result of a kick from a horse. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Amanda D. Rhoden and who was also a native of Fleming county,



Kentucky, died November 15, 1895. Her paternal grandfather was born in England, but when a boy of twelve was stolen and brought to the United States. Her father, Joseph Rhoden, was born in Kentucky. He married there Bersheba Burgess and moved to Indiana in the early fifties, locating on the state line in Fayette township, Vigo county, and there he lived until his death on the 21st of June, 1880, dying at the age of eighty years. His wife died June 28, 1880, just one week after her husband was laid to rest. Unto David M. and Amanda (Rhoden) Fuqua were born four children, namely: Martha J., the widow of William H. McFarland, and residing on her farm in Edgar county, Illinois; Fleming S., a farmer in that county; Basheba E., the wife of Jesse McFarland, of Edgar county, and Joseph B.

Joseph B. Fuqua, the youngest child, was born in Edgar county, Illinois, near Vermilion, October 2, 1857, and was but two years and a day old when his father died. Remaining on the home farm in Edgar county until fourteen, he then came to Terre Haute to make his home with an uncle, and after completing his public school education pursued a course in the old Garvin Business College, taking the night course. He then worked for his uncle, L. S. Calder, in the grocery store, for about two years, and from that time until October, 1879, drove a wagon for J. H. Chapman, the proprietor of a bakery at 124 South Fourth street. At the close of that period Mr. Fuqua engaged in the grocery business at the corner of Lafayette avenue and Fifth street as a member of the firm of Fuqua & Serrin, but a short time afterward bought his partner's interest and conducted the business alone until 1892. He was very successful as a grocery merchant, but sold his store in 1892 to become a traveling salesman for Willard Kidder, a miller, and with whom he still has business relations. Aside from taking an active part in the business interests of Terre Haute Mr. Fuqua has also been prominently identified with its political life. In 1892 he was elected to represent the old first ward in the city council for a term of two years, and in that time the legislature enacted a new law and his term was thereby extended one year. In 1894 he was re-elected to the council from the seventh ward, the old first ward under a new name, for a term of four years. At the present time he is serving as a member of the board of public safety of Terre Haute, his term of service to extend during the administration of Mayor Lyons.

Mr. Fuqua married, November 24, 1880, Ida B., a daughter of Louis and Anna (Forrest) Merring. The late Louis Merring, for many years prominent in the business life of Terre Haute, died November 15, 1907. Mrs. Fuqua was born in Buffalo, New York, August 11, 1861, and she has become the mother of a son and a daughter. The son, Herbert E.,

was born in Terre Haute, April 19, 1883, and is a graduate of the city high school with the class of January, 1902. He had just entered upon his second year in the Rose Polytechnic Institute when his health failed and he went to New Mexico, from whence, six months later, he went to Los Angeles, California, and returning, spent the summer of 1907 at home. On the 24th of August of that year he entered the Leland Stanford University of California, where he is now in his senior year. Esther Cleone, the only daughter, was born in Terre Haute, February 17, 1887, and completed the high school course. She married Carroll H. Seldondridge, September 4, 1907, and resided in Seattle, Washington, for a short time, afterward returning to Terre Haute. Mr. Fuqua is a member of the Masonic Lodge, No. 19; a member and the financial secretary of Fort Harrison Lodge, No. 157, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is a member of the Travelers' Protective Association.

JOSEPH MULLIKIN, who does a general real estate business, is an active factor in the business circles of Terre Haute and is recognized as one of its representative and leading residents. He was born in Johnson county, Indiana, on the 24th of February, 1864, his parents being James M. and Mary A. (Kindle) Mullikin, who were natives of that county and representatives of old pioneer families there.

He was educated in the common and high schools of his native county. He engaged in teaching school for two years and then entered the State Normal at Terre Haute in 1887. In 1891 he went to the south, spending eighteen months in Tennessee and Alabama, where he engaged in the building and loan business. In 1893 he returned to Terre Haute, where he went in the real estate business and has since engaged in the purchase and sale of property, and at all times keeping well informed concerning the valuation of realty and the possibilities for purchase and sale, so that he renders excellent service to his clients. He is also secretary of the Union Building and Loan Association.

Mr. Mullikin is identified with some of the leading organizations of Terre Haute, including the Commercial Club, the Young Business Men's Club and the Masonic lodge. Pleasantly situated in his home life, he married Miss Nellie Warfel, of Monticello, Indiana, a daughter of Hezekiah Warfel. They have one daughter, Isa B., who is a student in the convent of St. Mary-of-the-Woods.

JAMES ARTHUR HALL was born in Prairie Creek township, near the Fortune school house, March 8, 1869, a son of Isaac N. Hall and a grandson of Solomon Hall, one of the early pioneers of Vigo county. He was born in Jackson county, West Virginia, and it was in 1859 that

he came to Prairie Creek township, Vigo county, his death occurring here after a residence of four years.

Isaac N. Hall, the fifth of his seven children, of whom five were daughters, was also born in Jackson county, West Virginia, August 26, 1844, and his death occurred in Texas, September 24, 1895. During the Civil war he served in the Third West Virginia Cavalry, enlisting at the opening of the conflict and serving until its close, for a time acting in the capacity of orderly. He was never wounded and participated in the following battles: Spottsylvania, Cedar Creek, Antietam, Aldie and Appomattox. He was under the command of Custer, Gen. George Armstrong, David C. Hall. His brother also served through the entire war, enlisting in the Eighty-fifth Regiment of Indiana Volunteers as a private. He was wounded in the shoulder, was captured at Mark's Mills, taken to Libby prison and died from the effects of his wound in 1879. After the close of the war Isaac Hall returned to Prairie Creek township and in 1868 was married here to Elizabeth Fortune, but they separated in 1873, after becoming the parents of two children, James Arthur and Nettie M. The daughter married Harvey G. Shaffer and resides in Indianapolis. Mrs. Hall was born in Covington, Kentucky, October 15, 1853, and is now living in Howard county, Indiana, the wife of William Howard. Mr. Hall was also a second time married, wedding, in 1880, Louisa Hall, from Illinois, and they subsequently moved to Texas and he spent the remainder of his life there.

James Arthur Hall accompanied his father on his removal to Texas, but only remained there one year, returning then to this county. After two years, however, he went again to Texas, four years elapsing before his return to Prairieton township, Vigo county, where he worked for his uncle, Benjamin F. Flesher, for five years. During the year following his marriage he worked by the month, and he then began farming for himself, renting land until 1906. He then bought seventy-five acres in Prairie Creek township, where he now lives, two miles north of Middletown, on the Vincennes road. He is a grain and stock farmer, shipping to the Chicago and Indianapolis markets. He is a Republican, an Odd Fellow, belonging to Middletown Lodge, No. 476, in which he has filled all of the offices and served as a delegate to the grand lodge, and a Mason, belonging to Lodge No. 178, at Prairieton, in which he is serving his second term as secretary.

The marriage of Mr. Hall occurred August 29, 1889, to Reka V. Hines, who was born November 19, 1867, a daughter of Frederick and Jessie Hines, and their five children are Harvey N., Lillie O., William H., Isaac Benjamin and one who died in infancy. Three of the children are attending school, two in Middletown. Both Mr. and Mrs. Hall are members of the Methodist church.

CHARLES R. DUFFIN.—On the roster of city officials of Terre Haute appears the name of Charles R. Duffin, who is now the incumbent in the office of city comptroller. He has also been the promoter and organizer of various business concerns which have contributed to the commercial prosperity and advancement of the city, as well as proven a source of substantial benefit to himself. His life record began in Illinois in 1863, his birth occurring in Pana. He resided in Illinois to the age of thirteen, working on a farm in Shelby county, Illinois. In 1876 he came to Terre Haute, where he commenced his business career by accepting a position in a restaurant and soon afterward drove a delivery wagon for J. R. Fisher. Since then his life has been characterized by an orderly progression that has made him one of the the well known and representative business men of the city, while his influence and labors have been an effective force in municipal welfare and advancement. After leaving the employ of Fisher he became connected with H. Robinson & Sons, wholesale dealers in notions at Terre Haute, for whom he traveled for four years. On severing his connection with that house he became traveling salesman for Fecheimerm Keifer & Company, of Cincinnati, wholesale clothiers, and so continued for fourteen years, being one of the trusted representatives and able salesmen of the company. In 1898 he organized the Citizens' Telephone Company of Terre Haute and became its general manager in 1901, thus bringing to the city a public utility in competition with the Bell system, improving the character of its service and constituting an element, the convenience of which adds to the dispatch of business. He was also instrumental in the organization of the Forest Coal Company and the Forest Park Company, the latter being engaged in the management and improvement of one of the most beautiful natural parks in the state. He is a man of business discernment, who recognizes and utilizes opportunities that others pass by heedlessly, and the result of his discrimination and unwearied industry are seen in the tangible success which has followed his labors. He was secretary of the Terre Haute Trotting and Fair Association for eight years, and is interested in various other concerns of importance to the city.

Mr. Duffin's political prominence has made him comptroller of Terre Haute, to which position he was appointed in 1906 by Mayor Lyons. He is one of the stalwart advocates of Democratic principles and his party finds in him a champion whose labors are far-reaching and beneficial. His personal traits are such as render him popular with the great majority with whom he comes in contact, and he is a valued member of the Knights of Pythias, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and Knights of Columbus. In the last named fraternity he is

identified with Terre Haute Council, No. 541, and for the past three years has held the office of grand knight. He was the first president of Post G of the Travelers' Protective Association, and his high standing and popularity among commercial travelers of the country were indicated by the fact that at the national convention held at Omaha, Nebraska, in 1898, he was honored with the presidency of the national association, his executive ability and ready dispatch in business well qualifying him to serve as its chief officer.

JUPITER G. VRYDAGH is the leading architect and superintendent of building of Terre Haute, and succeeded in business his honored father, Josse A. Vrydagh, whose name was perhaps more prominently associated with the building interests of Vigo county than any other man of his time.

Josse A. Vrydagh was a native of Louvain, Belgium, born May 16, 1833, to Peter and Mary (Heller) Vrydagh, the former of whom was a soldier under Napoleon and participated in the battle of Leipsic. He was a wholesale merchant and manufacturer of spices. At the age of fourteen his son Josse entered the Louvain School of Arts, and after an attendance there of nearly seven years he, in 1854, joined the Phalaustorian colony, composed of about two hundred and fifty persons from France, Belgium, Switzerland and the United States, which emigrated to Dallas, Texas. During his residence in that city young Vrydagh was engaged in contracting and architectural work and built the St. Nicholas Hotel, at that time and for many years afterward the finest structure in the city. But in 1858 the colony disbanded and Mr. Vrydagh then traveled through the south making a study of the slave question for a year, following which he returned to Europe and visited some of the principal cities of France, Belgium and England. In 1862 he visited the World's Fair at London, and in 1863 returned to the United States and located at Decatur, Illinois. After a residence in that city of six months he went to Cincinnati, Ohio, and from there, in 1866, came to Terre Haute and became the city's noted pioneer architect. In 1870 he was elected a fellow of the American Institute of Architects. In 1874, with fifty other architects, he submitted competitive drawings for the Centennial buildings at Philadelphia and was awarded one of the ten premiums. In 1877 he received one thousand dollars award from the United States government for submitting the best plans for rebuilding the burned patent office building at Washington city, and during the years of 1881 and 1882 he was in the office of the supervising architect of the treasury department at Washington. During his active career in Terre Haute Mr. Vrydagh was the leading architect and superin-

tendent, and his reputation and work extended over the entire state of Indiana. Among others, the following buildings of note were erected after his plans, specifications, and under his supervision: The old Indiana State Normal School, which was destroyed in 1889; the Terre Haute Opera House, the wholesale grocery and spice mills of Hulman & Company, the Catholic Orphans' Home, St. John's Catholic church, the Deming block, the Beach block, the old Marble block on Wabash avenue, the Terre Haute high school, the fifteenth, sixteenth and seventeenth district city schools, the German Reformed and Lutheran churches, and many business houses, residences, warehouses, round-houses and car houses, all in Terre Haute; the DePauw University buildings at Greencastle, the court houses at Sullivan, Bedford and Mount Vernon, Indiana, the jails at Paris and Charleston, Illinois, and a large number of public and private buildings at Evansville and other points throughout the state.

Mr. Vrydagh was married in his native home in Belgium in 1854, to Victoria Notez, and they became the parents of the following children: Martin U., who married Clara Stuckwisch and is an architect in Pittsburg; Mary E., of Kansas City, Missouri; Jupiter G., Robert T., an architect, and Allison L., a draughtsman in Terre Haute. Josse A. Vrydagh died January 16, 1898, his wife surviving him seven years, she dying on the 5th of March, 1905.

Jupiter G. Vrydagh was born in the city of Terre Haute, February 4, 1869, and after completing the course in the graded and high schools he entered upon a two years' course at the Rose Polytechnic Institute. From 1890 until 1898 he was in the city of St. Louis perfecting himself along the lines of his chosen profession, but the death of his gifted father in the latter year recalled him to Terre Haute, and he succeeded to his business, soon taking rank among the architects and superintendents of the city. His career has been a successful one, and among other buildings of importance the following stand as monuments to his wonderful ability as an architect: The Naylor-Cox block, the White block on Wabash avenue, the Froeb-Cox block, the main addition to the Columbian Enameling and Stamping Works, the Root Glass Company's buildings, the Modes Turner Glass Works, the Gartland Foundry buildings, the Fairbanks, Rae and Deming public school buildings, the residences of Mr. Herz, Bruce Failey, Dr. Patton, A. L. Pfau and many others, and at the present time he is superintending the erection of the addition to St. Anthony's Hospital, for which he also supplied the plans. Mr. Vrydagh is a member of the Commercial Club, the Young Business Men's Club and the Masonic and Elks fraternities. During two years he was the architect of the Terre Haute city school board.

He married Miss Lunetta Catt, a native of Greenfield, Indiana, and a daughter of Milton and Lina Catt.

FERDINAND ARTHUR MOSHER, a well known citizen of Terre Haute and senior member of the grain commission house of F. A. Mosher & Company, is a native of the Empire state, descended on both sides from old substantial New York families. His paternal ancestors were Quakers, who came from Rhode Island at an early day, and located successively in Dutchess, Jefferson (LeRaysville) and Oneida counties. Mr. Mosher's parents, Ennis and Catherine (Barbour) Mosher, were natives of New York state, the father being for many years a merchant at LeRaysville, Jefferson county. Thence he removed to Whitesboro, Oneida county, and there continued in business for a short time, returning to LeRaysville, where he passed away.

It was at Whitesboro, Oneida county, New York, that the subject of this sketch was born. He was reared in LeRaysville, receiving his education in its common, and at a normal school, and his first business training in his father's country store at that place. This, at the time, was the family residence, the home having been transferred from Whitesboro, where it had been established for only a short time. In December, 1882, as a young man, Mr. Mosher removed from LeRaysville to Terre Haute, there joining his cousin, F. F. Keith, and establishing himself as an active factor in the grain commission business. A few years later Mr. Keith retired from the house and went to California, Mr. Mosher succeeding to the large business and conducting it alone until January 1, 1907, when D. P. Lynch was admitted as a partner in the formation of the present firm of F. A. Mosher & Company. Mr. Mosher is a member of the Chicago Board of Trade and of the Terre Haute Commercial and the Country clubs, and is also identified with the Masonic and Elks fraternities, being an active, strong and honorable citizen.

JAMES K. P. STEPHENS was born in Clay county, Indiana, near Bowling Green, May 8, 1845, a son of James and Wealthy (Beaman) Stephens, farming people. James Stephens was born in 1794 in Montgomery county, North Carolina, and died in 1849, and his wife, who was born in the same county in 1810, died in 1888. James Stephens was a son of James Stephens, Sr., who came to this country during the period of the Revolutionary war, and was a soldier under Lafayette. After the close of the conflict he settled in Fayetteville, North Carolina, and spent the remainder of his life there, conducting a general mercantile store.

James Stephens, Jr., lived at home until the War of 1812, and then as a boy of eighteen years enlisted with Elijah Haltom's company,

Colonel Bendumas' regiment, and served as a private until the close of the war. He was never wounded during the entire struggle, and after its close walked from Cincinnati, Ohio, via Fayetteville and Indianapolis, to Fort Harrison, following the Indian trail. After a sojourn there of three weeks he returned to Cincinnati, and in 1825 came back to Indiana by way of Cumberland Gap, Tennessee, and located in Clay county, near Bowling Green, which continued as his home during the remainder of his life. For his services as a soldier in the War of 1812 he had received a grant of one hundred and sixty acres, and he thereafter continued as a grain and stock farmer, owning at the time of his death over six hundred acres, and was one of the wealthiest farmers in the county. Politically he was a Democrat. Of the eight children born to Mr. and Mrs. Stephens only three are now living. The eldest, Elijah, resides on the old home farm in Clay county, where he was born and reared. He was born in 1828. He married Rebecca Orman. Nancy, the second of the living children, was born in 1840 and resides in Los Angeles, California, the wife of George W. Ellis, a real estate dealer and hotel proprietor.

James K. P. Stephens, the third and youngest of the living children, remained at home until he, too, left for the seat of war, joining, in 1862, Company M, Sixth Indiana Cavalry, Colonel Topping's regiment, later under the command of Colonel Biddle, for services in the Civil war. He served as a private until October 15, 1865, when he was seriously wounded by being run over. During his military career he served in the battles of Richmond, Kentucky, and Knoxville, Tennessee, in the campaigns of eastern Tennessee, Atlanta and from Chattanooga to Atlanta. He then returned with General Thomas to Franklin and Nashville, and after the war had ended he came back to Bowling Green, Indiana. He received his honorable discharge October 15, 1865, at Indianapolis. Shortly afterward he was married, and in 1867 he bought the farm where he now lives, near Lewis, Indiana, owning seventy acres and carrying on general grain and stock farming, but he is now retired from active pursuits.

In Bowling Green, Indiana, May 17, 1866, Mr. Stevens married Margaret Craft, who was born on the 30th of August, 1846, the daughter of Peter Craft. They have seven children living and four deceased, namely: Betty, born September 16, 1867, the wife of David Swalley, a farmer of Anderson, Indiana; Thaddeus A., born January 20, 1872, conducts the home farm; Pat, born April 4, 1873, married Drusilla Barnes and resides in Pierson township; Maude, born April 29, 1875, the wife of Emery Brash, of Coalmont, Indiana; May, born August 16, 1876, the wife of Charles Richey, of North Dakota; Sherman, born March 29, 1882, married Ethel Clark and resides in Terre Haute, and



Ethel, born August 21, 1884, is at home. Mr. Stephens votes with the Republican party and both he and his wife are members of the Methodist church. Mr. Stephens is a member of General Cruft Post, No. 284, Grand Army of the Republic, of which he is now the adjutant, and for ten years was its commander. He is the recipient of a pension of seventeen dollars a month. Stephens cemetery is located on his land and contains a soldiers' monument seventeen feet high and two twenty-four pound cannon and twenty sixty-four pounds shells. This is the only soldiers' monument in the county, and was erected by the post here.

