

BIOGRAPHICAL

1883 History of Howard and Cooper Counties

MONITEAU TOWNSHIP

ALFRED B. ALEXANDER is the proprietor of Red Gate farm, a most excellent place of 527 acres, located in section 4, of this township, and in section 5, of Mora township, Moniteau county. This, as now constituted, was purchased from his father, 327 acres in 1872 and in 1876 the remaining 200 acres. This does not include all his landed estate, as the 160 acres cornering on sections 30 and 32, this township, are owned by him, as are also 147 acres in Moniteau county in all about 835 acres. Mr. Alexander was born January 1, 1851, in Moniteau township, Cooper county, Missouri. His education was received here, he attending for two terms the school at Prairie Home and after that one term at Bunceton, under the preceptorship of Professor Cully. His father, Alfred A. Alexander, was born August 10, 1806, in Woodford county, Kentucky, and on August 27, 1827, was joined in marriage to Miss Alpha A. Stephens, born July 22, 1811, in Tennessee, and a daughter of Peter Stephens, a native of that state. She was a small child when her parents removed to Cooper county, they settling in Kelly township. Mr. and Mrs. Alexander had eleven children born to them, viz.: Louisa, who died in infancy; Polly A., born December, 25, 1829, and wife of Joseph H. Stinson, now of Jackson county; Elizabeth, born January 2, 1832, married Stephen Howard and died April 19, 1855; James B., born September 2, 1834, married Miss Mary E. Reavis, died December 8, 1878; Joan, born January 22, 1837, married John D. Word, now of Moniteau county; Peter S., born February 21, 1839, married Miss Sally A. Chinn, now of Jackson county; Nero C., born June 2, 1841, married Miss Mary Mack, and, subsequently, Miss Mary Canton, of Illinois, died August 5, 1870; Calpernia S., born November 16, 1843, married Frasier McVean, now a widow; Jael K., born December 6, 1845, and now the wife of Dr. J. K. P. Idol; Alpha A., born September 4, 1848, married James R. Wood, died March 28, 1877; and Alfred B., the subject of this sketch, who married Mrs. Laura B. Trundle, of Jackson county, Missouri, September 14, 1876. They had one child, James P. T., born December 13, 1878, died January 17, 1879. Mrs. Alexander departed this life December 30, 1878. On the 23d of March, 1880, Mr. Alexander again married, Miss Kate H., daughter of Colonel V. M. and Tabitba J. Kenney, of Paris, Kentucky, becoming his wife. They have two children: Alfred K., born July 31, 1881, and Laura B., born January 12, 1883. Mr. Alexander's father accompanied his parents to this county, when yet a small boy, from Kentucky in 1811, they settling in the fort known as Hannah Cole's fort. He was a resident of this county from 1811 until his death, August 29, 1877, his wife having lived here from the time of her immigration from Tennessee, 1812 or 1813, until her demise, February 22, 1879. Both were among the original members of the Mt. Pleasant Baptist church, formed in 1817, and located first on section 2, near the Moniteau county line, and subsequently moved to the northeast corner of the same section, where, instead of worshipping in a log house, a frame building was used. Alfred B. Alexander, while giving some attention to the raising of wheat and corn, has from a boy been accustomed to handling all kinds of stock. This he has made his life business, and has become thoroughly familiar with all its details. His farm is admirably arranged for the prosecution of this industry, and the surroundings of his place fences, buildings, hedges, etc.- give ample indications of the successful agriculturist. Mr. Alexander is a member of Lodge No. 56, A. F. & A. M. at Tipton. Mrs. Alexander holds membership in the O. S. Presbyterian church of the same place.

CHARLES H. ALLISON. That time and means spent for education in early life is the best investment that can be made, is illustrated beyond "a hinge or loop to hang a doubt upon" by the lives of those in whose interest it has been made. And the life of Mr. Allison forms no exception to the general rule. Thoroughly educated in early life, his services since have been of a value to society that is beyond estimation, and which he could never have even hoped to render without the education he received. For fifteen years he was the principal of the Male Collegiate Institute of Boonville, an institution he founded and built up, and which was finally merged into the present excellent public school of that city. Thus for a few years time and a little means spent in the acquirement of an education, he has given back to his native county a service, the inestimable influence of which will go vibrating through the ages like the undulations of a wave upon a shoreless sea. And in his retirement to a farm life, the impress of a cultured mind is visible everywhere around him. Not only is he a better and more successful farmer than he otherwise could have been, but his place has been made one of the best in improvements, taste and intelligent adaptability to farm purposes in the county. In short, his farm is a fitting abode for the successful farmer and educated gentleman. He was born in the township where he now lives on the 3d of December, 1824, and in boyhood attended the ordinary schools of the neighborhood. But determining to fit himself for the bar, he left home at the age of eighteen and entered a prominent private school of the day, kept by C. W. Todd, at Boonville, then editor, also, of the Boonville Herald. He continued in that school about sixteen months, and then became a student in Kemper's school, where he remained about two years. After this he taught school for nearly a year, when he became a

