

James E. Wynn was born in Dent County, Mo., in 1854. His mother's maiden name was Arminta Causey. His father, Daniel O. Wynn, was born in North Carolina, and when but a young man immigrated to Tennessee and from that State to Illinois, finally settling in Dent County, Mo., where he lived for twelve years, devoting his time to agricultural pursuits. He was in the late war serving in the State Militia as a private, and was confined in the Salem guard-house for several months. The mother was born in Tennessee, where she lived until her marriage with Mr. Wynn, when she left her native State for Illinois, and then went with her family to Dent County. There were six children, five of whom are now living: John W., Arminta, Jane F., James E. and Jasper. James Wynn, the subject of this sketch, lived in Dent County until twelve years of age, and with his father came to this county in 1886. He was twenty-one years of age when he married Nancy Jane Harris, daughter of S. A. Harris, one of Wayne's pioneer settlers. Mr. Wynn is the father of three children, all now living: Evan M., Cora and Daniel S. Mr. Wynn's advantages for an education were very limited, therefore he had only a common school education. He is a carpenter by trade, but has never followed it for a living. He has spent most of his life farming and stock raising, although sometimes taking a hand at his old trade. Mr. and Mrs. Wynn are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Wynn is a member of the Farmers' Alliance. He has eighty acres of land, thirty being under cultivation.

Joel Yancey is a Virginian by birth, born August 13, 1830. His parents, Robert J. and Catherine L. (Ross) Yancey, were also Virginians and were of Welsh descent. Great-grandfather Yancey and three brothers came to the United States from Wales, and settled in Virginia and Kentucky. One of the brothers was killed at the battle of Eutaw Springs, S. C., during the Revolutionary War. The grandfather, Joel Yancey, served as major in the War of 1812. He died in Virginia. Robert J. Yancey and wife came to Missouri in 1835, and soon became residents of Wayne County. The father was a lawyer by profession, but after coming to Missouri followed the occupation of farming, and at the time of his death was a poor citizen. His death occurred in July, 1861. He was county clerk at one time, and for many years was justice of the peace. Five of their eight children are living: Joel, Mattie A., Jennie, Charles D. and Virginus R. The eldest of these, Joel, was about nine years old when he came to this county. He made his parents' house his home until the breaking out of the war, and he immediately enlisted in the Missouri State Guards and served six months. In 1862 he enlisted in Company B, Fourth Missouri Infantry, Confederate States army, and served until the close of the war. He rose to the rank of second lieutenant, and was a participant in the battles of Fredericktown, Mo., Prairie Grove, Helena, Ark., Little Rock, Jenkins' Ferry, Pleasant Hill and Sabine Cross Roads, La. He was also in several sharp skirmishes but was not seriously wounded during his entire service. After returning home he worked at the carpenter's trade, and also wagon and carriage making, in connection with farming. He owns about 315 acres of land, and is one of the thrifty farmers of the county. October 22, 1858, he married Alice Q. Taylor, and by her became the father of ten children, only eight of whom are living: Charles R., John L., William L., Jesse B., Lawrence R., Margaret V., Mary A. and Zenia R. The wife died March 31, 1875. Mr. Yancey is a Mason and was Worshipful Master of the Blue Lodge for six years, and was District Deputy Grand Master for ten years. He has taken the Royal Select Master's degree and was Noble Grand of the I. O. O. F. He has always taken a great interest in these organizations.

## DUNKLIN COUNTY.

Joseph R. Allgood, sheriff at Kennett, Mo., is a native of Daviess County, Ky., born September 13, 1853, and is the son of A. S. Allgood, also a native of Kentucky. The father grew to manhood in his native State, and there married Miss Matilda Waltrip, also a native of that State. The parents are now living in

Daviess County, Ky., and the father is a farmer by occupation. Their son, Joseph R. Allgood, attained his majority on the farm in Daviess County, and there received a common school education. In 1877 he came to Missouri and located in Dunklin County, in October of that year. He farmed for some time, and then engaged in the grocery business at Clarkton for five years. He then went to Holcomb, and here clerked for some time. He was elected constable there and served two years. March 14, 1880, he married Miss Lena Franklin, a native of Dunklin County, and a daughter of Robert Franklin (deceased). Mrs. Allgood died April 16, 1881, leaving one child, who died at the age of six months. In November, 1886, Mr. Allgood was elected sheriff of Dunklin County, and is at present filling that office in a capable and efficient manner. He is a member of the I. O. O. F. and also a member of the A. O. U. W.

John P. Allen was born near Cairo, Ill., on the 20th of December, 1845. His father, Alexander Allen, was born in Scotland and came to the United States when a lad of fourteen years old. He made his home in Indiana until reaching years of maturity, when he moved to Illinois, and there married Louisa Parker, a native of that State. They were tillers of the soil, at Cairo, Ill., until the father's death. The mother is a resident of Dexter, Mo. After reaching man's estate, John P. Allen began clerking in a store in Cairo, and there laid the foundation for a successful business career in after-life. He came from Cairo to Missouri in 1878, and clerked for several years, and in 1888 began business for himself. The firm carry a large and select stock of hardware and furniture, and are doing a successful business. May 15, 1870, he married Julia A. Martin, a native of Illinois, and daughter of Thomas Martin (deceased). They have five children living: Ida, Watson, Martin, Fred and Stella. Mr. Allen is a member of the Masonic, I. O. O. F. and K. of H. fraternities.

Eli T. Anderson, M. D., physician and surgeon and merchant at Hornersville, Mo., is a native of Lebanon, Ind., where he was born December 20, 1844, being the son of Henry Anderson, also a native of Indiana, where he grew to manhood, and there married Miss Elizabeth Miller, a native of Tennessee. After marriage, and in 1850, they removed to Iowa, locating in Madison County, and there resided until 1854, when the father died and Mrs. Anderson removed to her own people in Claiborne County, Tenn. She now resides at Nobleville, Ind. The Doctor spent his youthful days in Claiborne County, Tenn., and at the age of sixteen, August 9, 1861, he enlisted in the First Tennessee Regiment for three years, under Col. R. K. Byrd. He was discharged at Nashville, in August, 1864, at the end of three years, as a non-commissioned officer. He participated in the battles of Wild Cat and Mill Spring, Ky., Murfreesboro, Chickamauga, where he was taken prisoner and held nine months at Libby prison; was also at Danville and at Andersonville, Ga., where he made his escape, reaching his regiment much reduced in health. He was unfit for duty and went home on a furlough, where he remained until the expiration of his time. The Doctor then returned to Indiana, remained there several years, and then commenced the study of medicine in his native town, under Dr. Bounnell, one of the leading physicians of Lebanon. Dr. Anderson took his first course of lectures in the winter of 1868-69 at Indianapolis (the Medical College of Indiana). He then located at Waynetown, Ind., and there practiced for two years. In the winter of 1871-72 he took a second course of lectures at the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Indianapolis, after which he returned to Waynetown and continued his practice there. During the winter of 1876-77, he returned to the College of Physicians and Surgeons, and graduated from that institution in February, 1877. He then returned to Waynetown, and shortly afterward moved to Missouri, locating at Cotton Plant, Dunklin County, and has practiced in this county since that time. The Doctor located at Hornersville in the summer of 1886, and has been in the drug business since 1884. He put in a general stock of goods after coming to Hornersville, and has had a good trade ever since. In connection with this he practices his profession. The Doctor was first married in 1864 to Miss Julia Lynch, a native of Campbell County, Tenn. After her death the Doctor (April 24, 1888) married his present wife, Mrs. Josie H. Egan, a native of Cincinnati, Ohio, where she was reared and educated. The Doctor is a member of the Methodist Church, and is a member of both the Masonic and Odd Fellows lodges.

Hon. Henry A. Applegate was born in Burlington, N. J., on the 28th of December, 1828. His father, Dr. H. A. Applegate, was born in the same State. He was a graduate of Princeton College, and took a medical course at Phila-

delphia. In 1839 he moved to Tennessee, and located in Obion County, where he purchased land and resided until his death. Hon. Henry A. Applegate resided in Tennessee until he attained man's estate, and received a good education in the common and high schools. He was married in Obion County, in 1854, to Mary E. McMurray, who died in the fall of 1863, leaving one child, Mary E., who is the wife of Monroe Dement. He came to Dunklin County, Mo., in the fall of 1857, where he purchased land and now resides. His family came here a year later. He has a farm of 170 acres with good buildings. In his political views he was formerly an old line Whig, but since the war has affiliated with the Democrat party. In 1865 he was elected to represent Dunklin County in the State Legislature, and at the expiration of that term was re-elected for another term. In the fall of 1870 he was again elected, and represented the county two terms. He has since been attending to his farm. During the war he was captain of an independent company for some time, and was in several engagements. In 1863 he began selling goods in New Madrid, but two years later moved his stock of goods to Dunklin County, and continued the same until 1868. In August, 1867, Mr. Applegate married Mary E. Patton. She died April 2, 1875, and their daughter Florence is now keeping house for her father. He is a member of the Agricultural Wheel.

A. C. Austin was born May 19, 1826, in Henderson County, Tenn., the son of Charles Austin. With a rural experience familiar to most farmer boys, he became a man, and in November, 1846, was married to Miss Margaret Frazier. It was in 1859 that they left Tennessee, located in Dunklin County, Mo., and opened up a farm near where he now resides. Since then he has had a varied experience in hunting, farming, acting as constable, census-taker, and enroller of the school children, so that he is well known, and has, himself, an extensive knowledge of the county. He now owns forty acres of land, thirty-four acres of which are in good cultivation and well-improved. His residence of twenty-eight years in the county decides him in making it his permanent home. In 1874 Mr. Austin was elected assessor. His family of five children are all now married, and live in this county. He tells of a peculiar metal found by him during the war, and of their making bullets of it, the material being somewhat harder than lead. He is well informed on the statistics and general information of the whole region. Mr. Austin was a fond and successful hunter in all the early days of the county, and did space but permit, many interesting anecdotes might be related of the game brought down by his trusty rifle.

Rev. Martin V. Baird was born near Lebanon, Wilson Co., Tenn., June 7, 1837. His parents were Thomas and Mary (Martin) Baird, and they were born in the same State and county as himself. The family came to Missouri in 1860, and located in Dunklin County. After making some improvements on a farm which he bought, the father moved to Clay County, Ark., where he resided until his death, in November, 1876. From thirteen years of age until he attained manhood, Martin V. Baird resided in Gibson County, Tenn. He became a professor of religion, when quite a small boy, and joined the Baptist Church, and, at an early period, began his studies for the ministry. He was licensed to preach in 1864, but did not do any extensive work until 1870. About the close of the war Mr. Baird purchased his father's old farm, and has cleared and made valuable improvements thereon. His farm consists of about 420 acres, with 200 acres under cultivation. He has a good residence and out-buildings, and a large orchard. March 30, 1860, he was married to Ollie B. Hopper, a native of Scott County, Ark. They have two sons, Walter P. and Thomas J. The eldest is a member of the Missionary Baptist Church, and both have completed the elementary course in the Normal School at Cape Girardeau, and are teachers in Dunklin County. The father is a Mason, and a member of the I. O. O. F.

Judge John W. Baker was born in Russellville, Logan Co., Ky., June 20, 1830, and is a son of William C. M. Baker and wife. Mrs. Ann (Rayburn) Dunscomb. The father was born in Virginia, and reared in Logan County, Ky., and from 1831 to 1835 was a resident of Canton, Miss. He was a soldier in the Mexican War, and was killed at the battle of Alamo. John W. Baker was then taken back to Kentucky, and, at the age of ten years, was taken to Memphis, Tenn., where he grew to manhood. He was married in Logan County, Ky., August 18, 1858, to Ann Eliza Jones, and, after residing there one year, moved to Dunklin County, Mo., and there farmed until the breaking out of the war, when he moved to Kentucky, and resided in Logan County two years. After

again residing a short time in Missouri he went to Texas, and, after a two years' residence there, returned to Missouri and purchased his present property. In 1886 he was elected county judge, and has filled the office to the satisfaction of all. July 26, 1883, Mrs. Baker died. She was the mother of the following family of children: Albert J., Edgar, William, Rayburn, Marietta, Samuel H., Charles, Melinda, Belle and Lucy. Mr. Baker was married to his second wife, Julia A. Miller, November 4, 1885. She is a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and he is a Mason, and the owner of 160 acres of land. He was one of the first men in the county to raise a crop of cotton. This occurred in 1862.

Judge T. E. Baldwin, merchant at Kennett, Mo., and one of the prominent men of Dunklin County, came to the county in 1870, and took charge of a mercantile business at Clarkton for a firm at Cape Girardeau. He remained here one year, and was then elected clerk of the common pleas court, and at the expiration of his term of office he was re-elected, and held the office until the court was abolished under the new constitution of 1875. Two years later, Mr. Baldwin was appointed to fill out the unexpired term of the circuit and county clerk, and, at the next general election in 1878, he was chosen to fill that position. In 1882 Mr. Baldwin was elected probate judge, and filled this position four years. After holding this office two years the judge was elected county treasurer, and both terms of office expired in 1886. Previous to the expiration of his term of office, Mr. Baldwin had entered into partnership with W. F. Shelton in the mercantile business. Mr. Baldwin has had an extensive experience in the mercantile business, having, when a young man, entered the service of A. D. Leech, of Cape Girardeau, one of the most successful and extensive merchants of that city, and with whom he remained a number of years, laying the foundation for a successful and useful life. Mr. Baldwin is a native of Missouri, born in Cape Girardeau County, October 23, 1849. The Baldwin family are among the early settlers from Virginia, and settled in Scott County, Mo. Thomas Baldwin, father of the Judge, was but a child when his parents settled in Scott County. He grew to manhood in Scott County, and there married Miss Elizabeth Lobdell, a native of Louisiana. After marriage Mr. Baldwin moved to Cape Girardeau, where he carried on his trade, that of contractor and builder, until his death in 1859. His wife died the same year. Judge Baldwin was married in Clarkton, Dunklin County, in 1872, to Miss Mary Pankey, daughter of Col. D. Y. Pankey, now of Kennett. Mrs. Baldwin is a native of Virginia, but was reared and educated in Dunklin County. To the Judge and his wife were born four children: Sallie, Edward, Ernst and Paul. Judge Baldwin is a member of both the Masonic and Odd Fellow lodges, and he and his wife are members of the Presbyterian Church. He takes a great interest in educational matters, and since coming to Kennett has worked hard for the advancement and building up of the schools of the county.

Neil S. Barham was born in Perry County, Tenn., January 23, 1851, and is a son of Hon. Hartwell and Nancy (Coble) Barham, who were born, respectively, in North Carolina and Tennessee. The family moved to Missouri in 1867, locating in Dunklin County, where two years later both parents died. The father was a well-known and prominent citizen, and represented his county two terms in the Tennessee State Legislature. Neil S. Barham was educated in the common schools, and after coming to Missouri, clerked in Clarkton for a number of months. In 1877 he began keeping drugs in Clarkton, but, at the end of two years, closed out his stock and began keeping groceries, and after a time put in a general stock of merchandise, and continued this business until the spring of 1884, when he made a short trip to Florida. He returned to Clarkton, and in March, 1886, located in Malden, where he engaged in the livery business. In December, 1887, he sold out, and in the spring of that year moved to Clarkton. At the end of six months he returned to Malden, and here has since resided. He is the owner of a good farm of 1,000 acres. On June 10, 1886, he and Katie Spence were married. She was born in Alabama, and educated and reared in Arkansas. Mr. and Mrs. Barham are the parents of one child, Ira W. Mr. Barham is a Democrat and a member of the A. O. U. W. His wife is a member of the Methodist Church.

