

BIOGRAPHICAL

1883 History of Howard and Cooper Counties

BOONVILLE TOWNSHIP Part A

GEORGE W. ADAMS, farmer. One of the most substantial and successful farmers of Cooper county is Mr. George W. Adams. His grandfather, John Adams, was a native of Virginia, but settled in Kentucky in the latter part of the last century. There he lived a number of years and reared his family; and there his son, William M., the father of George Adams, was born in Garrard county in December, 1795. In 1816 the family, including William M., then a young man nearly twenty-one years of age, came to Missouri and settled in Howard county, on the opposite side of the Missouri river from where George Adams now lives. In youth, William Adams acquired an excellent education, and was afterwards noted among his neighbors as a man of superior mental culture. In 1826 he was married to Miss Elizabeth Palmetory, originally of Kentucky, and the same year he and his wife settled on the place in Cooper, where their son, George, still resides, and where they both lived until their death; he September 28, 1872, and she September 14, 1878. They had five children, George being the youngest. He was born December 21, 1837, and grew up on the family homestead. He attended the ordinary schools, but his father also took a deep interest in his education, and gave him constant private instruction. When about twenty years old he commenced teaching school himself, which he kept up during the winter season for nearly twenty years, or until 1879. Although giving a part of every year to school teaching, he is an active and successful farmer, and has made a regular business of dealing in stock. His farm numbers 400 acres of good land. He was married March 28, 1864, to Miss Emma Erwin. They have three children - Charles, Emma and Henry.

WILLIAM D. ADAMS, farmer section 33. Among the substantial and successful farmers of Cooper county, the gentleman whose name heads this sketch is worthy of special mention. He was born in Mercer county, Kentucky, April 12, 1818. His father, Thomas Adams ([David Adams](#)), was a native of Virginia, born March 25, 1780 ([May 25 1780](#)), and was a son of Samuel Adams, of the same state. Thomas, the father of William D., came out to Kentucky when a young man, and was soon afterwards married to Miss Margaret J. Dickson, a young lady of that state, but of Scotch descent. She was about eight years his junior, being born April 4, 1787. Of this union thirteen children were born, of whom William D. was the sixth. While he was still in his infancy, in 1818, his parents immigrated to this state and settled in Cooper county, on a part of the present homestead of the subject of this sketch. For sixty-five years, from its first settlement until the present time, this place has been the property respectively of father and son. Here both parents lived until their deaths; the father August 8, 1862 ([August 8, 1863 in Cooper County, Missouri](#)), and the mother seventeen ([fifteen](#)) years afterwards, January 9, 1879 ([January 9, 1878 in Yolo County, California](#)). In youth William D. had the advantages afforded by the ordinary neighborhood schools, and also attended Bourse Femme school, near Columbia, in that early day one of the best reputed colleges throughout the surrounding country. Returning from college, he resumed farm pursuits, and on the 17th day of November, 1863, was married to Miss Mary P., daughter of Dr. H. A. Thompson ([Tompkins](#)), of this county. Three children are living to bless their married life; Arthur, born August 3, 1867; William, born November 24, 1873, and Maria H., born December 30, 1877. Mr. Adams is a member of the Presbyterian church. His farm contains nearly 400 acres, and is well improved as respects both buildings and fences, as well as arable land. On this his whole life thus far has been spent, except an absence of about four years, between 1853 and 1857, during which he was in California. ([Additional information in parentheses and blue type face has been provided by Marlin Buelow](#))

THOMAS A. BEAR, farmer, section 8. Henry Bear, the father of Thomas A. Bear, was a native of Rockingham county, Virginia, born in 1798, but removed to Kentucky early in life, and from that state came to Missouri in 1836. Here he settled on a farm, about eight miles south of Boonville, in Cooper county, where he followed farming and blacksmithing; being a superior mechanic, he also manufactured the old-time McCormick reaper to some extent, up to about 1848. In 1849 he was attracted to California by the gold excitement, but lived only a year after reaching the Pacific coast, dying in the land beyond the Cordilleras in 1850. He left a widow, formerly a Miss Jane Kennedy, also a native of Virginia., and nine children, Thomas A. being the first child. Thomas A. was but eleven years old at the time of his father's death, having been born in this county, on the 23d of March, 1839. Brought up on a farm, he devoted himself to agricultural pursuits, and has since Given his whole attention to farming. January 11th, 1870, he was married to Miss Josephine Burrus, of this county. They settled on their present farm in 1871. They have a neat place of over a quarter of section of land, and have it comfortably and substantially improved. Mr. Bear has never sought an office, and has held none, except that of school director. Their family of children are Callie E., Ada L., Harry A., and Freddie C.

CHARLES C. AND JOHN W. BELL, of Bell Brothers, wholesale fruit and produce dealers. Prominent among those who have contributed largely, by their enterprise and energy, to the growth and prosperity of Boonville as a business center are the Bell Brothers, the subjects of the present sketch. They are of German parentage, and were born, Charles C., in Nassau, Germany, August 30, 1848, and John W. in Boonville, Missouri, November 29, 1856. They are the youngest of five living children, of a family originally of eleven, of John A. and Catherine S. (Gross) Bell, who immigrated from Nassau to Boonville in 1848. The parents belonged to prominent families in the dukedom of Nassau, and both had received advanced educations. The father, John A., took a thorough classical course, and subsequently held high positions in the public service. He was quite wealthy when the revolution of 1848 broke out, but the events of that struggle wrecked his fortune and practically drove him from the country. He sympathized strongly with the revolutionists, and became so identified with them, that the only extraction from the difficulties of his situation was in immigration to America. He therefore disposed of his property as best he could, but at a great sacrifice, and brought his family to America. They were shipwrecked on the way, entailing additional losses and hardships, and were over four months in making the journey. But he was not a man to break down under misfortunes. Arrived at Boonville, he at once went on a farm, and went to work with the courage and energy of a man just starting out in life. He soon became a prosperous farmer, and was as highly esteemed for his sterling worth and the superior culture of his mind as any man in the community. He died here December 11th, 1865. The motto of his life was "Do right and fear not," and this, which his whole career faithfully illustrated, was placed, at his request, upon his monument, now marking his last resting place in Walnut Grove cemetery. His wife survived him but three years, dying August 1st, 1868. He was born February 2d, 1808, and she, January 19th, 1810. The sons, Charles C., and John W., were educated in the local schools of this county. After growing up both attended commercial college, from which they were duly graduated - Charles C. in 1868; John W. from Bryant & Stratton's Commercial Institute, of St. Louis, several years ago. In 1868 Charles C. began the fruit business in Boonville, becoming the pioneer dealer of the place in this line. Cooper county being one of the largest fruit producing counties of the state, he had the business acumen to see that it offered superior advantages as a packing and shipping centre. This proved not only profitable to himself, but of the highest value to the fruit interests of the county. He has since continued to follow it, with the exception of a period of three years, during which he was engaged as a commercial traveler. In 1877 John W. became interested as a partner with him in the fruit business, and they have since conducted it together. It has increased in volume and importance far beyond their expectations. They not only ship large quantities of fruit to different parts of the country, but also make heavy consignments direct to Europe. Of apples, alone, (dried and green) they ship annually over 20,000 barrels. Besides fruit, they also deal largely in produce and grain, particularly potatoes in the produce line. In point of means they rank among the substantial business men of the community. Charles C. has lately erected a handsome brick residence on one of the choice sites of Boonville, a building that is highly creditable to the city. He is a member of the city council, and takes an active interest in all matters of public concern. It is to his enterprise and public spirit that is due the formation and incorporation of the Walnut Grove Cemetery association and the consequent improvement of that silent city of the dead. Charles C. served for eleven months in the Union army during the war.

JOHN BERNARD, manufacturer of cigars and dealer in tobacco. One of the successful and enterprising citizens of Boonville, who have risen in the world by their own exertions and personal worth, is Mr. Bernard, the subject of the present sketch. He is a native of France, and was born in Lorraine (now a part of Germany), in November, 1819. When a lad ten years of age he was brought to this country by his father who emigrated to America in 1829. Landing at New York they remained there until the following spring, when they came west to Canton, Ohio. From Canton they afterwards removed to Bolivar in the same state, and lived there until 1838, when they came to St. Louis. John Bernard, the eldest of the family of six children, attended the common schools of Ohio, but early went to work to earn something toward his own support and that of the family. For some time he drove horses on the Cleveland canal, prior to the time that General Garfield was employed in the same class of work. Subsequently he learned the cigar maker's trade under his father, who was a master of that trade, and he has followed this with but little interruption from then until now. He worked at his trade in St. Louis from 1838 (when he began to learn it) up to 1844, at the expiration of which time he went to Kansas City and was there until December of the following year. From Kansas City he returned to St. Louis by horse back, making the trip in thirteen days, and remained in the Mound City, his old home, following his trade until he came to the city of Boonville. He established his present business in this place in the year 1851, and has since conducted it with the most gratifying success. He has long occupied a well earned standing among the leading cigar manufacturers and tobacco dealers of central Missouri. He is the original manufacturer of the celebrated Dexter cigar, a brand known for its excellence and popularity from Maine to California, and from the lakes to the gulf. Mr. Bernard's success in life has not been unattended by substantial evidences of prosperity. By industry and good management he has accumulated a comfortable competence to rely upon, when it becomes necessary for him to give himself over to the rest and ease of old age. He has held various offices in the public service. He was a member of the school board of Boonville for nineteen years, from 1863 to 1882. For many years he held the office of justice of the peace, and served from time to time as member of the city council for the last twenty years or more. In 1862 he was a member of the militia for a short time. June 11, 1848, Mr.

Bernard was married to Mrs. Mary Schneider, a widow lady, and a Hanoverian by birth. They have five children - Kate, Louis, Susan, Mary and John, Jr.

FREDERICK J. BOLLER was bore April 10, 1844, in Nassau city, Germany, his father being John Henry Boller, born January 11, 1802, in Hachenburg, dukedom of Nassau, Germany, who, on April 25, 1830, married Miss Johnette E. L. Lanio, born May 11, 1806, in Nassau city. They had nine children: Elizabeth W., born February 18, 1831 (wife of Philip Gross); Charles William, born December 28, 1832, and married to Miss Paulina Gritzmacher; Wiihelmina C., born January 7, 1835 (wife of Frederick C. Wenig; she died March 24, 1882, leaving one child, Mary, three children being deceased) ; Henry C., born May 12, 1837; William A., born September 8, 1839 ; Johanette E., born January 23, 1842 (married Peter Klein), died March 29, 1874; Augustus W., born November 20, 1846; Laura P., born April 10, 1850 (wife of Chas. Fiedler); and Frederick J., the subject of this sketch, and the seventh in the family. He married Miss Doratha W. Wehlmina of Cooper county, Missouri, March 18, 1873, and to them have been born five children: August H., born November 29, 1874; William, born December 28, 18711, died January 6, 1877 ; Sophie L., born April 10, 1878 ; Laura L., born September 8, 1880 ; and Johanette C., born March 23, 1883. John H. Boller, the father of Frederick J., came from Germany in 1848, settling at Boonville, Missouri, and subsequently purchased a farm about three miles west of the city, on which he remained until his death, July 15, 1864. He was a Union man, and while on his way home from Boonville, seated in his carriage, was shot and instantly killed, four bullets piercing his body. He was among the first men to introduce the grape culture in this county. His second wife died October 28, 1875. By his first marriage he had three children ; the oldest died in infancy in Germany, Henrietta married Peter Rems, of Belleville, Illinois, and they were both burned to death in their home at that place, July 16, 1875; Gotfried C., born July 11, 1828, married Miss Matilda Katz, of Cooper county, and was killed by bushwhackers, having been taken from his home, stripped and brutally murdered-beaten to death, after having received two shots in his temple. F. J. Boller has a fine farm of 160 acres on section 32. He raises grapes and fruit quite extensively, producing about 1,500 gallons of wine annually. He and his wife are members of the Lutheran church.