General Cruft Post, No. 284, Grand Army of the Republic, was mustered in January 25, 1884, at Lewis, Vigo county, by Captain Todd, of Jasonville, Indiana, with thirty-one charter members. The officers elected were: Commander, James K. P. Stephens; senior vice commander, Gilbert Liston; junior vice commander, G. A. Sanders; adjutant, I. O. Beckwith; quartermaster, R. H. Cochran; chaplain, Samuel Woods; surgeon, C. C. Givins; officer of day, O. T. Stark; outside guard, M. S. Boston; sergeant-major, W. T. Payne; quartermaster sergeant, Munson Gosnel.

This post meets on the Saturday after full moon, at 2 p. m., each month. General Cruft Post, No. 284, Department of Indiana, Grand Army of the Republic, has prospered from its organization and has buried more than one hundred old soldiers. They have also procured from the government over one hundred headstones or markers to mark the old soldiers' graves. In 1903 General Cruft Post appointed a committee of comrades to go to Bedford, Indiana, and buy a suitable monument to be made of Bedford stone. This committee was composed of J. K. P. Stephens, R. H. Cochran, Gilbert Liston and C. C. Givins. They went to Bedford, Indiana, October 1, 1903, and hired J. W. Hues, of Bedford, to cut and make a soldiers' monument from Bedford stone to cost \$1,500 and to be erected in the Stephens cemetery at Lewis. The monument stands seventeen feet high and the west side represents the Grand Army of the Republic, the south side represents the cavalry, the east side represents the navy, the north side the artillery, and the top represents the infantry. There is a circle around this monument and all old soldiers are buried around this circle. The old soldiers have several other fine private family monuments in this cemetery.

This post has also procured from the government, by the aid of Senator Albert J. Beveridge and Congressman E. S. Holliday two twenty-four pound steel cannons that weigh one thousand eight hundred pounds each. There are also, on substantial stone breastworks, twenty sixty-four pound bomb shells. These are all placed in the Stephens cemetery opposite the Southern Indiana Railroad depot at Lewis, Vigo county, Indiana.

BURTON CASSADAY.—During a number of years Burton Cassaday was numbered among the educators of Vigo county, and when he left the school room, where for fourteen years he had taught and labored, to enter a business life, he was serving as the principal of the West Terre Haute schools. In 1894 he purchased the drug store in this city which he has since conducted, carrying a complete line of drugs and sundries, and he is a registered pharmacist. Mr. Cassaday also owns a large business block here, is the secretary of the West Terre Haute Savings, Loan and Building Association and the secretary of the West Terre Haute Improvement Company. These have proved a boon and the real success of West Terre Haute, the combined efforts of the two organizations having been the means largely of bringing it to its present high state of development. He is a large property owner in both Terre Haute and West Terre Haute. Mr. Cassaday is also president of the Indiana Industrial Life Insurance Company, which bids fair to make a revolution of the insurance world.

He is a representative of a family which has long been identified with the interests of Vigo county, for his father was a farmer in Sugar Creek township for many years and the name of John B. Cassaday is also inscribed among its pioneer residents. He was successful in business and at his death owned an estate of about four hundred acres. He served as a soldier in the Black Hawk war, was a squire in his township and voted with the Democratic party. He was born in Kentucky, of Irish ancestry, and his wife, nee Rebecca Goodman, was of German descent. Thirteen children were born of their union, and ten of this large family are now living, all residents of Vigo county.

Burton Cassaday, the youngest of the thirteen children, spent the early years of his life on his father's farm, receiving his education in the district school near his home, and he left the school room as a pupil only to enter it immediately as an instructor, beginning his labors in Prairieton township. He, too, gives his political support to the Democratic party, and his fraternal relations are with the Knights of Pythias, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Red Men, the Modern Woodmen of America and the Knights and Ladies of Security.

Mr. Cassaday married Margaret Jane Curry, who was born in Honey Creek township, March 3, 1862, a daughter of Oliver M. and Ella (Rynan) Curry. The mother died in 1905, but the father is still living. He was born and reared to mature years in Honey Creek township, and his life's span has covered over seventy years. His home is now with his daughter Margaret in West Terre Haute. One daughter has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Cassaday, Margaret Earl, born November 7, 1906.

JOHN K. WEEKS.—The name of Weeks has long been associated with the history of Vigo county, and especially of Linton township, and the representatives of the family have left their impress on its agricultural development. As early as 1838 William L. and Nancy (Kester) Weeks, the parents of Louis L., wended their way here from Kentucky and became identified with the farming interests of Linton township. William L. Weeks was born in Virginia, July 7, 1794, and his death occurred on his farm here, August 21, 1875, long surviving his wife, who died in October, 1845. She was born March 2, 1797, in Kentucky, and the former was of English and the latter of English and German descent. They were married on the 11th of January, 1820, and became the parents of nine children, five sons and four daughters, but only two, Louis L. and his sister, Susan McClain, a resident of Pimento, are living.

Louis L. Weeks, the first born of the eleven children, claims Spencer county, Kentucky, as the place of his nativity, born November 14, 1820, and he was therefore a lad of eighteen when the family home was established in Indiana. When he had attained the age of twenty-one he took charge of his father's farm. The first land which he ever owned was a little tract of forty acres entered from the government, the entry price being a dollar and a quarter an acre, while later he bought forty acres of canal land for between two and three dollars an acre, and from time to time he added to his farm until he owned about five hundred acres. But in the spring of 1900 he gave all his property to his heirs with the exception of a house and lot in Pimento, for previously, in the latter part of the nineties, he had retired from active work. Mr. Weeks is also numbered among the early educators of Linton township, where he taught two terms of subscription school in the early days. He is a member of the Baptist church, of which he served as a clerk at one time, and representing the Democratic party he served two terms as a county commissioner and one term as a township trustee.

On the 9th of April, 1845, Mr. Weeks married Sarah Ann Kelley, who was born August 25, 1825, a daughter of David and Ruth (Armstrong) Kelley, natives of Kentucky, the former of Irish and the latter of Irish and German descent. They became early pioneers of Vigo county, and the father died in its township of Prairie Creek in October, 1859, and the mother on the 18th of March, 1847. Eleven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Weeks: Nancy D., deceased; John K., who married Sarah F. Kester and resides in Linton township; David, who married Martha Watson, by whom he has one son, Louis, and resides in Linton township; Chauncey, of Terre Haute, married Mary Hickman and has five children; Julia B., the wife of Alexander Beard, of Pierson township; Louis H., of Linton township, married Mary E. Siner

and has two living children; Carrie and Ruth, deceased; Ida, at home; Daniel V., deceased, and Eura, also at home. Mrs. Weeks, the mother, died on the 19th of January, 1895, leaving the husband, with whom she had traveled the journey of life for so many years, to continue alone until he, too, shall answer the call and join her in the home beyond.

John K. Weeks, a son of Louis L. and Sarah Ann (Kelley) Weeks, was born October 20, 1848, in Linton township, and here he has spent his entire life and been prominently identified with its farming interests. He grew to manhood's estate on his father's farm here, in the meantime attending the district school of the neighborhood, and when but seventeen he took charge of the homestead farm. When he was twenty-one he began operating it for himself, but after three years left the home farm and rented land for two years. He then purchased one hundred acres, the nucleus of his present homestead, to which he later added a tract of sixty acres, and on his farm of one hundred and sixty acres he is engaged in general farming and stock raising. He owns some very fine horses, and among the number is the well known "Jewel," a Red Wilkes sire, which has gained a high reputation in this community. Mr. Weeks gives his political allegiance to the Democratic party.

On the 12th of October, 1871, he married Sarah F. Kester, who came with her parents, John P. and Sarah (Beechum) Kester, from her native county of Spencer, Kentucky, to Vigo county, Indiana, when but two years of age. She died in 1881, leaving one daughter, Katie Estelle, who became the wife of Lute Beechum and died in 1899. On the 22d of December, 1885, Mr. Weeks married Eunice Kester, an own cousin of his first wife. She was born in Spencer county, Kentucky, January 28, 1845, and came to Indiana after her marriage. She is a member of the Baptist church.

CHARLES YAW was born within a quarter of a mile of where he now lives, March 31, 1861, and Pierson township has ever since continued as his home and the scene of his operations. He is a son of Lawrence and Emeline (Kester) Yaw. The father, who was born in Muskingum county, Ohio, came to Indiana in about 1845, making the journey on horseback and locating in Vigo county. Soon after his arrival here he began work as a farm hand and taught school during the winter months, while later he began carpentering and building. He bought his first property in 1849, a tract of one hundred and thirty acres, and later he became the owner of an estate of three hundred and twenty acres. His knowledge of carpentering enabled him to erect all of his own buildings, and he continued his building operations and general grain and stock farming throughout the remainder of his active busi-

ness career. From the Whig party he transferred his allegiance to the Democracy, but was staunchly opposed to slavery. He was a member of the Baptist church. The union of Mr. and Mrs. Yaw was blessed by the birth of ten children, namely: William, deceased; Hettie, who married Hardy McClanahan and resides in Sullivan county, Indiana; John, of Pierson township, married Nancy B. Beard; Louisa B., wife of Earl Liston, of Linton township; Charles, the subject of this review; Jesse B., who married Martha Pierson, and their home is in Pierson township; Joanna and Fred, both deceased; one who died in infancy, and Alice, wife of John Rudisell, also of Pierson township.

Charles Yaw remained on the old Yaw homestead here, assisting his father in the farm work during the summer months and attending school in the winters, until his marriage, and at that time his father gave him forty acres of land, and he continued to reside in one of his houses for six years. Then, in 1888, he moved to his present home farm, selling the forty acres which his father had given him and purchasing sixty acres here, his first home being a four-room dwelling. He has made all the improvements which the homestead now contains, including some of the finest buildings to be found in the township, and he is now the owner of one hundred and sixty-five acres of general grain and stock farm. Mr. Yaw is a stockholder in the Riley Oil Company, and is the president of the Pierson Township Fair Association, which was founded by his father twenty-five years ago, and every year since township fairs have been held here. He has always been an advocate of road improvement, and was one of the promoters of the first gravel road in the township.

On the 26th of November, 1882, he married Cora B. Hippel, born December 30, 1865, to Isaac P. and Barbara Hippel, both of whom are now deceased. The two children of Mr. and Mrs. Yaw are John Howard and Frank Leslie. The elder, born July 21, 1884, resides in Pierson township on his grandfather's old homestead. He married Mildred McClanahan and has one son, born March 13, 1908, Lowell Desmond Yaw. Frank Leslie, the younger, was born February 15, 1885, and is at home with his parents. Both pursued courses at Brown's Business College in Terre Haute. Mr. Yaw, Sr., votes with the Democratic party and both he and his wife are members of the Baptist church.

CHARLES D. PIERSON is one of the most prominent business men in his section of Vigo county, and also has the honor of being a member of one of the county's earliest and most prominent families. The Piersons were the first permanent settlers here, and his great-grandfather was a Baptist minister and built the first church in Pierson township. The

building was made of logs and it stood about three miles west of Black Hawk, where the present church is located.

Taylor Pierson, a son of this pioneer minister, was born in Pierson township, as was also his wife, Ruth, and he owned at one time between six and eight hundred acres of land. He was a merchant as well as farmer and had the distinction of being the first merchant in Lewis.

Able Pierson, a son of Taylor and Ruth Pierson, was also a native son of Pierson township, and he remained at home until his marriage, receiving in the meantime but limited educational advantages, but in spite of this he became well educated for his time. Throughout his business life he followed agricultural pursuits, and was one of the largest stock raisers in this section of the county. He was also one of the original promoters of the Pierson Township Fair Association, and the grounds were located on his farm, which contained, at his death, thirteen hundred acres. He was a Democrat, but never an office-seeker, and was a member of the Baptist church. Two of his brothers served in the army during the Civil war, Moses and Josiah, but the former was out only a short time when he was killed by a scout, and Josiah served about three years. Unto Able and Mary J. (Stout) Pierson were born fifteen children, of whom the ten now living are: Printhia, who married Thomas Dix, and their home is in Shelburn, Indiana; William, who married, first, Nerva Van Clave, deceased, and secondly, Ada Volkerst, and he is on the parental homestead in Pierson township; Mary and Mat, twins, the former the wife of C. H. Bentley, of Prairieton township, Vigo county, and the latter the wife of J. B. Yaw, also on the old homestead; Ruth, the wife of John Peters, of Howard county, Indiana; Charles D., who is mentioned later; John, who married Iva Fredericks and lives in Terre Haute; Pearl, a missionary in Old Mexico, and he married there; Maud, wife of Ithamer Thomas, of Sullivan, and Jesse, who married Virginia Walters and lives in Spokane, Washington.

Charles D. Pierson was born on the farm on which the Pierson fair grounds are now located, April 8, 1871, and after attending for a time the common schools near his home he became a student in the graded schools of Riley, from whence he entered the Isabell Business College and graduated with the class of 1893. Returning home he worked for four or five years and was then married and had charge of his father's farm for two years. From farming he drifted into the lumber business, forming, in 1901, a partnership with his brother John at Lewis, but in 1903 he purchased his brother's interest. In 1904 he and his brother sank the Pierson coal mine in Coalmont, the first large mine on this road, and they also opened a lumber yard there. In 1906 they sold the mine and invested in timber land in Louisiana, and at the present

time are starting a saw mill there. Mr. Pierson has a half interest in the C. D. Pierson Lumber Company, and is the president of the Fort Harrison Lumber Company, whose offices are at 1466 South Seventh street, Terre Haute. His politics are Democratic.

On the 12th of October, 1899, Mr. Pierson was married to Mattie Ladd, who was born February 22, 1873, a daughter of William and Nancy Ladd, the former now deceased, but the mother is living on the home place here.

STEPHEN BEAMAN STARK, postmaster at Pimento, Linton township, is a pioneer of that section of Vigo county, and was virtually engaged in farming there until his appointment to his present position seven years ago. His most extended absence from the county for which he has such an enduring affection, covered the period of his honorable service in the ranks of the Union army during the Civil war. Born on a farm in Clay county, Indiana, on the 29th of March, 1848, he came to Pimento when only a few years of age, and there he has been educated to a useful and patriotic citizenship. Mr. Stark's father was Daniel M. Stark, who was born in Ohio, September 25, 1809, and died in Pimento July 23, 1881. His mother was known before marriage as Patience Welch, was a native of Ohio, born in 1807, and died at the old Pimento homestead on the 20th of September, 1869. He is of a family of seven children, who, besides himself, were Emeline, William, Simeon (deceased), Rebecca, Stephen Beaman and Eunice.

Although but a mere youth, Postmaster Stark enlisted in the Civil war as a member of the Fifty-seventh Regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and participated in the battles of Spring Hill, Franklin and Nashville. He returned to Pimento and the farm upon which he had been reared, and both in practice and the encouragement of modern methods and movements has been identified with the best progress of Vigo county in agriculture, civic development, and in social and religious life. On November 18, 1866, when in his nineteenth year, he married Miss Esther Ann Akers, a native of Vigo county, where she has passed her useful life. To their union have been born these five children: Leona, now forty-one years of age, and the wife of Jephtha Boyll, a citizen of Terre Haute; Erdine, aged thirty-seven, wife of David Boyll, a prosperous farmer of Linton township; Edgar A., who died in 1879, at the age of six years; Jessie B., who resides, at the age of thirty-one, at Palestine, Illinois, and Arthur V., a resident of Texas, who has reached the age of twenty-eight. Mr. Stark and his wife are members of the Missionary Baptist church, and are among its most enthusiastic workers, as well as interested participants in the charitable movements of the en-

tire community. Mr. Stark was ordained deacon at Union in 1882, twenty-six years ago. He has been ardent in his work as a Christian gentleman, by precept as well as example. All of the children belong to the same church—the Missionary Baptist. Mr. Stark's term as postmaster commenced July 15, 1901, under appointment of President McKinley, and that his service is all that could be desired is evident by his re-appointment at the hands of President Roosevelt.

RICHARD H. COCHRAN was born on the 21st of January, 1846, in Vigo county, Indiana, and here his life has been spent and he has achieved success and prominence as a merchant and postmaster. He is a son of Charles P. and Louisa (Wines) Cochran, natives of Pennsylvania and New York respectively. Charles Perry Cochran came with his father's family to Terre Haute when quite a young boy, and he there learned the gunsmith's trade under his father's instructions and followed the same during the remainder of his life, dying in this county at the age of fifty years.

Charles Perry Cochran was a son of Landon Cochran, who was born in Scotland and came to America and to Pennsylvania before the War of 1812, enlisting at the opening of that conflict in the United States navy, and during his term of service he was with Commodore Perry's fleet in the great naval battle of Lake Erie, where, for bravery, he was awarded a silver medal by the government. After returning from the war he turned his attention to the gunsmith's trade, which he followed until 1846. He then organized Company H, Fourth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, of which he was made the captain, and in this company, also, his son, George, was a soldier in the Civil war, he enlisting in 1861 with the Eighth Battery, and he manufactured his own guns. He was also made the captain of this battery and served until the end of the war, after which he was the marshal of Evansville for four years. From there he went to Memphis, Tennessee, and died at the age of fifty-five years. James enlisted with Company I, Eleventh Zouaves, of Terre Haute, in 1862, was advanced to the position of sergeant, and was drowned at Paducah, Kentucky, in 1863, and his body was never found. John Cochran, another brother, was in the First Texas Union, enlisting in March of 1864, and was made the captain of his company. He went west in 1869 and has never been heard from since that time.

Charles Perry Cochran, named in honor of Commodore Perry, married Louisa Wines, a daughter of one of Vigo county's most prominent citizens, William Wines, the first Democrat to represent the county in the legislature. Of their eleven children, Richard H. was the third born, and six are now living. In 1873 Mr. Cochran was a second time mar-



ried, wedding Margaret Jessup, and one child was born to that union, Charles P., Jr., who served in the Spanish-American war with Company B, enlisting at Terre Haute, and was made the sergeant of his company. His home is now in Jasonville, Indiana.

Richard H. Cochran has also upheld the honor of the family as brave and loyal defenders of the Union, enlisting in July of 1862 with the One Hundred and Fifteenth Indiana Volunteer Infantry; then in 1863 he enlisted in the Twenty-first Indiana Volunteer Infantry, with which he served until January 21, 1866. While participating in the battle of Blue Springs, Tennessee, he received a gun-shot wound in the leg, and after the above battle he was at Baton Rouge and Port Hudson, Louisiana. After returning from the army he came back to Lewis, Indiana. William B., one of his brothers, served in the Thirty-first Indiana Volunteer Infantry as a sergeant, his services continuing from July of 1861 until December of 1865, and he was wounded at the battle of Stone River. Charles W., another brother, was in Company M, Fourth Cavalry, under Captain Seely, enlisting in April of 1864, and he served until July of 1865. Although he was never wounded during his army service he was present at Stoneman's raid, when they were entirely surrounded, but finally succeeded in cutting their way out. Mr. Cochran received his honorable discharge January 25, 1866, at Indianapolis, Indiana.