matriculate in the state university at Columbia, from which he graduated with marked honor in 1852. Returning after his university course he began teaching in order to prosecute the study of the law, and soon formed a taste for the calling of an educator, which determined him to adopt that as his life work. Accordingly he founded the Male Collegiate Institute already mentioned, and built it up to a high point of success. A friend to general education, however, and seeing in the public school system an efficient agency for general education, he gave way to it and sold his school building to the school board of Boonville. He then shortly engaged in farming, and has become not less successful as a farmer than he was as an educator. December 23, 1852, he was married to Miss Amanda C., daughter of David and Margaret Adams, who were among the first settlers of Cooper county. Mr. and Mrs. Allison have been blessed with eight children, six of whom are living: John F., William C., David A., Edward L., Maggie A. and Cora I. Mr. Allison held the office of county surveyor for twelve years by successive elections. He is a brother of S. C. Allison, whose sketch also appears in this volume, in which will be found a notice of the lives of their parents.

STEPHEN C. ALLISON, farmer. Like many of the better class of citizens of Cooper county, Mr. Allison is a descendant of pioneer settlers of this county. His father, William Allison, came here in 1812, and in common with others in that early day, early occupied Fort Hannah Cole for a time, Mrs. Cole, for whom the fort was named, being a sister of his. In 1824, William Allison was married to Miss Martha J. Williams, who, with her parents also, came to this county in an early day. She was from Maury county, Tennessee, and he from Wythe county, Virginia. Of this union, sixteen children were born, eleven sons and five daughters, of whom nine are living: Charles H., Stephen C., Eliza J., Wm. R., John R., Mary A., David C., Peyton A. and Benjamin F. William Allison, the father of these, became a leading farmer of tile county, and at his death was the owner of 800 acres of fine land in this and adjoining counties. He died in 1864, aged sixty-eight years. He was a soldier, first lieutenant under Captain Porter, in the war of 1812, and located a tract of land in St. Clair county on a warrant received from the government for military service. Mrs. Allison, his widow, died in 1871, aged sixty-five years. Stephen C. Allison, the subject of this sketch, was born December 22, 1825, and now lives on a part of the old homestead, where he was reared, and still cultivates the same land where he first learned to follow the plow. He has an excellent farm and is a leading grain and stock raiser in his neighborhood. January 4, 1855, he was married to Miss Nancy B. Mitchell, who was born November 29, 1834, daughter of William N. and MarDaret Mitchell, early settlers of this county. Mr. and Mrs. Allison have a family of five sons and two daughters: William R., born November 5, 1855; Mary A., born July 16, 1857; Walter B., born May 6, 1861; Aubryn W., born June 30, 1863; Eliza L., born December 7, 1866; Emmet E., born July 28, 1869; and Thomas M., born March 14, 1872. William R. married Miss J. Harrow and Mary A. married C. W. Fern, of Howard county, but are now residents of this county. William A., and wife are members of the Baptist church at Pisgah.

GILBERT APPERSON Mr. Apperson was principally reared in Cooper county, and has followed farming here since he first started out in life for himself. He was a son of Francis and Nancy (Shears) Apperson, both natives of North Carolina, who came here directly from Kentucky, of which state they had become residents in an early day. Their family numbered seven children, of whom four are still living, Gilbert being the eldest. He was born before his parents left Kentucky, in Monroe county of that state, May 12, 1812. His father died in 1842, leaving a large landed estate in this county, on a part of which Gilbert now lives. His mother died in 1842. After reaching manhood, Gilbert Apperson was married, March 16, 1837, to Miss Martha, daughter of Thomas and Mary Berkley, who settled in this county from Virginia in 1831. Of this marriage seven children were born, four of whom are now living, Mary E.; William F., in Idaho; Benona J.; and Robert J. Mr. Apperson and wife are members of the Baptist church at Pisgah.

