

BIOGRAPHICAL APPENDIX.

LACLEDE COUNTY.

F. W. Abbot, agent of the St. Louis & San Francisco Railroad Line at Lebanon, was born in New York City March 4, 1851, and is the son of F. A. and Mary A. (Carrigan) Abbot, natives of New York City and Nottinghamshire, England. F. A. Abbot, the father, is a noted newspaper man, and has been connected with the New York papers and United States press for forty-five years. He furnished news for the English papers before the Atlantic cable was put in. This was done by sealed cans thrown off the Irish coast and picked up by row-boats waiting for that purpose. He is now correspondent for the New Orleans *Picayune*; Galveston *News*, Baltimore *Sun*, and a number of other large daily papers, besides holding a large private correspondence on financial and commercial business. He is one of the most noted correspondents in New York City. His son, F. W. Abbot, attained his growth and received his education in the above mentioned State. In 1871 he went south to New Orleans, and was reporter for the *Picayune*; was also connected with the *Sugar Bowl*, edited by the famous Col. Gilmore, of New Iberia, La. He had charge of the post-office at that place for one quarter as deputy, and was deputy tax collector; also was afterward appointed supervisor of registration, during the Greeley campaign, by Gov. Warmouth, Iberia Parish, and later appointed by Gov. McHenry tax collector of Iberia Parish. Mr. Abbot then drifted back home and went to railroading, first being employed by the Manhattan Elevated Railroad Company, where he remained about two years. He was then induced to come to St. Louis and take a position on the 'Frisco, and was employed in St. Louis for four years. In 1883 he came to Lebanon, Mo., and has since been the general agent of this place. Soon after coming to Lebanon Mr. Abbot was given charge of the Adams Express agency. He was married, in St. Louis, to Miss Helen A., daughter of Prof. Shackford, November 16, 1881, and to this union have been born three children, two now living: Edward H. and Charles S. Mr. Abbot is a member of the I. O. O. F. lodge, and is one of the representative citizens of the county. Since living in Lebanon he has

erected a commodious brick residence, and he has also the finest garden, fruits and vegetables to be found in Southwest Missouri. In November, 1888, he was appointed United States commissioner for the Western District of Missouri.

Bailey Adkins, proprietor of the City Mills, was born in Dixon County, Tenn., December 12, 1835, and is the son of Abner and Nancy (Hooper) Adkins, both natives of Tennessee, the father of Dixon County and the mother of Humphreys County. The Adkins family were originally from England, and were early settlers of Virginia. The Hooper family were from Scotland, and immigrated to North Carolina, but afterward moved to Tennessee. The paternal grandfather, Drury Adkins, was a soldier in the War of 1812, was a farmer by occupation, and died in Tennessee. Abner Adkins was also a farmer by occupation, and in 1839 he with his family immigrated with a four-horse wagon to Laclede County, Mo., being about six weeks on the road, and located on the Glaize, the place now owned by Mrs. Hooker. He bought a claim which was not yet improved, and lived on this place but a short time, when they sold out and bought property in Lebanon Township, Goodwin Hollow. Here the father died in 1861. He was captain of militia in Tennessee. There are 360 acres in the homestead, mostly under cultivation. The mother is yet living. They were the parents of five children, four now living: Bailey, Malinda, Abner and William. The one deceased was named Vasa. Bailey Adkins was but five years of age when he came with his parents to Laclede County, Mo. Here he was educated in the rude log school-houses of those early days, and here he assisted on the farm, remaining at home until the death of his father. In 1863 he enlisted in Company H, Eighth Missouri Cavalry, and served until the close of the war, being kept on guard of railroads the principal part of the time. He was mustered out August 12, 1865, came home and resumed farming, which he still continues. In 1887 he took charge of the mill he is now running, and this he has since continued to operate. He owns a fine farm near Lebanon, on which he resides with his mother, brother and sister. He is a member of the G. A. R. and Agricultural Wheel, and is one of the enterprising and successful citizens of the county. He is politically a Democrat.

Dr. Jesse N. Anderson, druggist, of Conway, Mo., was born in Johnson County, Mo., March 30, 1851, and is a son of Jesse C. and Jeanette (Green) Anderson. The father was born in Platte County, Mo., in 1820, and after residing on his father's farm until he attained his majority, he located in St. Charles County, where he engaged in farming, but at the outbreak of the late war he left the plow to engage in that struggle, serving in the Confederate army until 1864, when his health failed, and he was honorably discharged. He then located on a farm in Adams County, Ill., on which he resided until 1867, and then returned to Missouri. After residing in different counties for a number of years he located in Henry County, where he made his home until his death in 1880. His father was a noted minister in the Primitive Baptist Church. His wife was born in St. Charles County, Mo., in 1819, and received a common-school education. She

was one of the finest musicians in the county, and was a daughter of Capt. John Green, who was captain of light horse in the War of 1812, and was a very extensive farmer and land-holder of St. Charles County. She became the mother of five children, three of whom are living. Two sons, James W. and Dawson B., served in the Confederate and Union armies, respectively. The latter was a member of the Eleventh Missouri Cavalry, United States Army, and during his hard service contracted sickness which resulted in the loss of his power of speech. After the war he located in Henry County on a farm, where he was highly respected by his neighbors and old army comrades. During the year 1885, while traveling through McDonald County, he was murdered by Irwin Grubb, who was a relative by marriage, but fate speedily overtook the latter, for he was taken from the jail, where he was confined, by the friends and neighbors of Mr. Anderson, and hanged to a tree near the scene of the murder. Dr. Jesse N. Anderson grew to manhood in Newton County, Mo., and during the war was captured by Quantrell, and after being kept prisoner for some time was given his liberty. He was educated at Barry, Ill., and began the study of medicine under Dr. Llewellyn, near Hannibal, Mo. In 1873 he opened a drug store at Palestine, Mo., and soon after entered upon the practice of his profession. He has continued both occupations in various parts of the State up to the present time, and in 1884 located at Conway, where he has since made his home, with the exception of a short time spent in Barton County. He has acquired a large and lucrative practice, and is exceptionally skillful in the treatment of catarrh. During 1884 he was elected to do the practice for five different lodges of Wheelers near Conway. He is a member of the State Pharmaceutical Society, and of the Eclectic Medical Society of the State. In 1873 he married Mary McPherson, a daughter of Dr. T. McPherson, who was one of the leading physicians of Mercer County, Iowa, and Barton County, Mo. He was a regimental surgeon in the Confederate army, and was a prominent Mason and a leading politician. He served as county clerk one term, and died in 1862. Mrs. Anderson was born in Mercer County, Iowa, in 1857, and she and Dr. Anderson are the parents of two children: Ida and Frances. The Doctor is Prelate in the K. P. Lodge of Conway, and is also a member of the A. O. U. W., in which he is examining surgeon. He is a Democrat in politics.

James W. Appling, miller at Lebanon, Mo., and son of James M. and Elizabeth (Barnes) Appling, was born in Wright County, Mo., October 7, 1841. The parents were both natives of Kentucky, and the Appling family were originally from Georgia, but immigrated to Kentucky at an early date. This family is of Scotch-Irish descent. The paternal grandfather, Joel Appling, died in Kentucky, as did also the maternal grandparents. James M. Appling was a farmer by occupation, and in 1835 he, with his family, immigrated to Missouri from Kentucky, coming through with an ox team. This was about the time the Indians were driven from Tennessee, and Mr. Appling experienced some hard times in gathering feed for his cattle. They settled in Wright County, Mo., in the fall of 1835, locating on a squat-

ter's claim, but, however, only lived there a few years, when he sold his claim, and in about 1842 moved to what is now Laclede County. He located about one-half mile north of Old Lebanon, purchased a small farm, unimproved, with the exception of a few acres round a log cabin, and the foundation of this cabin is still standing. Here Mr. Appling lived for many years engaged in tilling the soil, and was subject to all the hardships incident to pioneer life. He has spent his entire life in agricultural pursuits, and is still living at the age of seventy-eight years. The mother died in 1860. They were the parents of nine children, eight now living: Aurelius M., James W., John W., Columbus C., Miles L., Edward H., Sarah A., wife of Miles Elder, and resides in Arizona; Ella M., wife of Thomas Thompson, and is now residing in Kansas. James W. Appling was but a year old when he moved with his parents to Laclede County, Mo., and therefore has been identified with Laclede County all his life. His education was very limited, owing to the fact that school facilities were not of the best, and he assisted his father on the farm until the breaking out of the late Civil War. At the call for troops he shouldered his musket and marched into service August 12, 1861. He enlisted in Company A, Sixth Missouri Cavalry, and was mustered out at St. Louis. He was at the battles of Wet Glaze, Sugar Creek and a great many hard skirmishes. He was in advance of Curtis' army until they struck Pea Ridge, when they stood in reserve for three days. They were in the battle of Prairie Grove in December, 1863, and he was mustered out August 19, 1864. He then returned home and followed farming for three or four years, after which he engaged in milling, and this he has followed ever since. Mr. Appling is a practical miller, having had the experience of many years, and his flour is as good as can be found in Southern Missouri. He was married in 1864, November 28, to Miss Fannie A., daughter of Joseph F. Smith, whose sketch appears elsewhere in these pages. To Mr. and Mrs. Appling were born four children, three now living: Ella B., Jennie M. and Alma M. They have an adopted son, named James L. Mr. Appling is a member of the Masonic fraternity, a member of the I. O. O. F., A. O. U. W. and G. A. R.

James Atchley was born in Bradley County, Tenn., October 6, 1824, and is a son of John and Lizzie Atchley, and grandson of Martin Atchley, who was born, reared and married in Pennsylvania. About 1800 he located in Meigs County, Tenn., on a farm, at which occupation he became quite wealthy, but his death occurred in Bradley County in 1844. He was a soldier in the War of 1812, and was an active member of the Baptist Church. He and wife, who was born in Pennsylvania, became the parents of eleven children, all of whom lived to maturity. Seth, the eldest, now living on the home place in Tennessee, and Mahala (Mrs. Wilson), who resides in Denton County, Ark., are the only ones now living. John Atchley was the sixth child, and was born in Meigs County, Tenn., in 1804, and in 1838 removed with his family to Missouri, locating in Goodwin Hollow, where he died in 1881. He served in the "Old Men's Regiment" during the late war. His wife was born in Kentucky, and died in

1878, having borne a family of eleven children, nine of whom are living at the present time: Noah D., Morgan L., Seth, Miles, Sarah, Elizabeth, Elder, Delilah and James. James Atchley, whose name heads this sketch, was thirteen years of age when his parents came to Laclede County, and here he has since made his home. He served in the Mexican War under Gen. Taylor, and in 1850 took a trip to Pike's Peak, and was engaged in rafting logs on the Missouri and Mississippi Rivers for four years. He was married in 1851 to Miss Nancy Hufft, who was born in Tennessee in 1823, and died in 1865, a devoted member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The following are their children: Dr. John B., Benjamin and Freeman. Mr. Atchley is a member of the A. F. & A. M., and is the owner of 640 acres of good land, with 320 acres under cultivation.

Levi L. Beckner is a son of Daniel and Mary (Lease) Beckner, and was born in Montgomery County, Va., September 9, 1814. Daniel Beckner was born near Philadelphia, Penn., June 5, 1790, and died in Laclede County, Mo., in 1870; his wife died in Elkhart County, Ind., in 1862 or 1863. They were married in Montgomery County, Va., where they lived until 1827, when they moved to Preble County, Ohio; eight years later they went to Elkhart County, Ind., and in 1839 located in what was then Pulaski County, now Dallas County, Mo., which was their home until the outbreak of the late war, when they returned to Elkhart County, Ind. They were members of the Dunkard Church, in which he was a deacon. He was a Union man during the war, and his sympathies were subsequently with the Republican party. He was assessor of Dallas County, and also served as associate judge in that county one term. Of the family of eleven children, four sons and three daughters are still living, viz.: Levi L.; Daniel, a prominent citizen of Laclede County; Aaron, a farmer of Greene County, Mo.; Eli Harrison, a carpenter of Springfield; May Ann, widow of Moses Hess and living at Elkhart, Ind.; Nioma, who married Louis Wise, a farmer near Marshfield, and Dilicah, now Mrs. Elias Hess, a retired farmer of Marshfield. When eighteen years of age Levi L. Beckner learned the brick-mason's trade, at which he worked in Ohio and Indiana for several years. In 1841 he built the court-house in Bolivar, Mo., which is still used, and at that time the best court-house in Southwestern Missouri, and in 1846 built the court-house at Buffalo, Dallas Co., Mo., which was burned during the war. After removing to Missouri he turned his attention to farming, which he has since continued. February 20, 1842, he married Sarah Ann Miller, who was born in McMinn County, Tenn., May 2, 1822, and is a daughter of John and Elizabeth Miller, natives also of Tennessee. Seven children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Beckner, of whom five are living, viz.: Amanda, wife of David Hamilton, a farmer of Dallas County; John K. is a farmer and merchant of Webster County, and postmaster of Forkner's Hill Post-office; Abram L. is a farmer and stock raiser of Laclede County; Isabelle Adeline married John J. A. Gibson, of Greene County, Mo., and Isaac N., a commercial traveler for the firm of Wells & Co., of St. Louis. Louisa was the wife of William Wharton, and resided in Greene County at the time of her death.

Mary Ann died when seventeen years of age. The family are consistent members of the Missionary Baptist Church, and the male members are Republicans.

Daniel Beckner, a prominent farmer of Spring Hollow Township, was born in the "Old Dominion," Montgomery Co., Va., August 9, 1821, and is a son of Daniel and Mary Beckner, who were of German descent, and natives of the "Keystone State." The paternal grandfather came from the Fatherland to America some time prior to the Revolutionary War, locating on a farm in Pennsylvania, where he reared a family of five children, of whom Daniel was the youngest son; he was born about 1792. He removed to Virginia when a young man, and in 1827, with his family, which consisted of his wife and nine children, immigrated to Preble County, Ohio, where they resided until 1834 or 1835, when they removed to Elkhart County, Ind. In 1839 they removed to Dallas County, Mo., where the town of Long Lane is now located. There the father died in 1869, having been a member of the county court, and first assessor of the county. His wife was born in 1798, and died in Indiana in 1863. They were both members of the German Baptist Church, and their family consisted of eleven children, all of whom lived to be grown, and seven are living at the present time: Levi, Mary Ann, Daniel, Aaron, Naomi, Delilah and Eli. Those deceased are Isaac, Samuel, James and Catherine. Daniel was in his eighteenth year when he came to Missouri with his father, and he continued to reside on the home place until thirty-seven years of age, but during the war made his home in Indiana. Since that time he has resided on his present farm, having been married to Nancy F. Moore, a native of Kentucky, who came to Missouri when a girl. To them were born two children, Siegel and Jesse, the latter being deceased. The mother was a member of the Missionary Baptist Church, and died in 1863, after which Mr. Beckner married Ellen Schoolfield, a native of Tennessee, by whom he became the father of the following children: Chloë, E. C., Dan, and Levi (deceased). He is a Republican in politics, and served one term as a member of the State Legislature. He is deeply interested in church and school work, and especially in the education and well-being of the rising generations, who are wanted to surpass, if possible, the past.

Thomas Bilderback, one of the oldest and most prominent citizens of Union Township, Laclede Co., Mo., was born in Washington County, Penn., February 3, 1822, and is a son of Daniel and Sarah (Castleman) Bilderback, natives respectively of Virginia and Pennsylvania, the former born March 17, 1797, and the latter February 27, 1794. The parents were married in Pennsylvania in December, 1817, and in December, 1824, they moved to Licking County, Ohio. They lived in Ohio until 1834, when they went to Fountain County, Ind., remaining there until May, 1836, when they settled in St. Clair County, Ill. Early in the year 1837 they settled in Laclede County, Mo., where Daniel Bilderback died October 16, 1863, and his wife in November, 1865. Both were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and the first sermon preached in the west-

ern part of Laclede County was at the residence of Daniel Bilderback. He devoted his whole life to the pursuit of farming and stock raising, at which he was very successful. In the early history of the county he was associate judge for a number of years. There were ten children born to Daniel and Sarah Bilderback, of whom six are supposed to be living, viz.: Margaret (wife of J. L. Rimmer, a farmer of Wayne County, Iowa, who is also engaged in the hotel business at Confidence), Susan (the widow of Alva Benson, is living in Laclede County), Hester (married S. S. Lawrence, and is now living in Hill County, Tex.), Daniel (went to California in 1852), Henry C. (is a merchant and farmer, in Hill County, Tex.) and Elizabeth (became the wife of P. M. Stewart, and it is not known whether she is living or not). Since his twenty-first year Thomas Bilderback has been engaged in farming, and has been very successful in his chosen occupation. September 27, 1846, he married Sarah J. Rimmer, who was born in South Carolina, and is a daughter of John Rimmer, who came from Tennessee to Missouri about 1845. Mrs. Bilderback died in Laclede County July 4, 1880, a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church for many years, and a loving wife and mother. Of their seven children, five are now living, viz.: Henry L. (who married Sarah L. Cossey, is living near his father), Sarah J. (now Mrs. Alexander S. Luallin, a prominent farmer of Laclede County, was born September 9, 1851), Stephen W. (was born December 29, 1852), Thomas J. (born May 7, 1855), Margaret E. (at home, was born January 19, 1862). Those deceased were Mary E. (born July 28, 1848, died December 21, 1869; she was the wife of A. S. Luallin). The other child died in infancy. During the late war Mr. Bilderback served six months in the State Militia. He has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church for many years. He is a Republican in politics, and is an enterprising citizen of Union Township.

Hon. Richard P. Bland, Member of Congress, was born near Hartford, Ohio Co., Ky., August 19, 1835, and is a son of Stouton E. and Margaret (Nall) Bland, who were natives of Kentucky. The family was originally from Virginia, but immigrated to Kentucky in the time of Daniel Boone, and were among the earliest settlers of that country. Stouton E. Bland was a farmer by occupation, and died when comparatively young, being only about thirty-five years of age. The mother lived some years after his death. Of their four children, three are now living: Richard P., Charles C., judge of the Eighteenth Judicial Circuit of Missouri, and Elizabeth, wife of Frederick Tuttle, of St. Francois County, Mo. The subject of this sketch attained his growth on the farm in Kentucky, attending the public schools and Griffin's Academy. In 1855 he came to Wayne County, Mo., taught school at Patterson for one term, and in the fall of the same year he went to California, where he studied law. In 1859 he went to Virginia City, Nev., and was admitted to the bar at Carson City United States Court. He then commenced practicing at Virginia City, and here remained until November, 1865, when he came back to Missouri, locating at Rolla, where he practiced law with his brother, C. C. Bland,

until 1869, when he came to Laclede County and located at Lebanon. He here practiced his profession until 1872, when he was elected to Congress, and has been re-elected ever since, thus holding his membership for sixteen successive years. In 1877 he purchased the farm where he now lives, and built a large, handsome brick residence, into which he moved one year later. He has resided here ever since, and has a farm of 160 acres of improved land. While in Utah, Mr. Bland was elected county treasurer of Carson County, Utah, which position he held until the office was organized into the State of Nevada, in 1863. While there he was also engaged in the war against the Indians. Since his election to Congress, he has given up his profession. He was married December 19, 1873, to Miss Virginia E. Mitchell, of Rolla, Mo., and by whom he has five children: Fannie, Theodric R., Ewing C., George V. and Margaret. Mr. Bland is a member of the Masonic fraternity, K. T., and is one of the prominent men of the State of Missouri. He has made an excellent Congressman, and has been instrumental in having a great many important bills passed.

Theodore A. Booton (deceased) was a successful farmer and stock raiser of Laclede County, Mo., and was born in the "Sucker State" in 1838, being a son of Laban and Catherine (Shoemaker) Booton, who were farmers, and natives of Virginia and Ohio, respectively, and were of German lineage. Theodore A. Booton was taken by his parents to Knox County, Ill., when a child, and was reared to manhood on a farm, and educated in the schools of Knox County and Peoria. When starting out in life for himself he located on a farm near the home place, where he continued to reside until 1872, when his health became very much impaired, and he and family went to California, where they resided one year. From that time until 1883 they resided in Illinois, and at the latter date sold their property and came to Missouri, taking up their abode near Lebanon, where Mr. Booton was quite extensively engaged in farming and stock raising. He died on the 9th of July, 1886. He served three years in the Seventh Illinois Cavalry Regiment during the late war, and was severely wounded twice. His wife was born in Knox County in 1846, and is a daughter of Asa and Mary (Gaddis) Haynes, who were born in New York and Pennsylvania, respectively. They located in Illinois in 1836, the father being still alive and a resident of Knox County, but the mother died in 1884, having borne a family of eight children, seven of whom are living: Margaret, Elizabeth, Clark, Ann, Nancy, Ellen and Charles. Ellen is the widow of Mr. Booton, by whom she became the mother of six children: Jessie, Clara, Minnie, Theodore, Louella and Leon. Mrs. Booton has a good farm of 290 acres, with 200 under cultivation, and also deals quite extensively in stock. Her husband was a member of the G. A. R., of Lebanon. He died of disease contracted in the army.

J. T. Bradshaw, editor of the *Rustic*, at Lebanon, was born in Clay County, Ill., June 27, 1859, and is a son of Francis A. and Mary (Curry) Bradshaw, natives of Kentucky and England, respectively. The father immigrated to Wayne County, Ill., at an early

date, and served an apprenticeship to the carpenter's trade. He then moved to Clay County, Ill., where he followed his trade until the spring of 1869, when he moved to Laclede County, locating at Lebanon, where he has since resided, and where he has since followed his trade. He has built a great number of the houses in Lebanon, and was the contractor for the Laclede Hotel. He is the father of eight children: Belle (wife of J. W. Farris), Edith, James T., Lydia, Edward, Andrew, Mamie and Maude. James T. Bradshaw was reared in Clay County, Ill., until ten years of age, when he came to Lebanon, and was here educated. At the age of twelve years he entered the *Laclede County Leader* office, and served an apprenticeship. During his vacations in the office he attended school. In 1876 he went to Richland, where he had charge of the *Pulaski County Sentinel* during the campaign, but returned to Lebanon in 1878, where he established the *Lebanon Leader*, which publication he controlled until 1880, when he consolidated with the *Lebanon Rustic*, and continued the publication as the *Rustic Leader*, on account of them both being Democrats. In 1881 Mr. Bradshaw went to Joplin, Mo., where he was connected with the *Daily Herald* until early in 1883. He then went to Springfield, Mo., and began working on the *Patriot*, but only remained with that paper a short time. He was then associated with D. C. Kennedy in the publication of the *Daily Leader*, of Springfield, but in 1884 he returned to Lebanon to again take charge of the *Rustic*. In October, 1884, on the death of the editor, Dr. John W. Armstrong, he purchased the paper, and has since continued its publication. This paper is published in the interest of the Democratic party. Mr. Bradshaw was for a short time connected with the *St. Louis Times*, as traveling correspondent. The *Rustic* has a good circulation, and Mr. Bradshaw is an able editor. He was married in April, 1887, to Miss Amie M. Wilson, of Cairo, Ill., and to them has been born one child, Margaret Eugenia. Mr. Bradshaw is a member of the A. O. U. W. and Select Knights. Mrs. Bradshaw is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

Henry L. Brown, postmaster of Conway, Laclede Co., Mo., was born in Webster County, Mo., January 16, 1860, and is a son of George A. and Nancy (Kilburn) Brown, natives of Tennessee, the former born October 26, 1823, and the latter April 7, 1828. The parents were married in their native State December 31, 1844, where they spent the first ten years of their married life, and then moved to Greene County, Mo. About 1858 they located in Webster County, Mo., where they still live. George A. Brown has always been a farmer, and has been very successful in his chosen occupation. He is a Democrat politically, and, with his wife, is a member of the Missionary Baptist Church, in which they take an active part. Eight children were born to the parents of our subject, viz.: Arminta F., who is now the wife of William Cain, a minister of the Missionary Baptist Church, now living in Webster County; Neil S., a carpenter of Conway, Mo.; Allen D., a farmer of Webster County; James J., also a farmer of Webster County; Henry L.; Martha E., who married John H. Smith, a farmer of Webster County; George L., a farmer of the same county.

and Millie N. (deceased) was the wife of James L. Rice, of Conway; the latter, who was born in 1866, died May 15, 1888. January 18, 1880, Henry L. Brown married Maria E. Conner, daughter of Solomon Conner, of Dallas County, Mo. Mrs. Brown, who was also a native of Dallas County, Mo., is the mother of two children: Gracie S. and Oscar L. In 1880 Mr. Brown located in Conway, and the following three years was employed as salesman in the establishment of C. Hanson. He then taught school one year in Webster and Laclede Counties, and October 23, 1885, was appointed postmaster of Conway, of which office he is the present incumbent, having served with credit. Mr. Brown is a Knight of Pythias, and in 1887 represented his lodge at St. Louis. He is also a member of the Baptist Church, and Mrs. Brown is a member of the Congregational Church. Mr. Brown is one of the enterprising citizens of Conway, and the family is highly esteemed by all who know them.

