

BIOGRAPHICAL

1883 History of Howard and Cooper Counties

PILOT GROVE TOWNSHIP

WILLIAM M. ALLEN, farmer, section 5. William Allen, the grandfather of W. M., was one of the pioneer settlers of Kentucky, and was a soldier in the war of 1812. He was a native of Virginia, but his son James H., the father of the subject of the present sketch, was born after he settled in the Blue Grass state in Fayette county, in September, 1801. After James H. Allen grew to manhood he was married in his native state to Miss Sarah McDowell, sister to Dr. McDowell, of St. Louis, the founder of the medical college of that city. Of this union W. M. was born in Fayette county, July 2, 1830, the same county in which his father was born, twenty-nine years before. Mrs. Allen died when W. M. was about twelve years of age. However, the son grew up, and by the time he reached his majority had acquired a good ordinary English education. From 1850 to 1860 there was a rush of immigration to Iowa, and in 1856 young Allen joined the westward bound column of emigrants. Arriving in Iowa he engaged in the drug business, which he followed for two years, and then, 1858, came to Cooper county, Missouri, and turned his attention exclusively to farming. In this he was engaged when the war broke out in 1861, and, like most of the young men of the county, with southern antecedents, he became a soldier of the new born southern republic. He followed the brilliant star of the Confederacy from its rise until it sank behind the horizon of blood and fire to rise no more. The names of fifty-three battles are written in his army record, where

"The waves
Of the mysterious death never moaned;
The tramp, the shout, the fearful thunder roar
Of red-breathed cannon, and the wailing cry
Of myriad victims, filled the air."

After the war he returned to Cooper county and resumed farming, which he has since followed and with substantial success. He has an excellent homestead well improved. October 5, 1867, he was married to Miss Cora Bonhannon. They have five children: James, Hugh, Sarah, Matthew and Mary. He is a member of the M. E. church.

PROFESSOR WILLIAM R. ANNAN. Professor Annan is of Scotch descent, his grandfather, John Annan, having settled in Canada from the land of Wallace and Burns about the beginning of the present century. He was a soldier in the war of 1812. Of his family of children John, Jr., came to the United States and, marrying Miss Mary D. Martin here, originally of Orange county, Virginia, settled in Randolph county, Missouri, where William R., the subject of this sketch, was born February 1, 1846. Twelve years after the birth of this son the parents removed to Cooper county, making their permanent home in Pilot Grove township, and here William R. grew to manhood. Possessed of a quick, active mind, the son, by great diligence and assiduity in his studies, acquired an excellent education in the ordinary English course, and at a comparatively early age began teaching school which he has since kept up with more or less regularity. As a school teacher he has long been regarded as one of most practical, successful and efficient in the county. Farming has also engaged a large share of his attention, and in this industry he has achieved excellent success. He owns a good farm of over 200 acres, neatly and substantially improved. February 27, 1867, he was married to Anna Roe, of Henry county, Missouri. They have four children, having lost three. Those living are: Robert, Edna Maud and George V. Mr. Annan has held numerous township offices, and is a prominent member of the I. O. O. F.

HANNIBAL ARMSTRONG. of Long & Armstrong, dealers in hardware, agricultural implements, and manufacturers of plows, wagons, etc.; also, blacksmiths. Mr. Armstrong is a native of Tennessee, but came from that state at a comparatively early age with his parents, Samuel and Mary (Sprawl) Armstrong, who emigrated to Missouri in 1853, and settled in Polk county. There Hannibal Armstrong grew to manhood and followed farming until 1874, when, having married in the mean time, he removed to this county with his family and settled in Pilot Grove. He continued in the occupation of farming here until 1876, when he engaged in the hardware business with Mr. Long. They have a large two-story business house and have it well stocked with an excellent assortment of the different kinds of goods in their line, including agricultural implements, wagons, plows, etc. They also carry on a large wood-work and blacksmith shop in connection with their other business. They are both men of business ability and of upright popular dispositions, and as a result they have an extensive and profitable custom in their lines of trade Mr. Armstrong was married October 29, 1867, to Miss Nancy Loug, formerly of Virginia. They have one child living, Charles L. In June 1861 Mr. Armstrong enlisted in Capt. Mitchell's company of state guards, and served six months, the limit of their enlistment, after which he enlisted in company

A, of Gen. Shelby's cavalry, and served until the close of the war, being 2d lieutenant of the company. Most of the time, during this service, however, he was taken prisoner and held for six months, after which he was exchanged and finally surrendered at the close of the war at Shreveport, La. He participated in all the hard fought battles in which his command was engaged. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity and the I. O. O. F.

