

BIOGRAPHICAL

1883 History of Howard and Cooper Counties

OTTERVILLE TOWNSHIP

FRANK J. ARNI, proprietor of blacksmith, wagon and general repair shop, owes his nativity to Switzerland, he having been born there in 1842. Christian Arni, his father was born in the same country and was there married and had five children, of whom three survive. His wife died while our subject was very small. The senior Arni, emigrating to America, took up his location in southern Illinois, at a point where the Illinois Central railway was in process of construction. Two years afterward he removed to St. Louis, and from there to Jefferson City, where he died in 1861. Frank J. Arni, learning the trade of blacksmith in that locality, remained there until 1864, when he went to Pettis county. He soon came to Otterville, working in the employ of Henry Waggonish until, in 1867 he started a shop of his own. In 1867, Mr. Arni was married to Miss Eliza Smith, whose father was George W. Smith. By this union there were five children George C., Magpie, Virginia, Katie and Lloyd Saunders, Mr. Arni is enjoying an excellent trade, having constantly employed four or five men. Politically he is a Democrat, and he is a member of the school board, and is one of the town trustees.

HENRY BENTE, originally from Germany, was born in 1822. His father, Andy Bente, also a native of that country, was born about 1792, and took for his wife Miss Amelia Toke, who bore him ten children, of whom Henry is the third child. Emigrating to the United States in 1853, he settled in Ohio, and on December 6, 1857, was married to Miss Dorate Copp, whose parents died when she was but a child. They have had eight children: Christopher H., born July 4th, 1858 ; W. Abner, born October 10th, 1860 ; John M., born November 10th, 1862 ; Jeremiah, born September 20th, 1864 ; Henry, born July 8th, 1866 ; George, born November 12, 1870 ; Minnie, born January 12th, 1873, and Charlie born in 1876. In 1858, Mr. Bente came to Missouri and settled in Pettis county, removing thence to Cooper county, in 1863, and here he has since lived. He is now actively engaged in farming, and stock raising, and has under his control about 200 acres of land. He is a democrat. His eldest son, Christopher, is attending the Cumberland Presbyterian college, at Wadesburgh, Pennsylvania, preparing himself for the ministry.

WILLIAM M. BLYTHE, is Kentuckian by birth, was born April 1st, 1822, his parents being John B. and Sarah Blythe, nee McCall, both natives of Kentucky, the former born about the year 1800. William M., the oldest of nine children, leaving home when twenty-one years of age, went to Cynthiana, Harrison county, Kentucky, to learn the blacksmith's trade, at which he worked three years, then going to Milford, Bracken county. After laboring there some time, he came to Missouri in 1855, living a short period in Morgan county, after which he purchased the farm now occupied by himself. This has since been his home, and here he has since followed blacksmithing and farming. Mr. Blythe was married in 1846 to Miss Nancy W. James, of Kentucky, and a daughter of Nathan James. She was born in December, 1824. To them were born ten children: John J., born in the year 1847 ; Benjamin F., September 16, 1848 ; W. J., May 16, 1850 ; Henry A., April 30, 1852 ; Eliza E., April 16, 1854 ; Emaline, April 1.9, 1856 ; James N., April 20, 1858 ; Margaret A., April 12, 1860; Mary, June 5, 1862, and Nancy, January 11, 1864. Mr. Blythe was married the second time September 5, 1864, to Miss Mary E. Fink, who was born April 29, 183.7, she being the daughter of Joseph Fink, of Jefferson City. They are the parents of seven children: Daniel W., born in 1867 ; Charles R., 1869 ; Cordelia E., July, 1870 ; Ada I., November, 1872 ; Bertha S., July 20, 1875 ; Francis L., November 2, 1878, and Jennie, March 26, 1880. Mr. Blythe was one of the earliest settlers in this portion of the county. He now owns 192 acres of land in sections 5, 6, and 7, his house, barn and shop being in section 5. This farm is well improved and is one of the best in the neighborhood upon which is a fine residence. In politics he is a democrat. He still devotes some attention to his trade, working in both wood and iron.

JOSEPH H. BRIDGES was born in Wayne county, Indiana, November 15, 1825, being the son of Joseph Bridges, a Virginian by birth, born in 1789. He went to Kentucky when a small boy and was there married to Miss Nancy Fitch in 1810. Joseph, the seventh child of a family of ten children, and one of six now surviving, remained with his father until thirty years old. January 1, 1854, he was married to Miss Sarah Bowman, the eldest daughter of a family of ten children of Jacob and Mary (Gudgel) Bowman, who were married May 26th 1831. The former was born in 1806, and the latter in 1810. To Mr. and Mrs. Bridges have been born eight children: Lulu, born November 12, 1855, wife of Milton McCarty; Cyrus, born September 28, 1857, married Miss Maggie Thompson; Eva, born April 19, 1860, now Mrs. George Rissler; William, born August 21, 1862 ; Charles J., born August 1, 1865 ; Ollie, born August 3, 1869 ; James, born May 15, 1872, and Lizzie M., born September 15, 1874, and now deceased. In the fall of 1858 Mr. Bridges, leaving Indiana, located in Bureau county, Illinois with his family, where he lived for seventeen years. Then he came to Missouri and settled at his

present location. His estate embraces 153 acres in section 17, one-quarter of a mile from Clifton City, bordering on the railroad. His residence is surrounded with the finest of walnut timber, and commands a good view of the adjacent country. In politics he is a democrat, and religiously a Methodist, belonging to the M. E. church south, at Clifton.