HON. HARVEY BUNCE, vice-president of the Central National bank. Mr. Bunce, who has long been one of the leading men of Cooper county, and one of its influential and useful citizens, when a boy sixteen years of age, was apprenticed to the ship carpenter's trade, under a firm in New and worked faithfully under them for four years that time to this his life has been one of unceasing industry, gradually advancing him in the world, until now he occupies a position in business affairs and in the estimation of the public that but few of the youths of his own age, favored by every opportunity that wealth and the best educational advantages could afford, have attained. His life is another striking illustration of the old adage that "success is in the man, not his opportunities." He was born in Queen's county, New York, October 28, 1816. His parents, Harvey and Keziah Jarvis, were both natives of that state, and Harvey, Jr., was the elder of the only two children they reared. In the early years of his youth, Harvey Bunce, the son, attended the usual sessions of the common schools, when not otherwise employed, and by studying as faithfully as he worked, acquired the rudiments of a good ordinary education. After learning the ship builder's trade, under Messrs. Bayless & Co., in New York city, believing there were better opportunities in the west for men of industry and enterprise, he came to Missouri in 1837. Here he followed bridge building and carpentering for ten years, and became widely known, not only as a superior mechanic, but as an excellent citizen and a man of good business qualifications. In 1847 he engaged in farming, and one year afterwards was elected county assessor, and was chosen at the next election sheriff of the county, which position he held by regular re-elections until 1861, when he re-signed the office. In 1862 he was appointed public administrator, and afterwards held that office for twelve years. However, for the years 1862-63 he represented the county in the legislature, and in 1864 was a member of the state constitutional convention, that framed the so-called Drake constitution. In business affairs his success was equally marked. He soon became one of the farmers of the county and a leading bank stockholder. In 1866 he was made a director of the Central National bank of Boonville, and served in that capacity for fifteen years, and in 1881 was elected vice-president of the bank. His landed, bank and other property interests rank among the moat important in the county. On the 23d of March, 1840, he was married to Miss Mary A., daughter of Major William Moors, an early pioneer and prominent citizen of this county. They have four children - Edward B., Cordelia E., William M. and Mary.

E. B. BUNCE, county clerk of Cooper county. Mr. Bunce, son of Hon. Harvey Bunce, was born and reared in Cooper county, and except a four years' residence in California, he has made this his permanent home. He was born April 11, 1844, and was educated in the schools of Boon- 111 1862, then a young mail eighteen years of age, he went to the pacific coast, and was engaged as a salesman in a wholesale house in San Francisco most of the time for four years. He then returned to Cooper county, and in 1867 commenced merchandising in Palestine, continuing business there until the fall of 1868, when he located in Bunceton, where he sold goods until 1873. From merchandising he turned his attention to farming, following that occupation with marked success until his election, in 1882, to the office of county clerk, the position he now holds. Mr. Bunce is a man of good education, thorough business qualifications and strict integrity, and, added to these, he is of an obliging disposition, gentlemanly and courteous to the last degree in manners, and possesses every element of a popular and useful public official. He will doubtless continue to hold a high position in the estimation of the

community where he lives and of all who know him. In the month of November, 1867, he was married to Miss Maggie O., daughter of James H. O'Brien, of Boonville. They have five children - Jennie, Emma J., Harvey, Nannie G. and Charles.

JOSEPH BYLER, farmer, section 18. Mr. Byler, although not a large farmer, is a very successful one, and handles his place of 204 acres to as good advantage as many do theirs whose farms are far larger than his. He has it well improved, and cultivates it according to the most approved methods, so as to get the greatest yield from the amount of land planted. He is a native of this county, but his father, Joseph, Sr., now deceased, was a Pennsylvanian by birth, and came here as early as 1818, having married before leaving his native state. He settled on a farm about two and a half miles south of Rankin's mill, where he resided until his death, in 1857. Joseph, Jr., was the seventh of the family of nine children, and was reared on the homestead near Rankin's mill. He was born there, May 7, 1826, and remained at home until 1849, when he went to California to seek his fortune in the mines of the Pacific coast. He returned in 1851 and engaged in farming, and in 1857 was married, June 17, to Miss Henrietta Crawford. Two years after his marriage he settled on his present farm, where he has since lived. Mr. and Mrs. Byler have but one child - a son Harry L. One son - Graham - is deceased. He and his wife are members of the Baptist church.

JUDGE JAMES MADISON CAMPBELL, associate judge of the county court. Judge Campbell, who now occupies the honorable and responsible position of an associate judge of the county court, is a native of the county, and is a descendant of one of its early pioneer families. His parents, Russell and Fanny (Mattox) Campbell, who were from Tennessee, where they were married in 1812, settled in this county in 1818. After living a few years on the bluff near Overton, and then for a time south of Saline, they made their permanent home on the farm where the judge now lives. The mother died September 5, 1862, in her seventy-first year, and the father March 1, 1877, in his eighty-sixth year. He was a noble representative of the hardy, brave-hearted men of the early days of the county, whose hands and brain laid broad and deep the foundations for the growth and prosperity of the county. His old age was spent in the comfort which his earlier years of industry had provided, and nothing delighted him more than to recount to those around him his varied experiences in the first settlement of the county. Like most of those of his time, he was ardently fond of hunting, and even late in life his greatest pleasure was to take his gun and dog and spend a few hours in that pastime. Although not a member of any church, he was a close student of the Bible, and his life was a true exemplification of the precepts it teaches. His wife, a noble, good woman, was a faithful, true Christian in the sense that he was, and also an earnest, zealous church member through most of her life, and until she passed away in death. The Baptist church was her denomination. They had nine children, of whom only four are living - James M. (the judge), Leretta, wife of Sylvester Stiffler; Fanny, wife of Squire J. M. Freeman, and Thomas J., of Brownsville, Neb. James M. Campbell, the sixth of this family, was born in Saline township July 15, 1825, and grew up on his father's farm, receiving in youth, by attendance at the neighborhood schools and by study at home, a good practical education. Reared on a farm, farming not unnaturally became his occupation for life. When in his thirty-first year, October 21, 1857, he was married to Miss Susan Gale, daughter of Dr. R. M. W. Gale, one of the oldest and best physicians of the county. She was born at the Gale homestead in Saline township, August 4, 1840, so that the judge and she were reared together from children; she died June 12, 1890. They had four children - Augusta, Theophilus, Dora and Maggie. Augusta, however, died December 31, 1868; Theophilus died in infancy; Dora, born November 25, 1861 is the wife of John A. Mills, having married October 8, 1879, and they have two children, Eugenie and Speed; Maggie died November 21, 1878, aged eight years. Dr. Robert M. W. Gale, the father of Mrs. Campbell, and wife, formerly Miss Dorothy Shackelford, had a family of eight children, but two of whom are now living - William T. Gale and his youngest sister, Margaret, wife of George Connor. Two brothers, Joseph and Robert, died in the Rock Island military prison during the war; Julia, the wife of Dr. A. J. Lacy, died in 1870; Edwin died at the age of seventeen years, and Alonzo died in infancy. Dr. Gale was a graduate of the medical department of the University of Lexington, Kentucky, and came to this county from Scott county, Kentucky. He was one of the most scientific and successful physicians that ever practiced in this part of the state, and a man widely known and highly esteemed for his many noble qualities of mind and heart. Judge Campbell has been a successful farmer, but has now retired from active farm duties, having rented his farm to his son-in-law who is now conducting it. He has always taken a deep interest in the material development, educational needs and public affairs of the county, and because of his well-known solicitude for the general welfare, and his thorough acquaintance with public events, as well as of his qualifications, sterling integrity and popularity, he has often been called upon to serve the people of the county in various official capacities; but devoid of all ambition for a political life or for advancement to official position, he steadily refused to become a candidate for any office until 1882, when he was prevailed upon by the solicitations of leading men all over the county to permit the use of his name for the office of county judge, to which he finally consented, and was, therefore, chosen to that office at the regular fall election, by a majority of his fellow-citizens highly complimentary to him as an individual and as a leading citizen of the county. He is now serving the people in that capacity, and he and his associates, Judges J. J. Hoge and W. P. McMahan, are earnestly and faithfully striving to so administer the affairs of the county, so far as the duties of the county court extend, that when they retire from office they may justly receive the greeting of the people: - Well done, good and faithful servants." The judge has been a member of the Baptist church at Big Lick since 1852.

OWEN CARVILLE. Mr. Carville was a youth sixteen years of age when his parents, John and Rosa (Marry) Carville, emigrated from Ireland with their family in 1849, and settled in Boonville, this county. Owen, who was one of eight children, was born January 1, 1833, and in early youth assisted his father on the farm in his native country, and attended the parish schools, which were of a superior quality. After his arrival here he followed various occupations until, some years before the late war, he enlisted as a soldier and went to Salt Lake, Utah, where he was under the commands, successively, of Colonels Alexander and Johnson. Returning home from Salt Lake, he enlisted in 1862 in the union service, becoming a member of company B, 5th Missouri state militia, in which he served for three years, being promoted from the ranks to the position of first lieutenant during his second year of service, which he held until his term expired. After the war he turned his attention to farming, and now has a comfortable homestead of 130 acres of good land, substantially improved. November 11, 1867, he was married to Miss Mary Edds, a young lady originally of Kentucky. They have six children, Arthur F., Cecilia A., Thomas, Mamie, Rosa and Alphonso. Both parents are members of the Catholic church.