JAMES BARTON, editor and Proprietor of the Pilot Grove Bee. Mr. Barton established the Bee in September, 1882, and thus far. it has been attended with the most gratifying success. He is a gentleman of good education, of practical experience in the newspaper business, and possessed in no ordinary measure with the qualities that go far toward assuring success in whatever calling one may engage. He was born in Anderson county, Missouri, February 21, 1855, and was educated in the schools of Mexico, the county seat of that county. His father, Levi Burton was born in Warren county, Kentucky, but came to this state early in life, and for many years followed farming in Anderson county, to which occupation, James, the subject of this sketch was brought up. His mother was, before her marriage, a Mrs. Pool of the well known family of that name, of North Carolina; but she, herself, was a native of Tennessee. When James, the son, arrived at the age of his majority, he went to Texas, and for two years was employed in the Lone Star state as a reporter for the Dallas *Herald*. He then returned to Missouri, and in 1881 bought an interest in the Rocheport *Cornbread*, of which he was associate editor with J. W. McQuilty until he established his present paper. On the 2d of last April (of 1883), Mr. Burton was married to a most excellent and accomplished young lady, Miss Ruth D. Gale, originally of Illinois. Mr. Burton is a member of the Baptist church. .

JAMES C. DAVIS. Mr. Davis was the second of a family of nine children, of Simon and Nancy (Craig) Davis, both originally of Virginia, but subsequently for many years residents of Ohio; to which state they emigrated early in life. In the latter state J. C., the subject of this sketch, was born, in Morgan county, April 26th, 1841, and he was there reared and educated. His father, being a farmer and stock raiser, to these industries the son was brought up, and he followed them in his native state until 1856, when he came to Missouri and made his home in Cooper county. Here he engaged in the same pursuits he had previously followed, and by industry and intelligent, business-like management, he has become one of the substantial, well-to-do farmers, and successful stock raisers and dealers of the county. He has a good stock and grain farm of 240 acres, and has it conveniently and substantially improved. He makes somewhat of a specialty of sheep-raising, and has a fine flock of high grade merinos, one of the best in the county. In cattle he also has some fine grades. September 28th, 1862, he was married to Miss Eliza E. Tavenner, of Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Davis are both members of the M. E. church, and he is also a member of the I. O. O. F.

MESSRS. JAMES F. ELLIS & CO., dealers in general merchandise, grain and farm machinery. The above firm, composed of J. T. Ellis and H. M. Ellis, Jr., carry on one of the principal mercantile establishments in Pilot Grove and in that section of the county. They carry a general stock of merchandise, and have a steady, profitable trade. Their store building is large and well constructed, and is arranged to the best advantage for convenience in the keeping and handling of their different lines of goods. Besides this, they buy and ship grain, and also carry a stock of farm implements, particularly the McCormick reaper, mower, etc., of which they make a specialty. Both gentlemen are well educated, practical business men, and enjoy the unqualified confidence of all who know them for integrity and fair dealing. J. T. Ellis, the senior member of the firm, was born in this county, November 12, 1843, and was a son of Richard T. Ellis, who come from Virginia and settled in Cooper county in 1836. The father was a leading farmer and stock raiser of the county, and was for many years one of its most prominent and highly respected citizens. He died in 1863 at the age of fifty-one. J. T. Ellis grew up on his father's farm, and in youth received an excellent education in a private school kept near his father's house. When in his eighteenth year the war broke out, and he became one of the first volunteers to uphold the new-born flag of the south --

"Where sabres were clashing and death-shot were pouring,"

continuing in that unfortunate struggle until the southern

-- "standard and banner alike were no more."

He was first a member of Captain Alexander's company of old state guards, and in January, 1862, become a member of company A, 2d regiment Missouri cavalry, C. S. A. He was in the battles of Pea Ridge, Corinth (the second one), Ft. Pillow, Memphis, and many others. After the war he returned to this state engaged in merchandising at Otterville, becoming a member of the firm of Zollinger & Ellis, where he continued until 1878, when he came to Pilot Grove and established his present business. June 4, 1872, he was married to Miss Anna McCutchen, daughter of Judge McCutchen, of this county. They have five children: Virgil M., Anna, Johnson, Vivian, and Edwin. Mr. Ellis is a member of the Masonic order and of the Methodist Episcopal church south. H. M. Ellis, the junior member of the firm, was born in this county February 22, 1859, and was educated in the common schools and in Central college, at Fayette, Missouri. While still a youth he began to learn the merchandising business, and became a clerk for E. H. Harris, with whom he remained until 1876, when he went to Sedalia, Missouri, and became bookkeeper in the house of Frank Craycraft, of that city. He held

that position until 1879, at which time he resigned it to become a member of the present firm at Pilot Grove. January 4, 1882, he was married to Miss Sallie, daughter of Rev. J. L. D. Blevins. Mr. Ellis is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church south, and of the Masonic fraternity.