In 1868 Richard H. Cochran formed a partnership with J. S. Bryan in a general store in Centerville, now Lewis, Indiana, but before the close of the year the relationship was dissolved, and William B., Mr. Cochran's brother, became his partner, who at the end of five years sold his interest to Richard H., and he continued the business until 1906. In 1868 he received the appointment to the postmastership of Lewis, Indiana, and continued in the office until 1885, when Cleveland was elected to the presidency, and he was again appointed to the office in 1889 and has ever since served in that capacity. In 1904 he was elected one of the three commissioners of Vigo county, and remained in that office for three years.

On the 27th of November, 1872, Mr. Cochran was united in marriage to Miss Sarah J., a daughter of Joseph Canaan, a school teacher for many years, teaching in all, about ten years. Mrs. Cochran died on the 14th of January, 1899, and on the 30th of January, 1900, he wedded Miss Nevada V. McGrew, who was born May 10, 1865, a daughter of David and Rebecca McGrew. The only child of the second union, Kermit, was born on the 16th of November, 1900. Mr. Cochran is a member of the Masonic Lodge, No. 29, at Lewis, Indiana, and Mrs. Cochran belongs to the Eastern Star at Riley, Indiana. Both are members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Lewis, Indiana.

DANIEL VOORHEES WEEKS was born in Linton township, Vigo county, Indiana, April 29, 1862, and throughout his entire business career he has been identified with the agricultural interests of this county. His father, Joseph F. Weeks, was born in Kentucky, but during his early boyhood days his father, William Weeks, moved with his family to Vigo county, Indiana, and purchased a farm in Linton township, owning, at the time of his death, a little tract of eighty acres. His wife had died in Kentucky. Joseph F. Weeks in time entered forty acres from the government, and with the little farm of forty acres inherited from his father, his estate consisted of one hundred and eighty acres, which he cultivated and improved until his life's labors were ended in death, dying when his son Daniel was but a lad of five years. He was a successful farmer, a Democrat in his political allegiance and had membership relations with the Masonic fraternity. Joseph F. Weeks married Lucinda L. Pound, who, on the 6th of November, 1907, passed the eightieth milestone on the journey of life. She bore her husband eleven children: Chauncey Rose, Fayette and Maggie, all deceased; A. Dudley, an ex-sheriff and prominent citizen of Linton township; John William, deceased; Meriam S., the wife of John D. Beard and a resident of Pierson township; Sarah E., the wife of W. L. Smith, of Illinois; Emeline, the wife of L. M. Perish, of Terre Haute; Daniel V., of this review; Louise, deceased, and Josephine, the wife of Charles Kester, of Linton township.

On his father's farm here Daniel V. Weeks grew to useful manhood, and in his boyhood days attended the district schools. He remained at home with his mother until attaining his nineteenth year, and he then moved to a little farm of twenty acres he had purchased in Pierson township, but after five years there he traded the land for a tract of forty-four acres and lived there for about two years. He then traded that land for his present farm of sixty acres in Linton township, and in 1897 he added forty acres to its boundaries, thus making him the owner of a valuable little estate of one hundred acres. He gives his political allegiance to the Democratic party.

Mr. Weeks married, February 12, 1882, Malinda A. Peters, who was born in Tipton county, Indiana, July 8, 1865, a daughter of Thomas and Sarah Ann (Layton) Peters. They were married in Indiana, whither the father had moved from Kentucky, and they are now living on a farm in Pierson township, Vigo county. They came here during the infancy of their daughter Malinda, and she was reared and educated in Pierson township. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Weeks. The elder, Joseph Ora, was born June 23, 1884, and is now farming in Linton township. He married, September 23, 1904, Bertha Payne, born in Linton township, November 27, 1883, to John T. and Julia (Weeks)

Payne, both living in Linton township. Bonnie Erma, the younger, was born December 15, 1891, and is at home. Mr. and Mrs. Weeks are members of the Primitive Baptist church.

FRANK H. GUTHNECK, the editor and proprietor of the West Terre Haute *Star*, a prominent and well known journal of Vigo county, was born March 21, 1846, at Harper's Ferry, Iowa, and is of French ancestry. From that country came Michael Guthneck, the grandfather of Frank H., to the United States to establish the family home in this free land, and they located in St.-Mary-of-the-Woods, Indiana. As a brickmason Mr. Guthneck assisted in the erection of all the buildings of St. Mary's, and in its cemetery he now lies buried, his death occurring on the 27th of January, 1857.

Herbert Guthneck, his son, and the father of Frank H., was born in Alsace, France, November 3, 1833, but when a boy of six years he was brought by his parents to the United States and was reared by Father John Corbe, a priest of St. Mary's, with whom he remained until reaching his eighteenth year. He then entered upon a clerkship with L. Leveau in Terre Haute and later became manager of one of his stores, continuing in that important position until his removal to Harper's Ferry, Iowa, in 1859. In 1860, the year following his arrival in that city, he became the proprietor of a mercantile establishment and continued actively identified with the city's industrial interests until selling his store to his son-in-law, T. W. Melaven, in 1890. Since that time he has lived retired. He was very successful in his business affairs and is considered one of the financiers of Harper's Ferry. It was in that city, on the 12th of March, 1863, that he was united in marriage to Mary C. Leseure, who was born in Alsace-Lorraine, France, March 8, 1841, and as a maiden of nine years came with her parents to America and located with them in Terre Haute. She now resides with her husband in Harper's Ferry, Iowa, and of their nine children five are living, namely: Frank H., the first born; Aline, the wife of T. W. Melaven; Josephine, who became the wife of F. F. Melaven, a brother of her sister's husband; Ernest A., and Elizabeth M., the wife of Professor Thomas C. Cavanaugh.

All of the above reside in Harpers Ferry, Iowa, with the exception of the first born, Frank H. Guthneck, the well known editor, of West Terre Haute. He received his early educational training in its high school and later attended the Dubuque Commercial College. Leaving the city of his nativity at the age of twenty-three he went to Dubuque, Iowa, and became a reporter on the *Evening Telegraph*, but after a three years' residence in that city he went to Marshall, Illinois, to become a member of the staff of the *Clark County Democrat*. Thence on the 1st of Novem-

ber, 1891, he went to Peru, Indiana, and worked on the *Journal* for a short time, and then became connected with the Prudential Life Insurance Company, with which he remained three years as an agent and two years as the assistant superintendent. Returning at the close of that period to Marshall, Illinois, Mr. Guthneck started a paper known as the *Clark County Record*, but after continuing as its editor and proprietor for one year he went to West York, Illinois, for the purpose of launching the *Progress*, of which he was the editor about one year. It was at the close of that period that he came to West Terre Haute and organized the *West Terre Haute Star*. The first number of this well known journal was issued on the 25th of April, 1903, and it may be truthfully said of its editor, Frank H. Guthneck, that he was the first man possessing the due amount of courage to launch a paper here, he being the first, last and only successful journalist in West Terre Haute. He is a capable editor, a fluent and ready writer, and under his efficient supervision the *Star* shines brilliantly in the journalistic field of Vigo county. It is published weekly. Mr. Guthneck is an independent voter, and fraternally is a member of the Knights of Columbus. Mr. Guthneck married, November 1, 1891, Catherine Donahue, who was born in Marshall, Illinois, September 16, 1871, a daughter of John and Ellen Donahue. The parents were born and married in Ireland, and are both now living on a farm two miles from Marshall. Seven children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Guthneck—Paul, born in July, 1894, dying in infancy. Those living are Mamie, Arthur, John, Marie, Charles and William. The family are members of the Catholic church at St. Mary's.

RICHARD W. BROTHERTON.—From its earliest pioneer period the name of Brotherton has been intimately associated with the development and ever-increasing prosperity of Vigo county, and within its borders, in Harrison township, Richard W. Brotherton was born, July 29, 1827, a son of Abel and Sarah (Webton) Brotherton, both of whom were born at Sharon, New York, the father on the 16th of August, 1797, and the mother August 11, 1807. They were married in their native city of Sharon, and shortly afterward, in 1826, made the journey in a one-horse wagon to Indiana, the husband and father purchasing eighty acres of land from John Watson, at nine dollars an acre. This was prairie land and contained a log house, which later on was replaced by a frame dwelling, and in time Mr. Brotherton bought forty acres of timber land, clearing and developing the tract. He was one of the pioneer farmers of Indiana and was a member of the Whig party. Of the ten children born to Mr. and Mrs. Brotherton, five are now living: Richard W., William, Elizabeth, Hiram and Ranson. The parents died in their Indiana home, the father on the 24th of April, 1850, and the mother May 11, 1859.

The early business life of Richard W. Brotherton was spent as a carpenter, but turning his activities to farming he has become the owner of 160 acres of well improved land, on which, in 1881, he erected a modern frame house. He is quite extensively engaged in the breeding of Berkshire hogs and Shorthorn cattle, and for one term he served his township as its supervisor of roads.

On the 24th of April, 1853, Mr. Brotherton married Rachel Wilkerson, who was born in Louisville, Kentucky, and died in 1858, after becoming the mother of three children; but only one, Richard W., Jr., is now living. On the 27th of June, 1861, he married for his second wife Miss Mary Hall, born in England, January 28, 1836, a daughter of William and Eliza (Brigham) Hall. The parents were born in Yorkshire, England, and with their family came to the United States in 1843, making the harbor of New York after an ocean voyage of eight weeks. Continuing their westward journey they came by canal, lake and wagon to Otter Creek township, Vigo county, Indiana, where they became farming people. Mr. Hall voted with the Whig party. Seven children were born to them in England, namely: Mrs. Brotherton, Anna E., Emma, Robert, and three deceased. Mr. Brotherton supports the principles of the Republican party, and he has transferred his religious membership from the Methodist Episcopal to the Union church.

VINCENT YEAGER, a farmer, of Prairie Creek township, was born in Fairbanks township, Sullivan county, Indiana, February 1, 1866, a son of Warren M. and Ellen (DeBaun) Yeager, prominent early residents of the township first named. Vincent Yeager, Sr., the paternal grandfather, came to Vigo county from his native Tennessee during an early period in its history, spending the remainder of his life in that state, where also his son Warren lived and died. The latter was a prominent grain and stock farmer, and at one time owned about four hundred acres of land. From the Whigs he transferred his political allegiance to the Republican party. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Warren Yeager: Adrian, who married Effie Hoggatt and is a farmer in Prairie Creek township; Alvin R., who married, first, Elsie Drake, and after her death, Florence A. Littlefield, and is also an agriculturist of Prairie Creek township; Josie, who died in 1888; Vincent, of this review, and Grace E., the wife of Arthur Hunc, of Prairie Creek township.

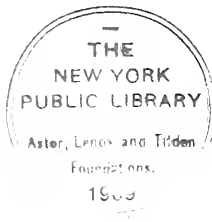
During the five years following his marriage Vincent Yeager lived on one of his father's farms, and to the tract of one hundred and eight acres which his father then gave him he has added until its boundaries now contain one hundred and sixty acres. He is a Republican, a Mason, an Odd Fellow and a member of the Christian church. He has filled all

the offices in the Blue Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and also of Lodge No. 476, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, both of Middletown.

Mr. Yeager married, September 8, 1889, Sophia A. Trueblood, who was born May 8, 1872, a daughter of Thomas L. and Cynthia J. (Thomas) Trueblood. Thomas L. Trueblood was born and has always lived in Prairie Creek township. His birth occurred on the 19th of August, 1851. After the death of his first wife, who was born August 29, 1853, and died July 19, 1893, he married Unis Kister. The three children of Thomas L. and Cynthia (Thomas) Trueblood are Sophia A., who became the wife of Mr. Yeager; Nanonto Jena, deceased, and Claud Glenn, the wife of Arthur Bryant, of Prairie Creek township. The two children of Mr. and Mrs. Yeager are Jay Irene and Warren T., born respectively November 11, 1895, and August 8, 1899. Mrs. Yeager is a member of the Christian church.

CARL A. HECKELSBERG.—Among the citizens of foreign birth who have found in the conditions of America opportunities for advancement and success, is numbered Carl A. Heckelsberg, who is conducting a retail grocery and meat market at the corner of Seventeenth street and Franklin avenue. A native of Prussia, he was born January 7, 1859, his parents being Peter and Caroline (Dalhouse) Heckelsberg, both of whom were natives of Prussia. In the year 1873 the family removed to the United States, landing at New York. They did not tarry on the Atlantic coast, however, but made their way direct to Terre Haute, where the parents spent their remaining days, the father dying in 1894, while the mother passed away in 1884.

Carl A. Heckelsberg acquired his education in the schools of his native land, where he remained to the age of fourteen years, when he came with his parents to the United States. Soon after arriving in Terre Haute he began learning the cigar maker's trade under the direction of Nicholas Katzenbach, with whom he remained for a year. He then followed the trade until 1893, when, with the capital he had saved from his earnings, he began business on his own account in that line and so continued until 1902, when he engaged in the retail grocery and meat business, purchasing the store of Oscar Meyer, at the corner of Seventeenth and Washington streets. The new enterprise proved profitable from the beginning, and in 1905 he erected his handsome two-story brick business block where he is now located. It is one of the best business houses on the east side of the city and is well equipped for the uses to which it is put. His store is neat and tasteful in its arrangements and it carries not only an excellent line of meats but also a large line of





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staple and fancy groceries and the business has been a constantly increasing one, bringing to him a gratifying financial return.

In 1890 Mr. Heckelsberg was married to Miss Anna Hoffman, who was born in Breslau, Germany, and came to this country in 1881. Their children are Herman, who died at the age of three and a half years, and Adele and Junett, both at home. Mr. Heckelsberg belongs to the Knights of Pythias fraternity. He has been a resident of Terre Haute for more than a third of a century and is well known to its citizens, having many friends here who esteem him for his sterling traits of character and for his activity and trustworthiness in business. Starting out in life without capital, his record proves that success his ambitions answered.

HARRY S. WALLACE, a well known attorney of Terre Haute, and a member of the leading law firm of McNutt, McNutt & Wallace, is a native of Sullivan county, Indiana, where he was born on the 11th of August, 1868. He is the son of Henry R. and Kate (Grant) Wallace, natives, respectively, of Pennsylvania and Ohio. The father was of Scotch-Irish and the mother of Scotch descent, coming to Sullivan county with their parents as children and being reared there and married. The paternal grandfather was William Wallace, and the grandfather on the mother's side, Peter Grant, was a native of Edinburgh, Scotland. Both were pioneers of Sullivan county. The father, Henry R. Wallace, spent his life in the county, passed his earlier years as a progressive farmer, served acceptably as county commissioner, and contributed steadfastly to the advancement of the home community until his death in 1887. The widow still resides on the old homestead near Shelburn, and is in her seventy-second year.

Harry S. Wallace was reared on the old Wallace homestead, and after attending the common schools of the neighborhood attended the normal school at Valparaiso, graduating from the Northern Indiana Law School in June, 1893. In the preceding February, however, he had been admitted to practice in Porter county, but after his graduation located at Terre Haute. There he engaged in a growing practice of a private nature until 1898, when he was appointed deputy prosecuting attorney of Vigo county, serving in that position for four years. In 1902 he was elected prosecuting attorney, and after serving with honor for the term of two years returned to private practice. On January 1, 1908, he became a member of the firm of McNutt, McNutt & Wallace, considered one of the strongest combinations of legal talent and practical ability in the county. Personally Mr. Wallace is identified with the Young Business Men's Club of Terre Haute, and also with the Masonic fraternity, Independent Order

of Odd Fellows and Modern Woodmen of America. He is married and has one son, Leon. Mrs. Wallace was formerly Miss Sarah V. Lutz, of Marshall, Illinois, a daughter of Joseph and Marie Lutz. The father is a retired farmer.

WILLIAM R. AVERY.—The commercial interests of Terre Haute find a worthy representative in William R. Avery, a member of the firm of Leith & Avery, general merchants, at the corner of Seventeenth street and Washington avenue. Watchful of indications pointing to success, he has directed his efforts along well defined lines of labor and has ever realized that the present and not the future holds his opportunity, so that his daily duties and tasks have been well performed, contributing to the result which makes him a substantial business man of his adopted city. He was born in Harrison county, Indiana, January 2, 1858, and is a son of Byram B. and Martha (Bullington) Avery, the former a native of Harrison county, Indiana, born in February, 1833, while the latter, a native of Crawford county, Indiana, was born in February, 1842. The father has followed farming throughout his entire life, and in 1889 removed to Oklahoma, where he is still engaged in general agricultural pursuits, aiding in the upbuilding of the new state so recently added to the Union.

William R. Avery was reared on the old home farm in Harrison county, early becoming familiar with the duties and labors relative to the improvement of the fields and the production of substantial crops. In the winter seasons he attended the common schools and in the summer aided in the plowing, planting and harvesting. He continued at home until he attained his majority and then went to Keokuk, Iowa, where he attended business college. He taught bookkeeping and penmanship for one year at Palmyra, Missouri, and afterward became a teacher in the public schools of Effingham county, Illinois, where he remained for three years. During that period he was married in 1886 and the following autumn removed to Evansville, Indiana, where he entered the employ of the Evansville & Terre Haute Railroad Company in a clerical capacity. In 1889 he went to Vincennes, Indiana, where he was a clerk for the Evansville & Terre Haute Railroad Company for about six months. Arriving in Terre Haute in the fall of 1889, he entered the employ of the Vandalia Railroad Company in a clerical position in the freight house, but resigned in June, 1900, to enter the service of the government as a carrier in the Terre Haute postoffice, under the administration of Postmaster A. H. Donham. He continued in the mail service until 1902, when he resigned. Before giving up his position he had established a retail grocery store at the corner of Eighth and Oak

streets, and in February, 1903, the firm of Leith & Avery was organized and the business was removed to its present location at the corner of Seventeenth street and Washington avenue. There they have since conducted a general store, carrying a large and well selected line of goods and receiving a liberal patronage, which is constantly increasing in volume and importance.

In 1886 Mr. Avery was united in marriage to Miss Mary B. Leith, who was born in Effingham county, Illinois, a daughter of David R. and Mary Jane (Wilson) Leith. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Avery have been born three children: Edna, now the wife of Willard T. Bosley, of Terre Haute; Hazel D. and Donald W. Fraternally Mr. Avery is connected with the Knights and Ladies of Honor and also holds membership in Ben Hur lodge. In politics he is a Democrat, with that independent tendency which is one of the hopeful political signs of the period. Men of both parties, recognizing the evils and corrupt practices of many party leaders, frequently cut loose from party ties and, casting an independent ballot, support men or measures which they deem will prove most beneficial to the community at large. Such a course has Mr. Avery followed and at all times his endorsement is given to the interests of progressive citizenship.