JUDGE B. C. CLARK, probate judge of Cooper county. In this world of antagonisms, chances and weaknesses, it is of rare occurrence, very rare, that one holds an elective position through life, and, when he dies, whose son succeeds to the same trust by the preference of the people, and retains it through a lone, unbroken chain of years, and until he declines to continue it longer. Such a record of father and son is a eulogy upon their good names that the art of rhetoric cannot approach. And such is the record of the lives of Judge B. C. and his father, Robert P. Clark, of Cooper county. Robert P. Clark was a man prominent in the affairs of his native county in Kentucky before he came to Missouri. A short time after he came to Cooper county, this state, he was made county clerk of the county, which then included also the present offices of county and circuit clerk and recorder. He was the first clerk after the organization of the county in 1818. This position he held by regular re-elections for twenty-three years and until his death in 1841. He was also a delegate to the first constitutional convention to frame a state constitution. His son, now Judge Clark, who had been in the once from childhood almost, succeeded his father, and continued in the position, by the repeated endorsements of the people, for twelve years, and until he resigned, in order to discontinue official life. From 1853 to 1878 Judge Clark led a quiet, retired and successful life on his farm, but in the fall of the last named year the people elected him to the office of probate judge, and in 1882 he was re-elected. Judge Clark was born in this county, July 13, 1819, and as far as known was the first white person born in the county after its organization. His father was originally of Clark county, Kentucky. He came with his family to Howard county, Missouri, in 1817, and to Cooper county, in 1818. Mrs. Malinda Clark, the judge's mother, was a daughter of Stephen Trigg, of Kentucky, and died in Cooper county in 1828 or 1830. Judge Clark was the fourth of a family of six children. After Mrs. Clark's death, Mr. Clark was married a second time, of which union one child was born. Judge Clark has lived in this county continuously from infancy, except a short stay made in California in 1849-50, whither he was attracted by the gold excitement of that time. He now resides in Boonville, having moved to the city from his country residence on his election to the office of probate judge. Of course, he has not traveled thus far along life's way without a companion to share his pleasures and sorrows; but, fortunately, with him far more of the former than of the latter, although the throb of grief has not been a stranger to his breast. In order of time we should have given his marriage before, for he was united in wedlock to Miss Margaret, daughter of James Hutchison, an early and respected citizen of this county, formerly of Bourbon county, Kentucky, on the 9th of September, 1841.

GEN. HENRY M. CLARK. For nearly forty years General Clark has been connected more or less continuously with the official affairs of the people of Cooper county, and few men have led a life of less reproach, or one that has been characterized by greater fidelity and efficiency in the discharge of public trusts. He is of Virginia parentage, but of Kentucky birth, having been born in Jessamine county, that state, January 28', 1825, and was principally reared in Illinois. His father, James Clark, who was brought up in Virginia, where he married, was a soldier in the war of 1812, and settled in Kentucky in an early day. From Kentucky, in 1829, he emigrated with his family to Illinois, stopping first near Jacksonville, and then near Rushville, but finally making his permanent home in Hancock county, where he laid off the town of Plymouth, and lived there until his death in 1835. In 1840, Mrs. Clark, with her family, moved to Cooper county, and here she died six years afterwards. Henry M. was the tenth of a family of eleven children, and after he came to Cooper county, being at the time a young man twenty-two years of age, entered a newspaper office in Boonville, where he learned the printer's trade, and subsequently worked in that occupation in all about four years. In the meantime he had begun to take an active interest in public affairs, and, in 1845, became deputy postmaster of Boonville, and the following year was appointed postmaster himself. He held this position for fifteen years through all the changes of administrations, and until 1861, when he entered the Confederate army. Prior to his retirement from the post office, however, he had been appointed inspector-general of Governor Jackson's staff, and on the commencement of hostilities entered the field in that capacity. He served through the entire war, being under General Price part of the time, but was afterwards under General Smith, in whose command he held the position of inspector general. After the close of the war he returned to Cooper county, and was pardoned by President Johnson. In a short time he went to Texas, but returned in 1871 and engaged in the insurance business. He continued in this until 1873, when he was appointed deputy collector of the county, and in 1878 was elected to that office, which he filled for two terms, being re-elected, and until March, 1883. He is now acting as

deputy in the same office. He was married June 11, 1857, to Mrs. Virginia A. Lewis, daughter of N. W. Mach, of this state. General Clark is a member of the Masonic order, and a leading member of the Royal Arch Chapter.

JOSEPH COMBS, farmer, section 4. That the days when Cooper county might justly be called a "new country" have long since passed away, is apparent from the fact that so many of its citizens

" On whose visage, middle age
Has greased its signet, sage,"

are the sons of fathers who were reared in the county, and who are now in the twilight of old age, where

" Life's shadows are meeting Eternity's day."

Mr. Comb's father, Christopher B. Combs, came to this county with his parents, or rather was brought by them, from Kentucky, when but two years of age, and is now an old man, rapidly nearing the allotted age of three score and ten. His father, John Combs, who was born February 17, 1800, immigrated here with his family, consisting of his wife, formerly Miss Mary B. Clark, and children, in 1822, and in 1833 settled in the place where Joseph Combs now lives. He died June 3, 1857, but his widow is still living at the advanced age of eighty, having been born in March, 1803. Here, Christopher B., born in Kentucky, August 4, 1820, grew up from his second year, and subsequently married and reared his family. He is now a resident of Lamar, Barton county, Missouri. Joseph, the subject of this sketch, was born where he now lives, March 25, 1848, and was reared on the old homestead before his parents removed from the county. After the usual course in the common schools, he attended Kemper's well-known school during the sessions of 1857-58-59, and also the terms of 1865-66-67. He then entered the state university at Columbia, where he had the benefit of a still higher course of studies. October 23, 1868, he was married to Miss Rachel, daughter of Moss Prewitt, of Columbia, Missouri. They have one child, a son, John. Farming has constituted Mr. Combs' life occupation, and he is now one of the prominent farmers of this county. Thoroughly educated, he farms according to the most approved method, and everything around him bears the impress of an enterprising, progressive agriculturist. His farm contains 600 acres, and is well improved. Mr. C. is a member of the Masonic order and a Knight Templar.

HON. JOHN COSGROVE, member of congress from the sixth district of Missouri. For every young man without the advantages that ample means afford, who has an honorable ambition to rise in the world, there is a lesson in the life of Hon. John Cosgrove worthy the closest study. It illustrates, by a striking example, that early opportunities are not indispensable to a useful and honorable career. His father, although a substantial farmer, was not wealthy, and in youth the son had only the advantages afforded by the common schools. But notwithstanding this he determined to raise himself to an honorable place in life. How well he succeeded is shown by the position he now occupies in the public affairs of the country, and by the consideration with which his name is regarded wherever he is known. John Cosgrove was born near Alexandria, in Jefferson county, New York, on the 12th day of September, 1839. On his father's side he is of Irish descent, his grandfather, James Cosgrove, having been a native of Ireland. John was the fourth of a family of nine children born to James Cosgrove, Jr., and wife, previously Miss Mary Forrella. Both parents were natives of New York, his father having been born in Jefferson county, June 18th, 1798, and his mother in the same county, December 25, 1806. The father died in that county, November 16th, 1879, but Mrs. Cosgrove still survives her husband and is now living in her native state. John Cosgrove remained at home or in the county where he was reared, attending the usual sessions of the common schools as he grew up, until 1859, when, being of an enterprising disposition, he was attracted to Colorado by the Pike's Peak excitement. Reaching Leavenworth, Kansas, he and four others started with a hand-cart from that place across the plains, but when the Kickapoo reservation in Kansas was reached, two of the five became disheartened and returned. Young Cosgrove and the two remaining companions, however, persevered, and finally reached their destination, Pike's Peak. After remaining there a short time he came to the conclusion that the life of a miner was not the life for him, and returned to New York, resolved to prepare himself for the legal profession. But he was without means or influential friends and his education was still incomplete. Nothing daunted by this unfavorable outlook, he secured a district school which he taught in order to obtain the means to advance his education. He then attended Redwood high school in his native county, and after this, in 1861, entered the office of Hubbard & Lansing, a prominent legal firm of Watertown, New York, where he remained as a student until 1863, when he was admitted to the bar. But even before his admission to the bar he took an active interest in local politics, being an ardent democrat, and was regarded as a leader among the young democrats of the place. In 1864 he was made lieutenant in what was known as the "Seymour National Guards," a political military organization of young men. In the fall of 1865 he determined to seek his fortune in the west, and picked on Missouri as the place of his future residence. In this state he stopped, first in St. Louis, thence in Jefferson City, but was advised to locate in Boonville. Receiving a letter of introduction there from Hon. Allen Richardson to Colonel Joseph L. Stephens, of this city, he came on here, reaching Boonville on the 19th of November. He had previously stopped at this place in 1859, when on his way to Colorado. He was without a single acquaintance. He at once entered upon the practice of his

profession, and although young and comparatively inexperienced, and at a bar where many of the best lawyers of the state practiced, he soon won an enviable position as an attorney, and secured a lucrative practice. Some years afterwards he was elected to the responsible office of prosecuting attorney, which he filled with marked distinction, and for a number of years held the position of city attorney of Boonville. Becoming more popular, both as a lawyer and a citizen as he became better known, in 1882 there was a strong demand made upon him to become a candidate for the democratic nomination for congress, to which he yielded, and in the convention that followed was nominated with great enthusiasm. In November he was duly elected, and with a majority eminently flattering to him personally. Mr. Cosgrove is a man of strong natural ability, of untiring industry, and of the most unquestioned integrity. As a lawyer he is widely and well known, careful and painstaking in his practice and more than ordinarily successful in the practical management of cases in court. As a speaker he is clear, logical and forcible, and often rises to a high order of eloquence when he becomes thoroughly imbued with his subject. On the 18th of December, 1873, Mr. Cosgrove was united in marriage to Miss Georgia Augusta Bliss, a refined and accomplished young lady of Brattleboro, Vermont. They have been blessed with an interesting family of four children : John B., James W., Gertrude and an infant. Mr. C. is a member of the I. O. O. F. order of this city.

JOHN W. CUNNINGHAM, farmer, section 8. Mr. Cunningham, although comparatively a new comer to Cooper county, has been a citizen of the state of Missouri for the last forty years, having settled in St. Charles county, this state, from Virginia, in 1843. His parents were both natives of the Old Dominion, and he was the eldest of their family of four children. His father, John Cunningham, was born August 29th, 1800, and died in his native state August 29, 1836. His mother, formerly Miss Mary Kissinger, was born May 20th, 1810, and lived to her fifty-ninth year, dying in 1869. John W., who was born in Berkeley, Virginia (now a part of West Virginia), January 1st, 1826, was raised in his native county, that is up to his eighteenth year, when he came west and located in St. Charles county, this state. There he continued and followed farming with excellent success for nearly thirty years. He was married in that county October 5th, 1852, to Miss Ellen Spencer, and a family of six children has been granted to them. William W., Ida, Anna K., John N., Milton S., and Thomas W. In 1872 Mr. Cunningham removed to Howard county, but, remaining there only a short time, came over to this county, and settled on his present place. His farm contains five hundred acres of the best quality of land. Having no political ambition, he has never sought prominence in public affairs, and has never held any office except that of school director of his district. He is a substantial, successful farmer, and a highly respected citizen.