FREDERICK WILLIAM BOHM, miller and engineer. Mr. Bohm was a son of Frederick William, Sr., and Caroline (Hostmeaern) Bohm, both natives of Westphalia, Germany, who immigrated to this country and settled in St. Louis in 1844. Besides Frederick William, there are two of their family of six children now living. Their father died of cholera in St. Louis during the epidemic of 1849. Subsequently their mother married Frederick Schlinger of that city, whom she had known in *der lieb alt vaterland*, but no children resulted from her second marriage. She died February 13, 1883, aged seventy-three year, Frederick William, the subject of this sketch, was born in his father's native country, near Minders on the Weser, February 13, 1834, and was, therefore, fourteen years of age when brought to this country by his parents. Some years afterwards, in 1848, he came from St. Louis and located in Boonville, and here, September 25, 1859, he was married to Miss Missouri A. Son, of this county. Eleven children have been born to them, six daughters and five sons, of whom there are eight living Mary, born August 1, 1860; Amelia, born August 11, 1862; Henry, born August 21, 1864; Martha, born December 13, 1867; Emma, born January 13, 1869, deceased; Julia, born June 29, 1871; Frederick William, born in 1873, deceased; William M., born January 25, 1874, deceased; Everett R., born December 8, 1876; Huchie G., born January 27, 1878; and Margaret, born November 25, 1881. Mr. Bohm removed to Moniteau township in 1877, where he has since resided. He and his wife are members of the Baptist church of Pisgah. Mr. Bohm is an experienced and skilful engineer and miller. He has been a resident of Cooper county since 1851.

JAMES M. BONAR, former. Mr. Bonar has been a resident of this state but eight years, having come out from Pendleton county, Kentucky, where he was born and reared, in 1875, and located in this county, in Clark's Fork township. he was born October 25, 1849, and is the eldest of a family of three children of Washington F. and Patsey (Ervin) Bonar, all still residents of Kentucky. His father was born in Pendleton county, in December, 1825, and his mother in the Blue Grass state, in 1828. Their second child, Mary E., was born in August, 1851, and is now the wife of Charles Taylor; their second daughter, Margaret J., is a young lady residing with her parents. After coming to this county James M. Bonar was married May 11, 1875, to Miss Cassandra Russell. They have three children : Lydia, B., Wyon E. and an infant daughter. In 1879, Mr. Bonar removed to Moniteau township, where he purchased his present farm and still resides. He is an industrious farmer and will doubtless prove a valuable accession to the farming interests of this county. He is a member of the A. F. and A. M.

JUDGE ANDREW B. COLE. Judge Cole was one of a family of thirteen children, nine sons and four daughters, twelve of whom are still living, of Samuel and Sally (Briscoe) Cole, both of whom were reared here in the pioneer days of the county. Samuel Cole, the father, was but seven years of age when his parents settled in this county from Virginia, in 1808, and for five years following they were compelled to live more or less in the fort known as Hannah Cole's fort, on account of Indian outbreaks. Brought up amidst such surroundings, young Samuel became inured to the hardships and dangers of pioneer life, and at an early age made himself conspicuous by his fearless, adventurous spirit. When but twelve years old he came within a hair's breadth of shooting an Indian, whom he caught slipping stealthily up to the house with evident evil intent, and would have done so had not his mother stopped him in the very act of firing the fatal shot. From this time forward, and until affairs became comparatively settled, his life was a series of stirring adventures, both dangerous and amusing. He is the Samuel Cole of whom the anecdote is told of swimming the Missouri river with his pet bull to attend a dance on the opposite side. However, instead of across the river, he really swam down it about three miles and back again, a-hold of his bull's tail, amidst the shouts of laughter and applause of those witnessing this performance. It is also related of him, with more truth than fiction, that while a soldier in the Mexican war, having made a clothes peddler who annoyed the camp, dance before a crowd of fellow soldiers, for the amusement of the spectators, the peddler, after dancing to their satisfaction and pretending to take it all as a joke, hatched his opportunity and, suddenly seizing a revolver, turned the tables on young Cole and made his former persecutor dance before the same spectators until, a cold December morning as it was, the sweat coursed freely down his face, and the retaliation, so courageous and just on the peddler's part, could not, without meanness and cowardice, be objected to by the other soldiers, for it was all a joke (!) But further space for side incidents and experience cannot here be given. His first wife, who came from Kentucky with her parents when quiet young, in 1813, died October 14, 1854 ; and in 1857, Mr. Cole was married a second time, Mrs. Catherine Patrick, a widow lady, then becoming his wife. With her he is living on his homestead in Palestine township at the advanced age of eighty-two years, hale and hardy, and as vigorous in mind and body as men usually are twenty years his junior. Two daughters were reared of his second marriage. Judge Cole, a son by his father's first marriage, was born October 4, 1827, and for many years has been a leading farmer and prominent citizen of the county. He has an excellent farm well improved in Moniteau township, and is comfortably situated in life. In 1878 he was elected presiding judge of the county court, which office he filled for four years and with marked ability and entire satisfaction to the public. He has been twice married. June 27, 1855, he was united in matrimony to Miss Rebecca A., daughter of Judge Jacob and Mary Baughman. She died January 6, 1864, having been the mother of three children, one of whom is dead: William H., born December 6, 1855 ; Mary E., born September 14, 1857, now married ; and Clara A., born December 16, 1859, died December 13, 1879. Judge Cole's second wife was previously Miss Mary J., daughter of Charles and Maria Hickox, to whom he was married April 10, 1866. Three children were born of this marriage : Charles E., born January 1, 1867 ; James W., born September 19, 1869, died January 23, 1872 ; and George T., born October 2, 1875. Judge and Mrs. Cole are members of the Baptist church, and the Judge is a member of the A. F. and A. M.