ARTHUR HUNT was born on the farm where he now lives, in Prairie Creek township, July 18, 1881, a son of John and Elizabeth (Beauchamp) Hunt, born respectively in Sullivan county, Indiana, February 5, 1839, and in Kentucky, October 31, 1849, and they are now living in Middletown. John Hunt, a farmer and stock raiser, is a son of Ira and Mary Hunt, who came from North Carolina to Sullivan county, Indiana, at an early day in its history. Mrs. Elizabeth Hunt is a daughter of Harvey and Ruth Beauchamp, who, in 1852, moved from Kentucky to Prairieton township, Vigo county, where Mr. Beauchamp became well known as a farmer and butcher. One of his sons, Thomas, served with the Thirty-first Indiana Infantry as a private during the period of the Civil war, and was wounded in the knee at Lookout Mountain. Thomas Beauchamp participated in the battles of Shiloh, Chickamauga, Lookout Mountain and Frankfort, and although the Thirty-first had the reputation of participating in the hardest-fought engagements of the war he was never taken prisoner throughout his entire service. Four children were born to John and Elizabeth (Beauchamp) Hunt: Jabe B. and Liney (twins), the son marrying Carrie Piety and residing in Prairie Creek township, and the daughter being the wife of Joseph Thomas, of the same township; Arthur, of this review, and Lois, deceased. Mr. Hunt, the father, is a Republican and a Methodist, and he is now one of the trustees of his church.

After completing his education in the public schools of Middletown, Arthur Hunt attended the high school of Terre Haute for three years. After his marriage he moved to his present farm of one hundred and seventy-nine acres, while, in addition, his wife also has ninety-six acres. He is now extensively engaged in farming and stock-raising, feeding all his grain to his hogs. He is a Republican and in fraternal circles affiliates with Lodge No. 596, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, of Middletown, of which he is now the senior deacon.

Mr. Hunt married, July 26, 1903, Grace E. Yeager, born in Prairie Creek township, December 28, 1884, a daughter of Warren Milton and Margaret Yeager. Warren M. Yeager was born in 1839, in Indiana, whither his father, Vincent Yeager, had moved at an early day and became an active politician and real estate dealer. One of his sons, Franklin Yeager, was a member of the Forty-third Regiment of Indiana Infantry during the Civil war, and was wounded in the wrist. He is now living in Middletown. Warren M. Yeager died February 2, 1906, but his widow is yet living and is a resident of Middletown. She was born in Sullivan county, Indiana, July 20, 1848, a daughter of Henry K. and Elizabeth K. (Mann) Wilson, who were from Tennessee and Kentucky, respectively, and were enrolled among the early pioneers of Sullivan county, Indiana. To Warren M. and Margaret (Wilson) Yeager were born two children, Harry A. and Grace. The son is now married and living in Chicago.

WILLIAM I. GOBIN.—The name of William I. Gobin is recorded among the leading business men and farmers of Prairie Creek township, Vigo county, where he owns a valuable and well improved estate. He is a native, however, of the Blue Grass state, born on the 1st of August, 1852, to William and Margaret (Brenner) Gobin, both of whom were also natives of Kentucky. The father was born in 1818 and the mother in 1819, their deaths occurring in 1875 and 1888, respectively. They lived in the southland until 1857, when they left Kentucky and came to Vigo county, Indiana, nine years later, locating in Middletown, and they remained there during the remainder of their lives. William Gobin, the father, was a farmer, millwright and sawmill operator, and possessed mechanical ability sufficient to enable him to perform any labor needed on the farm in that line. He was successful in his business enterprises and at his death left an estate of ten thousand dollars. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Gobin were thirteen children, twelve of whom are living, namely: Simon, who married Anna Meeker and lives in Terre Haute; Susan, the wife of Thomas Hagerman, of Linton township, Vigo county; Mary K., widow of Stephen Cumpton and a resident of Middletown;

Julia D., the wife of Reuben Duncan, a farmer in Arkansas; James K. P., who married Emmazetta Thomas and lives in Middletown; Margaret E., wife of James Elliott, of Terre Haute; Sarah M., wife of John McCarty, of Linton township, Vigo county; William I., of this review; John, who married Rachel Wingler and resides in Middletown; Katherine, who is married and lives in Farmersburg; Samuel, unmarried and a resident of Terre Haute; Daniel, who married Jane McGrannihan and is in Shelburn, Indiana, and the youngest of this large family, who died in infancy.

William I. Gobin was a young man of twenty-one years when his father died. He remained at home and assisted about the farm for about five years more, when he bought a threshing machine and conducted the same during that season. He then engaged in carpenter and mason work and also conducted a sawmill, having operated a sawmill more or less ever since. He began operating a thresher in 1879, continued the business for ten years, and since 1889 has been engaged in farming and conducting his sawmill. During the eight years following his marriage he farmed on rented land, and then bought fifty-two and a half acres of his present farm, at that time heavily covered with timber, but with the passing years he has cleared his land and built many large and substantial buildings. He now owns one hundred and sixty acres, and his is one of the best farms in Prairie Creek township, well drained with tile and richly cultivated. He is a mechanic as well as a farmer.

On the 8th of February, 1882, Mr. Gobin was married to Sarah E. Wilfong, born November 2, 1852, a daughter of Ammon and Emily (Frakes) Wilfong, both now deceased. Of their six children five are now living, namely: Laurina, born November 1, 1883, who received a common school training in Middletown; Curtis, born May 9, 1886, is at home; Frederick, born October 3, 1887; Edith, born October 28, 1890; Margaret, born June 3, 1892, and William C., who was born January 6, 1885, died March 9, 1888. Mr. Gobin is politically a Democrat and fraternally a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Lodge No. 476, of Middletown, and has also belonged to the encampment for thirty-one years. With his wife he is a member of the Christian church at Middletown.

RAYMOND H. KINTZ, who, since February, 1877, has been a resident of Terre Haute, is now a prominent representative of business interests as a lumber merchant and contractor. He has attained his success through the "merit system" and an analyzation of his work shows that his methods have been based upon the rules that govern strict and unswerving integrity, combined with unwearied industry and persistency

of purpose. His birth occurred in Perry county, Ohio, near New Lexington, September 23, 1853, his parents being Charles and Elizabeth (Foncannon) Kintz. The father was born in Pennsylvania. For many years the parents resided in Ohio and there spent their last days. The father was a carpenter and contractor and under his direction Raymond H. Kintz learned the trade. His workmanship constantly advanced in efficiency as his experience broadened and he was well equipped for the conduct of successful building operations, when in February, 1877, he came to Terre Haute. For about five years he was in the employ of others, but ambitious to engage in business on his own account, he began contracting and building in 1882 and gradually worked his way upward, becoming one of the most prominent in his line in the city. Many important contracts have been awarded him and substantial structures here stand as monuments to his handiwork and enterprise. He broadened the scope of his activity in the spring of 1901 through the establishment of a lumber business, which he has since conducted.

In 1882 Mr. Kintz was married to Miss Anna L. Spotts, and unto them have been born six children, of whom four are yet living. Mr. Kintz belongs to the Knights of Columbus and is a communicant of St. Patrick's Catholic church. He is a man of public spirit, much interested in the welfare and progress of the community. In manner he is pleasant and genial, while in business circles he has gained an unsullied reputation through the straightforward methods he has ever followed. It is a noticeable fact that the great majority of the successful men of the day are they who have planned their own advancement and have accomplished it in spite of many obstacles and with a certainty that could have been attained only through their own efforts. Of this class Mr. Kintz is a worthy representative. From early youth he has been one of the world's workers, and his prosperity is attributable directly to his own labors.

HARRY HERBERT SINGHURSE.—The gentleman whose name heads this biographical review is a scion of one of the pioneer families of Vigo county, Indiana, and we herewith present a brief record of his life to be preserved in this history. His natal day was March 29, 1870; he was born in Pierson township, Vigo county, and is one of five children—three sons and two daughters—born to Lewis and Aseneth (Timmons) Singhurse, viz.: Lou Alice, wife of Thomas Bonds, of Jasonville, Indiana; Emory Grant, a resident of Pierson township, who married Miss Edna Stark; Cora Maud, deceased; Lewis, and Harry H. Singhurse, of this sketch.

Father Singhurse was a native of the good old Buckeye state and

was born January 25, 1825. He was reared to the honest occupation of a tiller of the soil, and was educated in the primitive schools of that period. He came to Indiana when but a little boy, with his parents, and Vigo county was the chosen home of the family. His father, William Singhurse, was a soldier in the War of 1812. When the tocsin of war was sounded the father of Harry H. responded to the call for troops to defend the flag and the nation's honor, and enlisted in the Eighty-fifth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, under Captain Bryan. His regiment was assigned to the Army of the Cumberland and he was in the Atlanta campaign, when the troops were under fire for over a hundred days. When the war was over he received his honorable discharge and returned to his Indiana home to again don the civilian's garb. As his vocation was that of an agriculturist he began at first on a rented farm and as the years passed and he prospered he purchased land in Vigo county, and is now one of the prosperous farmers.

Harry H. Singhurse is a gentleman who is well known in Pierson township as a prosperous farmer and stockman. His estate comprises about one hundred and eighty-five acres of choice land and comfortable improvements, and his residence is a modern cottage home. It was on September 13, 1894, that Mr. Singhurse wedded Miss Clara Sparks. She is a daughter of Thomas and Mary Sparks, born August 30, 1872, and receiving her education in the public schools of the county of Vigo. Mr. Sparks was born September 14, 1843, and died June, 1891. His wife was born November 24, 1847, and is living in Linton township, Vigo county. Two children have blessed the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Singhurse, a son and daughter, both living: Herbert Lynn, born February 17, 1899, and a pupil in the public schools, and Mary Lucile, born July 26, 1902.

Politically Mr. Singhurse advocates and supports the principles of the Republican party and cast his first presidential vote for Benjamin Harrison, Indiana's son, whose brilliance as an international lawyer is well established in the history of the country. Mr. Singhurse has never aspired to any public office, preferring to give his time to his business. In a fraternal sense he is a member of the Tribe of Red Men, of Youngstown, Indiana. Both he and his estimable wife are members of the Methodist church and have always contributed to any benevolence worthy their consideration. Mr. and Mrs. Harry H. Singhurse are citizens of Pierson township, who are held in high esteem by their many friends. Their hospitable home is ever open to entertain their friends, and the stranger receives a cordial welcome. We are pleased to present this short review of this worthy family, to be saved and preserved in the "Twentieth Century History of Vigo County."

EDGAR H. McCLANNAHAN is numbered among the prominent resident farmers of Prairie Creek township, Vigo county, and was born in Sullivan county, Indiana, June 29, 1857, a son of Elias A. and Miranda (Hill) McClannahan. Elias A. McClannahan was born in Virginia, January 12, 1825, and died in Vigo county, Indiana, April 9, 1903. When a boy of eight years he came north to Ohio and resided there for four or five years, after which he spent a similar period in Honey Creek township, Vigo county, Indiana, and thence came to Farmersburg. He was married here at the age of twenty-two years, in 1848, to Miranda Hill, who was born in Sullivan county, this state, January 16, 1827, and is now living with her daughters in Farmersburg. After his marriage Mr. McClannahan commenced the struggle for a livelihood by renting a farm, later becoming the owner of three hundred and eighty acres of land, and in time he became a prominent farmer and stock-raiser. He was a Democrat, a Mason and a member of the Baptist church, his wife being also connected with that denomination. He was a good Christian man and took pride in the upbuilding of his church, being a faithful and earnest worker in every way. Six children blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. McClannahan, namely: Harley, who married Lettie Yard and lives in Sullivan county; Albert, who died when young; Mary Ellen, who also died when young; Edgar H., of whom mention is made later; Maggie, the wife of Rice McClane, of Farmersburg, and the twin of Maggie, who died in infancy.

When Edgar H. McClannahan had attained the age of twenty-nine years he married and moved to a farm of one hundred acres of his own in Sullivan county, Indiana, remaining there for about two years, and at the close of the period he came to the homestead he now owns in Prairie Creek township, Vigo county, his real estate at the present time consisting of one hundred and eighty-six acres in that locality and some lots in Oklahoma. He devotes his land to stock-raising, breeding principally horses, cattle and mules. He gives his political support to the Democratic party and has fraternal relations with Prairie Creek Lodge, No. 459, of the Masonic order, and with Prairie Creek Lodge, No. 5565, Modern Woodmen of America, in which he has filled all the offices.

Mr. McClannahan married, September 22, 1886, Julia A. Thomas, who was born on the 5th of December, 1862, to James and Matilda Thomas, and nine children were born to them: Laura E., born August 9, 1887; Lenora M., September 7, 1888; Arthur Elwood, born January 21, 1891, died December 22, 1891; Octavia M., born October 19, 1892; Joseph M., February 7, 1895; James E., born March 27, 1897, died December 17, 1900; Parthena E., born January 21, 1901; Ray Edison, April 8, 1902, and Julia Esther, April 12, 1906. Both Mr. and Mrs.



McClannahan are members of the Baptist church and for three years he has served as superintendent of the Sunday school and is an active church worker.

PATRICK MALONE, the proprietor of Moore Park Dairy, the largest retail dairy in Terre Haute, was born August 22, 1866, in Ireland. In 1876 he came to America with his aunt, who had raised him, for his mother died in the February following his ninth birthday. His father was a stone cutter and came to this country upon several occasions. Patrick Malone was one of a large family of children and on coming to this country with his aunt they located in Fairmount Park, Philadelphia, where the boy remained until he had attained the age of nineteen. He then started the battle of life for himself, working at different places in the New England states, including six months at the dairy business in Connecticut. In November of 1894 he came to Terre Haute and began work on the Sam McKean dairy farm. After one and a half years in this employment he went to Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, but remained there only six months and then returned to Terre Haute and worked for B. G. Cox, who owned the dairy farm in Harrison township, which is now the property of Mr. Malone. After one and a half years on the Cox farm he spent a few months in the employ of John Coltin, the owner of the "Uncle Sam Dairy," and in November, 1898, purchased the property of Mr. Coltin. Mr. Malone remained on that farm until March of 1900, when he returned to the Cox dairy, moving thereto in 1901. He continued as a renter until 1904, when he bought his farm of one hundred and twenty-eight acres, to which he has since added about sixty-four acres. He also owns about eighty head of cattle and milks from fifty to sixty cows.

On the 28th of April, 1897, Mr. Malone was united in marriage to Mary S. Ward, who was born in St. Mary's, this county, August 12, 1867, and received her education in the sisters' school of that place, and in the State Normal of Terre Haute, which she attended for three years. She then taught school for eight years in different parts of Vigo county. She is a daughter of Thomas J. and Ann (Balfe) Ward, the father born near Baltimore, Maryland, August 11, 1836, and the mother in Ireland, in 1834. They were married in May, 1857, at St. Mary's, where they have lived ever since, and Mr. Ward is a fruit-grower and nurseryman. For twenty-five or thirty years he has served as a justice of the peace, and he is a Democrat politically. Mr. and Mrs. Ward were the parents of eight children, namely: Mary Ann, wife of Horace Hinton, and their home is in Harrison township; Jennie, a teacher, of St. Louis, Missouri; Florence, the wife of Howey Bolton, of Terre Haute; Thomas J., Jr., whose home is also in Terre Haute; Mary S., the wife of Mr. Malone; William and

John, both deceased, and Rose, who is a teacher in the public schools of Terre Haute. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Malone, Francis and Anna, the son born June 12, 1898, and the daughter February 7, 1900. Mr. and Mrs. Malone are members of the Catholic church at Terre Haute. The former gives his political allegiance to the Democratic party.

GUY HORACE BRIGGS, trustee of Fayette township, and one of the best known men in that section of Vigo county, was born in the township named, on the 9th of October, 1874, and has been prominently identified with its business, social and political interests throughout his entire life. He remained with his mother until he was sixteen years of age, and as he had then finished the eighth grade in the public schools he commenced to travel an independent pathway in the world, first working by the month at farm labor. His first employer was George L. Lambert, with whom he remained but a month, and his second, George L. Hutchinson, with whom he was associated for two years. He then worked one year with George Pryor, was with J. W. Reeder for a like period, and since that time has been master of his own affairs. His first purchase consisted of forty acres in Clinton township, Vermilion county, Indiana, to which he added a tract of eighty acres, remaining on this homestead for seven years. Mr. Briggs next became the owner of the one hundred and twenty-four acres on which he had first worked when he left school, and in addition to this homestead he retains his former purchase of one hundred and twenty acres, but he has added to its acreage at different times, first buying fifty acres and later ninety-seven, forming what is known as the "old Shepherd farm." On this large acreage he is extensively engaged in general farming.

In 1900 Mr. Briggs began contracting for levee and ditch work, his first contract being with the Lafford Levee and Ditch Company. He was also identified with the large contract for the work on the east side of the Wabash river, in Parke county, consisting of seven miles of levees and seven miles of ditches. Since then he has assisted in building the extension of the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railroad in Fayette township, one of the longest grades this side of Terre Haute. He also drove the first pile for the bridge at Clinton, Indiana. In addition to this work as a contractor and agriculturist, he is quite extensively engaged in the buying and selling of horses.

The social and fraternal, as well as the business life of Vigo county, finds in Mr. Briggs a leader. He is a member of the blue lodge, council, commandery and the Eastern Star, of the Masonic order, affiliating with all the branches in Clinton, with the exception of the council in Terre

Haute. He has filled all the chairs in the Clinton lodge of Odd Fellows, and in 1904 transferred his membership to the New Goshen lodge. He has been a delegate to the grand encampment of Odd Fellows, and was also a delegate at the dedication of their hall at Greensburg, Indiana, as well as at the laying of the corner-stone of their official home at Indianapolis, in November, 1907. He is identified with the Rebekah lodge at Clinton and with the Uniform Rank of the Knights of Pythias, being among the one hundred and five members who won the first prize at the state encampment of the latter order, held August 16, 1907. To add to the already long list of his fraternal connections, he also has membership in the Modern Woodmen of America, at Clinton. Politically he is a Republican and was elected to take the oath of office for township trustee on the 1st of January, 1904.

On the 15th of December, 1895, Mr. Briggs married Thirsa Reeder, who was born in Clinton township, Vermilion county, Indiana, on the 7th of October, 1872, and is a daughter of Joseph Wesley and Ann (Smith) Reeder, the former born in the county named and the latter in Virginia. With his parents, Mr. Reeder migrated in the caravan to Indiana, and both he and his wife are now deceased. Mrs. Briggs received her education in Clinton township. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Guy H. Briggs are Herbert Ray, June 24, 1897, and Ruth Marie Briggs, born February 25, 1906. Mrs. Briggs is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Briggs has a half-sister, Hazel, wife of Loren Wright, who resides in Clinton township, as do his mother and his step-father, William Pugh.

WILSON ADAMS.—Vigo county, Indiana, claims Wilson Adams among its native sons, his birth occurring in its township of Lost Creek, October 14, 1882, and Seelyville numbers him among her representative citizens. In February, 1907, he became the proprietor of a butcher shop in Seelyville, conducting it in connection with his father for a time, and in September of the same year he bought a general store adjoining the shop, and conducted both the store and the shop until the spring of 1908, when he sold it. He also owns his own residence and fifteen cottages in Seelyville.