ISAAC BROOKS, a native of Maryland, was born January 30th, 1780, and was the son of Joseph Brooks., born in the year 1802. On the 9th of September, 1827, he was married in Washington county, Maryland, near Harper's Ferry, to Miss Catharine Miller, also of Maryland, born April 26, 1810. They had eight children : Sarah E., born September 12, 1828 ; Isaac, born January 30, 1830 ; Thomas, born December 6, 1832 ; John W., born November 22, 1834 ; Mary, born October 27, 1835 ; Joseph F., born December 30, 1838 ; Daniel A., born February 12, 1840 ; Louisa, born November 12, 1842. All these children but one are now living. When nineteen years old, Isaac, leaving home in company with his brother, Thomas, went to California (1850), returning in 1851. He then lived with his father (who had moved to Missouri in 1844), for two years, and then about a year elsewhere, in St. Louis county, Missouri. On September 6, 1855, he was married to Miss Amanda C. West, of St. Louis. county, and a daughter of Thomas West, now of Pleasant Green, Cooper county. They have been blessed with seven children : Martha W., born August 13, 1856, married Washington Gillum on October 4, 1876 ; Thomas H., born June 10, 1858, married December 25, 1881, Eliza P. Chambers; Sallie W., born February 20, 1860, married Thomas K. Godbey March 13, 1879 ; Joseph L., born February 14, 1862, died April 11, 1863 ; Kitty A., born September 10, 1864 ; Mary S., born November 7, 1766, and John W., born June 28, 1869. Mr. Brooks is independent in his political preferences. He owns sixty-two acres of land on section 31, his residence being in the central portion of it.

GEORGE T. BUTLER, a native of Ste. Genevieve county, Missouri, was born in 1844, his parents being David S. and Frances J. (Dugar) Butler, who were married November 27, 1823. The former was born near Richmond, in King William county, Virginia, March 5, 1795, and the latter was born February 17, 1804. To them were born eight children, of whom six are living. David Butler dying when George T. was but three years old, the latter went to live with an uncle, Judge Butler, with whom he remained until eighteen years of age. Entering the United States army, he served in company A, 33d regiment, Missouri volunteer infantry, serving for eighteen months, when he was discharged on account of disability. On March 31, 1869, he was married. to Miss Annie Phillips, a daughter of Abraham Phillips. They have two children: George A. and Willie H. Mr. Butler commenced business at his present place as general merchant in 1875, though previously having been occupied as a confectioner. His business is constantly increasing, and his store is well stocked with goods in his line.

TOM C. CRANMER was born in Cooper county, Missouri, near Clifton City, on February 10, 1836, his birth place being included in the present farm of J. H. Bridges. His parents were George and Catharine F. Cranmer, nee Winters, who were married in 1822 or 1823. The former was born in Kent county, Delaware, in 1801, and while a small boy was taken to Frankfort, Kentucky, where he served an apprenticeship as a cabinet maker. In 1826 he came to Boonville, Missouri, and shortly afterwards moved to a place near where Clifton now stands, immediately, in 1829, commencing to build the first flour and grist mill in the county. This was located where the Missouri, Kansas and Texas railroad crosses Lamine river, and was the central mill for a large population of people, many coming from far distant points, among others from Maysville, Arkansas. It also had a saw mill in connection with the flouring mill. Mr. Cranmer, in 1842, disposed of it to Mr. Eli Corum, and it was afterwards known as "Corum's mill." In 1850 he emigrated to California and died at Michigan Bluffs in 1855. His wife had died in this county in 1844. Tom C. was one of a family of ten children, only three of whom survive. in 1853 he made his first trip to California, remained there three years, and then returned, and from that time up to 1866 he had made twenty-four different trips across the plains to various places, such as Salt Lake, Santa Fe and other freighting points. In 1861 he enlisted at Osceola in the Confederates service, and served until surrendering, July 4, 1865. After continuing the freighting business for two years, he conducted a hotel at Otterville, and then, purchasing a farm, has since given his attention to agricultural pursuits. Mr. Cranmer was the chosen representative of the people for the 31st and 32d general assembly, and is now holding the same position. He is chairman of the committee on roads and highways, and a member of the committee on a permanent seat of government, which has for its duty the responsibility of guarding and looking after all public property. In politics he is a staunch democrat. On the 1st day of March, 1860, Mr. C. was married to Miss Lucy M. Taylor, of Otterville, and a daughter of Robert M. Taylor. They have been blessed with six children: George R., now deceased; Pauline F., Wade Hampton, now deceased; Mary E., Thomas R. and Catharine F. Miss Pauline is now attending Pilot Grove Collegiate Institute, which, under the able management of Professor Johnson, has become one of the leading schools of the state. Mr. Cranmer is a member of the Masonic fraternity.