WILLIAM P. HARRIMAN, M, D., physician and surgeon ; also interested in agriculture and milling. Dr. Harriman's father, Dr. William Harriman, was for over thirty-five years a prominent physician and highly esteemed citizen of this county. He died here, where the best years of his life had been spent, June 25, 1881. He was born and reared in New York city. His wife was formerly Miss Georgia A. Mayo. Early in his married life he was located at Vidalia, Louisiana, and there William P., the subject of the present sketch, was born, May 28, 1838. Two years afterwards he removed with his family to Woodford county, Kentucky, where he practiced his profession six years. Informed of the great need of thoroughly educated and capable physicians in this section of the country, in 1846 he came to Missouri and located in Cooper county, where he soon became widely known as an able and successful practitioner. Here his son William P. grew up and secured a good education. Under the direction and instruction of his father, much of his youth was spent with study of medicine, and in 1863 he became a matriculate in the medical department of the university of Michigan, where he continued as a student during the remainder of that year and a part of 1864. In the fall of the last named year he entered the St. Louis medical college, from which he was graduated the following spring. He then entered upon the practice of his profession in Loran county, Illinois, but the succeeding fall returned to Cooper county and established himself in the practice here. He soon built up an extensive and lucrative practice, and his career has been one of marked success, both professionally and pecuniarily. Besides doing his full duty in the practice of medicine, he conducts a large farm - his homestead containing 300 acres of fine land, well improved; and he is also partner with J. W. Boles in a large steam flouring mill, which does an important and profitable business. Dr. Harriman was married April 5, 1866, to Miss Eliza Russell, a worthy and accomplished young lady. They have three children : Thomas Russell, Albert C. and Bessie; one also is dead, Willie M., born April 29, 1867, died May 8, 1883.

"God's finger touched him and he slept."

Dr. Harriman and his wife are both members of the Cumberland Presbyterian church. The doctor, then a young man, served the first year of the war in the Confederate army, under Captain Alexander.

E. H. HARRIS, general merchant, farmer and stock man, Pilot Grove. For forty years Mr. Harris has been a resident of Cooper county, and for many years has ranked among its most prominent farmers and stock men. Since 1866 he has been engaged in merchandising in addition to his other interests, and now has a large store in Pilot Grove, where he carries a full and well selected stock of general merchandise. As an old citizen of the community, where the best years of his life have been spent, and where his name is a synonym of honor and integrity, he commands an extensive trade of the better class of customers, which only long established and well proved public confidence can secure. He was born in the very *sinus* of the blue grass regions of Kentucky, Bourbon county, December 20, 1830, and there lived until he had attained his thirteenth year. In 1843 he came to Cooper county, this state, with an older brother, and during the remaining years of his youth attended the schools of his new home much of the time, completing his education at Kemper's well known family school at Boonville. After his school days were over he turned his attention to farming, in which he was not long in giving evidences of his energy and ability as a successful agriculturist. His farm of nearly 300 acres has for years been looked upon as one of the best in the county. This is devoted to both grain and stock raising, in which he has been very successful. He also has nearly a section of fine land in Barton county. On the 20th of December, 1855, Mr. Harris was married to Miss Mary Ellis, a lady of great personal worth, a native of the Old Dominion. Their union has been blessed with seven children : Richard, Sallie, Maggie, Mary, E. H., Jr., William and Freddie K. Mr. Harris' father, Richard Harris, was originally of Virginia, but came west to Kentucky in early life, where he married and reared his family. His wife, E. H.'s mother, was previously a Miss Frances T. Wilson, of the Blue Grass state.

HENRY W. HARRIS, general merchant, Pilot Grove. Merchandising has been a life occupation with Mr. Harris, and although still a young man, comparatively, he has achieved a measure of success in business that shows conclusively that, unlike many, he has not missed his calling in life. He carries one of the best and most complete stocks of general merchandise in the county, and, already deservedly popular and enjoying a rich and lucrative trade, both his popularity as a merchant and citizen, and his trade, are rapidly increasing. He was born in Fleming county, Kentucky, July 24, 1848, and is a son of Doctor N. W. Harris, also originally of the blue grass state, who, however, removed to this state with his family in 1856, and settled in Linn county. Henry W. was then a lad eight years of age, and when he was sixteen years old the family came to Cooper county, and located where they have since lived. Prior to coming to this county, young Harris had had the advantages offered by the common schools of Linn county, and had already acquired the substantial elements of an ordinary education. Here, however, he became a student in Kemper's widely and favorably known school, in which he became proficient in a more advanced curriculum of studies. Equipped with an excellent education, and a quick, clear intelligence, as well as safely fortified with moral, industrious habits, he entered upon the activities of life at the

age of twenty-one, with every promise of success. In 1869 he engaged in the general mercantile business in association with his father, and continued a member of that firm until 1874, when he sold out his interest in the store to Doctor Harris, and established his present store. His career from the beginning has been one of uninterrupted and striking success, and his future is still radiant with promise. October 19, 1875, he was married to Miss Leona, an accomplished daughter of T. C. Boggs, of whom a sketch appears elsewhere. They have an interesting family of three children : Eula, Nina and Henry. They have lost one, Thomas B. Mr. Harris is a notary public and a member of the Masonic order.

