

# BIOGRAPHICAL

## 1883 History of Howard and Cooper Counties

### PALESTINE TOWNSHIP

**W. F. BOULWARE**, farmer. William L. Boulware, the father of W. F., was for many years one of the prominent farmers and leading landholders of Palestine township. He was a native of Virginia, as was also his wife, formerly Miss Lucinda Terrell, but they were of different counties. She was of Culpepper, he of Caroline county. They removed to Missouri in 1836, and first located at New Franklin, in Howard county, but two years afterwards came to Cooper county and settled in Palestine township. He died here in 1849. He was a man of good education, of more than ordinary intelligence, and took an active interest in general affairs, political, church, etc. Personally, he had no aspiration for advancement to public position, but in politics he always took a decided stand for his convictions. He was a zealous member of the church, being identified with the Baptist denomination, and contributed liberally of his time and means to all movements calculated to further the cause of religion. He had a family of eight children, of whom W. F. was the only son. The son was given good school advantages. He took the usual course in the common schools, and also attended school at Boonville. He was twenty-three years of age at the time of his father's death, and had completed his education, having been born in Caroline county, Virginia, January 1, 1826. Afterwards he was married, in Randolph county, Missouri, in 1860, to Miss Hannah J., daughter of Edward Owens, of that county. After their marriage they lived in Randolph county until 1866, and then removed to Palestine township, this county, and the following year located on their present farm. Their place contains nearly 300 acres, nearly all under fence and substantially improved. While in Randolph county, Mr. Boulware was running a flouring mill, but it was burned during the war by military incendiaries, as was also his residence. Mr. and Mrs. Boulware have a family of four sons and five daughters: William L., Robert E., Fannie M., Lucy L., Catherine B., James F., P. G., Edward G. and Laura L. Both parents are members of the Mount Nebo Baptist church.

**JAMES JESSE BYLER**, farmer and stock dealer. Judge Joseph Byler, the grandfather of James J., came to this county with his family from Pennsylvania, of which state he was a native, in 1820, and here he became, as he had been in the Keystone State, a prominent and influential citizen. His son, Abraham Byler, was then a lad ten years of age, and after he grew up was married in this county, in 1832, to Miss Mary Bowman, a daughter of one of the early settlers of the county. Eight years afterwards, however, she died, and of the family of six children by this union, three are now living. In March, three years afterwards, in 1843, Abraham Byler was again married, his second wife having been, before her marriage to him, a Mrs. Penelope Wood, a native of Kentucky, but reared in this county. She was born in 1811, and was but three years old when her parents came to this county. Three children bless this marriage: Sarah A., wife of Christopher Colwell, residents of Bates county; Thirza R., wife of M. P. Gallagher, and James J., the subject of this sketch. James J. was given a good education in his early years. He had the advantage of good local schools, which he did not fail to improve, and he also attended college two years. After his college course he devoted himself to the life of a farmer, which he has since followed. His farm is the same place on which his father settled before the latter's first marriage, in 1831, fifty-two years ago, and the son now lives in the house in which he was born. His mother is still living, and they reside together on the old homestead. Besides farming, Mr. B. has been engaged in feeding stock and stock trading about four years, and with excellent success. He and his mother are both members of the Baptist church.

**CAPTAIN LEWIS CASTLEMAN**, farmer and breeder of Alderney cattle. In the acquisition of Captain Castleman and his family as residents of Cooper county, the people of the county have received an addition to their economic and social life upon which they have every reason to congratulate themselves. They represent, by descent, several of the first families of the county, and themselves occupy an enviable position in social life. But, more important than this, Captain Castleman is a business man, and an intelligent, progressive agriculturist whose influence upon the material progress of the county cannot but prove of marked value. He was born in Lafayette county, Kentucky - that cardiac centre of the blue grass regions and of the culture and refinement of the state - in October, 1832, and was a son of Colonel David Castleman, a wealthy merchant and leading citizen of Lexington, by his second wife, formerly Miss Virginia, Harrison. Colonel Castleman was a native of Woodford county, Kentucky, but when a young man went to Lafayette county, in which he made his home until his death, in 18512. For many years he merchandised in Lexington, but later in life, having acquired a comfortable fortune, he retired to a country estate, near that city, which he owned - "Castleton," as it was known - where he spent the remainder of his days. As has been suggested, he was twice married. His first wife was Miss Mary Breckinridge, daughter of General John Breckinridge, originally of Virginia, but afterwards of Lexington, Kentucky, the grandfather of General John C. Breckinridge, the democratic candidate for president in 1860, and himself a United States senator from Kentucky, the attorney-general of the United States in President Jefferson's brilliant cabinet, and, above all,

the distinguished author and advocate of the celebrated Virginia resolutions of 1798-1799 - scarcely less famous than the Declaration of Independence itself. Colonel Castleman's second wife, the mother of Captain Castleman, was also of an eminent family - the Harrisons. She was a daughter of Hon. Robert C. Harrison, originally of Virginia, who was a first cousin of President Harrison, of which state the latter was also a native, and of Thomas Jefferson, the third president of the United States. Hon. Carter H. Harrison, of Chicago, who was born and reared in Fayette county, Kentucky, is also a near relative. Captain Castleman's mother is still living at the advanced age of seventy-seven, and although the mother of fourteen children, ten of whom are living, she is remarkably well preserved in mind and body, and as active and bright as women usually are at sixty, or even younger. Coming of the family he did, it goes without saying that in youth Captain Castleman enjoyed the best advantages ample means could command. He took a thorough English and classic course and graduated at Jefferson college, of Pennsylvania, receiving the degree of A. M. in the class of 1851. Though used to city life, with all its glittering yet empty attractions, his tastes were and have ever been decidedly agricultural. Accordingly, on returning from college, he became interested in agricultural pursuits, and also dealt in hogs and carried on a pork-packing establishment at Louisville, Kentucky. In 1858 he removed to Arkansas and conducted a large cotton plantation there. He was engaged in this in 1861, when the war burst upon the country with all its fury. His antecedents foretell the side he took in that unfortunate struggle. He became the captain of a company in the 13th Arkansas Confederate states army, and served until the final surrender. However, in the fall of 1861, he was transferred to the quartermaster's department, in which he continued during the remainder of his service. Upon the restoration of peace, Captain Castleman returned to Arkansas and resumed cotton planting, but two years afterwards went to New York city, where he was engaged in merchandising for about twelve months. In the fall of 1868 he removed to Kentucky and there followed merchandising some seven years. In Kentucky he experienced two heavy losses by fire, against neither of which was he insured. In 1879 Captain Castleman removed to Missouri, and after living in St. Louis for two years, in April, 1881, bought his present farm, in Palestine township, this county, upon which he is at once located. Here, in addition to farming in a general way, he is making a specialty of breeding and raising fine Alderney cattle, of which he has some of the highest and best grades. On the 29th of March, 1871, Captain Castleman was married to Miss Susan M., daughter of William T. Herndon, a prominent merchant and business man of Franklin county, Kentucky. Mrs. Castleman was born and reared at Frankfort, the county seat of that county, but was educated at Vassar college, New York. She is of the well known Herndon family, of the Blue Grass state. Captain and Mrs. Castleman have two children: Dayton and William Herndon. One died in infancy: George. Both parents are members of the old school Presbyterian church.

**L. L. CHAMBERLIN**, farmer and stock raiser. Mr. Chamberlin is an elder brother to Albert M., and a son of J. W. and Eliza (Headwald) Chamberlin, mention of whom is made in Albert M.'s sketch. L. L. was born in Jefferson county, Virginia, January 22, 1838, and remained in his native county until after the close of the late war. He was reared on the farm, a homestead that has been in the possession of the Chamberlin family for nearly 300 years, since about 1600, and is still owned by one of the members of the family. In youth he received an excellent English education in a private academy. On the outbreak of the war he enlisted in company B, 12th Virginia cavalry, Colonel Harmon's regiment, in Ashby's brigade, afterward known as the "Laurel Brigade," and served with his command until the close of the war. The gallant and glorious part the celebrated "Laurel Brigade," led by the noble and intrepid Ashby, took in the late unfortunate civil war, is too familiar - a matter of history to require comment here, even if space permitted, which it does not; suffice it to say that history has inscribed, upon its blood-stained and tattered banner, more hard-fought battles than any other command on either side participated in during the war. It never surrendered but at the close of the war disbanded, and its members, or those that were left of them, went home, surrendering, if at all, individually. L. L. Chamberlin was in all the battles in which his command took part, and although nearly always in the front rank, doing his full duty with his heroic comrades, he passed through the entire struggle without a wound. He was under fire continually for forty days during one of their most severe campaigns. After the war he engaged in farming on the old Chamberlin family homestead, but in the fall of 1865, came to Missouri, and settled in Cooper county. He located on his present farm of 349 acres in 1882, of which he has 290 acres under fence, and has his place well improved with good buildings, etc. August 8, 1867, he was married at Bell Air, to Miss Mary L, daughter of Rev. Jehu Robinson, of Johnson county, one of the purest and best men that ever honored Missouri by their citizenship. Mrs. C. was born in Henry county, but reared in Cooper. Her father had large landed interests in all three counties. Mr. and Mrs. Chamberlin have five children: Magnus J., Daisy M., Bertha, Minnie M., Homer L. D. Both parents are members of the Baptist church, and Mr. C. is a member of the I. O. O. F.

**ALBERT M. CHAMBERLIN**, farmer and stock raiser. Albert M., a son of J. W. Chamberlin, deceased, was born in Jefferson county, Virginia, January 28, 1844. His father was also a native of the Old Dominion, and was born in 1811. His mother's maiden name was Miss Eliza Headwald. They were married in Jefferson county, and there reared their family. The father was a well-to-do farmer of Jefferson county, and followed that occupation in his native county until his emigration to Missouri, in 1861. In this state he located on a farm in Cooper county, having brought a part of his family out with him. He then, however, returned to Virginia, to close up his affairs there preparatory to making this county his permanent home. But just then the war burst upon the country with all its fury, and travel to and from the south was effectually cut off, hence he remained in Virginia during the entire struggle: He had three sons in the Confederate army,

and, although not in the service himself, he was in such proximity to the chief operations of the war, that he personally witnessed many of the leading battles of that unfortunate struggle. In fact, General Crook's battery, during one engagement, was planted on his farm in Jefferson county. After the restoration of peace he returned to Cooper county, and lived on his farm here, where his son Albert new lives. until his death, October 11, 1881. He was a successful farmer, and left a landed estate of 500 acres - a splendid farm, well improved. He was a singularly generous, kind hearted man, and particularly openhanded to the poor. An appeal for help never went unanswered when he was near, and none were ever turned an hungered from his door. Albert M. came out to this county with his father, in 1861, and remained here until 1863, when public affairs assumed such a temper that it was impossible for him to remain longer. He then made his way back to Virginia, and continued there until 1869, engaged after the war in farming. Coming back then to Cooper county, he has resided where he now lives ever since. March 24, 1874, he was married to Miss Bettie, an estimable daughter of Judge Barnett, of Morgan county. They have four children: Albert Sidney, Gracie, Clara Stone and Jennie. Mrs. C. is a member of the Baptist church.