MONROE CRAWFORD, a native of Ohio, was born in 1837, and was the son of Thomas H. Crawford, of the same state, born in 1814. His wife was formerly Maria Teresa Barr, and they had one child - A. J. Crawford. Mr. Crawford, Sr., was married the second time to Elizabeth Dunington, and to them were born five children: Monroe, R. H., E. T., Violet M., Minerva A. Mrs. Crawford dying in 1844, Mr. Crawford was subsequently married to Catharine Gardner, who bore him one child Catharine C. His fourth marriage was to a Mrs. Sharrom, a widow. They had seven children. The senior Crawford was the father of fourteen children, of whom ten were raised to manhood and womanhood. When sixteen years of age,

Monroe Crawford, our subject, commenced learning his trade with Murray S. Chase, at Newton, Wisconsin, and after remaining with him two years became occupied in harness making at La Crosse. Three years later he was working at the carpenter trade in Ohio, and continued in this one year, going thence to Illinois. He labored at his trade there for one year, moved to Wisconsin and stayed until the fall of 1861, when he enlisted in the 1st Wisconsin battery, serving for three years and then returning to Wisconsin. In 1861 he was married to Miss Mary A. Williams, a daughter of George Williams. They are the parents of two children: Ada F., born July 28, 1865, and Ida R., born December 29, 1867. Leaving Wisconsin in the spring of 1865 Mr. Crawford went to Illinois and remained until the fall of 1875, when he came to Otterville, Cooper county, Missouri. In a year he embarked in the undertaking business, also conducting a general furniture store. His stock is complete in necessities and is very valuable. Politically he is a democrat. He is a member of Lodge No. 102 I. O. O. F. at Otterville, and also belongs to the Christian church.

P. F. CREAGAN owes his nativity to St. Lawrence county, New York, where he was born in 1836. His father, William Creagan, originally from county Meath, Ireland, was married in St. Lawrence county, New York, to Elizabeth Scullin, and to them were born seven girls and two boys, of which number P. F. was the fifth. In 1850 the senior Creagan died, his widow departing this life soon after. Our subject then spent about nine years in travelling through the east, and in 1859 he emigrated to Missouri and settled at St. Louis, living there for seven years. He was subsequently engaged in railroading in different capacities on the Missouri, Kansas and Texas railroad, and in 1876 he located in Cooper county. Here he purchased a farm of 280 acres of good land, and is now occupied in improving it, having in process of erection a fine residence, barn and outbuildings. Politically he is a democrat. He is a member of the Catholic church at Sedalia, and, owing to the fact that this denomination has no church building in Otterville, mass is often said at Mr. Creagan's house. In 1863 he was married to Miss Fannie Keenan, of St. Louis, and a daughter of Daniel Keenan, of New York, They have had nine children: Fannie E. - known as Daisy, William J., Eva, Matt, Frank, Charles, Maggie, Leo and Henry. They are all living.

REV. WILLIAM T. GILL was born in Marshall county, Tennessee, in 1836, and was the son of Joseph J. S. Gill, born in North Carolina in June, 1816, who, on December 11, 1834, was united in marriage with Miss Angelina Moore, born in May, 1818. They were the parents of nine children William T., Robert L., Alpha M., Mary Y., James A.; Henry B., Joseph, Sallie H. and Olive F. Three of these children are deceased. When twenty years of age William Gill commenced merchandising, continuing it until the late war. December 13, 1859, he was married to Miss Mary F. Lloyd, who was born in Huntsville, Alabama, in June, 1842. She was the daughter of William B. and M. P. Lloyd, both of Petersburg, Virginia. They have had eight children : Anna, born September 5, 1860, died the 6th of the same month ; Joseph Lloyd, born September 27, 1861, died November 7, 1861 ; Lulu Belle, born November 17, 1862 ; Mattie J., born January 10, 1865 ; Fannie M., born October 15, 1867, died September 15, 1869 ; Suella, born July 6, 1870 ; Mary A., born April 22, 1873, and Tommie L., born July 13, 1881. In 1862 Mr. Gill enlisted in Stone's regiment, Dysart's company of Forest's brigade, of the Confederate service, and served two months, when, on account of disability, he was honorably discharged. Then he engaged in tanning during the war, and upon the termination of hostilities became occupied in preaching, farming and merchandising, following these occupations until 1870. Then he became an itinerant minister in the southern conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, and has been actively engaged in preaching ever since. In November, 1881, he emigrated to Missouri, located at California and travelled the California circuit. At present he holds an appointment from the southwestern Missouri conference to preach on the Sedalia circuit, and is therefore located at Otterville.

JOHN J. GILLUM was born in Cooper county, Missouri, in 1852, and was the son of Smith and Ann (Rice) Gillum, who were married in 1840. The former was born in 1812, near Louisa courthouse, Louisa county, Virginia. The latter was the daughter of Charles E. Rice, Esq. They were the parents of five children: Edward, Thomas, Charles M., G. W. and J. J. When the latter was but a year old his father died, his mother departing this life about a year later. Then he resided with his grandfather Rice for fifteen years, at the expiration of which time he went to New Mexico. He remained there for eighteen months, spending the time in travelling and looking over the country, and, in 1869, he returned to Cooper county, becoming occupied in farming. This has since been his home, and he is now the owner of 120 acres of well improved land in section 5, a school house being situated upon his property. March 26, 1873, Mr. Gillum was married to Miss Lucy Hogan, a daughter of William Homan. She was born in 1854. They have two children: Wade, born in 1876, and Ada, born in 1880. In his political preferences he has ever been democratic. He is a member of the Christian church at Otterville.