M. DIRINGER wagon making and general blacksmithing. In 1859 Mr. Diringer, then sixteen years of age, commenced work in a blacksmith shop to learn the trade, at which he continued, without interruption, about two years, and until the breaking out of the war. Then, like most young men of Boonville, of German antecedents by birth or descent, he took the side of the Union, and in July, 1861, joined the home guards, with which he served five months, and then enlisted, December 21st, 1861, in a company of Federal cavalry, commanded by Colonel Eppstein, under whose command he served three years, or until December 21st, 1864. After that he resumed work at his trade, and carried on blacksmithing exclusively in this city until 1870, when he engaged also in manufacturing wagons, which he has kept up until the present time, and has been very successful in both lines of industry. He was a son of Ignes and Magdaline Diringer, both natives of Alsace, Germany (formerly part of France), and was born in that province, November 12, 1843. When he was eight years of age the family came to this country, and his father engaged in farming and the vineyard business, to which occupation the son was brought up, and followed until he commenced work at the blacksmith's trade. On the 29th of October, 1868, Mr. M. Diringer was married to Miss Margaret Mitchell, formerly of Chariton county. They have three children, Frank J., Emelia, and Catherine. Mr. D. is a member of the Catholic church.

JAMES W. DRAFFIN, of Draffin & Williams, attorneys at law. There are few men who know anything of the judicial annals of central Missouri for the last twenty-five or thirty years, to whom the name of James W. Draffin is not as familiar, almost, as a household word. He is the second oldest practitioner at the Cooper county bar, and for years has ranked among the foremost lawyers in this section of the state. To attempt to give an outline of his professional career the important cases he has tried, his relations with the bench and bar for the last quarter of a century and more would be to enter upon a field which the nature and limits of this work forbid. Nor is it necessary; for his life as a lawyer is written in the records of the courts; from the supreme judicial forum of the state to the circuit and minor tribunals of this and other counties, and with far greater justice to him, and the name he has made, than we could possibly hope to perform it. Suffice it, therefore, to say, that his reputation as an upright, conscientious practitioner is not less enviable than his standing as an able, successful attorney. James W. Draffin was born in Albemarle county, Virginia, March 4th, 1830. His father, Thomas Draffin, and mother, whose maiden name was Mary Douglass, were also both natives of that state, where they married and lived until James W. was about twelve years of age. Then, in 1836, they emigrated to Missouri, and settled on a farm in this county. Two years afterwards James W. entered Kemper's well known school in Boonville, in which he continued as a student two years, applying himself with great energy and diligence. His uncle, John Draffin, was at the time a prominent lawyer of Lawrenceburg, Kentucky, and thither young Draffin went on quitting Kemper's school in 1846, and there began the study of law under his uncle. He kept up his law studies with the latter until his admission to the bar in 1852. Returning then to Boonville he entered the law office of Judge Wash Adams as a student and young practitioner,

where he remained two years, when he began the practice alone. His thorough preparatory course had well fitted him for the active duties of his profession, and he soon became known as one of the best posted young lawyers at the bar. This fact, together with his perfect reliability, and the reputation he soon established as a good speaker, and zealous advocate, was not long in bringing him a lucrative practice. Afterwards he was the partner, successively, of John Hennwig, Esq., William Douglas, Esq., Hon. G. G. Vest, now United States senator, and W. D. Muir, Esq. With the last named gentleman he was associated a number of years, or until 1872, when Mr. Muir died. W. M. Williams, Esq., is his present partner. Mr. Draffin has never been the aspirant for office, preferring rather to give his whole time and study to the law. However, several of official positions of minor importance, the duties of which did not interfere with his profession, he was prevailed on to accept, which he filled with singular fidelity and ability. He was married in July, 1859, to Miss Louisa Tichenor, daughter of Samuel Tichenor, of Newark, New Jersey. They have eight children, David T., Edward, William M., Willington J., Whitlow M., Frank D., Martin T. and Mary.

JOHN DURR, dealer in saddles, harness, etc. Mr. Durr has a business in the above named line that would not suffer by comparison, either as to stock or trade, with any house in a city no larger than Boonville, in this State, and he has built it up by his own industry and enterprise. When twelve years of age, he came to this country from Germany, where he was born November 4, 1837, and disembarking in New York pushed on to Newark, New Jersey, in which place he worked in such employment as he could get for about six or eight months. He then came west to Chicago and worked there about four months, going hence to Louisville, where he learned the saddlery and harness makers' trade. He remained in Louisville working at his trade until 1856, when he came to St. Louis and thence to Boonville. He worked here for various parties until the spring of 1859, or nearly two years, at which time he opened a shop of his own, and his business has since steadily grown until it has attained to its present importance. At the beginning, however, he had a partner for a short time, and for five years he was city treasurer of Boonville. On the 28th of December, 1858, he was married to Miss Mary A. Sombart, originally of Germany. They had two children, John W. and Charles F. Mr. Durr is a member of the I. O. O. F. and of the A. O. U. W. His parents, John and Mary Durr, were both natives of Germany.

SIDNEY H. EDSON, farmer, section 5. Mr. Edson's parents, Homer H. and Susan (Gobuyld) Edson, were originally of New York, but in an early day settled in Ohio-in Medina county of the last named state. Sidney H. Edson was born February 22, 1821. When he was about ten years of age, his parents removed to Coshocton county, the same state, where they remained about eight years, and then went to Tippecanoe county, Indiana. There Sidney attained his majority, and in 1845 was married to Miss Margaret Nixon, a native of Ireland. He followed farming in Indiana until 1851, when he removed to St. Louis county, Missouri, and farmed there about four years. From St. Louis county he went to Texas in 1855, but stopping in the Lone Star state only a short time, he returned to Missouri and settled in Cooper county, near where he now resides. He has been very successful as a farmer and now has an excellent homestead of 335 acres. He has never sought to take any conspicuous part in public affairs, although he was called upon by the people of the vicinity to nerve them as school director, which he did to their entire satisfaction. Mr. and Mrs. Edson have eleven children, Mary, Homer, Henry, William, David, Louis, Maria, Albert, Margaret, James and John.

COLONEL JOSEPH A. EPPSTEIN, postmaster. The wisdom and broad-minded statesmanship displayed by our Government in opening the doors of this country to the people of all nations, with the guaranty of citizenship and equal rights to all who came, are eloquently vindicated by the lives of such men as Colonel Eppstein. A foreigner by birth, and principally reared in a foreign land, he came to this country over forty years ago, and has made it record as a citizen and soldier which no American can read but with pride and satisfaction. As a citizen his life has been active, more than ordinarily useful, and above reproach; and, as a soldier, he has distinguished himself in two of the Great wars of the country by his zeal, courage and unfaltering patriotism. No man in Missouri during our late unfortunate civil strife was more active and successful in organizing volunteers for the union than he. And in a struggle of unexampled bitterness, which, judging by the crimes committed almost daily on both sides, often seemed to be waged more for revenge and plunder than for the principles involved, he so bore himself that he retained the confidence of all in his honor and integrity, and became widely known as an officer who would protect the lives and property of all law-abiding, peaceable citizens, whatever their predilections or sympathies. Joseph A. Eppstein was born in Germany January 1, 1824. His father, whose name was also Joseph, was a prominent manufacturer of coaches and wagons in his native country, and also had other important interests, including a fruit and vegetable farm, and a ferry across the Rhine. In 1840 he and his wife - previously Miss Barbara Reitz - together with their family of seven children, came to America, disembarking in this country at Baltimore. From there they came west by the Baltimore and Ohio railway as far as it ran - about 100 miles - after which they took the canal to Pittsburg, and thence came by the Ohio and Mississippi rivers to St. Louis. In St. Louis Mr. Eppstein, the father, left his family and came on up the river to Moniteau county, where he brought his family a month later and settled on a farm. There they lived until 1845, when they moved to Jefferson City, where the father died in 1846. However, prior to that, in 1844, Mr. Eppstein made a business trip to Germany and was absent nearly a year. Mrs. Eppstein survived her husband over thirty-five years, but died in Boonville in 1882. Joseph Eppstein, Jr., was the second of a family of eleven children, and was sixteen years of age when he came with his father's family to this country in 1840.

Up to that time his youth had been employed in working on his father's fruit and vegetable farm, on the ferry across the Rhine, and in attending school. After they came to this country he remained with the family in Moniteau county until 1843, when he went to St. Louis and engaged as a porter in a store in that city, but was shortly promoted to a clerkship in the same house, which he filled until 1847. Then, in February of that year, he enlisted in company C, 3rd Missouri mounted rifles, raised for the Mexican war, in which company he was made sergeant, and served for nearly two years, or until in October, 1848. After the expiration of this service he returned to St. Louis and resumed his position in the same house he had previously worked for, and in August, 1849, was given charge of one of their stores, which he conducted until 1850, when he came to Boonville. Here he engaged in the mercantile business with his brother, Veit Eppstein, the firm being known as Eppstein & Brother. This firm continued until 1860, and he then became, by purchase of his brother's interest, sole proprietor. But when the war broke out in 1861 he was among the first to rally to the defense of the union. He at once organized a company of one hundred and thirty-five men, every one of whom, with a single exception, was a German. This company was known as the "Boonville corps." He then organized a battalion and a company of cavalry, but these were only for local service. Subsequently he organized the 6th battalion Missouri state militia, and after that a number of companies, both cavalry and infantry. From March 24, 1862, until in January, 1863, he was lieutenant-colonel of the 13th cavalry, Missouri state militia, and then, by consolidation of troops, he became the commander of the 5th Missouri state militia, and served until the close of the war. During the war he organized over a half dozen different companies. After the war he resumed merchandising in Boonville, and followed that, either alone or with his brother, most of the time until 1878, when he was appointed postmaster, the position he has ever since held. However, in 1867 and in 1868, he represented the Boonville district of Cooper county in the Missouri legislature, and served about seven years as treasurer of Boonville. On the 14th of June, 1846, he was married to Miss Terressa Bertrand, of St. Louis, but of French parentage. They have seven children living : Joseph M., William H., Emil M., Louis B., Alexander, Charles A. and Terressa G.

VEIT EPPSTEIN, public administrator, and dealer in dry goods, clothing, boots and shoes, hats and caps, notions, etc. It is thirty-three years since Mr. Eppstein established his present business in Boonville, and during all these years there has never been a time that he did not enjoy the confidence of the entire community and a large share of their patronage. He has one of the leading houses in his line in the city, and carries a more than ordinarily large and well selected stock of goods. Handling merchandise of the above named classes has constituted big occupation for life, and, therefore, he can buy and sell to better advantage a both to himself and his customers than those whose experience has been comparatively limited. And it is largely due to this that his business career has been so successful, and at the same time so popular with those who deal with him. He was born in Germany, February 15, 1828, and when thirteen years of age came to this country with his parents Joseph and Barbara Eppstein, who settled in Cole, now a part of Moniteau county, Missouri, in 1840. Three years afterwards Veit came to Boonville and engaged as a clerk in the store of Bremmerman & Cuno, with whom he continued until 1846, when he went to St. Louis and clerked there one year. From St. Louis he was attracted to New Orleans, Louisiana, whence he went, and remained in that city until the summer of 1849. He then made a visit to the dear old Fatherland beyond the Rhine, where he tarried among the scenes and associations of his boyhood days until the following summer, when he returned to Boonville, Missouri. Here the same year he and his brother, Colonel Joseph Eppstein, established the business in which Veit is now engaged. Since then they have together or singly conducted it without intermission until 1873, when Veit became the sole proprietor and has conducted it by himself ever since. He was married November 20, 1851, to Miss Fannie, daughter of Anthony Fox, who came to this county in 1835. They have seven children - Louisa, wife of David Woolridge ; Rosa, wife of George W. Sahm ; Mary, wife of George Harris; Veit, Jr., Fannie, Sallie and Laura. Mr. Eppstein was public administrator from 1872 to 1876, and was re-elected in 1880, his present term to expire in 1884. He has been a member of the city council a number of times. In church connection Mr. Eppstein is a member of the Catholic church.