Mr. Adams is a member of one of the early pioneer families of Lost Creek township and a son of George E. and Martha Ellen (Cole) Adams, both of whom were also born within its borders, the father on the 3d of June, 1854, and the mother, April 7, 1863, and both are now living in Seelyville. Mr. Adams is both a farmer and butcher and owns a tract of forty acres. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Lodge No. 51, at Terre Haute. Five children were born to

Mr. and Mrs. Adams: Wilson, the subject of this review; Freeman N., born March 10, 1884; William Sanford, born September 19, 1885; Samuel L., born June 15, 1887, and Estella Frances, born November 18, 1890. She is the wife of Albert Lowe, of Lost Creek township, but with the exception of the eldest the sons are all at home.

Wilson Adams received his educational training in the public schools of Lost Creek township, and in the Commercial College of Terre Haute, where he was a student during two terms. He learned the trade of a butcher from his father, and he also worked in the mines and on a farm until entering upon his mercantile career in Seelyville in 1907. He is a Republican in his political affiliation and both he and his wife are members of the Methodist church in Seelyville. Mr. Adams married, December 24, 1902, Mary E. Morris, who was born in Lost Creek township, February 18, 1875, a daughter of Allen and Malinda (DuVall) Morris, living in Lost Creek township. The three children of Mr. and Mrs. Adams are: Arel, born April 7, 1904; Hattie, December 20, 1905, and Reba, September 10, 1907.

CHARLES LINCOLN CARTER.—During a number of years past Charles Lincoln Carter has been numbered among the business men of Vigo county who have assisted it to its present standing. Since 1898 he has also been identified with the agricultural interests of Lost Creek township, and in 1904 was the choice of the Republican party for the office of trustee, his term expiring in January, 1908. Mr. Carter is a native of Staunton, Clay county, Indiana, born on the 11th of August, 1860, son of Allen and Emeline (Gregory) Carter, both of whom were of Miami county, Ohio. They reached maturity in their native state, came to Indiana with their parents, were married in the Hoosier state, and the following children were born to them: Della, wife of Reuben Sears, of Terre Haute; Florence, wife of Joseph Moore, of Clay county; Charles Lincoln, of this review; Laura, deceased, and Kate, now Mrs. William Keller, who is also a resident of Clay county. The father was engaged at Staunton as a general merchant from 1850 to 1875, when he purchased a farm near the city and was engaged in its cultivation and improvement until his death, in October, 1892. As a voter he was both Whig and Republican; had membership in the Masonic fraternity, and served in the Civil war as a lieutenant in the Ninety-second Indiana Volunteer Infantry. Mrs. Carter resides with her daughters in Clay county.

Charles Lincoln Carter spent the early period of his life in his native town, where he received a common school education, and when his father retired from business to his farm he himself became thorough master of the details of agriculture. He remained at home until he was twenty-one

years of age, after which, for six years, he managed the homestead farm in association with his father, and since that time has been an independent agriculturist. On the 22d of December, 1881, Mr. Carter married Miss Osie Bowles, born in Cloverland, Clay county, Indiana, December 22, 1860, daughter of Adam H. and Mary (Kurk) Bowles. Mrs. Carter was reared, educated and married in Cloverland, and also taught school for two terms in Lost Creek township. Her mother is yet living. Both Mr. and Mrs. Carter are members of the Cloverland Christian church. Mr. Carter is a Republican, a member of the Knights of Pythias and Red Men, at Seelyville, and a man of substantial character and steadfast principles.

JACOB H. HYLER is a representative of a family who have been identified with the agricultural interests of Vigo county since 1850, when the parents of Jacob H., Jacob H., Sr., and Anna Hyler, removed from Putnam county to Vigo county, Indiana, and purchased a farm of one hundred and sixty acres. Later Mr. Hyler became the owner of a tract of sixty-three acres and by another purchase he became the owner of five hundred acres in Fayette township, where he spent the remainder of his life and died in 1873, aged eighty-two years. He was a native son of Germany, but in his young manhood left the fatherland for the United States and first established his home in Miami, Ohio, whence a short time afterward he removed to Putnam county, Ohio. Mrs. Hyler was born near Newmarket, West Virginia, and in time became a resident of Miami, Ohio, where she gave her hand in marriage to Jacob H. Hyler, Sr., and they became the parents of eight children: Hanna, the wife of Wesley Overton, of Vigo county; Caroline, who has never married; Helena, the wife of John Gephart, of Johnson county, Indiana; Jacob H., of this review; Eliza, the wife of John Bickel; Fred, a resident of Arkansas, and George, deceased. Mrs. Hyler, the mother, died in Harrison township, in 1892.

Jacob H. Hyler, Jr., was born on his father's farm in Putnam county, Indiana, April 21, 1845, and he remained at home until he had reached his twenty-seventh year. During the seven years following he was employed at public work in Terre Haute, and then returning to his father's original farm he has since devoted his time to general agricultural pursuits and gardening, being an extensive raiser of fruit and berries. His homestead consists of twenty-five acres. He is a member of the Knights and Ladies of Honor and is a Democrat in his political affiliations.

Mr. Hyler married, October 8, 1871, Mary Harding, who was born in Owen county, Indiana, July 25, 1848. She was reared and educated in that county, at the age of eighteen came to Terre Haute and learned

dressmaking, and it was in this city that her marriage occurred. She is a daughter of Paton and Elizabeth (Hickison) Harding, natives of Kentucky. Their marriage was celebrated in Frankfort, of that state, and shortly afterward the young couple came to Louisville, Indiana, and later to Owen county, where the husband and father bought land. After the marriage of their daughter Mary they came to reside in Terre Haute, and here they spent the remainder of their lives, the father dying in 1892 and the mother in 1902. His health became greatly impaired through his services in the Civil war. Mr. and Mrs. Hyler have become the parents of three children. Their children, Frank and Clarence, were twins, born July 15, 1873. Clarence married Agnes Baugh and has two children, and the family reside in Harrison township. Mabel Blanch, the only daughter, was born July 6, 1875, and is living at home.

MALACHI R. COMBS, M. D., has practiced in Terre Haute throughout the greater part of his professional career. He began the study for his life work in 1883, spending one year in the Rush Medical College of Chicago and graduating in 1884. Entering then the Indiana Medical College he completed the course in that institution and graduated in 1885, and at once enrolled his name among the medical practitioners of Kentland, Indiana. He built up a large and remunerative practice in that city, but leaving there in 1893 he came to Terre Haute to identify himself with its professional life, and, to still further perfect himself in the calling, he entered, in the fall of 1895, upon a post-graduate course in the New York Polyclinic. He follows a general practice and has served as the surgeon in the Union Hospital of this city, is a member and has been the secretary of the city board of health, has filled all the offices in the Vigo County Medical Society, is ex-president and a member of the Indiana State Medical Society and the American Medical Association and is also a member of the Esculapian Medical Society, the oldest society of its kind west of the Alleghany Mountains (organized in 1846).

Dr. Combs was born in Hamilton, Butler county, Ohio, November 9, 1863, a son of William B. and Susan P. (Richardson) Combs, both natives of Ohio. In 1868 the parents and family left their home in the Buckeye state and journeyed with covered wagon and team to Clinton county, Indiana, where the husband and father cleared and improved a farm and spent the remainder of his life, passing to his final reward in 1879, when sixty-three years of age. It was on this farm in Clinton county that Malachi grew to mature years, attending, in the meantime, the country schools near his home, and the Butler University at Irvington, near Indianapolis, Indiana. His father died when he was only sixteen years of age, and from that time on he has made his own way in the

world, his first business venture having been as a drug clerk at Mulberry, Indiana. It was then his intention to learn pharmacy there, but changing his plans, in 1883, he became a student in the Rush Medical College, and since completing his medical studies has been in active practice. He gives his political allegiance to the Republican party, and is a thirty-second degree Mason, as well as a member of the fraternal order of Elks and the Knights of Pythias (of which he is the major and surgeon of the Sixth Regiment, Uniform Rank). In 1884 Dr. Combs married Miss Anna Berger, born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and they have one daughter, Laura.

SILAS CRAPO, who was born in Coshocton county, Ohio, January 16, 1825, died on his farm in Pierson township, Vigo county, Indiana, January 24, 1907. A long life of eighty-two years was thus accorded him and his activity and enterprise made him a valued citizen of the different localities in which he resided. His parents were Reuben and Sarah (Coner) Crapo. The father was a native of Massachusetts and a farmer by occupation, thus providing for the support of his family. He died in Sullivan county, Indiana, about 1856, when about fifty-five years of age.

Silas Crapo came to Vigo county, in 1837, when a young lad of twelve years, but not long afterward accompanied his parents on their removal to Sullivan county, Indiana. He was one of a family of two sons and five daughters and was practically reared in Sullivan county, where he secured a fair education. He there studied medicine under a preceptor, becoming familiar with the Thompsonian or Eclectic methods of practice, and for a brief period followed that profession, but abandoned it to take up the occupation of farming soon after his marriage. He wedded Miss Paulina Robins, who was born in Sullivan county, January 10, 1828, a daughter of John Robins, a pioneer of Sullivan county, who was recognized as a prominent and wealthy farmer there and a man whose strong and sterling characteristics commended him to the respect, confidence and friendship of all with whom he came in contact. The death of Mrs. Crapo occurred February 24, 1906, after they had traveled life's journey together for many years, their mutual love and confidence increasing as time passed by. They were the parents of six children who reached adult age: John R., who became a physician, of Terre Haute; George W.; Sarah E., now deceased; Leona, Martha and Fannie.

It was in the year 1866 that Silas Crapo, leaving his farm in Sullivan county, removed to Terre Haute, where for twelve years he engaged in the hotel business as the proprietor of the Crapo Hotel. He made this an attractive hostelry and thereby secured a liberal support from the trav-

eling public, so that the enterprise proved financially successful. He continued in the business until 1878, when he withdrew, and about 1883 he removed to his farm in Pierson township, upon which he made his home until his demise. His political views were in accord with the principles of Democracy and he never faltered in his support of the party. He was a Master Mason and both he and his wife were devoted members of the Methodist church. He found particular joy in the life of the farm in the close contact with nature and felt the deepest interest as he watched the miracle of growth and development in the fields. All men respected him because of his fidelity to his principles, and his congenial qualities won him the friendship of many with whom he came in contact.

GEORGE W. CRAPO, M. D., who in the practice of medicine has demonstrated his right to be classed with the representative members of the medical fraternity in Terre Haute, was born in Sullivan county, Indiana, August 31, 1852, and is a son of Silas Crapo, whose sketch is given above. The first fourteen years of his life were spent on the home farm and he then accompanied his parents on their removal to Terre Haute in 1866. Here he completed his literary education as a public school student and entered business life as a clerk in a drug store, where he remained for two years. During that time his interest in the subject of medicine was aroused and he determined to engage in its practice as a life work. He therefore studied for three years with Dr. J. E. Link as his preceptor, and in the fall of 1873 entered the Ohio Medical College at Cincinnati, graduating therefrom on the 28th of February, 1875. Locating for practice in Terre Haute he has remained here continuously since, his professional career covering a period of a third of a century. In the intervening years he has continually broadened his knowledge by reading, research and investigation, keeping at all times abreast with the profession in its advancement toward that high standard which has been set up by the leaders of the medical fraternity. He belongs to the Vigo County and the Indiana State Medical societies, the Aesculapian Medical Society of the Wabash Valley, the American Medical Association and the Tri-State Medical Society.

In 1873 Dr. Crapo was married to Miss Flora E. Dodson, of Terre Haute, and to them were born two children—one of whom is now deceased. Their daughter is Mrs. Edna Hyneman, of this city. Dr. and Mrs. Crapo hold membership in the Congregational church and are interested and active in its work. He gives his political allegiance to the Democracy and at one time was a member of the city council, but his aspiration has not been in the line of office-holding. He belongs to the



Masonic fraternity and is a worthy representative of the craft. In his practice he is actuated not only by the laudable desire to gain success, but also by a humanitarian spirit, which prompts him to most effective efforts in his ministrations to his fellow men and has gained him recognition as a physician and surgeon of skill and ability.

HON. EMORY P. BEAUCHAMP.—It requires such special endowments to make a mark in the consular or diplomatic service of any great country, that the old-time nations have long organized special courses of instruction or training for those who design to assume such careers. For several years the founding of a regular college, under government auspices, has been earnestly discussed in the United States by those who are strongly impressed with the necessity of sending abroad the most creditable representatives of a country which already is a world power. Occasionally, as in the case of Emory P. Beauchamp, the talents of diplomacy seem to be inborn, and these, added to the training of his literary and professional education, made him an ideal representative of the consular service.

Mr. Beauchamp was a native of Indiana, born in Putnam county, in the town of Portland Mills, on the 28th of April, 1849. He came of worthy ancestry and parentage, and, although early evincing strong intellectual traits, was never coarsely aggressive. Having exhausted the resources of the home schools, he entered Earlham College, from which he graduated. Afterward he completed a course in the law, and came to Terre Haute with the design of making that the profession of his life. He rose rapidly both as a lawyer and a Democratic leader, his first official position being that of prosecuting attorney. In 1872, then only twenty-three years of age, Mr. Beauchamp was appointed consul to Aix-la-Chapelle, Rhenish Prussia, being the youngest man ever thus honored in the United States. His services at that post were so creditable that he was advanced to the more important consulate at Cologne, and in this capacity he met his future wife, Miss Paula Moeller, whom he married in 1877. Mr. Beauchamp was promoted still higher in the service, serving for some time as consul general to Switzerland. While a figure in this phase of public life he formed the acquaintance of many prominent Americans, as well as distinguished characters of foreign countries. He had the pleasure of numbering among his intimate friends President Grant, with whom he traveled in foreign countries, as he did with other men of international reputation. The death of this brilliant, polished, attractive and honorable gentleman occurred on the 11th of June, 1891, shortly after the celebration of his forty-second birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Emory P. Beauchamp became the parents of three

children: Emory M., of Chicago; Albert P., of Seattle, Washington, and Miss Paula Doris Beauchamp, who resides with her mother in Terre Haute. Mrs. Beauchamp is a German lady of education and accomplishments, and is said to be indirectly related to royalty. She also possesses those sterling qualities of reliability and that warmth of heart which both win friends and retain them.

JAMES H. RISHER is prominently identified with the business life of Vigo county as the owner and operator of the Risher Coal Company in Henry township. He was born in Marshall county, Iowa, October 12, 1861. His father, Rev. Daniel W. Risher, had been appointed as a missionary for the Methodist Episcopal church at Marshall county, and in 1854 he left his native state for that field and continued his ministerial labors there until the early sixties. Returning thence to Pennsylvania he spent about one year there and then came to Indiana and located at Warwick, near Evansville, where for a number of years he was engaged in the coal business. From there he moved to Clay county and bought a farm, and two years later returned to the ministry of the Methodist church and filled the following charges: Bellmore, Coatesville, where he also served as the postmaster during Garfield's administration; Annapolis, Michigan, Sanford, Rose Hill and many other places. Rev. Risher was born in Armstrong county, Pennsylvania, November 3, 1833, and died September 12, 1888. In Marshall county, Iowa, he married Rebecca J. Wright, born in Tennessee in 1832, and they became the parents of four children, of whom three are now living: James H., Minnie, the wife of Dr. Stephen Hunt, and William W. The wife and mother died October 14, 1888.

James H. Risher in his youth attended the Normal School at Danville, Indiana, and soon after his marriage he began operating a smelting refining plant in Kansas City, Missouri, and also conducted a farm in Butler county, Kansas. Coming to Terre Haute in 1891 he entered the employ of the Crawford Coal Company, also the Brazil Block Coal Company, and is now the owner and operator of the Risher Coal Company in Henry township, Vigo county. He is active in the business, political and social life of his community, and is now serving as the trustee of Otter Creek township, and is a member of Elem Lodge, No. 826, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, at Edwards; of Otterville Lodge, No. 436, Knights of Pythias, and of the Modern Woodmen of America. He votes with the Republican party.

By his marriage to Miss Ida C. Mason, June 13, 1884, Mr. Risher united two families prominent in the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal church. Her father, Rev. Elihu Mason, served his church in the charges at Clayton, Newport, Darlington, Bainbridge, Plainfield and Burlington.

and was an efficient laborer in the cause of the Master. During the Civil war he enlisted as chaplain with the Home Guards of Lafayette, and his son, M. B., was in the same regiment. Rev. Mason was born in Ohio and died at his home in Parsons, Kansas, in November, 1893, aged sixty-four years. He was a strong temperance man and staunchly upheld the principles of the Republican party. Mrs. Mason, who bore the maiden name of Mary Collins, was born in Marion county, Indiana, in 1829, and died in 1894. They were married near Union City, Indiana, and became the parents of ten children, but only five of the number are now living: Letta, M. B., Eunis, Henrietta and Mrs. Mason. Six children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Mason: Kenneth, Stella (the wife of Lewis Joyner), Arthur, Genevieve, Webster and Minnie. They also have two grandchildren.

W. E. NICHOLS, M. D., a representative of the medical fraternity of Terre Haute, was born in Neosho, Missouri, October 14, 1871, and is a son of James and Mary A. (Kirkley) Nichols, natives of England and Indiana, respectively. Following their marriage they removed to Missouri, where for a short time James Nichols engaged in the woolen business. In 1873, however, he returned to Terre Haute, where he has since lived, and been closely identified with its business activity as a grocer and a manufacturer of lumber, staves, heading and flour barrels. He is now living retired, however, for his intense and well directed activity in former years brought to him a substantial competence, permitting of his present rest from labor.

Dr. Nichols was less than two years old when his parents left his native state and came to this city. He pursued his education in the schools of Terre Haute, passing through consecutive grades until he completed his literary course by graduating from the high school in 1890. He then entered Rush Medical College and was graduated in 1894, after which he took up the practice of his profession in Terre Haute. He is now a member of the Vigo County Medical Society, the Indiana State Medical Society, the American Medical Association and the Aesculapian Medical Society of the Wabash Valley. In his practice he makes a specialty of the treatment of diseases of the stomach, liver and bowels and his comprehensive study in this line has made his work particularly effective. His patronage is now extensive, and in a profession where advancement depends entirely upon individual merit he has gained a creditable name and position.

In 1897 Dr. Nichols was united in marriage with Miss Anna Clark, who died in 1903, leaving two daughters, Jessie and Gertrude. Dr. Nichols is a valued member of the Knights of Pythias fraternity and

belongs to the Uniform Rank. A stalwart advocate of Republican principles, he was elected county coroner in November, 1904, and served for one term, but has not been active as an office-holder, preferring to concentrate his time and energies upon his professional duties, in which he has met with creditable success.

ALBERT GOODRICH BELDEN, D. D. S., is one of the leading dental surgeons of Terre Haute, and his fine parlors (Old York State Dental Parlors) at No. 523½ Wabash avenue, constitute striking illustrations of the latest mechanical and scientific appliances in his field. The equipment is also luxurious, as befits the class of patients who naturally gravitate to him, courtesy and ability being both marked traits of his personality. The doctor was born at Lake Providence, Carroll Parish, Louisiana, on the 3d of October, 1869, being a son of Albert Goodrich Belden. The father was a native of Belvidere, Illinois, born on the 15th of March, 1843, and removed to Floyd, Louisiana, in 1864, having in the previous year been married at Holly Springs, Mississippi, to Miss Lucy Jane Holland. To this union the following five children were born: Rosa, deceased; Polly, now at the age of forty, the wife of Capt. R. N. Ray, and living at Providence, Louisiana; Albert G., D. D. S.; Anna, aged thirty-six, married to W. N. Boothby, and a resident of New Orleans, Louisiana; Edward, thirty-four years of age, who lives at Tunica, Mississippi. The elder Belden served with distinction in the Civil war, and died at Lake Providence, Louisiana, March 15, 1886. The mother is living with her daughter Anna in New Orleans.