**EDWARD CRAMER**, general merchant and dealer in grain. Merchandising has thus far been Mr. Cramer's life occupation, and in his chosen calling he has been reasonably successful. He was a son of Dr. Edward Cramer, the first physician that ever practised in Gasconade county, a thoroughly educated and accomplished member of the medical profession. Dr. Cramer was a native of Prussia, and graduated in medicine from one of the noted institutions of that country of pre-eminent learning. Shortly after his graduation he came to America and located in Gasconade county, Missouri. Here he was married to Miss Margaret Krockner, originally of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Edward, the subject of the present sketch, was born of this union at Harmon, Gasconade county, March 12, 1844. After practising medicine for a number of years at his adopted home, Dr. Cramer retired from his profession and engaged in merchandising, which he was following at the time of his death, January 3, 1878. He was a man of more than ordinary public spirit, and took a zealous and active interest in the cause of general education. He held numerous local offices and was esteemed by all who knew him for his many excellent qualities of mind and heart. He gave his son good school advantages. Besides the instructions in the ordinary preparatory schools, Edward had the benefit of a course at the St. Louis university, then as now one of the best institutions of learning in the west. After his university course, Edward was connected with Judge Heim, at Boonville, for about six months in the mercantile business. This was in the forepart of 1862. In the fall of that year he went to St. Louis and clerked in a hardware store in that city for six years. After this, in March, 1869, he came to Bunceton, and established his present business, in which he has since been engaged. Here he has had substantial and satisfactory success. In 1878, however, he met with a serious loss in the burning of his business house. But he has erected a new building, a commodious, well-arranged business house, and he is rapidly recovering from his pecuniary misfortune. He carries an excellent and well selected stock of general merchandise, and commands a good trade. Like his father, he takes a deep interest in educational matters, and in recognition of his zeal in these interests he has been made a director of the Parish Institute, a school built up by private enterprise. He is also the present secretary and treasurer of its board of directors. October 7, 1875, he was married to Miss Louisa, daughter of Captain Samuel Henley. His wife was born and reared in Boone county. They have three children: Irate M., Otto H. and Walker. Mrs. Cramer is a member of the Lone Elm Christian church, and Mr. Cramer is a Baptist. He is also a member of the Masonic order.

**J. T. CRENSHAW**, farmer and raiser and shipper of merino sheep. Mr. Crenshaw is a native of the Blue Grass state, where to farm and not raise fine stock is considered no farming at all. He was born in Harrison county, July 28, 1856, and was a son of R. M. Crenshaw, a prominent farmer of that county, and afterwards a leading farmer of Cooper county. R. M. Crenshaw, having married in his native state Miss Nancy S. Majors, came to Missouri with his family in the fall of 1861, and settled on the farm where the son, J. T., now lives, and where the father died in 1875. The mother died one year before, in 1874. They reared a family of two children, one besides having died in infancy. J. T. has a sister, Maggie A., widow of the Rev. G. B. Sergeant, whose sketch appears elsewhere. J. T. Crenshaw, the subject of this sketch, was given an excellent education in youth, taking a course in the higher English branches as well as mastering the usual curriculum of the common schools. Reared on the farm he thus acquired a taste for the free, independent life of a farmer, which decided him to adopt that as his nebular, permanent occupation. In this he has seen no cause to regret his decision, and each year strengthens his attachment to his calling, and adds additional and greater success to his career in his chosen line of employment. His farm contains 245 acres of fine land, all under fence and well improved, having good buildings and an excellent class of other betterments. He makes a specialty of raising fine merino sheep, of which he has a flock of the best quality, and he also deals in this class of stock to a considerable extent. October 10, 1877, Mr. Crenshaw was married to Miss Maggie R., daughter of E. M. Hansberger, of Pettis county. She was reared and educated in that county, and is a most amiable and accomplished lady. She is a member of the M. E. church, and Mr. Crenshaw is it member of the Masonic order, Lodge 456, at Bunceton.

**PROF. S. W. CROSSLEY**, county school commissioner and justice of the peace. Among the public-spirited, well educated and useful citizens of Palestine township and of Cooper county, is the one-armed Confederate soldier, a son of the Old Dominion by nativity, whose name heads this sketch. He was born in Rockingham county, Virginia, November 23,

1842, and up to the outbreak of the war had enjoyed good common school advantages. When the authorities at Washington took steps to reinforce the garrison at Fort Sumter in the early part of 1861, thus presaging an open conflict between the north and south, he was then in his nineteenth year, and on the first call of old Virginia for volunteers to defend her altars and hereditary institutions, he was one of the first to answer her appeal. He became a volunteer in company E, 52d Virginia infantry, and marched to the music of the Confederate drum, until he lost his arm in the battle of Gaines' Mill, on the 27th of June, 1862. He was severely wounded in the elbow and shortly afterwards his arm had to be amputated near the shoulder. Up to that time he had participated in nearly all the leading battles in Virginia, among which were Port Royal, Winchester, the three-days battle, Cross Roads, Port Republic, the seven-days fight at Richmond, and a number of others. On recovering from his wound he returned home, and after the close of the war entered Botetourt academy at Roaring Run, Virginia, where he continued as a student for three years, applying himself with untiring zeal and energy. At the conclusion of his academic course he engaged in teaching in Virginia, and himself kept up a course of study in the higher branches. He followed teaching there until 1870, and in the fall of that year came to Missouri and located in Boone county, where he taught for four years. Having married during this time he removed with his family to Cooper county, in 1874, and since then has been one of the most active educators and successful teachers in the county. His great zeal and success here as a teacher was not long in becoming recognized throughout the county. In the spring of 1879 he was elected to the office of school commissioner of the county, and he is now filling his third term in that position, having been re-elected in 1881 and again in 1883. During this time he has established the normal institute of Cooper county, one of the most thorough and efficient organizations of its kind in the state. As a matter of accommodation to his neighbors he consented to discharge the duties of justice of the peace of the township, to which position he was accordingly elected. This office he now holds. On the first of January, 1874, Prof. Crossley was married in Boone County, to Miss Elbertie, daughter of Elbert Givens, Esq., of that county. She is a native of Kentucky, but was reared and educated in Jackson county, this state, whence her parents removed to Boone county. They have one son, Wallace, a promising boy. Prof. and Mrs. Crossley are both members of the Baptist church.

**J. W. EDWARDS**, blacksmith at Bunceton. Mr. Edwards is a native of Kentucky, and was born in Clark county, April 25, 1836. His parents, Thomas W. and Nancy (Combs) Edwards, removed from that state to Missouri when he was two years of age and settled in Pettis county, where J. W. was reared to manhood. However, when eighteen years of age he entered a blacksmith shop to learn the trade at Ridge Prairie, in Saline county, where he worked for three years. In the spring of 1858 he established a shop of his own near Blackwater, in the western part of Cooper county, and was carrying it on with excellent success when the war broke out in 1861. He was one of the first to enlist in the service of the south, and joined Captain Cunningham's company, but shortly afterwards became a member of company G, 5th Missouri cavalry, under Colonel McCowan, and served until the close of the war. He participated in the battles of Lexington, Missouri; Elkhorn, Arkansas; Corinth, Mississippi; Grand Gulf, Mississippi; Vicksburg, Mississippi; Atlanta, Georgia; Franklin, Tennessee, and numerous others. During the service he was on the disabled list for two months, caused by a wound in the right arm, but upon recovery re-entered the active service. He was captured at Vicksburg, Mississippi, and paroled, but rejoined his command upon exchange and surrendered with it at Mobile, at the close of the war. After the restoration of peace Mr. Edwards returned to Missouri and opened a shop about three miles west of Bunceton, and in 1875 removed to the last named place, where he has a good run of custom and is meeting with excellent success. December 25, 1866, he was married in Alabama, to Miss Martha, daughter of Oswell Edins, of that state. They have one child, a daughter, Louella Josie. Mr. and Mrs. E. are members of the Baptist church.

**HON. WILLIAM C. EWING**, deceased. Major Ewing, as he was called by all who knew him, was a representative of the distinguished Ewing family, whose name is so conspicuously and honorably interwoven with the histories of Missouri, Ohio, Kentucky and other leading states of the union. He was a near relative of the late Judge E. B. Ewing, of the Missouri supreme court, and of the Rev. Finis Ewing, the eminent Presbyterian divine. Major Ewing was born in Logan county, Kentucky, July 14, 1814, and was a son of Reuben Ewing and wife, whose maiden name was Mary Hammon. His father was a native of Kentucky, but his mother was originally from the District of Columbia. In 1819 the family emigrated from the Blue Grass State to Missouri, and settled in Cooper county, where both parents lived until their deaths. Here William C. grew to manhood, and as school advantages in this county in that early day were very indifferent, he had to rely almost wholly upon his own efforts for what education he acquired. Notwithstanding, however, the absence of regular instruction, by private study and by persevering application to his books, he succeeded in acquiring more than an average education for those times. Farming became his chosen occupation for life, and in this as in everything with which he was connected, the superior quality of his mind manifested itself. He was not only eminently successful as a farmer, but conducted his farming interests on those broad-minded business principles which distinguish the man of ability in whatever calling he is engaged from what, speaking of a class of mechanical lawyers, Quintilian terms, "plodders in the forum." Although gifted to a high degree with the qualities that would have made him a conspicuous figure in the learned professions or in public life, he had no ambition above that of leading an honorable, quiet life, and leaving a name to his children untarnished by a wrong act. He looked at life with a philosopher's eye, all are equal at the grave and only those are superior beyond it whose lives here have been the purest and the best. Hence here he strove to do the full measure of his duty in whatever

relation he was placed, and if called upon to discharge the duties of a public office he did it with the same seriousness, plainness and modesty, and with the same thoroughness and earnestness, with which he attended to his own private affairs. Besides other positions of trust and distinction he was called upon to fill, he was twice prevailed upon to serve the county in the legislature, and in that body he wielded a potent and salutary influence for the welfare of the state, an influence that integrity and ability combined with modesty and dignity never fail to exert. Major Ewing was married on the 3d of February, 1845, to Miss Lucretia, daughter of Henry Corum, one of the pioneer settlers of the county. Four children were reared of this union: Oscar F., now merchandising in Bunceton ; Eva, Lilly and W. H. Clay, now at William Jewell college, Liberty, Missouri. Prior to the winter of 1881-82 Major Ewing's health had been failing for some time, and he was advised to visit the Eureka Springs, of Arkansas, in the hope that the use of their waters would benefit him. But this unfortunately proved delusive. He went there and died soon afterwards, on the 20th of January, 1882. The sad news of his death was received with a sigh by all who knew him, for he had lived a singularly offenseless and blameless life. In his death the county lost one of its best and most worthy citizens. He had long been a consistent and exemplary member of the Presbyterian church. His wife, a most worthy, noble-hearted lady, still survives him.