REV. JOSIAH GODBEY, originally from Pulaski county, Kentucky, was born June 30, 1817, and was the son of William Godbey, a native of Caroline county, Virginia, born in 1781. He married Miss Sarah Smith, also a Virginian by birth, and to them were born thirteen children: John, Jacob, Fannie, Nancy, Iby, Matilda, Sarah, William, Harrison H., Josiah L., Josiah and Josephine (twine), and Melissa. Of this number, twelve grew up, but only six are now living, and three of the boys have been Methodist ministers. The subject of this sketch spent his youth at home until twenty years of age, when he was married in 1837 to Miss Sena Kelly, a daughter of Samuel and Nancy Kelly. By this union they have had ten children: William C., John E., Martha J., Sarah H., Milton, Samuel M., Josiah, Maggie, Thomas and Sena Alice. In 1833, Mr.

Godbey having been converted, commenced studying for the ministry, though by his own efforts. In 1841 he entered the ministry of the M. E. church, by joining the Kentucky conference as an itinerant, being ordained two years later, in Louisville, by Bishop Morris. He continued to preach the gospel in Kentucky, with great success, for eleven years, when, in September, 1852, he came to Missouri. For over thirty years he has been occupied in the ministry in this state.

J. B. GOLLADAY was born in Callaway county, Missouri, on the 7th of March, 1837, his father being John W. Golladay, a Virginian by birth, born in 1805, who married Miss Mary Bell. By this union there were three children: Francis M., George and J. B. Our subject remained with his father until twenty-five years of age, and March 6, 1863, he was married in this county to Miss Elvina Bidstrup, whose father, Doctor Bidstrup, died in Dade county when she was quite small. She was born December 20, 1843. To them were born six children: Mollie, born November 29, 1864; Cora, born June 20, 1867; Ruth, born October 20, 1870; Jud, born January 11, 1872, and Joe, born May 30, 1877, are living, and one son, Frank, is deceased. Soon after his birth, Mr. Galloway was taken to Tennessee by his father, and lived there until he was ten years of age, then again coming to this county, where he has since resided, most of the time living in Otterville. His father was the first one to drive an omnibus into Boonville, it being an old fashioned four horse coach. By trade, Mr. Golladay is a painter, and is considered one of the best workmen in this part of the country. He was a member of the town council for five years, from 1875 to 1880; and during 1883, the people recognizing his popularity and ability, elected him their mayor. He is now actively engaged in working at his trade. In politics he is a democrat.

JERRY HARLAN, farmer and stock raiser, section 20, was born in Boyle county, Kentucky, July 24, 1826, his parents being Henry and Bertha Harlan, nee Bryant. The former, also a native of Boyle county, was born in 1798, and the latter was probably born about the year 1803. They were the parents of fourteen children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the seventh. When twenty-two years of age he commenced working on a farm in his native county, and at the age of twenty-two he was married to Miss Isabella Robinson, who was born about the year 1827, and a daughter of Thomas Robinson. They had two children: William B., who died in February, 1881, and Elizabeth, now living. Mr. H. was again married in 1854 to America Myres, a daughter of Henry Myres. Her birth place was Stanford, Lincoln county, Kentucky. In 1865 Mr. Harlan took for his third wife Miss Sallie Hutchings, a daughter of Alamander Hutchings. They have three children: Louisa, born May 11, 1867; Ollie L., born December 25, 1871, and Alamander, born March 4, 1874. In 1855 Mr. H. first came to Cooper county, Missouri, locating at his present place of residence, and, with the exception of two years and a half spent in Boyle county, Kentucky, has since made this his home. His present landed estate embraces 200 acres, though he formerly owned about 500 acres. He has given good farms to his children. He is now a democrat in his political preferences, but was raised a Whig. He is a member of the M. E. church south at Clifton.

ANSON HEMENWAY was born in Hardwick, Worcester county, Massachusetts, October 30, 1817, and was the son of James and Nancy (Graham) Hemenway, the former of Birmingham, Massachusetts. They were the parents of three children: Sarah E., Anson and William A. Mr. H. died in 1826, but his widow still survives. After the death of his father, Anson lived with a cousin for a short time, then returned to his mother, and worked at various occupations during the summer, attending the schools in the winter, though the greater part of his education was obtained by self-application. Before twenty-one years of age, he commenced teaching school at Shelburne, Massachusetts, and taught one term. Going to Rockville, Connecticut, he worked in a paper mill for about a year, when, owing to ill health, he was obliged for two years to forego business of any kind. As soon as able, he devoted his energies to farming for a while, and subsequently travelled for the Boston cultivator for one year. The railroad business next attracting his attention, he began work, and in 1858 came to Missouri, and was engaged by the Missouri Pacific railroad as section foreman. Later, he was promoted to station agent at Otterville, acting in that capacity for five years. He is at present engineer of tanks on this railroad. He owns a comfortable residence and ten acres of land adjoining the town of Otterville. In 1848 Mr. Hemenway married Miss Laura Lawrence, a daughter of Josephus Lawrence, of Massachusetts, and they have one child, Cora O., now Mrs. Randolph Brewster. They have a little daughter, Laura N.