John S. Burns, Deputy United States Marshal for the Western District of Missouri, was born in Dallas County September 6, 1844, and is a son of Foster and Elizabeth (Tiller) Burns, and grandson of John Burns. The latter was a native of North Carolina, and located in Tennessee when a young man, where he was married to Margaret Wilson. They located on a farm in Maury County, and in 1836 came to Missouri, locating in Polk County, where he continued farming until he became one of the leading agriculturists of that region, and was an extensive slave-holder. He served in the War of 1812, and was wounded at the battle of New Orleans, and being unable to make his escape was captured by the British soldiers, but was released after a short time. He was a leading politician, and served in the county court, and also represented Polk County in the State Legislature several terms. He was a consistent member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and died September 20, 1863, aged seventy-seven years. His wife was born in Tennessee, and became the mother of a large family of children. She was noted for her piety and hospitality, and died in 1878, at the age of eighty years. Her brother, Gen. Anderson Wilson, was one of the prominent citizens of Tennessee. Foster Burns, the father of the gentleman whose name heads this sketch, was the eldest of the family, and was born in Maury County, Tenn, in 1812, and was reared to manhood and educated in his native State. After attaining a suitable age he engaged in teaching school, which occupation he followed until 1840, and was the author of an arithmetic of considerable merit, but never had it published, and his death occurred just as it was ready for the press. He was married in 1840, and settled on a farm in Polk County, Mo., and in 1844 located in Dallas County, near Buffalo, where he became one of the leading citizens. He was elected sheriff of the county in 1850, but died the same year. He was a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and his wife, who was born in Kentucky in 1814, was a member of the same. She was a daughter of James Tiller, who was a farmer by occupation, and located in Polk County in 1838. Mr. and Mrs. Burns became the parents of six children, two of whom are living: John S. and Joseph. After the death of Mr. Burns the

mother continued to reside on the farm, and succeeded in giving her children a good education. James, the eldest son, received a high-school education, and in 1861 entered the Confederate army, and was on active duty until November, 1864, when he was killed at the battle of Franklin, Tenn. He entered service at the age of nineteen, and after the battle of Iuka was promoted to the rank of captain for gallantry, and was serving on Gen. Cockrell's staff when killed. The youngest son, Joseph, served in the Union army, in the Fifty-first Missouri Infantry. John S. Burns was reared to manhood in Dallas County, and in 1863 enlisted in the Federal army, in the quartermaster's department, and served until the close of the war, being in the Trans-Mississippi Department during the latter part of his service. He returned to his home in Dallas County, and in September, 1866, was married to Miss Nancy Muddux, who was born in Giles County, Tenn., in 1845, and is a daughter of Nathaniel Maddux, an old 1812 soldier. Mr. and Mrs. Burns are the parents of the following family: Foster, Deputy United States Marshal; James, William, Deane, Archibald, Wilburn. Eva, wife of Terrell Bruton, and Florence. In 1878 Mr. Burns was elected sheriff of Dallas County, serving three terms, being re-elected in 1882 and 1884. He made many notable arrests during his term of office, and succeeded in running down and capturing the noted horse thieves, the Crawford brothers, and since being elected to his present office has captured a number of counterfeiters. In March, 1887, he located in Conway, where he has since resided. He is a member of the A. F. & A. M., and is a Royal Arch Mason, Lebanon Commandery, Past Master of the Blue Lodge, and is Master Workman in the A. O. U. W.

Shadrach V. Casey, who is classed among the prominent and enterprising farmers of Gasconade Township, and one of the largest stock farmers of the county, was born December 25, 1837, on the place where he now lives, in Laclede County, Mo. He is the son of Samuel and Lucretia B. (Cayce) Casey. Samuel Casey was born in Roane County, Tenn., March 20, 1799, and as his father died when he was but six months old, Samuel was taken and reared by an uncle, Daniel Biehler, of German descent. Samuel Casey was married in Williamson County, Tenn., and came to Missouri about 1832 or 1833, and purchased the place where our subject lives. He died December 19, 1862. The mother was born in Williamson County, Tenn., January 26, 1817, and was married in that county. She died June 14, 1871. They were the parents of eight children, five of whom grew to maturity, and four now living: Mary J., wife of Mr. Breakfield; Shadrach V., Mrs. Amanda H. Nelson and Mrs. Anna B. Adams. Those deceased were: Thomas B., who was a soldier in the Union army, and came home on furlough; while at home he was taken out by bushwhackers and killed, in 1863; Lucretia E., Samuel H., and one infant, not named. The mother of these children was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and was one of the best of mothers. Her father was a Baptist minister of some prominence, and very wealthy. She was one of thirteen children. Shadrach V. Casey lived on the home place until the fall of 1860, and April 12 of that year

he married Miss Mary Ann Nelson, who was born in what was then Pulaski County, now Laclede County, and was the daughter of William and Mahala Nelson. To this union were born a family of four children, all living: William S., Mrs. Mary E. Allen, Mrs. Eliza L. Adams and Thomas H. The mother of these children died August 19, 1868, and Mr. Casey took for his second wife Miss Mary C. Stroup, a native of Wright County, now Laclede County. She was born May 5, 1848, and died November 1, 1883. She was a member of the Christian Church. One child was born to this union, Anna P. After his first marriage Mr. Casey settled on a farm below where he now lives, and there remained but one year. He then returned to the home, and after remaining there one year moved to a place on the prairie nine miles east of Lebanon, and at the end of two years again returned to the home place, where he has since resided. He enlisted in 1862 in the Confederate army, and served about five months as a ranger. He was in one skirmish in Wright County, Mo., and then came home. He was married, the third time, to Miss Mary E. Roberts, who was born in Ohio, and came to Missouri in 1878. She was the daughter of Allen C. and Amanda Roberts, residents of Laclede County. Mr. and Mrs. Casey are the parents of one child, Shadrach Allen. Mr. Casey has a large farm under a good state of cultivation; is a Union Labor man in his politics; has been a member of the school board for many years; is a member of the Masonic fraternity, the Agricultural Wheel, and is a member of the Christian Church. Mrs. Casey is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

C. C. Clendenin, merchant at Lebanon, Mo., and son of Ephraim R. and Pauline (Conway) Clendenin, was born in Randolph Co., Ill., March 25, 1847. The parents were both natives of Randolph County, Ill., the father born in or near Rockwood and the mother born at Old Kaskaskia. The maternal grandfather, Clement C. Conway, was born in Ireland, and immigrated to South Carolina at an early date. From there he moved to Kaskaskia, Ill. He was a hatter by trade, which occupation he followed the principal part of his life. He died on the Ohio River, in 1852, of cholera. The grandfather Clendenin died in Randolph County, Ill. He was engaged in mercantile pursuits for several years in Old Liberty, and was one of the first business men of that place. He resided on a farm the most of his time. The father of our subject lived and died in Randolph County, Ill. In his youth he learned the trade of ship carpenter, which he followed until 1862, when he enlisted in the late war, but the quota being full, he was appointed by Lincoln as enrolling officer for the Southern Illinois District, which position he was filling at the time of his death, which occurred September 20, 1864. The mother is still living, and resides in Walnut, Kas. They were the parents of seven children, four now living: Emma G., wife of James Miln, of Cairo; Colburn C., Charles M. and Adelle. Those deceased were named Sydney, Penelope and Clara. C. C. Clendenin was reared in Liberty (now Rockwood), Ill., where he received a common-school education. He worked on the farm until the death of his father, in 1864, when he served an apprenticeship at the trade of stone cutting, which he followed for twelve

years, and worked in the meantime on some of the largest State buildings in Illinois. He assisted in building the Springfield State House, the Southern Illinois Insane Asylum, Normal University of Carbondale, and the penitentiary at Chester. He was contracting for about five years in Illinois. In 1879 he took the contract for all the stone work on St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, in Chester, Ill., the finest church building in the county. In 1881 he took the contract for the stone work for the Shiloh Hill College building, in Randolph County, Ill., and the insane asylum on the Randolph County farm. In September, 1881, he came to Lebanon, Mo., and here engaged in the monumental and tombstone business with a partner. This he carried on for two years, then sold out, and was elected constable for Lebanon Township, serving two years. In 1886 he engaged in his present business with L. J. Kaffenberger, and the firm is known as Kaffenberger & Co. Mr. Clendenin was married December 20, 1871, to Miss Maggie L. Gordon, of Jackson County, Ill. To them was born one child, Etta, whose birth occurred October 23, 1872. He is a member of the K. L. National Lodge of Combined Industries, and Sons of Veterans. He is a member of the city council, and president of the town board. Mr. Clendenin is a strong advocate of organized labor, and it was the labor element that elected him to the position of city alderman. He was a delegate to the national convention of the United Labor party that met at Cincinnati, Ohio, May 15, 1888, which nominated Streeter and Cunningham for President and Vice-President.

E. R. Clough, a prominent farmer and stock raiser of Laclede County, Mo., was born in Summit County, Ohio, and is the son of Jeremiah and Susan (Simpson) Clough, natives of Vermont and Pennsylvania, respectively. The Clough family were early settlers of Vermont, and Jeremiah Clough moved from that State to Summit County, Ohio, at quite an early date. Here both parents passed the remainder of their days. Of their seven children, three sons and four daughters, five are now living: Celestia, wife of H. E. Moriner; Jane, wife of T. E. Robinson; Edwin R., Walter W. and Charles. E. R. Clough attained his growth and was educated in Summit County, Ohio. He remained and assisted his father on the farm until 1862, when he enlisted in Company H, One Hundred and Fourth Ohio Infantry, and served until the close of the war. He was at the battle of Knoxville, battle of Atlanta, Franklin, and crossed the mountains to the capture of Fort Fisher. Then his regiment took charge of the surrender of Johnston's army. After his discharge Mr. Clough returned to Ohio, and remained in that State until the latter part of 1865, when he came to St. Louis, thence to Salt Lake City and other cities, prospecting for a location. He visited Old Mexico and Texas, but returned to St. Louis in the latter part of 1866. He was then employed on the new St. Louis & San Francisco Railroad, and remained in the employ of this company until 1869, as railroad conductor on passenger trains. In 1869 he located at Lebanon and engaged in general merchandising, the firm being known as Clough & Lindsay. This partnership was dissolved in 1872, and afterward Mr. Clough engaged in the drug business, which he continued until the spring of 1887, when he moved his stock

of drugs to Akron, Ohio. Since that time he has turned his attention to stock raising. He owns over 3,000 acres of land in Laclede County, with several hundred acres under cultivation. He owns one of the finest farms in Laclede County, consisting of 325 acres, all under cultivation, and joining the city of Lebanon. Two hundred acres of this are in meadow land, and on the same he has the fair ground, where he built the race track at his own expense. He has abundance of water on this farm, it being piped 2,500 feet from a magnificent well. Mr. Clough was general superintendent of the Fair the last season, and he is also superintendent of the Lebanon Water Works. He is one of the leading and pushing men of Laclede County, and is a valuable citizen. He owns land in Dakota, Tennessee, Ohio, and has mining interests in Utah. He also has property in Kansas and several other States. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, Blue Lodge and Chapter, and is a Republican in his political views.

James C. Coffman, farmer and stock raiser of Laclede County, Mo., was born in East Tennessee, on the 11th of January, 1845, his parents being Abner L. and Sarah (Couch) Coffman. He is one of five surviving members of a family of ten children, whose names are as follows: Rachel E. (the wife of A. Lorange), Fernando, Ella (wife of G. B. Gustin) and Houston C. James C. Coffman immigrated to Laclede County, Mo., in 1851, where he has since made his home, and has become one of the prosperous tillers of the soil. In 1863 he espoused the Union cause, enlisting as corporal in the Sixteenth Missouri Cavalry, Company F, and served until the close of hostilities, being mustered out on the 3d of July, 1865. In December, 1870, he was married to Miss M. A. Howard, a daughter of John and Becky (Rouff) Howard, who were natives of Pennsylvania, and immigrated to Laclede County, Mo., in 1866. Mr. Coffman and wife have become the parents of nine children: Rudolph, Ullis, Eugene, Ernest, Effie and Ella. Those deceased are James, John and Mary. Mr. Coffman is a member of the A. F. & A. M., and in his political views is a Republican. He and family attend the Methodist Church.

A. S. Coffman, a worthy farmer of Washington Township, Laclede Co., Mo., was born in McMinn County, Tenn., in 1833, and is a son of John and Elizabeth (Turner) Coffman. After residing in his native State until 1852, he at that date removed to Laclede County, Mo., where he soon after became the owner of some real estate and engaged in husbandry. He has now a fertile and well-cultivated farm consisting of 207 acres, and is considered one of the enterprising and successful farmers of Laclede County. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and in 1862 enlisted in Company G, Sixteenth Missouri Volunteer Cavalry, and distinguished himself as first lieutenant, being mustered out of service on the 30th of July, 1865. He participated in a number of severe skirmishes, and was once wounded. In 1854 he was united in marriage to Miss Mary E. Connor, a daughter of Armstrong and Unity (Strickland) Connor, by whom he became the father of fifteen children, thirteen of whom are now living. Mr. Coffman has served as deputy sheriff

of Laclede County for six years, and has proved a trusty and competent officer.

Charles Coffman, of Laclede County, Mo., is a son of A. S. and Mary E. (Connor) Coffman, natives respectively of Tennessee and Missouri. The father became a resident of Laclede County, Mo., in 1852, where he owns a good farm and is in comfortable circumstances. He served in the late war as first lieutenant of Company G, Sixteenth Missouri Cavalry. His son Charles was born in Laclede County, Mo., September 12, 1866, and made his home with his father until he attained his twentieth year, when he left the paternal roof, and began doing for himself, homesteading the farm of forty acres on which he is now living. He is one of fifteen children, three of whom are deceased, and September 26, 1886, was married to Miss Ella Edwards, a daughter of Joseph and Catherine (Bohannon) Edwards, who were Kentuckians, and who came to Laclede County, Mo., in 1874, where they have since made their home. Mr. and Mrs. Coffman are the parents of one child, Lawrence E. Mr. Coffman is a staunch Republican in his political views, and is an enterprising and industrious young farmer.

Edward P. Cook, farmer of Gasconade Township, was born in Montgomery County, Mo., March 1, 1823, and is a son of Joel B. and Margaret (Mowser) Cook, who were born in New York and Tennessee, April 17, 1800, and in 1808, respectively. Joel B. Cook is a son of John Cook, who was born in New York, September 7, 1761, and came to Missouri with his family when his son Joel was a young man, locating in Montgomery County, where he was engaged in blacksmithing, gunsmithing, carpentering and mill-wrighting until his death in April, 1845, about four miles below Chamois, in Missouri Bottom, Osage County. Joel B. Cook resided in Osage County, Mo., until 1846, when he located in Pulaski County, and lived until his death, November 25, 1887, being engaged in milling and farming the latter part of his life. His wife died October 29, 1886, having been an earnest and consistent member of the Christian Church. Eleven of their twelve children lived to be grown, and nine are living at the present time: Edward P., John T., Caroline (deceased), Mary, James (deceased), Sarah, George, Nathaniel G., Welton, William J., Lydia A., and Martha (deceased). Edward P. Cook attained his majority in Osage and Montgomery Counties, and in 1849 began selling goods in Waynesville, Pulaski County, but in the spring of the following year took the overland trip to California, where he remained nearly three years, and then returned home via New York City. His return was one accompanied by serious hardship. Associated with his uncle, Lorenz D. Cook, passage was taken on an old steam-wheeler to San Francisco, and thence to the mouth of the San Joaquin River. About a mile up the river near midnight on the night of May 28, 1853, owing to the reported intention of the crew to murder them, Mr. Cook and his uncle undertook to swim ashore, first casting a few sticks of cordwood in the water to assist in their escape. In this effort L. D. Cook was drowned, our subject finally reaching land, and coming upon a temporary habitation where help was accorded him. A two days' effort was made in dragging the river for the body of the unfortunate.

man, but without success. Subsequently Mr. Cook went to San Francisco, thence to Panama and New York, reaching home in Pulaski County, Mo., about August 1, 1853. He taught school in Pulaski County during the winter following his return, and the next year was married, and commenced farming in Laclede County, on the Osage Fork of the Gasconade River, but since 1857 has been a resident of his present farm. He served in the Missouri State Militia during the latter part of the war. In 1856 he was elected assessor of Laclede County, which position he held by re-election for six years. He was first married to Mary J. Honsinger, who was born in Laclede County January 16, 1829, and died November 19, 1857, having become the mother of the following children: Margaret and William (twins), Joel B. and John E. All died in childhood except Joel, whose death occurred at the age of eighteen years. Sarah M. Maxey became Mr. Cook's second wife. She was born in Tennessee December 5, 1829, and died November 12, 1884, having borne the following children: Mary, Laura, Angeline, Lucy and an infant (deceased). The eldest daughter is the wife of Riley Bench, and Laura is the wife of Oscar Jackson. The latter resides on the home farm with her father. Mr. Cook is also a member of the Christian Church, and belongs to the A. F. & A. M. and the Agricultural Wheel. He is a member of the Union Labor party, and has held a number of offices in his township.

C. H. Corser, farmer and stock raiser, was born in Windsor County, Vt., July 8, 1823, being the son of William and Mary A. (Manuel) Corser. The father was born in Boscon, N. H., but removed to Vermont when a young man, and there passed the remainder of his life. He was a farmer by occupation, and a soldier in the War of 1812. To his marriage were born eleven children, four now living. C. H. Corser was reared in Vermont, and there received his education. He began learning the iron moulder's trade when nine years of age, at Taftsville, Vt., where he worked for seven years. He then worked at his trade in South Boston, Mass.; Lowell, Mass.; Stockton, Cal.; West Pawlet, Vt., one of the largest factories in the United States; Rutland, Vt., and numerous other places. In 1849 he went to California, and remained in that State for three years, engaged in mining and working at his trade. In 1852 he returned to Lowell, Mass., and May 19, 1853, he was united in marriage to Miss Hattie L. Way, a native of New Hampshire. The fruits of this union are two children: Fred, Augustus and Nettie Louise. In 1872 Mr. Corser and family moved to Laclede County, Mo., purchasing the farm where they now live, which consists of eighty acres, with seventy-five acres under improvement. Mr. Corser's attention is almost wholly taken up with the raising of live stock, especially Holstein and Short-horn cattle. He also has a large orchard, with 300 bearing trees, and is one of the enterprising and intelligent citizens of the county. He is a member of the Agricultural Wheel.

John H. Cotton, farmer, brick and stone mason and plasterer, was born in North Carolina July 16, 1815, being a son of Samuel and Biddie (Purnell) Cotton, who were also natives of North Carolina,

in which State the father died. They were the parents of three children: Jacob (deceased), Elizabeth (who is supposed to be dead), and John H. The mother of these children was living when last heard from, forty years ago. At the age of six years John H. Cotton was bound out to a farmer by the name of Wilson Wiseman, with whom he resided until seventeen years of age; then he began the battle of life for himself, and went to Caswell County, N. C. Mr. Wiseman was to have given him educational advantages, but up to seventeen years of age he had received only a few months schooling, consequently he left and began the battle of life for himself. Mr. Cotton learned his trade in Caswell County, N. C., and continued to follow this occupation until 1849, when he came to Laclede County, Mo., with his second wife, whose maiden name was Henslee. He located on the farm now owned by Thomas Turner, but at the end of six months came to his present location, where he has a good farm under cultivation. Mr. Cotton married Mary Ballard (his first wife) August 28, 1838. She was born in Caswell County, N. C., December 23, 1813, and died there February 16, 1842, one week after her second child was born. The following are her children: Martha J., wife of Jacob Kapp, and Addison R. (deceased). November 28, 1843, Mr. Cotton married his second wife, Elizabeth Henslee, who was born in Caswell County, N. C., January 30, 1824. From this marriage there resulted ten children, six of whom are living, namely: Thomas B.; Artelia E., wife of Noah D. Light; Sarah A., wife of Job V. Chalfant; Nannie E., who is a school-teacher; Elvira, wife of Edward Chalfant, and John M. The mother of these children died on the 20th of July, 1888, having been a member of the Baptist Church since she was nineteen years old, and a model wife and mother. Mr. Cotton is a member of the Christian Church, and belongs to the A. F. & A. M. and the Agricultural Wheel.

B. H. Cowgill, editor of the *Sentinel* at Lebanon, Mo., and son of Elisha Y. and Joannah (Bland) Cowgill, was born in Clark County, Mo., April 21, 1854. The parents were natives of Kentucky, and immigrated to Clark County, Mo., about 1832, being among the first settlers of that county. They remained there until 1864, when they removed to Lewis County of that State, locating at Canton, where both died. They were the parents of four children: B. H., Emma, (wife of Frank C. Devilbliss), Anna (wife of Fred J. Budreau), and George I., who resides in Lewis County, near Canton. The paternal grandfather of these children was a soldier in the War of 1812. H. B. Cowgill attained his growth in Lewis County, Mo., receiving the principal part of his education there at Christian University, and later attended the Christian Brothers College at St. Louis, leaving when in the sophomore class to go to Pike County, Mo., where he was appointed to a position as deputy collector, which position he held for six years. In 1875 he founded the *Pike County Express*, now the *Bowling Green Times*, which he continued to publish until July, 1880, when he sold out to Adj. Gen. J. C. Jamison. In 1881 Mr. Cowgill removed to Lebanon, Mo., and purchased the *Anti-Monopolist*, changing the name to the *Laclede County Sentinel*, which he still edits.

This paper is conducted independent of party, though during the recent campaign it was identified with the Labor party. It now enjoys a good circulation. Mr. Cowgill has the experience of many years as a newspaper man, and the pages of his paper are newsy and full of interest. He was married in June, 1878, to Miss Alice Sanderson, of Bowling Green, Pike County, and both he and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Cowgill is also a member of Auglaize Lodge No. 192, I. O. O. F., Lebanon Encampment No. 102, I. O. O. F., Wyota Assembly No. 6457, K. of L., and in August, 1888, was elected Judge Advocate of the State Assembly of K. of L. of Missouri.

Simon Dalton was born in Hawkins County, Tenn., March 8, 1825, and in 1849 immigrated to Missouri, locating in Crawford County, from which he came to Laclede County in 1851, and located on the farm on which he is now residing. He is a son of Thomas and Dollie (Light) Dalton, who were natives of Tennessee, and were of English and Dutch lineage, respectively. The former's death occurred during his son Simon's boyhood, and the mother died during the late Civil War. Simon received such education as the schools of his day afforded, and at the early age of fourteen years began the battle of life for himself. His first investment in real estate was eighty acres of land where he now lives, but he afterward entered 120 acres, a portion of which is well improved. Besides his farming interests, he is engaged in raising horses, cattle and hogs, and has a fine young orchard. In 1875 he was married to Pernecia, daughter of James B. Davis, by whom he became the father of four children: James B., married to Adaline Haffy; Lethe, wife of Thomas King; Ruth, and Elizabeth, wife of David Buster. Mrs. Dalton is a member of the Christian Church. Her first husband, Charles K. Phipps, was a soldier in the late war, and died August 18, 1863. Mr. Dalton is a member of the Democratic party, and is one of the leading pioneer settlers of Laclede County.

James Franklin Davis, of Mayfield Township, Laclede Co., Mo., was born in the county in which he now resides, August 22, 1856, and is a son of James Monroe and Charity A. (Casteel) Davis. The former was born in Warren County, Ky., and throughout life was a farmer by occupation, and made a settlement in Laclede County, Mo., as early as 1840, while he was yet a young man. He was married after coming to Missouri, his wife being a native of Middle Tennessee, and their union was blessed in the birth of six sons and three daughters. James Franklin Davis is the eldest of their children, and grew to manhood in Laclede County, and married Florence Brooks, a daughter of Cyrus C. Brooks and Elvira C. (Skelton) Brooks, who were born, reared and married in Alabama, and settled in Missouri about 1868. Mr. and Mrs. Davis are the parents of two sons and one daughter, James Harvey, Thomas Ernest and Ellen, and are worthy and consistent members of the Baptist Church.

S. C. Demuth, grocer at Lebanon, was born in Tuscarawas County, Ohio, May 15, 1832, being the son of Joseph and Mary (Varner) Demuth, natives of Ohio, and grandson of John Demuth, who was a native of Pennsylvania, and who drove a team in the War of 1812.

He was a farmer by occupation, and died in Tuscarawas County, Ohio, at the age of sixty-three years. The father of the subject of this sketch was a mechanic by trade, which he followed the principal part of his life-time. He was elected to the office of county treasurer of his county, and served two successive terms. He was a prominent man and a good citizen. He died in 1867, and the mother many years previous, in 1832. They were the parents of two children, only one now living, S. C. Demuth, who was reared in Ohio and received his education in the schools of that State, completing his education at Granville College. He was placed behind the counter at eleven years of age, and has followed mercantile pursuits ever since, except at intervals, when attending school. In 1856 he went to Northern Illinois, and from there, in 1858, to Clinton County, Ill., where he was engaged in mercantile pursuits until 1876. Previous to this, in 1860, he married Miss Mary James, a native of the State of New York, who immigrated with her parents to Illinois when about eight years of age. To Mr. and Mrs. Demuth were born three children: John V., Frederick and Mary. In 1876 Mr. Demuth moved to Lebanon, Mo., engaging in merchandising, which he has since carried on quite extensively. He has a general line of groceries and a full stock. He has had considerable experience in the mercantile line, and has a thorough knowledge of the business. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, also a member of the A. O. U. W., and is a Republican in his political principles. He had the misfortune to lose his life's companion in October, 1888. She was in her fifty-fourth year, and was an excellent woman.

James Detherage was born in Warren County, of the "Blue Grass" State, in 1832, and is a son of James and Sallie (Andrews) Detherage, who were born in Tennessee and North Carolina, respectively, and were farmers by occupation. James is one of ten children, and was reared to manhood on his father's farm. In 1854 he was married to Miss Susanna Wood, of Kentucky, by whom he had nine children: Martin, who married Mary Rooter; Winnie, wife of William Rippey; Thomas; Betsey, wife of Henry Wood; Sarah, Mary J., James, Marian and Jesse. Both Mr. and Mrs. Detherage are members of the Baptist Church, in which he is a deacon, and politically he is a Democrat. His first purchase of land was eighty acres in Warren County, Ky., which he afterward sold, and purchased the farm of 160 acres where he is now residing. Besides this land he owns forty acres more, and is one of the best and most thrifty farmers of his locality. He raises good stock of all kinds, and throughout life has been an earnest supporter of the cause of education.

D. R. Diffenderfer, banker at Lebanon, Mo., and son of Michael and Mary (Esterly) Diffenderfer, was born in Lancaster County, Penn., in January, 1821. The Diffenderfer family are of German descent, were originally from Hanover, Germany, and came to America in the celebrated ship "William and Mary" in 1727, which brought over the refugees. Michael Diffenderfer received a grant of land from William Penn, which was called "Michael Diffenderfer's Reserve." He

was a farmer, and followed this occupation all his life. He died in Lancaster County, as did also the mother. They were the parents of five children, three now living: David R., Mary (wife of A. G. Sutton), and Frank R. (who is now associate editor of the Lancaster (Penn.) *New Era*). D. R. Diffenderfer received a fair education in the common schools, and at the age of sixteen he went to Pittsburg, Penn., where he learned the drug business. At the end of six years he went to St. Louis, where he again engaged in the drug business, and in 1849 he went to El Paso, Mexico, where he followed the mercantile business until 1861. In 1852 he was appointed by President Millard Fillmore as United States Consul, and continued under President Buchanan's administration. At the time of the firing on Fort Sumter Mr. Diffenderfer was in New York City buying goods, and experienced great trouble in getting through. He was captured in Texas, and imprisoned at Fort Bliss, but only retained a short time. In 1862 he came home, and in 1864 he was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Dunham, a native of New Jersey. To them were born seven children: William, Mary, David, Henry, Jane, John and Grace. After the assassination of President Lincoln Mr. Diffenderfer returned to El Paso, where he was engaged in merchandising until 1871. He then returned to Lancaster, Penn., embarked in the banking business, and this he carried on until after the panic of 1873. In 1876 he came to Lebanon, Mo., and was engaged in railroad contracting until 1886, since which time he has been in the banking business. Mr. Diffenderfer is a Mason, a Knight Templar, and is one of the prominent and leading citizens of Laclede County. His paternal grandfather, David Diffenderfer, served as ensign in the Revolutionary War; was at Valley Forge, and crossed the Delaware River at Trenton with Washington. He was also at the battles of Princeton and Monmouth, and received a wound at the last named place. After recovering from his wounds he re-entered the army, and was captured at the battle of Long Island. He died in Lancaster County, Penn., in his ninety-fourth year.