**T. B. GOODE**, druggist, is also engaged in the grocery business at Bunceton. Mr. Goode, after receiving an excellent education, at the age of nineteen, in 1874, entered the drug store at Pilot Grove, this county, under Dr. A. H. Thruston, the proprietor, to learn the drug business and continued with him for six years, thus acquiring a thorough knowledge of the business. After this he came to Bunceton and engaged in the drug business on his own account, and here his recognized qualifications as a druggist, and his popular, gentlemanly bearing soon won him an excellent trade. Full of enterprise and ready to engage in any honorable pursuit that promises satisfactory returns for the means and time employed, he has also added a stock of groceries to his drug business, and in this line is likewise meeting with gratifying success. He was born in Morgan county, May 24, 1855. His father John Goode, is a native of Virginia, but removed to Morgan county, Missouri, when a young man. In that county he was married to Miss Mary A. Walton, originally of Tennessee. He followed farming and stock raising until 1865, and then went to St. Louis, but three years afterwards located at Pleasant Hill, Cass county, where he still resides. His son, T. B., the subject of this sketch, spent his early youth mainly in the common schools and afterward entered the Pleasant Hill high school, where he continued as a student for about six years thus acquiring a good, practical English education. From Pleasant hill, in 1874, he came to Pilot Grove as above stated. February 16, 1881, Mr. Goode was married to Miss Anna, daughter of J. W. Chamberlin, whose sketch appears elsewhere. She was born in Virginia but was principally reared in this county. They have one child, Beulah Lee. Mrs. G. is a member of the Baptist church. Mr. Goode is still a young man, and has every promise of a future of success in life and usefulness as a citizen.

**D. F. HARNESS**, of Harness & Ewing, dealers in general merchandise, hardware and farming implements. The above named firm, in which Mr. Harness is the senior partner, are successors in business to W. D. Wilson, whom they bought out in 1882. Both gentlemen are excellent business men, and Mr. Harness has had considerable experience in mercantile pursuits. He is a native of Cooper county, Missouri, and is a son of Conrad and Ann (Tucker) Harness, old and highly respected residents of this county, who came here from Virginia in 1830. The Harness family is one of the oldest of the Old Dominion, having settled in that state, then a colony, long prior to the revolution. Mr. Harness' grandfather served in the continental army from Virginia and held the position of quartermaster to his command. In Conrad Harness' family there are eleven children, nine sons and two daughters, of whom D. F. is the eighth son but the ninth of the family. His father being a well-to-do farmer and fully alive to the importance of education, D. F. was given good school advantages. After completing the curriculum of the common schools he entered William Jewell college at Liberty, Missouri, where he took a higher course of study, thus acquiring an excellent education. At the conclusion of his college course he returned home and shortly afterwards, in January, 1875, was appointed deputy county clerk, under Jackson Monroe, one of the most efficient officials and popular men who ever held public office in this county. In this position he served four years to the hearty satisfaction of Mr. Monroe, and with the cordial approval of the public. In 1879 he went to St. Louis and was employed there in a clerical position in the publishing house of the Christian Advocate the two following years. He then became a travelling salesman for the mercantile firm of Heltzell & Co., of that city, and remained with them until the early part of 1882, when he engaged with a cousin of his in the lumber business at Aurora Springs, but sold out six months afterwards and joined Mr. Ewing, his present partner, in the purchase of the stock, good will, etc., of Mr. Wilson, at Bunceton in which he has since been engaged. They carry unusually large and well selected stocks of general merchandise, hardware and agricultural implements, and have a widely extended and rapidly increasing trade. Mr. H. has always been identified with the democratic party, and although decided and firm in his political convictions, he is liberal and tolerant in his intercourse with others and recognizes that those who hold diametrically opposite views to his own, may be equally sincere and conscientious in their opinions. So unobjectionable is he in this respect to all parties that in 1882 he was nominated by the independents for county clerk without his consent, however, and being a democrat he very properly, but respectfully, declined their nomination. He is a member of the Baptist church and of the Masonic order.

**GEORGE C. HARTT, M. D.**, physician and surgeon at Bell Air. Dr. Hartt, himself one of the most skillful physicians in this section of the state, came of an ancestry of physicians noted for their eminence in their profession. His father, also named George, was one of the pioneer physicians of Cooper county, having located at Boonville as far back as 1818, and for many years be ranked as the Nestor of the medical profession in Central Missouri, not so much for his early location and long practice here - and he was one of the earliest and oldest physicians of the country - as for his recognized pre-eminence as a physician and surgeon. He performed many operations in that early day among the most remarkable and successful known to medical surgery. Being called upon at one time to attend a patient virtually dying of stone in the bladder, and having no instruments available with which to remove the stone, he went to a gunsmith's shop and himself improvised such instruments as he needed and successfully performed the surgical operation, cutting into the man's bladder and removing the cause of the difficulty. Many, even more remarkable instances of his great skill and ability are related, which space cannot be given here to mention. It is a fact in his history, however, that he was never known to lose a case in surgical practice. He was born at Harrodsburg Springs, Kentucky, in 1781, and received both his general and medical education in the Blue Grass State. From there during the first decade of the present century, Miss Maria Davis having become his wife in the meantime, he with his family removed to Missouri and located at New Madrid, on the Mississippi river. But after the war of 1812, in 1818, he came to Boonville, where he lived until his death in 1852, engaged in the active practise of his profession here for nearly forty years. His grandfather of the same name, George C., the ancestor of the fourth generation of George C., the subject of this sketch was also an eminent and successful physician. Dr. George C. Hartt, of Bell Air was born in Boonville, Aug. 7, 1826, and in early youth attended the local schools of this city. At the age of sixteen, in 1842, he entered the St. Louis university, then the most famous school this side of the Alleghanies. He continued as a student in this institution for three years, during which he applied himself to his studies with great energy and assiduity. Returning home at the expiration of this time, he then entered regularly upon the study of medicine under his distinguished father. In due time he attended medical lectures, first at Lexington, Ky., and then at Louisville, in the same state. Continuing his studies without interruption, he entered the St. Louis medical college, which he attended until 1857, when, on the 28th of February of that year, he was graduated with merited honor. After his graduation, Dr. Hartt went to San Francisco, California, where he practised his profession for about two years, but then returned to Cooper county and engaged in the practice here. In 1861 he removed to Little Rock, Ark., where he remained for over twenty years, building up a large and lucrative practice. But in 1882 he returned to his native county, and located at Bell Air, where he is recognized as one of the ablest physicians in the profession, and is rapidly accumulating an extensive practice. Dr. Hartt has been twice married. First in Boonville in 1850 to Miss Mary Stewart, a native of Kentucky. She died in 1861. Of that union there are two children, Jessie and Mary. Again in 1864, the doctor was married in Little Rock, Arkansas, Mrs. Fannv Amos, a widow lady, then becoming his wife. There are two children by this marriage, Geo. C. Jr., and Agnes. Dr. Hartt was for some time a lecturer in the medical department of the state university, and also served a term as state medical examiner while a resident of Arkansas. He is a member of the Catholic church.

**JUDGE GEO. W. HELMREICH**, farmer and stock raiser. Judge Helmreich, a prosperous farmer and prominent citizen of Palestine township, is a Bavarian by nativity, and was born November 16, 1819. His parents, John Frederick and Sybila (Schindler) Helmreich, were both natives of the same country. He grew up to manhood in Bavaria, and was educated in the excellent schools for which all the German states are noted. In keeping with the regulations of that country - that all youths must learn some useful trade, profession or occupation young Helmreich learned the milling business, and followed it there until his emigration to the United States in 1848. In the fall of that year he came west and located in Howard county, Missouri, where he followed farming and milling for about two years. In 1845 he moved to Cooper county, coming to Palestine township, and here gave his attention to farming. He located on his present farm in 1854, which now contains 340 acres of the best quality of land, and is well improved. In addition to the ordinary farm interests, Judge Helmreich is also giving considerable attention to stock raising. In December, 1843, he was married to Miss Sybila Weber, originally of Bavaria, who lived to brighten his home for over thirty years, but in May, 1875, was claimed by the insatiate cormorant, Death. The following year, in March, 1876, Judge Helmreich was again married, his present wife having been at the time of her marriage to him Mrs. Maria the widow of the Rev. John Koelle. By her first husband Mrs. Helmreich had four children Ophelia M., Samuel, Emma and John Koelle. The judge and Mrs. Helmreich by their union have one son - George W. Judge Helmreich is a member of the Evangelical church, and his wife is a member of the Methodist denomination. As a public man, the judge has held numerous township offices, and he was appointed road and bridge commissioner of the county by the county court, a position he held for four years with great satisfaction to the people. He was also appointed by the court a director to represent the stock of the county in the Osage Valley and Southern Kansas railroad company, in which he served two years with credit to himself and advantage to the county.

**CHARLES E. LEONARD**, owner and proprietor of Raven Wood farm. There are few farms in Missouri, if any, that present a handsomer picture of advanced agriculture than the one referred to in the present sketch. Raven Wood farm, devoted mainly to stock raising, contains 1,900 acres in a solid body, all under fence and in an exceptionally fine state of improvement. The residence of the proprietor, one of the handsomest and most commodious structures of its kind in the state, is in the interior of the farm, and the place is so divided into fields and pastures that all open through gates into