HUPP BROTHERS, dealers in groceries and hardware, is a firm among the more recent acquisitions to the business interests of Otterville, but one which has already taken a front rank in the commercial industry of the place. It was established in 1883 by J. H. & I. W. Hupp. Their father, a Virginian by birth, born in 1815, accompanied his father to Ohio while a boy, spending his life in that state until 1845, when he emigrated to Missouri, settling in Morgan county, near the line of Cooper county, his present residence. His wife was formerly Miss Mary Homen, and they had three sons and one daughter: Joseph Harrison, Isaac W., Charlie H. and A. Bettie. J. H. Hupp was born in Morgan county, Missouri, in 1854. The principal part of his education was obtained during three months of schooling at the state normal at Warrensburg, Missouri, where he fitted himself for teaching. This term, acquiring quite a reputation. His brother, Isaac W. Hupp, who was born about two miles south of Otterville, in Morgan county, on February 7, 1856, received his education in the common schools. He began teaching in the public schools in 1873, and has taught in winter every year since that time. These brothers are now living with their father. They are enjoying a lucrative patronage, and are more than ordinarily successful.

THOMAS R. JAMES, owner and proprietor of saw and grist mill at Otterville, was born in England, May 20, 1833, his parents being Richard and Catherine James, nee Sackett, both natives of England, the former having been born in 1792. They had three children, who are all now living: Henrietta, Richard and Thomas R. The latter, leaving his father in 1855, came to the United States, and first was located in New York for six months, going thence to Canada. After remaining there one year he returned to New York, settled in Oswego, and, upon a residence there of one year, moved direct to St. Louis. This was his home from 1857 to 1870, and in 1871 he came to Otterville. In 1858 he was married to Mrs. Eliza P. Condon, a widow, and a daughter of a Mr. Maddox. They have seven children: Henry A., Richard E., William P., Charlie J., Katie W., Josie and Lizzie. Mr. James is the owner of twenty one acres of very valuable land, one quarter mile west of the railroad depot of Otterville. His mill is furnished with all the latest improvements for milling purposes, and, besides doing a custom business, he buys large quantities of grain. Mention of this mill is made elsewhere in this work.

WILLIAM KNAUS, a native of Howard county, Missouri, was born March 2, 1823. His father, Henry Knaus, a Kentuckian by birth, born in 1797, married Miss Elizabeth Monroe. They had four children: the eldest died in infancy, William, Henry and Elizabeth. Henry Knaus came to Howard county in 1817, with his family, they spending the winter in Old Franklin, and part of the family lived in the keel-boat by which they had ascended the river. The following spring, going, down the river to Bonne Femme, they ascended again by means of a keel-boat, and established what is now known as New Franklin. When in his nineteenth year William Knaus, leaving home, went to Henry county and completed his trade of blacksmith. Two years later he returned to Howard county, and on March 6, 1843, he located in Cooper county. October 26th, of the same year, he was married to Miss Melvina Frances Oglesby, a daughter of John B. Oglesby, and a resident of Cooper county. From this union there are five children living: Elizabeth C., Martha E., Henry Walter, Nancy Margaret and Amanda Frances. Two died in infancy, and Mary Eliza died at the age of five years. Mrs. Knaus died in 1856, and Mr. Knaus was again married in 1857 to Elizabeth Ann Harris, a daughter of J. J. Harris, of this county. They have four children living: James M., Sallie H., George T. and Rosa A. One infant is deceased. Mr. Knaus is a blacksmith by trade, and now conducts quite a general machine shop, gunsmith work, etc., and he is also a wagon maker of no ordinary ability. He deals in farming utensils, and is the agent for the widely celebrated and justly renowned Champion reaper and mower. His political views are democratic, though he was raised a Whig. He is a member of the I. O. O. F. lodge at Otterville, having joined the order in 1856.

CHARLES L. McCARTY is a native of Cooper county, Missouri, having been born seven miles from Boonville in 1848. William S. McCarty, his father, was born in Culpepper county, Virginia, in 1822, and upon leaving there with his grandfather, Dennis McCarty, came to this state when a boy, about the year 1830, location in Boonville, where he followed the livery business for about twenty years. In 1842 he was married to Miss Mary Ferguson, a daughter of Joshua Ferguson, of this county. Of their original family of children, five are living: William E., Charles L., Milton, Sallie and Mollie. Those deceased were named Nellie, Florence, John and Douglas. Mr. McCarty died in Boonville in 1869. After his death our subject, together with his brother, continued the livery business for several years, and then, in 1870, C. L. McCarty purchased the family interest in the home farm, and the same year moved upon it and has since remained there. This contains ninety one acres of well watered and improved land, and will compare favorably with any in the county. Mr. McCarty was married in 1877 to Miss Ann Gebhard, of Pettis county, Missouri, and a daughter of Louis Gebhard. They have two sons: Claudie L. and Frank. Mr. McCarty is a member of the M. E. church south, at Clifton City, while his wife is connected with the Christian church.