Richard C. Edmisson, merchant and farmer at Conway, Mo., was born in Dallas County, of that State, September 24, 1854, and is a son of John and Elizabeth (Wollard) Edmisson, both of whom were born in Tennessee. They were married in Dallas County, Mo., in 1848, and resided on their farm in that county until the father was killed for his money, during the late war, by Northern bushwhackers. He was an extensive farmer and stock dealer, and was a leading member of the Baptist Church. They were the parents of eight children, five of whom are now living. After the father's death his widow married again, her second husband being George Davidson, by whom she has two children. He died in 1886, and she now resides on the old home farm with one of her children. Richard C. Edmisson grew to manhood on a farm in Dallas County, receiving a common-school education, and in 1870 went to Texas, where he remained five years, engaged in herding and trading in cattle. He then returned to Dallas County, Mo., and in 1879 was married to Miss Anna Pare, a native of the county, by whom he became the father of one child,

Edna. In 1883 he came to Conway, and embarked in his present business, which has netted him a handsome annual income, and in addition to this work he is quite extensively engaged in stock raising, making the breeding of mules a specialty. He is a Royal Arch Mason, and in his political views is a Democrat.

Amos Edwards, ex-county judge, and farmer of Hooker Township, was born in Brown County, Ohio, June 5, 1842, being the son of Darius and Jane (Geeslin) Edwards, and grandson of Col. George Edwards, who was born in Pennsylvania in 1781, and came to Ohio in 1806. He located on 2,000 acres of land, where he remained until the breaking out of the War of 1812, and then served as colonel of his regiment. He was in a number of the leading battles, and was a brave and gallant officer. He took an active part in all political, national and public matters, and was a very prominent man in his day, being one of the leading men of the State, as well as one of the early settlers. After the War of 1812 he returned to the home place and resumed farming, but after the country had become somewhat settled he engaged in general merchandising, which he followed for many years. He was elected as representative to the Legislature for many terms, and was also a prominent member of the Christian Church. He made many public speeches, and when he got too old to stand up and talk he would sit in a chair. When the Civil War broke out he made one of the leading speeches of his life, directing the people to enlist as soldiers to protect the Union, put down slavery, etc. He died in 1880, at the age of ninety-eight years and eight months. His wife was also a native of Pennsylvania, and died when Amos Edwards was a small boy. She was the mother of ten children, six sons and four daughters, all of whom lived to be grown, but only two of whom are now living, Sandy and Orange; Sandy lives in Kansas, and Orange lives in Ripley, Ohio. Darius Edwards was born in Brown County in 1804, and was reared in that county. He followed farming, etc., all his life, and took an active part in church matters, being a member of the Christian Church. He died in 1879. His wife, Jane Geeslin, was born in 1805, in Brown County, and is now living on the old home place, where their son, Amos, was born. She has good health, is a member of the Christian Church, and is the mother of fifteen children, twelve of whom lived to be grown, and ten are now living: Josiah, Cinderella, George W., Alexander C., Darius (deceased), John B., Mary, Mandania, William H. H., Amos Martha and Nancy J. (deceased). Sarah Ellen was one of the three that died when a child; the others died in infancy. Amos Edwards grew to maturity in Brown County, where he received his education in the common schools. October 3, 1862, he enlisted in Company E, Seventh Ohio Cavalry, and served three years. In 1865 he was transferred to the invalid corps. At the cessation of hostilities he came to Missouri, Andrain County, where he remained six months. He then moved to Polk County, thence to Laclede, where he has since remained. July 14, 1867, he married Miss Sarah E. Freeze, a native of Tennessee, born May 21, 1845, and the daughter of Martin and Dorcas Freeze, who were old settlers of Laclede County. To

Mr. and Mrs. Edwards were born eight children, six now living: Rosa M., Cora B., Charley D., Lula G., Lillie and Nettie (twins); and those deceased were named Ally D. and Floyd. In 1882 Mr. Edwards was elected county judge for a term of two years on the Greenback ticket. He takes an active part in politics, and affiliates with the Greenback party. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and he and wife are members of the Christian Church.

Hon. J. W. Farris, attorney at law and insurance agent at Lebanon, was born in Marion County, Ill., January 20, 1846, and is the son of Hiram K. and Abigail Farris, the father a native of Kentucky and the mother of Indiana. Hiram K. Farris was a resident of Marion County, Ill., for many years, and came there from Indiana in 1840. He was a very prominent man of both Marion and Clay Counties, being elected county clerk of the former county and county judge of the latter. He died in Clay County, Ill., in June, 1865. J. W. Farris remained in Marion County, Ill., until five years of age, and then moved with his parents to Clay County, of the same State. He received his education in the common schools, and October 23, 1861, with the consent of his father, he enlisted in Company K, Forty-eighth Illinois Regiment, and served until 1865, being discharged August 31 of that year. At the time of enlistment he was quite young, and was very anxious to go to the war. His father, thinking of course that he would be rejected when applying, gave his consent, but the lad was so enthusiastic and courageous that he was mustered in. He participated in the battle of Shiloh, where he was slightly wounded in the head with a gunshot; was at the siege of Corinth, siege of Vicksburg, Jackson, Miss., Missionary Ridge, Atlanta, and was with Sherman on his march to the sea. At Scottsborough, Ala., on April 22, 1864, he was promoted to second lieutenant, and April 11, 1865, he was commissioned adjutant of his regiment, which position he held until his discharge. He was mustered out at Little Rock, Ark., and discharged at Springfield, Ill., August 31, 1865. He then returned to his home, and remained there until January, 1867, when he moved to Lebanon, Mo. After moving to Lebanon Mr. Farris engaged in the newspaper business, which he continued for one year. In 1870 he was elected county assessor, and in 1874 he was elected circuit clerk, holding the office for four years. He was appointed probate clerk, and held the office from 1872 until 1880. In 1882 he was elected to the State Senate from the Twenty-second District, and served four years. He was admitted to the bar in 1883, and has since been engaged in the practice of his profession, together with the insurance business. He represents the "American Central Insurance" of St. Louis, "Springfield" (Mass.), "Phenix" of Brooklyn, "North British and Merchants" of Liverpool, "Fireman's Fund" of San Francisco, "Phoenix" of London, "Connecticut" of Hartford, "Hibernia" of New Orleans, "Southern" of New Orleans, "Liverpool" of London, "Globe," of Liverpool, "Queen" of England and "Fire Association" of Philadelphia. Mr. Farris has been and is a prominent man of the county, and his character is without a stain. He is a Mason and a member of the Blue Lodge, Chapter and Com-

mandery; has also served as Worshipful Master and High Priest of the Chapter. He is at present Eminent Commander of the Commandery, and has been a member of the Grand Lodge since 1876. He is also a member of the G. A. R.

Robert C. Folger was born in Nantucket, Mass., January 6, 1810, his parents being Charles and Judith (Coffin) Folger. The father was also born in Nantucket, his birth occurring in 1780, and he was a son of Charles Folger, grandson of Frederick Folger, and great-grandson of Peter Folger, who was born in England, and came to America on account of religious persecution in his native land. On his way to this country he became acquainted with an Irish girl by the name of Mary Morrel, whom he married in Boston, and soon after settled at Nantucket, where he was engaged in milling and weaving, and reared a family of seven daughters and two sons, his youngest daughter, Abiah, becoming the mother of Dr. Franklin. The father of our subject was a whale-boat builder, a carpenter, and owner in whale ships. He was very successful in early life, but afterward lost \$20,000 on sperm oil, in 1842-48, on account of the introduction of coal oil. He died in Nantucket in his eightieth year. His wife was born in 1785, and died in 1848, and became the mother of seven children, two of whom are living, Robert C., and Mrs. Mary Ray, who resides in Rootstown, Ohio. Robert C. learned the carpenter's trade in Nantucket with his father, and followed this occupation for some time after attaining his majority. He located in Illinois in 1845, and was there engaged in tilling the soil until 1884, when he sold out and came to Laclede County, Mo., where he has a farm of 220 acres, nearly all under cultivation. He has traveled quite extensively, having been in all the Northern and Eastern States and Canada, but thinks Laclede County, Mo., the finest place he has ever been in, owing to its many natural advantages and its healthy climate. He was first married to Laura Ann Snow, in Nantucket, who died in 1849, having borne four children, two of whom are living: Nelson, who resides in Fulton County, Mo., and Everett, who resides in Illinois. In 1850 Mr. Folger married his second wife, whose maiden name was Melissa Cross. She was born in Ohio in 1835, but afterward moved to Illinois, where she was married, and is now the mother of these children, who are living: Ginevra (wife of J. Doner), Rosella, Samuel, Winslow (who resides in Iowa) and Clarkson, who is at home. Mr. Folger is a Republican.

Levi C. Fulbright is an old and prominent farmer of Laclede County, Mo., and was born in Haywood County, N. C., February 3, 1811, his parents being William and Rutha (Hollingsworth) Fulbright, who were born in Buncombe and Haywood Counties, N. C., January 8, 1785, and September 28, 1791, and died in Missouri September 22, 1843, and April 30, 1874, respectively. At the age of twelve years the father went to Haywood County, where he grew to manhood and married, and in 1818 moved with his family to Tennessee, coming to Missouri five years later, locating in Springfield, where he resided until his death. He and wife were members of the Christian Church, and became the parents of thirteen children, twelve sons and one

daughter, the following of whom are yet living: Levi C., Henry, David N. and E. R. Since 1830 Levi C. Fulbright has been a resident of Laclede County, and since 1845 has resided on his present farm. He at one time owned 677 acres of land, but after the war was compelled to sell a portion of his estate. During the war he served for about six months in the southwest portion of the State in a volunteer company of Confederate infantry, being a participant in the battle of Oak Hill, in which engagement he was beaten over the head with a sword, which has made him deaf for life; he has also almost lost the use of his shoulder and arm. Since the war he has been trying to retrieve his fallen fortunes, but in 1874 his house and all its contents were burned to the ground. He has since rebuilt, and has a cozy and comfortable home. November 29, 1829, he was married to Miss Mary Kyrkendall, who died May 18, 1845, having become the mother of six children, five of whom are living: Susan J. (Hoffman), John L., Matilda Ruth (Story), William H. (deceased), Anna E. (Joiner) and Robert B. Mr. Fulbright afterward married Miss Nancy E. Hillhouse, who was born in Giles County, Tenn., and by whom he became the father of eight children: Roxana (Thompson), Mary L. E. (Jones), Coraline (Pritchett), Ephraim R., Josiah, Daniel, Samuel and Ellen (Jones). Mr. and Mrs. Fulbright are members of the Christian Church, the former being the second person baptized in that church in the county, his first wife having been the first person. His son, Ephraim R. Fulbright, was born in Laclede County, Mo., January 11, 1850, and is a prosperous farmer and stock dealer. He made his parents' house his home until his marriage, and in his boyhood days received a good common-school education. In 1868 he began railroading on the Frisco road, and at the end of two years went to Salem, but soon after returned home and engaged in farming and stock trading, which has been his occupation up to the present time, and in which he has been very successful. In 1875 he was wedded to Miss Fannie Oliver, who was born in Camden County, Mo., November 5, 1854, and is a daughter of Giles and Caroline (Evans) Oliver, who were born in Tennessee, and came to Missouri in 1851, and are still residing in Camden County. The following are their children: Henry, Mary M. (Ragan), Fannie, wife of Mr. Fulbright, and William. Mr. Oliver died in 1883, since which time his widow has resided with Mr. Fulbright. To the latter and his wife four children have been born: Guy, Floy, Montia and John W. Mr. Fulbright is a Democrat, and a member of the Agricultural Wheel, and his wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

Capt. James H. Fulbright. Among those who have secured the confidence and respect of their fellow men, and rank among the progressive and enterprising citizens of the county, may be mentioned Capt. Fulbright, who was the first white male child born in Springfield, Mo., his birth occurring June 12, 1832. His parents, John and Jane (Kyrkendall) Fulbright, were born in North Carolina and Kentucky, respectively, the former's birth occurring in 1795. His father, who also bore the name of John, was of German descent, and was born in Buncombe County, N. C. He (John, Sr.) and five brothers were par-

ticipants in the Revolutionary War, and in 1810 he came overland to Missouri, settling in Washington County, where he entered a farm and reared part of his children, and lived until his death. His wife, Elizabeth (Coalter) Fulbright, was of German descent, and an excellent German scholar. She was nearly one hundred years old at the time of her death, June 9, 1853. They were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. They were the parents of five sons, William, David, Martin, Daniel and John, and five daughters, Elizabeth (Williams or Cooper, second husband), Catherine (Evans), Susanah (Daniels), Christener (Goodwin) and Sarah (Smithers). John Fulbright, Jr., was an extensive trader in horses, mules and negroes, and was the first treasurer of Greene County, Mo., having been taught to read and write by his wife. He died in 1862. His wife was born in Kentucky, but was married in Tennessee, whither her parents had moved, her father being one of the very wealthy millers of that State. She died in 1833, having borne seven children, two of whom grew to maturity, one living at the present time. The subject of this sketch, her husband, was reared in Missouri, and served during the latter part of the War of 1812, receiving for his services, before he was twenty-one years old, the grant of a tract of land, a portion of which is now resided on by his son, Capt. Fulbright. He was a member of the Christian Church for over forty years, a Democrat in politics, and died on the 16th of March, 1862. His wife, formerly Miss Kyrkendall, bore a family of seven sons, and died in 1862, after which the father married the widow of Dr. H. Adkins, by whom he became the father of two children, who are now deceased. This lady, second wife of John Fulbright, Jr., died April 3, 1883. Capt. James H. Fulbright resided on the home farm until the breaking out of the late war, when he enlisted in Company I, of the State Guard, and for eleven months served as a private in Parson's infantry. He was then appointed purchasing agent for the division, and at the end of eleven months was transferred to the Confederate army, under Jackson. He also served as receiving agent in Marmaduke's command, and after the surrender of Little Rock was appointed purchasing agent for the division and sent to Texas, where he remained until April, 1864, when he returned, and was with Price on his raid through Missouri. He was made commissary of the Fourth Missouri Regiment, and served until the surrender. June 23, 1865, he landed at St. Louis, where, after about three months, he was joined by his wife, whose maiden name was Mary L. Wilks, and whom he married June 10, 1852, and removed with her to Franklin County from St. Louis, Mo., where he rented land and resided for three years. He then located on the old homestead, in 1868, where he has since made his home. He has always taken a deep interest in politics, and in 1881-83 was elected county judge, which office he filled very creditably. He has also been school director for ten years. He and wife are members of the Christian Church, of which he has been clerk and elder for forty years. He is a member of the A. F. & A. M., the Agricultural Wheel, and is a member of the State Board of Agriculture, being appointed for life by Gov. Marmaduke in August, 1882. His wife was born in

Alabama November 28, 1833, and became a resident of Lawrence County, Mo., when eight years of age, and was here reared to womanhood. The following are her children: Lucy J. (Mrs. Calahan), Elizabeth K. (Kittle), John H. (a very wealthy physician of Ozark, Mo.), Emma L. (Ward), Jemimah P. (Connella), Jesse M. and James H.

Martin V. Fulbright, a successful farmer and stockman, of Laclede County, Mo., was born in Camden County of the same State, and is the son of Daniel and Phoebe (McCloud) Fulbright. Daniel Fulbright was born in North Carolina, and when about twenty-six years of age he came to Missouri direct from North Carolina, and first located in Madison County, near Old Jackson. Here he remained but a few years, and then moved to the Glaize, where he opened up a large farm. He was the owner of one negro, who afterward killed his eldest daughter. Mr Fulbright was first married to Miss Nancy Woolsey, a native of North Carolina, who bore him four children, two now living, John and William, both in Texas. After the death of the mother of these children, Mr. Fulbright married Miss McCloud, a native of Kentucky. When a girl she ran away from home with her little sister, crossed the Mississippi River, and after finding a place for her little sister to live, she went with a family to Laclede County, Mo., where she was married to Mr. Fulbright. This union resulted in the birth of eight children: Mahala, Martin V., James H. (deceased), Merritt C., Daniel L., Leonidas (deceased), Jesse W. and Samuel H. The mother of these children died in February, 1879. The father died December 22, 1856. They were members of the Christian Church, and he took an active part in church and school affairs. He was a Democrat in his political views. Martin V. Fulbright was reared in Laclede County, Mo., and here he has ever since lived. He served in Price's army six months, and was at the battle of Lexington and in several skirmishes. After the war he returned to the home place, where he remained until 1882, when he came to the "Goodwin Hollow," where he has a good tract of land well under cultivation. He was married December 15, 1861, to Miss Nancy Cunningham, who was a native of Tennessee, but who was reared in Kentucky. She came to Missouri in 1859, and located on the Glaize. To Mr. and Mrs. Fulbright were born two children, James D. and Mary F. James D. is married, and lives on a part of the home place. He was married to Miss Mary J. Hickman, a native of Laclede County, Mo., and the daughter of Mastin Hickman, one of the early settlers of this county. To this union have been born three children: Louisa, Mastin V. and Joseph. Mr. Fulbright (subject of this sketch) is a Democrat politically, and he and wife and son are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Thomas M. Gibson, farmer, stock raiser and fruit grower, of Laclede County, Mo., was born in Greenbrier County, W. Va., September 25, 1824, and is a son of John and Mary Gibson, who were born, reared and married in Virginia, and there spent their days. Both the paternal and maternal grandparents were born in the "Emerald Isle," and immigrated to the United States in 1765, locating in Virginia, where they died. Thomas M. Gibson was engaged in farming and

stock raising in his native State until 1880, when, thinking to better his condition, he came to Southwest Missouri, and located in Laclede County, Mo., where he has a fine farm, containing 162 acres, six miles southeast of Lebanon, where he has since made his home. October 8, 1846, he was married to Miss Nancy S. Young, a native of Monroe County, W. Va., by whom he became the father of the following children: Elizabeth (wife of J. H. Campbell), Mary J. (wife of A. A. Fleshman), Sarah Y. (wife of William White), Rosaline (wife of T. P. Umphries) and James G. (who married Flora Moffat). In 1862 Mr. Gibson enlisted in the West Virginia volunteer service, and participated in the battles of Lewisburg, Fayetteville and Dry Creek, and served until the close of the war in 1865. Since coming to Missouri Mr. Gibson's labors have met with good success, and his farm, a portion of which is in a high state of cultivation, is principally devoted to raising corn, wheat and oats. In such a section of country as this is—admirably adapted to the raising of grain, hogs, cattle, sheep, horses, etc.—the energetic citizen is bound to succeed. He is a member of the Agricultural Wheel, and he and wife are members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. His father was twice married, the first union resulting in the birth of four children: Eliza and Jane (who are deceased), Lydia (wife of James W. Boyd) and Thomas M. The following are the children born to the second union: William, Mary, John, Robert and Julia A.

R. P. Goodall, sheriff of Laclede County, Mo., was born in Orleans County, Vt., December 1, 1838, and is the son of Richard R. and Ruth (Lyman) Goodall, natives of New Hampshire, who immigrated to Vermont at quite an early date. The paternal grandfather was drowned in the Connecticut River while rafting lumber. Richard P. Goodall was a farmer by occupation, is still living, and is a resident of Orleans County, Vt. He is quite a prominent man there, having represented his county two successive terms in the Legislature. He is the father of five children, only two now living: R. P. and Helen. The latter resides at Denver, Col. R. P. Goodall, subject of this sketch, assisted his father on the farm in Vermont until about twenty years of age, and received a good education. At this time he learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed in Vermont. In July, 1861, he was mustered into Company D, Third Vermont Volunteer Infantry, entering the service as a private, and was afterward promoted to the rank of second lieutenant in Company G, at Brandy Station, Va., holding this position until the close of the war. He was engaged in all the battles of the Army of the Potomac: Yorktown, Williamsburg, Fredericksburg, Antietam, battle of the Wilderness, Spottsylvania Court-house and Salem. He was wounded in the left hand by a gunshot at the Wilderness, but went with his company to Spottsylvania. He was also wounded in the left leg at Salem, and was taken to a hospital, where he remained for about six weeks. He was mustered out at Burlington in 1864, and then returned to Vermont, where he remained until 1867, when he came to Arlington, Mo. He here worked at his trade until 1869, when he came to Lebanon, and there built one of the first frame houses in New Lebanon, for a lady by the name of Hanford.

He continued his trade until 1874, when he was elected sheriff, and re-elected in 1876. Two years later he was defeated by a Greenbacker for the office of collector, and in 1880 he was re-elected sheriff. In 1882 he was elected county collector, and in 1886 he was re-elected to the office of sheriff. He was married November 6, 1879, to Miss Mary Henson, a native of Missouri, and to them has been born one child, R. P., Jr. Mr. Goodall is a member of the Masonic fraternity, Blue Lodge, Chapter and Commandery; also G. A. R., and is a staunch Democrat in his political opinions.

George H. Greenleaf was born in Salisbury, N. H., November 5, 1834, and died at his home in Lebanon, Laclede Co., Mo., December 9, 1886. He was a son of Thomas R. and Mary (Seaton) Greenleaf, who were natives of New Hampshire, and when a small boy moved with his parents to New Philadelphia, Ohio, where he received the greater part of his education. In 1857 or 1858 he came west with his parents to St. Louis, where they located. He then traveled for some time for a wholesale hardware firm of that city, and in 1869 came to Lebanon as a member of the banking firm of P. Vinton & Co., it being the first bank established in Laclede County. He continued a member of the firm until 1873, when they were succeeded by J. S. Sterling & Son. In 1874 Mr. Greenleaf succeeded Sterling & Son, and established the Laclede County Bank, which he continued to manage with great success and to the entire satisfaction of the patrons thereof until his death. He was essentially a self-educated and self-made man, a good and useful citizen, and took an active part in building up the city of Lebanon, and was one of its most honored, prosperous and progressive citizens. He was a member of the A. F. & A. M., the Knights Templar and the A. O. U. W., and was buried with the ceremonies of these societies, the ministers officiating at the funeral services being Revs. J. F. Martin and L. F. Bickford. On the 4th of October, 1870, he was united in marriage, in Old Lebanon, to Miss Lou Harrison, a daughter of John B. and Martha L. (Hyer) Harrison, who were born in South Carolina and Pennsylvania in 1804 and 1812, respectively. John B. Harrison was brought to Missouri when a small boy, and located in what is now Arlington, Phelps County, but in 1847 took up his abode in Laclede County, being among the first settlers of Old Lebanon. His marriage to Miss Hyer took place at Rolla, and for their wedding tour they took a trip to St. Louis on horseback. They became the parents of one daughter, Mrs. Greenleaf, who was born, reared and married in the same house in Old Lebanon. She was educated in the Columbia Christian College, and is the mother of three daughters: May, Anna and Georgia. Mr. Greenleaf was a member of the Congregational Church, of which she remains a consistent member.

M. W. Gustin, editor of the *Graphic*, was born in Branch County, Mich., October 12, 1843, and is the son of Jonathan F. and Lydia E. (Bennett) Gustin, natives of Vermont and New York, respectively. The father immigrated to New York, locating in Genesee Valley, but removed from there to Branch County, Mich., and from there to Elkhart County, Ind., where he remained until 1859, when he removed

to Laclede County, Mo., locating in Gasconade Township; there he purchased a farm and entered some land. He now lives in Osage Township, where he is engaged in farming. They are the parents of four children living: S. P., Esther A., wife of R. Gooderich, M. D., and M. W. The last named was reared principally in Indiana. He was brought up on the farm, and followed agricultural pursuits until the breaking out of the war, when in August, 1861, he enlisted in Company A, Sixth Missouri Volunteer Cavalry, and served until August 20, 1864, when he was discharged at St. Louis. He participated in the battles of Monday Hill, Elkhorn and all the campaigns of Southwest Missouri. He was at the siege of Vicksburg, Arkansas Post, second assault at Jackson, and was in the expedition that tore up the New Orleans Railroad. He was in the Red River expedition, where his regiment lost all its quartermaster's and commissary stores, and was in the advance guard, when the assault was made. He served on detached duty most of his time, and after being discharged returned to his home. He was deputy marshal at Rolla for some time, and then engaged in the real estate business in Lebanon, which he carried on for some time. He embarked in the newspaper business in 1869 at Lebanon, removing to Richland, in Pulaski County, and then to Tusculumbia, in Miller County, in the campaign of 1870. After selling out there he re-engaged and was in the newspaper work at Hartville, in Wright County. In 1876 he engaged in farming in Pulaski County, which he carried on until 1878, when he was appointed postmaster at Richland, and held this position until January 26, 1885. In January, 1887, he came to Lebanon and purchased the *Graphic*, which he has since published. He was married in October, 1870, to Miss Sallie E. Manes, of Pulaski County, by whom he has three children: Jessie D., born August 7, 1871; Sempronius B., born November 17, 1873, and Myrtie C., born April 4, 1878. One deceased, Bertha E., was born December 4, 1883. Mr. Gustin is a member of the G. A. R., and has never applied for a pension.

Absalom Guthrie, fruit grower and farmer, and son of John and Sarah (Jenkins) Guthrie, was born in East Tennessee in 1833. The parents were born in Virginia and Tennessee, respectively. The father came to Tennessee about 1800, locating in Claiborne County, and there engaged in farming. He and family came to Dallas County in 1848, and here he continued farming, which occupation he followed in that county until his death in 1854. His wife died in 1852. They had a family of thirteen children, three now living: Absalom, Isaiah and Louisa. The mother was a member of the Baptist Church. Absalom Guthrie came to Missouri when fifteen years of age, and in this State finished his growth. He was educated in the common district schools, and received a very fair knowledge of books. In 1856 he located in Dallas County, and came to his present location in 1869. During the late unpleasantness between the North and South, he served in the Eighth Missouri Volunteer Cavalry, United States Army, for three years, and was one year in the Home Guards. He was in the battles of Prairie Grove, Little Rock and others. He was married to Miss Nancy Davis, daughter of Nathan

L. Davis, who was one of the old settlers of this county. This union resulted in the birth of five children: Wesley; Elizabeth, wife of Jesse Pruett; William; Louisa, wife of Bringle Bringleson; and Elias, at home. Mr. and Mrs. Guthrie are members of the Baptist Church, and he is a member of the G. A. R., Post No. 48, of Lebanon. He is a Republican in politics, and has been school director for the past fifteen years.