lanes leading directly to the barns and stock lots near the dwelling. Moreover, the farm is so arranged that stock may be transferred from one pasture to another, however far apart, and grain or other products brought out passing through other enclosures and always by the most direct routes. The fences are all of the best quality, and are kept in neat farm-like condition, while each enclosure, of convenient size for the purpose for which it is designed, is abundantly supplied with good water, either by a running stream, a well or a pond, but usually by the former. The surface conformation of the place is gently rolling, with occasional abrupt declivities near the draws that lead through it, but no where too broken for cultivation, while every acre of ground is well drained. Here and there are handsome groves of forest trees, which add an additional charm to the natural beauty of the farm, and afford welcome shades to the flocks and herds that tenant its pastures. In short, as a stock farm, both in natural advantages and in the manner in which it is improved, it is without a superior, if it has an equal, in the state. The dwelling of the proprietor, to speak without warmth, is a perfect triumph of the art of architecture. Cost seems not to have been considered in its construction. Beyond question, it is one of the finest country mansions in the west, if not in the whole country. It is built on an almost colossal plan, and is arranged and finished according to the most approved ideas with regard to comfort, convenience and good taste. The whole building is lighted with gas and supplied with water from private works constructed on the place. In a word, as a home it is all that a cultivated and refined mind could wish, or that abundant means without vulgarity could supply. The other buildings on the place are in keeping with the residence. All in all, Raven Wood farm, with its fine mansion and other buildings, its miles of undulating fields and well kept pastures - the one waving with rich harvests like the waters of a lake gently agitated by the wind, and the other relieved here and there by flocks and herds of grazing stock, with its handsome groves of shade trees and its long lines of lanes leading off as far as the eye can reach - all conspire to present a picture of prosperous farm life and beauty, which, to use an expression of Quintilius, may be felt by the observer, but cannot be described. That a man who would show the enterprise and good taste displayed by Mr. Leonard in the improvement of this magnificent estate, to say nothing of the ability necessary to successfully manage it, would have a class of stock on his farm worthy of the expense and labor involved in preparing it for stock raising purposes, goes without saying ; and so are found upon his place the best grades of stock of nearly every class to be had in this country or in Europe. At the present time he is making a tour of the countries beyond the Atlantic, selecting from the different classes of stock the very finest representatives for purchase and for importation. His best stock all come from long lines of pedigreed families, as officially authenticated registers show; so that when a hoof is taken from his farm with the usual guarantee, it may be relied upon as being what it is represented. In the quantity as well as the quality of his stock Mr. Leonard ranks among the leading fine stock raisers of this section of the country. And in introducing the finest grades of stock into Cooper county, as well as encouraging by example progressive, enterprising methods of farming, he has rendered a service to the county of the highest importance to its agricultural, and therefore to its best interests. The biographical sketch of such a farmer is well worthy of more than the usual measure of space in the history of the county. Nor would such a sketch have been at all satisfactory or just without a notice of his magnificent farm. The Leonard family is an old and honored one in the history of the country. It comes down to us from a date long prior to the revolution, and in every generation has been represented by members prominent for their services in public or private life. In the war for independence an ancestor of Mr. Charles E. Leonard was a trusted and personal friend to General Washington and was relied upon by the latter in emergencies of the highest importance to the welfare of the colonies ; and so from that day to this the family has held an honorable place in the affairs of the country. But space does not permit a review of the lives and services of each of its members in this connection. Nathaniel Leonard, the father of Charles E., the subject of the present sketch, was born at Windsor, Vermont, June 13, 1799, and was reared and educated in his native state. In an early day he came west, and finally fixed upon Cooper county as the place of his permanent abode. Here he engaged in farming, and soon afterwards in stock raising, and, notwithstanding the many hardships and disadvantages with which he had to contend in that early day, his industry, energy and enterprise triumphed over all obstacles, and he ultimately became one of the most successful farmers and wealthy stock raisers of central Missouri. On the 27th of September, 1832, he was married to Miss Margaret Hutchison, originally of Bourbon county, Kentucky, born February 1, 1810. Both lived to old age. He died December 30, 1876 ; she January 2, 1880. They were as highly esteemed as neighbors and friends, and in every relation in life, as any residents within the borders of the county. They reared a worthy family of children, and of these Charles E. Leonard, the subject of this biography, was the fourth. He was born March 27, 1839, and was reared on the farm. His father being a man of superior education himself, and appreciating the full value of mental training and culture, determined to give his children the best school advantages the country afforded. Charles E., after some time spent in the primary schools, was sent to Kemper's well known school at Boonville, that modest but able institution of learning to which central Missouri owes so much. There he pursued his studies until he was prepared to enter upon a university course. From Kemper's he became a matriculate in the state university at Boonville, in which he continued until he was duly graduated. Returning from the university he at once entered actively upon the duties of assisting his father in the management and conduct of the large stock farm, the responsibilities of which had begun to weigh heavily upon the latter on account of his advancing years. Thus brought up to the occupation of handling fine stock, for his father was a noted raiser of the best grades of stock, and having since devoted his whole life to this line of business, it is not surprising that he is justly regarded as one of the most competent and successful fine stock men in Missouri, and, in fact, throughout the west. His career has been an eminently successful one, and still comparatively a young man, the future promises results far more important to himself and

valuable to the stock interests of the state than he has yet realized. Let, our stock raisers generally imitate the example of Mr. Leonard, and Missouri will become, as she has every natural advantage to, the first fine stock state in the union. On the 22d of October, 1872, Mr. Leonard was married to Miss Nadine N., daughter of James M. Nelson, Esq., banker at Boonville, Missouri. They have one child, a son, N. Nelson. Mr. Nelson is expected to return from Europe during the coming fall.

**H. H. MILLER, M. D.**, physician and surgeon, Bunceton. Few members of the medical profession in this section of the country have enjoyed better advantages and opportunities than Doctor Miller for becoming thorough and accomplished physicians and surgeons. His father, Colonel Miller, was a wealthy planter and business man of Rockingham county, Virginia, and in youth, the son was given superior English and classic education, taking a course in the sciences, and in Latin and Greek, qualifications of the utmost importance to the higher attainments in medicine and surgery. After his courses in the New Market and Southwestern academies of his native state, he entered upon the study of medicine, under Doctors Miller and Jennings, at Elkton, Virginia, and when prepared to attend medical lectures became a matriculate in the University of Virginia, graduating from that eminent institution in the spring of 1860. During the winter of the same year he attended lectures in the Medical College of Richmond, and in the following year received a diploma also from that able school of medicine. He had hardly more than completed his professional education when the war burst upon the country with all the lurid glare and deafening thunder of its fury. True to the Old Dominion and to her imperishable traditions, he laid all his hopes and aspirations for a life of eminence and usefulness in his profession aside, and flew to the ranks of her brave sons, then gathering from every mountain and every valley, to defend with his life the sacred soil where Washington lived and died, from the hostile tread of an invading foe. The first year of the war he served as first lieutenant of a company in the 10th Virginia infantry, commanded by Colonel Divans, one of the regiments, of Stonewall Jackson's immortal command. During this service he participated in all the battles and skirmishes in which the tireless, sleepless, fearless Jackson was engaged, including both the battles of Bull's Run, the seven-days' fight around Richmond, the terrible battle of Cedar Mountain, and many others. In 1862 he was appointed assistant surgeon in the same command, and served in that capacity until the close of the war. On the restoration of peace Doctor Miller returned to Elkton, Virginia, and engaged in the practice of his profession. Well schooled in medicine and surgery as he was when the war began, his three years' experience with the suffering and dying of Jackson's noble command, his friends and comrades, was a school, a sad and almost heartrending one, but a school, nevertheless, worth more to the practitioner than a life time spent in the colleges would be. He went into the war a thorough scholar; he came out of it a thorough physician. In 1870 Doctor Miller came to Missouri, and located at Taberville, and in 1873 came to Bunceton, where he has since been engaged in the practice. Here he enjoys an enviable reputation as a physician and surgeon, and commands a wide and lucrative practice. Personally he is as highly esteemed as he is professionally. Doctor Miller was born in Rockingham county, Virginia, July 11, 1839, and was a son of Colonel Henry and Susan ( Hansberger) Miller, of that county. His paternal ancestors for four generations were natives of the same county. His father was a leading planter of that county, and was also largely interested in the milling business, flouring, grist, carding, and sawing. He died there in 1875. After his removal to this county, Doctor Miller was married, April 10, 1873, to Miss Amanda, daughter of Reuben Ewing, one of the pioneer settlers of Cooper County. Mrs. Miller is a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian church, and the doctor is a member of the A. F. and A. M., at Bunceton, Lodge No. 456.

**S. C. MITCHELL, M. D.**, physician and surgeon ; also interested in farming and stock raising, Palestine. Doctor Mitchell, a leading physician, and influential citizen of Palestine township and that section of the county, is a representative of one of the oldest and most highly respected families in the county. His father, W. N. Mitchell, who was a native of Tennessee, came here as early as 1816, and located at that time, at or near Cole's Fork, the central place of rendezvous for most of the early settlers of the county. His wife, Miss Margaret Miller, was originally of North Carolina. They reared a family of four sons and four daughters, of whom the doctor was the youngest child. His father became a prominent farmer of the county, and died here May 6, 1865. The doctor was born November 26, 1839, and grew up on his father's farm. In youth, by study, in the ordinary country schools, and at home, during his leisure from farm employment, he acquired a substantial and practical education. At the age of twenty-three, he commenced the study of medicine, at Boonville, Missouri, under Dr. H. C. Gibson, one of the most thorough and scientific physicians of central Missouri, and in due time became a matriculate in the St. Louis medical college, from which he was graduated with marked honor, in 1865. Returning then to Cooper county, he at once entered actively upon the practice of his profession, which he has since continued with untiring energy, and with the most gratifying success. Although more of a physician than a business man, in the sense of accumulating property, his twenty years, nearly, of hard work in his profession have not been altogether without substantial returns. Besides being comfortably situated at Palestine, he has a neat farm near this place, where he is interested in both grain growing and stock raising, the latter, however, only in a general way. As a citizen, he is progressive and public-spirited, and as a neighbor and friend, he is universally esteemed. Doctor Mitchell was married November 15, 1867, to Miss Ann Eliza, daughter of James and Lucinda Craig, old and valued residents of the county. The doctor and his estimable wife have one daughter, Miss Mattie E., a cultured and amiable young lady. He and his family are members of the Baptist church.

**J. HENDERSON MOORE.** In the biographies of such families as that of which Mr. Moore is a worthy representative, is to be read the true history of the development and prosperity of Cooper county. His father, G. W. Moore, was one of its early settlers, and opened up a large farm here, leaving the county at his death the richer and more prosperous by his having lived in it, and with a large family to carry forward the work of developing its resources and improving it. He was a native of North Carolina, and came here when a young man and located in Palestine township. He made his farm on land he entered from the government, and was married to Miss Frances T. Stephens, originally from Virginia, a lady worthy to have taken part with him in building up a comfortable fortune. After forty years of intelligent and successful, industry in the county, he died at his homestead on the 18th of April, 1861, sadly regretted by a wide circle of friends and acquaintances, and deeply mourned by his family. He and his good wife reared a family of ten children : eight sons and two daughters. Of these J. Henderson, the subject of this sketch, was the eldest. He was born March 22, 1822, and was reared in the family homestead. After he grew up, and some years after he attained his majority, he was married to Miss Mary A., daughter of James and Elizabeth (Miller) McCarty. She (Mrs. Moore) was a granddaughter of Judge James Miller, one of the three first judges of the county court. They were married on the 24th of January, 1850. Three children, now living, followed this long and happy union, viz. : Lorenzo H., J. Warren and Hattie J., wife of O. N. Dills, all residents of Palestine township. After his marriage Mr. Moore located on the farm where he now lives, an excellent homestead of 330 acres, well improved and in good condition. He is a modern, ideal, progressive farmer, paying more regard to the quality of the products and stock he raises than to the quantity. Neat about his farm and enterprising in its management, he is one of the business-like, successful farmers of the county. Personally, he is regarded as a valued citizen, and a kind and accommodating neighbor. His excellent lady, Mrs. Moore, is an earnest and devoted member of the Cumberland Presbyterian church.