COLONEL JOHN S. ELLIOTT, president of the Commercial bank. Among the prominent and successful business men of Cooper and Howard counties, none are more deserving of special notice, by reason of their personal worth or what they have accomplished in life, age considered, than Colonel John S. Elliott, now of Boonville. A son of the late Colonel Newton G. Elliott, of Howard county, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this work, he had the training both of the schools in youth and afterwards in practical affairs, in early manhood, to fit him to more than an ordinary degree for a useful and honorable career. And his course thus far has fully borne out the expectations his early opportunities inspired. Already his experience and success have been such as not only to prove him a man of superior abilities, but to give him promise of an exceptionally bright future. John S. Elliott was born in Howard county, Missouri, March 16, 1844, and was educated in Central college in Fayette. Subsequent to leaving college he became interested with his father in the stock business, in which he continued until 1869, when he became the contractor of the Tebo and Neosho railroad company for the construction of the road from Moberly to Fayette, which he built, completing his contract in 1872. He still has the contract with the company - now the Missouri, Kansas and Texas, or Missouri Pacific-for furnishing that part of its line with ties, timber, etc. Both in the stock business and as a railroad contractor his excellent business qualifications, and his energy and good judgment were productive of the most gratifying results ; he was eminently successful in both ventures. In 1881 he engaged in the banking business in Boonville, becoming president of the banking house with which he is now

connected, one of the strongest and most popular financial institutions in central Missouri. He is also president of the Boonville water works company, in which he is a large stockholder. Notwithstanding Colonel Elliott's life has been one of great activity in business matters, he has also found time to give some attention to public affairs. An earnest democrat in politics, but the farthest removed from intolerance or narrowness of political views, his disinterested and valuable services to his party are everywhere recognized, and while he desires no public office, prior to the last election he consented to become a member of the democratic central committee of this congressional district, a position he now holds. In 1881 he was appointed lieutenant colonel and an aid-de-camp on Governor Crittenden's staff. Colonel Elliott is a Knight Templar in the Masonic order. On the 15th of November, 1882, he was married to Miss Laura Speed, an accomplished and amiable young lady, daughter of the late William P. Speed, for many years one of the most prominent and highly esteemed citizens of Cooper county.

W. B. ELLIOTT, of Moore & Elliott marble yards, cemetery fixtures, etc. Among the young business men of Boonville who have worked their way up without having had any means to begin with is Mr. Elliott, of the above named firm, who, in connection with Mr. Moors, has a large marble and cemetery fixtures shop, with a full supply of tombstones, monuments, iron railings, etc. His present business was established in 1880, and has already become one of the leading establishments in this line throughout the surrounding country. W. B. Elliott was born in Marion county, Kentucky July 7, 1857 and his father, Berryman Elliott, and mother, whose maiden name was Nancy J. Prewitt, were also both natives of that state. However, when W. B. was but three years of age his parents came to Missouri and settled in Howard county, where they lived nine years, with the exception of one year, during which they resided in Schuyler county. In 1869 they went to Boone county, where they still live, his father being a farmer by occupation. In youth W. B., the son, attended the common schools and worked on the farm, but when twenty years of age, in 1877, went to Columbia and commenced to learn the marble cutting trade, and worked there nearly three years, after which he worked a while in Boonville, and then for a short time in Fulton, but returned to Boonville in 1880, and became a member of the present firm. January 5, 1881, he was married to Miss Nelia O. Cobb, of Columbia. They have one child, Mary E. Both are members of the Episcopal church.

WILLIAM EDWARD EVANS, M. D. Those who achieve success in life without having had the advantages of early opportunities are undoubtedly entitled to great credit, but those who, having such opportunities, prove themselves worthy of them by making their lives a marked success, are entitled to not less respect; for, unless one have the natural qualities to succeed, early advantages are of no avail, and if he have the qualities that win success, he would succeed whatever his early surroundings might be. The man, not the opportunities, as Franklin says, makes the success. Early advantages only aid him to accomplish that which he would accomplish sooner or later anyhow. Doctor Evans is one of this class of successful men. He had the advantage of comparatively early education, both general and medical, and his career, both as a physician and citizen, has been one of decided success. He is regarded as one of the most scientific physicians in Cooper county. His general education was acquired in the schools of Boone county and in the state university. Professionally he was graduated from the medical department of the university of Virginia, in 1868, and afterwards, in 1869, he took the ad eundem degree in Bellevue hospital, New York. He was born in Boone county, Missouri, July 4, 1846. Thus, at the age of twenty-three, so far as general and technical education is concerned, he was one of the best qualified members of his profession in central Missouri. He at once entered actively into the practice, forming a partnership with Doctor G. W. Elliott, of Rocheport. He continued there until 1874, when he came to Boonville. Here his reputation as an able and successful physician is so universally conceded that it is unnecessary to speak of it. Doctor Evans was married on the 23rd of May, 1871, to Miss Josie Grossman, an accomplished daughter of T. L. Grossman, a leading citizen of Boone county. They have one child, Clarence E. The doctor and his wife are both members here of the M. E. church, and he is a prominent member of the A. F. and A. M., and of the A. U. U. W. Doctor Evans's father, Willis G., was a leading and worthy farmer of Boone county, and Mrs. Willis G. Evans, whose maiden name was Van Horn, was originally from Virginia. They reared a large family, and the doctor was the second child. He was reared in that county, and lived there until he came to Boonville.

PETER J. FRANKEN, farmer, section 33. Mr. Franken is a native of Germany, and was born June 14, 1835. At the age of nineteen, in 1854, he started to this country with his parents, but his father, Irwin, died on the way. The remainder of the family came on and settled in Cooper county. Up to 1882, Peter J. lived in Clark's Fork township, this county, where he followed farming; but that year he bought his present place of nearly 200 acres of good land and moved on to it, since which he has devoted himself to cultivating and improving his new home. He is an industrious farmer, and possesses the qualities that can hardly fail to bring him abundant success in life - energy, frugality and good judgment. November 4, 1863, he was married to Miss Mary Lessuth. They have two children, Robert F. and Katie H. Mr. Franken is a member of the Catholic church, and is the present township road overseer.

HENRY C. GIBSON, M. D., physician and surgeon. Dr. Gibson is the oldest practitioner of his profession as well as one of the ablest physicians in Boonville. He began the practice here in 1848, thirty-five years ago, and since that time, with but

little interruption, has continued to visit the sick and relieve the suffering, wherever relief was not beyond the power of a skilled and faithful physician. Dr. Gibson's father, William Gibson, was a native of North Carolina, and came to this state with his parents when a youth, while it was still a territory. The family first settled near Potosi, but shortly afterwards moved to Cooper county, where William, after he reached manhood, married Miss Rhoda, daughter of Stephen Cole, formerly of Kentucky. Dr. Gibson was one of the family of children of this marriage. Mrs. Gibson died a number of years afterwards, and her husband was married a second time. Henry C., now Dr. Gibson, was born in Cooper county August 25, 1825, and after remaining on his father's farm, where he attended the neighborhood schools, in 1843, when eighteen years of age, he began the study of medicine in Boonville under Dr. F. W. G. Thomas. He pursued his studies here until 1846, when he went to Lexington, Kentucky, and attended the Transylvania medical college during the session of 1846-47. He then entered the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania, in Philadelphia, from which he was afterwards duly graduated. Returning thereupon to Boonville he at once entered actively upon the practice of his profession, and soon secured a lucrative practice, and established a wide reputation as an educated, successful physician. Devoted to medicine as a science, not less than to its practice, and desiring to keep up with the progress of the profession as represented by the advancement of learning in the schools, as well as in experience, he went back to Philadelphia in 1852 and attended the university again, and also the Jefferson medical college of that city. Returning home in 1853, he has since made his profession the sole object of his labor and study; for, notwithstanding his practice occupies by far the greater share of his attention, he still takes time to study and keep up with the improvements in both the theory and practice. He was married January 11, 1856, to Miss Mittie Nelson, originally of Virginia, sister to James M. Nelson. She died in 1857, and fifteen years afterwards he again married, Mrs. Mary L. McCarthy, daughter of Caleb Jones, an early settler of this county, then becoming his wife. Of this union three children are living: Mary, Nannie J. and Martha S. The doctor is a prominent member of the A. F. and A. M. William Gibson's wife was a Mrs. Harris, daughter of Stephen Cole.

BENJAMIN F. GIBSON, farmer. Stephen Cole, the maternal grandfather of Mr. Gibson, was one of the two first settlers with their families in Cooper county. William Gibson, the father of Benjamin F., came to this county in an early day, and here married Miss Rhoda Cole, of which union there are now living; two sons: Benjamin and an elder brother. Benjamin grew up on his father's farm, and received his education in Kemper's family school of Boonville. Farming has constituted his occupation through life, and he now owns an excellent farm of 505 acres, substantially and comfortably improved. He has been twice married. His first wife, formerly Miss Emeline Adams, to whom he was married December 17, 1856, died March 13, 1859. She was a daughter of Win. M. Adams. He was married to his second wife September 4, 1860. Previous to her marriage she was a Miss Kittie Bennett, daughter of General Bennett, of Boone county. Of this union three children are living: Levi W., Mary M. and Rhoda K. His last wife was also taken from him by death. She passed away October 28, 1872.

JOHN N. GOTT & SON, manufacturers of plug and smoking tobacco. To own and successfully conduct a large tobacco manufactory, as is well known, requires no secondary order of business qualifications or small amount of means. The fact that Captain Gott & Son have one of the leading manufacturing establishments in this line in Central Missouri, and are conducting it with marked success, speaks enough, therefore, for their standing as capable and successful business men. And more than ordinary credit is due to Captain Gott, himself, for he started out in life without means or influential friends and has worked his way up by his own exertions and worth alone. He was born in Ionic county, Michigan, December 25, 1833, and was there reared and educated in the common schools. His parents, Charles and Maria Gott, were originally of New Jersey, but settled in Michigan in an early day. In 1856, John N. Gott came to St. Louis, secured a position in the wholesale hardware house of Wilson Bros. & Co., of that city, which he filled until the breaking out of the war. In 1861 he enlisted in the 33d Missouri infantry and served until the spring of 1866, rising by regular promotion to the rank of captain; his last commission, however, being received after his discharge, having been confirmed as a special mark of distinction for long and meritorious service. In 1866, he came to Boonville and engaged in the brick business, in which he continued two years, when he was appointed receiver of public moneys in the United States land office of this city. He filled this office five years with marked ability and entire satisfaction to the government, and in 1874 became bookkeeper in the Central National bank of Boonville, discharging the duties of that position two years. He then occupied the position of bookkeeper in Brewster & Hillard's tobacco factory, the manufacturing establishment he now owns and conducts. On the death of Mr. Brewster, he bought out the establishment to which he has since devoted his whole attention. This factory makes the famous "Lone Star" and "Boss" smoking tobacco, also the "Nancy" twist and plug, "A 1" and the "Peach" Juice." These goods have a wide reputation and the trade of the establishment is rapidly increasing. On the 13th of November, 1859, he was married to Miss Angeline, daughter of Dr. Edward Lawton, of Boonville. They have two children, Charles P. and Henry H. Mr. Gott, has held various minor official positions.