Walter S. Blakemore, farmer and stock dealer, was born in Henry County, Tenn., on the 12th of January, 1854. He is a son of William S. and Isabella (Williams) Blakemore, who were also Tennesseans. The former was a farmer, and sheriff of Henry County several times. He died in 1881, and his wife about

1858. Walter S. grew to manhood in Henry County, and his boyhood days were spent on the farm. He came to Missouri in 1875, and located in Dunklin County, where he worked as a farm hand the first year. June 13, 1877, he married Ada Taylor, daughter of Hon. John P. Taylor, whose sketch appears in this work. Mrs. Blakemore was born and reared in Dunklin County, and was educated at the Paris Female Seminary, in Henry County, Tenn. After his marriage Mr. Blakemore began farming with his father-in-law, and rents out his own place, which consists of eighty acres. From 1883 to 1885 they resided in Tennessee, making the change on account of Mrs. Blakemore's health. They returned to Missouri at the latter date. Mr. Blakemore is quite an extensive farmer and stock dealer, and has been quite successful in his business enterprises. He and wife are the parents of two children, Elizabeth Elenor and a boy baby, John Burchet. Three children died in infancy. Mrs. Blakemore is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

John H. Bledsoe, constable and deputy sheriff of Dunklin County, Mo., is a Tennessean, and was born June 23, 1845. His parents, Balor and Sarah (Linder) Bledsoe, were born in Kentucky and Tennessee, respectively, and were married in the latter State. He was a farmer by occupation, and died in 1860. His widow is still living. John H. Bledsoe was reared on his father's farm. In 1870 he went to Johnson County, Tex., where he engaged in farming. He also held several official positions, and, after residing there a number of years, located in Dunklin County, in Malden, in 1880. He was elected to his present position in 1884, and is filling the duties of his office to the satisfaction of all. He was appointed marshal in 1885, but resigned the office in 1888. He was married in Tennessee, in 1868, to Mary Jane Carlock, a native Tennessean, and their union has resulted in the birth of six children: Balor, Mary, Sallie, Lakin, Walter and Elmer. Mr. Bledsoe owns a fine farm of 206 acres, with 140 acres under cultivation. He belongs to the Masonic and I. O. O. F. fraternities, and is Master of his lodge in the former order. His wife is a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

William G. Bragg, circuit clerk and merchant, was born in Knox County, Tenn., September 21, 1852, and is a son of Capt. William G. Bragg, a native of Kentucky, where he was reared and educated, and where he married Miss Francis Tully, also a native of Kentucky. They moved to Missouri about 1827, settled in Knox County, where he engaged in merchandising until 1865, when he removed to Dunklin County, locating in Kennett, and there died in 1888. He was a Republican, politically, and served as circuit clerk for several years, and also served as deputy for some years. He then followed merchandising the remainder of his life. In 1862, while in Knox County, he formed a company and was elected captain, but was not commissioned. William G. Bragg, Jr., moved with his parents to this county, and received a common school education. He began clerking when quite young, and after reaching years of discretion engaged in business for himself, under the firm title of Tatun & Bragg. In May, 1877, he married Miss Kittie Chapman, who bore him nine daughters and three sons. All lived to mature years, but three daughters are now deceased. In 1878 he was elected to the position of clerk, and in 1882 was re-elected to the same position, serving six years. When elected clerk he sold out his mercantile business, but afterward engaged in the same business under the firm title of White & Co. For the past three years Mr. Bragg has owned a fine farm, one and one-half miles south of Kennett, and this he carries on in connection with his mercantile business. Mrs. Bragg was born in Kentucky, is the daughter of Turner Chapman, and a member of the Christian Church. Mr. Bragg is a member of the Kennett Masonic Lodge, and a member of the Presbyterian Church.

Ambrose D. Bridges, farmer and merchant of Union Township, Mo., is a native of Mercer County, Ky., born near Frankfort January 10, 1823, and is the son of William Bridges, a native of Kentucky, who married Miss Nancy Davis, also a native of Kentucky. The father was a farmer and mechanic by occupation, and resided in his native State a great many years. He moved to Missouri in 1844, and settled in what is now Dunklin County, where he died in 1854. A. D. Bridges came to Dunklin County, Mo., with his parents, when a young man of twenty-one, and here married Miss Charlotta Russell, a native of Kentucky. Her father, Jacob Russell, was one of the early settlers. After marriage Mr. and Mrs. Bridges located on the land where they are now living.



They have about 1,500 acres, 700 being cleared, and have good buildings on the same. He first settled in the woods when game was plenty, and many a fat deer or bear has he brought down from his door. He can relate many interesting anecdotes connected with the early history of the county. His family consisted of eleven children, all of whom lived to be grown: Elizabeth (deceased), Minerva W. (wife of Newton Thompson), William (whose sketch follows this), John H. (a merchant at Campbell), W. J. (who died in childhood), Margaret P. (wife of J. F. Laswell), Marion D., Eliza D. (wife of L. Taylor), Sadie Ann (wife of Frank Bristol), Louisiana and Josephine. Mr. Bridges engaged in the saw mill business in about 1861, and followed this business until May, 1888. He also engaged in the mercantile business as silent partner with his son-in-law and sons, and is a member of the firm of Bridges & Sons. He is a Mason of thirty years membership, and Mrs. Bridges is a member of the Baptist Church.

William Bridges, farmer, merchant, and who is also a raiser and dealer in mules, at Campbell, is a native of Dunklin County, Mo., born March 28, 1850, and is the son of A. D. Bridges, a native of Kentucky, who, when a young man, came to Missouri, locating in Dunklin County, and there married Miss Lottie Russell, also a native of Kentucky. Their son, William Bridges, was reared in this county, and spent his early youth upon the farm. In 1871 he engaged in the mercantile business at Four Mile, and also purchased a cotton gin. After remaining here for several years he moved his stock to Malden, and here continued the same business up to January, 1888. During his stay at Malden Mr. Bridges started a store at Campbell, which business he still continues. He carries a large and complete stock of general merchandise, and has also been engaged in carrying on a cotton gin at Campbell, and is extensively engaged in the stock business, buying and selling mules, also handling a great many cattle. He has about 2,600 acres of land, 1,400 acres under cultivation, a part of which is rented out. He is a thorough-going business man, and has been quite successful in all enterprises. August 17, 1871, he married Miss Martha J. Taylor, daughter of L. J. Taylor (deceased), and a native of Dunklin County, Mo., where she attained her growth. To their marriage were born two children, John L. and Effie E. Mr. Bridges is a member of the Masonic lodge, and is a Master Mason.

Cicero C. Capshaw was born in De Kalb County, Ala., on the 20th of April, 1854. His parents, B. W. and Margaret (Lawson) Capshaw, were born in Alabama and South Carolina, respectively. They removed from Alabama to Illinois in 1864, and located in Gallatin County, where they resided until 1872, and in November of that year moved to Missouri, and became a resident of Dunklin County. He died on the farm now owned by Cicero C. in 1879. The latter remained with his father until twenty-two years of age, and then worked in the neighborhood for some time. After the death of his father the farm was sold, and he purchased it. It consists of eighty acres of land, with sixty acres under cultivation. On February 2, 1881, Mr. Capshaw married Callie, daughter of Rev. M. J. Whittaker. She was born and reared in Dunklin County, and is the mother of three children: Olive, Jay and Joseph H. Mr. Capshaw is identified with the Democratic party, and was elected justice of the peace of Freeborn Township in the fall of 1886. Mrs. Capshaw is a member of the Baptist Church.

Reuben S. Chapman, son of Solomon and Feriba (Ferguson) Chapman, was born in the town of Montgomery, Ala., February 3, 1840. The parents were natives of South Carolina and Georgia, respectively, and were married in the last named State. In 1836 they removed to Alabama, but three years later they removed from there to Kentucky, locating where the town of Hickman is now situated. Here the father died, in 1842. Their son, Reuben S., attained his growth in Hickman, and in 1861 enlisted in the Confederate service under Gen. Forrest, in the Twenty-first Tennessee Cavalry Regiment. He surrendered at Gainesville, Ala., in 1865. He participated in the battle of Murfreesboro, Tenn., and Teshamingo Creek, Mississippi, and his regiment made five or six raids through Middle Tennessee, and were under fire fifty-seven days in one year. He followed Forrest through the war, and after the surrender he returned to Hickman, Ky., where he followed contracting and building for some time. In 1872 he removed to Missouri, and located in Dunklin County, at Cotton Plant, and has been with his father ever since. In 1885 he took charge of his father's affairs, and has conducted the business since, to which he gives his whole time and attention. He was elected justice of the peace, and served a part of one term, when

he resigned. He was married, at Cotton Plant, December 24, 1876, to Miss Ellen Parker, a native of Dunklin County, and a daughter of Elijah Parker. Two children were born to this marriage: Elbert and Alvin, aged, respectively, eight and six years.

John B. Cook, farmer and stock raiser, near Senath, Mo., was born in Maury County, Tenn., in 1852. His parents came to Missouri in 1859, and located in Salem Township, Dunklin County, where the father of J. B. Cook engaged in farming. Mr. Cook, the subject of this sketch, was married in January, 1874, to Miss Luretta, daughter of David Rice, and at once settled on the farm he now owns, and upon which he lives. This consists of forty acres, under good fence, in excellent cultivation, with good buildings, orchard and other improvements. He also has 160 acres of timber land. This is all the fruit of J. B. and Luretta Cook's independent labor, and they have made property now worth about \$4,000. Since 1881 Mr. Cook has served as one of the school directors of his community. Mr. and Mrs. Cook have two children (one girl and a boy): Rosetta A. Cook (born in 1876) and Columbus C. Cook (born in 1879).

Daniel R. Cox, attorney at law and real estate agent, at Malden, Mo., is a native of Marshall County, Tenn., born August 7, 1852, and is a son of Moses and Sarah R. (McWherter) Cox, who were born in North Carolina and Tennessee, respectively. The father was a farmer and stock trader, and was killed at Gainesville, Greene Co., Ark., in 1867. The mother died in 1860. Daniel R. Cox was reared on a farm in Arkansas, and received a good education in the schools of Little Rock, Ark., and the common schools of the country. He became a resident of Dunklin County, Mo., in January, 1868. He was appointed deputy sheriff and collector of the county in 1872, and held that position four years. He was a disciple of Blackstone during this time, and was admitted to the bar, and shortly after went to Texas, where he was afterward appointed deputy sheriff and collector of Johnson County. He served two years. He returned to Missouri in 1879, and began working for Levi & Co., remaining with them six years. He has a good farm, and gives considerable of his attention to stock raising. In 1887 he engaged in the real estate business with Phillips & Haynes, and is doing well financially. He was married, in Arkansas, September 24, 1874, to Fannie L. Sarver, a native of Tennessee. They have a family of six children: Robert A., Mattie M., George Leslie, Jesse, Ollie and Inez. Mrs. Cox is a member of the Methodist Church, and Mr. Cox is a Mason, and belongs to the I. O. O. F.

William J. Davis, of the firm of Davis & Smyth, is a native of Lawrence County, Tenn., born February 3, 1854, and is the son of John S. Davis, a native of Lawrence County, Tenn., born October 29, 1832, who grew to manhood in his native county, and there married Miss Jane F. Chidress, a native of the same State and county. After marriage Mr. and Mrs. Davis moved to Arkansas, locating in Mississippi County of that State, in 1866, and there remained for two years, and then Mr. Davis removed to Dunklin County, Mo., about 1868. He lost his wife while living in Arkansas, but he is now living and residing in this county. His son, William J. Davis, attained his majority in this county, received a good education in the public schools of Dunklin County, and in Bond County, Ill. He then began clerking at Hornersville, where he remained for about eight years. He was elected county assessor in the fall of 1880, and, at the expiration of two years, was re-elected and served four years. During this time he also carried on farming. December 22, 1881, he married Miss Mary F. Smyth, a native of Dunklin County, and the daughter of J. A. Smyth (deceased). They lost their son Frederick A., who died September 12, 1887, at the age of five years. They also lost two infants. In the spring of 1886 Mr. Davis engaged in merchandising at Hornersville, Mo., and has since continued the business at this place. The present firm was established in the fall of 1886, and a new business house was built in 1888. They have a large, neat store and carry a general stock of merchandise. Mr. Davis was appointed postmaster, first in 1878, and was appointed again in 1886. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., has been through the chairs of this body, is Deputy at the present, and has represented his lodge in the Grand Lodge of Missouri for two terms. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and Mrs. Davis is a member of the Baptist Church.

William Jefferson Davis, merchant at Malden, Mo., was born in Obion County, Tenn., August 10, 1862, and is a son of Thomas H. and Minerva J. (Jones) Davis, both of whom were born in Tennessee. They located in Dunklin

County, Mo., in 1864, and here the father died the following year. William J. Davis received a common school education, and in 1879 engaged in clerking, and in 1881 began clerking in Malden for Mr. Bridges. Four years later he became a partner in the business, and, in January, 1888, bought out Mr. Bridges, and the firm is now known as Davis & Bailey. This firm has four rooms, carry a large stock of general merchandise, and do an extensive and profitable business. August 24, 1887, he married Cora V. Wilkins, a native of Mississippi. She was educated in Jackson, Tenn. Mr. Davis is a Mason, and is one of the enterprising and successful business men of Dunklin County.

Isam F. Donaldson, merchant at Kennett, Mo., is a native of Tennessee, born in Gibson County, August 31, 1847, and is the son of Judge and Judith (Davis) Donaldson. The father was reared in Wilson County, Tenn., and was married in 1826. His wife was also a native of Wilson County, Tenn., and after their marriage they resided in Wilson County, until 1855, when they moved to Missouri and settled in Dunklin County. Here he died in 1882, and his widow in 1888. Mr. Donaldson served as one of the county judges one or two terms, and was a much respected citizen. Isam F. Donaldson grew to manhood in Dunklin County, and the principal part of his education was received at home, and since coming to years of maturity. He then engaged in farming with his father until thirty years of age, when he was elected constable, and served in that capacity two terms. In 1878 he clerked in a store at Malden, when that town was started, and there remained until the spring of 1882. In April, 1885, he married Miss Penola Rayburn, a native of Dunklin County, where she was reared and educated, and the daughter of W. C. Rayburn. To this union were born two children: Thomas H. and Mabel. Mr. Donaldson is a Democrat in his political views, and was elected to the office of sheriff and collector of Dunklin County, in the fall of 1882. At the expiration of his term he was re-elected, and filled that position for four years. In 1887 the mercantile house in which he does business was erected. He carries a good and complete stock of dry goods, clothing, etc., and has built up a good trade. Mr. Donaldson is a member of the I. O. O. F. lodge at Kennett, and Mrs. Donaldson is a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

Asa B. Douglass is a son of Asa B. and Fannie M. (Barksdale) Douglass, and was born in Wilson County, Tenn., July 26, 1834. The father was a native of South Carolina, and became a resident of Missouri in 1856. In 1863 he moved to Texas, and there died in 1864. His wife died in Dunklin, Mo., in 1861. His son, Asa B. Douglass, grew to manhood in Tennessee. He received an excellent education in the higher English branches, mathematics and surveying, and taught one term of school in Dunklin County. He clerked in Clarkton after coming to Missouri, and about the breaking out of the war purchased his present farm of 120 acres. He has a fine apple and peach orchard, and his financial prospects are good. He was married June 15, 1859, to Mary H. Marshall, and by her is the father of eleven children: Fannie (Westfall), Ella (Gwin), Benjamin H., John A., Walter E., Rosa Lee, Kittie Pearl, Asa B., Earl H., Norwell A. and Harry M. One daughter, Mary D., was the wife of W. Y. Taylor, and is dead. Mr. and Mrs. Douglass are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and he is a Democrat in his political views. In 1884 he was elected county surveyor, and is still holding that position.