**J. WARREN MOORE,** proprietor general store, Palestine. Mr. Moore, a son of J. Henderson Moore, a prominent farmer of this county whose sketch precedes this; was born at the family homestead December 28, 1856, and was reared on the farm. His father being a man of advanced and liberal ideas with regard to education, as well as other matters, gave his son good school advantages in youth. J. Warren, after the usual course in the preparatory schools, entered William Jewell college, of Liberty, Missouri, where he prosecuted his studies with great zeal and merry, and in his course at that institution acquired an excellent English education. After his return from college, in February, 1880, he established his present store at Palestine. He carries an excellent stock of goods in the General mercantile line, and, by his energy, fair dealing and pleasant, popular bearing, has built up an extensive and profitable trade. He was married March 20, 1882, to Miss Clara Pasmore, originally of Canada, but reared and educated at Liberty, Missouri - an accomplished and most estimable lady. Mr. and Mrs. Moore have one child, a bright little daughter, Pearl. Mrs. Moore is a member of the Baptist church.

**CHARLES F. MOORE,** farmer, stock raiser, trader, veterinary surgeon and piscatorist. Few men, if any, in Cooper county, or in this section of the state, have led more active lives, and, in the pursuits in which Mr. Moore has been engaged, more successful ones than his has been. Reared in the country, and to a farm life, to which circumstances and his own tastes inseparably attached him, in this situation his great energy and enterprise have found various employments of profit to himself and of value to the community, in all of which he has been entirely successful. The common average of men are content to follow one line of industry - whatever they may happen to fall into in youth or early manhood. Others of strong character and of vigorous intellect and energy, strike out into new fields of existence - anywhere and everywhere that promises favorable results. To this class the biography of Mr. Moore shows him to belong. He was born in Cooper county May 6, 1826, near the place where he now resides, and was a son of George W. and Frances T. (Stephens) Moore, reference to whom is made in the sketch of J. Henderson Moore, on a previous page of this work. At the age of about twenty-two, July 26, 1846, he was married to Miss Martha A., daughter of Hutchins English, of Moniteau county, where she was reared and educated. He resided one year in Moniteau after his marriage, and then removed to his own native county, in which he has since made his home. For five years he followed farming here with great assiduity and energy, giving his attention to nothing else. At the expiration of this time such had been his success that he was able to engage also in merchandising, which he did at Palestine, and, by a nine years' experience in this line, showed that he had the qualities to win success in this calling as well as in farming. He then turned his attention to buying and shipping tobacco, and in 1863 began buying and shipping live stock to the wholesale markets, which he followed for three years, reaping annually a rich harvest from this business. In 1866 Mr. Moore withdrew from all other pursuits and turned his attention exclusively to his present magnificent farm. This splendid estate contains 225 acres of the finest quality of land, all under fence and handsomely improved. His buildings, including dwelling, barns, sheds, etc., are all neat, substantial and comfortable. He follows grain growing and stock raising on a large scale, and also deals largely in wheat and other grain, which he has followed since 1857. He ships annually from 50,000 to 100,000 bushels of grain to the general wholesale markets. On his place he has a fine orchard, consisting of 1,000 grafted peach trees of the best varieties, and about 300 apple trees, all of fine grades. An intelligent, educated stockman, he has made a specialty of studying the diseases of domestic animals, and has become, both by scholarly research and many years' practical experience, one of the best

posted and most thorough veterinary surgeons in this section of the state. He has a wide reputation and an extensive practice in this profession. On his estate he has two large ponds, or more properly small lakes, each of which covers about one acre of land, and these are devoted to fish culture, as well as being used for stock purposes. He has a large variety of fine fish, in the propagation and cultivation of which he takes an active interest. Mr. Moose and his excellent wife have reared a family of six children: George H., R. L., general railway agent at Boonville; Cornelia, now the wife of L. B. Windsor; Florence, Gillie and Gertie. Mr. Moose and family are members of the Baptist church, and he has been a member of the Masonic lodge at Boonville.

**JAMES M. MOORE**, farmer and stock trader. Mr. James M. Moose is another worthy representative of the George W. Moore family mentioned in the sketches of J. Henderson, Charles F., and R. L. Moore in this volume. He was born in this county on the old homestead, February 2, 1834. Like his brothers he was reared to the occupation of a farmer, in which his father was a marked success, and at the age of about twenty years was married, November 16 1854 to Miss Rebecca, daughter of J. C. Todd, of Morgan county. They settled on a farm in Cooper county, and he and his worthy wife went to work to carve out their fortunes by honest, patient industry. But seven years had not circled round before the hand of death was laid upon her, and she was no more. She died January 5, 1861. Of this union one son is now living, J. T. Moore. Afterwards the father was married to Miss Jane, a daughter of Robert Seaton, formerly of Natchez, Mississippi, but for many years prior to his daughter's marriage a citizen of Cooper county. She was born in Natchez but was reared in this county. They were married June 5, 1862. Three children were reared by this marriage: Aggie, Minnie and Myrtle. Mr. Moore settled on his present farm in March, 1867, a comfortable homestead of over 100 acres, exceptionally well improved. He is a neat farmer and an intelligent, business-like manager, and succeeds better with a small farm than many do with twice or thrice his number of acres. He has been engaged in stock trading a number of years, and in this business achieves satisfactory success. Mr. and Mrs. Moore are worthy and exemplary members of the Christian church.

**FREDERICK NUNN**, farmer and stock raiser. Mr. Nunn, who is one of the neatest and most intelligent farmers of Palestine township, is a native of Bavaria, and is a self-educated, self-made man. He was born September 9, 1815, and was a son of Michael and Barbara (Ulrich) Nunn, of the same kingdom. He was reared in his native country and acquired his education, sufficient for all practical purposes, by private study of evenings after working hours, and at other times when not at work, after he had reached his majority. He came to America in 1835 and lived in Virginia for nineteen years. There he obtained his start in the world by digging wells - dug eighty-five in Jefferson county, in the vicinity of Harper's Ferry, that averaged 100 feet in depth each, all through rock. He also improved two farms in that county. From there he came to Cooper county in 1854, where he has since lived and been engaged in farming. He has one of the neatest, best kept farms of over 200 acres in the county. Besides ordinary grain growing he gives considerable attention to stock raising, in which he is very successful. Mr. Nunn has been married twice: first, in his native country in 1833, to Miss Catherine Page. She died eleven days after their arrival in Boonville in 1854. Of his family of three children by this union, two are living, John and George. In the fall of 1855 he was married to Miss Catherine, daughter of David Wendelton, originally of Germany. Eight children have followed their marriage: David C., Barbara, wife of George Watson; Fannie, deceased; Maggie, deceased; Jennie, William M., Lulu and Lena. Mrs. Nunn is a member of the Baptist church.

**H. F. OGLESBY**, farmer. Among the well-to-do farmers of Palestine township who are natives of the county is Mr. H. F. Oglesby, who was born here May 13, 1836, and has spent his whole life so far in the county of his nativity. He was one of two children of P. G. Oglesby and wife, Millie C., a daughter of Henry Woolery. His father, who was born in Kentucky in 1804, came here with his parents from that state when a young man and lived in this county until his death July 2, 1845. He was married to Miss Woolery a short time after his arrival here, and besides H. F. they had a daughter Nancy E., now Mrs. Henry S. Titsworth. H. F., after he grew up, was married April 14, 1859, to Miss Martha C. Nichols, who bore him three children: Mary, now the wife of C. W. Cordry, Charles W. and Pleasant G. But on the 4th of June, 1864, death invaded his home and took his noble wife, the devoted mother of his children. Two years and a half afterwards Mr. Oglesby was again married, November 24, 1871, Miss Nancy E., daughter of Joseph and Nancy Woolery, then becoming his wife. This union is blessed with two children: Mattie Hamilton and Robert F. Farming has constituted Mr. Oglesby's life occupation. Immediately after his first marriage he settled on the old homestead in Palestine township, where he has since lived. He has 200 acres in this place, and has it substantially and comfortably improved. He is a good practical farmer and a well respected citizen and neighbor. Mr. Oglesby and his wife are both members of the Missionary Baptist church.

**GEORGE A. ORMROD**, farmer and fine-stock breeder. Mr. Ormrod is a representative of the younger, well educated class of farmers of Cooper county, who find as much use for their heads in farming as for their hands. By these the old course of going to mill with a rock in one end of the sack and the corn in the other, and all similar crudities, have long since been discarded. They believe in farming on intelligent business principles. Hence he is a representative of this class. Mr. Ormrod, instead of conducting his fine farm of a section of land in a slipshod sort of way, sows and plants the best qualities of grain and raises the finest class of stock, thus making his farming operations undoubtedly profitable,

whereas otherwise they would probably result in actual loss, at least in no profit. He has a flock of 1,000 head of fine Merino sheep, anion - which are a large number of registered representatives of this breed. His cattle are also of the thoroughbred breeds, and some of them are of the very finest grades. Mr. Ormrod is a son of Joseph Ormrod, deceased, formerly a leading farmer of this county. The father was a native of England, and was a thoroughly educated man. He was born in 1791, and came to America in 1817. After stopping at Bedford, Pennsylvania, about four years, he came to Boonville, and here for a long time was engaged in editing a paper. Here subsequently he engaged in mercantile pursuits and conducted important teaming interests. From these affairs he turned his attention to farming, in which he proved a marked success, and which he followed until his death, August 22, 1854. He was twice married : First to Amanda Adams, in Boonville, November 7, 1824. She died April 17, 1846. By this union there were twelve children, but three of whom, however, grew to maturity. These also are now dead. His second wife, who still survives him, was at the time of her marriage to him a Mrs. Eliza A., widow of John L. Hickman. She was a daughter of Thomas Hutchison. They were blessed with seven children, five of whom are living, four of these being residents of this county and the other is in California. The only son, however, by this last marriage, is George A., the subject of this sketch. He was born February 2, 1848. He was educated in the common schools and spent three years in the high school at Boonville. February 18, 1880, he was married to Miss Florence Buchanan, born in California, but reared in this county. She is a daughter of Andrew Buchanan. One child was born to them, little Mary, who died in infancy. Mr. Ormrod's mother lives with them on the family homestead. All these are members of tile Baptist church, and lie is an active member of the I. O. G. T.