EUGENE J. HALLER was born on December 7, 1848, at Schweningen, A. N., in the kingdom of Wurtemberg, Germany, the oldest of four brothers now all in this country. He received a fair education at the public school in his home and by private teachers. It was his intention, as well as his father's wish, to prepare himself for a school teacher, but the death of

his father in 1861, leaving Haller's mother with four small boys in not the very best of circumstances, prevented him from entering a seminary. In 1869, young Haller found employment in a notary's office, and in 1865, after an experience of three years, he became a salaried clerk, holding, up to 1868, several positions in lower civil offices and in the circuit court of Tuebingen, to the full satisfaction of his employers. In 1868 his mother died and Haller concluded to emigrate to the United States. He and one of his brothers, with others, left home on July 5, 1868, arriving at St. Louis, their point of destination, on August 8, 1868. Not finding suitable work there, Hailer came, recommended by F. W. Ludwig, Esq., of Boonville, then a member of the board of immigration, to Boonville, on October 15, 1868, and was installed as "printer's devil" at the Waechter am Missouri office, a new German paper started only a few months previous, working there till 1873, when failing health and other circumstances caused his withdrawal. Receiving an appointment as notary public, which has since been renewed repeatedly, he assisted F. W. Ludwig in his attorney and claim agency business. In the fall of 1874, the above mentioned paper became the property of said F. W. Ludwig who changed its name to Central Missouri, and Hailer was made foreman and assistant editor till October 15, 1877, when he bought the paper. He has been running it ever since as sole editor and proprietor very successfully. The paper has a large circulation, a good advertising and other patronage, is well supplied with types and presses, and compares favorably with any other German paper outside the large cities. It is published weekly; size, 26 x 40; subscription price, \$2 per annum. Mr. Hailer can point with pride to his career; he is one of our self-made men and his further success can not be doubted.

CAPT. GEORGE B. HARPER, county treasurer of Cooper county. Captain Harper's life has been one of constant activity and industry, and few men have made their way in the world through so many years of vicissitudes and varying circumstances with less reproach. He was born near Petersburg, Virginia, August 16, 1826, and was the fifth of a family of eight children; reared by William H. T. Harper and wife, Sallie W., previously a Miss Moore. Both parents were of Dinwiddie county, Virginia, the county in which Petersburg is situated, and there the father died in 1832, and the mother in Missouri in 1857. In 1839, however, the family of children and their mother came to Missouri, and settled on a farm near Boonville. George B. was then thirteen years of age, and two years afterwards, having in the meantime acquired the rudiments of a good ordinary education, he began clerking for Hathaway & Ingram until 1845. He then became identified with the mercantile business in Miami, Missouri, but eight months afterwards was compelled to quit business on account of bad health. In 1847 he was able to return to store work, and clerked for a Glasgow firm a large part of that year, but in the fall went to New Orleans, Louisiana, and spent the following winter in the Crescent City. In the succeeding spring he came north, and traveled extensively on horseback through Illinois and Indiana, and thence south again through Kentucky to Nashville, Tennessee, and back to Columbus, Kentucky, and then returned home to Cooper county. After his return he resumed clerking in a store, and continued in that employment until 1849. He was twenty-three years old when the California gold excitement broke out, and had already traveled more than most old men of that day, but, notwithstanding he knew what the hardships of a traveler's life were, he undertook the journey across the plains, and over the rugged heights of the Rocky mountains. He followed mining and other pursuits on the Pacific coast about four years, or until 1853, and then returned to his old home again in Cooper county, where

"The honest watch-dog greeted him with a welcome bark."

In the following fall he and his brother engaged in merchandising in Ridge Prairie, Saline county, where they remained until 1856, when they sold out and came back to Boonville, and established the drug and book business now carried on by J. A. Howard, which they had charge of until 1861. However, in 1859, George B. became teller and bookkeeper in the Boonville branch of the bank of St. Louis, but when the war broke out he enlisted in Company G, McCulloch's regiment Confederate service, and continued under the three-barred flag until the final surrender, having been captain of company G, 2nd Missouri cavalry, a considerable time before the close of the war. After the restoration of peace he clerked in the commission house of Dameron & Bros., of St. Louis, for about three years, and then became cashier of a bank in Pleasant Hill, Missouri, in which he continued until 1878. From that time until his election as county treasurer of Cooper county, in 1880, he clerked in Boonville, and besides filling the office of county treasurer he is also assistant bookkeeper in the Central National bank of this city. The positions of private and public trust that Captain Harper holds among a people who have known him from boyhood, shows the character of man he is. Besides his spotless integrity, he is a man of superior business qualifications, and a gentleman in the best sense of the word.

ANTHONY HAYNES, A. M., principal of Cooper Institute. Anthony Haynes was born in King and Queen's county, Virginia, January 12, 1836, and was a son of Anthony Haynes, Sr., and wife, Lucinda, whose family name before her marriage was Randall. When Anthony, Jr., was in his infancy, his parents removed to Richmond, Virginia, and afterwards, in 1844, came to Missouri, and spent the ensuing winter in Dover, of this state. In the spring of 1845 they removed to St. Louis, for the purpose of educating their elder boys, and starting them in business. They remained there two years, after which they returned to Dover, leaving their two older sons established in business in St. Louis. From this time the family resided in Dover seven years, but during their residence there the father died, and, in 1854, the widowed mother and the three remaining children removed to Columbia, in order that the children might avail themselves of the advantages afforded by

the colleges of that place. Anthony Haynes, the son, immediately entered the Missouri university as a student, where he remained four years, at the expiration of which he was graduated, July 4, 1857, with marked distinction. He then located in Georgetown, Missouri, and his mother with the two other children returned to Dover. In September, 1857, he established the Georgetown Female Seminary, which he conducted with flattering success until interrupted by the civil war. While living in Georgetown, he was married September 10, 1861, to Miss Mary Montgomery, eldest daughter of Doctor T. J. Montgomery. On account of the unsettled condition of affairs in that section of the state during the war, and the virtual suppression of all kinds of business, Professor Haynes, in the spring of 1863, removed to St. Louis, where he established Haynes' Female Academy, which he conducted for two years, having, at the expiration of that time, eighty regular pupils. After the restoration of peace in 1865, he located in Lexington, Missouri, and, during his first year there, taught Haynes' Female Seminary, and the second year, Haynes' High School for boys and young men. In the summer of 1867 he was elected to the presidency of the Elizabeth Hull Female Seminary, and under his presidency that school reached a high point of prosperity. He was at the head of that institution three years, after which, owing to sickness in his family, he resigned and was succeeded by Rev. James A. Quarles. In 1870 he removed with his family to Boonville, and in the fall of the same year took charge of the Cooper institute, over which he has presided for thirteen years. He has become a permanent settler in Boonville, and established a permanent school, which maintains an average attendance of seventy-five students. He has now living seven children, all girls. Mr. Haynes has taken an active part for several years in the educational work of Missouri. While he has already been engaged in the private school, he has given much attention and work to the furtherance of the interests of public education. He has taken a prominent stand with other educators of the state in this work, is an old member of the State Teachers' Association, and, at this writing, is the secretary of that body. He has been largely instrumental in the permanent establishment of a Teachers' Normal Institute in Cooper county, which has an annual attendance of seventy-five teachers.

EMMETT R. HAYDEN, attorney at law. Mr. Hayden was born and reared in Cooper county. When a young man twenty years of age he was admitted to the bar, now thirty-six years ago. His opportunities to fit himself for the profession were excellent. In youth he had the advantages afforded by the schools of Boonville, then, as now, among the first in this part of the state. When he came to study law he had the constant inspection of his father, a prominent attorney of that day. Judge Adams, his uncle, also took a warm interest in his success. With these advantages and possessed of a naturally quick, active mind, it is not perhaps to be wondered at that he became qualified at so early an age to enter the most difficult and responsible of all the learned professions. Still it deserves to be set down greatly to his credit that he proved himself so worthy of his opportunities. And his career since has not disappointed the hopes his early years inspired. A man, exceeding modest, avoiding what weaker men look to as the only hope of success - notoriety - plain and unpretentious in manners, and in all that he does, while he has not attracted the attention that many have of far less merit, yet, among those whose opinions are worth the most, he is regarded as an exceptionally safe, sound lawyer. He belongs to that class who are lawyers for the love of the law as the `Treat science of human rights and of justice among men, and not for gain or fame. In other words he is neither a business man nor a politician in the legal profession, but a lawyer alone. Emmett R. Hayden was born in Boonville, Missouri, January 8, 1827. His father, Peyton R., was a native of Bourbon county, Kentucky, but came to Missouri in 1817 and settled in Boonville in 1819. Mrs. Hayden, formerly Miss Maria Adams, was a daughter of John Adams, one of the early settlers of this county, and a sister to the late Judge Washington Adams, of the supreme court. Emmett R. was the fourth of a family of ten children, of whom four are now living. His father, bore February 8, 1796, died in Boonville, December 26, 1855. His mother, born in this county, died February 4, 1875. They were married in the year 1819. As has been intimated, Emmett R. was reared in Boonville, and this city has continued to be home. Having been admitted to practice in 1847 he ranks as the oldest member now living of the Cooper county bar - the Nestor of the profession in this county. Ten years after his admission he wooed and won Miss Alice, the accomplished daughter of Judge Scott of the supreme court. They were united in marriage, November 6, 1857. This union has been blessed with seven children ; Maria, William S., John B., Elizabeth, Alice, Emmett R., Jr. and Mary O.

REV. FATHER JOHN A. HOFFMANN was born in St. Louis county, Missouri, near the city of St. Louis, February 2, 1850. His parents, Peter Hoffmann and wife, whose maiden name was Frances Ballweber, are both natives of Bavaria, Germany, but came to this country in 1846 and settled in St. Louis, where they reared a large family and now reside. When the son, now Rev. Father John A. Hoffmann, was a youth twelve years of age, he began to take private lessons in Latin and Greek, which he continued for six months and then became a student in the Christian Brothers' college, where, besides his classic studies, he entered upon a regular commercial course. There he remained until the fall of 1863, when he went to Milwaukee, Wis., and in the St. Frances De Sales seminary of that city pursued the regular curriculum of scholastic studies, including Latin, Greek, English and German, preparatory to becoming a priest. He remained until the fall of 1869, when he returned to Missouri and took a course in philosophy in St. Vincent's college, located at Cape Girardeau. The following year he resumed his studies in the Milwaukee seminary of St. Frances De Sales, and December 29, 1872, was duly ordained a priest and was located in St. Louis until April 29, 1875, when he took charge of the church at Boonville, Missouri, where he has since continued.