Rev. Robert H. Douglass was born in Montgomery County, Tenn., February 7, 1839. His father, A. T. Douglass, was a native Virginian, in which State he grew to manhood. He went to Kentucky when a young man, and in that State married Miss Elizabeth Mott, a native of Kentucky. He then located in Tennessee, where he resided for about two years, and then removed to Kentucky, and after residing there ten years returned to Tennessee. In 1850 he moved to Missouri, arriving in Dunklin County November 25 of the same year. He entered land in what is now Clay Township, near where his son, Rev. Douglass, now resides, and there reared his family, three of whom have sketches in this history. Mr. Douglass died in 1876. Rev. Robert H. Douglass was but ten years of age when he came to Missouri with his parents. He received a common education, and finished his growth in Dunklin County. He is mainly self-educated, having spent considerable time in study since he attained his growth. In 1861 he enlisted in the Second Missouri Cavalry (Confederate States army), under Col. Robert McCullough, until the close of the war. However, after his term had expired, he enlisted in the Second Missouri Cavalry in Col. Kitchen's regiment, and participated in a number of engagements,



the most important being Corinth and Price's raid through Missouri and Arkansas. At the close of the war Mr. Douglass was paroled, with his regiment, at Wittsburg, Ark. He then returned to his home in Dunklin County, and has ever since been engaged in agricultural pursuits, which he at present continues in connection with ministerial duties. Previous to the war, in 1858, Mr. Douglass married Miss Rebecca J. Wagster, a native of Obion County, Tenn. Three children were born to this union. Two died in infancy, and Thomas J. Douglass, merchant at Nisbet, is living [see sketch elsewhere]. Mr. Douglass married his present wife, Mrs. Mary E. Richardson, in New Madrid County, in August, 1866. She is the daughter of Rudolphus Lamb, one of the early settlers of Madrid County. Two children were born to the last marriage: Robert S. and Mary E. Mr. Douglass located on his present farm in 1870. He was ordained a minister in the Missionary Baptist Church in September, 1881, since which time he has devoted most of his time to the ministry. He has had charge of from one to three churches constantly since that time. Mr. Douglass is a Royal Arch Mason, and has served as High Priest of his chapter, and in other official positions. He is a man who has many friends, and is universally respected.

Judge James M. Douglass, farmer and stock raiser, is the son of A. T. and Elizabeth Douglass, and was born October 27, 1847, in Fulton County, Ky. He came to Missouri at three years of age, and on reaching manhood was married on Christmas day, 1881, to Miss Belle, a daughter of lawyer W. G. Phelan, of Stoddard County, Mo. Mr. Douglass has been largely devoted to farming and stockraising, and has now a fine and extensive estate of 600 acres of good land, with 125 acres under excellent cultivation, and in connection with which he runs a cotton-gin. Besides his busy life in this direction Judge Douglass has an extensive record in public life, in spite of the fact that his early educational advantages were limited to the common school. He was a teacher for some time. In 1877 he was elected to serve an unfinished term as assessor, and was afterward elected by a large majority to the same office. He served, too, as census-taker of his township, and was defeated for the office of county clerk in 1882. In 1884 he was elected district judge, and served with so great satisfaction that two years later he was complimented by having no opposition candidate and was, of course, unanimously elected.

A. W. Douglass, a prosperous farmer of Dunklin County, Mo., is a son of A. T. Douglass, who was born in Virginia, and became an early resident of Kentucky. He came to Missouri in 1849, and here died in 1876. A. W. Douglass was united in marriage in 1874 to Miss Senath Hale, a daughter of T. DeWitt Hale, and became the father of four children, aged respectively thirteen, twelve, nine and seven years. Mr. Douglas is the owner of 160 acres of fertile and well cultivated land. He has good buildings on his premises, and has almost three acres of land in orchard. Besides his home place he has eighty acres of land about four miles from his residence. He is the present justice of the peace of Salem Township, and has held the office for seven years, to the satisfaction of all concerned. He is a highly respected citizen and a prosperous farmer.

Thomas J. Douglass, merchant and notary public, Neshit, Mo., and the son of Rev. R. H. and Rebecca J. (Wagster) Douglass [see sketch elsewhere], was born in Dunklin County, Mo., July 17, 1859. He was reared in his native county, received a good education in the public schools and at the State Normal at Cape Girardeau, where he spent a part of three years, and has taught a part of seven years in Dunklin County. He commenced teaching at the age of seventeen, and continued this in order to have the means to attend school. In March, 1880, he accepted a position as clerk for W. V. Leech, at Cape Girardeau, where he remained for about four months, and then clerked for Satterfield, of this county. In September, 1886, he formed the present partnership. He was married in Dunklin County, December 17, 1885, to Miss Hattie A. Argo, a native of Tennessee, and the daughter of Joseph Argo (deceased), who was formerly of Tennessee. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Douglass, a daughter named Blanche H., who died at the age of five months, and Hulda E., who is now nine months old. Mr. Douglass was appointed notary public in 1882, and re-appointed in February, 1886. He is a member of the Missionary Baptist Church, is a member of the Cotton Plant Odd Fellows lodge and is Noble Grand of his order.

Jefferson N. Duckett, blacksmith and wagon-maker at Campbell, Mo., is a native of South Carolina, born April 15, 1850, and is the son of Elijah and Sarah Ann Duckett, both natives of South Carolina. They emigrated from

their native State to Georgia, where they resided four years, and then, in 1855, they moved to Alabama, and from there to Mississippi, in 1869. Three years later they moved to Dunklin County, and from there to Arkansas, where they now reside. Jefferson N. Duckett was reared principally in Alabama, where he learned the wagon-maker's trade. He partly learned the blacksmith trade in Mississippi and finished in Dunklin County, where he settled in December, 1872, put up a shop and began blacksmithing and wagon repairing. June 26, 1873, he married Miss Susan E. McCown, a native of Mississippi. Four children were born to this union: Tennie D., Effie, Zula and Lawrence. In February, 1883, Mr. Duckett built the shop where he has since carried on his business. He builds some wagons, but does repair work principally, and hires from one to two men. He is a member of the Masonic and Odd Fellow lodges, and is a member of the Baptist Church. Mrs. Duckett is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

George T. Edwards, farmer, of Union Township, was born in what is now Craighead County, Ark., July 2, 1847, and is the son of Reuben and Mary (Lane) Edwards, both natives of Tennessee, where they were married. They then resided in West Tennessee, Middle Tennessee, and afterward moved to Illinois, thence to Arkansas, where the father died, the mother coming finally to Missouri and settling in Dunklin County, about 1855. She purchased a claim and entered the land where G. T. now resides. Mrs. Mary Edwards died in 1876. George T. Edwards attained his growth on this farm, and January 14, 1866, he married Miss Nancy Moren, a native of Dunklin County. She died in her native county in 1875, and left two children: James W. and Mary L. Mr. Edwards took for his second wife, Miss Isabella Ann Davis, also a native of Dunklin County. She died in August, 1885, leaving three children, Joseph T., Bertha A. and Leechey F. May 20, 1886, Mr. Edwards took for his third wife, Mrs. Mary Jane Crawford, a native of Alabama. To this union was born one child, a daughter, America E. Mr. Edwards has lived on the home place the principal part of his life, and to the original eighty acres he has added 120 acres. He has about seventy acres under cultivation. He has been a member of the school board a number of years, is a member of the Wheel, a member of the I. O. O. F. and he and wife are members of the General Baptist Church.

Hon. Thomas R. R. Ely. Among the young men of Dunklin County who have worked their way to the front, and to a position of honor and prominence, is the subject of this sketch. Mr. Ely was born in Atchison County, Mo., January 19, 1859, and is the son of Thomas S. Ely, who was one of the early settlers of Atchison County, coming here in 1840, from Virginia, entering land and remaining here until his death. Hon. Thomas R. R. Ely grew to manhood in his native county, and attended the common schools of the neighborhood. When grown he attended the Westminster College, where he nearly completed the course, and was in the junior year, but was obliged to quit on account of limited means. He next entered the law department of the State University at Columbia, and he graduated from that institution March 31, 1881. In the spring of the same year Mr. Ely came to Dunklin County, and located at Kennett, where he began the practice of his profession. He is Democratic in his political views and has always adhered to the principles of that party. In the fall of 1882, he made the race for prosecuting attorney, of Dunklin County, and was elected to that position. At the expiration of his term, he was again elected and filled that position for four consecutive years. In the fall of 1886 Mr. Ely was elected to represent Dunklin County in the Legislature, and has filled this honorable position with distinction. He is to-day one of the leading men of his party in Dunklin County, and is held in high esteem and confidence by the people of this county. July 20, 1887, he married Miss Lulia Page, a native of Texas, in which State she was reared and educated. Mr. Ely is a member of the I. O. O. F. at Kennett.

R. Millington Finney, attorney at Kennett, is a native of Johnson County, Ill., born December 27, 1855, his father being J. M. Finney, who was born, reared and married in Illinois. Here he resided until his death, following the occupation of a farmer all his life. He held several official positions, and was quite a prominent man in his county. He was sheriff of his county two terms, was also superintendent of county schools, and followed the occupation of a teacher for a short time. He died March 8, 1866. His wife, Mary A. (Smith) Finney, was also a native of Illinois, and is living at the present time. Their son, R. Millington Finney, grew to manhood in Illinois, and received a good

education at Southern Illinois Normal School, where he lacked but a few months of completing the course. He had commenced teaching school at the age of seventeen, and after leaving the Normal he resumed teaching, and followed this occupation for five years in Illinois. After coming to Missouri, he taught two years in Dunklin County. He came to this county in the spring of 1881, and while teaching commenced reading law, being admitted to the bar in November, 1883. He then commenced the practice of his profession, and has met with good success. In the spring of 1882, he was elected school commissioner, and re-elected in the spring of 1884, holding the position two terms. In the fall of the last named year he was elected public administrator. In September, 1884, Mr. Finney married Miss Maggie Fletcher, a native of Tennessee, but who was reared and educated in Dunklin County, and who is a daughter of Isaac Fletcher (deceased). To Mr. and Mrs. Finney were born two children, James M. and Nola N. Mr. Finney is a good attorney, a good business man and is a clever gentleman. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., being secretary of the same at the present time, and Mrs. Finney is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Winfield Scott Gardner, merchant at Malden, Mo., was born in Fayette County, Ala., August 2, 1856. The father, J. Q. A. Gardner, was born at Selma, Ala., and there married Mariah E. Bobo, a native of South Carolina, and of French parentage. The Gardner family moved to Illinois in 1863, and located at Anna, where they resided about seven years. In February, 1876, they moved to Missouri, and have since resided in Dunklin County, on a farm. Winfield Scott Gardner received a good education previous to his coming to Missouri. He taught school for some time in Dunklin County, and afterward attended the State Normal School at Cape Girardeau. After teaching again for some time he took a commercial course in the business college, at Keokuk, Iowa. After completing his course he accepted a position as bookkeeper and salesman with the firm of Bridges & Co., remaining with them for eight years. During this time he received a thorough business training, and became conversant with the technicalities of the mercantile business. In March, 1886, he engaged in the business himself, the firm being known as Gregory & Gardner. They carry an excellent stock of goods, and are doing well financially. November 7, 1890, Mr. Gardner married Anna P. Owen, a native of Missouri, and daughter of Dr. R. P. Owen (deceased). She died December 18, 1884, leaving one child, a son, Lyman S. Mr. Gardner is a member of the I. O. O. F., and in his political views is a Republican. He has held several political positions, and has given good satisfaction in the discharge of his duties.

John A. Goodrich was born in the Old North State, and at an early day immigrated to Tennessee, and took up his abode in Newbern, Dyer County. In December, 1865, he was married in that State to Miss Frances Skipper, a daughter of Arthur Skipper, of Gibson County, Tenn. She was born July 11, 1847, and is the mother of six living children. Mr. Goodrich's early educational advantages were quite limited, but he is a man well versed on the general topics of the day. He has 640 acres of good land, 200 acres of which are under cultivation, and four acres in orchard. The farm is in a healthy locality, and there has not been a doctor in his house for eight years. He is forty-eight years of age, and has been a resident of Dunklin County for about sixteen years.

William N. Gum was born June 2, 1822, and is a son of William and Melinda (Nugent) Gum, all of whom were born in Rutherford County, Tenn. The father was a brick-mason, and his son, William N., learned the trade of him and worked at it in Nashville. He was also a stone-mason, and cut some of the stone that was used in the Tennessee State House. He moved to Gibson County, Tenn., in 1852, and after residing for some time in both Weakley and Obion Counties, came to Missouri in 1869, and located on his present farm of 240 acres. He also has a fine farm of 154 acres on Horse Island. Besides this he has land in smaller tracts. He has always been very fond of hunting, and previous to the war his farm was left to the negroes' care, and a great deal of his time was given to hunting. He has killed about 1,000 deer, and some bears, and panthers. January 3, 1847, Mr. Gum was married to Margaret Ward, a daughter of Benjamin Ward (deceased). They have four children: Frances (Folly), Lucy (Thornburg), John A. and James A. Mr. and Mrs. Gum are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church South.

Thomas F. Ham, another successful farmer of Clay Township, Dunklin Co., Mo., was born in Dyer County, Tenn., September 25, 1838, and is the son of

T. H. Ham, a native of North Carolina, who was reared there until seventeen years of age, when he moved to Western Tennessee, and was one of the early settlers of that part of the State. While there he married Miss Frances Branch, also a native of North Carolina, and the daughter of John Branch. The grandfather of Thomas F. (John Branch) was government surveyor, and surveyed four counties in Western Tennessee. After marriage the father resided in Dyer County until 1840, and then moved to Missouri, located in what is now Pemiscot County, and purchased land in Missouri and Arkansas. He resided in the first named State for four years, and then moved to Arkansas, where he died in 1858. His son, Thomas F. Ham, was married in Dunklin County, Mo., January 4, 1863, to Miss Mary Ann Amelia Harkey, a native of Georgia, but who was reared in Dunklin County, and who is a daughter of S. J. Harkey, one of the early pioneers of Dunklin County, who is now residing in Salem Township. To Mr. and Mrs. Ham were born eleven children: Thomas H., Frances Elizabeth (both of whom are married), Lewis, Jones Mc., Mary L., John W., Maggie Belle, Sarah L., Clara A., Gracie P. and Allie Hugh (who is an infant). Mr. Ham remained at home until the breaking out of the late war, when he enlisted in the First Missouri Infantry (regular Confederate troops, under Col. Bowen), and participated in a number of engagements. He was in the battle of Shiloh, and was in that engagement two days. He was taken sick in December, 1861, and came home on a furlough, where he remained for a short time, and then returned to his regiment, remaining with the same until after the battle of Shiloh. He was afterward in active service in Price's raid through Missouri and Arkansas. After the close of the war, Mr. Ham returned home and located in Dunklin County, where he has since remained, with the exception of three years that he spent in Wayne County. Mr. Ham has 125 acres of fine land, all under cultivation. He was justice of his township one term, and his wife and all of the children who have arrived at years of maturity are members of the Methodist Church.

Wilburn D. Harkey, farmer, of Clay Township, and the son of Daniel and Mary A. (Bangston) Harkey, was born in Pike County, Ga., March 20, 1837. The father was a native of North Carolina, was reared there, and, after his marriage, which occurred in Georgia, he moved to that State, and there resided until 1849, when he moved to Mississippi. Here he only remained two years, and then moved to Missouri, settling in Dunklin County, entered land, and here remained until his death. Wilburn D. came to Missouri with his parents when a lad of fourteen. He was reared in Dunklin County, and assisted his father on the farm until twenty-one years of age. He was married in the spring of 1858 to Miss Margaret McEachern, a native of Georgia, but who was reared principally in Mississippi, and who is the daughter of John McEachern (deceased). After marriage he located in the neighborhood of where he now resides, cleared land and made a home. He came to his present farm in 1867. This consists of sixty acres under cultivation, a good two-story residence, good barn and out-buildings, and fine young orchard. In 1862 Mr. Harkey enlisted in the Confederate service, Second Missouri Cavalry, under Col. McCullough. He enlisted for twelve months, and, after the expiration of that time, he went into Col. Kitchen's regiment, where he remained until the close of the war, surrendering at Wittsburg, Ark. He was in the battles of Corinth and Iuka, and was also in a great many skirmishes. After the war he returned home, and has followed farming ever since. To Mr. and Mrs. Harkey were born six children, who are named as follows: Wilburn O., A. Jasper, William L., Edward L., Thomas F. and Bascom S., all sons. The eldest son is married, and resides in the neighborhood. Mr. Harkey is a Master Mason, and he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church South.