**THOMAS J. PARRISH**, farmer, also constable of Palestine township. Mr. Parrish comes of an excellent Old North state family, but is himself a native of this county. His father, David Parrish, was a representative of the well known Parrish family of North Carolina, where be himself was born and reared. But soon after his marriage in that state, in 1840, he removed to Missouri and settled in Cooper county, where he became a well-to-do farmer and lived until his death. He died in 1872. His wife was formerly a Miss Lively Waller, also of North Carolina. T. J., the subject of this sketch, was born the second year after the immigration of his parents to this county, viz., in 1842. Reared on a farm, he not unnaturally adopted the life to which he had been brought up when the time came for him to start out in the world for himself. In his early years he had attended the common schools of the district and succeeded in acquiring the practical rudiments of an ordinary education, so that later in life he has not only proven a good, intelligent minded farmer, but is also a capable, clear-headed business man. Recognizing his qualifications for the discharge of the duties of constable of the township, the people by a highly complimentary majority elected him to that office, which he is now filling. In July, 1869, he was married to Josephine, daughter of Ambrose C. George, a former citizen of the Blue Grass state. Five children have blessed their married life: Mollie Maud, Clarence H. and Samuel M. The other two, alas are dead, one in boyhood, the other in infancy. After his marriage Mr. Parrish settled on a form near Bunceton, where he lived about five years, but in 1874 removed to his present place, a neat farm, comfortably improved. He and his wife are both members of the Christian church.

**ANTHONY J. READ, DECEASED.** He whose name heads this memoir lived a life that was useful and just to those around him, and died a death unracked by regrets for the past, and unclouded by fears of the future. To have done this is to have fulfilled to the utmost one's mission upon the earth - to have accomplished the divine purpose of his creation. In the affairs of the world Anthony J. Read was upright and successful; in the concerns of the future life he was a deeply pious man, an earnest, faithful Christian. He was born in Nelson county, Kentucky, December 23, 1823, and was a son of Judge A. F. and Ellen C. (Ewing) Read, of that county, but later of Cooper county, this state, where both parents lived until their deaths. Judge Reed removed from Nelson county first to Todd county, Kentucky, in which he filled the office of sheriff, and in about two years afterward, in 1826, immigrated to Cooper county, Missouri. Judge Reed was a man of liberal ideas with regard to education, and gave his children food school advantages. Anthony J. was educated at Hanover college, Indiana, an institution of high standing at that time in the west. Returning home after his college course, he remained on his father's farm until his marriage immediately after which be settled on the farm where he continued to live through life, and where his family now resides. He was married January 14, 1847, is a granddaughter of Chatam Ewing, and a niece of Rev. Finis Ewing, tile noted Cumberland Presbyterian divine. Eight children of their family are now living; Rettie, wife of John Decker; Eva, Ewing, wife of George E. Titsworth ; Finis C., Sally, Blanche, Anthony J. and Katie. Their homestead, at Mr. Read's death, contained 800 acres of land, but since that a portion has been disposed of. Besides farming, Mr. Read also gave his attention to dealing in stock, principally cattle, hogs and mules, in which he was extensively engaged. He was for many years prior to his death an earnest, active member of the Cumberland Presbyterian church, and contributed liberally of his means whenever necessary to advance the cause of religion. As a neighbor he was a friend to all around him, and always strove to keep peace and good feeling in the neighborhood by exerting himself to bring together those who had fallen out. He took an active part in the grange, and was three times elected master of the grange in his township. He died July 25, 1876, sadly regretted by all who knew him, and deeply mourned by his family audit wide circle of friends. Mrs. Read and all her family, except the two youngest children, are members of the Cumberland Presbyterian church.

**A. J. REAVIS**, farmer, fruit grower and stock raiser. There are few, if any, neater, more business-like and successful farmers in Cooper county than Mr. A. J. Reavis. His place contains 400 acres, all within excellent fencing, and most of it subdivided into fields of forty acres each. In other respects, also, his place is exceptionally well improved. His residence is a spacious, well constructed and comfortable brick; his barn is a large, neatly finished and substantial one ; his fields, meadows and pastures are in good condition ; in short, everything about him reveals the thorough, intelligent farmer that he is. He has an apple orchard of forty-two acres, bearing the best varieties of that class of fruit. Besides this, he has a peach orchard of some two hundred trees. His annual yields of fruit often amounts to twenty carloads. He also raises and feeds stock for the wholesale markets, and grows large quantities of grain for shipment. The biography of such a farmer is well worth perusing. He is a native of the county, and was born in Kelly township, October 11, 1838. His father, W. T. Reavis, came to this county with his parents in 1821, when a lad ten years of age; the family, however, removed from North Carolina (in Rutherford county of which W. T. was born September 14, 1811) to Missouri in about 1818, but stopped in St. Louis and Franklin counties some three years. In Cooper county they settled in Kelly township, near Vermont station. W. T., after he grew up, was married to Miss Mary A. McCulloch, originally of Culpepper county, Virginia, who came here with her parents when she was about thirteen years of age. Having entered a body of 480 acres of land, W. T. Reavis improved a large farm, and there both parents lived until their deaths; she died January 13, 1877 ; he, November 18, of the same year. In youth A. J., their son and the subject of this sketch, received a good common school education. He was married March 28, 1865, to Miss Lotta A., daughter of Abner Bailey, of Howard county. Prior to this, he had been engaged in the mercantile business in this county, and afterwards in St. Louis. After his marriage he engaged in business at Tipton, and sold goods there about a year. During all this time he was a member of the firm of B. F. Reavis & Co., the former being his brother. In 1866 Mr. Reavis came to his present farm, where he has since resided. As a farmer he is a marked success. Over three years ago he had the misfortune to lose his wife, who died April 30, 1880. She was a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian church, and a woman of devout piety and of great personal worth. She left two children: Minnie L. and Benjamin F. November 17, 1882, Mr. Reavis was married a second time; his present wife, a most amiable and excellent lady, is a daughter of James O. Nelson, and was formerly Miss Nora R. She is a member of the Baptist church.

**WILLIAM ROBERTS**, farmer and proprietor of saw and grist mill. Mr. Roberts is a native of Ohio, and was born in Muskingum county, October 17th, 1835. His father, Joseph Roberts, was born in Pennsylvania, but came out with his parents to Ohio in early youth, where he grew up and was married to Miss Mary Berry, by whom he reared his family. In 1847 the family removed to Iowa, and settled in Davis county, where they still live, and where William, the subject of this sketch, was principally reared and educated. On the 1st of May, 1856, William was married to Miss Mary, daughter of Abdel Parsons, of Clark county, Missouri. After their marriage, they continued to live in Davis county, Iowa, where Mr. Roberts was engaged in farming until 1865, when he sold his farm in that county and removed to near Arrow Rock, Missouri. There he lived nearly two years, following farming, and in the spring of 1867 came to the present farm, where he has 120 acres of good land substantially and comfortably improved. He also has a saw and grist mill, which he has been running with excellent success, since his removal here. Mr. and Mrs. Roberts have a family of seven children : Maggie, now the wife of John P. Sheets; Ella, now the wife of Thomas Orr; William E., Thomas M., Mary M., Florence and Edwin E. Both parents are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

**E. H. RODGERS**, farmer and breeder of the Atwood merino sheen. Mr. Rodgers is a native of Virginia, and was born in Ohio county, December 6th, 1843. His parents, John G. and Margaret Rodgers still reside in that county. Their homestead is composed of land entered of the family several generations ago. His grandmother, of the fourth generation, on the father's side, was the first white woman that ever set foot in the county. His father is now seventy-one years of age, and is as hale and vigorous in mind and body as men usually are at fifty. He is a large and successful farmer of Ohio county, and still manages and conducts his farm himself. In the late war E. H. Rodgers, still a youth, espoused the Union cause, and in his nineteenth year, in August, 1862, enlisted in company D, 12th West Virginia volunteer infantry, and served until the close of the war, witnessing the final surrender of Lee at Appomattox, in 1865, in person. He was in the battle of Winchester, under General Milroy, and numerous other engagements. After the restoration of peace he farmed for two years in his native county, and then in 1868 removed to Missouri, and located in Pilot Grove township, Cooper county, where he lived for twelve years. In 1880 he sold his farm in Pilot Grove, and bought his present place, a splendid farm of 720 acres of land, principally under fence, and otherwise well improved. Besides general farming he makes a specialty of breeding and raising the celebrated Atwood stock of merino sheep, of which he has a flock of 1,250 head. Mr. Rodgers was married in Ohio county, Virginia, to Miss Mary L., daughter of James Elliott, of that county, August 18th, 1870. They have one child, an interesting daughter, Mary M. A.

**ROBERT ROE**, farmer and stock raiser. Mr. Roe is a native of Maryland, and was born in Caroline county, February 27th, 1815. He is therefore closely approaching the allotted age of three score and ten. His parents, Samuel and Elizabeth (Leith) Roe, emigrated from that state to Cooper county, Missouri, in 1827, and entering the land where Pilot Grove now stands, opened and improved their farm there. The father continued to reside in this place until his death, in 1878, at the

advanced age of ninety, having been born in 1788. He held various local offices, and was postmaster at Pilot Grove some fifteen years. He was also justice of the peace a number of years. Robert was a lad twelve years of age when his parents removed to this county. After he grew up he learned the cabinet-maker's trade, at Boonville, where he worked nearly three years. He then went to Calhoun, Henry county, where he carried on a shop two years, after which he sold out and engaged in farming, in that county. He followed farming there for fifteen years, and returned to Cooper county, in 1857, locating on a farm two miles and a half east of Pilot Grove. This place he sold in 1869, and bought his present farm, which contains 200 acres of good land, and is in a good state of cultivation and improvement. Mr. Roe was married in Henry county, in December, 1840, to Miss Fanny, daughter of Bennett Harrelson, then of that county. She, however, is a native of Cooper county. Of their family of twelve children seven are now living : Martha, Anna., wife of William Annan; Mary A., wife of E. F. Waller; J. B., R. S., E. H. and O. L. Mr. and Mrs. Roe are members of the M. E. church.