Dr. Belden commenced his advanced studies in the high school at Lake Providence, Louisiana, leaving that institution in 1892, and in October, 1894, entering the dental department of the Vanderbilt University at Memphis, Tennessee. He remained in the latter for a year, after which he matriculated at the Louisville College of Dentistry (dental department of the Central University of Kentucky), graduating from a two years' course in 1898. Thus Dr. Belden received his education, literary and professional, south of the Ohio river, but since the commencement of his practice ten years ago has been a resident of cities north of that river. First, in 1898, he located in Cincinnati, and one year later in Oakland City, Indiana, where he remained for two years. In 1901 he selected Terre Haute as his professional field, and then established the Old York State Dental Parlors at his present location. Since the first both his professional and social status has been assured.

On the 28th of April, 1904, Dr. Belden was married at Memphis, Tennessee, to Miss Frances Payne Gano, daughter of Dr. A. J. Gano, of Georgetown, Kentucky. To this union has been born one son, Albert

Goodrich Belden, born August 14, 1905. Dr. and Mrs. Belden are active members of the Central Christian church and enjoy an extensive acquaintance throughout the state.

The Gano family, of which Mrs. Belden is a cultured representative, has an interesting and highly honorable history in both the old and the new worlds. The family tree is rooted in that sturdy and martial character known to fame as William the Conqueror, but the direct descent is from Francis Gerneau, an exiled French nobleman, who, in 1686, escaped from the Island of Guernsey and joined the Huguenot colony at New Rochelle, New York, where he died at the age of one hundred and two years. On reaching America he changed the family name from Francois Gerneaux to Francis Gano. His grandson, John Gano, was the famous "Fighting Chaplain" of the Revolutionary war, who at the beginning of the struggle for independence was pastor of the First Baptist church of New York City. He married the widow of Louis H. Bryan, great-grandfather of William Jennings Bryan. The genealogy of the Gano family shows that more than fifty near relatives descended from the three branches which were offshoots of Francis Gerneaux—the Ganos, Stites and Benedicts, who distinguished themselves in the Revolution in the armies of the patriots. Certain of their members figured conspicuously in the capture of Major Andre, the British spy. The record also shows that more than four hundred representatives of the family participated in the Civil war, all but one being enrolled on the Union side. The exception was the Confederate General Gano. Capt. Daniel Gano was a noted officer in the Revolutionary war in 1775, having served as a lieutenant with Montgomery in the memorable winter campaign against Quebec and being near the hero when he fell on the Heights of Abraham. He was a member of the Order of Cincinnati, and Mrs. Frances Belden, wife of our subject, has the original diploma of membership bearing the signature of Washington. A noted living member of the Gano family is Col. James Talmage Benedict, a resident of New York City, who, during the Civil war, acted as special agent for the state of Rhode Island, with headquarters in Washington. Thus from the time of William the Conqueror until the present various members of the Gano family have been creditable participants in the great events of two worlds.

WILLIAM JACOB HUDSON.—Seelyville numbers William J. Hudson among its most prominent business men. Starting out in life at the age of twenty-two years, he learned the barber's trade at Riley, Indiana, and was employed in that city for three years, coming at the close of that period to Seelyville and at once identifying himself with its business interests. He has ever since been the proprietor of a barber shop here,

and is now in partnership with John Schwinda, while in addition he owns and conducts a livery barn. He purchased his stable in the spring of 1907, and as there is only one other livery barn in Seelyville he enjoys a large patronage, and his stable is now equipped with five horses. Mr. Hudson is also extensively interested in a pool and billiard hall in this city.

Although so extensively identified with the business interests of Vigo county Mr. Hudson is a native son of Clay county, Indiana, born March 14, 1880, to John and Leora (Parker) Hudson, natives respectively of Clay and Vigo counties, and they are now living on a farm in Riley township, of Vigo county. The father has been a life-long agriculturist and stock buyer, and his political affiliations are with the Democracy. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Hudson were six children, namely: Alonzo, a resident of Riley, Indiana; Laura, the wife of Thomas Jackson, of Vigo county; Eva, the wife of Charles Bryant, a resident of Clay county, Indiana; William Jacob, of this review; Ray, who resides in Kansas, and Elzin, a merchant in Riley.

William J. Hudson attained to years of maturity and received his educational training in his native county of Clay. On the 16th of March, 1903, he married Hollie Green, born in Vigo county in 1884, to Thomas and Eliza (Hamilton) Green, both now living in this county. Mr. and Mrs. Hudson have two children, Norma and Donald. Mrs. Hudson is a member of the Methodist church and he has fraternal relations with the order of Red Men at Riley. His political affiliations are with the Democratic party.

A. T. PAYNE, M. D., one of the leading physicians of Terre Haute, was born in Rossville, Clinton county, Indiana, July 25, 1849, a son of Samuel and Emily (Grenhalz) Payne. The mother is deceased, but the father is still living, a resident of Mulberry, Indiana, and has reached his eighty-sixth year. He served four years and seven months in the Union army during the Civil war, first with the Tenth and later with the Sixteenth United States Battery. He is a native of Maryland, but has lived in Indiana since thirteen years of age.

When a boy of six years Dr. A. T. Payne moved with his parents to a farm in Tippecanoe county, Indiana, where he was reared, and he attended the academy at Dayton, this state. He also spent two years in the old Asbury University, now DePauw, of Greencastle. Having formed a desire to become a member of the medical profession he then studied under Dr. R. Q. Wilson, of Kokomo, Indiana, who continued as his preceptor for four years, and at the close of that period entered upon a course of lectures and graduated from the Ohio Medical College of

Cincinnati in 1875. During this time Dr. Payne had also taught school some six years to defray his college education, and when the time had arrived when he could begin the active work of his profession he located at Buck Creek, Tippecanoe county, Indiana, where he practiced for eight years. During the following seven years he was a practitioner at Russia-ville, this state, and it was at the close of that period, in 1890, that he came to Terre Haute and enrolled his name among the leading members of the profession in Vigo county. He is a member of the Vigo County, the Indiana State and the American Medical societies, and also of the Esculapian Medical Society of the Wabash Valley. He has but recently resigned as a member of the staff of St. Anthony's Hospital after a fourteen years' connection therewith.

In 1876 Dr. Payne married Mary P. Black, of Greencastle, and they have had four children, but only two, Dayton C., a talented musician, and Lida R., are living. He is a Republican, a Master Mason and a member of the Odd Fellows fraternity in all its branches.

FRANK A. TABOR, M. D.—One of the best known and valued physicians of Terre Haute is Dr. Frank A. Tabor, who has been connected with the medical staff here since receiving his diploma from the Medical College of Indiana in 1898. He was born in this city December 18, 1872, a son of George A. and Anna (Eccles) Tabor, born respectively in Ohio, April 15, 1837, and in England, August 15, 1847. They were married in Terre Haute, where for about twelve years Mr. Tabor manufactured horse collars and nets, as a member of the firm of Tabor Brothers. But selling out he bought and has since lived on a farm in Lost Creek township. He came from Ohio to Vigo county in 1860 in company with two brothers, Uriah C. and Harrison. He was a merchant in Urbana, Ohio, and came here a poor man, the three brothers being accompanied by their father, who had several times served as sheriff of Champaign county, Ohio. He died in Sullivan county, Indiana, in 1872. Mrs. Tabor was seven years old when she came with her parents to Vigo county. Her father was a highly educated man and was a private teacher in Terre Haute, but died soon after coming here. Five sons were born to Mr. and Mrs. Tabor, namely: William H., a lawyer of Terre Haute; George M., a teacher in the public schools; Frank A., of this review; Herbert E., a merchant and farmer, and Mont E., a druggist at Seelyville. Mr. Tabor, Sr., was a Democrat, and both he and his wife are of the Presbyterian faith.

Dr. Frank A. Tabor was but a child when his parents moved to the farm, and there he grew to mature years and first attended the country schools and later the Indiana State Normal, after which he taught for

three years. The time had then arrived when he was able to begin the preparation for his chosen life work, and pursuing a full three years' course in the Missouri Medical College of St. Louis, he graduated in 1897. In the following year he received a diploma from the Medical College of Indiana, and at once began the practice of medicine in Terre Haute. He enjoys an extensive and remunerative patronage and follows a general practice. For two years he served as the county physician, and as the Democratic candidate was elected the county coroner in 1902, and served for two years. He is a member of the Vigo County Medical Society, the State Medical Society, the Esculapian Medical Society of the Wabash Valley and the American Medical Association. He is also a member of the Union Hospital staff and of the Odd Fellows and Knights of Pythias fraternities. Dr. Tabor married, in 1903, Cloye Lane.

H. M. MULLIKIN, M. D.—The medical profession of Vigo county finds an able representative in Dr. H. M. Mullikin, who follows a general practice in Terre Haute. His alma mater is the well known Miami Medical College of Cincinnati, where he graduated on the 3d of May, 1903, and in the fall of the same year he regularly took up his profession in this city. He is a member of the Vigo County Medical Society, the Esculapian Medical Society of the Wabash Valley and of the American Medical Association.

Dr. Mullikin is the youngest of the seven children, four sons and three daughters, of James M. and Nannie (Kindle) Mullikin, and was born in Johnson county, Indiana, November 13, 1876. When he was but two years of age his parents moved to Wayne county, Illinois, and there, on the farm, he grew to mature years and attended the country schools and the Orchard City College of Flora, Illinois. He was then in readiness to begin the preparation for his future life's activities, and is fast working his way upward and gaining success, the reward of earnest labor and ability.

EDGAR L. LARKINS, M. D., a well known member of the medical profession in Terre Haute, was born on a farm in Honey Creek township, Vigo county, Indiana, September 13, 1855, a son of James and Mary (Mattox) Larkins. James Larkins was born in New York and came with his father, Sanford Larkins, to Vigo county when a child and now resides at Fourth and Hulman streets, Terre Haute. His mother died February 12, 1856. The early years in the life of Dr. Larkins were spent on the farm, attending the country schools and the Terre Haute high school, and he then taught two terms in the district. For two years after leaving the school room he read medicine under Dr. John E. Link,



and then to still further perfect himself in his chosen calling entered the Medical College of Indiana and graduated in 1878. With his preparation completed he began practice in Terre Haute, but after two years here went to Staunton, Clay county, Indiana, where he practiced medicine for five years, and at the close of that period returned to Terre Haute. Since 1885 he has been a permanent member of the medical profession in this city and has won success in his chosen field. He is a member of the County, State and American Medical societies, the Esculapian Medical Society of the Wabash Valley, is a member of the staff of surgeons of Union Hospital and is the physician to the Glenn Orphanage. He casts his ballot in favor of Republican principles, and for two terms has served as a member of the city council. In his fraternal relations he is a Master Mason and a member of the Odd Fellows order in all its branches.

Dr. Larkins married Miss Marium Sutliff in 1882 and they have one son, Ernest, a civil engineer.

GEORGE W. BEMENT.—In the history of Terre Haute and Vigo county the name of George W. Bement stands prominently forth, for he was one of the city's pioneer wholesale merchants and for over half a century was closely identified with the commercial and business interests of the county. He left the impress of his forceful individuality upon almost every line of progress and improvement that has led to its substantial growth and advancement. His life's span covered many decades—years of purpose well directed, plans carefully formed and matured—a period altogether of fine achievement.

Mr. Bement began life at Stockbridge, Massachusetts, August 4, 1826, son of George W. Bement, a sturdy native of the Old Bay state and of Welsh parentage. As the son grew to mature years he received a good English education, in 1845 leaving his eastern home and journeying to Evansville, Indiana, where his older brother, Asa, was engaged in the wholesale grocery business, in partnership with Charles Veile. The firm also owned a similar business in Terre Haute, which had been established since 1840. After spending two years in Evansville the younger Bement removed to the latter city to take charge of the house there, and in 1854 was admitted to partnership, acquiring a major interest upon Mr. Veile's retirement. The firm of Bement & Rea was organized in 1875 by the admission of W. S. Rea, and the relation continued uninterrupted until Mr. Bement's death, December 18, 1903. Two years after the passing away of the head of the firm, the Bement-Rea Company was reorganized, the Bement interest remaining intact, although the active management passed to other hands. Mr. Bement was also interested in the banking affairs of the city and for many years was a director in several financial

institutions. From the time Terre Haute was a struggling and unimportant little village he was identified with its interests, and now her commercial and financial history is replete with his energy and spirit.

George W. Bement married Miss Helen Brotherton, a native of New York state, and they became the parents of Asa B. and Charles Russell Bement, the latter deceased. The first born, Asa Bruce Bement, is a native of Terre Haute, born September 16, 1872, and was educated in its public schools and at St. John's College, New York. He is a director in the Terre Haute National Bank, but he practically devotes himself to the care of his large property. He is a member of the fraternal order of Elks, the Country Club and other organizations. Mr. Bement married Anna, daughter of Judge Carlton, of Terre Haute.

HENRY E. VANNIER.—Among the prominent men of affairs of Terre Haute, few names are better known than Henry E. Vannier, the president and treasurer of the Keystone Roofing and Supply Company. He was born in Dover, Morris county, New Jersey, September 10, 1859, a son of Charles and Sarah (Knight) Vannier, the father a native of the province of Alsace-Lorraine, Germany, and the mother of England. They gave to their son an excellent educational training in his youth, sending him to a private school until he reached his eleventh year, and he was then sent to Europe to complete his studies. During three years he was a student at Darmstadt, Germany, during two and a half years studied at Geneva, Switzerland, and for six months was in France. It was while still pursuing his studies there that he was called home by the death of his father in 1877, and having not yet reached his majority he was placed by his guardian in the office of Miles & Gibb, of the large lace importing house of New York City, where he remained until he attained his majority. He then went west and spent five years in northwestern Dakota, engaged in the raising of wheat and horses at a point twenty miles east of Dickinson. Following this he returned to New Jersey, and from there went to Virginia and was engaged in the lumber business until he again went to the west, in 1889, this time taking charge of the Key City Roofing Company, in Dubuque, Iowa. In 1902 he bought the interests of this company, and coming to Terre Haute formed the Keystone Roofing and Supply Company, which was incorporated in May, 1906, with Mr. Vannier as president and treasurer; J. M. Vannier, secretary, and B. W. Hamen, incorporator. Mr. Vannier is today numbered among the successful and prominent business men of Terre Haute and has proved himself in all the relations of life an earnest, honest, upright man, and a citizen of whom any community might justly be proud.

He married Jeannette M., the daughter of William Hamen, of Farm-

ington, Minnesota, and they have three children, Charles Bertram, Harold Raymond and Helen Margaret. Mr. Vannier is a member of the Elks fraternity and of the Commercial and the Young Business Men's clubs of Terre Haute.

RICHARD DAHLEN.—The real estate man has more to do with the improvement, upbuilding and adornment of a city than is usually recognized by those who regard the business from the standpoint of superficial observation. The real estate man, however, exercises a strong influence over the city's development in the purchase and sale of property, and he who has a real interest in his city's welfare will always regard the uses to which the property is put, striving ever to improve the character of a district and thus enhance property values. Mr. Dahlen, as a real estate agent, has handled much valuable property in Terre Haute and also enjoys a good clientage in the field of insurance. He was born in Sauk county, Wisconsin, October 2, 1852, his parents being Herman and Mary (Sorg) Dahlen, who were natives of Germany and became early settlers of Sauk county. They were married in Wisconsin during the boyhood of their son Richard, removing from that state to Effingham, Illinois, while subsequently they became residents of Terre Haute. Here the father died in 1900, while the mother passed away in 1908.

Richard Dahlen was reared and educated in his native state and in Illinois, and came to Terre Haute in 1872, when a young man of twenty years. Here he accepted a position as money clerk with the American Express Company, with which he remained for three years. He then entered the employ of the Vandalia Railroad Company, with which he continued for five years as clerk in the office of the superintendent of motive power. He was next in the retail grocery business for a few years, while later he engaged in the music business and at the same time conducted a real estate and insurance office. Later, however, he withdrew from the music trade to give his undivided time and attention to the management of the office, and in 1904 he removed to his present location on South Seventh street, where he has one of the leading establishments in his line in the city. He is secretary of the Prairie City Building and Loan Association and of the Home Improvement Company. His sagacity and foresight enable him to make judicious investments, while his diligence, indomitable energy and undaunted perseverance are winning him prosperity that numbers him among Terre Haute's most substantial citizens.

Mr. Dahlen was married to Miss Louise Bianchy, a native of Terre Haute and a daughter of Philip Bianchy, one of the early residents of this city. They have a son and a daughter: Herbert P., who resides in

Indianapolis, and Charlotte H., the wife of Romeo M. Weinstine, of Terre Haute. Mr. Dahlen is a member of Euclid Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and has also taken the degrees of the chapter and council. He likewise belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias, and is a representative of the Commercial Club.

JOHN HANLEY, financially interested in and active in the management of one of Terre Haute's leading industrial concerns, is well known in the business circles of the city and his affairs are capably conducted. Those who know him recognize the fact that he possesses tireless energy, keen perception and honesty of purpose, joined to every day common sense. He has been watchful of all the details of his business and of all undertakings pointing to prosperity, and he well merits the confidence that has come to him with the passing years. A native of Vermont, he was born at the foot of the Blue Mountains, at Rutland, that state, January 27, 1846. His parents were John and Mary Ann (Hanly) Hanley, natives of County Roscommon, Ireland. The father was born in the year 1818, while the mother's birth occurred in 1821. They were reared, educated and married in the old country, and in 1847 came to the United States, hoping to enjoy better business opportunities than could be secured in their native land. Upon reaching American shores they proceeded direct to Rutland, Vermont, where for some time the father worked in the celebrated marble quarries of that section. He afterward turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, which he followed in the same locality. In 1852, however, the family removed to Boston, Massachusetts, but only a brief period was spent in that city, whence they came the same year to Indiana, settling on a farm near Connersville. Later they took up their abode in Wabash county, Indiana, at Lagro, and there the mother died in the year 1873. Following her demise the father made his home in Washington, D. C., and surviving her for thirty years, passed away in 1903. They were both members of the Roman Catholic church. Their family numbered ten children, namely: Patrick, who was born in Ireland and served as a soldier in the Civil war as a member of the Eighth Vermont Cavalry, but is now deceased; John, whose name introduces this review; Alexander, who also served in the Civil war, and is now a resident of Logansport, Indiana; Thomas, who met death while serving as a railroad engineer; Michael, a resident of Pueblo, Colorado; William, who died in youth; Francis E., an engineer on the Panhandle Railroad, running between Logansport and Cincinnati; Mary A., who became the wife of John Lynch, and is now deceased; Margaret A., who has also passed away, and Jennie, the wife of John Coughlin, a resident of Lagro, Indiana.