Dr. Van H. Harrison, physician, surgeon and druggist, of Clarkton, Mo., was born in Sumner County, Tenn., July 22, 1835, and is a son of Dr. Jesse and Margaret (Hulsey) Harrison, natives, respectively, of Virginia and South Carolina. They located in Sumner County, Tenn., at an early day, and here the father practiced his profession until 1844, when he moved to Obion County, the same State, where he resided until his death. Van H. Harrison grew to manhood in Obion County, and was educated in the Troy High School. He began studying medicine under his father at an early day, and took his first course of lectures at Memphis Medical College, during the winters of 1854 and 1855. From 1855 until 1857 he practiced his profession in New Madrid County, and then went to Union City, where he remained until 1859. He then returned to New

Madrid County, and, in 1861, received the appointment of assistant surgeon in the First Missouri State Guards. At the end of six months he was examined and commissioned surgeon for the Confederate service, but, his health being very poor at this time, he resigned in 1862, and took up his residence in Clarkton. In 1868 and 1869 he attended the Missouri Medical College, at St. Louis, and at the latter date was graduated from that institution. He engaged in the drug business in 1867, and has carried a stock of drugs almost continuously up to the present time. In 1862 he married Roxanna Stokes, and by her became the father of nine children: Emma Lee (James), Arthur S. (who is practicing medicine with his father), Oscar S., Paschal C., Robert E., Van H., Agnes W., Zalma B. and Ernest F. The Doctor and his wife are members of the Presbyterian Church, and he is a Royal Arch Mason.

Charles P. Hawkins, attorney at Kennett, Mo., is a native of Fulton County, Ky., born February 15, 1860, and is the son of Dr. James M. Hawkins, a native of Tennessee, where he was reared and educated. He went to Kentucky, and there married Miss Matilda Harris, a native of Kentucky. He is a brother of Gov. Hawkins of Tennessee, and is a minister in the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is also a physician, and now resides in Fulton County, Ky., where he is a man of prominence and wealth. Charles P. Hawkins attained his growth in Fulton County, Ky., and was educated in McKenzie College, Tenn. After finishing at that college he began reading law in Fulton County, and in 1879 came to Missouri and located in New Madrid County, where he continued reading law with his brother, and was admitted to the New Madrid County bar in 1880. He then began practicing in New Madrid, and there continued until the fall of 1882, when he moved to Malden. In April, 1884, at Clarkton, he married Miss Augusta Waltrip, a native of Dunklin County, where she was reared and educated, and the daughter of Judge James W. Waltrip, of Clarkton. After marriage Mr. Hawkins remained at Clarkton until after his election as attorney, in the fall of 1886. He then moved to Kennett, and has since resided there. To his marriage were born two children, Lucy and James P. Mr. Hawkins is a member of both the Masonic and Odd Fellow lodges, and his wife is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

Capt. Daniel Haynes, notary public and real-estate agent, is a native of Wayne County, Ill., where he was born June 3, 1848. Asa Haynes, his father, a native of Tennessee, came to Illinois as a young man, and was married to Miss Nancy Turney, a native of Bowling Green, Ky. They led a life of agricultural pursuits there until the father's death, and since then the mother has made her home with the subject of this sketch. Capt. Haynes had little more than the usual farmer boy's educational advantages, except in a short course at Lebanon College. In April, 1861, he enlisted in Company G, Eighteenth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, as a private, and was soon promoted to corporal, then to sergeant and second lieutenant, and in June, 1862, for meritorious services at Fort Donelson and Pittsburg Landing, he was promoted to captain of his company. Among the notable engagements in which he served are Fort Donelson, Pittsburg Landing, second battle of Shiloh, Iuka, the siege of Vicksburg, Little Rock and Mount Elba. He was wounded twice, and in 1864 was mustered out at Springfield. He then returned to his farm, but was soon elected to the office of sheriff, and two years later served a couple of years as deputy. Then for one session of the State Legislature he served as postmaster of the House of Representatives. In 1870 he located in Stoddard County, engaging in farming until 1876, when he located in Dunklin County, and became a sub-contractor on the Little River Valley & Arkansas Railway. From 1877 to 1881 he was a member of the firm of Spiller, Haynes & Co., merchants at Malden. After completing a twenty-five-mile contract on the Cotton Belt Railway in 1882, he took charge of the Malden *Clipper*, a newspaper, which he managed for a year. In 1884 he was made justice and notary public, and in 1886 he organized the Dunklin County real estate agency and started the well-known county paper, the *News*, which he has since published. Capt. Haynes was the first mayor of Malden, and served for about eight years. On November 6, 1879, he married Judith E., a daughter of John McConnell, and niece of Hon. W. B. McConnell, of Kentucky. She was educated in Kentucky, her native State. Their children are Irene, Inez, John A. and Nannie. Capt. and Mrs. Haynes are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. He is now Master of the Masonic lodge at Malden, and has also filled the various offices of the local I. O. O. F.

Benjamin F. Hicks was born in Wilson County, Tenn., April 23, 1849, and



is a son of John and Nancy C. (Langford) Hicks, who were also born in Tennessee. They were married in Middle Tennessee, moved to West Tennessee in 1851, and located on a farm in Henry County; there they yet reside. The father held the office of magistrate for eighteen continuous years, and also held the office of county trustee. Benjamin F. Hicks grew to manhood in Henry County, and in 1870 went to the Pacific Coast, and for four years was a resident of California and Nevada. He then returned home, and November 2, of the same year, married Emirretta T. Williams, who died in April, 1876, leaving one son, George A. Mr. Hicks located in Dunklin County, Mo., in 1881, where he has a good farm of 135 acres, all under cultivation, and about thirty acres of woodland. October 27, 1878, he married his second wife, and by her is the father of four children: Hattie B., Taylor P., Clinton C. and Blanche A. Mrs. Hicks is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and Mr. Hicks belongs to the Christian Church. He is also a Master Mason.

Benjamin R. Hopkins, another successful farmer and stock trader of Union Township, Dunklin Co., Mo., is a native of Fayette County, Ala., born August 18, 1839, and is the son of S. C. Hopkins, a native of South Carolina, who was reared in that State, and there married Miss Margaret A. Reynolds, also a native of South Carolina. They moved to Alabama shortly after their marriage, and remained there until 1875, when they moved to Missouri, and settled in Dunklin County, where he now resides. He was county surveyor of Fayette County, Ala., for one or more terms. His son, Benjamin R. Hopkins, attained his majority in Fayette County, and was mostly self-educated. He was married in 1865 to Miss Nancy M. Crawford, a native of Fayette County, who bore him one child, a son named Albert Hopkins. After marriage, Mr. Hopkins farmed for two years, and in December, 1869, he moved to Missouri, where he purchased his present property. He has 150 acres improved, and has 200 acres altogether. He has been engaged in trading in stock for the last ten years. Mr. Hopkins is a Republican in his political views, and holds to the principals and measures of that party. He was elected to the office of deputy sheriff and held this position for six years. He is a Mason and Odd Fellow, and a member of the Agricultural Wheel. He and wife are members of the Free-Will Baptist Church.

William G. Hughes, M. D., was born in Tennessee, March 20, 1849, and is a son of W. F. and Sarah C. (Chambers) Hughes, who were natives, respectively, of Virginia and Tennessee. They were married in the latter State, and in 1884 moved to Missouri. The mother died June 17, 1887. Dr. Hughes was educated in the common and high schools and the Cumberland University at Lebanon, Tenn., and, during the vacations, taught school to secure means to enable him to continue his studies. He began studying medicine in 1871, and took his first course of lectures in the St. Louis Medical College, in the winters of 1883 and 1884. Previous to his graduation, he had practiced as a student under Drs. Hanson and Wilkins. He located in Holcomb in 1883, and after completing his studies returned here, and has continued the practice of his profession up to the present time, meeting with good success. He was married in 1880 to Tabbie L., daughter of Judge R. L. Hodges. She died May 6, of the following year. The Doctor married Laura N. Napper, May 23, 1883, and by her is the father of two children: William W. and Sallie N. Dr. and Mrs. Hughes are members of the Missionary Baptist Church, and he belongs to the I. O. O. F.

Willis G. Jackson, proprietor of the Jackson House and Jackson livery stable, at Malden, Mo., was born in New Madrid County, Mo., June 27, 1848. He is a son of John and Rachel (Russell) Jackson, who were born in Kentucky and Missouri, respectively. The father was a farmer, and died in 1863. Willis G. Jackson was reared on a farm, and in 1886 came to Malden and tended bar here for about thirteen months. He has been in the hotel business about two years, and has been in the livery business since December 1, 1887. He was married December 15, 1870, to Louisa Burris, a native of Buchanan County, Mo. She is a daughter of David Burris (deceased), and is the mother of one child, Charles B.

Robert H. Jones, proprietor and editor of the *The Clipper*, at Kennett, Mo., is a native of Demopolis, Ala., born November 18, 1859, being the son of Benjamin Jones, a native of Virginia, but reared in Alabama, where he married Miss Odenia Ligon, daughter of Mr. Ligon, a native of Alabama. Mr. Jones followed the occupation of a planter, and was killed just after the war. Robert H. Jones came to Missouri in 1872, and located in Wayne County. He was of a studious

disposition, and devoted much of his time to the acquirement of knowledge. He taught several terms of school, and afterward learned the printers' trade at Greenville, Wayne County, where he remained several years engaged in the business. He engaged in the newspaper business in 1881, and then started *The Clipper*, the first newspaper published at Malden. He continued here six years, and, in the meantime, was also a merchant in three different establishments. February 16, 1886, he married Miss Hettie D. Langdon, a native of Dunklin County, and the daughter of Judge Langdon, of Dunklin County. One child, Langdon Jones, was born to this union. In October, 1887, Mr. Jones took charge of the *Enterprise Messenger*, which paper he still controls. He took charge of *The Clipper* in the spring of 1888, and moved directly to Kennett, where he has since published this paper in the interest of the county. He is Democratic in his political views, and advocates the principles of that party in *The Clipper*. Mr. Jones is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and is a strong supporter of the cause of education.

John N. Karnes, merchant and farmer, at Senath, Mo., was born in Pemiscot county, of the same State, in 1864. Five years later he was taken to Dunklin County, and has been a resident of Salem Township up to the present time. He received a common school education in his boyhood days, but has been a successful business manager. He engaged in the mercantile business at Lulu, in 1885, with a capital of \$800, but in three years has increased his stock to \$25,000, being one of the firm of J. Karnes & Co. Besides an interest in this store he is the owner of 104 acres of land, with thirty-five acres under cultivation and twenty-four acres in orchard. He is deputy postmaster at Lulu, May 9, 1886, he was united in marriage to Miss Jane Johnson, a daughter of Troy Johnson, and by her is the father of one child, not yet a year old.

Charles V. Langdon, farmer of Clay Township, was born in Dunklin County, Mo., October 10, 1855. His father, Judge E. J. Langdon, was a native of Vermont, in which State he grew to mature years. He came west to Missouri about 1840, and located in Clay Township, Dunklin County, where he married Miss Sarah Ann Glasscock, a native of Arkansas, born near Pocahontas. After marriage Mr. Langdon purchased land, and has since succeeded well in all his enterprises. He engaged in merchandising, at Cotton Plant, and still continues the business at that place. He was elected and served one or more terms as county judge. He also has a residence in Arcadia Valley, in Iron County, with about a half section of land. His family consisted of four children—three sons and one daughter. Charles V. Langdon was the third son and fourth child. He grew to manhood in Dunklin County, received a good education, and assisted his father on the farm and in the store, until August 7, 1884, when he married Miss Lou Abernathy, also a native of Dunklin County, and the daughter of Robert Abernathy (deceased). After marriage Mr. Langdon settled on his present farm, which consists of 120 acres of land, all under cultivation. He has one child, a daughter, named Sallie May, who is over a year old. His son, N. E. A. L., died at the age of fourteen months. Mr. Langdon is a member of both the Masonic and Odd Fellow lodges, and he and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Albert J. Langdon, of the firm of E. J. Langdon & Co., merchants at Cotton Plant, Mo., is a native of Dunklin County, Mo., born February 25, 1865, and is the son of Judge E. Langdon and Sarah (Glasscock) Langdon. Albert J. Langdon was reared and educated in his native county, also attended the high school at Ironton, Iron Co., Mo., and the State Normal, at Cape Girardeau. After finishing his schooling he entered his father's employ, remaining with him for three years, at Cotton Plant. January 14, 1883, he married Miss Tennie Moore, a native of Dunklin County, who was reared and educated at Mount Calm, Tex., where she taught school for some time. She was a daughter of E. H. Moore (deceased), formerly of this county. To Mr. and Mrs. Langdon were born two children, both daughters, Maude E. (born November 30, 1884) and Nellia A. (born April 11, 1887). In March, 1887, Mr. Langdon took a half interest in the store, and had full charge of the business. Mr. Langdon carries a stock of general merchandise, including dry goods, groceries, clothing, boots and shoes, etc. He has an established trade, and is doing a good business. Mrs. Langdon is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church South.

Lewis L. Laferty, farmer and blacksmith of Malden, Mo., was born in New Madrid County, September 4, 1845. He is a son of S. D. and Iris (Tackett) Laferty, and is of French descent. The father was among the early settlers of

New Madrid County, and was a house carpenter and farmer by occupation. He moved to Dunklin County in 1862, and, after residing there five years, returned to New Madrid County, where he remained until his death. Lewis L. Laferty spent his early days on a farm, and learned the carpenter's trade of his father. At the age of twenty he began learning the blacksmith's trade, and worked in New Madrid until 1874. Since that time he has followed farming, blacksmithing and carpentering, in Dunklin County. He has a farm of 140 acres, with 100 acres under cultivation. Since 1887 he has been a resident of Malden. He has been three times married. The first time, in 1864, to Nancy Jane Beard, who died in 1881, leaving five children: John, Lewis, Martin, Albert and Mary Bell. His second wife was Susan Pickard, who is deceased. He married his present wife, a Mrs. Blades, in 1883, and by her is the father of one child, Bertie. Mr. and Mrs. Laferty are members of the Baptist Church.

Louis McCutchen, merchant, and postmaster at Campbell, Mo., was born in Jackson County, Ala., June 27, 1848, being the son of William W. McCutchen, a native of Alabama, and Margaret (Harrison) McCutchen, a native of Tennessee. The father was a farmer and surveyor, and resided in Alabama until his death in 1878. He was a man of fair education, and was justice of the peace for a number of years. He was surveyor of Jackson County a number of years, and also filled the same position in Marshall County, together with that of justice of the peace. He was drowned in Tennessee River, in Marshall County. Lewis McCutchen grew to manhood in Marshall County, and there received a good education in the village school. He remained with his father until twenty-one years of age, when he came to Missouri and located in Dunklin County, at Four Mile, in 1870. Here he accepted a position as clerk, and remained until 1876. He then engaged in the drug and grocery business at Four Mile, where he continued until the fall of 1882. He then moved his stock and located at Campbell, where he built a store and has since been doing a good business, having a large and increasing trade. December 20, 1877, Mr. McCutchen married Miss Martha E. Owen, a native of Dunklin County, where she was reared and educated, and the daughter of Dr. G. Owen, of Dunklin County. To this marriage were born five children: Fannie, William W., Beulah, Owen and Claudie. Mr. McCutchen is a member of both the Masonic and Odd Fellow lodges at Campbell. He was appointed postmaster at Four Mile in 1875, and has been postmaster there and at Campbell since that time.