**ROBERT SEATON**, farmer and stock raiser, Mr. Sexton, who is a well-to-do farmer and highly respected citizen of Palestine township, is a native of Scotland, and commenced life for himself by learning the carpenter's trade, at which he worked in that county until his immigration to America, and afterwards in this country for about twenty years. He was born in May, 1797, and in boyhood and early youth, up to his fifteenth year, had the advantages afforded by the excellent free schools of Scotland, then, as now, one of the best systems of public education on the globe. In 1812 he became apprenticed in the carpenter's trade, in which he served, under a skilful master, for five years. He then cast his fortunes in the great city of Glasgow, the metropolis of his native country, and worked there at the ligneous art ten years. In the meantime he had met Miss Joan Lyle, a fair maiden of his native country, and a mutual attachment grew up between them, resulting in their marriage, in about 1829. This union proved a long and happy one, and was blessed with a numerous and worthy family of children. In 1833, Mr. Sexton, believing there were better opportunities to make himself comfortable in life in the new world than in the old and thickly settled country, where he was born and reared, immigrated to the "virgin continent beyond the Atlantic," and landing at New York went from there, with his family, to Hartford, Connecticut, where he followed his trade three years. About this time good carpenters were in great demand at Natchez, Mississippi, and he at once went to that city, where he worked three years, to good advantage. During the "thirties" and "forties" there was an immense rush of immigration to the Boone's Lick country, in Missouri, and, in fact, to the whole Missouri river valley, in this state. Wisely divining that carpenters would command good wages here, he came to Boonville, in 1839, and in this city was kept busy at his trade for five years. By this time, however, his family of children were growing up around him, and he was anxious to be settled on a farm, so that his sons might be reared in the country to the honest, industrious lives of farmers. Accordingly he bought a place in Palestine township, and moved into it, where afterward his boys took the leading part in managing the farm for some years, and he continued working at his trade. He was a thorough carpenter, and was in great request all over the country, being constantly employed in his chosen occupation. Every where, in this section of the country, may be seen the houses that were built by his honest, industrious hands. But, his age began to slacken the vigor and steadiness of his activity, he retired from his trade and lives upon the farm, in the enjoyment of the fruits of his labors and the society of his family and friends. Of his family there were twelve children, three of whom died in infancy and two in mature years. Those surviving are John Seaton, of Cass county; Jeannette, wife of Henry Knaus ; Jane, wife of James M. Moore ; Henry, Mary, wife of Robert Herst ; Martha, and Robert. Robert A, the youngest, conducts the farm, and is engaged in both grain growing and stock raising. Robert Seaton, Sr., is a member of the Lone Elm Christian church.

**REV. G. B. SERGEANT, DECEASED.** Rev. G. B. Sergeant was born in Trigg county, Kentucky, March 19th, 1844, and died at San Antonio, Texas, where he had gone from Cooper county, Missouri, his adopted home, for the benefit of his health, April 16, 1881. Within this period, of scarcely more than thirty-seven years, was lived a life of as little evil and as much purity as seldom mark the earthly career of man - a life free from the ambitious and vanities of this world, and devoted to the service of God and humanity. In the lives of such men there is a beautiful poetry, an inspiration, a sentiment that makes even the plainest sketch of their way through the world, strewn, as it is, with the flowers of tender, noble deeds, interesting and attractive to the reader - a subject upon which he loves to dwell with the sweet sadness that lingers in the heart after a gentle dream of the loved and lost has come and gone. His early youth was spent in his native county, and at the age of sixteen he became a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian church, in the ministry of which he was destined to be a bright, but, alas! so transient, an ornament. Soon he determined to devote himself wholly to the service of his maker and his fellow-man, and to become a light in the pulpit that should make bright the way of those around him onto the portal of Heaven. Accordingly, he entered regularly upon the course of study necessary to qualify himself for the ministry, and in due time became a matriculate in the university of Oxford, Mississippi, in which he remained until he received a complete ordination. This was consummated in 1873. For several years he was located in Mississippi, where he became, noted as a deeply pious, earnest Christian minister, and as one whose eloquence in the pulpit, and activity in parish work, gave great promise of future usefulness. From there he came to Cooper county, this state, where he soon woo the affection of the church community, and, indeed, of all with whom he came in contact, such were his gentleness, his modesty, and his deep piety, and, withal, his earnestness and power as a minister. Here he was

married to Miss Magpie A., the beautiful and accomplished daughter of Mr. R. M. Crenshaw, of this county. An interesting little daughter, Hortense M., blessed this happy union, a union destined to be soon broken by the haul of death. Already that grim messenger had given warning that he would soon knock at their door. Hard study in youth, and harder work in the ministry, had completely undermined Mr. Sergeant's naturally frail constitution. He quit work entirely, hoping that rest would restore him at least to comparative health, but it did not. He then went to Texas, and there, in San Antonio, as we have said, he breathed his last. What more appropriate than the noble linen of Willis?

"How beautiful it is for a man to die  
Upon the walls of Zion; to be called,  
Like a watch-worn and weary sentinel,  
To put his armor off and rest in Heaven."

**THOMAS B. SMITH, DECEASED**, late farmer and stock raiser. At the age of sixty-nine, on the fourth day of May, 1870, died, at his residence, in this county, Thomas B. Smith, a man who for over a generation had been one of the leading farmers of Palestine township, and for many years was a prominent stock dealer of the county. He was a man of more than an ordinarily enterprising, active mind, and of great industry, and by his activity and energy, succeeded in acquiring a comfortable estate in life. Farming was his regular occupation, but while he was in the strength and vigor of middle age, he also dealt extensively in mules for the southern markets, to which he annually shipped large numbers. Personally he was an open-hearted, frank, brave, generous minded man, and among his acquaintances he could number his friends by the score, while he had but few, if any, enemies. He was born in Bourbon county, Kentucky, in 1801, and came with his parents, Daniel and Nancy (Barker) Smith, to this county in an early day. His father settled in Palestine township, entering a large tract of land, which he improved, and where he lived until his death, in 1846. In July, 1842, Thomas B. was married to Miss Elizabeth Massie, a daughter of Sylvanus Massie, originally of Madison county, Kentucky, where she was born in 11322. Of this family of children, four are living, as follows: Sale L., wife of Charles H. Bradford ; Margaret E., wife of L. C. Todd; Mary D., and M. M. Smith. Immediately after his marriage, Mr. Smith located on the farm where his family now live, which continued his home through life. It is an excellent farm of over 300 acres, and is substantially and comfortably improved. In his family Mr. Smith was a devoted husband and a kind, affectionate father, and as a neighbor he was hospitable and obliging to all around him. Politically he was a life-long democrat, and was earnest and active in support of his convictions, but never sought, nor would he accept, any political office. In religion he was the soul of tolerance, believing in and holding fast to the general great truths of religious faith, but discarding all narrow, exclusive tenets, which if true, would have the effect to exclude any human being, whose life had been just and true, and characterized by good work, from Heaven. He was what God intended that man should be, an upright conscientious man of the world.

**GEORGE W. SON**, farmer and miller. Among the enterprising farmers and millers of Palestine township, the name of George W. Son is worthy of special mention. His parents, William Son and Lue A. (Burger) Son, both came to this county early in life, and were here married and reared their family. His father was from Kentucky, and his mother originally from Tennessee. George W. was one of a family of eleven children, nine of whom are living, five sons and four daughters, and was born September 24th, 1828, in Palestine township. His mother died at the age of fifty-five, in 1865, and his father in 1873, at the age of seventy-two, in California. George W. became administrator of his father's estate, consisting of nearly 400 acres of land, about 160 acres of which were in California, besides considerable personal property. This duty he discharged with excellent business ability, and entire satisfaction to all concerned. He now has a neat farm in Palestine township, and also owns and conducts a saw mill, which he runs principally during the winter and spring months. Besides these interests he is the proprietor of a grain-thresher, which he runs with success and profit during the garnering season. Mr. Son has been three times married. His first wife, formerly Miss Martha J. Howard, to whom he was married August 25th, 1852, died the second year after their marriage, leaving a daughter, who survived her mother only a few years. Some time afterwards Miss Elizabeth Tray became his second wife. She lived to brighten and bless his home about ten years, but was taken from him by death March 9th, 1867. By this union there are two sons and a daughter living, of a family of five children. His present wife was, before her marriage, a Miss Nancy A. Stark, of Moniteau county. She has borne him three children, two of whom, a son and daughter, are living.

**CAPTAIN JOHN H. STEPHENS**, farmer and stock raiser. In any worthy history of Cooper county the Stephens family will always occupy a conspicuous and honorable place. They were among the first settlers of the county, and from its pioneer days have been prominently identified with its history with its material development, its public and business affairs, and with its social life. The founder of the family in this county, now so numerous, prominent and influential, was a sturdy son of the Old Dominion, a worthy descendant of the brave-hearted and knightly cavaliers who settled in that colony during the first century of the colonization of the country. Joseph Stephens, a man of the most stirring enterprise, and of unconquerable resolution, the grandfather of the subject of this sketch, left a home of comparative ease in Virginia and became, with his family, a pioneer settler in the new country of Kentucky. But later on, learning of the material wealth of

central Missouri, he determined to cast his fortunes with this, then little known, wilderness. Accordingly, he arrived in Cooper county, with his family, in 1816 ; and here he spent the remainder of his days. He bought a large body of land at the land sales of 1818, and on a part of this, near where the town of Bunceton now stands, improved a large farm. There were five sons in his family: William, Peter, Lawrence C., Joseph and James M. Lawrence C., the third son and the father of John H., was born before his parents left Virginia, but was partly reared in Cooper county. After he grew up he was married here to Miss Margaret P., a daughter of Major Wm. H. Moore, another pioneer settler of the county. Of this union seven children were born, five sons and two daughters, of which family Captain John H. Stephens was the third. Lawrence C. Stephens inherited all the stronger and better qualities of his father's character. He came up in an age of the country when school advantages were out of the question ; yet, naturally of a superior mind, and animated by an earnest desire for knowledge, largely by his own exertions, and without the aid of an instructor, he succeeded in acquiring an excellent, practical education. Not only this. All through life he was a constant and judicious reader of the best class of books, so that he became a man of extensive information. In the industrial and business activities of life, he was abundantly successful. Brought up to habits of industry and sober frugality, a lifetime of well directed energy could hardly have failed to produce substantial results. He became one of the most substantial citizens of the county the possessor of a handsome estate. But he did not make the pursuit of wealth the controlling influence of his life. He was keenly alive to all the duties and responsibilities of citizenship, and to the moral and religious interests of society. That a man of his qualities of head and heart would hold a high place in the confidence and esteem of those around him, was to have been expected. And so it was with Judge Stephens. None ever stood higher in the respect and estimation of the community than he. Though free from all political ambition, and preferring the quiet and independence of private life to the perplexities of official station, he did not let his personal inclinations stand in the way of duty when called upon to serve the public. Besides positions of minor importance, he was a member of the county court for a number of years, and also represented his county in the state legislature. In office and in private affairs he was the same clear-headed, conscientious and upright man: Public interests could not have been entrusted to safer hands. For many years before his death he was an earnest and exemplary member of the Cumberland Presbyterian church ; and in church, as in every other relation of life, his character shone out with singular brightness. Not only in professions, not only in sentiment and convictions, was he a follower of the Cross; but in acts and deeds he was more than he professed. Though always ready with counsel and advice for those in distress, he invariably prefaced what he said by substantial aid when it was needed ; and his liberality was not of the calculating, business-like kind, but as generous and abundant as the noble impulses of his own free, open-hearted nature. To the church he gave freely of his means for the advancement of the cause of religion, and for all benevolent purposes. In a word, he was a sincere, practical and useful Christian man. He died at his home in this county, on the 13th day of March, 1873, passing away peacefully when at last the end came, and in the bosom of his family, after a long and useful life, in which there was as little to regret as seldom falls to the lot of men

" Two hands upon the breast,  
And labor's done;  
Two pale feet cross'd in rest,  
The race is won."