John Hanley spent his boyhood days upon the home farm and as soon as old enough to handle the plow began work in the fields, aiding in other ways also, in the cultivation of the crops and in the care of the stock. He acquired a common school education, but his opportunities in that direction were somewhat limited, for at the comparatively early age of twelve years he began working at the trade of tent and awning making. He was employed in this way in Boston, Cincinnati, Indianapolis and other cities and acquired a knowledge of the business which has enabled him in later years to conduct a most successful enterprise of this character on his own account.

On the 16th of April, 1870, Mr. Hanley located in Terre Haute and began his active career as a manufacturer. That was thirty-eight years ago, and since that time he has continued in business, being now vice president and general manager of the Hanley-Ruddell Company, controlling one of the most important and extensive industrial concerns of Terre Haute. They are engaged on a large scale in the manufacture of tents, awnings, flags and waterproof horse and wagon covers, with office and factory at No. 822 Wabash avenue. The first factory was located in a frame building at the corner of fifth and Mulberry streets on the site of the present German Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Hanley continued alone in business until 1886, when he was joined by J. M. Samuels in a partnership under the firm style of John Hanley & Company. In 1890 the business was incorporated under the name of the John Hanley Manufacturing Company, with Mr. Hanley as president. At that time the company erected a factory of its own at the corner of Third and Mulberry streets and the same year opened a branch establishment at Indianapolis, under the name of the Indianapolis Tent & Awning Company. They also located a branch house at Louisville, Kentucky, known as the Falls City Tent and Awning Company. Gradually the business had been enlarged in its scope and about that time the company began the manufacture of a line of upholstered furniture in connection with tents and awnings, operating in this direction both at the factory in Terre Haute and at Louisville, Kentucky. In 1893 Mr. Hanley became so afflicted with facial neuralgia that he was incapacitated for business for a period of three years and as he was the only practical workman in the company the business fell away to such an extent that the financial panic of that period found the company easy prey. The business was forced to go into the hands of a receiver, but Mr. Hanley resumed active connection therewith as agent for the receiver, so serving for a considerable period. When his health had improved sufficiently he again began operations as a manufacturer and in 1899 removed to his present quarters, where he operated under his own name, until 1906, when he incorporated the business under

the name of the Hanley-Ruddell Tent and Awning Company, of which he became vice president and general manager. Zalman Ruddell is president, with John F. Hanley as secretary and treasurer, and William S. and Patrick J. Hanley as directors, the last three being sons of John Hanley, the founder of the business.

In early manhood Mr. Hanley married Miss Margaret Scott, who was born in Ireland, and their children are three in number: John Francis, born in Terre Haute, was educated in the parochial and city schools and the Rose Polytechnic Institute; he married Miss Jennie Gleeson. William Scott was also a student in the parochial and city schools and was graduated from the Rose Polytechnic Institute; he is now the head draughtsman for the Frisco Railroad system, and married Caroline Bloomer. Patrick John was educated in the parochial and city schools and is now a traveling salesman, representing a Chicago house. Mr. Hanley and his family are all communicants of the Catholic church and he is connected with the Hibernian Benevolent Society and the Commercial Club. What he has accomplished in the business world is the measure of his ability, for he started out in life at a very early age without assistance. He possesses untiring energy, is quick of perception, forms his plans readily and is determined in their execution, while his close application to business and his excellent management have brought him the high degree of prosperity which is today his.

JOHN SCHINNERER, a farmer and trustee of Riley township, is a native of the township which he represents, where he was born on the 30th of November, 1862. His father, Christopher S. Schinnerer, was born in the town of Ipsheim, Bavaria, Germany, on the 30th of June, 1831. When a lad of sixteen he emigrated to the United States, first locating in Cincinnati, Ohio, where he passed through the terrible cholera epidemic, and alone of all his relatives escaped the pestilence. Thence he removed to Hamilton, Ohio, and learning the shoemaker's trade, followed it in that city for two years. Leaving Ohio he journeyed to Staunton, Indiana, and after engaging at his trade for another year, in 1858, purchased what is now known as the old Schinnerer farm in Riley township, a rich tract of one hundred and fifty-two acres. In time he cleared sixty acres of his farm and all of its improvements represent his industry and ability. He is a life-long Republican, but votes independently at local elections, and at one time served on the Republican committee of the township. He is a Mason and a member of the Lutheran church.

During his residence in Hamilton, Ohio, Christopher S. Schinnerer married Miss Elizabeth Price. She was also a Bavarian, born August 1, 1825, and during her early womanhood came to Hamilton, Ohio, where

she lived with her sister, Mrs. Fox. Ten children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Schinnerer—two sons and eight daughters—five being born on the homestead farm in Riley township.

John Schinnerer was the ninth child in the family, and, with the exception of one year spent in Arkansas, the old home farm has been his residence and the scene of his activities. He is now the owner of a valuable estate of one hundred and fifty-two acres, most of which is thoroughly improved, and is one of the most popular and respected agriculturists of Riley township. His wife (formerly Miss Mamie Swinda) whom he married May 21, 1885, at Staunton, Indiana, was born in that city, March 20, 1866, and is of German descent. Her father, Herman Swinda, was a Staunton merchant. Three children—Hazel, Mark and Katherine—have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Schinnerer, the youngest of whom is deceased. Mark and Katherine were born on the Riley township farm, while the elder daughter, Hazel, is a native of Arkansas and is the wife of Fland Price. All of the children were educated in the district schools of Riley township. Mr. Schinnerer has been a life-long Republican and an active worker in its local ranks. In 1904 he was elected trustee of Riley township and is still in office. He is an Odd Fellow and Red Man and also a member of the auxiliaries of those orders, the Rebekahs and Pocahontases, while his religious faith is of the Lutheran church.

EWING N. HARLAN, for a number of years officially connected with the financial administration of Vigo county, and at a later period a well known business man of Terre Haute, was born on the Patterson farm in Harrison township, this county, on the 26th of November, 1872, son of James and Harriet (Millikin) Harlan. He remained at home until he reached the age of twenty-one, in the meantime having completed the common school curriculum and a course at Calvin's Commercial College, graduating from that institution in 1896. During the four succeeding years he served as deputy treasurer of Vigo county and for six months of 1900 was deputy treasurer of Terre Haute. He was then head book-keeper for the Terre Haute Traction Company for four years, and in September, 1907, purchased the Miller livery at the corner of Ninth and Cherry streets, Terre Haute, having since continued and largely developed the business. He is also the owner of two houses and lots in the city and ninety acres of land in Prairieeton township, Vigo county, being altogether a prosperous citizen of substantial and high character.

On the 12th of September, 1899, Mr. Harlan married Miss Edna Kyle, who was born at Brazil, Indiana, March 8, 1883, daughter of George A. and Phoebe (Chapman) Kyle. Mrs. Harlan's father, born June 4, 1857, is a son of Hezekiah and Elizabeth (Chapman) Kyle, the parents

removing from Ohio to Olney, Illinois, where they resided the remainder of their lives. They had three children, of whom the first-born is deceased, and the youngest, Ella, married Fred Zimmerman and resides in Decatur, Illinois. George A., the second child, is a Terre Haute baker. Mrs. George A. Kyle (nee Phoebe Chapman) was born September 19, 1855, and is a daughter of John and Matilda Chapman, both natives of New Jersey, who spent the last years of their lives at Olney, Illinois. Their five children were: Margaret, wife of George A. Hutsby, of Mattoon, Illinois; Phoebe E., who became Mrs. George A. Harlan; George M., who married Mollie Lowe, and is a resident of Champaign, Illinois; William P., who married Stella Barton and also lives in that city, and Edward Chapman, who is unmarried and lives in Los Angeles, California. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. George A. Kyle: Edna V., wife of Ewing N. Harlan; Larina, deceased, and Earl, who is at home. Mr. Harlan, of this sketch, gives his political support to the Democratic party. His fraternal relations are with the Modern Woodmen of America, Camp No. 800, and Moose Lodge, No. 3, of Terre Haute.

LINCOLN H. GUNN, the superintendent of the Vigo County Charity Asylum, was born in Lincoln township, of this county, September 23, 1860, and is a representative of one of its earliest and most prominent families. His father, Morgan S. Gunn, was born in Spencer, Kentucky, April 17, 1829, but as a boy he came with his parents to Vigo county, Indiana, and in after years became one of its best known and most successful farmers, owning at the time of his death a well improved farm of two hundred and twenty acres. He had received the twenty-second degree in the Masonic order and was a charter member of the Pimento lodge, in which he had also filled all of the offices. He was a Republican politically. Mr. Gunn met an untimely death on the 16th of December, 1875, when he was assassinated and killed in Linton township. His wife bore the maiden name of Candee Kester and was born in Linton township, Vigo county, Indiana, April 17, 1831, a daughter of Ephraim E. and Elizabeth (Stark) Kester, prominent early residents of this county. On the 15th of April, 1878, three years after the death of her husband, Mrs. Gunn was also laid to rest. Both were faithful and earnest members of the Baptist church. In their family were eight children, namely: Rose, deceased; Alice, the wife of John S. Turner, of Linton township; Oliver J., a contractor in Dallas, Texas; Hershel V., the proprietor of a restaurant in Terre Haute; Lincoln H., the subject of this review; Charles Noble, deceased; Alvie B., the deputy treasurer of Vigo county, and a resident of Terre Haute, and Estella, the wife of Mr. Lloyd, a member of the teachers' profession in Oakland, California.



Lincoln H. Gunn began life for himself at the age of eighteen years, just after his mother's death, and at the time the home estate was divided. From that time until reaching the age of twenty-one he worked at farm labor by the month and then selling his land purchased a store and embarked in the mercantile business at Pimento, while later he added thereto the hay and grain trade. During his residence in that city he also served as the postmaster four years during the Harrison administration and one year during the presidency of McKinley. After fifteen years of active connection with the industrial interests of Pimento Mr. Gunn sold his interests there and purchased a farm of fifty-eight acres in Linton township, Vigo county, and continued its cultivation for a year and a half, or until he assumed the duties of the office of superintendent of the Vigo County Charity Asylum, September 1, 1903, for a term of six years. Under his supervision the farm has proved remunerative and has returned to the county more money than ever before, and at the same time he has placed many needed improvements thereon. He has erected a new brick cell house, twenty by thirty feet, to accommodate twelve inmates, and it is furnished with all the new and modern improvements. He has also brought the land up to a high state of cultivation and keeps one man constantly employed in hauling fertilizer from Terre Haute. With his wife he owns one hundred and eight acres in Linton township, now operated by his son.

Mr. Gunn married, November 8, 1885, Mildred Kester, thus uniting two of the oldest and most honored pioneer families of Vigo county. She was born in Linton township, November 22, 1867, a daughter of John H. and Rose (Drake) Kester, both of whom still reside in the county in which they have so long lived and labored. Two sons have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Gunn. Harvey Verner, the elder, born August 14, 1886, married Margaret Harrison, a native daughter of Clinton, Indiana, and is farming his father's land in Linton township. He is a graduate of the Terre Haute high school and also attended a business college there. Boyle Morgan, the younger, was born July 14, 1895, and is at home. Mr. Gunn, Sr., votes with the Republican party and in fraternal circles he has attained the third degree in Masonry, belonging to Pimento lodge.

GEORGE J. NATTKEMPER, the senior member of the wholesale coal firm of Nattkemper & Connelly and a member of the city council of Terre Haute, was born in the village of Riley, Vigo county, Indiana, March 15, 1872, son of the late Louis Nattkemper, one of that county's pioneer tanners and millers. He was born in Prussia, June 11, 1826, and came to America in 1852, locating first at Detroit, Michigan, and in 1856 removed to St. Louis, Missouri, two years later coming to Lock-

port, Riley township. There he was employed by Karcopp and Company, and later purchased the business of the firm, for many years thereafter carrying on a tanning, milling and general merchandise business. His wife (nee Elizabeth Asperger) was also a native of Germany, her death occurring in 1894 and that of her husband in 1904.

The educational training of George J. Nattkemper was obtained in the schools of Riley township and Terre Haute, and during his early life he clerked in his father's store and pursued the study of telegraphy. In 1882 he was appointed the agent at Riley for the Evansville & Terre Haute Railroad Company, spending one year in that position and then serving the company as relief agent all along its line. During one year he was also in the general office of the road at Evanston; for three years was chief clerk under J. R. Connelly; later general agent of the road at Evansville, and was then appointed general freight agent of the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railroad, with headquarters at Terre Haute. For nine years Mr. Nattkemper continued in that position, finally engaging in the wholesale coal business at Terre Haute. In 1905 he was elected to represent the third ward in the city council, and is serving as chairman of the committee on judiciary and printing. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, Knights of Pythias and Elks, and is identified with the Young Business Men's Club. Mr. Nattkemper's wife was formerly Miss Nora E. Wallace, a daughter of David M. Wallace, of Terre Haute, and to them have been born Wayne Fenton and Mildred Elizabeth Nattkemper.

ORA D. DAVIS, nominated to the circuit bench of Vigo county in 1908, is a fine representative of the honorable ability of the Terre Haute bar and of that broad citizenship which has always given Indiana such a high standing among the American commonwealths. Prior to his nomination to the bench he had largely specialized in real estate and business law and was well known as a Republican of large caliber and substantial legislative service. Judge Davis is numbered among the native sons of the Hoosier state, being born at Newport, Vermilion county, on the 30th of November, 1870, son of Samuel B. and Sarah (Canada) Davis, also natives of Indiana, the former born in Annapolis, Parke county, and the latter in Newport. The father was probably the oldest editor and newspaper publisher in the United States in point of continuous connection with one paper, as he edited and published the *Hoosier State*, at Newport, for more than forty years. At the time of the Civil war he was a firm Unionist and joined the army as a member of Company C, Eighteenth Regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry. In his journalism he kept pace with the development of the modern newspaper, and had one of the best

country papers of the middle west. His loyalty in citizenship was an unquestioned fact and was manifest in many tangible ways, including his fidelity and capability as treasurer of Vermilion county in early days. This good man and able and faithful citizen died at his old Newport home on the 2d of April, 1908.

Ora D. Davis was reared in Newport, and finished the common and high school courses in his native place, graduating from the latter in 1887. For a year thereafter he continued in the Newport high school as a post-graduate student, in order to perfect himself in certain branches. He then devoted himself to the reading and study of law; for two and a half years with Conley & Sawyer, the Newport lawyers, and for one year at the University of Michigan, graduating from that institution in 1891. On the 15th of December of the year named he was admitted to the Terre Haute bar, and practiced in that city alone until 1893, when he formed a partnership with Judge John E. Cox, continuing thus until the elevation of Judge Cox to the bench of the superior court in 1906. On the 1st of January, 1907, the partnership was dissolved, and Mr. Davis maintained an independent practice until he ascended the circuit bench. He received the nomination at the Republican primaries, held May 22, 1908, his opponent being the present incumbent, Judge Piety. As intimated, while he has always enjoyed a large general practice, he has specialized to a considerable extent in professional work relating to real estate, building and loan associations, and the examination of abstracts, titles and conveyances. He virtually excludes criminal law clientele, and is recognized as a lawyer thoroughly versed in all branches of civil law.

Aside from his profession Mr. Davis is perhaps best known as one of the Republican leaders of his district, as is evident by his decisive majority at the judicial primaries. He has also been frequently mentioned by members of his party for Congress. In 1894 he was elected on the Republican ticket to the legislature from the joint district, composed of Vigo, Vermilion and Sullivan counties, being the first representative of his party to sit in the house from that district, and also the last, since it was afterward abolished by law. In 1895 Mr. Davis was married to Miss Mary B. Nixon, daughter of Robert H. Nixon, of Newport, Indiana. They have no living children, two having died in infancy. Mr. Davis is well known in fraternal work, being past master of Social Lodge, No. 86, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, a member of the chapter and commandery, and past eminent commander of Terre Haute Commandery, No. 16, Knights of Pythias. He is likewise past exalted ruler of Terre Haute lodge of Elks, and is a member of Occidental Lodge, No. 18, and of Uniform Rank, No. 3, Knights of Pythias. His name is on

the rolls of the Sons of Veterans, and he is a member of the Young Men's Christian Association, Young Business Men's Club and the Commercial Club.

CHARLES W. ABBOTT has for a third of a century been a resident of Terre Haute, where as a contractor and builder he has been continuously associated with the improvement of the city. He was born in Jacksonville, Illinois, September 16, 1860, a son of Allen L. and Susan (Rahn) Abbott. His mother died in 1869 and the family thus being broken up, Charles W. Abbott has since been dependent upon his own resources. He went to live with a Kentucky farmer, William German, who was an old Confederate soldier and resided about eighteen miles from Cincinnati. For five years he continued with Mr. German, working upon the farm, but believing he would find some other pursuit more congenial, he began learning the brickmason's trade in Cincinnati under the direction of John Eaton, now superintendent of the gas company of that city. He continued to follow his trade until 1875, when he came to Terre Haute, where he has now made his home for a third of a century. For four years he worked in Terre Haute in the employ of others, and then began contracting on his own account. He spent two years in the West at his trade and was very successful during that period, saving about \$1,700. With this capital he returned to Terre Haute and re-entered business circles here as a contractor and builder. He has done much work in this and other cities and has been very successful, for the public recognizes his ability and trustworthiness. He is always most loyal to the terms of a contract and his energy and strong purpose are recognized as salient characteristics of his business career. His advantages in youth were comparatively few. He had but a poor chance to acquire an education, but the knowledge gained in schools has been largely supplemented by experience, reading and observation. He also pursued a commercial course in Garven Commercial College, studying bookkeeping at night, and thus becoming much better qualified to carry on his business from the financial standpoint.

In 1886 Mr. Abbott was married to Miss Minnie Grosvener, and they are well known in Terre Haute, their home always being hospitably opened to their many friends. Mr. Abbott belongs to the Commercial Club and in Masonry has attained the Knight Templar degree. In politics he is a stanch and stalwart Republican, but while he is thoroughly in sympathy with the principles and purposes of the party, he has no time for active co-operation in political work. On the contrary, his entire attention is given to his business interests, wherein he is meeting with creditable prosperity, deriving substantial benefits from his labors, while Terre Haute has also been improved by his skill in the building art.

HENRY J. ADAMS, prominently identified with the agricultural interests of Nevins township, was born on a farm a half mile north of where he now resides July 28, 1857, a son of Joel J. and Matilda (White) Adams, both of whom were born in Kentucky, and both are now deceased. The father came with his parents to this township when but a boy, and after his marriage here he rented land for some time, finally purchasing eighty acres of the two hundred and forty-acre farm which he owned at the time of his death. He was a lifelong farmer, and died at the age of forty-four years. His wife, Matilda, reached the advanced age of eighty-four years. She was a daughter of John W. White, who came from his native state of Kentucky to Indiana during the early girlhood days of his daughter Matilda, entering a large tract of land, and his estate finally numbered four hundred acres. Mr. Adams was a Republican and a member of the Christian church, of which he was an earnest and faithful member and a deacon. In his family were twelve children: Martha Ann, Hester and Ellen, all deceased; Susan, the wife of Alexander Lucas, and a resident of Nevins township; John, Addison and Miles P., also deceased; Samuel H., who married Josephine Beauchamp, and his home is in Montana; Henry J., of this review; Filmore, who married first Adaline Grinnell, and after her death Rosana Compton, and he is living in Nevins township; Thomas, who married Laura Lawson, and is deceased; and Frank, who married first Cynthia Bryant, and after her death Lutias Stultz.