Christian Hanson, merchant at Conway, Mo., was born in Denmark December 15, 1841, being a son of Hans Christian and Marian (Martinson) Hanson, who were born in Denmark and were married in 1832. The father was a farmer, and being the eldest son was exempt from military service. He died in 1873. He and wife became the parents of nine children, six of whom are now living, two being residents of America. Christian grew to manhood in Taarup, Denmark, and after attending school the required number of years, supplemented this with an attendance at night school. From 1863 until 1867 he was engaged in traveling throughout the country selling goods, and at the latter date concluded to come to America, and first located in Rolla, Mo., thence to Arlington, where he engaged in the general mercantile business. In 1870 he returned to his native land, but went back to his adopted country the same year, and located in Lebanon. The following year he formed a partnership with Hugh McCain, and in 1872 purchased the interest of his partner and embarked in commercial life on his own responsibility, and has continued up to the present date, meeting with flattering success. He was appointed postmaster of Conway in 1872, and ably filled the office until 1886. He is a very large real estate holder, and cultivates more land than any man in the county. He is also an extensive stock breeder. In 1872 he married Miss Sarah S. Kelley, of Lebanon, a daughter of Rev. Kelley, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and by her is the father of four children: Emma, Clara, Sarah and Jennie. Mrs. Hanson is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and Mr. Hanson belongs to the Lutheran Church. He is a member of the A. F. & A. M., a Royal Arch Mason, and is a charter member of the K. T. Commandery. He is Past Worthy Master and Present Master in the A. O. U. W. He is M. W. and Deputy Grand Worthy Chief of the I. O. G. T.; also president of the Union Sunday-school Convention. Mrs. Hanson is president of the W. G. T. U.

William J. Heard, farmer, of Franklin Township, Laclede County, Mo., was born in Monroe County, Ind., in 1824, and grew to manhood in Washington County, of the same State, where he enlisted for the Mexican War. He was discharged at Camp Bell Knob, on account of ill health, and then returned to Washington County, Ind., where he remained until 1851, and then went to Harrison County, where he remained about one year. From there he went to Clay County, Ill., and was in that county about six years when he moved to Laclede County, Mo. He located on his present farm between Christmas and New Year's of 1858, and here he has since remained, with the exception of the time spent in the United States service in the late war. He and James Talliaferro organized a company out of their own neighborhood,

and he was made first lieutenant and Mr. Talliaferro was made captain. This was in July, 1861. In August of the same year they were attached to Col. Boyd's regiment at Rolla, and then Mr. Heard resigned his lieutenantship and enlisted as a private in the Twenty-fourth Missouri, as a blacksmith; was detailed while at Rolla in March, 1862, and was discharged at St. Louis in March, 1863, because of an injury received in the foot while shoeing a mule in March, 1862. He remained in service until 1863, when his foot was in such a bad condition that he was unfit for duty. He then went to Clay County, Ill., where his family was then living, they having moved there in 1861, and remained there until 1865, when he returned to the home place. He found things here in a bad condition, but his house and barn were not destroyed. During that fall and winter he made 7,000 rails and put them into fence. He had but twenty acres under cultivation after the war, but now has 175 acres well cultivated. He was married July 28, 1844, to Miss S. Jamison, a native of Tennessee, born in 1825, and the daughter of George W. and Ellen (Reno) Jamison, natives of Tennessee. Mr. and Mrs. Heard are the parents of eleven children, eight now living: Mary Ellen, wife of James Power; Martha J., wife of Frank Roupp; Elizabeth, wife of Alex. Simpson; Giles H., William W., Frances C., Charles G. and John H. Those deceased are Sarah A., who died leaving one child and husband, both since deceased; Margaret C., who died when an infant, and Susan A., who also died when an infant. Mr. Heard is a member of the G. A. R., and his wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

Mastin Hickman, farmer, of Hooker Township, Laclede Co., Mo., was born in Sevier County, Tenn., in 1830, and is the son of Thomas and Sarah (Ward) Hickman, natives of South Carolina and Tennessee, respectively. Thomas was left fatherless at an early age, and afterward came with his mother to Tennessee, and settled on a farm east of Knoxville, where he attained his majority. He then located for himself on a farm, and was a farmer and miller all his life. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity, and died in 1864. He married Miss Ward, who died in 1849; she was the mother of fifteen children, ten boys and five girls, eight of whom are now living: Charlotta, Sarah J., Lavinia, Charles, James H., Mastin, Frederick and Ahaz (twins). Mr. Hickman was married the second time, and had one daughter, Catherine. To his third union no children were born. Mastin Hickman remained on the home place in Tennessee until twenty-six years of age, after which he went to Missouri, locating in Laclede County, near where he now lives, and to his present location in 1865. Here he has since lived. He served in the State Militia, Federal army, for about two years during the war, and rendered effective and valuable service. He was married January 24, 1863, to Miss Mary A. Tennison, born in Crawford County, Mo., September 7, 1842, daughter of Joseph S. and Elvira J. (Cooper) Tennison, natives of Missouri and Tennessee, respectively. Her father is still living, and makes his home with Mastin Hickman. He was born June 9, 1818, in Missouri, and has always lived in this

State with the exception of three months that he spent in Texas. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and is the only one of his brothers and sisters living. He enjoys good health. His wife came to Missouri when a girl, and by her union to Mr. Tennison became the mother of nine children, seven now living: Newman P., Sarah H., Mary A., Thomas J., Elizabeth L., Frances M. and William M. The mother of these children died December 20, 1873. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in early life, but later became a member of the Christian Church. To Mr. and Mrs. Hickman were born thirteen children, ten now living: Sarah J. (wife of G. D. Layman), Mary L. (wife of J. D. Fulbright) Joe Ann (wife of Samuel Lomerick), Emmet F., James M., Joseph P., George W., Henry C., John F. and Martha D. Those deceased were named Thomas A., Nathaniel and Charlotta C. Mr. and Mrs. Hickman are members of the Methodist Protestant Church, and Mr. Hickman is a member of the Agricultural Wheel.

John B. Hickman, house painter, dealer in wall-paper, prints, etc., was born in Jefferson County, Ohio, September 2, 1843, and is the son of Joseph and Mary A. (Swords) Hickman. The parents were residents of Jefferson County, Ohio, until the death of the father, which occurred in 1849, of cholera. The mother is yet living, and resides in Ohio. Of their six children, four are now living: Sarah A., Margaret A., William and John B. The latter was reared in Steubenville, Ohio, was educated there, and there learned his trade. In August, 1861, he enlisted in Company G, Thirtieth Ohio Infantry, and served until March, 1862, when he was discharged on account of being taken prisoner by bushwhackers. He re-enlisted in May, 1862, in Company F, Eighty-fourth Ohio Infantry, and was discharged in September, 1862, he only enlisting in the three-months service. In June, 1863, he enlisted again in Company H, Eleventh Ohio Cavalry, in the Rocky Mountain service, and was sergeant in both the last enlistments. He was promoted to the rank of first lieutenant, but was cheated out of this position. He was mustered out in July, 1866, and returned home, where he remained until 1868, when he came to Lebanon. He here engaged in his present business, which he has carried on quite successfully ever since. He is a Mason, a member of the A. O. U. W., the G. A. R. and the K. of L., having served as an officer in all the organizations. He was married in 1868 to Miss Jane Hyde, of Ohio, and four children were the result of this union: Joseph W., Hugh E., Georgia and Kinsey R.

George T. Holman, stock farmer, of Anglaize Township, was born in Guilford County, N. C., in 1813, and is a son of James Y. and Mary B. (Hart) Holman, who were born in Virginia and North Carolina, respectively. James Holman was born in 1769, and is a son of John Holman, whose parents were originally from Switzerland, and at a very early day located in Virginia. John Holman was a soldier in the Revolutionary War. James Y. Holman was married in his native State, and was engaged in working at the brick mason's trade and farming. He was first married to a Miss Spencer, a native of Virginia, by whom he had two sons and two daughters, but after

her death he removed to Guilford County, N. C., where he was married to Miss Hart, who was born on the 24th of April, 1791, by whom he has one son, George T. In 1816 the mother died, having lived the life of a true Christian, being a consistent member of the Lutheran Church. In 1842 Mr. Holman immigrated with his eldest daughter to Dade County, Mo., where he died on the 3d of August, 1843, having been engaged in teaching school the latter part of his life. From fourteen to eighteen years of age George T. Holman made his home with an uncle in Virginia, and then went to North Carolina, and remained with his father on a farm until his marriage in 1837, when he took charge of the home place until 1842, and then moved to Missouri, locating on a farm in what is now Laclede County. During the late Civil War he served for about three months on frontier duty at Lebanon, but being over age and crippled he could not act in the regular service. He is a Democrat in politics, and served as justice of the peace for several years. He was married to Miss Lucinda Lambeth, who was born in Guilford County, N. C., May 17, 1817, and their union was blessed in the birth of seven children, five of whom are now living: James L., Mary L. (wife of Dr. McCombs), John L. L. (who lives in Idaho Territory, engaged in farming), Andrew J. (who resides near the home farm), William (who farms on the home place); and the following children, who are deceased: George T. W., who died at the age of six years, and Joseph B., whose death occurred when thirty-five years of age. Mrs. Holman, who was an earnest and worthy member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, died on the 23d of February, 1881.

Andrew J. Holman, a wealthy farmer of Anglaize Township, and a native of Laclede County, Mo., was born November 19, 1848, and is a son of George T. Holman, whose sketch appears in this volume. Andrew J. grew to manhood on the farm on which his father now resides, and was educated in the district schools of the county, and also attended school in Lebanon for a short time. When reaching manhood he began to improve the farm where he now lives, and in 1872 married and moved onto the place, which consists of 220 acres, with ninety acres under cultivation, the result of his own industry and good management. He has always been a hard worker, both for himself and for his parents, and as a result has a comfortable and pleasant home. Elizabeth Mayfield, his wife, was born May 12, 1855, and is a daughter of W. R. Mayfield, a prominent old settler of the county. Four children have blessed their union: Florence L., Ida M., Jessie M., and Amanda E., who died in infancy. Mrs. Holman died June 2, 1882, having been a zealous member of and worker in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. In December, 1882, Mr. Holman was wedded to Miss Martha M. Sellers, who was born in Tennessee, and came to Missouri with her parents when ten years of age. She is the mother of one child, Mary E. Mr. and Mrs. Holman are active workers in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and he is a member of the A. F. & A. M. and the Agricultural Wheel, and has ever taken a deep interest in all laudable enterprises, contributing liberally to their support.

Benjamin Hooper. Among the many men who have attained prominence in agricultural pursuits in Laclede County, Mo., may be mentioned Mr. Hooper, who was born in Caswell County, N. C., January 20, 1811, and is one of three surviving members of a family of ten children born to the marriage of Woodley Hooper and Priscilla Henderson. The father was born in Virginia, and came to North Carolina, in company with his mother, when a young man, his father having died in Virginia. Woodley was a farmer throughout life, and died in Caswell County in 1852, when about eighty years of age, his wife dying in 1840. The Henderson family became residents of North Carolina about the same time as the Hooper family, and Grandfather Henderson was a very extensive land and slave owner, and spent much of his time in hunting on his extensive farms. He was twice married, and by his first wife became the father of fourteen children, and by his last, five. Benjamin Hooper, whose name heads this sketch, grew to manhood in his native State, and when twenty-one years of age hired out on a farm, receiving for his services \$40 per year, but soon after gave up this work and began learning the carpenter's trade, at which he worked for about one year. About this time he and his brother-in-law engaged in the grocery and saloon business, but Mr. Hooper discontinued this at the end of one year, and has since been interested in husbandry. In 1842 he immigrated to Missouri by wagon, with the Turner families, and the first two years resided in Greene County, but since the fall of 1845 has been a resident of Laclede County, and since 1850 has resided on his present farm. During the late war he served one month in the Home Guards, while Price was making his raid through Missouri, but he and family were not molested during the entire war. In 1848 he was married to Miss Alvira P. Gunter, who was born in Alabama in 1826, a daughter of James and Mary R. (King) Gunter, who were born and married in Tennessee, and afterward moved to Alabama. They came to Missouri in 1835, but died in Moniteau County, Mo., in 1872 and 1855, respectively. Three of their ten children are now living: Thomas, Louisa (Dowell) and Alvira (Mrs. Hooper). The latter has been a resident of Missouri since she was nine years old, and to her marriage with Mr. Hooper ten children have been born, only two of whom are living: Sarah J., wife of F. M. McChane, and Benjamin C., who resides on the home farm with his parents. Two other children lived to be grown: Mary P., the wife of G. G. Bloomfield, and Fannie, wife of Benjamin Ballenger. The others died in infancy and childhood. Mr. and Mrs. Hooper have been members of the Christian Church since 1844, and he is a member of the Agricultural Wheel, and in politics is a Democrat. His son, Benjamin C., was born on the home farm in Laclede County in February, 1858, and March 16, 1884, was married to Miss Martha Wallace, who was born in Dade County, Mo., November 30, 1866, and by her became the father of two children: Carl V., and Henry, who is deceased. They are also members of the Christian Church, and he belongs to the Agricultural Wheel. He has a good farm under cultivation, and is well fixed financially.

Isaac Hoskinson, president of the Lebanon Woolen Manufacturing

Co., and son of Isaac, Sr., and Fannia (Thrapp) Hoskinson, was born in Wabash County, Mount Carmel, Ill., February 23, 1829. The parents were natives of Virginia, and Newark, Ohio, respectively. The Hoskinson family were of Scotch origin, and were early settlers of Virginia. Isaac Hoskinson, Sr., immigrated to Lincoln County, Ohio, at quite an early date, and here he married Miss Thrapp. In 1821 he moved to Wabash County, Ill., and here resided until his death, which occurred in the spring of 1830. He was a wheel-wright by trade, and followed the same all his life. The mother died at Mount Carmel in 1864. They were the parents of six children, two now living: Gamaliel, who resides in Boulder, Col., and Isaac, Jr. The latter was brought up in Mount Carmel, where he was educated. He engaged in merchandising at the age of thirteen years, and in 1854 he went to Graysville, Ill., where he was engaged in merchandising until 1856. He then went to Clay County, Ill., and here remained until 1865, when he went to Rolla, Mo. In 1869 he left Rolla and came to Lebanon, where he engaged in merchandising with Hugh McCain, under the firm title of Hoskinson & McCain, until 1878. Previous to this, in 1877, the woolen mill was erected, and in this Mr. Hoskinson became a stockholder, and has been its president since its erection. He is also engaged in the real estate business quite extensively, in buying and selling land, both wild and improved. He is interested in about 7,000 acres of land in Laclede County, of which the most is in a wild state. Mr. Hoskinson was elected probate judge of Laclede County in 1872, serving four years; has held several minor offices, and takes a great interest in religious and educational matters. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, Blue Lodge, Chapter and Commandery. He was married, in 1854, to Miss Jane M. Lutes, a native of York, Penn., and to them was born one child, Myrtle, wife of James T. Moore, representative of Laclede County.

Josephus Hough, one of the old and enterprising citizens of Laclede County, Mo., was born in Highland County, Ohio, in 1817, being the son of Payton and Sophia (Mowery) Hough, both natives of Virginia. Payton Hough was born in 1790; was in the War of 1812, and surrendered under Hull. He came to Ohio when a young man; was married here, and here remained until 1839, when he with his family, wife and four sons located in Gasconade County, Mo., for one year. They then came to Laclede County, and located on the ~~Covego~~ Fork of Gasconade River, where he remained until his death. He took an active part in all public matters; was sheriff in Ohio several terms, and on coming to Missouri held the office of justice of the peace until shortly before his death. In 1872 he was smitten with palsy, and died in April, 1874. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and in his early life was a Mason. His wife was born in 1798, and died August 20, 1873. To their union were born twenty-one children, four of whom lived to be grown: Josephus, John, Ashford and David. Ashford is now deceased. William Hough, brother of Payton, is still living, and was eighty-three years old March 16, 1889. The grandmother of our subject, and the

mother of Payton and William, came to Missouri, where she died in 1843. Josephus Hough was reared in his native State, and was there married in 1839, just before he started west in company with his parents. Her name was Miss Lucinda Kibler, a native of Ohio, and the fruit of this union was one child, Sophia R.; wife of J. Dupugh, who is now living in Oregon County, Mo. The mother died in 1840, at the age of twenty-three. Mr. Hough was again married, October 25, 1845, to Miss Lucretia Wright, a native of Davidson County, Tenn., born in 1825, and the daughter of Benjamin and Elizabeth Wright, natives of South Carolina and Virginia, respectively. They came to Missouri in 1836, and he was a blacksmith by trade. He died about 1851, and the mother about 1852. They were the parents of eight children, four of whom are now living: Mrs. Eliza J. Smith, Benjamin F., William C. and Lucretia, all living in Arkansas but the wife of Josephus. The result of Mr. and Mrs. Hough's marriage was the birth of twelve children, three sons and nine daughters, ten children now living: Mrs. Eliza J. Southard, Mrs. Martha A. Spencer, Mrs. Margrie Brookshire, Mrs. Alvira Smith, Samuel B., Mrs. Catherine Franklin, Cary Frank, Lou, Susie and William H. Those deceased were named Mrs. Melvinia Eads, who died, leaving one child—Lena Belle, who is now with Mr. Hough—and Elizabeth, who died in childhood. Mr. Hough located where he now lives in 1856, and here he has since remained. He enlisted in the old man's regiment during the late war, for ninety days, when they were disbanded. He is a member of the Agricultural Wheel, is with the Union Labor party in his political views, and has been active in all educational matters. Mrs. Hough and family are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Edmund Hulse, one of the many enterprising and successful citizens of Laclede County, Mo., was born September 12, 1848, and is the son of John E. and Mary (Wild) Hulse, natives of England. The Hulses were for several generations back railroad engineers, and the grandfather of Edmund Hulse went to France as an engineer. He was for many years a locomotive engineer, and John E. Hulse was also an engineer for twenty-eight years. He came to this country in 1851, landing in New York, and from there went to Milwaukee, Wis. He afterward returned to England and mounted his same old engine, and in 1866 he came back to America. He remained in Fond du Lac, Wis., for three years, and then came to Laclede County in 1869, locating on a farm, where he remained until 1872, and has been farming ever since. He was the father of seven children, five of whom are now living: Edmund, John, Albert, William, and Adelaide, wife of William Nyberg. Two children died in infancy. Edmund Hulse was eighteen years of age when he came back to Wisconsin, and in 1872 went to Chicago, where he worked as a machinist until in 1880, when he came to Laclede County. He has a good farm in this county, and is doing well. He was first married in 1873 to Miss Margaret Wilder, who was the widow of Hiram L. Wilder, of Chicago. She was born near the last named city, and by her union with Mr. Wilder became the mother of three children. She also had

three children by Mr. Hulse, two of whom died. Mary is the only one living. Mr. Hulse took for his second wife Miss Ella E. Wilder, by whom he has five children: Jennie, Edith, Edmund, John and Margaret. Mr. Hulse is a rather prominent man in politics, and affiliates with the Union Labor party. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity at Lebanon; is a member of the A. O. U. W., and he and wife are members of the Methodist Protestant Church.

George R. James, stock farmer, on Osage Fork of Gasconade River, was born in Giles County, Tenn., in 1833, and is the son of George and Dicey James, natives of Georgia and North Carolina, respectively. When George R. was four years old the family immigrated to Missouri by wagon, and located within one mile of where our subject now lives, and here the father died December 27, 1847. He was born April 20, 1799. His wife was born October 19, 1797, and died July 25, 1869. They were married January 13, 1819, and to their union were born seven children, two now living, William R. and George R. William R. lives on Mill Creek, Osage Township, and is engaged in agricultural pursuits. The parents of these children were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. George R. James attained his growth in Laclede County, and assisted his parents on the farm. After the death of his father he took charge of things and lived with his mother until her death. He then took a trip overland to California, where he remained until the fall of 1860, and then returned to the home place by way of New York City, by rail, then to Chicago, thence to Dillon, thence to Rolla, Mo., and from there to the home place by stage. When the war broke out he enlisted in Capt. C. W. Rubey's regiment, and served about two years. At the close of the war he came back to the home place, and after remaining there a short time he came to his present location, where he has resided ever since. He is the owner of a large farm of 1,240 acres, with about 700 under cultivation. He was married October 13, 1861, to Miss Susan Q. Honssinger, a native of Laclede County, Mo., born in 1847, and the daughter of Thomas F. Honssinger, who is one of the oldest settlers of the county. To Mr. and Mrs. James were born nine living children: Mary Ellen, wife of John Bowman; George F., married Emily J. Beard; Quillana E., wife of John R. Wrinkle; William M., Laura D., Lury J., Rosa B., Effie May and Edgar M. Those deceased are Thomas, Isom, Charley W. and an infant. Mr. James is a Democrat in politics, and is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

Hon. B. C. Jarrell came to Laclede County, Mo., from his native county of Rockingham, N. C., in 1853, and located near Lebanon, and with his brother, W. G. Jarrell, engaged in the manufacture of plug tobacco until the breaking out of the late Civil War, and in 1862 moved to the place where he now lives. He first made a purchase of forty acres of land, but is now the owner of 200 acres, 120 acres in one tract and eighty acres in the other. His birth occurred February 11, 1826, and he is a son of Jarrett and Eleanor (Lillian) Jarrell, who were of English lineage and natives of North Carolina. The father died in 1836 and the mother in 1830. B. C. Jarrell was educated in



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Leaksville Academy, N. C., and in the common schools of his native county. After coming west he taught school in Kentucky for some time, and in April, 1849, was married in Madison County, Tenn., to Lucy A. Lassiter, a native of North Carolina, and the daughter of Matthew Lassiter, and their union was blessed in the birth of five children: Salinda I.; William A., who married Catherine James; Mary A., wife of William T. James; Frank Lee and Martha E. Mr. Jarrell is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and in his political views supports the principles of the Democratic party, and has represented his county in the State Legislature. He has also served as surveyor, and he and family are members of the Christian Church, he being a deacon in the same.

Travis Johnson, farmer, stock raiser and fruit grower of Laclede County, Mo., and one of the prosperous men of that county, was born in Roane County, Tenn., January 28, 1825, and is the son of Little B. and Ada (George) Johnson, both born and reared in Knox County, Tenn. The ancestors of the Johnson family came from England, and were early settlers of Tennessee. The paternal grandfather, Edmund Johnson, immigrated to Knox County, of the last mentioned State, as early as 1796, but the Indians were there in great numbers, and he did not stay long. However, he returned to the same place in 1800, and lived there for many years. He died in Roane County, Tenn., over eighty-five years of age. He was a Revolutionary soldier. Little B. Johnson was a farmer, wagon-maker and blacksmith by trade, but the latter part of his life was spent in the Baptist ministry. He organized a great many churches in his time, and died a faithful, upright Christian. He was the father of eleven children, five now living, of whom Travis Johnson is the eldest. The others living are: Patrick, who resides in Lawrence County, Mo.; Lewis C., residing on the old homestead in Tennessee; Rachel, wife of W. R. Herald, and Elizabeth, wife of Samuel Parr, now residing in Tennessee. Two brothers died in Andersonville Prison, Elisha A. and James L. Silas was drowned. Travis Johnson was reared on the farm in Tennessee, and in this State he received his education. In 1845 he was united in marriage to Miss Mary C. Bowman, who bore him six children, four now living: Malissa E., wife of J. H. Brown; Eliza A., wife of James B. Bourman; Parley R., wife of Henry Jones, and Mary C., wife of John L. Stow. In 1859 Mr. Johnson immigrated with his family by team to Laclede County, Mo., locating on Gasconade River, where he purchased 211 acres of land with but few improvements. He has now 100 acres under cultivation on this farm. In 1871 he purchased 218 acres in the same township, and aside from this he has 160 acres of land where he now lives, with about 120 acres under cultivation. Mr. Johnson has turned his attention to stock raising, to which his farms are all well adapted, and he also raises a large amount of fruit. He is one of the leading farmers of Laclede County, and has been a valuable citizen. In the spring of 1883 he moved to Lebanon for the purpose of educating his son, Charles L., a bright young man. After the latter's death Mr. Johnson moved back to the farm, where he now lives. He was a member of the Enrolled Militia during the war,

and served in several hard skirmishes. Politically he is a Republican and a strong adherent of that party. He and Mrs. Johnson are members of the Baptist Church.

Col. M. W. Johnson, farmer, was born in Howard County, Mo., on March 15, 1832, and was reared principally in Greene and Camden Counties. His parents, Stebbins and Jerusha B. (Mellon) Johnson, were natives of Connecticut and Massachusetts, respectively. They were married in Steubenville, Ohio, in 1825, and in 1831 removed to Howard County, Mo. Mr. Johnson was a machinist by trade, but upon coming to Missouri he engaged in the milling business, and while on a trip to St. Louis for building material he took the cholera, and died in that city in May, 1838. The mother died at the residence of her son, in Laclede County, in April, 1879, in her seventy-ninth year. They were the parents of four children, two only of whom are now living, Rhoda W. and Marshall W., the latter being the youngest of the family and the subject of this sketch. After the father's death the family moved to Greene County, Mo., and in 1841 to Camden County, and were among the earliest settlers of that county, locating on a farm near the Gunter Spring, which was their home till the children grew to maturity. In 1852 the subject of this sketch entered the employ of Jones, McClurg & Co., who were engaged in a general mercantile business at Linn Creek. Continuing with this firm, he became a member of it in 1858, the style now being changed to McClurg, Murphy & Co., and it prosecuted an extensive business till the outbreak of the Rebellion, in 1861, their business reaching the enormous figure, in that day, for an inland house, of half a million a year. When the war came, Mr. Johnson, being driven from his business and his home by marauding rebels, joined the Osage regiment of Missouri volunteers (Home Guards) an organization called into the service temporarily by Gen. Nathaniel Lyon, then commanding the Department of the Missouri. Upon the disbanding of this organization, in December, 1861, he enlisted in Company G of the Eighth Regiment Missouri State Militia Cavalry, and was appointed quartermaster of the regiment, with rank of first lieutenant, in which capacity he served till March, 1863, when the regiment was reorganized, and he was promoted to the rank and office of lieutenant-colonel of his regiment. This position he held till October, 1863, when, at the request of his former business co-partners, he resigned and took charge again of his business at Linn Creek. In January, 1863, he was united in marriage to Mary E., eldest daughter of ex-Gov. Joseph W. McClurg, and to them were born ten children: Joseph M., Thaddeus S., Frank J., Fannie J., Maggie R., Charles D., Mary B., Louise W., Emma C. and Marshall W., Jr., all now living, save Mary B., who died in early infancy. After closing his old business, which required a number of years, Mr. Johnson was engaged with ex-Gov. McClurg and others in mining, smelting and merchandising at Linn Creek till 1877. In February of that year he moved to his farm, near Lebanon, Mo., where he now resides, engaged in farming, stock growing, etc. His farm contains 280 acres, 200 of which are in cultivation, the residue in timber and pasture. He runs a dairy also, and is getting to some extent in the fruit business. He

has an orchard, of his own planting, of 3,000 trees, to which he is adding yearly. He, with his eldest two sons, has also established a cattle ranch, and is opening a farm in Central Dakota. They will have more than 100 acres in crops there this year. Mr. Johnson has never held civil office, save that of county treasurer for eight years, while in Camden, and superintendent of registration for the years immediately following the war. He is a member of the G. A. R., A. O. U. W. and Select Knights.