Jacob Henry McRee was born in Lincoln County, Tenn., December 1, 1848. His parents were John and Frances M. (Hayes) McRee, natives of North Carolina. Their parents moved to Middle Tennessee near the year 1832. The parents of Jacob H. McRee were married March 12, 1840, and moved to Obion County, Tenn., in 1849, where they now reside. Jacob H. McRee was reared in Obion County, Tenn., and in 1873 went to Texas, where he spent five years operating a cotton-gin, and in general merchandising, and in 1878 came to Missouri, locating at Malden. He worked as clerk in a store, and in 1880 engaged in general merchandising on his own responsibility, and continued the same till August, 1881, since which time he has clerked most of the time. He was a resident of Sumterville, Sumter Co., Fla., for ten months (where his wife has a six-acre orange grove) during 1884, but returned to Malden in 1885, where he operates a cotton-gin. His wife owns a good farm near the town, and 120 acres of this land are cleared, and in a good state of cultivation. He was married at Phelps Prairie, Williamson Co., Ill., August 11, 1880, to Mary Melissa Spiller, a native of Missouri. She was reared in Williamson County, Ill., and was educated at Southern Illinois College, Jackson County. By her he is the father of two children: Bertha H. and Bessie F. Mrs. McRee is a member of the Christian Church, and Mr. McRee belongs to the Masonic fraternity.

George W. Marshall, farmer and stock raiser of Clarkton, Mo., was born in Obion County, Tenn., June 23, 1849, and is the son of Bennett and Mary Marshall, who were both born in Middle Tennessee. After residing in West Tennessee for some time, they moved to Missouri in 1857, and located on the farm where their son, George W. Marshall, now resides. They lived here a number of years, and in 1872 moved to Arkansas, where the father died November 5 of the same year. He was a Mason. George W. Marshall assisted his father on the farm until he attained his twenty-first year. January 30, 1869, he was united in marriage to Mary L. Lasley, and for some time after continued to reside on his father's farm. He then bought the farm, and has made that his home up to the present time. He owns 470 acres of land in one body, with about 440

acres cleared. He has a good farm residence, with good barns, and a fine apple and peach orchard. Besides the land which he owns in this county, he also owns 150 acres of land in New Madrid County. Since 1873 he has been engaged in stock breeding, and sells an average of from twenty-five to fifty head of cattle and 200 head of hogs annually. Mr. and Mrs. Marshall are the parents of seven sons and one daughter: Bennett L. (deceased May 4, 1888, aged nineteen years), Archie E., Alvin, George Walton, Ernest, William J., Burt and Mary. The parents are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church South.

F. A. Mayes, M. D., of Malden, Mo., was born in Nashville, Tenn., September 11, 1849. His grandfather, Robert Mayes, was one of the early settlers of Tennessee, and was a native of Kentucky. J. D. Mayes, father of Dr. F. A. Mayes, was married to Amelia H. Jones, and during his lifetime followed merchandising in Davidson County, Tenn. He is now deceased. Dr. F. A. Mayes spent his youth on a farm, and in 1869 moved to West Tennessee, and after residing there about one year went to Knoxville, Tenn., and attended the military academy at that place for about fourteen months. After working on a farm for some time, he began studying medicine, and in the winters of 1872 and 1873 he took his first course of lectures in the medical department of the Nashville University. He then practiced his profession at Reeves Station, Tenn., for about eighteen months, then returned to Nashville, and graduated from the medical department of the Nashville University in the spring of 1876. The same year he located in Stoddard County, Mo., and at the end of eighteen months moved to Malden, where he has since continued the practice of his profession. He kept a drug store for some time after his arrival here, but soon disposed of it and gave his whole attention to the practice of his profession up to 1886, when he again engaged in the drug business. In 1884 he was appointed local surgeon of the Cotton Belt Railroad, and holds that position at the present time. Emma Ownby, a native of Middle Tennessee, became his wife November 24, 1874. They have three children: Vaughn M., Carrol Lambuth and Clarence. Dr. Mayes is a Master Mason, and is a prominent physician and surgeon of the county.

Alpheus B. Mobley, M. D., was born in Weakley County, Tenn., February 24, 1850, being the son of E. B. and Parthenia (Ward) Mobley, both natives of Tennessee. They moved from Weakley County to Gibson County, and are residing there at the present time. Alpheus B. was reared on the farm in Gibson County, and commenced the study of medicine in that county under Dr. S. D. Givens, one of the leading physicians of the county. During the winter of 1870 the Doctor took his first course of lectures at the University of Louisville, and in the spring following he located at Kennett, where he began the practice of his profession. In April of the same year the Doctor went to Atlanta, where he took his second course of lectures at the Atlanta Medical College. He then returned to Kennett, and resumed his profession here. He has built up a large practice, and is one of the leading physicians of Dunklin County. The Doctor is also engaged in the drug business, and has the only drug store in Kennett. October 7, 1873, he was married to Miss Cornelia V. Bragg, daughter of Capt. W. G. Bragg (deceased). Mrs. Mobley died September 30, 1885, and their only daughter died at the age of eight years. Dr. Mobley is a good business man, and has the respect and confidence of the people of Dunklin County. May 22, 1888, he married Miss Mary Greene, of Higbee, Randolph Co., Mo. The Doctor is a lover of fine horses and a game of chess.

Achilles A. Moore. From Virginia, in early days, a small boy, whose given name was Morgan, came to Ohio, and there grew to manhood. He became a carpenter and later on in life a farmer. He located in Union County, Ind., and there married a Miss Mead, who some time after the birth of a son was taken to her long home. The father of this son, an old soldier of the War of 1812, afterward lived in Vermillion County, Ill., where he died in 1860. His son, who is the subject of this sketch, grew to maturity in Liberty, where he was born, as above mentioned, on June 23, 1827, and there learned the carpenter's trade. While in Illinois he also worked at that business until he engaged in the general merchandise and grocery trade at Danville. About five years later he located near Little Rock, Ark., as a farmer, until the Centennial year, during which he moved to Dunklin County, Mo., to become a railway carpenter. The town of Malden soon began growing, and after working his farm near there he became a contractor and builder in the new town, and continued for four years. Since then he has been an undertaker, and since 1876 has been a successful grocery

merchant. He also owns seven residences and some business blocks, which he rents. He is prominent in local politics, being now the mayor of Malden, and for two years previous to the incumbency of that office was a member of the council. On February 14, 1850, Miss Elizabeth E. Hite, a native of Virginia, but resident of Indiana, became his wife, and to them have been born a family of four children: S. S., Charles F., Morgan and Harry A., all of whom are heads of families in Malden, except the youngest.

Thomas R. Neel, of the firm of T. R. Neel & Co., at Nesbit, Mo., and the son of James P. and Temperance (Homer) Neel, was born in Dunklin County, June 11, 1852. The father was born in North Carolina, was reared there and then came to Missouri, locating in Dunklin County about 1840. He was here married to Miss Homer, a native of Tennessee. Mr. Neel entered land here, reared his family and here died in 1875. His family consisted of three sons and four daughters, all of whom grew to mature years. Thomas R. Neel, the second son, was reared and educated in Dunklin County, spending his youth on the farm. In 1874 he commenced clerking for Judge Langdon, and this he continued until 1880, when he engaged in farming during that summer, and also followed the same occupation in the fall of 1881. He then returned to the store and engaged in business with C. V. Langdon [see sketch elsewhere] at Cotton Plant, remaining there two and a half years, when he sold out. He then clerked for Judge Langdon again, and remained with him until the spring of 1886. He then built a store at his present locality and engaged in merchandising. The present firm was organized in the fall of 1887, and they immediately erected a good store building, and carry a stock of general merchandise. They have established a good trade. Mr. Neel was married in Texas, September 3, 1879, to Miss Blanche Argo, a native of Tennessee, where she was reared and educated, and where she remained until 1876. Four children were the result of this marriage, Katie, Edia, Grover and an infant daughter. Mr. Neel was appointed postmaster in 1887, and is a member of the I. O. O. F., being Secretary of Lodge No. 283. Mrs. Neel is a member of the Baptist Church.

Judge Given Owen, who, until a few years past, was a successful practicing physician at Four Mile, Mo., is a native of Hopkins County, Ky., born May 9, 1818, and is the son of Rev. Reuben Owen, who was born in Georgia, but who went to Kentucky when a young man, and there married Miss Martha Wells, also a native of Kentucky. Mr. Owen was a minister in the Baptist Church. He resided in Kentucky until about 1836, when he located at Bloomfield, Mo., and there resided until his death. His son, Judge Given Owen, grew to manhood in Hickman County, Ky., and spent his youth on the farm. He received a good education in the common and higher English branches, and commenced the study of medicine at Hickman, Ky., under Dr. Carroll in 1835, when seventeen years of age. In November, 1838, he came to Missouri and located at Bloomfield, and there remained two years, continuing the study of medicine at that place. In 1841 he settled on a farm in Stoddard County (but what is now Dunklin County), and was elected county judge. He was married in Cape Girardeau County, in 1840, to Miss Amanda Sullenger, a native of that county. She died in May, 1852, leaving four children: Dr. Reuben P. Owen (who died in Mississippi), A. B. (who died at the age of seventeen years) and Nancy M. and Frances E. I. (both widows). Judge Owen was presiding judge of Stoddard County in 1846, and when this was cut off into Dunklin County, after the organization of the county, he was elected county judge of this county in 1854. He was elected judge of the Clarkton common pleas and probate court in April, 1876, to fill out the unexpired term of Judge Stokes (deceased); also elected judge of the probate court and president of the county court in November, 1878; commissioned notary public by Gov. Phelps in April, 1877; also by Gov. Crittenden in 1882 and Gov. Marmaduke in 1886. During all these years he has resided at Four Mile, two miles from Campbell, on the St. Louis, Arkansas & Texas Railroad, and has practiced medicine until within a few years. He was married in this county August 2, 1852, to Mrs. Louisa Bozarth, daughter of Jordan and Nancy Lacy (deceased). Two daughters were born to this union: Martha E. (wife of L. McCutchen, whose sketch appears elsewhere in these pages) and Mary E. (who is yet unmarried). The Judge and wife are members of the Missionary Baptist Church, and he is a member of the Masonic fraternity.

Judge James H. Owen, farmer and collector of Dunklin County, Mo., was born in Henry County, Tenn., December 17, 1827. He is a son of James M. and Elizabeth (White) Owen, natives respectively of North Carolina and Kentucky.



The father was a farmer, and after residing in Tennessee until 1860 moved to Illinois, and located in White County, where he resided until his death, May 16, 1867. James H. Owen came to Missouri in 1869, and after residing in Stoddard County for one year moved to Dunklin County, and here has since resided. He has a fine farm of 100 acres, nearly all of which is under cultivation. In November, 1886, he was elected county collector, and has also held the office of judge. He is a Democrat in his political views, and supports the principles of his party. He was married in Stewart County, Tenn., to Melissa C. Parker, and by her is the father of four children: Greenup W., Quintus P., Ida M. (a widow) and Andrew J. Mr. and Mrs. Owen are members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and he belongs to the I. O. O. F.

William J. Oxley, another successful merchant and farmer of Union Township, Valley Ridge, Mo., a native of Haywood County, Tenn., born November 11, 1837, and is the son of James and Annaretta (Falkner) Oxley, both natives of North Carolina. After marriage Mr. and Mrs. Oxley moved to Western Tennessee, and settled in Haywood County at an early day, and there resided until about 1858, when they moved to Dunklin County, Mo. Here the father died in 1864. His son, William J. Oxley, remained with his parents until about eighteen years of age, when he began working for himself on a farm in Western Tennessee. He came to Missouri in 1860, locating in Dunklin County, and in the fall of the same year (1861) married Miss Winnie M. Bray, a native of Western Tennessee, and daughter of Allen Bray, deceased. Mr. Oxley enlisted in Jeff. Thompson's regiment for six months during the war, and at the expiration of this time he did not again enter the service, but removed with his family to Scott County, in Southeast Missouri, where he worked at the boot and shoe business for one year. Then he worked as head sawyer at Mr. H. Brock's saw-mill. In the fall of 1865 he returned to Dunklin County, and settled on a farm near Four Mile, where he remained three years, and then moved to the place where he now resides, engaged in agricultural pursuits. He started a huckster wagon about 1875, and ran the wagon for several years. Mr. Oxley only went to school three months in his life. When married he could not write his own name, and did not know one figure from another. By self-application he was soon enabled to do all of his business himself, and commenced merchandising about 1879 at his homestead, where he now lives, and has since been in a store. He has a good local trade and is doing well. He organized the first postoffice on the Ridge between Dexter and Old Four Mile, named the postoffice, and was appointed postmaster, and ran the office seven years. He has eighty acres of land, most of which is improved. To his marriage have been born three children: A. R., James M. and Addie V. Mr. and Mrs. Oxley and two of their children are members of the Baptist Church. His dwelling-house and store and all of their contents were burned by fire on January 28, 1880, a severe loss being entailed.

George Wilber Peck was born in the "Empire State," St. Lawrence County, November 23, 1848. He is a son of Burley and Sophronia P. (Fish) Peck, natives respectively of Vermont and New York. The father is a farmer and Republican and resides in St. Lawrence County. George W. received a good education in the Potsdam Normal School, and taught school for about five years in York State. He came west in December, 1876, and located in Southeast Missouri and went on the engineer corps, surveying the L. R. V. & A. R. R., which was finally merged into the Cotton Belt Road, and in the spring of 1877 laid out the town of Malden for the company. He was made the first agent at Malden when the road was completed, and was the business agent for the sale of town lots. Mr. Peck remained with this company as agent for about five years and resigned in the fall of 1884, and at once engaged in the grain business, and to him belongs the honor of having bought and sold the first car-load of corn that ever was shipped from Malden. His business has since grown to be one of the leading enterprises of the town, and he handles nearly all the surplus corn of Dunklin County. He is also engaged in buying and selling real estate, and owns several fine farms, bodies of timber land, town property, building lots, etc. He is a Republican in politics, and has held several local offices in his town. He is a Master Mason and belongs to the I. O. O. F., and it can be truly said of him that he is one of the leading men of the county. In November, 1878, he was united in marriage to Julia Hopper, a native of Tennessee, and daughter of G. M. Hopper. They have three children: Wilber, Elmer and Irene. Mrs. Peck is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

William G. Petty, of Clay Township, is the son of Milford M. Petty and Nancy Petty, and was born in Hickman County, Tenn., January 25, 1853. The parents were natives of Tennessee, where they were married. After that event they located on a farm in Hickman County, Tenn., and lived there for thirty-five years, engaged in farming. The father then sold his farm and moved to Missouri, settling in Dunklin County in 1882. One year later Mr. Petty died. His widow survives him, and now resides with her son, William G. Petty, who grew to manhood in Hickman County, Tenn., spending his youth on the farm. In 1874 he came to Missouri, where he engaged in farming, and on the seventh day of September, 1879, he married Miss Amanda B. Harmon, a native of Dunklin County, Mo., and daughter of William Harmon, of that county. Mr. Petty then began farming for himself and continued that occupation for three years. In 1883 he purchased raw land in Salem Township, and made a farm which, in 1887, he sold, and purchased his present property of 200 acres, 160 under cultivation. Mr. and Mrs. Petty are the parents of three children: Harry, Curtis and Neel. Mr. Petty is a member of the Cotton Plant Masonic Lodge, and one of Dunklin County's best farmers, and a leading citizen in his community.