JOHN B. ENGLISH. Mr. English came to this county from Moniteau county, this State, where he was born and reared, in 1879, and bought a tract of 333 acres of land, of which his present farm is a part. He devotes his attention to raising grain mainly, but also raises live stock in a general way. He is a substantial, well-to-do farmer, and is a valuable addition to the forming community of Moniteau township. He was born June 22d, 1849, and was the second of a family of nine children born to Boyd M. and Catharine (Maupin) English, both natives of Moniteau, who were married in 1846. But three of their children, however, are living, James M., born February 1, 1847 ; John B., the subject of this sketch, and Margaret, born in 1848. After he grew up, John B., was married to Miss Susan J. Dill, of that county, March 26th, 1873. There are two of their family of three children living : Nero, born June 28th, 1877, and Gracie C., born April 26th, 1881 ; Bertie, the eldest, born January 8th, 1875, died October 4th, 1878. Mr. and Mrs. English are members of the Cumberland Presbyterian church, and he is a member of the A. F. and A. M.

HARVEY M. GEORGE. Calvin George, the father of Harvey M., and now a merchant of Texas, is a native of Tennessee, but came to Missouri in early life, and was married in this county to Miss Jane Scott. Here they reared their family and lived until 1875, when the parents removed to Texas. Harvey M., was one of a family of seven children, six of whom are

now living, three sons and three daughters. He was born November 4th, 1842. Farming has constituted his life occupation, except for a time during the war, when he was "revenue storekeeper" in the employ of the government. His farm contains 120 acres of good land, and he has it comfortably improved. September 19th, 1868, he was united in the holy bonds of matrimony with Miss Martha Burrus. They have six children. Leslie E., born October 2d, 1869 ; Mattie F., born January 14th, 1874 ; Minnie, born March 29th, 1876 ; Anna, born March 25th, 1878 ; Stella, born June 14th, 1880, and an infant, born September 16th, 1882. Mr. G. is a member of the Baptist church at Pisgah.

WILLIAM B. HUNT. William B. Hunt was the tenth of a family of twelve children of Wm. B., Sr., and wife Nancy, formerly a Miss Jones, the father originally of Buncombe county, North Carolina, and the mother, of Warren county, Kentucky. They were married in 1811, he at the age of twenty-two, she seven years his junior. Of their family of children, seven are now living: Daniel, of Jasper county ; Mary, widow of L. D. Reavis, now a resident of Warrensburg; Louisa, Zilpha, wife of Wm. Apperson ; Martha, wife of Win. A. Johnson; Win. B., and Jane, wife of James York. William B. Hunt, the subject of this sketch was born in Moniteau township, April 4, 1831, and was reared in this county. July 10, 1859, he was married to Miss Sarah J. Boswell. They have four children living, one, Mattie, having died in infancy; Mollie L., born May 27, 1860, married to R. M. Clawson; Daniel W., born December 3, 1861 ; Ludie L., born April 6, 1865, and Nancy, born January 14, 1868. Mrs. Hunt the mother of these died October 9, 1871. He owns a neat farm of eighty acres, and is an intelligent, industrious farmer. He is a member of the Baptist church at Mt. Pisgah, and also of the A. F. and A. M.

GILBERT F. JONES, farmer, section 5. David Jones, the grandfather of Gilbert F., was one of the earliest settlers of Cooper county, and represented the county in an early day in the state legislature. His son, David A., the father of Gilbert, was born in this county in 1826, and after growing up was married to Miss Melvina Lee, of Howard county. Of this union there were ten children born, of whom seven are still living, five sons and two daughters, Gilbert F. being the second in birth and the eldest of those living. He was born February 1, 1849, and was reared in this county. At the age of nineteen he was married to Miss Nancy M. Apperson, November 25, 1868. Five children have resulted from this union: David W., born July 12, 1870 ; Lewis F., born September 4, 1872 ; Nannie L., born January 25, 1875 ; Richard L., born November 1, 1876, and Minnie P., born August 11, 1879. Mr. Jones is a farmer by occupation and is located as above stated. He and his wife are both members of the Baptist church at Pisgah.