Luke Joslin, gardener and broom-maker, was born in Washington County, Vt., in July, 1820, and is the son of Luke and Lydia (Graves) Joslin, natives of Vermont, and of English descent, and grandson of Ezra Joslin, who was a farmer by occupation, and who died in Vermont. Luke Joslin, Sr., was also a farmer by occupation, and he too died in Vermont. The mother died in Wisconsin. They were the parents of eight children, three now living: Orrilla, Fannie S. and Luke. The latter was reared and educated in Washington County, Vt., and was there married, in 1843, to Joan A. Ford, a native of Vermont. About 1845 Mr. Joslin removed to Dane County, Wis., purchasing a farm, which he carried on until 1865. In the latter part of 1863 he enlisted in Company H, Eighth Wisconsin Infantry, and served until the close of the war. He served in camp and hospital, and was not called on the field at all. In the summer of 1865 he returned home, and in the fall of the following year he moved to Miller County, Mo., where he resided until 1878, after which he moved to Lebanon, Mo. He here purchased a homestead in the brush, which he has cleared and vastly improved. He carries on his trade, that of broom-making, has a good business, and in connection with this he also carries on gardening, raising all kinds of vegetables. He was elected mayor of Lebanon in 1881, and held the office one term. He is a member of the G. A. R., and he and Mrs. Joslin are members of the Congregational Church. To their marriage were born seven children: Wilburt C., Carrie E., Luke, David D. (deceased), Herbert W., Charles E., Mary E. and Hattie E.

William F. Lambeth is a native of Laclede County, Mo., born in 1846, and is a son of Josiah B. and Sarah A. (Friar) Lambeth, and grandson of Joseph and Lavinia (Fleck) Lambeth, who were prominent residents of the Carolinas. Josiah B. is the youngest of their six children, and was born in Guilford County, N. C., in 1824, and attained his majority in his native State. In 1842 he immigrated to Missouri, locating on the Glaize, and resided in Laclede County until 1861, when he took refuge in Texas, and enlisted in the Confederate army. He was taken prisoner at Vicksburg, but was afterward exchanged, and was given a position in the commissary department. After peace was declared he resided one year in Franklin County, and then took up his abode in St. James, Phelps County, where he sent his children to school, and in the fall of 1867 went to Lawrence County, and purchased land on the head-waters of Spring River. After residing here four years, he next located in Verona, where he died in 1875, and where his widow is still living. He was a member of the A. F. & A. M., and a Democrat in politics. His wife was

born in North Carolina in 1819, and after becoming a woman came to Dade County, Mo., with her parents in the fall of 1842, and was married in February of the following year. The following are their children: Joseph, William, Madison, Susan (Latta), Nina (Grammar), Orlena (Ham), and Irving, who resides with his mother. Mrs. Lambeth is now a member of the Christian Church, but earlier in life was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. William F. Lambeth has always resided in Laclede County, with the exception of one year (1866), when he resided in Franklin County, where he was engaged in farming. In February, 1867, he espoused Miss Malinda Bohannon, who was born in Roane County, Tenn., in 1849, but came to Missouri with her parents when a child, where she grew to womanhood. She was a daughter of John Bohannon and Elizabeth Esther, and became the mother of seven children: John, James, Joseph, William, Andrew, Roenia, who is deceased, and Dee, the youngest. Mr. and Mrs. Lambeth are members of the Christian Church, and he is a staunch Democrat in politics.

J. G. Lingsweiler, one of the most extensive lumber dealers in Southern Missouri, now located at Lebanon, Mo., was born in Buffalo, N. Y., April 13, 1844, and is one of ten children, nine now living, born to John N. and Christiana Lingsweiler, both of whom are natives of Germany. The father of the subject of this sketch was born in 1818, and emigrated from Bavaria, Germany, to America with his parents when about fourteen years of age, or in 1831. His father, John Lingsweiler, was a baker by trade, and died in the State of New York. John N. Lingsweiler, father of J. G., was reared principally in New York State, and received such educational advantages as were available in those early times. He was married in this State, and in 1846 moved to Racine County, Wis., where he purchased a farm, and resided until 1884. He then came to live with his son, J. G., at Lebanon, where he yet lives, and is now in his seventy-first year. The mother is also living, and is in her seventieth year. Their nine children now living are named as follows: John G., Louise, Edward, Mary, William H., Christiana, Carrie L., Frank I. and Julia. J. G. Lingsweiler, the eldest of this family, was but two years of age when he went to Wisconsin with his parents. He was educated partly in that State and partly in Missouri. January 4, 1864, he enlisted in Company H, Twenty-second Wisconsin Regiment, and served until the close of the war. He was with Sherman on his march to the sea, and participated in the battles of Resaca, Burnt Hickory, Lost Mountain, Culp's Farm, Peach Tree Creek, Atlanta (where they had several hard fights), Buzzards' Roost, New Hope Church, Kenesaw Mountain, and several skirmishes on the way to Savannah, and also participated in the grand review at Washington. Mr. Lingsweiler was but nineteen years of age when he enlisted, but, being a strong and vigorous young man, was accepted without difficulty. He fought bravely for his country, and was honorably discharged in July, 1865. In March of the following year he came to Lebanon, where he attended school, then called Lebanon Collegiate School, for two years. He also attended school at Rolla, working for his tuition, and after quitting school he

went to Arlington, Mo., where he clerked in a drug store for a short time. He then entered into partnership with a gentleman in the grocery business, and continued at this for about nine months. All this time Mr. Lingsweiler was waiting for the Frisco Road to be completed to Lebanon, with a view to going into the lumber business at that place. He started with a small capital, buying as he could, and hauled one car load of lumber from Arlington before the road was completed. He soon built up a large trade, and became quite extensively engaged in the business. He is now one of the most extensive lumber dealers in this section; owns the block where he carries on his business, and has a beautiful brick residence. He is one of the enterprising and prominent business men of Laclede County, and has a host of warm friends. Mr. Lingsweiler is also the owner of several business buildings and dwelling houses. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, I. O. O. F., in which he passed through the chairs, also a member of the Encampment, K. T. and G. A. R. He has held the office of city alderman and is a member of the school board. He was married in March, 1871, to Miss Emma R. Ostrander, a native of New York, and by whom he has four children: Charlie E., Mabel L., Arthur F. and Myrtle V.

Thomas F. Lockwood, M. D., one of the leading physicians of Conway, Laclede Co., Mo., is a native of Sangamon County, Ill., and was born January 11, 1835. He is a son of Isaac and Sarah (Dunbar) Lockwood, the former of whom was born in Shelby County, Ill., and the latter in Virginia. They are now living in Washington Township, Laclede Co., Mo. The father is fifty-three years of age and the mother fifty-five. They were married in Christian County, Ill., and moved to Shelby County in 1869, whence they came to Laclede County, Mo., in 1878. Previous to his removal to Missouri, Isaac Lockwood worked as a mill-wright, miller and carpenter, and after he removed to Missouri he worked at his adopted trade until a recent date, since which time he has devoted his attention exclusively to farming. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and a Democrat in politics. The parents are both members of the Missionary Baptist Church. To their union were born nine children, seven of whom are living: Mary J., wife of Martin M. Sphar, a farmer of Laclede County; Francis M., a farmer of Allen County, Kas.; George H., a farmer of Laclede County; Thomas F., M. D.; William A., at home; Isaac O. and Ira E. (twins), at home. Thomas F. Lockwood received a liberal education in the schools of Laclede County, and began the study of medicine under Dr. A. H. Neal, then of Laclede County. During the sessions of 1885-86 and 1886-87, he attended the Northwestern Medical College, at St. Joseph, Mo., graduating in February, 1887. He then returned to Laclede County and entered upon the practice of his chosen profession, locating in Conway, Laclede County, in June, 1888, where he has a growing patronage. June 20, 1886, Dr. Lockwood married Ellen J. Barr, daughter of Dr. S. B. F. C. Barr, of Laclede County, formerly of Tennessee. One child has been born to Dr. and Mrs. Lockwood, Eda Ethel. Dr. Lockwood also practiced on the Osage River one year, where he was blessed with success, and which practice he still retains. He is one of the rising practitioners of Laclede County, and

gives good satisfaction in his work as a physician. He is a most skillful member of the medical fraternity, using the greatest precaution in discharging his professional duty. His aim is to rank among the highest of the profession. The Doctor and wife are members of the Baptist Church. In politics he is a Democrat.

Hon. J. W. McClurg, ex-governor of the State of Missouri, is a native of St. Louis County, Mo., born February 22, 1818, and is the son of Joseph and Mary (Brotherton) McClurg, and grandson of Joseph McClurg, who came to America during the Irish Rebellion of 1798. He came over concealed in the bottom of the vessel, and his family followed shortly afterward. He located in Pittsburg, built the first iron foundry in that city, and here and near Pittsburg passed the remainder of his life. He had a farm near the city, and ran a foundry there for many years. His sons continued the business after he had retired. The father of ex-Gov. McClurg was born in Northern Ireland, and came to America when about twelve years of age. He was also a foundryman, as were his brothers, Alexander and William, and they carried on the business there for a number of years. He died in Ohio while yet engaged in the iron business. The mother died in St. Louis. They were the parents of but two children: James B. (deceased) and J. W. McClurg. The last named was reared in Pennsylvania, whither he had been taken at the age of seven years, but received the principal part of his education in Ohio, where he remained until about nineteen years of age. He then returned to Missouri and made his home with his uncles, James and Marshall Brotherton, both of whom filled the office of sheriff of St. Louis County. J. W. served as deputy sheriff under both of them for about two years. In the spring of 1839 he went to Texas, and remained there for some two years, and was admitted to the practice of law at Columbus, Texas. In 1841 he married, in Washington County, Mo., Miss Mary C. Johnson, a native of Virginia, and this union resulted in the birth of eight children, six now living: Mary E., wife of Col. M. W. Johnson, now at Lebanon; Fannie, wife of C. C. Draper, also at Lebanon; Joseph E., in Dakota engaged in farming; Sarah, wife of Thomas Monroe, resides in Lebanon; Dr. James A., dentist, at Lebanon, and Dr. Marshall J., also a dentist, at Carthage, Mo. After marriage Mr. McClurg turned his attention to merchandising, which he carried on at Hazelwood and Linn Creek, Mo., until the breaking out of the late war, when he was at Linn Creek. In 1861 he enlisted in the Home Guards; was chosen colonel of his regiment, and in 1862 he became colonel of the Eighth Cavalry, Missouri State Militia. He was in this service until after his election to Congress, which was in 1862, from the Fifth District. He then resigned his position in the army to take his seat, and was re-elected in 1864 and 1866. Before the expiration of his last term of office he was elected by the Republican party as governor of the State of Missouri, in 1868, and served one term of two years. He then turned his attention to merchandising, lead mining and steamboating, which he carried on until 1885, at which date he came to Laclede County, and has since been retired from business. He is now in his seventieth year, but still quite well preserved. He has been a very

prominent man of the State of Missouri, and has been a strong adherent of the Republican party. He is a member of the G. A. R., and he and Mrs. McClurg were members of the Presbyterian Church. Mrs. McClurg departed this life in December, 1861, at Jefferson City. He remained single. He is now a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. They were the grandparents of twenty-six children, twenty-four now living. Their son, James A., studied dentistry at St. Louis, and has since been practicing at Lebanon and Marshfield seven or eight years. He was married to Miss Mattie Williams in 1877, and is the father of four children. He is a promising young man, and has built up a good practice. Their son Marshall J. studied dentistry in Philadelphia, Penn., and has now a good practice. He married Miss Effie DeVore, of Carthage.

Dr. James McComb, physician and surgeon at Lebanon, Mo., was born near Jacksonville, Ill., March 12, 1832, and is the son of James and Elizabeth (Lewis) McComb, natives of Knox County, Tenn., and of Scotch descent. The paternal grandfather, William McComb, crossed the ocean to America, and died, after several years, in Tennessee. James McComb, Sr., was reared by an uncle in Tennessee, his parents having died when he was quite young, and attained his growth on a farm. He was married to Miss Lewis in Tennessee, and afterward moved to Morgan County, Mo., where he died in 1837. The mother died several years afterward. They were the parents of ten children, six now living: William, Lewis, Mary, Amy, Dr. James and David. Dr. James McComb was but five years of age when his father died, and he remained with his mother until after her death, which occurred when he was seventeen years of age. He received his early education in the log school-houses, but later attended two years at Warsaw College. He then taught school for two years in order to get money to further his education. In 1856 he attended the State University, in the meantime studying medicine. In 1857 he took his first course of lectures at St. Louis Medical College, and practiced as a first course student until 1865, when he graduated at the Jefferson Medical College at Philadelphia. In 1858 he came to Laclede County, Mo., and located at Lebanon in 1863, where he has since practiced his profession with great success. He is now the oldest practicing physician in the county, and has built up a large and lucrative practice. He was married in 1860 to Miss Mary L. Holman, who was born in North Carolina, and who became the mother of seven children: Charles A., James A., Virgil J. (a druggist), George E. (deputy county clerk), William E., Ernest H. and Floyd J. The latter three are in school. Charles and James graduated in medicine, and are now practicing their profession, the former at Dixon, Mo., and the latter at Bentonville, Ark. The Doctor is a member of the Masonic fraternity, also the A. O. U. W., and he and Mrs. McComb and their children, except the youngest two, are members of the Christian Church.

Judge Anderson McFall, a leading citizen of Union Township, Laclede Co., Mo., was born in Russell County, Ky., January 9, 1838, and is a son of Lindsay and Mary (Bradley) McFall, natives of Kentucky. Lindsay McFall was born in 1808, and has been a farmer all

his life; he is now a resident of Russell County, Ky. Mrs. McFall died in 1879, the mother of nine children, six of whom are living, viz.: Sarah E. (wife of I. M. Wells, a farmer of Russell County, Ky.), William (also a farmer of Russell County), James (in Russell County, engaged in farming), Emmerson (in the same county), Susan E. (wife of James Snow, a farmer of Russell County) and Anderson. October 15, 1861, the latter enlisted in Company G, Twelfth Kentucky Volunteer Infantry, and served fifteen months as sergeant, participating in the battle of Mills Springs. He afterward enlisted in Company B, Ninety-fourth Kentucky Militia, of which company he was commissioned captain, and served until the close of the war, when he returned to his home in Russell County, Ky. October 17, 1869, he married Mary C. Oaks, daughter of John W. Oaks. She was born in Russell County December 1, 1854, and died February 15, 1883, the mother of the following children: Julia F., John L. and Sidney C. March 13, 1884, Mr. McFall married Sarah E. Sutton, who was born in Clay County, Ill., January 22, 1861, and is a daughter of Jesse and Nancy J. Sutton, the former of whom died in Clay County, and the mother subsequently married Joshua Robertson and moved to Laclede County, Mo. Mr. McFall has one child by the second marriage, Myrtle Etolia. In 1870 Mr. McFall removed to Laclede County, Mo., and settled in Union Township, which he has since made his home. In 1886 he was elected judge of the Western District of Laclede County by the Democratic party, and for eight years served as justice of the peace of Union Township. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and is also a Mason and Knights Templar. He is one of the enterprising citizens of the county, and supports actively all laudable enterprises. Mrs. McFall is a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

William R. Mayfield, a retired farmer, was born in Casey County, Ky., April 2, 1834, and is the son of James and Mary (Johnson) Mayfield, natives of Tennessee and Kentucky, respectively. The father was a farmer by occupation, was a soldier in the Mexican War, and he and wife were earnest workers in the Christian Church. They moved from Kentucky to Illinois, and later to Missouri, locating in Gasconade Township, Laclede County. Here the mother died, and here the father followed her to the grave in 1853. They were the parents of eight children, all of whom lived to be grown, but only three now living. The eldest, Mrs. Anna Wisdom, is now a widow; James lives in Laclede County, Mo., and William R., subject of this sketch; Mayfield Township was named in his honor. The last named attained his growth in Laclede County, and was left when a boy to do for himself. He began farming for himself, and April 13, 1855, he was united in marriage to Miss Sarah M. Davis, a native of Kentucky, born January 23, 1839, and the daughter of George W. and Elizabeth W. Davis, who were natives of Madison County, Va., and both born in the year 1810. The grandfather, James Davis, was a native of Maryland, and his wife's maiden name was Dent. George W. Davis came from Virginia to Kentucky in 1831, and located in Warren County. He was a grain dealer by occupation. He lived in Kentucky for a number of years, then moved to Tennessee, from there

back to Kentucky, and settled in Missouri in the fall of 1839. He located on the Gasconade River, bought land, and here followed agricultural pursuits until his death, which occurred February 6, 1878. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity, and also the I. O. O. F. His wife died November 2, 1883. She was an active worker and a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. They were the parents of eight children. To Mr. and Mrs. Mayfield were born nine children: Sarah E. (deceased), was the wife of A. J. Holman; she died June 2, 1881, leaving three children. [See sketch of A. J. Holman.] Irvin W., W. Melvin, Andrew O., L. C., Lulu Bell, and three children who died in infancy. August 25, 1880, Mr. Mayfield moved to his farm on Dry Glaze, and in September, 1886, moved to Lebanon. During the war he enlisted in the Forty-sixth Missouri Infantry Volunteers, and served six months, after which he returned home and resumed agricultural pursuits. Mr. Mayfield is a member of the A. F. & A. M. at Lebanon, and he and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, the former having held all the offices of that church.

W. M. Mayfield, farmer and stock raiser, was born in Laclede County, Mo., and is the son of William R. and Sarah E. (Davis) Mayfield. The grandparents on both sides came to Laclede County at quite an early date, and settled in what is now Mayfield Township. W. M. Mayfield grew to manhood in that township, and received a good collegiate education. After finishing his education he engaged in farming, and has followed this occupation ever since. He deals quite extensively in stock, and in this pursuit he has been quite successful. He was married, January 5, 1885, to Miss Lou, daughter of John Esther, of Laclede County, and by whom he had one child, Orin. Mr. Mayfield is a member of the Agricultural Wheel, and he and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

John Meents, farmer, fruit grower and stock raiser of Lebanon, was born in Hanover, Germany, March 31, 1838, and is the son of Feeke and Reka (Reents) Meents, natives of Germany. The father died in his native country, but the mother is still living, and is a resident of Germany. Their son, John Meents, was reared on a farm in Germany, and was there educated. In 1864 he took passage for New York City, but after reaching that city he went on to Woodford County, Ill., near Peoria, where he remained until 1872, working on a farm, and the last three years engaged in farming for himself. In 1867 he married Miss Tantken Meents, a native of Germany, and to them were born two children: Margaret and Remmer. In 1872 Mr. Meents came to Laclede County, buying the farm where he now lives, which was then all raw land, and improved it until it is now one of the best farms in the county. He has 217 acres of land, all under cultivation. He has a beautiful fruit orchard, with about 2,000 apple, pear and peach trees. He raises a great deal of stock, and is one of the most enterprising farmers of this county. He has accumulated most all he has since coming to America, and has labored hard to improve his place. Mr. Meents has always taken a great interest in educational matters. He and wife are members of the Lutheran Church.

William H. Mizer, a prominent farmer of Laclede County, Mo., was born in Meigs County, Tenn., February 13, 1843, being a son of Michael and Nancy (Hale) Mizer, and grandson of John and Betsey Mizer. John Mizer was born in Germany, and came to America while still unmarried, locating in Tennessee, where he married and reared a family of eight children, Michael being the oldest child. The latter grew to maturity in his native State, and in February, 1843, immigrated to Laclede County, Mo., but eleven years later took up his abode in Gentry County, where he remained about nine years, and died in 1863, at the age of sixty-five years, having been an active worker in the Methodist Episcopal Church. His wife was also born in Meigs County, Tenn., and in November, 1884, died at the home of her son, William, in her sixtieth year. Six of her family of nine children are living, whose names are as follows: George W., William H., Wesley W., Albert B., Lucinda (wife of R. C. Bolles) and Nancy (wife of W. Thraikill). Those deceased are Elijah H., Minerva and Angeline. Michael Mizer was first married to Betsey Swatford, by whom he had ten children, all deceased. William H. Mizer was educated in the common schools, and was reared to maturity in his native county. In October, 1866, he was married to Miss Mary Clinkinbard, a native of Laclede County, Mo., born October 15, 1849, by whom he has the following children: Elder J., Noah E., William L., Myrtle, Virgil, Luna, Edna, Alice and Etta (who died at the age of three years). On the 1st of January, 1862, Mr. Mizer enlisted in the Fourteenth Regiment Missouri State Militia, and served until the close of the war, being a participant in the battles of Prairie Grove, Pea Ridge, Neosho, and a number of others of minor note. After the war he located in Laclede County, where he has since been engaged in farming, and owns 320 acres of good land, with about 120 acres under cultivation, and is considered one of the successful farmers of Spring Hollow Township. He is a Democrat in politics, and has always taken an active interest in school matters. He is a member of the Christian Church, and his wife belongs to the Baptist Church. The latter's father, James M. Clinkinbard, was born in Tennessee, and came to Laclede County, Mo., in 1844 or 1845, locating near Lebanon on a farm. He died March 20, 1863, in Arkansas, while serving in the Confederate army, but his widow is still living, and is the wife of Martin D. Shipman, one of the old settlers of the county.

L. A. Moore, grocer and proprietor of a meat-market at Lebanon, Mo., was born in Adams County, Wis., January 1, 1854, and is the son of Asa J. and Nancy (Pooler) Moore, the father a native of Maine and the mother of Ohio. The parents were married in Wisconsin, and the father was a farmer by occupation. He enlisted in Company D, Sixteenth Regiment Wisconsin Volunteers, and died of fever while in service near Atlanta, Ga. The widow was left in Wisconsin with five children, the eldest being L. A. He was but eleven years old at this time, and worked hard to assist his mother in supporting the younger children. Finally he was put out with a farmer, and remained with him for some time, receiving a limited education,

as he was kept busily at work. In 1872 he came to Lebanon, Mo., where he remained about eighteen months, and then went back to Wisconsin. In 1876 he again returned to Lebanon, and was employed at a low salary as clerk in a grocery store. By economy and industry he accumulated enough money to go into business for himself, and has carried on the grocery and meat-market business since December 3, 1884. Mr. Moore has been quite successful in his business undertakings, and deserves great credit for pluck and energy. He owns a farm near Lebanon, and has a fine orchard of 1,500 apple trees. He was married October 22, 1883, to Miss Mary Glynn, and to them have been born three children: Emanuel, Adelbert and Thomas E. Mr. Moore is a member of the Sons of Veterans.

William Glynn, farmer, and brother of Mrs. Moore, was born in Henry County, Tenn., March 24, 1859, and is the son of Michael and Alice (Reynolds) Glynn, natives of County Galway, Ireland, where they were married, and in 1849 immigrated to America. The father worked on the construction of the M. C. & S. C. Railroad through Tennessee, and afterward moved to Illinois, thence to Iowa, and from there to St. Joseph, Mo., with the intention of buying land, but in 1871 he came on to Laclede County, Mo., where he bought his present farm, consisting of 160 acres. He moved his family on this land in 1873, and is still living there. They have seventy-five acres under cultivation, and all under fence, with good buildings, etc. Mr. Glynn is the father of four children: Mary, wife of the subject of this sketch; William, Thomas and John. The mother died September 22, 1882. William Glynn was but fourteen years of age when he came to this country, and here he received his education. He has worked hard to assist his father in clearing his land, and is a bright young man. He now owns the farm, and is now directing his attention principally to the raising of wheat, at which he has been quite successful. He was married in October, 1888, to Miss Mary Plunkett, a native of Rolla, Mo. Mr. and Mrs. Glynn are members of the Catholic Church.