JOSEPH MINTER, one of the most progressive farmers in Otterville township, and the owner of an excellently well improved farm of 240 acres, located in section 5, township 45, range 19, was born in Harrison county, West Virginia, in 1846. He is the youngest child of a family of three boys and three girls, born to Jacob and Nannie Clarissa (Neely) Minter. The father of the subject of this sketch was born in Virginia in 1800, and continuing principally in that state and West Virginia all of his life, engaged in the peaceful pursuit of farming, died in the latter state in 1869. His bosom companion, who departed this life a few years after his death, or in 1872, was a native of West Virginia, born there in 1803. In 1875 Miss Fannie Ross, a native of Benton county, Missouri, born there in 1801, became his wife. Her father, a native of Kentucky, came to Missouri in 1835, and settled in Benton county. Her mother, born in Boston, Massachusetts, came to Benton county, this state, in 1845, and after becoming a wife, in 1853, came with her husband to Cooper county. Mr. Minter left the place of his birth in 1870, and emigrating to Kansas, spent a few weeks in that state, and subsequently came to Cooper county, Missouri. He purchased his farm in 1874, of the heirs of William Sloan, and since that time has taken every pains to "grass" it, so that he might have pasturage for the fine herds of stock of which he is the possessor.

CHARLES B. NEAL, farmer and stock raiser, section 7, is a Kentuckian by birth, and was born in 1827, being the son of Charles Neal, originally from Virginia, born in 1763. He lived in that state until grown, and upon going to Kentucky, settled in Logan county, where he was married in 1823. He and his wife had seven children, three of whom are living. In 1833 Mr. N. came to Cooper county, Missouri, and located on the farm which his son now occupies. Charles B., the third child of

the family, lived at home until twenty-one years of age, when, in 1848, he took a trip to New Mexico, only remaining a short time. Returning to Cooper county, he stayed until the spring of 1852, when he went to California, leaving there upon his return, in the fall of 1856. In 1857 Mr. Neal was married to Mrs. Mary F. Bentley, of this county, and the widow of George Bentley, and daughter of Henry Harlan of Boyle county, Kentucky. They have two children, William H., and Sallie Johnson. Mr. Neal is the owner of eighty acres of fine land, the improvements of which are very good. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church south. Politically he is a democrat.

GEORGE NEELY was born in Harrison county, Virginia (now in West Virginia), on the 29th of June, 1830, being the son of Matthew Neely, of the same county, born in 1793. The latter spent his life until about twenty years of age in the vicinity of his birthplace, and there attended the common schools. In 1818 he married Miss Maria Newlon, a daughter of Elijah and Mary Newlon. To them were born twelve children, five girls and seven boys, and of this family nine survive. Mr. N., senior, was quite active in public life, first acting as justice,, then assessor, and afterwards sheriff, each of the offices being held under the old law of seniority of Virginia. He died June 11th, 1857, his wife having preceded him on February 24th, 1851. George, the fifth child in the family, remained at home until October, 1855, when he came to Missouri. In August, 1857, he went to Illinois, remaining there until September, 1860, when he returned to Missouri and located in Pettis county. This was his home until 1870, when he became a citizen of Cooper county. In March, 1858, Mr. Neely was married to Miss Anna Murray, of Virginia City, Case county, Illinois. She was bore in Edinburgh, Scotland, June 30th, 1834, and was a daughter of William and Grace Murray, of that county. They have had eight children: Julia Adelaide, Maria Grace, Mary, Charles William, John, George A., Flora and Bettie. Of these five are now living, one boy and four girls. Mr. N. has been acting as a railroad contractor and builder ever since 1856, building roads in various parts of the United States. He has recently completed a contract for the St. Louis, Iron Mountain and Southern road.

J. E. POTTER, the leading merchant of Clifton City, and a representative business man of the county, was born September 13, 1844, in Cooper county, Missouri. His father, J. H. Potter, was also a native of this county bore in 1816, but his grand-parents both died in Kentucky. J. H. Potter was married in 1843 to Miss Susan Winders, a daughter of Daniel Winders, of Cooper county and to them were born eight children: J. E., Nancy, S. W., Ellen. Mary, George, J. H. and Robert. Our subject remained at home until 1866, when, owing to his father's removal to Morgan county, he went to Pettis county, coming to Clifton City in June, 1877. He soon established the store which he now conducts, and has at this time as complete a stock of general merchandise, including dry foods, groceries, queensware, etc., as can be found in any place of the size of Clifton. He owns considerable property in Clifton City, and is also the owner of 1045 acres of land, the principal part of which is in Pettis county. Besides his mercantile enterprise he is engaged in handling stock. In 1882 Mr. Potter was married to Miss Edna McGuire, who was born in Pettis county in 1865, she being a daughter of A. J. McGuire.