WAID HOWARD, M. D., physician and surgeon. The idea so common that the successful and leading men in the professions are those who entered them in early manhood, finds a striking reputation so far as the medical profession is concerned, at least in the career of Dr. Howard. By the assent of all he is one of the most thorough and popular physicians in Cooper county, yet he had been merchandising up to his thirty-ninth year before he began the study of medicine, and was forty-two years old when he commenced practicing. A man who can enter upon a new calling in life as he has, and upon cue so difficult to master and so uncertain of success, and notwithstanding this place himself in the front rank of his profession, must be possessed of more than ordinary talents, as well as extraordinary energy and resolution. Yet such is the professional history of Dr. Howard in as plain language as it can be written. The chronological record of his life is as follows: He was born in Cooper county, Missouri, March 19, 1822. In youth he received a good, practical education in the ordinary schools of his native county. He grew up on a farm and followed that occupation until he was twenty-five years of age. Then he began merchandising at Gilroy, this county, moving subsequently to Tipton, Moniteau county, and followed the mercantile business until 1861, or until he was thirty-nine years old. Resolving then to enter the medical profession, he determined to go about it in the most sensible, practical way, and therefore put himself under the immediate tutorship of one of the most scientific, able members of that calling who ever honored Missouri by their residence in this state - Dr. E. H. Gregory, of the St. Louis medical college. Dr. (then Mr.) Howard went to St. Louis in 1861, prosecuting his studies with unflagging energy until 1864, attending the above named medical college in the meantime, where he graduated with the most complimentary expressions from the faculty of the institution as to his qualifications and fitness of the work he was then to enter upon. And his career since has shown that these assurances from those under whom he studied were not meaningless, empty compliments. After his graduation he went to Montana and practiced his profession in Diamond City for a time; but the scenes and associates of his old native county were too near to his heart for him to make his home among strangers. Accordingly, he returned to Cooper county and began the practice in the vicinity of Bunceton where he continued about ten years, and received a large and lucrative practice, establishing a wide reputation as a successful, scientific physician. From there he came to Boonville, and here his name in the profession had already preceded him. Of his standing in this city it is unnecessary to speak, for all know that he ranks among the first physicians of the county. Dr. Howard has been twice married. His first wife was previously Miss Frances E. Smallwood. They were married April 2, 1846. She died, October 9, 1861. Of that union three children are now living: Frank J., Alice G., and Matilda R. Six years afterwards he was again married, Mrs. L. L. Oldham, nee McMahon, becoming his wife. The doctor and his family are connected with the M. E. church south.

P. L. HURT, M. D., physician and surgeon. Dr. Hurt began the practice of medicine in Lisbon, Howard county, in 1867, when a young man twenty-two years of age, since which he has been constantly and actively engaged in the practice, and has long enjoyed the reputation of a capable, successful physician. He remained at Lisbon a short time and then located in Arrow Rock, Saline county, but ten years ago came to Boonville, where he now enjoys an extensive and lucrative practice. He studied medicine under Dr. Scrogin, of Howard county, and after taking the regular course of Jefferson medical college, of Philadelphia, was graduated from that institution in 1867. His father, Martin C. Hurt, was a native of Kentucky, but came to Howard county with his parents in early youth. After reaching manhood he was married to Miss Permelia Philpott, of Chariton county,, and P. L., now Dr. Hurt, was born of this union August 26, 1845. The son was brought up on his father's farm, in Chariton county, and after taking the usual course in the common schools, entered Central college, in Fayette, where he completed his education.

JOHN H. HUTCHISON, DECEASED. Among the families who have been intimately and prominently identified with the industrial and business progress of Cooper county, and with its social life, from the pioneer days of the country down to the present time, none are more entitled to mention in the pages of this volume than the one represented by the name which heads the present sketch - John H. Hutchison. He came to this country in the bloom and vigor of young manhood, away back when the smoke of the Indian wigwam was the most familiar sign of the presence of human habitations in the virgin wilderness. For nearly thirty years he bore a leading part in the great work of transforming the county from an almost trackless wild into one of the fairest portions of the state. And when he suddenly was cut off by the cholera in California, where he had gone during the gold excitement on the Pacific coast, he left a worthy family to represent him in the continuation of the work here, with which he had been so long and usefully identified. Nor have his descendants proved unworthy of him, nor of the part they have borne in the material and social affairs of the county. John H. Hutchison was born in Bourbon county, Kentucky, June 9, 1798, and was a son of William and Margaret Hutchison, old and highly respected residents of that county. In youth he received an ordinary, practical education in the neighborhood schools, and on attaining his majority, in 1819, came out to Missouri, making his home first in Howard county. On the 15th of August, 1822, he was married to Miss Sallie Moore, daughter of Major William Moore, of Palestine township, Cooper county, and the same year settled in that township. Having been brought up to a farmer's life, he continued to follow this occupation with but slight interruptions until his death. As a farmer he was very successful, and he rose rapidly in the confidence and esteem of those around him. A man of the strictest integrity and of superior intelligence, he was very naturally called upon to serve the people in official positions. In 1832 he was elected to the office of sheriff, and filled that position until 1836. Such was the estimate placed upon his character, qualifications and ability that he was then elected to

represent the county in the state legislature, and in this high office he acquitted himself with marked honor, both to himself and his constituents. The family of Mr. Hutchison consisted of five daughters and three sons, viz. : Elmina A., Sarah Ardell, Mary Eliza, Nancy Jane, Martha E., William W., Walter R. and Leonard. Of these, all are now living, except Sarah A. (Mrs. William P. Speed) and Leonard. The mother died August 29, 1849, and the following year the father, with his eldest son went to California, where the father died of cholera on the 20th of the following September. William W., the son, who accompanied him, was thus left an orphan boy, but sixteen years of age, in the wilds of the Pacific coast, and without money or friends. But he battled bravely along anion - the miners and pioneers of that far - off country, in the days when the revolver and the bowie knife were the only effective laws of the land, and is now one of the leading stock men and mine proprietors of Arizona territory. His first visit to Missouri was only a year ago, returning to the land of his birth, which he had left in early youth, far advanced beyond the meridian of life. Walter R. Hutchison, the other surviving son, has been connected with the banking interests of Boonville for many years; and the fact that he holds the responsible position of cashier of one of the leading banks of that city, is a sufficient proof of his standing as an efficient, capable bank officer.

JAMES H. JOHNSTON, of Cosgrove & Johnson, attorneys at law. Those but little more than past the meridian of life can remember when the men who are now conspicuous in affairs-the leaders in business, in the professions, and in public life were comparatively unknown, were, to use well-worn phrase, 11 young men, obscure and inexperienced." But as the wheel of time moved round, they came up, and those that were ahead gave way, and finally passed out of sight. So, too, there are those among the young men of today who are destined to take the places of the leaders of the present time, to make for themselves names as honorable and as proud to bear as any now have, or have hitherto attained. And if we look around us it is not difficult to point out those whose future promises to be among the brightest. Whoever has studied the lives of men who have attained to distinction can detect at a glance the signs in a young man, if there be any, of a life of future prominence and usefulness. Industry, integrity, a good mind, and an honorable ambition to rise in the world, are qualities that but seldom fail to take one, who possesses theirs, conspicuously to the front. And although Mr. Johnston is still comparatively a young man, these qualities in him have already given evidence that his career will prove no exception to the general rule. But sixteen years have elapsed since he became twenty-one years of age, the experimental, youthful third of a man's active life; yet he has already established himself as one of the leading young lawyers of this part of the state, has held the offices of prosecuting attorney through three consecutive terms, and has been warmly and strongly supported for the circuit judgeship. He would be a dull observer, indeed, who could not read the probable future of such a record. James H. Johnston was born and raised in Cooper county, his birth having been on the 20th day of January, 1848. His father, Hugh A., is also a native of this county, where he still resides; but his mother, whose maiden name was Eleanor Ware, was originally from Tennessee. James H., after receiving a good, practical English education, at the age of eighteen began the study of law, in 1866, under Ewing & Smith, of Jefferson City, under whom he prosecuted his studies two years, and was then admitted to the bar in Cole county. Returning thereupon to Boonville, in association with D. W. Ware he entered actively upon the practice of his profession. His partnership with Mr. Ware lasted, three years, after which he continued to practice alone until 1882, when he became associated with Hon. John Cosgrove, present member of Congress, as a partner. As a lawyer Mr. Johnston is well grounded in the elementary principles of the law, and well up in the decisions of the supreme court of this state and of the other tribunals of last resort; in the practice he is careful, painstaking and methodical, and in the management of causes in court is self-possessed, clear-headed and quick to see and take an advantage when not inconsistent with professional ethics. As a speaker he is animated and not unfrequently eloquent to a rare degree, yet never illogical and always true in argument to his theory of the case. His success as a practitioner is well known. He was city attorney of Boonville in 1873, and prosecuting attorney of Cooper county from 1874 to 1880, six years. In 1878 the Cooper county delegation in the judicial convention (democratic) enthusiastically supported him for circuit judge, but he withdrew his name from before the Convention. In 1871 Mr. Johnston was united in marriage to Miss Mary, daughter of Rev. Avon D. Corbyn, formerly of this city. They have four children: Jennie C., Lizzie E., Kelley R. and Mary J. Mr. J. is a member of the I. O. O. F. and of the A. O. U. W.

T. A. JOHNSTON. This gentleman is the principal of the old and widely known Kemper family school. The Johnston family, which is well represented in Cooper county, and in various parts of the United States and Scotland, is very ancient. General Joseph E. Johnston, of Virginia, one of its most honored members, has furnished to the subject of this article the following account of its origin and outline of its history: - "The founder of the family was a Norman, who, in the time of William the Conqueror, or soon after, settled in Scotland, in Dumfrieshire, in the valley of the river Annan. His descendants were heads of a powerful clan prominent in the border wars. The parish called Johnstowne gave the name - it constituting the estate of the Norman above named, who, in French fashion, called himself de Johnstowne, or Johnstoune. The a was soon dropped, making Johnstone. De was afterwards dropped, as was done in Norman names all over England. The a was dropped in accordance with English custom, but has been restored in Annandale in recent years. The ascension of James VI, of Scotland, to the English crown, which terminated the border wars and the practice of the border clans of subsisting by plunder, compelled most of the Johnstons to quit Annandale. Many went to Edinburgh; some to the north of Ireland."