Samuel L. Phillips was born in Wayne County, Ky., June 26, 1851, and is the son of John and Elizabeth F. (Berry) Phillips, both natives of Wayne County, Ky. They were married in 1825, and lived there until 1863, then moving to Metcalf, remaining there three years, then to Marshall County, where they remained until 1886. They then moved to Dunklin County, Mo., and located at Kennett, where they are now living. Mr. Phillips followed merchandising and farming the principal part of his life, but has now retired from active business, but is bookkeeper for his son, and is the senior partner of the firm. Samuel L. Phillips grew to manhood in Kentucky, and spent his youth on the farm and in the store. He received a good education in the common and in the higher English branches, and followed the occupation of teaching in Marshall and Wayne Counties for a few years. He came to Missouri in 1879, locating first at Malden, where he clerked for his brother, C. P. Phillips. He then took charge of and sold a stock of goods for his brother at Oak Bluff, Ark., where he remained eight months. He then returned to Malden, remained there about one year, and then engaged as clerk at Paragould, Ark., where he remained fourteen months. In March, 1884, he came to Kennett and engaged in merchandising on a small scale, but increased his stock from time to time, until the present firm was established in March, 1888. January 31, 1884, while in Marshall County, Ky., he married Miss Laura W. Love, a native of that county, where she was reared and educated, and a daughter of a Thomas Love (deceased), who was a native of Scotland. Mr. Phillips is the father of one child, a daughter named Marbeth, a child three years of age. Mrs. Phillips is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Charles M. Pritchard was born in Benton County, Tenn., August 20, 1846, and is a son of P. P. and Elizabeth (Dodd) Pritchard, who were natives of the "Old North State." They were reared and married in Tennessee, and came to Missouri in 1860, locating in Dunklin County. Here the father died in 1864. He taught school in Tennessee and Missouri, and also held the office of justice of the peace. Charles M. Pritchard was reared in Tennessee, and remained with his father until he was nineteen years of age. June 23, 1864, he was married to Rachel D. Forsythe, who was born in Tennessee. They purchased a farm of 250 acres in 1867, and he is now one of the prosperous farmers of the county. Besides the 250 acres of land under cultivation, he has 116 acres of wild land. In 1884 he engaged in the mercantile business with J. P. George, and still continues the same. They have a good trade and are doing well financially. Mr. Pritchard belongs to the Masonic and I. O. O. F. fraternities, and he and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. They have four children: Frances Cordelia, Columbus E., Thomas E. and Arpy O.

John G. Rapp is a prosperous business man of Malden, Mo. He came to this town from Hot Springs, Ark., in 1884, and, although his means were limited, he established an eating house near the depot and was soon doing a prosperous business. From time to time, as his means increased, he enlarged his establishment, and also purchased real estate in the town. He erected houses on his lots, and now has six dwelling houses which he rents, and which bring him a good income, beside three new houses which are just completed. Beside this property he has a large feed stable and wagon yard, which he manages in

connection with his other business. He was reared in Franklin County, Ohio, and Jefferson County, Ky., and when a young man went to Tennessee, where he was engaged in boating on the Cumberland River. From there he went to Louisville, Ky., and worked on the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers for a number of years. He first came to Missouri in 1859, and lived near St. Louis, and in 1876 went to Arkansas, and after residing in Hot Springs for eight years, came to Malden. He was married in Louisville, Ky., to Rachel Pelts, a native of Indiana. She is a member of the Methodist Church, and he is a Mason.

Moore M. Rayburn was born in Mississippi, September 8, 1843, being the son of Maj. W. C. Rayburn and Melissa J. (Malone) Rayburn, who were born in Alabama and Mississippi, respectively. The family moved to Arkansas in 1857, and located in what is now Clay County. They resided there until 1865, and then moved to Missouri and settled in Dunklin County, near Clarkton, where the father yet resides. Moore M. Rayburn grew to manhood in Arkansas, and in 1862 enlisted in the Confederate army, in Col. Hart's regiment of Arkansas Infantry, and served until the close of the war. He was in the battles of Prairie Grove, Mansfield and Pleasant Hill. At the close of the war he returned home, and in 1865 came to Missouri with his parents. He has held the office of county sheriff and collector for two terms, and has since been engaged in farming. In 1866 he was married to Fannie Akes, who died in 1882, having borne six children. In 1882 Mr. Rayburn married Miss L. E. Giles, and by her is the father of two children. Mr. Rayburn is a Master Mason, and belongs to the I. O. O. F.

Thomas B. Reeves, merchant at Malden, Mo., is a Virginian, born in Halifax County, February 26, 1819. He is a son of Col. W. T. Reeves, who married a Miss Haskins, both of whom were natives of Virginia. The father was a farmer, and served as colonel in the War of 1812. He died in his native county. Thomas B. Reeves was reared in Halifax County, Va., and Rutherford County, Tenn. In 1849 he went to Gibson County, Tenn., where he resided ten years, and then located in Dunklin County, Mo., and purchased land in the northern part of the county. Mr. Reeves erected the first business house in Malden, and has two good dwelling houses in the town. September 5, 1848, he was married in Rutherford County, Tenn., to Louisa E. Ford, by whom he is the father of four living children: William W., residing on the home place, John H. (of Texas), J. L. (of Malden) and Lou A. (wife of Charles Moore). Those deceased are Thomas P. (who died at the age of twenty-three years) and Michel (wife of J. M. Carder, who died at the age of thirty-three). Emerson died at the age of twelve years. Mr. and Mrs. Reeves are members of the Missionary Baptist Church, and he belongs to the I. O. O. F.

Hon. David Rice, a prominent farmer and stock raiser of Vincit, Mo., was born on the 20th of March, 1837, in Henry County, Tenn. He came to Missouri in 1853, and three years later was married to Miss Jane Himmel, who was born in Obion County, Tenn. Their union resulted in the birth of five children. In 1860 he was elected to the office of county assessor, and served only one year, when the breaking out of the war disturbed his labors. From 1872 until 1876 he served the county as public administrator, and was an able and efficient officer. At the latter date he was elected to represent his county in the State Legislature, filling the duties of this office with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of all concerned. He is the owner of 165 acres of land, 100 of which are under good cultivation, with orchard and good house and out-buildings. Mr. Rice's early education was somewhat limited, but by contact with business life he has since acquired a good practical education.

Van Rice, an industrious young agriculturist of Dunklin County, was born September 14, 1863, and is the son of David Rice, a native of Tennessee, and a man well known in connection with public affairs in this county. After locating in Missouri, he was married to Miss Jane Himmel, also of Tennessee nativity. Mr. Rice, though not a man of much wealth, has always been recognized as an influential, substantial citizen of Dunklin County. He represented her in the Twenty-ninth General Assembly, and has held other civil offices. Van, as he grew up in this county, had but little opportunity for acquiring an education, and in 1881 he began doing for himself. He has since followed farming, and now owns eighty acres of land. June 16, 1881, he was married to Miss Mary C. Hale, daughter of Robert B. and Mary E. (Jackson) Hale, both now deceased. The father was a Tennessean by birth. His wife came originally from Illinois, and was a cousin of the well known Voorhies family of Indiana. Mr. and Mrs.

Rice have had five children. Ada and Rue are living, and Guy and two infants are deceased. Mr. Rice politically is a Democrat.

Robert F. Sanders, postmaster and deputy circuit clerk, in Kennett, Mo., is a native of Mississippi, born in Marshall County, January 20, 1846, and is the son of B. B. and Adelia (House) Sanders, natives of Alabama and Georgia, respectively. The father was reared in Mississippi and Alabama, was married in Marshall County, of the former State, and followed merchandising at Memphis for a number of years. Previous to this he had followed the same business in Alabama and Mississippi, and also did business in Cross County, Ark., where he was elected to the office of public administrator. Here he passed his last days. Robert F. Sanders removed to Arkansas with his parents when but thirteen years of age, and at the age of fourteen left home, without the permission of his parents, and went to Texas. In 1862 he enlisted in a Texas cavalry regiment, and served with several regiments. He was in the battle of Helena, Pea Ridge, and numerous skirmishes, and was with Jeff. Thompson at the surrender. After the war he went to Memphis, and took a commercial course, and was then clerk and bookkeeper for a house in that city for about eighteen months. He afterward studied medicine, and took one course of lectures at the Memphis Medical College. He went to Texas in 1872, and remained there until 1876, when he went to Sexton's Landing, Ark., and was bookkeeper and clerk at that place for one year. He came to Dunklin County in 1878, and was appointed deputy clerk for the county and probate courts, doing all the work of the office for several years. During this time he studied law, and was admitted to the bar in 1880. June 3d. of the year previous to this, he married Miss Constance Bragg, a native of Knox County. The fruits of this union were three children: Robert B., George H. and Gertrude. He practiced law in Dunklin County for about seven years. In 1883 he was appointed postmaster, and has held that position ever since. He was appointed notary public in 1882, and re-appointed two years later. He is a prominent Odd Fellow, has been through the chairs, and is deputy lodge master. He is also a member of the Kennett Masonic lodge.

James W. Sexton, deputy circuit clerk at Kennett, Mo., was born in Dunklin County, Mo., near Kennett, January 28, 1860, his parents being Lafayette and Nancy G. (McCullough) Sexton, both natives of Kentucky. They were married in Missouri, and here Mr. Sexton entered land and made a home. He followed the occupation of a farmer until 1861, when he enlisted in the six-months service. He afterward volunteered, and served up to 1863, when he came home on a furlough, became sick, and died October 30, of that year. His widow survived him until 1888. Their family consisted of two children: James W. and R. E. The former grew to manhood in Dunklin County, and received a common school education. He was reared on a farm, and in April, 1886, was appointed deputy clerk, and has since held that position, and the office of circuit clerk. He is a member of the I. O. O. F. lodge of Kennett, and is a young man of good business ability and good habits.

William F. Shelton, merchant and capitalist, at Kennett, Mo., and one of the wealthy and influential men of Southeast Missouri who have worked their way up, was born in Perry County, Mo., June 4, 1838. He is the son of Enoch and Tabitha (Brown) Shelton, both natives of North Carolina. The father removed from his native State to Tennessee at an early date, and about 1843 he removed to Missouri, and settled in Cape Girardeau County, where he only remained three years, removing from there to Dunklin County, and there died two years later. William F. Shelton was reared in Dunklin County, receiving very little educational advantages, and grew to manhood on the farm. In 1861, when Gov. Jackson called for State troops, he enlisted in the militia, and served six months in the State Guards. He then engaged in farming in this county, continuing until 1865, when he engaged in merchandising with a very limited capital and a very small stock. From the first Mr. Shelton was successful, and added to his stock from time to time, as his means accumulated. He is now considered one of the wealthiest men of this county, and of Southeast Missouri. Mr. Shelton is mainly self-educated since coming to years of maturity. He is well posted on the leading topics of the day, and always takes an active part in the political campaigns, being a Democrat politically. He was appointed treasurer to fill out an unexpired term, and after this he was elected to the same office, and held the position two terms, occupying the position, altogether, eight years. He is considered one of the best financiers and business men of the county.

William H. Shelton, farmer and stock dealer, was born in Graves County, Ky., August 30, 1840. His parents, W. R. and Elizabeth (Rhodes) Shelton, were Virginians, and after residing in Graves County, Ky., for a number of years, came to Dunklin County, Mo., in 1856, and purchased the land on which William H. now lives. The parents moved to Arkansas, and there the father died in 1882. William H. Shelton remained with his father for several years after attaining his majority. June 14, 1860, he married Mary Jane Wright, and he and wife became the parents of eight children: John W., Pearl (Cox), Rosa Lee, Ora E., Gilmore, Joseph, William P. and Adolphus. Previous to his marriage Mr. Shelton had carried on the grocery business to some extent in Clarkton, but at the breaking out of the war he joined Jeff. Thompson's regiment for six months, and at the end of that time enlisted under Price, but only served with him a short time when he was captured, but managed to make his escape. He soon after took the oath of allegiance, and returned home and resumed farming on the home place. In the spring of 1870 he re-engaged in the grocery business at Clarkton, and the following years put in a stock of general merchandise, and in connection with farming carried on this business for twelve years. From 1882 to 1888 he was in the mercantile business at Malden, and in 1886 was appointed postmaster at that place, and held the position until 1888. He has a good farm of 112 acres, nearly all of which is under cultivation. Mr. Shelton is a Mason.

G. T. Smith, a Dunklin County farmer and stock raiser, was born in Boteourt County, Va., in December, 1821. He was taken by his parents to Maury County, Tenn., when an infant, and in 1848 came to Missouri and located in Dunklin County. After residing in Clay Township for about thirty years he removed to his present property, which consists of eighty acres of good land. Forty acres of his farm are under cultivation and well improved. He was married in 1840 to Miss Caroline M. Bond, by whom he became the father of two children. His second wife, Emeline Jordan, whom he married in 1850, bore him three children. His third wife, whose maiden name was Eboline Norman, is yet living. Mr. Smith is a member of the Baptist Church, and is a member of the Masonic and I. O. O. F. fraternities. He has been a member of the latter lodge for sixteen years. He was elected to the office of county collector in 1870, and was re-elected in 1884, and is a prominent man of the county, and takes an active part in the political affairs of the day. His property is valued at \$12,000.

James F. Smyth, merchant, of the firm of Davis & Smyth, was born in Dunklin County, Mo., March 23, 1864, and is the son of James A. Smyth, a native of Tennessee. The father came to Missouri when a young man, locating in Dunklin County, where he entered land, and here married Miss L. Minerva Jones, who also was born in Tennessee. After marriage Mr. Smyth farmed in the summer and hunted during the winter, and continued this for twenty seven winters, making as high as \$700 in one winter. He moved to Piedmont, Wayne County, in 1876, to educate his children, and there died May 6, 1877. The family remained there until January, 1878, when they returned to Dunklin County, where the mother died in August, 1887. Their son, James F. Smyth, attained his growth in Dunklin County, receiving a good education in the common schools and at Piedmont High School. After coming back to this county, he remained on the farm until his majority, and then commenced clerking for Judge Langdon, at Cotton Plant, and there remained about one year. He then clerked for about six months with his present partner, and then in the fall of 1886, took an interest in the store under the title of Davis & Smyth. In September, 1887, Mr. Smyth married Miss Katie Argo, a native of Tennessee, where she was reared until twelve years of age, and then moved to Texas, where she remained about six years, and then moved to Dunklin County, in 1886. Mrs. Smyth is a member of the Baptist Church, and Mr. Smyth is a member of the I. O. O. F. lodge.

Sylvester W. Spiller was born in Williamson County, Ill., August 14, 1842. His father, Elhelbert C. Spiller, was also born in Illinois, and was a farmer and stock raiser. He moved to Missouri about 1852, where he lived for one year and then returned to Illinois, and died in Williamson County. Sylvester W. was reared on a farm in his native county, and when twenty years of age began clerking, and continued the same for a number of years. In 1866 he began merchandising at Carbondale, Ill., and at the end of two years began clerking again. He moved to Missouri in 1871, locating at Cotton Hill, Dunklin County, where he operated a cotton gin for about two years. After residing in Lebanon,



Mo., for some time, he returned home and engaged in railroading, but discontinued this business at the end of eighteen months. In 1878 he moved his business house from Cotton Hill to Malden, where he sold goods up to 1886. He began operating his cotton gin in 1883, and has continued this business up to the present time, and in connection with this has been engaged in the manufacture of lumber. November 3, 1870, he married Emma Rendleman, and their union has resulted in the birth of three children: Gertrude C., Otto E., Emma D., John (deceased) and an infant (deceased). Mr. and Mrs. Spiller are members of the Christian Church, and he belongs to the Masonic fraternity.