John Moser, a prominent farmer of Smith Township, Laclede Co., Mo., was born in Campbell County, Tenn., April 15, 1816, being the son of Allen and Susannah Moser, natives of South Carolina and Tennessee, respectively. The father followed farming and blacksmithing for a livelihood, and was a Democrat in his political opinions. He was a soldier in the War of 1812, was a member of the Baptist Church, and died during the late war, over eighty years of age. His father served in the Revolutionary War. Mrs. Susannah Moser died in the year 1850. She was the mother of twelve children, all of whom lived to be grown; but seven are now living. John Moser was the fourth child in order of birth. He was reared on his father's farm in Campbell County, and when twenty-two years of age commenced business for himself. In 1841 he came to Missouri, by wagon, bringing with him his wife, whose maiden name was Mary Murry, and one child. He located in the fall of the same year where he has since lived. He had but \$18 after locating on his place, and traded a wagon for his claim, which was 120 acres of bottom land. By hard work and good management he has increased this to 225 acres of good

land, with 150 under cultivation. He remained at home during the war; was a Union man, and a Democrat in his political views, although now he is independent. His wife died in 1844, leaving one child, Henry, who died in the Federal army in the fall of 1861. Mr. Moser was married the second time to Miss Lucy Elizabeth Mayfield, daughter of James Mayfield. [See sketch of W. R. Mayfield.] Mrs. Moser died in 1878, and left a family of three children: James, Margaret and John. Margaret died, leaving three children; James is living in Kansas City, and John lives on the old home place. John J. Moser and son farm their land. The latter was born on the home place in 1859, and has always been at home. He was married to Miss Emily J. May, a native of Kentucky, born in 1862, and the daughter of Robert and Ellen May. Ellen May died when her daughter was a small child, and the father is living in Dakota Territory. To John Moser, Jr. and wife, were born five children: Lucy A., Charley W., George A., Harrison and Ida L. Mr. Moser is a member of the Agricultural Wheel, and he and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

A. Nelson. The Ozark Plateau Land Company is represented by A. Nelson as general manager. This company own about 140,000 acres of land, located in Laclede, Webster, Camden and Dallas Counties, which is sold off in any quantity, on long time and easy payments. Mr. Nelson was born in Oneida County, N. Y., and is the son of John A. and Clarissa (Hamlin) Nelson, and grandson of Elijah Nelson, who was born in England and who immigrated to the State of New York at quite an early date. He located in Westchester County, N. Y., where he purchased a large tract of land, cleared it, and here passed the residue of his days, dying in 1848. He first came there in the latter part of the seventeenth century, and was in his ninety-second year at the time of his death. He purchased a silver watch, manufactured at Peakhill, England, which he brought over with him. It bears the date of 1727, and is now in the possession of A. Nelson. He was also one of the first subscribers to the first bibles that were sold only by subscription, and this volume is also in our subject's possession. John A. Nelson and wife were born in Westchester County, N. Y., on the Hudson River, and in this State they were reared. The father was a farmer by occupation and a prominent citizen. He served six months in the War of 1812, and died in Wayne County, N. Y., in July, 1865. The mother died in 1835. They were the parents of five children, only two now living: Fannie E., who resides in Buffalo, N. Y., and Abaelom, subject of this sketch. He was reared on the farm, and received a meager education in Oneida County, N. Y., being obliged to grub stumps in his boyhood days instead of attending school. After his marriage to Miss Nancy A. Jackson, a native of Oneida County, N. Y., and of English descent, he moved to Buffalo, N. Y., still retaining his farm, however, in Oneida County. He here engaged in the lake and canal transportation business, which was quite an extensive calling, and which he carried on for about twenty-five years. Twenty-three years of this time he was a resident of Buffalo City. He was a citizen of Wayne

County, N. Y., for three years, where he had a large farming interest, and also kept up his business in Buffalo. In 1883 he moved to Lebanon, and in connection with his company purchased 177,000 acres of land, which company he still represents, as stated above. This concern is represented by a well-posted gentleman, in behalf of Mr. Nelson, who has a thorough knowledge of this county and its lands, having gone all over them before purchasing. Mr. Nelson is quite extensively engaged in farming, and is a man universally respected. He is chairman of the Republican city committee, and took an active part in the campaign of 1888. Mr. and Mrs. Nelson are the parents of five children: Homer A., Arthur T., Harry A., Alfred J. and Laura A., and both are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Nelson is a member of the Masonic order, and also a member of the K. of H. He has spent a great deal of his time and money in building up the county, in the way of stock, fruit and grain, etc., which he has exhibited at the St. Louis Exposition, to show what Laclede County could do. He has made fine exhibits at Springfield on stock, etc., and has always taken the premium. He is certainly one of the leading and enterprising citizens of this portion of Missouri, and deserves great credit for his enterprise.

A. H. Nicks, deputy collector of Laclede County, Mo., was born in Hickman County, Tenn., December 2, 1817, and is the son of John and Anna (Richards) Nicks, natives of Guilford County, N. C., and Pennsylvania, respectively. The paternal grandfather, John Nicks, was of English descent, and was a farmer by occupation. He immigrated from England to North Carolina at a very early date, and there passed the remainder of his life. The father of the subject of this sketch was also a farmer. In 1858 he came to Missouri, locating in Howell County, where he died in 1859. The mother died in Tennessee. To their marriage were born ten children, three now living: Betsey A., Alfred H. and Mary. A. H. Nicks remained on the farm in Tennessee until seventeen years of age, when, in 1836, he was employed as clerk in the mercantile business. He followed mercantile pursuits until 1857, when he moved to Howell County, Mo., where he was engaged in farming for some time. The same year of his arrival he was elected sheriff of Howell County, but his opponents thought it not fair. They issued a few warrants, and had a trial, but the judge decided in favor of Mr. Nicks, and he held the office for one term. He was married in 1844 to Miss Flora N. Porter, a native of Williamsport, Tenn. To them were born four children: William M., Mary B., Brown S. and Robert A. In 1862 Mr. Nicks enlisted in the war under Col. McFarland, in Company B, and was first lieutenant all through the service under Col. Price. He was engaged in the battles of South Fork and Farmington, Miss. At the close of his service, in 1864, his financial condition was not of the best, as he had but \$1 left. He moved to Pulaski County, engaged in farming and the study of law, and was admitted to the bar in 1876, after which he practiced for some time. In 1869 he removed to Laclede County, locating in Gasconade Township, where he purchased a farm, and there he has since made his home. He was commissioned city collector September

18, 1888, and is one of the prominent men of the county. He owns between 600 and 700 acres of land on the Gasconade River, which is very valuable, and has 200 acres under cultivation. He has made all his property by hard work and economy, and is now ready to enjoy the fruit of his labor. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity; a member of the Grange, of which he was president for some time, and a member of the Agricultural Wheel, of which he is a member of the trade committee. Mrs. Nicks is of the prominent Porter family.

Jasper N. Norman, farmer and merchant, was born in Camden County, now Laclede County, in 1841, his parents being Moses and Lucinda (Nichols) Norman. Moses Norman was born in Tennessee in 1793, and came to Missouri from Mississippi in about 1837 or 1838. He located in what is now Camden County in about 1840, and entered the place where his son Jasper N. is now living. Here he died in 1878. He was a United States mail contractor while in Mississippi. He was a Democrat in his political views before the war, but since that event he has voted with the Republican party. His wife, Mrs. Lucinda (Nichols) Norman, was born in Illinois in 1828, and on becoming a young woman she came to Missouri with her people. Here she married Mr. Norman, and is still living at the home place. She bore Mr. Norman eight children, seven now living: Jasper N., Newton, Caledonia, Sarah J., Taylor, Caroline, Mattie, and Solomon, who died when a child. Jasper N. Norman attained his majority in this county, where he has always lived. At the opening of the war Mr. Norman enlisted in the Osage Regiment, Company A, United States Army, and served about one year. He was wounded accidentally, and was afterward discharged and came home. He was married, in 1865, to Mary S. Wright, who bore him six children, two now living: Ida and Nellie; Ida is the wife of Robert B. Regan. The remainder of the children died when young, with the exception of Lucy, who died at the age of sixteen years. Mrs. Norman died in 1872, and Mr. Norman was married the second time, to Miss Minnie Doss, in 1885. She was born in Northern Missouri, and by her marriage to Mr. Norman became the mother of three children: Grace, Archie and Harrison. Mr. Norman is a member of the I. O. O. F., and is a Republican in politics.

H. H. Oberbeck, a worthy and wealthy farmer of Laclede County, Mo., is a native of Prussia, born August 15, 1841, being a son of William and Caroline (Frazer) Oberbeck, who were also born in Germany. They spent the greater portion of their lives in their native land, but the father made a visit to America. He was a cabinet-maker by trade, and became the father of nine children, eight of whom are living: Carr, Caroline, Lottie, Henry, August, Herman H., Frederick and Minnie. Herman H. Oberbeck, whose name heads this sketch, learned the cabinet-maker's trade in his native land, and followed that occupation for many years, and in the spring of 1867 sailed for America, taking passage at Bremen and landing at New York City. He first located in St. Louis, where he worked at his trade for about seven years, and then engaged in the wholesale and retail liquor business, afterward investing in a stock of groceries also.

In 1877 he came to Laclede County and purchased 407 acres of land, with 100 under cultivation. He is quite extensively engaged in raising cattle and hogs, and is one of the progressive farmers of the county. In 1865 he wedded Miss Minnie Steinberger, a native of Germany, who died in 1886, having borne a family of seven children: Minnie, Annie, Henry, August, Mary, Lena and Ida. In June, 1888, he was married to Mollie Weirauch. He is a member of the Agricultural Wheel.

I. M. O'Dell, farmer, stock raiser, and native of Laclede County, Mo., was born November 15, 1849. His father, Samuel O'Dell, who was of Scotch-Irish descent, and a native of Tennessee, born in the year 1800, was twice married. He immigrated with his first wife (Cynthia Walker) to Illinois in 1830, and after residing in Macoupin County for six years his wife died, leaving seven children, whose names are as follows: Elizabeth, wife of A. A. Lowrance; Enoch, who moved to Grayson County, Tex., in 1857, and at the breaking out of the war espoused and served in the Confederate cause; Jonathan, Jeremiah and John, who served in the Federal army, and were killed in the battle of Franklin, Tenn.; James and Eliza. Being discouraged by sickness Mr. O'Dell immigrated to Laclede County, Mo., in 1836, settling on the Osage Fork of the Gasconade River, ten miles south of Lebanon, at which place he continued to reside until his death in 1881. He was married the second time in 1838, to Mary S. Devazier, who was of German descent, also a native of Tennessee, and who preceded him to Laclede County only a few months. She was the mother of nine children: W. C. and A. F., who served in the cause of the Union, the latter being killed in the battle of Pleasant Hill, La.; S. H., who died in infancy; B. A., who resides in Callahan County, Tex.; I. M. was chosen by his father to be executor of his estate; S. S., Maggie, Jennie and Kate, all of Laclede County, Mo. Mary (Devazier) O'Dell died December 17, 1888. Mr. O'Dell located on the farm on which he now resides in 1882, and is considered one of the first farmers of his section of the country. He was married February 9, 1873, to Miss Lizzie Workman, a daughter of Green and Martha Workman, who were Tennesseans by birth. In 1858 she, in company with her sister, Mrs. Sylvia Younger, came to Laclede County, where she met and married Mr. O'Dell, by whom she became the mother of one child, Grace, who died October 18, 1876. Mr. O'Dell is a Democrat, and belongs to the A. F. & A. M. Throughout life he has never been more than thirty miles from his birthplace.

W. H. Owen, merchant, and president of the Bank of Lebanon, is a native of Kent, England, born February 3, 1840. At the age of fourteen, or in 1854, with an uncle, he took passage at Liverpool, and landed at Boston, Mass. After arriving in America he attended school during the winters, and worked during the summers. This he continued until eighteen years of age, when he entered a store at Adrian, Mich., as clerk. He remained here for about four years, and then went to Waterford, Mich., where he engaged in general merchandising until 1865. In the spring of 1866 he went to St.

Louis, and was employed as traveling salesman for a wholesale dry goods house, with whom he remained until 1877. He then came to Lebanon, located, and here engaged in the general mercantile business. Previous to this, in 1873, he married Miss Hannah Ward, of St. Louis. Two children, William H. and James W., were the result of this union. Aside from his mercantile business, Mr. Owen is also engaged quite extensively in farming, and is a prominent grain buyer. He employs a great many men in his store and in his other enterprises. He has 600 acres of land, with most of it under cultivation. On the organization of the Bank of Lebanon he was made its president, and on the organization of the Laclede County Agricultural Society, in 1885, he was made its president. He is politically a staunch Republican. He is one of the leading and influential citizens of Laclede County, and is a valuable citizen.

John J. Paine, stock farmer, was born in Vigo County, Ind., in 1825, and is the son of A. and Sarah (Searing) Paine, natives of Massachusetts and New York, respectively. The grandfather Paine lived at Lowell, Mass., and owned a large manufacturing establishment, and the father of our subject became dissatisfied because he could not be overseer of the factory, and came to Indiana, where he engaged in farming. He also followed the cooper's trade during the winters. He was well educated, took an active part in political affairs, and died in 1837 or 1838. The mother was married the second time to Mr. Rickman, and died in 1885 in Indiana. She was the mother of ten children by her first marriage, three now living: George A., Marvin M. and John J. There were no children born to the second marriage. J. J. Paine remained at home until sixteen years of age, when he went to learn the tanner's trade, and served five years for his board, clothes and six months' schooling. When in his twenty-second year he went to Hendricks County, Ind., where he engaged in the tanner's trade, but continued here but two years, when he moved to Clay County, and here followed his trade, also farming a small tract for five or six years. He moved to Missouri in 1853, locating first five miles southeast of Lebanon, and in the spring of 1855 he bought the Dunkin tan-yard, on the place now owned by Judge Rupard, which yard he ran for four or five years. In 1860 he sold out, and bought the farm that he now owns. He left this farm in 1863, went to Franklin County, Mo., and in the fall of the same year went to Indiana, where he raised one crop. In the fall of 1865 he returned to the home place, where he has since resided, and removed to his present location in 1878. He was married in September, 1846, to Miss Sarah J. Bronaugh, a native of Kentucky, who bore him eight children, four now living: Robert A., John T., Sarah N. (wife of Charles L. Johnson), and Clara Bell (wife of James Rupard). Those deceased were named Mary, Lucia, George and Martha. The mother of the above children died March 21, 1876. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Mr. Paine then married Mrs. Mary E. Mayfield, who was born February 6, 1839, in Warren County, Ky., and who was the widow of John E. Mayfield. She was the daughter of James and Sarah Hendricks, na-

tives of Kentucky. They came to Missouri when she was a small girl, and here she married Mr. Mayfield, by whom she had four children: Lucy E. (wife of Alfred Carter) and Sarah N. (wife of George Walker. Two are deceased, James H. and William R. Mr. Paine is a member of the Agricultural Wheel, is a Democrat in politics, and has held the office of justice of the peace for several terms. Mrs. Paine is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, as was also the first Mrs. Paine.

Rufus Phillips, one of the leading citizens of Union Township, Laclede Co., Mo., was born in Cheshire County, N. H., March 7, 1822, and is a son of Reuben and Rebecca (Foster) Phillips. The ancestors of our subject were among the first families who came from England to this country, in 1620 or 1622, and it was a member of this family who was the first mayor of Boston. Reuben Phillips was born in Worcester County, Mass., March 24, 1788, and was the son of Gideon Phillips, who was born in Phillipston, Worcester Co., Mass., November 7, 1763. The latter served five years in the American army; was commissioned lieutenant; participated in the battles of Brandywine, Bunker Hill, Monmouth and others, surrendering at Yorktown, having been slightly wounded several times. Joshua Phillips, father of Gideon, was also a native of Phillipston, Mass., which place took its name from this family. Rufus Phillips, a son of Gideon Phillips, was killed on Lake Champlain during the War of 1812. Richard Phillips, brother of Gideon, was in the American navy during the Revolution, and was taken prisoner and carried to Dover, England, where he was kept for about three years. Pain Phillips, Gideon's twin brother, was also a Revolutionary soldier for five years. Reuben Phillips, father of our subject, was a member of the Legislature several sessions, and died in Keene, Cheshire Co., N. H., in September, 1861. Rebecca (Foster) Phillips was born in Massachusetts May 16, 1798, and died in New Hampshire June 18, 1842. She was a daughter of Enoch and Rebecca Foster, the former of whom served as lieutenant in the United States army during the Revolution, participating in many battles. Reuben and Rebecca Phillips were members of the Congregational Church. To their union were born six sons and four daughters, all of whom grew to maturity: Joseph S. enlisted in the Federal army in the late Civil War, and received a wound at Helena which caused his death; Washington is now living at Nelson, N. H., engaged in farming; he was also in the Federal army; Simeon W. (deceased) served in the Confederate army during the late war; Reuben M. was a resident of New Hampshire, but was lost in the wreck of Burnside's during the war; A. J. was a resident of Laclede County, Mo., and lost his life while in the Confederate service, at Linn Creek; Rufus, subject of this sketch; Eliza A. Pond (deceased); Lestina A. Beal (deceased); Mary S., widow of William Towns, resides in New Hampshire, and Caroline E. Wilbur died in Michigan. In 1843, at the age of twenty-one years, Rufus Phillips graduated at the Hancock Academy, Hillsborough County, N. H., and the following three years he engaged in school teaching. He then went to Philadelphia, where he enlisted in the First United States Dragoons, Company H. Taylor's division, and served eighteen

months, when he was mustered out at Fort Gibson, and subsequently went to Laclede County, Mo., where he again turned his attention to teaching school for several years. He afterward embarked in farming and stock raising, and was appointed commissioner to locate swamp lands in Laclede, Wright, Barton, Webster and other counties, and assisted in laying out the town of Lamar, Barton County. He built the first steam mill in Laclede County, at Phillipsburgh, served as the first surveyor of Laclede County, and was its second representative. In 1861 he organized Company F of the Missouri State Guard, of which he was made captain; he was wounded and taken prisoner at Springfield, held fourteen months in Illinois and exchanged at Vicksburg, after which he remained in the Confederate service until the close of the war. March 4, 1851, Rufus Phillips married Rebecca J. Anderson, who was born in Laclede County, Mo., March 20, 1828, and was a daughter of Jacob Anderson, who was born in North Carolina, and was one of the earliest settlers of Laclede County. Mrs. Phillips died September 8, 1877, the mother of six sons and three daughters, five of whom are living, viz.: Heseltine A., wife of William C. Howell, of Miller County, Mo.; Reuben T., a minister of Tyler City, Smith Co., Tex.; Andrew D., a farmer of Laclede County, Mo.; Rufus S., a school-teacher of Laclede County; Maggie E., at home. Those deceased were Isaac N., Parker Duff, and Celestine, a twin of Heseltine. July 3, 1878, Mr. Phillips married Phoebe Harris, a native of Webster County, Mo., born November 27, 1846, and a daughter of John D. Harris. Of the five children born to this union four are living, viz.: John G., Lucy Arminta, William E. and Charles J. The parents are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Phillips is a Royal Arch Mason, and a Democrat.

William Phillips was born in McMinn County, Tenn., in 1836, and is a son of Robert and Nancy Phillips, who were born in Tennessee, and were of Dutch and Irish descent. They moved to Laclede County, Mo., in 1849, and entered 160 acres of land on Brush Creek, afterward purchasing 100 acres of land on Osage Fork of the Gasconade River. Here they were engaged in farming until 1857, when they went to Jefferson County, Ill., and after farming for some time the father engaged in the mercantile business, and died in 1873. Eleven children were born to their union, William Phillips being their eighth child. He was reared and educated in Tennessee and Missouri, and in January, 1861, was married to Nancy J. Hemphill, of North Carolina, a daughter of Alfred and Maria Hemphill, who were natives of North Carolina, where the father died. The mother is now residing in Missouri. To Mr. and Mrs. Phillips six children have been born, only two of whom are living: Nancy, wife of Philip Owens, and James Monroe, who resides with his parents. The family attend the Baptist Church, and Mr. Phillips is a member of the Agricultural Wheel, and in his political views is a Democrat. His first purchase of land was eighty acres where he now lives.

John M. Quinn, a successful agriculturist of Laclede County, was born in County Tyrone, Parish of Cookstown, Ireland, February 22, 1817, being the son of Edward and Catherine (McCloskey) Quinn,

natives of the same parish. The former was a school-teacher by profession, and passed an examination by the board of excise, and but for his death would have received a government appointment. John was reared and educated with his mother's family (they being manufacturers and exporters of linen cloth), and was apprenticed to them to learn the manufacture of linen cloth, subsequently making alternate trips to Glasgow and Edinburgh, Scotland, in their interest, between 1836 and 1844. In the spring of the latter year he took passage at Liverpool for America, landing at New York twenty-eight days afterward, but after a short time in that city followed up his determination to come west by going via the Hudson River to Albany, and thence on rail to Buffalo, the rails of the road at that time being wooden, covered with hoop iron—a decided contrast to the appointments of to-day. In October he started for Chicago, taking a lake boat, but the first night out a hurricane so disabled the craft that it was necessary to put in port for safety. The trip was later successfully accomplished. About this time political feeling was at fever heat, and no little excitement attended the contest between Clay and Harrison. Chicago was then a mere hamlet, and before long Mr. Quinn went to Joliet, Will Co., Ill., taught school one year, and then returned to Jersey City, N. J., where he remained a short time. In February, 1845, he set out for Little Rock by way of New Orleans, resuming teaching in the former city in the Old Academy, but owing to sickness he returned to Jersey City, later entering the employ of a New York publishing house. In 1849 he married Miss Bridget Reynolds, by whom he had five children: Frank, John, James, Mary E. and Anna Teresa. From 1849 until 1856 Mr. Quinn was occupied in merchandising in New Brunswick, N. J., then accepting a position as shipping clerk in the New York Custom-house under Schell, then collector of customs, which position he left in 1861, and from that time until 1866 gave his attention to stock-raising in Wilmington, Ill. In August of this last mentioned year he started for Southwest Missouri overland, and after traveling in an emigrant wagon over 400 miles arrived at Lebanon September 1. For three months he lived in a camp, being obliged to haul the timber for his house a distance of sixty miles. Mr. Quinn, though now in his seventy-first year, is remarkably well preserved for a man who has passed through the many hardships he has. In July, 1887, he had the misfortune to lose his life companion. He was initiated into the Odd Fellows Lodge No. 6, I. O. O. F., in New Brunswick, N. J., in 1853, and is now one of the prominent citizens of Laclede County. His attention is directed to stock and fruit raising, and at this he has been quite successful.

John M. Ragland, attorney at law of Conway, Mo., is a native of Washington County, Ill., born August 23, 1852, being a son of John and Martha (Spence) Ragland, both of whom were born and reared in Kentucky. They were married in 1827, and a year later moved to Washington County, Ill., where the father assisted in the early settlement of that county. He was an extensive farmer and stock raiser, and about 1858 moved to Laclede County, Mo., and located on a farm of 320 acres on Brush Creek, where he spent the remainder of his

days. He was an active member of the A. F. & A. M., and during the latter part of his life was a devoted member of and worker in the Primitive Baptist Church. Mrs. Ragland's father was a Protestant Irishman, and was a leading minister in the Presbyterian Church. Out of a family of twelve children born to Mr. and Mrs. Ragland, eight are now living. Three sons served in the Union army during the late war: Silas, who lost his life during service; William C., who now resides in Washington County, Ill., and is a minister of the Primitive Baptist Church, and James H. Mrs. Ragland died in October, 1855, and the widower was afterward married twice; his third wife is still living. He died on the 1st of February, 1881. John M. Ragland grew to manhood in Laclede County, and received his education in the common schools and at Hartville, Mo. In 1873 he began the study of law in the office of W. S. Pope, and two years later entered upon the practice of his profession, being admitted to the bar in Marshfield in 1886. He opened an office at Conway, and besides the practice of his profession is engaged in the real estate business. He owns a fine farm of 200 acres, and gives considerable attention to stock raising. He was married in September, 1874, to Miss Maria Devlin, of Laclede County, a daughter of Charles D. Devlin. She was born in Laclede County April 19, 1857, and is the mother of six children: Arthur H., Simeon W., Gertrude M., J. M. Hubert, Clarence E. and Nora E. In October, 1888, Mr. Ragland engaged in the drug business in Conway. He is a member of the K. of P., keeper of the R. and S., and he and wife are members of the Christian Church, he being an elder in the same. The Ragland family are of Scotch descent, and so far as known are the descendants of two brothers, who came from Scotland to the United States previous to the Revolutionary War, in which conflict the great-grandfather of our subject was an active participant. They have been a family of farmers and attorneys, and some of them have become distinguished members of the bar.

William Richey, a wide-a-wake, thorough-going tiller of the soil, of Hooker Township, Laclede Co., Mo., was born in Union County, Ohio, in 1833, and is the son of James and Sarah (Newhouse) Richey, natives of Pennsylvania and Ohio, respectively. The father was born in 1798. The grandfather, William Richey, was a native of Scotland, and came to America with his parents. They located in Beaver County, Penn. William Richey was a soldier in the Revolutionary War, and immigrated to Marietta, Ohio, in the year 1813. He was a farmer by occupation, and continued at this near Marietta until 1815, when he moved to Union County, Ohio. He was eighty-eight years of age at the time of his death. James Richey was also a farmer, and at an early day moved to Delaware County, Ohio, where he married and passed the remainder of his days. He died in 1885. He was a Whig in politics, and a member of the Presbyterian Church. The mother was born in Pickaway County, Ohio, in 1801, and grew to womanhood in Delaware County, where she married and lived until her death in 1881. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and the mother of seven children, all now living: Newton,

Martha, Nancy, William, Mary, Eura and James. William grew to manhood on the Sciota River, Ohio, and followed farming in Delaware County until he came to Laclede County, Mo., in 1882. He was a soldier in the late war, enlisting in Company C, One Hundred and Twenty-first Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and served eight months. He was at the battle of Perryville, Ky., and others. He was married August 20, 1861, to Miss Martha Newhouse, a native of Delaware County, Ohio, born April 14, 1844. This union resulted in the birth of eight children: Eliza (died in childhood), Robert, Alexander, Sarah, Ralph, Ada, Samuel and Mary. Mr. Richey is a Republican in his political views, is a member of the I. O. O. F., and a member of the United Brethren Church.

Capt. Charles W. Rubey was born in Cooper County, Mo., in December, 1836, and is the son of Urbin E. and Kittie (Cockerell) Rubey, both natives of Virginia. The parents immigrated to Cooper County, Mo., at quite an early date, and remained there for a number of years. The mother died in 1842, and the father received his final summons in Macon City, Mo., in 1864. He was a stock dealer most of his time, and also carried on a large farm. He was the father of eight children by his first wife, four now living: Thomas T., Charles W., Sarah J. (wife of L. W. H. Wright) and Nancy C. (wife of Sanford Wilson, of California). By his second marriage Mr. Rubey became the father of four children, two now living: William L., and Alice E., wife of Edwin Winters. Capt. Charles W. Rubey was quite small when his parents left Cooper County, and he was reared principally in St. Louis, where he was educated. Later he engaged in the grocery business, which he carried on until 1860, when he came to Lebanon. Previous to this, in 1858, he married Miss Mary J. Nesbit, who bore him two children, one now living, Thomas L. Mrs. Rubey died in 1863, and Mr. Rubey was married in 1865 to Miss Lizzie L. Duval. At the commencement of the war Mr. Rubey acted as messenger for the United States army, and in 1862 he went in as captain of the State Militia. He was afterward promoted to the rank of lieutenant-colonel of the same. In November, 1863, he organized a company and went into the Sixteenth Missouri Cavalry, he being its captain, which position he held until the close of service. During the last year of service he was on Gen. John B. Sanford's staff, at district headquarters, Springfield, Mo. He participated in all the engagements of Price's raid through Missouri, in 1864, and was wounded at the battle of Newtonia, in the shoulder, by a gunshot. He was also injured at Big Blue by his horse falling upon him. He was mustered out of service June 30, 1865, and came back to Lebanon, where he has since been engaged in farming, stock dealing and merchandising. In 1878 he was elected clerk of the circuit court, and recorder, which office he held for eight years. He is largely interested in real estate, wild lands and town property, and owns, with his associates, the land where the town is now laid off. Capt. Rubey is one of the enterprising and intelligent citizens of Laclede County. He is a member of the Masonic lodge, G. A. R. and Loyal Legion of the United States.