WILLIAM D. KIMSEY, farmer. Benjamin Kimsey, the father of William D., was a native of North Carolina, born April 25, 1794. In an early day his parents removed to Tennessee, and in 1817, his father having died, he, with his mother and two sisters, came to Missouri and settled in Howard county. There he met and married Miss Elizabeth Morris, also originally from North Carolina, who was brought by her parents first to Kentucky in 1789 and then, in 1818, to Howard county. Their marriage occurred a short time after her arrival there, she then being a young lady a few years her husband's junior. Eight children, five sons and three daughters, followed their union, but two of whom, however, are living: Francis M., born December 27, 1832, married Miss Martha Baxter, now residents of Arkansas, and William D., the subject of this sketch. Their mother died, March 3, 1858, in Platte county, whither the parents had removed and their father in the same county, March 25, 1876. William D. Kimsey was reared in Howard county, where he was born February 19, 1834, and where he was married, February 3, 1858, to Miss Permelia Baxter. She was born January 16, 1842. They have had twelve children, six sons and six daughters, five of whom are living; Elizabeth A., born January 17, 1862 ; Daniel W., born November 22, 1864 ; Martha C., born June 27, 1866, died April 18, 1867 ; Francis M., born February 23, 1868 ; Jackson W., born March 30, 1870 ; Rosa E., born January 18, 1874, died September 5, 1874 ; Anna G., born November 25, 1880, died October 14, 1881, and an infant, born March 17, 1883. Three died in infancy. In 1879 Mr. Kimsey sold his farm in Howard county and came to Cooper county and purchased his present place of 174 acres. He is an energetic farmer and is one of that class of industrious, thrifty agriculturalists who never fail to succeed where ever they cast their fortunes. He and his wife are both members of the Baptist church, and he is a member of the A. F. and A. M.

JUDGE ROBERT A. McCULLOCH, farmer. Few men have been longer or more worthily identified with the material development and prosperity of Cooper county than Judge McCulloch. Principally reared here, he early became a leading farmer of the county, and for nearly half a century has contributed by his industry, intelligence and enterprise to the upward and onward progress of the county, from a comparative wilderness to one of the wealthiest and most progressive communities of the State. He was born in Albemarle county, Virginia, November 2, 1825, and is the fifth of six children now living reared by Thomas and Mary (McCune) McCulloch, both natives of the Old Dominion. In 1828 the parents came to Missouri and settled in Franklin township, Howard county, but in the spring of 1831 came over to Moniteau township in this county where they bought and entered 800 acres of land on which they made their permanent home. The father became one of the wealthy farmers and prominent citizens of the county. He died here in 1853, his wife having preceded him to the grave about six years. Robert A., the subject of this sketch, grew up on his father's farm and in 1857 was married to Miss Mary E., daughter of James A. and Mary H. Mahan, of this county. Three children are the fruit of this union: Mary M., born July 21, 1859 ; Matilda, born October 13, 1860, and Albert, born October 29, 1871. The mother of these died four years ago, January 1, 1879, of pneumonia. Judge McCulloch's farm contains several hundred acres of fine

land, and he gives his attention principally to grain and stock raising. During the gold excitement in 1849 he went to California, making the trip across the continent by ox train in four months. He remained on the Pacific coast about four years and returned by the pack mule system of travel. In an early day, long before railroads linked the Atlantic and Pacific coasts, he accomplished the remarkable journey of travelling from ocean to ocean by horseback. In 1874 he was elected by a majority highly complimentary to him personally to the office of the county court, which position he held for four years. As a citizen he is enterprising and public spirited and is ever ready to lend a helping hand to any movement looking to the advancement of the public interests, and as a farmer he is energetic, progressive and more than ordinarily successful. As a neighbor he is hospitable and kind, and as a man he is upright and honorable and above reproach.

JEFFERSON C. MARTIN. Mr. Martin was the eighth of a family of ten children of Moses and Nancy E. (Burrus) Martin, late of this county, but both now deceased. The father was born November 17th, 1801, in Kentucky, and the mother the year following, in the same state. They were reared there and married in 1820, and one year after their marriage removed to this state and settled in Moniteau township of Cooper county. Here their children were born and reared, and here the parents died, the father November 17th, 1871, and the mother nine years afterwards, October 23d, 1880. Their children are as follows: Louisa, deceased; Martha A., wife of William Hestard, of Moniteau county; Mary, deceased; William B., late of Chariton county, deceased; John S., of Texas; Melissa, Widow of John Maiter, deceased; Malinda, deceased; Jefferson C., James M., of Henry county; and George W., deceased - the last two twins. Jefferson C. Martin, the subject of this sketch, was born June 1st, 1835. Reared on a farm, he naturally adopted farming as his occupation for life, and has followed it from youth. May 6th, 1863, he was married to Miss Eliza J. Martin, of Moniteau county. They have had six children, of whom four are living. The following are the dates of the births and deaths of these children: William H., born January 19, 1864; George F., born November 13th, 1865, died November 15th, 1867; Mary L., born April 21st, 1870; Viola J., born April 17th, 1873; Willis W., born June 7th, 1879; Minnie O., born February 20th, 1881, died July 21st, 1882. Mrs. Martin is a member of the Baptist church of Mount Pleasant.