Hallett B. Spooner, proprietor of the Spooner Hotel at Malden, Mo., was born in Seneca County, Ohio, February 11, 1836, and is a son of Bennett and Irene (Alden) Spooner. The father was a native of the Empire State, and moved to Ohio in 1835, and there followed farming until his death, which occurred in Seneca County in 1882. He was one hundred and nine years old at the time of his death. He served in the War of 1812 and the Mexican War. The mother was of Puritan stock. Hallett B. Spooner received good educational advantages, and graduated from the scientific department of the Ohio University in 1855. He then took a commercial course at Bryant & Stratton's college, in Chicago, and for nearly three years was a bookkeeper in that city. In 1859 he returned to Ohio, and in December of that year married Matilda M. Westbrook, who was a native of the same county as himself. In 1860 they moved to Golconda, Ill., where Mr. Spooner was principal of a high school. In August, 1862, he enlisted in the One Hundred and Thirty-first Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and in 1863 was promoted on the field to first lieutenant, and served in that capacity until 1864, when he was mustered out at Paducah, Ky., owing to ill health. He clerked in Paducah until 1866, and then moved to Aurora, Ky., and for two years was engaged in the general merchandise business. After residing about two years in Newburg, Ky., he went to Tennessee, and lived in portions of that State until 1873, and then went to Birmingham, Ky., where he taught the high school for two years. The following two years were spent in manufacturing lumber and flour at that place, and he then sold out, and in 1880 came to Malden, Mo., and accepted a position as prescription clerk and bookkeeper at this place. In 1881 he engaged in business for himself and opened a restaurant, continuing the same until 1883, when he purchased a lot and built the Spooner Hotel. This building was entirely destroyed by a cyclone, but he soon had it rebuilt, and since that time has had remarkably good success with the hotel. He built a planing mill here in 1885, and in all his business undertakings has succeeded far beyond his expectations. He owns nine houses and lots in Malden, and a nice farm of 103 acres near the town. He is a Republican in politics, and is a member of the I. O. O. F. and G. A. R. Post at this town. He is the father of eight children: Tellah B., Izella Irene Wallace (wife of J. M. Wallace), Justine M., Jessie C., Minnie A., Ernest W., Azalia R. and Edmeau L. Spooner. Three children are deceased: Tellah B., Justine M. and Ernest W.; the latter died in infancy. Mrs. M. M. Spooner was with her husband through his campaign, at the capture of Arkansas Post, the siege of Vicksburg, and the final opening of the Mississippi River to the Federal authorities. While encamped at Young's Point, in Louisiana, opposite Vicksburg, their oldest child, Tellah Bell, died, and was buried in the levee of the river. Mrs. Spooner is a member of the Baptist Church.

Richard H. Squires, a merchant at Malden, Mo., was born in Illinois August 18, 1862, and is a son of Omar and Ellen (McHanly) Squires, who were born in Ohio and Illinois, respectively. They were married in the mother's native State, and after residing there until 1888 moved to Missouri and settled in Dunklin County. Here they still reside. R. H. Squires grew to manhood in Illinois and received a fair education. At the age of fourteen years he left home and spent about one year in Mississippi and Louisiana, buying cotton seed. He then worked in Cairo for a shingle manufacturing company, and was with them about eight months. He came to Malden in 1882 and after tending bar for some time, started a saloon in 1883, and soon built up a good business. In January 1888, he disposed of his goods and engaged in general merchandising, the firm being known as Squires & Lasswell. They have a fine stock of goods and are in a prosperous condition financially. He was united in marriage to Miss Tillie King May 27, 1884, and their union has resulted in the birth of one child, Inez. Mr. Squires belongs to the I. O. O. F., and is the owner of a nice home in the town and 160 acres of valuable land.

Jonas P. Stewart, farmer and miller of Union Township, near Malden, is a native of Lancaster District, S. C., born May 27, 1833, and is the son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Funderburk) Stewart, both natives of South Carolina. The father was a merchant and trader, and died when Jonas P. was an infant. The latter was reared in Lancaster and Chesterfield Districts, and was married in the last named district in January, 1856, to Miss J. E. Carnes, a native of Chesterfield District. They moved westward the same year of their marriage, locating first in Arkansas, in Poinsett County, where they remained until 1860, when they removed to Missouri, and located in Dunklin County. They settled on their present farm about 1868. He has about 950 acres, with about 200 cleared. He has a large apple and peach orchard of over 300 trees, about the best in the county. He is deeply interested in school matters, and has worked faithfully for the advancement of educational interests in the county. His first wife died in August, 1873, and four of her children are now living: Lucy J. M. (wife of N. J. Laceywell), Virgil A. (who died when nearly grown), Elizabeth F. (who died after marriage), Jonas P. and Samuel Milton. After the death of his first wife Mr. Stewart married Miss Nancy E. Bishop, a native of Hardin County, Tenn. Mr. Stewart has a grist and saw mill which he operates in connection with his farm. He and Mrs. Stewart are members of the Beechwell Baptist Church.

Robert W. Stokes, merchant and farmer of Clarkton, Mo., was born eight miles from Cape Girardeau, Mo., November 30, 1839. He is a son of John H. and Lucretia (Childs) Stokes [see sketch of T. C. Stokes]. Robert W. Stokes spent his youth in Cape Girardeau County. He received a good common school education and, in 1856, took charge of a branch store which his father established at Clarkton, and managed it successfully up to 1861. At the breaking out of the war he enlisted under Jeff. Thompson, and served six months in the State Guards. He then enlisted under Gen. Kitchen, but at the end of a few months was discharged for disability. In 1862 he engaged in farming, and in connection with this business has followed farming up to the present time. He is a good business manager and is the owner of a fine farm which he rents out. He belongs to the A. O. U. W. In 1862 he married Mattie J. White, who died November 14, 1881. To them were born four sons and three daughters: John E., Amzi L., Robert W., Laura W., Luther B., Birdie I. and Mattie J. March 29, 1882, Mr. Stokes married Ella B. Page, and by her is the father of two sons, Merrill A. and Roy M. Mrs. Stokes is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

Thomas C. Stokes, merchant of Clarkton, Mo., was born in Cape Girardeau County, Mo., August 9, 1847, and is a son of John H. Stokes and Lucretia (Childs) Stokes, who were born in Ireland and Massachusetts, respectively. They came to Missouri at an early day and located at Cape Girardeau County, where he taught school. He followed merchandising several years before the war, and in 1861 removed his family here, and followed farming and merchandising until his death in 1876. He was judge of the Clarkton common pleas and probate court for several years. Thomas C. Stokes received a fair education in the schools of Cape Girardeau, and after coming to Clarkton worked on a farm. He followed this occupation and clerking for a number of years, and has followed merchandising almost continuously since October, 1872. He keeps a general line of goods, and is doing a prosperous business. In September, 1868, he married Melissa Rayburn, who died in March, 1872, leaving two children, Roxie Rayburn and Alma F. Mr. Stokes married his present wife in 1878. Her maiden name was Virginia Coggeshall. She was born in Louisiana, and is the mother of four children: Frank C., Augusta M., Van H. and William M. Mr. and Mrs. Stokes are members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and he belongs to the Masonic and I. O. O. F. fraternities, and also the A. O. U. W.

Robert Summers, another enterprising and successful merchant at Kennett, is a native of Illinois, born in Pulaski County, October 15, 1846, and is the son of Walter Summers, a native of Kentucky, where he was reared and where he married Miss Sarah Little, a native of Tennessee. Mr. Summers then resided in Pulaski County a number of years. His son, Robert Summers, grew to manhood in Pulaski County, and received a fair education in the common schools. In September, 1861, he enlisted, first in the navy on a gunboat and afterward in the One Hundred and Ninth Illinois Infantry, where he remained about eight months. He was then in the Fifty-eighth Illinois Infantry, and served in that until the close of the war. He participated in the following battles: Fort Henry, Shiloh, Fort Donelson, Nashville, the Red River Expedition, Fort

Spanish, Mobile and a great many skirmishes. He was mustered out at Montgomery, Ala., April 11, 1866, and returned to his home in Pulaski County. December 24, 1867, he married Miss Mary E. Brooks, a native of Pulaski County, who died in Illinois, December 15, 1873. Five children were born to this union: Ella M. (wife of E. Deason), Lullie, Ada, George and Lude. Mr. Summers married his present wife, Miss Amanda Trout, in the fall of 1887. She is a native of Tennessee, but was reared principally in Dunklin County. Mr. Summers farmed in Pulaski County for a few years, and then engaged in the saloon business at Grand Chain, where he continued eight years. He sold out in 1886, moved to Missouri, located at Kennett, and there engaged in the saloon business, which he continued about a year and a half. He then closed out the business and formed a partnership with Mr. Phillips in the mercantile business. This firm have just completed a large two-story building for their business, with two rooms below, and a very large room above designed for clothing. They have a good trade, and are doing a good business. Mr. Summers is a member of the G. A. R. organization, and is also a member of the K. of H.

William M. Satterfield, farmer, proprietor of a cotton gin and postmaster at Caruth, Mo., is a native of Kent County, Del., born January 19, 1833, his father being Elijah Satterfield, a native of Delaware, where he was reared, and where he married Miss Sarah A. Fiddeman, also a native of Delaware. After marriage they resided in their native county until 1835, when they moved to Westtown, Penn., and there remained ten years. In 1855 they moved back to Delaware, and from there to Philadelphia, about 1863, where they are residing at the present time (1888). Their son, William M. Satterfield, was reared, principally, in Mercer County, Penn. He returned to Delaware with his parents, and received a good education in the public schools and in the Arcadia College. In the fall of 1857 he left Delaware and came to Western Missouri, where, in 1860, he married Miss Malinda Horner, a native of Dunklin County. Mr. Satterfield located at Hornersville, and here engaged in mercantile pursuits until the spring of 1861, when he enlisted in the Confederate army, First Missouri State Guards, under Col. Walker, and in the Second Missouri Cavalry Regiment, serving until the close of the war. He participated in the battle of Corinth, Price's Cross Roads, Memphis and a great many minor engagements. He at one time during the service was knocked down by the explosion of a shell and left for dead. He was paroled at Columbus, and returned home in the fall of 1865. He clerked during the winter of 1866, and followed farming up to 1870. Mr. Satterfield lost his first wife October 14, 1862, and January 7, 1869, he took for his second wife Miss Hattie F. Douglass, a native of Kentucky, and the daughter of Alexander T. Douglass. Three children were born to this union: William R., and Jennie and Maggie (twins). They lost four infants. In 1870 Mr. Satterfield engaged in the ginning business, which he continued for seven years. He then engaged in merchandising at Cotton Plant, and followed this until 1881, when he moved to Caruth, where he still continued merchandising until 1887. In connection with this he has carried on a farm for the last four years. He engaged in the ginning business, which he took charge of, and conducted during the past year. He also has a cotton seed huller connected with the gin. He was appointed postmaster at Caruth in 1882, and has held the position ever since. He has been a member of the school board for some time, takes a very active part in school matters, and, without doubt, has been instrumental in advancing school interests. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, a Master Mason, and Royal Arch Mason, and his wife is a member of the Baptist Church.

James F. Tatum, of the firm of Tatum & Bros., merchants at Kennett, Mo., was born in Howard County, Mo., January 5, 1850, and is the son of A. C. Tatum, a native of Virginia. The father was reared in his native State, and when a young man came to Missouri, locating in Howard County, where he married Miss Susan Franklin, a native of Kentucky, but an early settler of Howard County, Mo. Mr. and Mrs. Tatum purchased land near Fayette, where he now resides. James F. Tatum, their son, attained his majority in Howard County, and spent his youth in attending the common school, and in assisting his father on the farm. He went to Dunklin County when a young man. The present firm, of which he is a member, was established in 1888. They carry a general stock of merchandise, including dry goods, clothing, groceries, farm implements, and have a large and increasing trade. Mr. Tatum was married June 27, 1877, to Miss Lilly Bragg, sister of W. G. Bragg, whose sketch is to be found elsewhere in these pages. To this union were born three children, all sons:

Richard M., Frank and Ira. Mr. Tatum is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and his wife is a member of the Christian Church.

Hon. John P. Taylor, attorney, farmer and surveyor of Clarkton, Mo., was born in Wilson County, Tenn., January 19, 1833, being the son of Joshua and Mary C. (Page) Taylor, natives, respectively, of Virginia and Tennessee. The father resided in Wilson County, Tenn., until his death, which occurred in December, 1833. John P. Taylor resided in Smith County, Tenn., until he was seventeen years of age and spent his days on a farm. In 1856 he located in Missouri. He read law while in Tennessee, and was admitted to the Obion County bar in 1855. After coming to Missouri, he farmed for a few years and also practiced his profession and was elected county surveyor in 1869 and served in that capacity for eight years. He was then elected prosecuting attorney and held that office for a period of six years. In the fall of 1882 he was elected to represent Dunklin County in the State Legislature and served one term. He was first married in 1856 to Bettie E. Garrison, who died leaving two children. He married his second wife, Julia A. Jones, in Arkansas. She also died leaving two children. In 1875 Mr. Taylor married his present wife, Mattie J. Blakemore. They have three children: Ibbie, John B. and Katie L. The children by his first wife are Mary A. (Blakemore) and William Y., and those by his second are Lulu (Thomason) and Percy (Mrs. W. T. Brooks). In 1861 Mr. Taylor enlisted as first lieutenant in the State Guards and was promoted to captain. In the year 1863 he joined the Tenth Missouri Cavalry, and was in the battles of Fredericktown and Belmont. In December, 1863, he was taken prisoner in Dunklin County while sick, and held until the close of the war. He is a member of the Masonic and I. O. O. F. fraternities, and is a successful lawyer and farmer.

George T. Van Cleve, M. D., was born in McLean County, Ky., August 29, 1852, and is a son of A. and Hester (James) Van Cleve, who were also born in the "Blue Grass State." The father is a farmer and resides in McLean County, Ky. Dr. G. T. Van Cleve was reared on his father's farm and was educated in the common schools and the Southwestern Kentucky Institute. Previous to attending the latter institution, he taught school and also during his college vacations and after leaving school. He began studying medicine in South Carrollton, Ky., and taught school at the same time. He took his first course of lectures at the University, Louisville, Ky., during the winters of 1875 and 1876, and up to 1879 continued to teach and attend college. At the latter date he graduated and located in Daviess County, Ky., and in the fall of the same year located in Malden, Mo. He was in the drug business until 1884, and then sold out and moved to Lebanon, Mo., but after a residence of about a year at that place he returned to Malden where he has since been engaged in practicing his profession. He re-engaged in the drug business in 1888, and since 1886 has held the office of assistant postmaster. October 29, 1880, he was married to Vara E. James, a native of the county, and by her is the father of two children, John D. and an infant son. Two children died in infancy, Gussie (at the age of two years) and an infant. The Doctor is a member of the I. O. O. F. and is Noble Grand of his lodge.

Levi Walker, merchant and farmer, also the owner of a cotton gin at Campbell, Mo., is a native of Davidson County, Tenn., and was born eight miles west of Nashville, March 1, 1837, being the son of Levi Walker, Sr. (a native of Davidson County, Tenn.), and Ciprecia (Moore) Walker (who was born in Sumner County, Tenn.). The father resided a number of years in Davidson County, and then moved to Western Tennessee, residing for some time in Dyer County, and then in Obion County, where he remained until his death, in September, 1879. His son, Levi Walker, Jr., moved to Western Tennessee in 1848, with his parents, when a lad of ten, and grew to manhood in Dyer County. He remained with his parents until nineteen years of age, when he went to Arkansas, and after remaining there one year, returned to Dyer County, where he engaged in farming for two years. August 10, 1857, he married Miss Sarah A. Wethers, daughter of Stephen Wethers, of Dyer County, Tenn. The fruits of this union were the birth of three children—two sons and a daughter: William H., Amanda J. and Elijah J. In the fall of 1861, Mr. Walker moved to Dunklin County, Mo., and here remained until the winter of 1864, when he moved to Illinois, and there remained fifteen months, when he came back to Dunklin County. Here he has since resided. He bought land in 1865 in Holcomb Township, and has followed farming from that time until the present. He first engaged in the grist mill and cotton gin business in 1879, and this he has continued in

connection with his farm ever since. He engaged in merchandising in 1883, and moved his family to town, where he has built up a good trade. Mr. and Mrs. Walker are members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and Mr. Walker is a member of the Masonic fraternity, being Treasurer of the same. He has 400 acres of land all in one body, and eighty under cultivation, with neat dwellings and out-houses, besides having a good residence in Campbell.