DR. S. H. SAUNDERS was born on the 1st of August, 1813, in Kentucky, and was the son of S. S. Saunders, a Virginian by birth, born February 14, 1783, who married Miss Eliza White Davidson. By this union there were four children: S. H., Ann E., Jane L. and Robert D. The senior Saunders married for his second wife Miss Eliza Derieoux. He was for a long time an extensive tobacco merchant. In 1833 the subject of this sketch entered college at Georgetown, Kentucky, graduating in civil engineering in 1834, and receiving the highest honors of his class. He followed civil engineering until 1838. In 1837 he was married to Miss Sallie A. Feris, a daughter of Dr. M. A. Feris. They had two children, Eliza McK. and Shields A., but one is deceased. The doctor's second marriage occurred in 1844, to Mrs. Sarah A. Kenerly, widow of S. N. Kenerly and a daughter of John B. Otey, of Bedford county, Virginia. They had six children: A. R., B. O., S. H., T. E., E. L. and Eva C. All but one child survive. In 1847 Dr. S. commenced the practice of medicine and has continued it to the present, though for the last three years he has confined himself to a few of his oldest patrons. He previously enjoyed a most lucrative practice, but has retired from the profession with the exception of the cases above mentioned. He was the first master of Pleasant Grove Lodge No. 142, of the Masonic order, and at this time is its master, and he was grand master of the State Lodge of Missouri, during the years 1858 and 1859. In his political preferences he is a Democrat.

Dr. W. T. SIMONDS, a native of St. Charles county, Missouri, was born on the 20th of November, 1851, his parents being J. W. and Eliza Goodrich Simonds, the former of Rockbridge county, West Virginia, born in 1816, and the latter of St. Charles county. Their family consisted of two children: W. T., and Margaret J., now the wife of Silas Miller, of St. Charles county. The subject of this sketch, after leaving the common schools and having settled upon the practice of medicine as his future profession, began his preparatory studies at Westminster college, of Fulton, Callaway county. Leaving this school he began his professional studies in 1873, Graduating from the Missouri medical college, on March 4, 1875, in the regular course with high honors. February 27, 1878, the doctor was married to Miss Martha Potter, a daughter of Jacob Potter of St. Charles county. They have two children: Wallace, born January 22, 1879, and Nora, born January 12, 1881. Dr. Simonds came to Otterville on the 20th day of March, 1880, and has rapidly secured a well deserved reputation from the citizens of the place.

T. J. SMALL, owes his nativity to Tennessee, where he was born in 1834. His parents were Mathew B., and Mary Small, nee Stone. The former born in 1812, emigrated to Tennessee in 1832 or 1833. To them were born seven children, of which number five are now living. The senior Small came to Missouri in 1852, and located in Otterville, where he resided at the time of his death in 1854. T. J., the eldest of the surviving children, remained with his father until 1852, at which time he went to Oregon, stopping there until 1857. Returning that year to Otterville, he lived here for three or four months, went back to Tennessee, and made his home there until 1860. Coming again to Otterville, he resided here until 1862, when he took a trip south. After two years he took up his permanent location at this place. In 1867, Mr. Small was married to Miss Margaret Finley, a daughter of Milton O. Finley, of Morgan county. They have had five children: John E., Lettie, William, Laura G. and Mary. Mr. S. is a democrat, and as such served three terms as deputy sheriff. He has been marshall of Otterville for fourteen years, and has made a most capable official.

GEORGE VP. SMITH, the oldest settler in Otterville, was born in Albermarle county, Virginia, May 10th, 1810. His father, John Smith, was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, under the direct command of Washington. He was born in Pennsylvania in 1747, and married Miss Martha Wallace, a daughter of General Wallace, and lineal descendant of the celebrated English family of that name. George W., the youngest of a family of four boys and three girls, left home when fourteen years of age, and went to Augusta county, Virginia, to learn the trade of blacksmith, at which he worked for several years. While there he was married in 1831 to Miss Margaret Beard, who bore him five children Ephraim G., died on the plains near Cottonwood Springs, in the spring of 1860 ; Virginia A., wife of Joseph Finley; Ellen, now Mrs. Henry Wagonish ; Eliza J., wife of Frank Arni. Mr. Smith's second marriage was to Miss Nancy E. Neal of Cooper county, and a daughter of Nathaniel Neal. They have had six children: Joseph L., died in the fall of 1882, from the effects of a well damp ; James W. ; Peter F., married a Miss Corda ; Albert N., married a Miss Bain; Martha J., wife of M. L. White, and Rosa L. In October, 1837, Mr. Smith, leaving Augusta county, Virginia, removed to Illinois, and one year later came to Cooper county, Missouri, located in Palestine township, and on the 13th day of February, 1839, entered the present village of Otterville, then known as Elkton, and for forty-four years has made this his home. After coming here, then a poor man, he followed his trade for thirty years. Now he has about 600 acres of land in different parts of this and Lebanon townships, and in Morgan and St. Clair counties. During the war he furnished beef for fourteen regiments for about three weeks, when the state contract was let to a St. Louis firm, who sublet this portion to Mr. Smith. For three months his house was the headquarters of Generals Palmer, Davis, Pope and Turner. Politically he is a democrat.. Farming and raising stock now occupies his attention.