JOHN H. MARTIN, farmer. Mr. Martin entered upon the activities of life for himself without anything, comparatively, to begin on, and by industry and economy has established himself on a good farm of 240 acres, which he bought from time to time, as he was able to pay for it, and which he now has comfortably and substantially improved. He was born in Cooper county, Missouri, December 5th, 1834. His father, Isham Martin, and mother, formerly Elizabeth Hill, were both natives of Tennessee, and were married in 1817. They came to this county, in an early day, and both died here, he in 1873, and she two years afterwards. They had eleven children, six of whom are living, four sons and two daughters. In early manhood John H., the subject of this sketch, was married to Miss Rebecca C. Drinkwater. She died December 20th, 1857, leaving one child, Permelia J., born June 5th, 1855. Mr. Martin was married a second time, Miss Susan A. Burrus then becoming his wife. Four children have been born of this union, Cynthia A., born December 29th, 1860, died June 5th, 1865; Albert D., born February 9th, 1863; William P., born April 22d, 1867, and Sarah E., born February 19th, 1869. Mr. and Mrs. Martin are both members of the Baptist church of Mount Pleasant.

EDWIN R. MAXEY. Mr. Maxey was the second of a family of nine children, of whom there are six still living: William G., Edwin R., Nancy A., Emily, James L., David A., the youngest. The father of these, Rev. John P. L. Maxey, was born in Cumberland county, Kentucky in 1817, and their mother, formerly Miss Tolitha C. Jones, was born in Cooper county, Missouri, in 1822. Rev. John Maxey came to this state in early life, and here subsequently met and married Miss Jones, their marriage occurring in 1841. She died in 1878, but her husband is still living, now a resident of this county. Edwin R., after he grew up, February 17th, 1864, was married to Miss Nancy A., daughter of Henry S. and Mary A. Gayer, of Cooper county. She was born July 30th, 1844. Four children blessed this union, one of whom, however, is now deceased. Those living were born as follows: May C., November 30th, 1864; John H., August 7th, 1866; George F. S., November 21st, 1879. Mr. Maxey came to Cooper county with his parents, who removed here in 1861 from Jasper county, this state, where they had settled, since which he has been a resident principally of Moniteau township. He settled on his present farm a number of years ago, and he now has his farm well improved. In 1882 he erected a new residence on his farm, which is a model of completeness and neatness. He and his entire family are members of the Cumberland Presbyterian church of Moniteau township.

HUGH G. ODNEAL, farmer, was born on the 24th of January, 1837, and is a native of Moniteau county, Missouri. His parents were Valentine and Daisy (Gilbreath) Odneal, both originally from Tennessee, the former born February 5, 1812, and the latter December 25, 1815. They emigrated with their parents to Missouri at an early day, and subsequently, August 14, 1834, were married. The result of this union was eight children, as follows: William J., born August 21, 1835, died December 22, 1862, having been killed at Tipton by Federal troops; Thomas B., born April 15, 1840, died in 1873, in Texas; John W., born January 25, 1842, married Miss Wilmerth I. Yarnyard, who dying soon afterward, he again married, Miss Alice Barnes, of Texas, becoming his wife; James Mason, born April 2, 1844; George C., born September 22, 1846, married Miss Jane Harris; Nancy J., born July 17, 1850, married Arsenus Foster; Madora R., born January 25, 1852, wife of Thomas Hanners, and Hugh G. The latter, the second child in the family, married Miss Narcissa Jeffress, of Cooper

county, and they had one child, Valentine J. L., born December 22, 1860, died August 16, 1876. Mrs. Odneal died November 22, 1862. On December 21, 1865, Mr. O. married Miss Martha J. Devasher, of Cooper county. They are the parents of three sons and one daughter Daniel M., born May 21, 1865 ; Jefferson D., born August 8, 1866 ; Nancy R., born April 28, 1873 ; and Thomas M., born April 14, 1879. Mr. Odneal's farm of 160 acres, in section 5, of this township, is a fine one and he is cultivating it in an excellent manner, fully in keeping with the character of the man.