Henry J. Adams remained on the home farm until his marriage, and he then farmed as a renter in Nevins township for eighteen years, finally purchasing his present estate of thirty-seven acres, on which he has made his home since 1900. He formerly worked to some extent in the mines, but now devotes his time and attention to teaming and farming. He is a Republican in his political affiliations, and in 1904 was elected the assessor of his township, having the distinction of being the first Republican assessor of Nevins township.

His marriage was celebrated on the 4th of November, 1880, when Mary A. Beauchamp, the widow of William Fequay, and the daughter of Willis and Catherine (Peters) Beauchamp, became his wife. She was born on the 27th of December, 1853, and the union has been blessed by the birth of three children, namely: Clark L., born December 10, 1881, married Bessie Willoughby, and resided in Fontanet until the memorable mine explosion, since which time he has lived with his parents; Winnifred G., born October 25, 1884, is the wife of Fred Wood, and is also living at home with her parents; and Rosella J., born January 24, 1887, died September 16, 1906. Both Mr. and Mrs. Adams are members of the Christian church.

WILLIAM ANDREW HUNTER.—The distinctive and specific office of biography is not to give voice to a man's modest estimate of himself and his accomplishments, but rather to leave a record establishing his worth by the consensus of public opinion. Throughout the community in which he lives Mr. Hunter is regarded not only as an enterprising business man, but as one thoroughly reliable, while in citizenship he stands for progress, reform and improvement. He was born in South Second street, Terre Haute, on the 23d of June, 1866. His father, William Robert Hunter, now deceased, was for many years a prominent and influential citizen and business man, universally known as Colonel Hunter. His birth occurred in McMinnville, Warren county, Tennessee, September 11, 1830, and he was a son of William and Emily (Higginbottom) Hunter. The grandfather, William Hunter, was born in Virginia, January 5, 1802, and was the son of John Hunter, whose birth occurred in the Old Dominion in 1767. He was the son of a Scotch Hunter, who prior to the Revolutionary war, with three brothers, crossed the Atlantic to America, settled in Virginia, founded the American branch of the family and eventually participated in the first conflict with England. John Hunter, the paternal great-grandfather, married Susan Kelham and moved from Virginia to Tennessee, where their son, William Robert, was born. At a very early age seven of the sons came north and settled in Putnam county, Indiana, four years later removing to Clay's Prairie, Illinois—so named from the fact that they purchased their farms from Henry Clay. The district now known as Hunter township was named in honor of the Hunters, pioneers who contributed in substantial measure to the early development and progress of that region.

Col. William Robert Hunter, the father, engaged in general farming and the live stock business in Illinois prior to his removal to Terre Haute. He left the farm in 1861 to enlist in Company F, Twenty-first Illinois Infantry Regiment (General Grant's old command) and served throughout the period of hostilities, or for three years, three months and four days. During the last eighteen months of his service he was quartermaster sergeant and assistant quartermaster of his regiment. Participating in a number of important battles, he returned home with a most creditable military record, and soon after the close of the war located in Terre Haute. Here (1866) he purchased the interest of John J. Fouts in the livery and sales stable owned by the firm of Fouts Brothers. This business had been established in 1864 by Andrew B. and John J. Fouts, the former the father-in-law of Colonel Hunter. With the change in the partnership the firm style of Fouts & Hunter was assumed, and under their guidance the business was developed into one of the most extensive of its character in the country. They dealt in horses and mules, making large sales and

shipments, their business reaching out to various parts of the country. Their headquarters were at first on the site of the present plant of the Fouts & Hunter Company, at the corner of Third and Walnut streets. They later branched out and established a second stable at Second and Cherry streets and a third on Wabash avenue east of Eighth street, where they erected another building. The permit for the erection of this building was the first one issued under the city government. At this location they extended the scope of their activities to include an undertaking establishment. Their original stables at the intersection of Third and Walnut streets were opposite the old Buntin House, which, in those days, was the leading hotel in Terre Haute. It was the time of stage-coach travel, and while the Buntin House was caring for the welfare of the travelers the firm of Fouts & Hunter took care of the stage coach horses. In 1874 the firm rented the Terre Haute stables and the partners went to St. Louis, where they established two large stables and engaged extensively in the general sale of horses and mules, buying and shipping in carload lots to all parts of the country and even engaging in the export trade to some extent. This venture, however, proved a failure, and the company lost more than \$75,000 in the enterprise. They returned to Terre Haute with an indebtedness of \$40,000 and no assets. However, after a time they began operations on a small scale. In December, 1877, they secured a contract from the United States government to supply the cavalry with horses, and this contract materially assisted them on their way toward prosperity again. They resumed business at their old location at the corner of Walnut and Third streets, and about this time a Cincinnati (Ohio) manufactory began making buggies on the plan of duplicating the parts. This was the beginning of the era of "cheap" buggies, and it was Colonel Hunter who introduced these cheap buggies into Indiana. While the firm was conducting the livery and stock business at Terre Haute, Colonel Hart would go to Cincinnati and purchase buggies from the factory by the carload, bring them to Terre Haute and auction them off at public sale on Saturdays. He would also tie a string of vehicles together, haul them to the neighboring towns and county seats and sell them at auction. Thus the firm of Fouts & Hunter gradually drifted into the carriage and vehicle trade and Colonel Hunter was well qualified for the conduct of a business of this kind, for he was himself a practical blacksmith, having served an apprenticeship and worked at the trade in his younger days, so that he knew of the value of work of that character. The firm had entered upon a second era of prosperity, when in 1893 their place of business was destroyed by fire. Following this the company abandoned the livery and stock business and rebuilt the present brick factory, after which they confined their attention to the carriage and

vehicle trade. They soon developed a large and profitable business and at one period made a specialty of building what they named the Mikado wagon, which soon gained wide popularity and proved a very marketable product. They sold over five thousand of these wagons in Vigo county alone. The firm continued uninterruptedly in the successful business until the death of Colonel Hunter on the 28th of July, 1895. He was a man of marked enterprise, who recognized opportunities which others passed by heedlessly, and who in the improvement of the chances which came to him worked his way upward from comparative obscurity to business prominence. He was a Mason and an Odd Fellow, prominent in the ranks of these fraternities, and was also deservedly popular as a man and citizen.

Colonel Hunter was married in Terre Haute, September 17, 1865, to Miss Callie Fouts, whose birth occurred at Connersville, Indiana, May 1, 1849. Her father, Andrew B. Fouts, was a native of Union county. Born in 1820, he was a son of William Fouts, a native of North Carolina. In 1786 his grandfather Hawkins was with Lewis and Clark in their fight against the French and Indians at Vincennes, Indiana. At the age of nine years Andrew Fouts rode horseback from his home in Indiana to Charleston, South Carolina, with a drove of horses. In 1838 he was appointed a cadet at the United States Military Academy at West Point, but resigned in favor of him who was afterward General Burnside of Civil war fame. Mr. Fouts engaged in the livery business at Connersville, Indiana, in 1843, and in the early sixties came to Terre Haute, where he established a livery business with his brother. In 1871 he became a member of the Terre Haute city council and was prominently identified with community affairs as a citizen whose work was of helpful import. On the 6th of January, 1847, he married Miss Sarah A. Frybarger, who was born in Connersville, Indiana, August 7, 1824, a daughter of George Frybarger, who was of Pennsylvania Dutch descent, and settled in Connersville as early as 1811. Prominent in the pioneer development of the state, he was for many years a banker and prominent citizen of that town. He married Miss O'Neil, whose family came from the north of Ireland and settled in Tennessee. Mrs. Fouts, mother of Andrew B. Fouts, became a resident of Indiana in 1818 and lived to reach the very advanced age of ninety-six years. The death of Andrew B. Fouts occurred May 30, 1898, and thus passed away one of the most prominent pioneer citizens.

William A. Hunter, whose name introduces this review, pursued his education in the common and high schools of Terre Haute, and also spent one year at Harcourt College, Gambier, Ohio. In 1884 he took charge of the books of the Fouts & Hunter Company, and in 1887 purchased the



livery stock of the old company. The following year he removed to the Filbeck stable on Cherry street adjoining the old Filbeck Hotel, and in 1891 he admitted Harry Pinkley, now deceased, to a partnership in the business. The following year they removed to the new building on Ohio street between Fifth and Sixth, which was erected for them by D. W. Minshall. There Mr. Hunter continued actively in business until 1893, when he purchased his partner's interest and was sole proprietor until 1901, when he closed out his interests in that line to give his entire attention to the business of the corporation of the Fouts & Hunter Carriage Manufacturing Company, of which he had become practical manager in 1895. In May, 1895, the business of Fouts & Hunter was incorporated, with Colonel Hunter as president, and following his demise A. B. Fouts was chosen to the presidency, continuing in the position until his demise, when William A. Hunter became president. The Fouts & Hunter Carriage Manufacturing Company is a thoroughly organized and systematized interest, meeting with splendid success. They handle all classes of vehicles, making a specialty of a storm-top buggy of their own patent and doing business exclusively through mail orders. Their main plant is 67 by 240 feet, two and a half stories high, and built of brick, and in addition they have a warehouse 65 by 30 feet. Their business is constantly developing along substantial lines and has reached mammoth proportions, making it one of the most important commercial enterprises of Terre Haute.

Pleasantly situated in his home life, Mr. Hunter married Miss Della Ray, and unto them have been born two children, William Ray and Elizabeth C. Hunter. In his social relations Mr. Hunter is connected with the Knights of Pythias and the Elks, and is a member of the Commercial and Young Business Men's clubs, through which organizations he contributes in substantial measure to the upbuilding and improvement of the city in business lines. Honored and respected by all, he occupies a most enviable position in the regard of his contemporaries and associates, who recognize his superior executive force and business ability, his keen discernment and unwearied industry. He displays much of the spirit of initiative in controlling and enlarging his business and as the years go by is meeting with a most merited and gratifying success.

HARRISON J. LAMBERT was born on what is now the site of Fontanet, but at that time a town had not been thought of nor had a railroad yet penetrated into this community. His birth occurred on the 18th of January, 1860, and he is a son of Josiah and Margaret (Adams) Lambert. The mother died when her son was but a small child, and the father survived until the 25th of April, 1875. He was born in Kentucky in 1806

and came to Vigo county with his parents when eight years of age. After his marriage he farmed on rented land for a year, and then entered between three and four hundred acres of land from the government, continuing to farm throughout the years of his business career. But in later years, in 1865, he began the undertaking business, and continued that occupation in connection with his farming until his death.

Harrison J. Lambert, the youngest of his sixteen children and the only one now living, was about fifteen years of age when he began working as an undertaker with his father. He learned the business at the Massachusetts School of Embalming, but after his father's death the business was sold and the son continued on a part of the home estate for two years, when he abandoned farming to engage as a carpenter and contractor, following those occupations during the summer months and working in the coal mines in the winter. The first mine ever sunk near Fontanet was located on his father's land, and the son has plowed the ground many times where the town now stands. In 1896 he began again in the undertaking and general mercantile business, continuing until 1904, when his mercantile business was burned and he never rebuilt. When the Dupont powder mills blew up on October 15, 1907, his home was turned into an emergency hospital. In 1904 he was elected by the Democratic party a township trustee, and in addition to discharging the duties of that office he also conducts a livery barn. He now owns five acres of land, his livery barn and his residence.

Mr. Lambert married, January 15, 1884, Mary E. Ferries, who was born in this township February 11, 1863, a daughter of William and Nancy (Lambert) Ferries, the mother deceased and the father is now living with his children. They have four children, namely: Oakie J., who was born June 28, 1886, and is now the wife of Samuel Wiggins, of Fontanet; George M., born February 22, 1888, at home; Burton, born May 12, 1891, has completed his common school training and is at home; Lethia L., born January 16, 1896. They also have one grandchild. Mr. Lambert is a member of the Knights of Pythias order, Lodge No. 147, at Fontanet; the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Lodge No. 670, at Fontanet; the Junior Order of American Mechanics at that place; and the Knights and Ladies of Security of America at Brazil, Indiana.

JOHN ALL.—For many years the All family have been prominent in the varied interests of Vigo county, but they came originally from the Blue Grass state of Kentucky, the birthplace of Aquilla All, the grandfather of John. Aquilla All was a millwright, and followed that occupation during the greater part of his business life, spending his later years in Sullivan county, Indiana.

Benjamin All, a son of Aquilla, was also born in Kentucky, May 15, 1805, and his death occurred on the 2d of June, 1882. He followed agriculture for a livelihood, and it was about 1842 that he came north to Sullivan county, Indiana, and from there came in 1857 to Pierson township, Vigo county, and purchased eighty acres of land. He lived on that farm during the remainder of his life, the land lying just a little west of where his son John now lives. He was a Democrat and a Baptist, an active church worker, and many of the meetings of the denomination were held at his home. He was loved and honored by all who knew him, and his acquaintances were many. He was both a farmer and veterinary surgeon, and enjoyed quite an extensive practice. The wife of Benjamin All bore the maiden name of Isabelle Norman, and was born in Nelson county, Kentucky, June 15, 1829, and died on the 13th of March, 1904. They became the parents of eight children, as follows: James William, deceased; Grayson, deceased; Benjamin, Jr., who married Anna Guisinger; Joseph, who married Rebecca DuVall, and lives in Linton township; John, the subject of this review; Martha J., the wife of John Shaffer, of Terre Haute; Hezekiah, who married Effie Shewmaad, of Pierson township; and Isaac, who married Pauline Holsten, and their home is in Clay county, Indiana.

John All was born in Jackson township, Sullivan county, Indiana, October 15, 1858, and after his marriage he continued his residence with his mother and working the home place until he bought forty acres of land in 1890 and moved to his present homestead. His estate now contains one hundred and seventeen and a half acres, all in Pierson township. The place is devoted to general grain farming, over which Mr. All has supervision, but his time is principally devoted to his law practice. For over twenty-five years he has practiced at the bar of Vigo county, and the success which he has attained as a legal practitioner is due entirely to his own unaided efforts, for in his early years he received but a common school education, and purchasing some law books studied at home until he became well versed in the principles of jurisprudence. And to his credit it may be mentioned he won the first case on which he was employed. Mr. All is a Democrat politically and after serving by appointment as trustee of Pierson township he was elected to the office in 1901, and again in 1904.

He married, April 27, 1883, Alice Liston, who was born March 3, 1863, in the house where she now lives, the daughter of G. W. and Dolly Liston, both now deceased. The two children of this union are Otis and Hallie. The son, born August 8, 1885, resides in Pierson township. He married Ola Sharp, now deceased. Hallie, born August 1, 1889, is the

wife of Guy Weddle, also of Pierson township. Mr. All has fraternal relations with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Comet Lodge, No. 515, at Lewis, Indiana; with the Knights of Pythias, Lewis Lodge, No. 511, at Lewis, in which he has filled several of the offices; and with the Red Men's Lodge at the same place.

JAMES M. ROBERTSON.—The Robertson family of Vigo county, of which James M. Robertson is a representative, was founded here by Lane and Sarah Ann (Durham) Robertson, who came from North Carolina to Ohio and were married there. Soon afterward they came to Indiana, locating nineteen miles east of Indianapolis, where they were farming people. Mrs. Robertson was of French and Scotch descent, and in their family were six children, as follows: Thomas, the father of James M. Robertson; Mary, deceased; George, who answered the first call for soldiers in the Civil war, serving three years, and he is now deceased; Ralph, who served for three years in the same company with his brother, both going with Sherman on his march to the sea, and he now resides in Washington; Walter, who farms the old homestead east of Indianapolis, and John, who enlisted in the regular army in 1864, served five years, and was assassinated just one week after his discharge.

Thomas Robertson, their eldest son and child, was born in Butler county, Ohio, November 5, 1834, and died January 3, 1896. He was but thirteen years of age when he left home to serve an apprenticeship of three years at the carpenter's trade, and he continued as a contractor, carpenter and farmer until 1870, when he retired from an active business life. At his death he owned a large estate of seven hundred acres. He was a Republican, for twenty years a Royal Arch Mason and was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. On the 23d of May, 1860, Mr. Robertson married Eliza J. Simmons, who was born September 12, 1840, in Clark county, Illinois, and eight children were born to them, namely: John, deceased; James M., of whom further mention is made below; Martin and Bell, deceased; Mary E., the wife of Harlow Jones, of Terre Haute; Cora J., the wife of J. C. Hartzler, of Prairie-ton township; Lane, at the head of the Indiana Music Company and a resident of Terre Haute, and Archie, deceased.

James M. Robertson was born in Prairie Creek township, Vigo county, November 26, 1863, and he remained at home with his parents until his marriage, at that time locating on forty acres of his present estate in Prairie Creek township. The boundaries of the farm have since been increased to two hundred and thirty acres, and he is chiefly engaged in grain farming. In 1895 Mr. Robertson left the farm and spent two

years in Terre Haute as a grocery merchant, returning at the close of that period to the homestead, and with the exception of one year in Prairieton he has remained here ever since.

He married, October 28, 1885, Melissa E. Kruzan, who was born March 28, 1867, a daughter of Alfred and Margaret (Wheatley) Kruzan. Her paternal great-grandfather, Isaac Kruzan, and her grandfather came to Indiana, from Virginia and located in Vigo county. The latter lived on one farm here for sixty years, and was a resident here when the first rails were laid for the Vandalia Railroad. Nine children were born to Alfred and Margaret (Wheatley) Kruzan, as follows: Horace, a resident of Warrensburg, Illinois; Eliza, of Terre Haute; Melissa, who became the wife of Mr. Robertson; Benjamin, of Youngstown, Indiana; Anna, whose home is in Prairie Creek township, Vigo county; Clara, deceased; Laura, also of Prairie Creek township; Mary, whose home is in Prairieton township, and William, of Honey Creek township, Vigo county. Nine children have also been born to Mr. and Mrs. Robertson: Norman, born April 17, 1886; Ida M., November 16, 1887; Edith, September 29, 1889; Augustus, April 15, 1892; James, May 3, 1895; Marie, August 12, 1897; Charlotte, March 14, 1901; Louis, September 2, 1903, and Dorothy, October 16, 1906. Four of the children completed the course in the Prairieton school, and the eldest son, Norman, also pursued courses in the Commercial College at Terre Haute, and the Agricultural College at Purdue University. Two of the daughters were students in the State Normal, and the elder has taught four terms of school and the younger two. Mr. Robertson is a Republican politically, and both he and his son Norman are members of the fraternal Order of Odd Fellows, Prairieton Lodge, No. 825. He also has membership relations with the Modern Woodmen of America at Prairieton, and with his wife and five children is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.