From the north of Ireland Gavin Johnston came to the United States and settled in Pennsylvania before the revolutionary war, where he was killed by Indians. His family removed to the vicinity of Camden, North Carolina. From there, after the close of the war of independence, Alexander Johnston removed to the vicinity of McMinnville, Tennessee. After his death, and immediately after the second war with Great Britain, in 1817, his sons Robert, James and Alexander removed to this county, where they and many of their descendants have lived ever since. Mr. Johnston's father is John B. Johnston, the son of the above named Alexander. He has lived, since he became of age, continuously on a farm adjoining the one settled by his father when he first came to the county. On this farm the subject of this sketch was born and reared. While he was still a boy the civil war broke out, in which he engaged for a short time near the close, on the side of the south. After the close of the war he addressed himself to the business of completing his education. Having attended the Prairie Home institute for two sessions, he entered the Kemper school as a student in 1867 and graduated in 1869, doing also the last year's additional work as tutor in the school. During the next two years he retained the position of tutor, pursuing at the same time an advanced course of study. In 1871 he entered the state university and graduated in one year with the honors of the class. He immediately returned to take the position of associate principal in the Kemper school, with the expectation of making that his life work. In that work he has continued. In 1877 he was married to Miss Carrie Rea, of Saline county, daughter of the Reverend P. G. Rea, of the Cumberland Presbyterian church. In 1881, on the death of Professor F. T. Kemper, with whom he was associated, he succeeded to the principalship of the Kemper family school. This position he has held ever since.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN JONES, dealer in lumber and contractor and builder. Mr. Jones, a leading lumber dealer, and builder and contractor, of Boonville, has followed his occupation here for nearly twenty-five years, and has been engaged in the lumber business since 1866. He began in the world without a dollar, and by industry and good management has succeeded in placing himself in easy circumstances. He was born in Merrimac county, New Hampshire, September 10, 1828, and was a son of Nathaniel and Rhoda Whittier Jones, both natives of that state. His father was a farmer by occupation, and to that calling Benjamin was brought up, which he followed with his father until he was nineteen years of age. He then went to Abington, Massachusetts, where he learned the carpenter's trade under Ira Floyd, working there two years. From there he went to each of the following named places, working at his trade in each place, viz. : Lawrence, Massachusetts; thence to Glover, Vermont; thence to Beaver Dam, Wisconsin; thence to Hastings, Minnesota, and thence to Boonville, Missouri, in 1859, where he has since lived. During the war Mr. Jones served one year in the home guards, or militia. He was married to Miss Mary Frost, of Glover, Vermont. They have two children, George A. and Herbert H. Mr. Jones has served two terms as a member of the city council, and is a member of the I. O. O. F. He is a thorough mechanic a capable, enterprising business man, and an upright, honorable citizen.

FREDERICK T. KEMPER. This eminent educator was born in Virginia in 1816, and died in Boonville March 9, 1881. His family is of German descent, and has long been prominent in Virginia. Ex-Governor Kemper, of that state, is his brother. Mr. Kemper came to this state at an early age, and completed his education at Marion college, near Palmyra. In 1844 he came to Boonville and founded the successful and famous school which bears his name. In 1854 he married Miss Susan H. Taylor, of Hinsdale, New Hampshire, who, with four children, Grace, Stella R., Susan A. and Mary G., survive him. In every relation in which Mr. Kemper came in contact with men, his influence was a commanding one. Especially was this true of his work as an educator. His conception of the nature and magnitude of the work went far beyond any of his compeers. With him it was no flimsy imparting of antiquated or useless knowledge, but the starting into orderly activity of every power, physical, intellectual, or moral, which the student possessed; not a laying up of stores, useful or useless, but a marshalling and developing of powers, which, when once fitted for use, can' achieve for their possessor whatever may be useful or desirable. This being the end proposed, his methods were perfectly adapted to it, and wonderfully successful in securing the anticipated results. Men of affairs in every part of the country point back to the period spent in his schoolroom as the time when they first received sharp impressions, definite bias, and that impetus which enabled them to meet successfully the problems of life. As his conception of education was beyond the ordinary understanding, so his methods were frequently misunderstood, but the best proof of their truth and value lies in the fact that they have lived down all opposition, and still flourish in unimpaired vigor. And yet, while his educational views were different from the common, no one valued scholarship more highly than he, or was more fully imbued with its spirit. From his earliest youth he was a student, and kept up the habit to the end of his life. In its best form scholarship has two phases. At first the mind looks out upon the beautiful order of nature and, seized with curiosity, begins to acquire ideas. With the acquisition the habit grows. Gathering from every source, it does not rest till all the fields of thought have been visited, and their fruits brought into its treasure house. But the process does not stop there. The mind, fed and strengthened by its acquisition, becomes an originator itself. So it was with Mr. Kemper. His mind traveled with ease in all paths of knowledge, and just as the traveler at first, carefully trying his way along an unknown road by direction and guidebook, can at last discard all such helps, for the goal is reached, and he walks no loner by faith, but by sight; so he rose grandly to the heights of original thought and investigation, discarding the imperfect systems and methods of meaner men. He was equally great in other points of character where he was less tried. In the family, the church, society, as a citizen, he was equally influential and useful; so that at all points society, and especially the youth, was profited by his life and bereaved by his death.

OBERON A. KUECKELHAN, farmer and stock raiser. One of the most prominent and successful farmers and stock raisers of Cooper county is the gentleman whose name heads this sketch. His farm contains nearly three-quarters of a section of fine land, and is handsomely improved and kept in excellent condition. It is situated about six miles from Boonville, and approached from that city is one of the best appearing places throughout the surrounding country. Mr. Kueckelhan is an educated, progressive and enterprising farmer, and "Aut Caesar, aut nullus" is his motto as an agriculturist. He is a native of Cooper county, and has spent his whole life thus far in the county of his nativity, except while absent temporarily on business. His father, Dr. A. Kueckelhan, whose sketch appears elsewhere, is a well known and highly esteemed citizen of this county, now a resident of Lamine township. Mr. Kueckelhan was born in Boonville' June 1, 1841, and was reared there up to his twelfth year, when his father located on a farm, where the son grew to majority. He had the advantages of good schools in youth, and received an excellent education. Having formed an ardent admiration for the honorable and independent life of a farmer, he adopted that as his calling, and has since followed it with great zeal and success. Settling down permanently on his present farm, he went to work with a determination to make it one of the best farms in the county, and he has not failed in his purpose. In November, 1862, he was married to Miss Lucy Wing, of this county. She died December 11, 1873, leaving him four children: William K., Annette W., Lucy M. and Oberon A. He was married a second time the 19th of July, 1877, Miss Lucy A. Williams then becoming his wife. She was born December 7, 1856. Minnie and Wade H. H. are the children by this union. A trip across the plains and a stay in Texas awhile during the war are his only important absences from the county. Mr. and Mrs. Kueckelhan are both church members.

DR. J. T. McCLANAHAN, physician and druggist. On both his father's and mother's sides Dr. McClanahan comes of families of physicians. His father, Dr. Finis McClanahan, is one of the oldest practitioners in this section of the state, and is now practicing in Tipton. His mother's father, Dr. John Gray, was for many years one of the leading physicians of Cooper county. The grandfather of Dr. J. T., Lacy McClanahan, settled in this county from Tennessee prior to 1820, and here Dr. Finis McClanahan subsequently married. His wife before her marriage, was Miss Dicy, daughter of Dr. Gray, who come from Kentucky to this county in 1840, but was originally from North Carolina. Dr. J. T., the subject of thin sketch, was born July 6, 1853, and the following year his parents moved to Tipton, Moniteau county, where the son was reared and educated. Coming of an ancestry of physicians, both paternal and maternal, it is not surprising that he also became a physician. He read medicine under his father for a number of years, and then attended he Eclectic Medical college of Cincinnati, from which he graduated in 1874. After his graduation he located in Boonville, where he has since lived and practiced his profession. In 1882 he engaged in the drug business, which he still conducts in addition to his practice. He was married April 23, 1874, to Miss Amanda Hagan, of Moniteau county. They have two children: Owen and Hattie. Dr. McClenahan is a member of the A. O. U. W.

MILTON McCOY, D. D. S., dental office. One of the best class of citizens of Boonville, who has achieved success in his profession without having had the advantage of early opportunities, is Dr. McCoy. He began the active duties of life in the later years of his youth by learning the blacksmith trade, which he followed until he was twenty-two years of age. However, prior to that he had attended the schools of his neighborhood, and while working at his trade applied himself, during his spare time, to his books, so that he succeeded in acquiring a good practical English education. When in his twenty-second year he commenced the study of medicine, which profession he afterwards practiced for over fifteen years. He then made a special study of dentistry, becoming a graduate in that profession, to which he has devoted himself for the last twenty years, having long occupied a position as one of the leading dentists of central Missouri. Dr. McCoy was born in Kanawha county, West Virginia, January 24, 1824, and was the seventh of a family of eleven children. His father, Samuel McCoy, was a native of Charlottesville, Virginia, but when a boy went to Kentucky. where he grew up and married Miss Elizabeth Graves, and subsequently moved to Vest Virginia. There the family was reared, and there Samuel McCoy, the father, died in 1860, but Mrs. McCoy survived her husband until 1878. Milton, now Dr. McCoy, lived in West Virginia until 1853, when, having studied medicine and practiced that profession some years in his native state, he came to Missouri and located at Tipton, Moniteau county, continuing his practice there until 1863, when he adopted dentistry as his specialty. In 1863 he graduated from the Missouri dental college with marked distinction, and has established for himself a wide reputation as a scientific successful dentist. For the last twenty years he has resided in Boonville, where he has kept his office and continued his practice. On the 8th of April, 1852, he was married to Miss Joanna Craig, of Putnam county, West Virginia. Ten years afterwards, however, she was taken from him by death, leaving him Live children, three now living : John C., Mattie K. and Bettie J. On the 5th of November, 1863, he was again married, Mrs. Martha C. Waiters, nee Kinney, originally of Pennsylvania, becoming his second wife. The doctor and his wife are both members of the church, he of the Baptist and she of the Presbyterian. He is also a member of the I. O. G. T. His son graduated in the Missouri dental college in 1875, since which they have been practicing together.

TRUMAN W. McFARLAND, farmer, section 18. In 1818. Jacob McFarland settled in the same neighborhood and near where Truman, his grandson, now lives. The grandfather came from Haywood county, North Carolina, where lie was born

and reared two years before settling in this county, and first located in St. Genevieve county, of this state. He was born in North Carolina, in 1772, and had been twice married before migrating west, his second wife, the grandmother of Truman, having been, before her marriage, a Miss Nancy Cathy, of that state. He died here October 13, 1846; she, in 1870. Reuben, the father of Truman, was born twelve years before his parents left the Old North State, October 17, 1804, and was therefore a youth of fourteen when they settled in this county. Here, after he attained his majority, he was married, January 17, 1828, to Miss Unice Rice, also originally of North Carolina. They had a family of six children, of whom Truman was the youngest, he being born February 12, 1841. The mother died here December 24, 1874, her husband surviving her about seven years, dying January 26, 1882. Both grandfather and father were successful farmers, and highly respected citizens. Truman grew up on the place where he was born and still lives, and February 12, 1866; was married to Miss Vina, daughter of Finis E. Wear, of this county. They have had a family of four children, but three of whom are living. The following are the names of their children: Mary E., Elizabeth E., Mettie R. and Hattie M. Mr. McFarland has spent his whole life on the homestead where he now lives, except from 1868 to 1875, during which he resided in Henry county, this state. His farm contains over half a section of land, and is well improved. Like his father and grandfather he is an enterprising, successful farmer, and a worthy excellent citizen. He has long been a member of the Presbyterian church.

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