JOHN C. PEALER, farmer and stock raiser. Mr. Pealer is a worthy representative of the distinguishing and sterling qualities of the German character industry, level headedness and thrift. He was born in Bighenbauch, Darmstadt, Germany, June 13, 1833, but was reared in this country, being but five years old when his parents immigrated to America. He was married February 18, 1858, to Mary A., daughter of David Bittenger, of Richland county, Ohio, where he himself was brought up and started out in life after his marriage without a dollar. He rented a ground for a year and went to work on it farming, and kept it seven years. He had then accumulated enough to buy a farm of his own, which he did, purchasing a place in Kosciusko county, Indiana, in partnership with his former landlord. They sold it in five months at an advance of \$1,000. He then went to Iowa and bought a farm there, and in two years sold that place at an advance of \$900. He bought again and in a few years more sold a third time, with a clear profit of over \$1,000. In the mean time he had been successful as a farmer as well as a land dealer. In 1873 he came to this county and bought a fine tract of 200 acres of land in Moniteau township, which has been increased to 280 acres, a part of which his sons own and they now have one of the best grain and stock farms in the county. They raise all kinds of stock and have fine grades of almost every class. Mr. and Mrs. Pealer have six children John M., Milton A., Luetta M., wife of William Mun ; Eleanor C., wife of James Stephens; Zella and R. F. Mr. Pealer was the fourth of a family of ten children, six of whom are living, born to John C. and Margaret Pealer, both of whom are still living in Ohio, and both are nearly eighty years of age, yet both are hale and vigorous.

EUGENE L. PRIEST, M. D. One of the most thoroughly educated and capable physicians of Cooper county is the gentleman whose name heads this sketch. He is a son of George L. Priest, a leading and worthy farmer of Pettis county, and was born in that county, September 5, 1859. His father is a native of Kentucky, born in Logan county, June 25, 1803. His mother was originally of North Carolina, but came to Kentucky with her parents in early life, and there became the wife of George L. Priest, November 25, 1823. She is two years her husband's junior. Eleven children were born of this union, of whom four sons and four daughters are living, the doctor being the youngest of the family. Eugene L., after taking the usual course in the common schools in Pettis county, at the age of fifteen went to McLain county, Kentucky, and there entered the high school of Calhoun, where he continued as a student three years. He then entered the widely and favorably known Bethel college, of Russellville, Logan county, that state, where he had the benefit of an advanced course of study. Shortly after the conclusion of his college career, he began the study of medicine, under Dr. J. F. Hedges, a prominent physician of Pettis county, Missouri, and for three years applied himself to the preparatory curriculum of medical works, with untiring industry and diligence. In 1874 he became a matriculate in the medical college of Louisville, Kentucky, and remained there for two years, graduating with marked honor in the centennial class of that institution. Immediately after his graduation he entered actively and vigorously upon the practice of his profession. He has been at his present location since 1878, and by his skill and ability as a physician, as well as the excellent success that has attended his professional labors, he has built up a wide and lucrative practice. Prior to 1878 he practiced mainly in Pettis county. The doctor is a member of the M. E. church, and of the I. O. O. F.

JAMES V. STEWARD, farmer. Mr. Stewart is a Pennsylvanian by birth, who came here since the war; in 1868, with but little else to make his way in the world than an upright character, a good education and industrious, economical habits. He taught school for some time, and when not teaching gave his attention to farming. Finally he became able to buy a farm, and purchased an excellent place of 100 acres, on which he is now living. November 25, 1872, then twenty-four years of age, he was married, in this county, to Miss Margaret Douglass. Their union has been blessed with five children: Adella J., born December 16, 1873 ; Katie, born November 22, 1875 ; the third child died in infancy; Thomas S., born June 16, 1879 ; and Cora, born December 27, 1882. Mr. Stewart was the seventh of a family of eight children, of Wm. and Eliza J. (Gibson) Stewart, of Butler county, Pennsylvania, and was born March 4, 1848. His parents are now both deceased, and but five of their children are living. James V. was educated in West Sunbury academy, Pennsylvania, and since his academic course followed school teaching about thirteen years, after which he turned his attention exclusively to farming. Still a young man, and having already made a good start in life, he has the prospect before him of becoming one of the leading farmers and prominent citizens of the county.

CHRISTIAN CARL TREIBER, farmer and stock raiser, section 4. Among all the immigrants who flock to the shores of this country, none are more welcome or make better or more valuable citizens than those of the German agricultural class. Industrious, intelligent and perfectly reliable, they are almost invariably prosperous farmers and law abiding, useful citizens. Prominent among this class in Cooper county is the gentleman whose name heads the sketch. It is no disparagement to others to say that he is one of the best farmers of the county and that his farm is one of the finest in the