ELIAS P. STONE, originally from Tennessee, was born June 11th, 1833. ,His father, Eli Stone, and, also his mother, Mary (Jones) Stone, were both natives of Tennessee; the former born in Murray county in 1806, and the latter in 1808. They were married in 1826. To them were born seven children : Milton (now deceased), Louisa, Elias P., Thomas, Amanda, William and Mary. In 1839, leaving Tennessee, Eli Stone emigrated to Missouri, and settled in Cole county, but one year later came to Cooper county, in 1840, living here until 1866 ; then he went to Bates county, where he died ; his widow now resides there. Elias P. Stone, when eighteen years of age, went to California in 1852, and stopped until the fall of 1864, when, returning to Missouri, he again settled in Cooper county, tit Otterville. After two years he moved into Bates county, which was his home for six years, and, upon the expiration of that time, he came to Clifton City, embarking in business on January 1st, 1883. He was appointed postmaster of this place, having previously been assistant for two years. In connection with his official duties, he conducted a general grocery and queensware business. He is a member of the Masonic Order, at Otterville. In 1868, Mr. Stone was married to Mrs. Ann E. Homan, widow of Samuel Homan, and a daughter of D. R. D. Dobbins. They had three children, all of whom are deceased. She died in 1872, and Mr. Smith was again married in 1880 to Miss Ann E. Cole, a daughter of John Cole, of Cooper county, and a member of the pioneer family of that name. They have one son, Willie. Politically Mr. Stone is conservative, never having cast a vote.

T. M. TRAVILLION, a native of Albermarle county, Virginia, was born on September 20, 1815. His father, James Travillion, was born in the same county, in 1788, and was married to Miss Mildred Carr, in 1814. They were the parents of six children, of whom T. M. was the oldest. His father dying in 1825, he lived with his mother until eighteen years of age, then taking up his residence with a man by the name of Sneed. After five years, or in 1838, he came to Missouri, settling near Otterville. He was married on the 25th of August, 1842, to Miss Ann Williams, and to them were born four children - James, Wallace, John and Henry. Mr. Travillion is a farmer by occupation, and owns 126 acres of land in this township, about a mile from Otterville. In his political affiliations he is a democrat.

JASPER M. WHEELER, a Kentuckian by birth, was born in Morgan county, May 13, 1855. His parents were Amos H. and Hannah (Morris) Wheeler, the former also of Kentucky, and they had twelve children, of whom Jasper was the youngest. Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler, with their family, removed to Lawrence county, Missouri, in 1858 or 1859, where the senior Wheeler died in 1862. His widow, with the children, then went to Pettis county, and she subsequently married Archibald Lovelace. When twenty-one years of age the subject of this sketch left home, removed to Cass county and lived there four years, soon returning to Clifton City, where he entered into the drug business. Since that time he has been engaged in the

same occupation, having started his present store in September, 1879. This is the only one in the place, and Mr. Wheeler has, through his own efforts and progressive business spirit, acquired a firm standing among the people of this vicinity, and is much thought of by all his acquaintances. He owns town property in Clifton, and is a part owner of 260 acres of land in Barton county. Mr. Wheeler is a member of Otterville Lodge, No. 203, I. O. O. F., and he belongs to the Missionary Baptist church.

A. L. ZOLLINGER, a native of the state of Maryland, was born August 30, 1825, being the son of George Zollinger, of the same state, born in 1791. His wife was formerly Miss Catharine Myers, of Pennsylvania, and they had nine children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the fourth child. When twenty-three years of age he accompanied his father to Missouri, in 1848, and in 1850 he went to California and remained for seven years, having been occupied in merchandizing and the stock business. In 1857 he returned to this county, and in 1858 began the mercantile business at Otterville, which he continued until the late civil war. Then he enlisted as captain of the 2d Missouri cavalry regiment, Chalmers' division and Forrest's corps, and served four years. Upon his return he resumed the life of a merchant at Otterville, which has since been his occupation without intermission. He is the senior member of the firm of Zollinger & Homan, the leading merchants in the place, they carrying a most complete stock, valued at \$10,000. They also deal in all kinds of grain, produce, etc. The building now occupied by them is a brick structure, 25x110 feet, and was erected in 1872 at a cost of about \$5,000, it being the second largest storeroom in the county. In 1870 Mr. Zollinger was married to Miss Louisa Mayfield, a daughter of J. M. Mayfield, of Cooper county. They have been blessed with five children - George, Stella, Augustus, Elma and John, constituting a most interesting family. Politically he is a democrat of the old type, and he is a man who has done much to promote the prosperity of this section of the country.

STEPHAN ZUMSTEG, a well-known representative of the mercantile interests of Otterville, owes his nativity to Switzerland, where he was born February 14, 1836. His father, Xavier Zumsteg, originally from the same canton, was born in 1812, and in 1831 was married to Verena Steinakker. They were blessed with six children - Verena, Frank, Stephan, Rosalia, Maria and Sigmund. Stephan, the second child in the family, leaving his father in 1853, emigrated to the United States and located at Cleveland, Ohio, from whence in a short time he moved to Chicago, remaining in Cook county, Illinois, for five years. Then he went to St. Louis, stayed two years, and subsequently served two years in the army, in company E, 1st Missouri infantry. After returning from the war he settled near the northern boundary of Montgomery county, on the Missouri river, making his home there until 1872, when Sedalia became his place of residence. After eighteen months he came to Pleasant Green, Cooper county, and in 1879 located at Otterville, where he has since lived. In 1864 Mr. Zumsteg married Miss Dora Kiser, of Gasconade county, Missouri, a daughter of John and Mary Kiser. They have an interesting family of six children - Frank, John, Peter, Charles, Verena and Elizabeth. Mr. Zumsteg is quite successful in his business operations. He is a member of the school board and city council, and in politics is a democrat.