Lewis R. Rupard, ex-county judge, and a successful agriculturist of Smith Township, Laclede Co., Mo., was born in Williamson County, Tenn., September 23, 1822, being the son of Erasmus and Nancy (Noll) Rupard, and grandson of Peter Rupard, who was a native of the Carolinas, and of Dutch descent. He was an extensive farmer, and was the father of three sons and five daughters, all of whom grew to maturity, married and reared families of their own. They are all now deceased with the exception of two. Erasmus Rupard was the eldest of the family. When about sixteen years of age he came to Williamson County, Tenn., with his parents, and there he finished his growth, married in 1819, and remained in this county until 1828, when he immigrated to St. Charles County, Mo., and rented land. In 1844 he moved to Polk County, Mo., and two years later to Hickory County, where he remained until his death, which occurred in May, 1883. He was married the second time in 1846, and became the father of four children, all deceased but one, Benjamin F. The mother of this child died in 1883. The mother of Lewis R. Rupard died in 1830, leaving a family of eight children, seven of whom grew to maturity. Those now living are Parlee, wife of A. J. Coshow; Lewis R.; Elizabeth, wife of H. J. Zumwalt, in Curry County, Oreg.; and William, in Dallas County, Tex. Those deceased were named John D., who died in Texas and left a family; Erasmus, died in Texas and left a family; Peter, who died at the age of six months, and Nancy, who died in June, 1845, in Polk County, Mo. The father, after the death of his first wife, became a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and later a member of the Baptist Church, in which he took an active part, and held several minor offices while in Hickory County. Lewis R. Rupard was reared in St. Charles County, Mo., and went to Polk County in August, 1844. Later he went from there to Texas County, Mo., where he was one year engaged in logging and the lumber business, and was then hired as a foreman for a time. He was clerk in a mercantile establishment, and superintendent of lumber yards belonging to Truesdell & Burnett, for nearly five years. April 6, 1848, he married Miss Elizabeth J. Craddock, a native of Virginia, born November 10, 1825, and the daughter of Asa L. and Nancy Craddock, both natives of Virginia. Her parents came west about 1835 or 1836, and finally located in Laclede County, Mo., where the father died in 1853. The mother died in 1857 in Texas County. They had eleven children, these now living: Asa, James, Elizabeth and Nancy. Those deceased were named Eliza, Lucinda, John, Matilda, Clayborne, Mary and Stark. In 1850 L. R. Rupard moved to Laclede County, and since then has engaged very extensively in stock raising and farming. He is the owner of 750 acres of land in the Gasconade River Valley, 300 under a good state of cultivation. By his marriage to Miss Craddock he became the father of ten children, eight of whom lived to be grown, and six are now living: Erasmus and Nancy Ann (twins), William, John, James and Joseph. Those deceased were named Mary, Matilda, Lucinda and Grant. The last two were twins. Nancy Ann is the wife of William Munday, in Camden County. Mr. and Mrs. Rupard have a grandson, Robert Elmer Beck, living with them.

He was born in 1882, and his mother, Mary (Rupard) Beck, died nineteen days after he was born, leaving two other children, William S. and Edina. Erasmus married a Miss Craddock, and they have five children, three now living: Ella, May and Elijah. Nancy Ann married William Monday, and had five children, two living, Mary and Robert. William married Miss Dyca Harrell, and has two children, Pearl and Beulah. John R. married Miss Harrell; he is residing in Texas. Joseph married Miss Mollie Kinchloe, and to them were born five children: Bettie, Nancy A., Robert, Ethel and Joseph. Matilda died at the age of eighteen years. James Rupard married Miss Clara Paine, who bore him three children: Elsie, Edward and Wallace. Mr. Rupard, subject of this sketch, is a member of the I. O. O. F., Agricultural Wheel, and in 1866 he was elected county judge, serving two years, and was re-elected in 1876. In 1882 he was elected to the same position for four years. In 1888 he was nominated by the Democrats to represent that county in the Lower House. He has been justice of the peace for a number of years, and has always taken great interest in educational matters, having served in the capacity of president and superintendent of public schools since 1852. He took an active interest in the support of the Federal Government in the late War of the Rebellion, and has always been consistent politically, casting his first presidential vote in 1844 for James K. Polk. He has affiliated with the Democratic party up to the present time: was one of that number of fifty who had the courage to vote for the Democratic nominee (George B. McClellan) in 1864, when radicalism was rampant in Southwest Missouri, and the country overrun by what was then known as Kansas Jayhawkers.

Francis M. Russell, one of the most prominent citizens of Union Township, Laclede Co., Mo., was born near his present place of residence, on the Osage Fork, in what was then Pulaski County, Mo., August 18, 1839. He is the son of Jeremiah and Celia (Wade) Russell, natives of Warren County, Ky. The father was born in 1803, and died in Laclede County, Mo., February 23, 1880. He was a successful farmer and merchant, selling goods at Jericho for ten years, and was postmaster at that place. The mother was born in 1809, and died in Laclede County, Mo., May 10, 1876. They were married in Kentucky, and afterward moved to Illinois, where they resided ten years, or until March, 1837, when they moved to the neighborhood in which our subject now lives. He was a Democrat in politics, and a member of the Primitive Baptist Church. To their marriage were born eleven children, five now living: George W., W. R., Francis M., Theresa, wife of G. W. Steen, and Mary, wife of Capt. E. McMahan. Francis M. Russell received his education in the country schools, and finished at the academy at Lebanon. He then assisted his father in the mercantile business until the opening of the late war, when he enlisted in Capt. Campbell's company of Missouri State Guards, but was afterward in Woods' battalion, Confederate service, Capt. Wickersham's company, which was organized for Capt. Wickersham by Mr. Russell, who came through the Federal lines to organize the company. He was not with the command any length of time, he being a

scout, and rendering valuable work for the Confederacy. He was in the battle of Wilson's Creek, Lexington, Price's raid, and was twice taken prisoner, first by Col. Woods, near Mr. Russell's home, and taken to Lebanon, where he was retained about three months in 1863. The second time he was taken prisoner by Capt. Robert Butts, and was six days in prison at Springfield, when he escaped. His scouting was done from White River in Arkansas to north of where he now lives. His experience during the war was varied as well as dangerous. When the war cloud of battle had cleared away Mr. Russell went to Louisiana, and April 7, 1867, married Miss Nannie Daniel, a native of Shelby County, Tenn., born October 22, 1847, and the daughter of M. E. Daniel. Soon after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Russell moved to Texas, but afterward moved back to Louisiana. In 1871 they moved to Laclede County, Mo., where they have since resided, his occupation being that of a farmer and stock dealer. He has been south and west with mules since coming back to Missouri; has perhaps handled more mules than any one man in Southwest Missouri, and during the time has bought over \$500,000 worth of mules alone. As a trader he has been very successful. In 1880 and 1881 he was engaged in merchandising at Conway, but was burned out, and did not again resume the business. Mr. Russell is now the owner of 500 acres of excellent land in Laclede County, Mo., it being considered the best stock farm in the county. His farm is about three and a half miles southeast of Conway, on the Hartville and Buffalo road. He is a Mason, a K. T., is a member of the A. O. U. W., a member of the Wheel, and is a Democrat in politics. To his marriage were born six children: Mary Ella, Florence Leona, Ida Lee, Emma Josephine, Jeremiah Edwin and Clara.

William H. Schmalhorst, one of the leading citizens of Union Township, Laclede County, residing one mile east of Conway, was born in the Kingdom of Prussia in 1825, and is a son of Henry Christopher and Ann Maria Schmalhorst, both natives of Prussia, who came to the United States about 1833, by way of New Orleans, and located in Perry County, Mo., where they engaged in farming, but lived only a few years after their arrival in this country. Of their six children four were living at the time of the parents' death. William H. was employed most of the time working out at farming in his early life. January 17, 1847, he married Isabella Whybark, who was born in Perry County, Mo., in 1830, and is a daughter of Samuel P. Whybark, a farmer of that county, who is now eighty-seven years of age. In 1854 our subject and wife located on their present farm in Laclede County, where he bought a claim of forty acres, with improvements, for \$500, to which he has since added the balance of a section of some of the best land in that section of Missouri. Mr. and Mrs. Schmalhorst are the parents of eleven children, all of whom are living, viz.: Nancy N., wife of J. C. Leonard, a farmer of Barton County, Mo.; Mary E., who married J. J. Miller, a farmer of Webster County, Mo.; Cordelia L., now Mrs. John A. Durbie, a farmer near Marble Falls, on the Rio Grande River, Texas; Frances Patterson, wife of James T. Patterson, a farmer of Webster County, Mo.; Margaret, married

Frank P. Knight, a farmer of Laclede County; Samuel H., who is living near Conway, Mo., a farmer and stock raiser; Levi, also a farmer of Laclede County; Victoria C., at home; Moses D., who will graduate at Drury College, Springfield, Mo., in the spring of 1890; William L. and David E. Mr. and Mrs. Schmalhorst and all but two of the children are members of the Presbyterian Church, and Mr. Schmalhorst has been an elder in the church for twelve years or more. He is a Republican in politics, and during the late war served as orderly-sergeant in the State Militia. He was justice of the peace of his township a short time, but has never aspired to political office. He is one of the most prominent citizens of Laclede County, and is ever ready to support all educational and religious enterprises for the good of the community. He built a grist-mill on his farm in 1867, which he successfully operated until 1887, when he sold out. The family have the respect and high esteem of all who know them.

Joab Scott, retired, was born in Bedford County, Tenn., February 28, 1818, being the son of Jesse and Jennie (Dial) Scott, and grandson of Jordan Scott, who was formerly from South Carolina, but moved to Alabama, where he passed the remainder of his life. The maternal grandfather, Jeremiah Dial, served seven years in the Revolutionary War, and was but sixteen years of age when he entered the service. In 1790 he immigrated to Bedford County, Tenn., and there resided until his death. He was a farmer and school-teacher by occupation, and was a well-educated man. Jesse Scott, father of our subject, was reared in Tennessee, was a farmer by occupation, and was a soldier in the War of 1812. In 1842 he immigrated to Wright County, Mo., and entered a tract of land, which he labored hard to improve. He died there in 1873. The mother died in 1828. Young Scott was educated in Tennessee, and assisted on the farm until 1839, when his parents moved to Missouri with an ox team, and after a six weeks' trip landed in what is now Laclede County, but what was then Pulaski. They located on Brush Creek when there were but three other families living on the creek, and when the county was not sectionized. He remained on his farm until 1873, when he moved to Lebanon, where he has since resided. In 1849 Mr. Scott was elected sheriff, and served four years, being the second sheriff elected after the organization of the county. He was appointed by the county court as swamp land commissioner in 1885, and served until 1860. In 1872 he was elected county collector, and served four years. He was appointed the first assessor of Laclede County, and served one year. He was also appointed county court justice, and served one year, to fill an unexpired term. Mr. Scott is one of the pioneers of Laclede County, and is prominently identified with the interests of the same. He has labored hard during his life, but can now sit down and during his declining years enjoy the fruit of his energy. Mr. Scott is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and he and wife are members of the Christian Church.

Judge John Wesley Smith, one of the leading citizens of Union Township, Laclede Co., Mo., was born in Lincoln County, Tenn., in 1812, August 2, and is a son of John W. and Lucinda (Gibson) Smith,

natives, respectively, of Rutherford County, Tenn., and Davidson County, N. C. The parents were married in Tennessee, and lived in Lincoln County until 1837, when they moved with their family to Greene County, Mo. The father, who was born in 1790, was a farmer all his life; he died in Greene County in 1878, having survived his wife eight years. The latter was born in 1791, and was the mother of eight children, three of whom are now living: Rev. R. D., who is a minister of the Christian Church, now preaching at Evansville, Ind.; Margaret Ann, the wife of Judge R. D. Dillard, a farmer of Greene County, and John Wesley. At the age of twenty-one years the latter married Matilda Clayton, a native of Lincoln County, Tenn., who was born in 1815, and was a daughter of Stephen Clayton. Mrs. Smith died in Lincoln County in 1836, the mother of one child, also deceased. In 1838 Mr. Smith married Margaret Clark, a native of North Carolina, born in 1817, and a daughter of Spencer Clark. She died in Pope County, Mo., in 1852, leaving five children, all living, viz.: Sarah Jane (wife of W. S. McMenus a farmer of Scott County, Kas.), Nancy E. (wife of Alexander Wilhoit, a farmer of Laclede County, Mo.), Rebecca F. (who married Joseph McMenus, also a farmer of Laclede County), John W. (at home), and Margaret Ann (now the wife of R. H. Tucker, a farmer of Laclede County). In 1853 Mr. Smith married Fidelia M. Wait, a daughter of Russell Wait; she was born at Hatfield, Mass., February 24, 1827. To this union have been born four sons, viz.: Finis E. (a farmer near Phillipsburg), Martin S. (also a farmer of Laclede County), Marcus B. (who died in infancy) and Albert R. (who was born April 3, 1855); the latter married Mary E. Cook, by whom he had one child, Albert R., Jr., and was one of the most enterprising farmers and best citizens of Laclede County at the time of his death, which occurred March 25, 1888. Soon after his marriage our subject engaged in farming, which he continued several years. He moved to Polk County, Mo., in 1851, where he lived until 1853, when he removed to Laclede County, where he has since lived. In 1852 he engaged in merchandising, in which business he continued until 1869. Soon after the close of the war he was appointed judge of the county court, which office he held with credit to himself for seven years. He has also served fourteen years as notary public since coming to Missouri, and has been commissioned justice of the peace seven times. He has now retired from the active duties of public office. In 1832 he was elected an elder of the church, which title he has ever since retained with honor. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and in politics is a staunch Prohibitionist, having cast the only Prohibition vote in Phillipsburg precinct. Mrs. Smith is a highly educated woman, and has spent forty-two years of her life teaching. She was a pupil in the North Amherst Academy, and also in the Gothic Seminary at Northampton, Mass., a school of high reputation, and now holds a certificate signed by Drs. Pearson and Brooks, with Dr. Roswell C. Hawks, president of the Mount Holyoke Female Seminary, South Hadley, Mass. From these institutions of learning she has received valuable documents.

Joseph F. Smith, retired, was born in Portsmouth, N. H., September 15, 1816, and is a son of Francis and Martha (Mitchell) Smith, the former a native of New Market, N. H., and the latter a native of Kittery, Me. They moved to Portland, Me., where the father died, but the mother died in Jersey City, N. J. The father was a shoemaker by trade, and followed this occupation during his youth. He was for many years a cutter in one of the largest establishments in Portland. He was a soldier in the War of 1812, and the father of six children, two now living: Samuel, who resides in Kansas, and Joseph F., who was reared in the city of Portland, Me., where he was educated. He served an apprenticeship to the carpenter's and joiner's trade, and was engaged in Boston, Mass., for one summer. He then went South, and helped build up Brunswick, Ga. He assisted in building the first house that was erected in this noted city, going to the woods to hew the timber. He afterward returned to Portland, where he remained a short time, and in 1860 he landed in Lebanon, Mo., coming up on the 'Frisco Railroad, as far as it was completed, which was some distance from Rolla. There he hired wagons to move his property to Lebanon. Previous to this, however, in 1842, he married Miss Martha J. Stearnes, a native of Westfield, Mass., and lived in Chicago one year. He moved from there to St. Louis, where he resided about fifteen years, being engaged in the manufacturing business with Clark, Renfrow & Co., Eagle Foundry. Before leaving he was a partner in the St. Louis Agricultural Works. At this time the population of St. Louis did not exceed 80,000. After coming to Lebanon, Mo., Mr. Smith erected the first steam mill in that city, and this he operated until 1872. During the war he was taken prisoner, was put in the guard house, but was brought out in order to grind their grist, though watched over with a guard and gun. Afterward he had to sleep in the woods for safety. The country was as yet sparsely settled, and Mr. Smith witnessed many hardships during the war, but he stood up to his principles manfully, and pulled through all right, although his life was often threatened. He is now retired from active business life, and is enjoying the fruits of his industry. He has been a member of the I. O. O. F. for over forty years, becoming a member of the St. Louis Lodge No. 5 while living in St. Louis. He is also a member of the Encampment, and is Past Chief Patriarch, having been elected to the Grand Encampment. This is an organization in which Mr. Smith has always taken a great interest, and has been a good and useful member. To Mr. Smith's marriage were born six children, four now living: Fannie, wife of James Appling; Isabel, wife of T. H. Jones; Charles A., and Jennie, wife of Dr. C. F. Wright, of Springfield. Mr. and Mrs. Smith are members of the Congregational Church. While living in St. Louis Mr. Smith was engaged in building circular saw-mills. He put up saw-mills in different portions of the Union, and traveled thousands of miles in order to do so.

C. A. Smith, proprietor of Laclede Roller Mills, and son of Joseph F. and Martha J. Smith, was born in St. Louis June 5, 1848. He was reared in St. Louis until about twelve years of age, when in 1860

he came with his parents to Lebanon, Mo., and here he has since resided. He attended school after coming here until of age, and during the late war was employed as chief clerk in the provost marshal's office. At the age of twenty-one he took charge of the flour and saw-mill which his father had built and owned in Old Lebanon, and operated until 1869. He has since continued the business alone, with the exception of four years, from 1872 to 1876, during which time he had a partner, Mr. J. W. Appling, his brother-in-law. In 1872 he moved the machinery from the old town, having erected a new mill building in the new town of Lebanon, and in 1881 put in the roller process. He now has the best equipped mills in this section. He also runs a saw-mill in connection with his flouring mills. He has recently built a band saw-mill at Arlington, Mo., at an expense of \$6,000, which he is now operating. Mr. Smith's band saw-mill was the first in the State of Missouri to be erected outside of St. Louis. He was married in 1876 to Miss Mattie S. Hubbard, of Springfield, Mo., and by whom he has four children living: Charles T., Homer F., Virgil A. and Pauline Smith. One is deceased, named Arthur Paul (who died June 17, 1886, aged twenty months and ten days). Mr. and Mrs. Smith are members of the Congregational Church. He is one of the enterprising and intelligent business men of Laclede County.

George Smith. Prominent among the enterprising and successful farmers of Laclede County, and among those deserving special recognition for their long residence in this county, stands the name of the above mentioned gentleman, who was born in Wilson County, Tenn., July 8, 1825, and is the son of William H. and Lucy W. (Piercy) Smith, natives of Maryland and Virginia, respectively. William H. was born in 1800, and came to Georgia with his parents when a child. They soon after moved to Tennessee. He was the eldest of three children, and attained his growth in Tennessee, where he was married in 1820. In 1838 he and family moved to Missouri, and lived in different counties for some time, but finally settled in Laclede County, Mo., within a mile and a half of where his son George now lives. Here he died in 1877. He led a quiet life, and was a good citizen. His wife, Mrs. Lucy (Piercy) Smith, was born in 1805, and was the daughter of Baswell and Sophia (Woodard) Piercy, natives of Virginia, who came to Tennessee when Mrs. Smith was a small child. They moved to Missouri about the same time the Smith family moved to this State. Mr. Piercy died in 1853, and Mrs. Piercy in 1855. They had four children: Jack, Frank, Martha and Lucy, all deceased but the last named, the mother of our subject, who is still living with her children: George, William B. and Mary (Woodard). One child, Jack, is deceased. Mrs. Lucy Smith is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and has enjoyed good health until within the last five years. George Smith, subject of this sketch, received a rather limited education in the old subscription schools of early times, and at the age of twenty-eight started out for himself. He located on the place where he now lives, and here remained until 1885, when he returned to his former place, and there he has since resided. He was married to Miss Anna Craddock,

daughter of Edmond and Elizabeth Craddock, both natives of Virginia. Her father died in 1855, and the mother in 1886. Of their fourteen children, Anna was the sixth child in order of birth. She is now living, and is the mother of eight children, one now living, James H., who is the youngest of this family. Four of these children died in infancy; Ellen, died when eight years old; William, choked to death at the age of two years; George, died at the age of eleven months. James H. was born in 1862, and is now living with his parents. He was educated in the common schools and at Lebanon, and is a promising young man. Mr. Smith has been an invalid for over twenty years, and all the business is done by his son, James H. He is a Democrat in politics, and his wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

William B. Smith, a prominent stock dealer of Auglaize Township, Laclede Co., Mo., was born in Wilson County, Tenn., in January, 1831, and is a son of William H. and Lucy (Piercy) Smith, and grandson of George Smith, who came to Tennessee, where he was married and where his wife died, when William H. was a small boy. George Smith after his marriage moved to Rutherford County, Tenn., and remained in this county until 1845, when he came to Pulaski County, Mo., and later settled in Madison County, where he passed his last days. In early life he had followed the saddlery business. His family consisted of three children, all of whom grew to maturity: William H., Robert and Martenia, all now deceased. William H. was born in Virginia, and came to Tennessee when a child. Here he grew up, married, and afterward settled in Wilson County, Tenn., where he farmed until 1839. He then came to Missouri, locating in Ripley County, now Dent County, but afterward moved to Madison County, where he remained one year. He then moved to Pulaski County, now Laclede County, and finally died in Laclede County in 1880. He had improved a large farm in this county. His wife, Lucy (Piercy) Smith, was born in Virginia, and came to Tennessee when a child. She was married in this State, and became the mother of five children, three now living: George Smith, living on Gasconade River, William B. and Mary Titterington. Mrs. Smith was born in 1802, and is still living at Richland with her daughter, Mrs. Mary Titterington. Mrs. Smith is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and takes an active part in all religious work. William B. Smith was but eight or nine years of age when he came to Missouri with his parents, and here he grew to manhood. He received a good common-school education, and December 20, 1855, he married Miss Eglentine Fitzgerald, a native of McMinn County, Tenn., born in 1837, and the daughter of Joseph and Nancy (Thomas) Fitzgerald. Her father was born in Jackson County, Tenn., in 1804, and remained in his native county until seventeen years of age, when he went to Alabama, and from there to East Tennessee. Here he remained until 1852, when he came to Missouri and located on the farm where William B. Smith now lives. He went to Texas during the war, and died there in 1866. His wife was born in Warren County, Ky., in 1808, and was the daughter of James and Mary (Morris) Thomas, who were of English

and Welsh descent. Grandfather Morris was killed by the Indians, and some member of the Morris family was a signer of the Declaration of Independence. The parents of Nancy Thomas came to Tennessee, where they passed their last days. Their family consisted of these children: Sarah, Mary, James, Esther, John, Eglentine, Joseph and Edward. Those deceased were named Margaret and Rachel. The mother of these children is yet living, and is one of the oldest members of the Christian Church, having joined the church when twenty-two years of age. After marriage, in 1856, Mr. Smith located in Smith Township, where he remained until 1871, when he came to the present location, where he has a good farm of 480 acres, with 150 under cultivation. To his marriage were born thirteen children, but the eldest, James, died when two years of age; Lulu, wife of John Winfrey; Joseph, George, Edwin, Willie (at home), Mollie, Robert, Imogene, Hugh, Merton, Eglentine and Ethel. Mr. Smith does not take a very active part in politics, but votes the Democratic ticket. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and is one of the county's most successful farmers and stock raisers.

W. Spohn, farmer, was born near Dayton, Ohio, June 16, 1833, and is a son of Elias and Mary (Kellar) Spohn, natives of Maryland. They immigrated to Montgomery County, Ohio, and settled near Dayton in 1816, being among the earliest settlers of that region. They purchased a farm, and here the father lived until his death, which occurred when he was nearly ninety years of age. He served in the War of 1812, was at the battle of Baltimore, and was present at the death of Gen. Ross. Of the nine children born to his marriage W. Spohn is the youngest. He was educated near Dayton, and when seventeen years of age he was apprenticed to the cabinet-making trade, and served his time. He worked at his trade until coming to Missouri, since which time he has been engaged in agricultural pursuits. Previous to coming to Missouri he lived one year in Greene County, Ohio, and sixteen years in Logan County, of the same State. In 1870 he came to Laclede County, Mo., purchased a farm, and here he has since resided, near Lebanon, engaged in stock raising in connection with his farming interests. He owns ninety acres of land, nearly all under cultivation, and has one of the best small farms in Laclede County. He was married in 1855 to Miss Victoria Sharp, a native of Logan County, Ohio, and they became the parents of six children, five now living: Clara, Myrtie, Chase, Justin and Ernest.

Dr. John Q. Titterington, physician, farmer and stock dealer, of Laclede County, Mo., is a native of Cumberland County, Ky., where he was born February 12, 1826. His parents, Adam and Sarah (Smith) Titterington, were originally from Belfast, Ireland, and Virginia, respectively. The father, who was born in 1783, was educated in his native city, and when eighteen years of age came to the United States, and located in Kentucky, where he was married to Miss Smith, who had moved there with her parents at an early day. He was engaged in farming and school-teaching for a number of years, and was a graduate in medicine, but never practiced that profession. On coming to America he took an active interest in politics, and was a

Jacksonian Democrat. He was a member of the Christian Church, and died August 17, 1856, at the age of seventy-six years, his wife dying in 1837. She was born in 1794. Their union was blessed in the birth of twelve children, all of whom grew to maturity, and five are now living: James (the eldest of the family, was a graduate of the Louisville (Ky.) Medical College, and was one of the oldest practitioners of Laclede County, but is now a resident of Pulaski County), John Q., Daniel (a house carpenter, of Dallas, Tex.), Alfred W. (a practicing physician, of Richland, Mo.) and Elizabeth (widow of Mr. Merritt). The father was married twice, and by his second wife became the father of two children: Caroline (Mrs Hamilton, of Clarksville, Tenn.), and a son, who is deceased. Their mother died in 1864. Dr. John Q. Titterington grew to maturity in Christian and Caldwell Counties, Ky., and received his education at Princeton, Ky., and in 1850 began the study of medicine under Dr. Young, two years later entering the St. Louis Medical College, and the following year began practicing his profession in Laclede County, Mo., and the next year located in Marionville, Lawrence County. After residing in this place for seven years he entered the Confederate army as second surgeon, and served four years, after which he located in Greene County, Ill. Here he resided only ten months, when he again settled in Missouri, taking up his residence in Franklin County, and in 1869 came to Laclede County, where he has since made his home. He has a very extensive practice, and is one of the acknowledged leaders of the medical profession in Laclede County. June 1, 1854, he was married to Elizabeth Wilks, who was born in Alabama March 9, 1836. She came to Missouri with her parents when a child, and located in Lawrence County, on Buck Prairie, where descendants of the family are still living. Two of their five children are living: Jesse M. (who is a graduate of the Nashville Medical College, and is now one of the leading physicians of Marionville, Mo.), and Mary (Mrs. Smith, of St. Louis). Those deceased are James H. (who died in infancy), Sarah A. (whose death occurred at the age of about two years) and Robert D. (who died when twenty-two years of age). He was a graduate of the Christian Biblical College, of St. Louis, and the St. Louis Medical College before he was twenty-one years of age; was one of the most promising young men of the county, and gave promise of becoming one of the leading physicians of the State. He had built up a good practice, and was respected and esteemed by all who knew him. He died on the 27th of October, 1888.