surrounding country. It contains 552 acres, or nearly a whole section, which would make it a mile in every direction in the form of a square, and is exceptionally well improved in every particular; his residence, barns and other buildings are of a very superior class, and his fences and general improvements are of the first quality. His place is kept in excellent, business-like condition, and is well arranged with regard to fields, pastures, etc., for a first class grain and stock farm. By the industry and enterprise of citizens like Mr. Treiber, Cooper has been made one of the foremost counties of the state, and by them it is still being carried forward to greater wealth and prosperity. Christian Carl Treiber was born in Bona, Saxony, Germany, November 2, 1827, and was reared and educated in his native country, receiving in youth more than an average education. He is the only surviving one of a family of four sons, born to his parents, Christian Frederick Treiber and wife, formerly Miss Christine Elizabeth Harold. His father was born in Groitzsh, Saxony, May 5, 1795, and his mother in Bona, of the same kingdom, May 6, 1805. They were married in that country January 11, 1824, and there reared their family. The father died in Saxony February 28, 1878, but the mother is still living there, a widow at the age of seventy-eight years. Christian Carl Treiber, after reaching manhood, was married in his twenty-fourth year, June 6, 1854, to Miss Theresia Pauline Showmann, of Saxony, and of their union six children have been born, five of whom are living: Christian Carl, Jr., born December 27, 1855, married Miss Emma Hobrecht and is now a clothier in California, Missouri; Minnie Marry, born November 30, 1859, now in Germany; Christian Frederick, born December 20, 1861; Anna Mary, born May 29, 1863, still in Germany, and Ernest Emil, born October 7, 1866, now in Chicago preparing for the wholesale clothing business. Christian William, the second child, born March 27, 1857, died November 28, 1873. Emigrating to this country some time afterwards, in 1879, Mr. Treiber bought his present farm in Moniteau township, and has since given his whole attention to his farm interests. Besides grain he raises cattle, mules and hogs for the market, and is highly successful in all these interests. As citizen he is upright and unvaryingly law-abiding, and as a neighbor, kind, accommodating and hospitable. He is a member of the German Lutheran church at Clark's Fork.

JOHN B. WHITE, farmer and stock raiser and dealer. In a comparatively early day the parents of Mr. White emigrated from Kentucky and settled in Moniteau county, this state, where they reared their family and lived until their death. His father, John White, was originally from Alabama, and was born in 1815. His mother, formerly Miss Mary Stinson, was a native of Kentucky, born in 1817. They were married in 1829, and the mother died in 1858, the father two years afterwards. Of their family of twelve children but seven are now living: Stephen H., of Moniteau county; Martha, wife of S. P. Claybrooks, of Macon county; Robert M.; Marimna A., wife of J. G. Claybrooks, of Macon county; Edward S., of Gainsville, Texas; Ellis G. of Moniteau county, and John B., the subject of this sketch, born in Moniteau county April 2, 1838. In 1864 John B. White became a citizen of Cooper county. That year he bought a tract of land in Moniteau township, this county, and engaged in farming, having followed that occupation previously in his native county. He has been highly successful as a farmer, and now owns several hundred acres of fine land and has his farm well improved. He gives his attention to raising both grain and live stock, and for a number of years has been buying and shipping stock to the general wholesale markets. Wheat is his principal crop in grain, of which he produces annually the usual yield of a hundred acres. However, he always raises large quantities of corn. Mr. White was married February, 1864, to Miss Louisa J., daughter of Joshua and Elizabeth E. Martin. Five children have been born to them: Charles H., born December 14, 1865, died Julie 13, 1870; Emma L., born Julie 1, 1870; Thompson D., born December 1, 1872; Willie A., born March 21, 1875, and Walter E., born March 25, 1879. Mr. and Mrs. White are members of the Baptist church at Mount Pleasant, and Mr. White himself is a member of the A. F. & A. M.

BENJAMIN D. WILSON, farmer and stock raiser. Among the substantial and well-to-do farmers and stock raisers of Moniteau township, the subject of this sketch is worthy of special mention. He was born in this township October 23, 1848, and was a son of Joseph A. and Mary J. (Dearing) Wilson who immigrated to this state from North Carolina in 1838, and settled in what is now Moniteau county. They had a family of nine children, seven of whom are living: Nancy M., born October 16, 1834; James P., born July 31, 1836; John W., born February 14, 1838; Susan I., born June 25, 1842; Martha L., born August 9, 1844; Benjamin D., born October 23, 1848, and Joseph E., born March 3, 1851. The mother of these died March 25, 1852, and their father married. November 17, 1855. Miss Marilda Wood. Two daughters were born of this union: Alomanza, born February 20, 1856, and Prudence, born November 6, 1865. Their father died March 16, 1870. Benjamin, the subject of this sketch, after he grew up, was married to Mary J., daughter of John M. Lawson, May 25, 1871. She was born September 22, 1851. Four children have blessed this marriage: Georgia A., born March 22, 1872, Mary M., born August 14, 1875; Elbert M., born November 7, 1879, and John B., born January 31, 1882. Mr. Wilson's farm contains 160 acres of fine land in the Moniteau bottom and extending over some of the uplands. He raises large quantities of grain and also cattle, hogs and mules for the markets. He has a fine flock of sheep, consisting of Cotswolds and Southdowns. He is an enterprising, progressive farmer.