William T. Wallace is a native of Kentucky, born in Livingston County, December 23, 1850. His parents, W. R. and Wilmoth (Scott) Wallace, were born in Chillicothe, Ohio, and Kentucky, respectively. The father was a mechanic in his younger days, but was afterward engaged in the grocery business at Eddyville for a number of years, and followed the same occupation in Evansville, Ind. He died in Kentucky, April 8, 1886. William T. Wallace received a good education in the high school of Evansville, Ind. He learned the tinner's trade in Princeton, Ky., and Evansville, Ind., and worked as an apprentice for about four years. He went to Texas in the fall of 1876, and at the end of six months came to Missouri and engaged in business in Carthage. A year later he moved his business to Kansas City, but at the end of a year moved to Clarksville, Ark., where he worked at his trade for two years. Since 1880 he has resided at Malden, and from 1882 to about 1886 has been engaged in the hardware business. He worked at his trade until 1887, then formed his present partnership. They carry a fine line of goods, and are doing well financially. October 22, 1884, he was married to Ollie M. Ellegood, a native of Illinois. They have one child, Florena.

Isom A. Waltrip is a Daviess County Kentuckian, born March 17, 1845, and is a son of Maaton and Martha (Idson) Waltrip, who were also natives of the Blue Grass State. The family first moved to Illinois, about 1851, and resided in Coles County for eight years, and in the fall of 1859 moved to Missouri, settling in Dunklin County. After a few years' residence here they moved to Arkansas, and the parents are yet residents of Boone County in that State. Isom A. Waltrip has spent the most of his life in Dunklin County, Mo. November 11, 1866, he married Amanda I. Martin, daughter of James and Elizabeth Martin, both of whom are deceased. Mrs. Waltrip was born in Wilson County, Tenn., and came to Missouri in the spring of 1859. Mr. Waltrip is a farmer, and located on his present farm in 1871. He has a good home, and is doing well financially. Since February, 1883, he has been merchandising in Holcomb, and has established a good trade. He has also a one-half interest in a cotton gin, which brings in considerable profit. He and wife are members of the Missionary Baptist Church, and he belongs to the I. O. O. F. The following are their children: Albert O., James H., Mary E., Stephen P. and Ada V.

Judge James M. Waltrip, merchant of Clarkton, Mo., is a native of the Blue Grass State, born December 28, 1837, being the son of James and Martha (Biven) Waltrip, who were born in the same State. The father was a farmer of Daviess County, Ky., and there held the office of justice of the peace for sixteen consecutive years. He died in 1871. Judge Waltrip came to Dunklin County, Mo., in 1856, and located near Clarkton, where he resided two years with an uncle. He then returned to Kentucky, and remained one year, and in the fall of 1859 returned to Dunklin County, Mo., and followed the occupation of farming until 1862, when he was appointed constable of Freeborn Township and deputy county sheriff, and held the position six years. In 1871 he engaged in merchandising in Clarkton, but sold out in 1883 and moved to Texas. He returned the same fall, and in the spring of 1884 went to Arkansas, where he kept a grocery for six months. He soon became dissatisfied, and returned to Clarkton. After a short residence in Texas during 1885, he permanently located at Clarkton, Mo., where he has since been engaged in the general merchandise business, and is doing well financially. In 1881 he was elected judge, but resigned to move west, and in November, 1886, was elected presiding judge for four years. He was also county assessor in 1871 and 1872. August 5, 1860, he wedded Lucy A. White, daughter of Elgin C. White, one of the prominent men of Dunklin County. Mrs. Waltrip was born, reared and educated in Obion County, Tenn. She died in 1865, leaving two daughters: Mollie (Penny) and Augusta (Hawkins). March 28, 1866, Mr. Waltrip married Priscilla, daughter of John Kirkpatrick. She was born near Nashville, Tenn., and became the mother of the following children: John, William, Vara, Henrietta, Adelia, Ray and Mamie. The Judge is a member of the Missionary Baptist Church and belongs to the Masonic fraternity.



Rev. Milton J. Whitaker was born in Lincoln County, Tenn., September 18, 1832, and is a son of Daniel and grandson of Rev. John Whitaker, who was a North Carolinian. He was one of the early settlers of Kentucky. Daniel Whitaker was reared in Tennessee, and was there married to Nancy Sebastian, a daughter of Joseph Sebastian. In 1853 they moved to Obion County, and there the father died in 1881. Rev. Milton J. Whitaker received a good education in the English branches, and taught school in Tennessee for six years. He was a member of the Christian Church for many years, but in 1860 joined the Missionary Baptist Church, and in 1874 was ordained a minister of this church. He came to Missouri in 1858, and in November of that year was married to Lurinda, daughter of John and Dilemma Timberman. The wife died in 1868, and in 1871 Mr. Whitaker married Sarah E., daughter of Gideon and Eliza Godsey. Mr. Whitaker has ten children, four by his first wife and six by his last, two now being dead. He taught school for about two years after coming to Missouri, and then located on his farm of 180 acres. In 1863 he began keeping a nursery, and has a nice variety of small fruits. He served about six months in the Confederate army as adjutant, and was in the battle of Bloomfield. He is a Royal Arch Mason. Mr. Whitaker was among the first permanent settlers of the county of Dunklin.

Samuel S. White, merchant, of the firm of S. S. White & Co., at Kennett, Mo., is a native of Georgia, born July 10, 1854, and is the son of William White, who was also a native of Georgia, where he was reared, and where he married Miss Nancy C. Couch, a native of South Carolina, where she was reared. After marriage, and in 1855, they moved to Tennessee, and located in Robinson County, where they resided a number of years. They then moved to Illinois, from there to Kentucky, and then to Mississippi County, Ark. Their son, S. S. White, was a young man when he moved with his parents to Mississippi County, Ark. His youth was spent on the farm and in the common schools. In 1874 he went to Missouri, locating in Pemiscot County, and there engaged in the general store business. He also engaged in the cotton-gin and saw-mill business, in connection with farming, which he continued at that place until November, 1884, when he sold out and moved to Dunklin County, locating in Kennett, where he engaged in the saloon business, but continued at this only one year. The present firm was established in December, 1887. They carry a complete stock of general merchandise, including dry goods, clothing, boots and shoes, etc. He has established a good trade, and a reputation for fair dealing. Mr. White was married in Pemiscot County January 4, 1874, to Miss Mary S. Hicks, a native of Tennessee, but who was reared and educated in Pemiscot County, and who is the daughter of Ransom Hicks. To this marriage were born six children, one now deceased: Cordelia, Elvira E., William M. (deceased), Carrie C., Samuel J. and James R. Mr. White is carrying on farming in connection with his business, and is a wide-awake business man.

William W. White, merchant, farmer and postmaster at Valley Ridge Post-office, Union Township, and son of G. M. and Minerva J. (Edwards) White, was born in Dunklin County, Mo., October 17, 1857. His parents are natives of Virginia and Arkansas, respectively, and now reside in Union Township, Dunklin County. Their son, William W. White, grew to manhood in this county, and remained with his father on the farm until eighteen years of age. August 30, 1876, he married Miss Mary R. Riddle, daughter of John Riddle, who is living in Union Township. Two children were born to this union, Altha May and Pricie Lee. After marriage Mr. White farmed for his father for two years, and then purchased the place where he now resides. He has a tract of 200 acres in one place, and forty in another, with about ninety acres improved. Mr. White engaged in merchandising in the fall of 1884, and two years later built a store on his own land and put in a stock of dry goods, notions, and groceries, and is having a fair trade. He was appointed postmaster of Valley Ridge Postoffice in 1885, and moved the office to the present location. Mr. White was appointed justice of the peace of Union Township, in the spring of 1888. He is a member of the Agricultural Wheel, and he and wife are members of the General Baptist Church.

Fabius M. Wilkins, M. D., may be mentioned as one of the prominent physicians and surgeons of Dunklin County, Mo. He is a son of John and Helen (Grissona) Wilkins, and was born December 22, 1834, in Wake County, N. C. His parents were also natives of North Carolina, and moved to Weakley County, Tenn., in 1844. Here Fabius M. grew to manhood. He was a bright



*Geo. M. Wilkins M.D.*

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and intelligent lad, and having a predilection for the study of medicine he, in 1853, began the study of that science under Dr. Valney Hawkins. He took his first course of lectures in the medical department of the University of Nashville during the winter of 1856-57, and in the spring of 1857 began practicing at Union City, Tenn., where he continued until the winter of 1858-59, when he took his final course of lectures at the Nashville University, graduating in the spring of the latter date. In June of that year he moved to Dunklin County, Mo., where he has since resided, and has a good practice. In June, 1885, he began selling drugs at Clarkton, but in 1881 moved his store to Malden. He now carries a general stock of drugs and merchandise. He is a member of the Southeast Missouri Medical Association, and belongs to the Masonic fraternity. He has been married three times. His first wife was Martha Baird, who died in 1873, leaving three children; the second wife was Tennie Moore, who died three years after her marriage, leaving one child; his third and present wife is Mary E. Scruggs. Their family are as follows: Christopher C., Samuel, Lena, Claud M., Fabius M., Jr., Guy and Wyley. The Doctor and wife are members of the Christian Church.

A. B. Wilkins was born in Hickman County, Tenn., January 29, 1835, and is a son of Clement Wilkins. A. B. Wilkins came to Dunklin County, Mo., in 1849, and settled on a thirty-eight acre farm near where he now lives, and after a residence of seventeen years at this place he moved to his present farm of thirty acres, still, however, retaining the old farm. His land is well improved and fertile. In 1856 he was married to Cynthia Clarkston, who died two years later. His second wife was Martha Cucle, who died in 1860. He then married Tennessee J. Cucle, whose death occurred in 1861, and he took for his fourth wife Elizabeth Schultz. She is still living, but she and Mr. Wilkins are not living together. Eight children were born to his third marriage, two of whom are dead and three married. Mr. Wilkins is well versed on the general topics of the day, and in his religious views is a Baptist. He is hale and hearty and promises to live to a good old age. His father lived to be eighty-two years old and his mother to be seventy-five.

John Wright was born in the Blue Grass State, McLean County, November 18, 1840. He came to Missouri with his mother, in 1857, and located in Dunklin County. In the spring of 1862 he enlisted in the Fifth Missouri Infantry, Confederate States army, and served until the surrender of Vicksburg, when he was taken prisoner and paroled. He participated in the following battles: Corinth, Iuka and Port Hudson, and the siege of Vicksburg. After being paroled he returned home, and has since been engaged in farming. In 1878 he and his brother engaged in the mercantile business, at Clarkton, and from 1883 to 1884, followed the same business in Malden. They have also operated a cotton-gin for sixteen years, and are the owners of a saw mill. In 1864 Mr. Wright married Polly Ann Skaggs. She died in 1874, leaving one child, Angie (Clemm). Mr. Wright next married Nancy A. Capshaw, in 1876, and their union resulted in the birth of four children: Edgar, William O., Maggie and Woodie. Mr. and Mrs. Wright are members of the Missionary Baptist Church, and he is the owner of 194 acres of land. Frank B. Wright, brother of John Wright, was born in McLean County, Ky., January 16, 1847, and both are sons of Joshua Wright, who was a native of Virginia. He was a farmer and stock dealer, and resided in McLean County until his death, in 1849. Frank B. was the youngest of three sons and two daughters, and came with his mother to Missouri when about eleven years of age. He was married, in 1873, to Mary C. Nobles, and by her is the father of three daughters and one son: Martha J., William J., Nettie May and Bettie I. Mr. and Mrs. Wright are members of the Missionary Baptist Church, and he belongs to the Agricultural Wheel. He owns the home farm of forty acres, and since 1873 has been engaged in ginning cotton. In connection with his brother, he is also engaged in manufacturing lumber.

John Yearwood, merchant at Malden, Mo., is a native of Rutherford County, Tenn., and was born on the 6th of November, 1823. He was reared to manhood at Mount Vernon, Ill., and served one year in the Mexican War. He worked at the blacksmith and gunsmith's trade for fourteen years, in Mount Vernon, and in November, 1880, moved to Missouri, and located at Malden, where he has since worked at his trade. In 1887 he began selling hardware and groceries, and has built up a good trade. January 12, 1848, he married Miranda Ann Oakley, and their union resulted in the birth of the following children: Mary (Mrs. William Page), Belvereta (Mrs. Samuel Yearwood), Margaret (deceased),

John W. (deceased), James (deceased) and Ella (deceased). Mrs. Yearwood died April 11, 1888. Mr. Yearwood is a member of the K. of L., and is considered a fine mechanic. He has always taken a great interest in hunting, and has killed a great many deer during his life-time, and has killed a number quite recently. His parents were William and Ellen (Rankin) Yearwood, who were natives, respectively, of Virginia and Tennessee. The father moved to Mount Vernon, Ill., in 1827, and there followed the occupations of blacksmithing and shoe-making. His death occurred in 1859.

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John T. Averill, deputy circuit and county clerk of Pemiscot County, was born near Gayoso, Pemiscot Co., Mo., September 15, 1858, and is the son of John E. and Mary J. (Dorris) Averill. The father was a native of Vermont, born May 4, 1824, and died December 28, 1880. When a child he left his native State with his parents, moved to New York, and there remained until thirteen years of age, when he left home without the permission of his parents, went to Waterville, N. Y., and here worked in the woolen mills, and later attended school, receiving a very liberal education. After attaining his growth he moved to Michigan, remained there a short time, when he and Maj. Carleton came to New Madrid, New Madrid Co., Mo., and there remained until 1856, when Mr. Averill moved to Gayoso. In 1854 he married Miss Mary Kerr, who died three years later. The children to this marriage are also deceased. In 1857 Mr. Carleton married Mrs. Mary J. (Foust) Dorris, widow of John Foust. To this union were born seven children, only three now living: J. T., F. M. (now a resident of Aquilla, Tex., and a Methodist minister). In 1857 Mr. Averill located on a farm six miles north of Gayoso, where he remained until 1861, when he enlisted in a company of infantry, Confederate army, and was elected captain, serving about one year, when he was taken prisoner and retained six months. Mr. Averill resided in Dunklin County, Mo., about a year and a half, and then came to Pemiscot County, where he farmed a year. He then resided in Gayoso and vicinity until his death. He was a successful criminal lawyer, and for some time was a partner with G. W. Carleton. He served four years as prosecuting attorney of Pemiscot County. The mother was born in 1822, and died in 1872. Their son, John T. Averill, remained with his mother until her death, and secured a good education at the State Normal at Cape Girardeau, and followed farming until 1882, when he was elected assessor of Pemiscot County, and served as such two years. During the time he taught several terms of school. In 1886 he was appointed deputy circuit and county clerk, and has served in this capacity ever since. He is recording secretary of the L. O. O. F. lodge, and is a Democrat in his political views. He is one of the rising young men of the county.

Joseph Bader was born in Baden, Germany, March 27, 1831, and is a son of Michael and Teresa Bader, who lived and died in Germany. The father was a farmer. Joseph Bader was one of their three children. He came to the United States in 1849, and located in Henderson County, Ky. Here he worked for three years, and at the end of that time had \$300 coming to him, and he began to farm for himself. He came to Missouri in 1858, and purchased the farm where he now lives. His present farm consists of 430 acres, all of which he has obtained through his own industry and good management. During the war he went to Vanderburg County, Ind., where he remained from 1864 to 1866. January 1, 1851, he married Nancy Johnson, a native of Kentucky, who died in Missouri, in 1882, leaving two children, only one of whom is now living, John W. a merchant and postmaster at Seymour, Mo. Jennie died when twenty-two years of age, while on a visit to her brother in 1884. In 1865 Mr. Bader married Mary Ann Sharp, who was born in Kentucky, and died in Missouri in 1885. She left three children: Mattie, Esther and Lou. Mr. Bader is a Democrat.

Judge Robert Belson, son of Mathias and Jemima (Dumas) Belson, was born in New Madrid County, Mo., October 18, 1827. His father was born in