Hillory M. Turner, farmer, of Auglaize Township, was born in Caswell County, N. C., in 1821, and is a son of Thomas and Celia (Wear) Turner, whose sketch appears in another portion of this work. Hillory M. attained his majority in North Carolina, and was educated in the common schools of Caswell County. In 1858 he began tilling the farm on which he now lives, but during the late Civil War made his home in Texas, residing in that State until 1866, when he returned to the homeplace. On the 17th of September, 1857, he was united in marriage to Miss Mary M. Hawkins, who was born in Pulaski County,

Mo., and by her became the father of the following family of children: William, Alice, John, May, Edward, Blanche, Virgil and Zoe. Those deceased are Robert and an infant not named. Mr. Turner is a Democrat in politics, and has always taken a deep interest in all matters pertaining to the public weal. He is a member of the A. F. & A. M., the Agricultural Wheel, and he and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

Andrew J. Turner, ex-judge of the county and a prominent farmer of Auglaize Township, was born in Caswell County, N. C., in 1835, and is a son of Thomas and Celia (Wear) Turner. The father was born in Halifax County, Va., November 15, 1790, and was the youngest child of Martin and Elizabeth Turner. Martin was born in England and came to the United States when a child, his parents both dying on the ocean while *en route* to America. He attained his majority in Virginia, and after becoming grown was married to a Miss Lipscomb, who was born in King Williams County, Va., about 1810. After their marriage they went to North Carolina by wagon, and reared their family of ten children in Caswell County. Thomas Turner was in his twentieth year when his parents moved to North Carolina, and while a resident of that State he enlisted in the War of 1812, serving until the close. He was one of the leading men of his county, and in 1842 came with his family, overland, to Missouri, making Springfield their home for two years. He then located in what is now Laclede County, where he improved a large farm and resided until the breaking out of the late war, when he went South and resided in Texas four years, then returning to the farm in Missouri, where he died in 1875. His wife was born in Caswell County, N. C., in 1800, and died February 1, 1862, while a resident of Texas. Four of their eight children are now living: Hillory M., William and Meriwether (deceased), John C. (deceased), Robert D., Mildred S. (deceased), Andrew J. and Thomas B. The father was first married to Elizabeth Fisher, by whom he had one son, Rufus A., who is residing in Texas. Mr. Turner was a member of the A. F. & A. M. Andrew J. Turner grew to manhood in Laclede County, and attended the common schools and the high-school of Lebanon. He has resided on his present farm since 1858, with the exception of six years during the late war, when he moved his family to Texas, and there enlisted, in February, 1862, in Company G, Winston's Battalion, being afterward transferred to the Missouri Department, in which he served during the remainder of the war. He was at the battles of Lexington, the first siege of Corinth, Prairie Grove and Little Rock. After the cessation of hostilities he returned with his family to Missouri (1867), and in 1874 was elected judge of the county court for a term of two years. November 18, 1858, he married Miss Laura L. Payton, who was born in Maury County, Tenn., March 13, 1840, and is a daughter of Henry and Elizabeth Payton, who came to Laclede County, Mo., in 1855, and engaged in farming. The father died in 1857, but the mother is still living, and makes her home with Mr. Turner. Mrs. Payton was born in Maury County, Tenn., September 29, 1807, and after the death of Mr. Payton was married to John Ragland, a native of Virginia, who

died in 1876. Of the five children born to her first union three grew to maturity, but all are now deceased, with the exception of Mrs. Turner. To Mr. and Mrs. Turner nine children have been born: Ella, wife of Samuel R. Fulbright; Thomas A., Robert B., Bettie F., Maude A., Henry P., Elmo M., Edna E. and Myrtle O. Mrs. Turner is a member of the Christian Church, and he is a member of the A. F. & A. M., of the Blue Lodge and the Agricultural Wheel. He is a staunch Democrat in politics.

Thomas B. Turner was born in Caswell County, N. C., July 3, 1837, and is a son of Thomas and Celia (Wear) Turner, a short biography of whom is given with the sketch of Andrew J. Turner. Thomas B. is the youngest son of the above parents, and was brought by them to Missouri at an early day, and attended one term of school (his first) at Springfield. After locating in Laclede County his educational advantages were very limited, owing to the newness of the country, and what schooling he received was in the primitive log school-house of pioneer times. He remained with his parents until the breaking out of the late Civil War, when he enlisted and served for a short time in Pleasant's Battalion, and then came home on furlough, but was captured by the Federals and taken to Rolla, thence to St. Louis, and was afterward taken to Alton, Ill. At this place his health became very much impaired, and in compliance with the prison surgeon's advice, he took the oath of allegiance, and returned home. Here he remained until the summer of 1862, when he obtained a passport and went to his parents in Texas, and the following year went with a command under Townson to the Gulf of Mexico, where he remained until the early winter of 1864, and then went to the Red River country. He then joined Company I, Fourth Missouri Cavalry Volunteers, Marmaduke's brigade, Burbridge's regiment, and served until Price made his raid through Missouri. He was captured in Kansas, taken to Fort Scott, thence to Warrensburg on foot, and from there by rail to St. Louis, where he was retained two or three months. He was next taken to Johnson's Island and thence to Akin's Landing, then to Richmond and afterward to Mobile, but before reaching the latter place, the city had surrendered. Mr. Turner was then paroled and made his way back to his command, but was taken sick at Atlanta, Ga., and was obliged to remain in that city six weeks. News then came that Lee had surrendered, but Mr. Turner was delayed again at Vaiden, Miss., on account of sickness, and did not reach home for three or four months. He made his way to his friends in Texas, and in the fall of 1867 returned with them to Laclede County, where he has since been extensively engaged in farming and stock raising. His wife, who was formerly Miss Josephine T. Jordan, was born in Dahlonega, Lumpkin Co., Ga., June 22, 1847, and was educated in the Fountain Hill Academy, of Tennessee, which institution she attended four years. She was then engaged in teaching school from fifteen to twenty-four years of age, the most of the time in Johnson and Camden Counties, Mo. Her marriage with Mr. Turner was blessed in the birth of four children: Claude J., Walter L., Jeanie L. and Ora T. Mr. Turner is a member of the A. F. & A. M., the A.

O. U. W., and he and wife are members of the Christian Church. Mrs. Turner's parents, John and Sarah (Scruggs) Jordan, were born in Virginia and Tennessee, respectively, and the father was a saddler and a farmer and stock dealer by occupation. In 1848 he made a trip south, and is supposed to have been killed by a band of free negroes, who at that time infested the country. His widow was married in Tennessee in 1856, and came to Missouri in the fall of 1860, and is at present residing in Greene County, Mo. She became the mother of one daughter, Mrs. Turner. Mrs. Turner is a granddaughter of Rev. John Scruggs, of Monroe County, Tenn., a history of whose family is given in the History of East Tennessee.

Judge W. I. Wallace, circuit judge of the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit, and one of the prominent men of Laclede County, Mo., is the son of Zebina and Lucinda (French) Wallace, who were of Scotch-Irish descent. The Wallaces trace their genealogical ancestry back to the earliest colonists immigrating to Massachusetts. The paternal grandfather, Seth Wallace, was born in Massachusetts, but immigrated to the State of New York, where he passed his last days. He was a farmer by occupation, as were most of the family; was a soldier in the Revolutionary War, and was noted for his bravery. Zebina Wallace resided in Vermont until 1859, when he moved to Dane County, Wis., purchasing a farm near Madison, and here resided until his death, which occurred in 1881. He was a tanner by trade, which he learned in his youth, but his last days were spent on the farm. The mother died in 1883. They were the parents of nine sons, seven yet living: William, Christopher, Dewitt C., Jonathan C., Francis E., Washington I. and Joseph W. One remarkable feature of this family is that on the father's side the grandfather and father died at the age of eighty-five years, and on the mother's side the grandparents died at the age of eighty-five and eighty-four, respectively. Judge W. I. Wallace was born December 25, 1840, on the Green Mountains, in Franklin County, Mass. Here he was reared until fifteen years of age, when he went with his parents to Wisconsin, and in that State received his education. Being desirous of fitting himself for a professional life, he chose the law course, and took particular interest in his choice. He attended the University of Wisconsin, where he graduated in the year 1864. He also attended the Ann Arbor College, where he graduated in the law course in the spring of 1866. He came directly to Lebanon, Mo., where he entered into partnership with A. D. Groesbeck, a leading attorney and a very estimable gentleman. The firm continued as Groesbeck & Wallace until Mr. Groesbeck's death, which occurred in 1870. Since that date Mr. Wallace has continued the practice alone. His unusual ability won for him a large practice and considerable prominence. In 1868 he was elected prosecuting attorney, and served until 1870. In 1876 he was sent as a member to the State Senate, where he served faithfully for four years. In 1884 he was elected to his present position of circuit judge (he having seven counties in his circuit), and was re-elected in 1886. He has held several other offices of public trust, and has filled all in an honorable and satis-

factory manner. In 1863 he enlisted in Company D, Fortieth Wisconsin Infantry, and served until the regiment was mustered out. He was offered an officer's position, but refused to accept. He participated in many of the severe skirmishes, and was a brave and gallant soldier. He was married in 1876 to Miss Louisa Groesbeck. They have one child, Clara. Judge Wallace and wife are members of the Congregational Church, and he is also a member of the Masonic fraternity, and has passed all its degrees.

George S. Warner, of Union Township, Laclede County, was born in Shelby, Orleans Co., N. Y., December 11, 1853, and is the son of Joseph B. and Lodema (Rusk) Warner, natives of Connecticut, now living in Orleans County, N. Y., at the advanced ages of eighty-nine and eighty-eight years, respectively. The parents removed to Orleans County after their marriage, where they have since lived and devoted their attention to the pursuit of agriculture. Both have been members of the Methodist Episcopal Church for many years. They have had eight children, four sons and four daughters, viz.: William J., a farmer of Laclede County, Mo.; Mary D., widow of William F. Parker, of Kalamazoo, Mich.; Octavo, at home; Sarah, wife of Ogden Bailey, of Orleans County, N. Y.; James, a farmer of Orleans County; George S.; Francis, a farmer near Cleveland, Ohio; Antoinette, wife of Ira Howland, a farmer near Centerville, N. Y. When in his twentieth year George S. Warner was employed by the United States Express Company as a messenger between Davenport and Keokuk; he was afterward in the employ of the American Express Company from Burlington to Council Bluffs, and later worked for the Union Pacific Express Company from Cheyenne to Ogden. In 1878 he located in Laclede County, Mo., on a farm, which he had bought two years before, and which he has since successfully conducted. He now owns 236 acres of land, and has one of the finest farms in the county. March 4, 1884, Mr. Warner married Martha O'Neal, who was born in Virginia in 1864, and is a daughter of Thomas A. O'Neal. One child has blessed this union, whose name is Frances Lodema. Mr. and Mrs. Warner are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Warner is also a member of the Masonic fraternity, and in politics his sympathies are with the Democratic party. He is one of the enterprising young men of Laclede County, and is deservedly popular.

Conrad Weissgerber was born in Hessen Darmstadt, Germany, June 19, 1821, being the son of Adam and Catharine Weissgerber, both natives of Germany. He was a burgomaster and prominent man, both in church and State. He was a soldier under the English Government for sixteen years, and fought in Spain. He died at the age of seventy-two. His mother died in 1841. They had seven children, all of whom grew to maturity, two of whom are living in Germany. Conrad Weissgerber came to this country in the spring of 1847, at the age of twenty-four years. He landed at New Orleans, and worked at cabinet-making for about eight years. He then went to Warren County, Mo., where he stayed for two years, and then went to Davenport, Iowa, where he met with great losses, through

a cyclone striking the town. He then went to Chicago, where he was married on the 28th of July, 1856, to Miss Theresa Doffeller, a native also of Germany, by whom he became the father of four children, of whom only one is living, his son George, who is in Baton Rouge, La., engaged in farming. Mr. Weissgerber now moved to Baton Rouge, La., where he, together with his brother Christian, opened a confectionery business, but the war breaking out soon after, they went back to Chicago, where Mrs. Weissgerber died in 1864. In 1865 Mr. Weissgerber took for his second wife Miss Emma Kunze, a native of Germany, who came to this country at the age of fifteen. This marriage resulted in the birth of four children, of whom three are living: Lena, Otto and Theresa. In 1866 he came to Laclede County, where he followed farming in Hooker Township. He is the owner of a large tract of land, and is one of the representative farmers of the county. He is a member of the Lutheran Church, and is an honest, upright citizen. He moved to Lebanon in 1888, where he now resides.

R. J. Wickersham, postmaster at Lebanon, Mo., was born in Woodford County, Ky., June 6, 1834, being the son of Isaac and Nancy (Wiggs) Wickersham, the father a native of Virginia and the mother of Kentucky. Isaac Wickersham moved to Springfield, Ill., at quite an early date, and here he engaged in merchandising with R. F. Herndon's father, who is now one of the most extensive merchants of that city. From there Mr. Wickersham moved to St. Louis, where he embarked in the livery business and dealt in stock quite extensively. He moved to Lebanon, Mo., in 1859, and in 1861 he moved to Arkansas. He died in Carthage, Mo. His son, R. J. Wickersham, was reared in Kentucky until eight years of age, when he accompanied his parents to Springfield, Ill., and here he was educated. He then went with his parents to St. Louis, where he assisted his father in buying and taking care of stock. He came to Lebanon in 1859, and at the breaking out of the war he raised a company and started out with it as its captain. He took his company south, and in Arkansas it was disbanded, and he entered the Confederate service. Mr. Wickersham again raised a company on the border of Arkansas, and joined Col. Robert Wood's Battalion, Confederate States Army, in which he was major. After Price's raid through Missouri Mr. Wickersham was promoted to the rank of lieutenant-colonel, and was paroled at Shreveport, La. On their transportation on Red River on the steamer "Kentucky," when about ten miles below Shreveport, the vessel sank, and some 1,500 lives were lost. Mr. Wickersham lost two valuable horses and all his possessions. He participated in the battles of Springfield, Mo., Pea Ridge, Jenkins' Ferry and others. He was paroled at Shreveport, La., in 1865, and afterward returned to Cotton Plant, Ark., where he made his home until 1868, when he came to Lebanon, Mo., in 1869. Since that time he has been engaged in buying stock for a St. Louis firm, and has probably bought more stock than any man in the Southwest. In 1885 he was appointed postmaster, which office he has held since. He was mayor of the city one term, but resigned before the term expired. He

was married August 3, 1855, to Miss Mary Weigle, of St. Louis, and by whom he has nine children: Nannie, wife of Josiah Ivey; Ella, wife of William Watt, resides near Lincoln, Neb.; Lou., wife of Arthur L. Palmer; Mattie, wife of Eugene Hooker; Bettie L., Sallie, Mary, Abra and Vic.

James H. Wickersham, county clerk, was born in Versailles, Woodford Co., Ky., and is the son of Isaac and Nancy (Wiggs) Wickersham, both natives of Kentucky. The parents moved to Springfield, Ill., at an early period, and here the father engaged in merchandising, which he followed for seven years. On leaving, R. F. Herndon succeeded him, and this gentleman is now one of the largest merchants of Springfield. Mr. Wickersham moved to St. Louis, where he remained for ten years, being engaged in the stock business and in merchandising. He was a stone mason by trade, which occupation he followed in his youth. Both parents are now deceased. Of the ten children born to their union four are living: Sarah, Richard, James and John. The subject of this sketch was reared principally in St. Louis, and there received the greater part of his education, finishing at Lebanon Academy, whither he had moved in 1857. In 1861, in a company commanded by R. J. Wickersham (a brother), he enlisted and went out as lieutenant. After the siege of Vicksburg he was promoted to the rank of captain, in which position he remained until the close of the war. He was engaged in all the principal battles of the campaign: Springfield, Elk Horn, Corinth, Baker's Creek, siege of Vicksburg, Rome (Ga.), Altoona, Peach Tree Creek, Atlanta (Ga.), Franklin (Tenn.) and Blakely (Ala.). He was captured at Vicksburg and paroled. After six weeks in camp he was captured at Blakely, Ala., sent to Ship Island, thence to New Orleans, thence to Jackson, Miss., and paroled. After the war he located at Cotton Plant, Ark., where he was engaged in merchandising until 1870, when he returned to Lebanon. In 1872 he went to St. Louis, where he engaged in the real estate business and where he remained until 1874. He then returned to Lebanon, and traveled for the Lebanon Wooden Manufacturing Company until 1876, when he was employed by Wallace Bros., wholesale and retail merchants, as book-keeper, and there remained until elected to the office of county clerk in 1886, his term expiring in 1890. Mr. Wickersham is a public-spirited and enthusiastic citizen. He is a Democrat in his political views.

George Wood, a farmer residing in Osage Township, Laclede Co., Mo., was born in Warren County, Ky., January 25, 1824, being a son of George and Winnie (Lawny) Wood, natives of Virginia and North Carolina, respectively. They were among the early pioneers of Kentucky, and became the parents of nine children, the father dying in 1855, and the mother in 1882. The father was a shoemaker by trade. George Wood, their son, received a common-school education in his native county, and while still residing there was married in 1855 to Miss Mary M. Downey, a native of Kentucky, and a daughter of Abram and Patsey Downey. Mr. Downey was the father of seven children, a farmer by occupation, and has been dead for many years. Soon after his marriage Mr. Wood came to Laclede County, Mo., and pur-

chased 240 acres of land, forty acres of which were cleared. He now owns 360 acres of land, 200 acres of which are cleared and in cultivation, and for the past thirty years he has been extensively engaged in rearing cattle, horses, hogs and sheep. He and wife became the parents of eleven children, two of whom are deceased. Those living are Martha E. (wife of William Owens), Carter (married to Lydia Edwards), Thomas, Jane, David W., Eli, Charley, Alice, Mary and Frank. Winnie A. and Abram died while young. Mr. and Mrs. Wood are members of the United Baptist Church, and he is a Democrat politically, and has served many years as a member of the school board. He is one of the thorough farmers of Missouri, and is recognized as one of the leading citizens of his county.

Isom Wood, stock farmer of Osage Township, was born in Tennessee in 1832, and is the son of James and Sarah (Davis) Wood, both natives of South Carolina. They came to Tennessee with their parents when children, and grew to maturity in that State. They were married there, and when Isom Wood was a small boy they moved to Indiana, settling in Gibson County, where they remained until 1854. They then came to Stoddard County, Mo., where they purchased land, etc. He was a soldier in the War of 1812, and led a very active life as a farmer. He died in 1864 at the age of sixty-nine years. The mother died in May, 1863, at the age of sixty-four. To their union were born twelve children, all of whom lived to be grown, and four are now living. Isom Wood was the seventh child in order of birth, and remained at home until twenty five years of age, when he married, in March, 1857, Miss Fannie M. Bollinger, who was born and reared in Stoddard County, Mo., and who is the daughter of Frederick and Margaret Bollinger, natives of North Carolina. Her parents came to Missouri when she was a child, and located in Stoddard County, where Mrs. Wood grew to womanhood. By this union Mr. and Mrs. Wood became the parents of eight children, three of whom are deceased: Albert L., Henry, Richard, Margaret (wife of George Simpson) and Julia A. (at home). Albert and Henry are married, and live in Laclede County, Mo. Mr. Wood and wife are members of the Baptist Church, and he is a member of the Masonic fraternity. He is a Democrat in politics, and is at present postmaster at Drynob Post-office, he being appointed in 1881. After his marriage Mr. Wood settled on the home place, where he remained until after the death of his parents, when he sold his interest and moved to Texas in 1867. He returned to Arkansas the following year, and after a residence of about one year in that State moved to Stoddard County, Mo., and then to Laclede County two years later. Here he has since resided. He served in the State Militia six months under Jeff. Thompson, and during the latter part of the war he served in the Enrolled Militia for three months, when Gen. Price was making his raid in Southern Missouri. He was wounded at Belmont, Mo., while on duty.

H. T. Wright, circuit clerk and hardware merchant, of Lebanon, was born in Portland, Me., January 30, 1848, and is the son of Henry B. and Harriet (Hayes) Wright, both natives of Maine, and of English origin. The Wright family were among the colonists who settled in

Massachusetts in 1620, and one Christopher Wright, of whom mention is made in the late English histories, was one of the Guy Fawkes plotters. The paternal grandfather, Christopher Wright, was born in Marshfield, Mass., and immigrated to Portland, Me., where he was among the earliest settlers. During his early life he was engaged in merchandising, and his latter days were spent as director in some large institution. The maternal grandfather, Reuben Hayes, was born in North Yarmouth, Me., and spent his entire life there. He was a tiller of the soil. Henry B. Wright, father of our subject, was born in Portland, Me., and here passed his days. He died in December, 1853. He was for eighteen years president and secretary of the Ocean Insurance Company, of Portland, Me. H. T. Wright, our subject, was the only child born to his parents. He secured a good practical education in the schools of Yarmouth, and at the age of sixteen he went to sea, where three years afterward he was made second in command, and made voyages to Europe, South America, Australia and Callao, Peru, on the western coast. He followed the sea for six years. In the winter of 1870 he came west and located at Lebanon, Mo., where he followed farming until 1874, being then elected county clerk, which office he held until 1876. In 1883 he engaged in the hardware business, which he has since conducted. In 1886 he was elected to the office of clerk of the circuit court, a position he still holds. He is a member of the school board, being president of the same at this date. He is secretary of the Laclede and Lebanon Loan and Building Associations; is a member of the Masonic fraternity, of which he is Past Master, Past High Priest and Past Eminent Commander. He was married in 1873 to Miss Martha L. Munger, a native of Oswego, N. Y., who bore him six children: Harriet B., Grace E., George R., James H., Henry F. and Lonisa T. Mrs. Wright is a member of the Congregational Church.

Robert N. Young, a prominent merchant, postmaster and express agent of Phillipsburgh, Laclede Co., Mo., was born in Ripley County, Mo., May 12, 1847, and is a son of Jeremiah and Margaret Ann (Neil) Young, also natives of Ripley County, Mo. The parents removed to Carroll County, Ark., when Robert N. was a child, and afterward went to Franklin County, whence they removed again to Baxter County, where they lived until their deaths. The father was accidentally killed, during the late war, by his own party, and died in 1863, at the age of forty-five years. Mrs. Young died in 1862. Both were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. When a young man, Jeremiah Young learned the carpenter's trade, becoming very successful, and at the time of his death he owned considerable property. Of their family of eight children four are now living, viz.: Campbell W., a blacksmith by trade, is a resident of Arkansas; Mary C. is the wife of R. O. Hardy, and is a school-teacher of Conway, Mo.; Maggie is the wife of James Hughes, foreman of the woolen mills at Lebanon, Mo. Robert N., the second child in the family and the oldest now living, received his education in Arkansas, and after his father's death he went to Springfield and enlisted in Company B, Second Missouri Light Artillery, Federal service, and served until

December 20, 1865. He was then discharged, the war having closed, and arrived in Phillipsburgh, Mo., the following Christmas Day, and Laclede County has ever since been his home. After the war he learned the blacksmith's trade, at which he worked for twelve years in different parts of the county. He then located in Phillipsburgh and engaged in the mercantile business, starting in with a limited stock of groceries. He now carries a general line of goods, and is doing a good business. He owns the old homestead, in Baxter County, Ark., consisting of 320 acres, a good portion of which is under cultivation, and also a farm in Union Township. December 29, 1866, Mr. Young married Sarah T. Popejoy, who was born in Dallas County, Mo., in 1848, and is a daughter of Alexander Popejoy. Two sons have been born to them, Charles J. and Timothy N. In 1871 Mr. Young was appointed postmaster of Phillipsburgh, which office he has ever since held, with credit to himself and the satisfaction of the community. He is also ticket agent and express agent of the railroad, and is one of the live and energetic citizens of Phillipsburgh. He is a Mason and a member of the G. A. R., and politically is a Democrat.

PULASKI COUNTY.

W. Spencer Adams, a farmer and stock raiser of Liberty Township, was born in Clark County, Ky., in 1827. His father, Eleanah Adams, was born in Culpeper County, Va., in 1806, and was married in Kentucky in 1825 to Margerie Tredway, who was born in Clark County, Ky., in 1804, and was a daughter of Joel Tredway, whose wife was a sister of Judge William and Col. John Thornton, two prominent citizens of Northwestern Missouri. After their marriage the parents of our subject removed to Ray County, Mo., where the mother died in 1881. The father was a soldier in the Mormon War in Missouri, and died in Kansas in 1865. The latter was a son of J. Spencer Adams, of Virginia, an early settler of Kentucky, a soldier in the War of 1812, and a large slave-holder. He lived to be over one hundred years old, and was of English descent. W. Spencer Adams was the eldest of seven children, of whom five are now living. He was reared in Ray County, Mo., and received his education in the common schools. In 1851 he married Martha A. Phillips, daughter of Jesse and Polly Phillips, natives of Kentucky and early settlers of Ray County, Mo., where Mrs. Adams was born. Six children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Adams, all of whom are living, viz.: Rufus, Thomas Luther, of Laclede County, Mo.; Nancy Jane, wife of Franklin Miller; Margerie Catherine, Mollie L., wife of Joseph Miller, and Stacy, who married Albert Harrison, of Laclede County. Having lost his property during the war Mr. Adams moved to Pulaski County, then a comparatively new country, and as a reward of honest industry