Captain John H. Stephens, the third of Judge Stephens' family, and a brother to the late Colonel Joseph Stephens, of Boonville, was born at his father's homestead in this county, on the 19th day of June, 1829. His father having been a prominent farmer and stock raiser of the county, John H. was brought up to these occupations. From what has been said of his father, it does without statement that the early education of the son was not suffered to fall into neglect. John H. had the benefit of good common schools, and afterwards, also, of a course in the Boonville high school. He continued with his father on the farm until after his marriage, which occurred on the 20th of June, 1855. He was then married to Miss Margaret R., a refined and accomplished daughter of Reuben A. Ewing, of this county. Mrs. Stephens comes of one of the best families of this section of the state. She was educated at Boonville. After his marriage Captain Stephens located in the northern part of the county and engaged in merchandising. He also conducted a large farm. He was occupied with these interests when the war broke out, and had already taken rank among the leading, successful men of the county. Of Virginia antecedents and of southern kindred, he not unnaturally sympathized with the south in that unfortunate struggle. Under Governor Jackson's first call, in 1861, for volunteers to defend the state and repel northern invasion, he raised a company of which he was elected captain, and served in the state guard until he was captured during the fall of the same year. During his service he was a participant in the battle at Boonville. After his capture he was paroled by the Federal authorities. He kept his parole of honor, and did not afterwards take up arms against the government at Washington. He remained at home until 1863, when the condition of affairs became such, that if he had longer continued in the county, he would have been compelled to again take a hand in the war. He therefore left home, and remained away nearly the whole time until after the restoration of peace. Returning in 1865, he bought his present farm and engaged in farming and stock raising. In both of these interests he has been more than ordinarily successful. The following year, in 1866, he also turned his attention to railroad contracting - the building of roads under contract - which he followed with excellent success for eleven years, carrying on, at the same time, his farming and stock interests. While in the railroad business, Captain

Stephens enjoyed a high reputation among railroad men as a contractor of energy, reliability and business capacity. He not only executed his contracts with unusual dispatch, but did his work thoroughly, and to the entire satisfaction of the managers ; and, while his terms were always reasonable and fair, still he never failed to make substantial profits upon his undertakings ; indeed, he was one of the most successful of contractors. In his agricultural interests lie has shown the same high order of business qualities. He is recognized as one of the most successful farmers and stock raisers in this section of the state. His farm contains 800 acres of as fine land as there is in the county, and besides this he has large landed interests elsewhere in the county. He also has a large cattle ranch in Texas. Captain Stephens' stock interests are confined mainly to cattle and sheep, although he also has other kinds of stock. He has one of the best herds of high grade cattle in the surrounding country, and over 1,000 head of fine merino sheep. Mention of these facts throws more light on his career, as an agriculturist and business man, than anything that could be said aside from them, and for that reason only they are stated. As a clear-headed, successful man of the world, he has shown himself to be not unworthy of the ancestor he sprang from, nor of the name he bears. And what is true of him in this particular is true in every other. But lie is still among the living, and the converse of the rule, "That we should not praise the living," is nearly as true as the rule itself --" That we should not speak ill of the dead." Captain and Mrs. Stephens have a family of four children : Sallie E., now the wife of John W. Wheeler, of Bates county ; Anna R., now the wife of Robert L. Harriman, also of Bates county ; Mattie, Gussie and Clara Lindell, the last two at present. attending school. The captain and wife, together with their three eldest daughters, are members of the Cumberland Presbyterian church ; and the captain is also a member of the Masonic order.

**W. H. H. STEPHENS**, farmer and raiser of fine stock. Mr. W. H. H. Stephens is another worthy representative of the family whose name he bears, that has been so long and so prominently identified with the material development and social life of Cooper county. He is a native of this county and was born October 20, 1839. His father, James M. Stephens, son of Joseph Stephens, came to this county with his parents when a lad seven years of age, in 1817. They settled near where Bunceton now stands. Arriving too late in the fall to build a house, they had to spend their first winter in Missouri, in what was called a "half-faced camp." But Joseph Stephens possessed the qualities that make brave hearted, successful men. He went to work with pioneer courage and soon became a worthy and prosperous farmer. In these early days and amid the scenes and hardships of pioneer life, James M. grew up to manhood. The school advantages of the county were very indifferent and hence his education was limited to the common, elementary branches. But what he lacked in book knowledge he more than made up by observation and good, common sense. When he was of age his father gave him 160 acres of good land in the timber near his own homestead. On this the son opened a farm, and after building a good residence, was married to Miss Mary A., daughter of David Adams, Esq., a prominent farmer near Boonville. On this place James M. Stephens lived until his death on the 3d of November, 1882, at the ripe age of nearly seventy-three years, having been born in Kentucky, January 13, 1810. By a life of industry, intelligent economy and good management he added to his landed possessions and other property interests until he became a wealthy man. He reared a large family of children and brought them up under such influences, and gave them such advantages, that have become an honor to his name and memory and a credit to the community in which they live. In every relation of life, James M. Stephens acquitted himself with singular merit and approbation. As a citizen he was true to every duty, public-spirited, yet modest and unassuming ; as a neighbor none were more kind and considerate of others than he; socially he was pleasant, affable and peculiarly agreeable in his intercourse with those about him; and in his domestic relations he was a model as a husband and father. For a number of years he was a faithful and earnest member of the Cumberland Presbyterian church, and his life was a beautiful illustration of the faith he professed, for in works of Christian charity, in contributions to the poor, in liberality to the church and its ministers, in doing unto others as we would have them do unto us, in short, in all good works, none were before him, and none were more quiet or unobtrusive in doing what they did than he. He did his kindnesses not. for the praise of others, but for the approval of his conscience and from the prompting of his own heart. However, he did them quietly, without ostentation, and often times in secret. He was a man in whose death all that knew him felt a heavy personal loss, for he died without a known enemy and deeply mourned by the whole community. Such was the father of W. H. H. Stephens, and the son is not an unworthy descendant of his father. W. H. H., unlike his father, had good school advantages in youth. His early years were spent on the farm and in the common schools. Afterwards he entered Westminster college, where he remained as a student for two years, thus acquiring an excellent education. When the war broke out he was a young man twenty-two years of age, and he became a volunteer in the Missouri state guards, called out by Governor Jackson. During the first year of the conflict, however, he was taken prisoner by the Union forces and released on parole of honor not to take up arms against the government again during the war. He kept his pledge of honor and abstained from further participation in the struggle. In the fall of 1863 he went to California, where he remained until the spring of 1866, engaged in the sheep business and in farming. He then returned to Cooper county and in the fall of the following year was married to Miss Cordelia, daughter of Hon. H. Bunce, of Boonville, a wealthy banker of that city. His wife was born and reared in this county and was educated at the Cumberland college, of Boonville. After his marriage, Mr. Stephens improved a farm on the prairie near Bunceton, where he lived until 1875, when he settled on his present place. Here he has an excellent farm with a good residence, and otherwise well improved. He makes a specialty of breeding and raising thoroughbred, short horn and high grade cattle, of which he has a fine herd. He also gives special

attention to breeding and raising fine sheep. Mr. and Mrs. Stephens have a family of three children Florence, Mary L. and Bunce. Both parents are members of the Presbyterian church.

**GEORGE L. STEPHENS**, merchant and postmaster. Among the prominent business men of Bunceton the gentleman whose name heads this sketch may, without impropriety, be singled out for special mention. He is a native of this county, and is one of that worthy and excellent family whose name he bears, that has contributed so much to the material prosperity and social esprit of this county. His father, Joseph Stephens Sr., came here from Kentucky, of which state he was a native, in 1814, and settled on the land where the town of Bunceton now stands. Joseph Stephens was a successful farmer, an eminently respected citizen, and in every way a worthy, good man. He was twice married; first to Elizabeth Cropper and after her death to Sarah Marshall, a widow lady, daughter of James Covert. By each he reared a family. Of the last union there were three sons, George L., the subject of this sketch, being the youngest. He was, born June 29, 1850, and received a good English education in a private academy. After completing his school course, he engaged in teaching, which he followed during the winter months for about twelve years. In the fore-winter of 1880 he established his present merchandising business at Bunceton, to which he has since given his entire attention. He carries a good stock of groceries, notions, etc., and has a substantial, prosperous trade. On the 7th of March, 1872, Mr. Stephens was married to Miss Ella, daughter of Larry Stephens, of Moniteau county. His wife, however, is a native of Cooper county. Mr. and Mrs. Stephens have a family of three children: Walter T., Maria Blanche and Ada May. Both parents are members of the Christian church, and Mr. Stephens is a member of the Masonic order.

**W. J. WYAN**, general merchant, Bell Air, For over sixty years Jacob and W. J. Wyan, father and son (the father, however being now deceased), have been engaged in merchandising in Cooper county. The father was a native of Hagerstown, Maryland, where he grew to manhood and after his majority, removed to Rockingham county, Virginia. Remaining in Virginia a few years he then came out to Kentucky, and thence, in 1820, came to Boonville, Missouri, where at once engaged in merchandising. However, prior to his removal to this state he had served in the army through the war of 1812, and had made a gallant record as a soldier. Here at Boonville he became a successful merchant and a prominent citizen. Such was his standing here as a substantial, capable business man and his personal popularity, that he was called upon to fill the responsible office of county treasurer, which position he accepted and filled for a number of years with marked ability and fidelity. He was three times married, W. J., the subject of this sketch, being a son by his last wife, previously Nancy Shanks, a native of Lincoln county, Kentucky. W. J. Wyan, the son, was born in Boonville, June 8, 1825, and received his primary education by private instruction. He then entered the state university at Columbia, in which he continued as a student for four years. After the conclusion of his university course, Mr. Wyan returned to Boonville and followed merchandising here some fifteen years. But in the spring of 1868 he removed to Bell Air, his present location, where he has since followed merchandising. However, during this time, there was an interim of eight years that he was engaged in dealing in stock, but he resumed his regular mercantile business in 1882. He carries a large and well selected stock of goods, and his wide acquaintance with the custom, of the surrounding county, together with his long established reputation as a first-class merchant and an upright man, command him an extensive and lucrative trade. On the 17th of August, 1847, Mr. Wyan was married to Miss C. J., daughter of Judge H. R. Menefee, of this county. She is a native of Virginia, and was reared and educated in Rappahannock county, from which she came to this county with her parents prior to her marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Wyan have a family of five children: Robert F., William F., Wyatt T., H. T. and Wesley J., all grown to maturity. Both parents are members of the M. E. church, south, and Mr. W. is a member of the Masonic order - Wallace lodge, No. 456, at Bunceton.