PROF. C. B. JOHNSON, principal Pilot Grove Collegiate Institute. One of the most valuable acquisitions to the citizenship of Pilot Grove is that of Professor Johnson, who became identified with this place as principal of the Collegiate Institute in 1881. Education is the very life-giving principle of all prosperity and of all human progress, and no community can reasonably hope to prosper that neglects it. In the proportion that the people of a place interest themselves in the cause of education, as induced by building up good schools in their midst, and generally encouraging learning, in that proportion do they advance in all the higher and better attributes of a progressive, ennobling and Christian civilization, and hence the securing of a capable and worthy director to stand at the head of their educational interests, is a duty of the first importance. In the person of Professor Johnson, the people of Pilot Grove have secured the services of such an educator. They have a scholar and a professional teacher, who, by his qualifications and long experience, is eminently fitted to build up in their midst one of the best institutions of learning in the state. Professor Johnson was born in Owen county, Kentucky, October 27, 1824, and was the fourth of a family of seven children born to William C. and Harriet B. (Dillon) Johnson, of his native state. His father, however, was originally of Ohio, from which state he removed to Kentucky, where he married and reared his family. The son, the subject of this sketch, had excellent educational advantages in youth, which he did not fail to improve. After an elementary course in the preparatory schools, he entered St. Mary's college, of Kentucky, from which he was graduated with marked honor in 1854. He also had the benefit of a course in the military institute of that state. After his graduation he at once engaged in teaching, and for nearly forty years he has devoted himself to that noble calling, having during this time had charge of some of the best schools of both Kentucky and Missouri. In 1856 he came to this state, and located at Shelbyville, where he was afterwards chosen to the office of county school Commissioner, a position he filled for two years. He is widely known in northeast Missouri as an able, successful and pure-minded educator. Since his removal to Pilot Grove he has taken a high place in the esteem and confidence of the people by his modest, unexceptionable bearing, and by his personal worth as an educator, a citizen and neighbor. Professor Johnson was married May 15, 1849, to Miss Hannah Walton, of Kentucky. She died in November, 1851. Three years afterwards, February 22, 1853, he was married a second time, Miss Elizabeth Ford then becoming his wife. They have but one child, W. F. Professor J. is a member of the I. O. O. F., A. F. and A. M., and of the M. E. church south.

JONATHAN JOYCE, proprietor Hotel Joyce, Pilot Grove. Mr. Joyce came to Pilot Grove in 1878, and established his present hotel, building the house he now occupies expressly for that purpose. He keeps an excellent hotel, and he has established the reputation of being the right man in the right place in the hotel business. He was born in Patrick county, Virginia, August 20, 1835, and is a son of William Joyce of that county. His mother, previous to her marriage a Miss Hanley, died when Jonathan was but three years of age, but his father took special care in rearing the son, and gave him a good practical education as he grew up. Jonathan remained in his native state, following farming until 1859, when he came to Missouri, and located in Cooper county. Here he bought the tract of land on which Bunceton is now situated, and there improved a farm. He lived on his farm until 1878, when he came to Pilot Grove. September 10, 1860, he was married to Miss Ellen Hall, a young lady originally of North Carolina. Mrs. J. is a member of the Baptist church, and Mr. J. of the I. O. O. F.

JOSEPH L. JUDD. Mr. Judd is one of that class of neat, excellent farmers who make as much, and not unfrequently more, on a small place, than others, less careful and systematic, make on the largest farms. His place contains but 140 acres, yet it is so managed that he is regarded as one of the thrifty, successful and progressive farmers of the county. Personally, he is deservedly popular, for as a neighbor he is hospitable and accommodating, and as a citizen he is never indifferent to the best interests of the community nor to the public good. He was born in Clement county, Ohio, March 10, 1847. His father, Perry Judd, was a native of Pennsylvania, but his mother, formerly Miss Nancy West, was a Kentuckian by birth. Joseph L. was the seventh of their family of twelve children. When he was about eight years of age his parents emigrated from Ohio to Bracken county, Kentucky, where he grew to manhood. He remained in the Blue Grass state until 1867, but then came to Missouri and located in Montgomery county, where he followed farming for three years. In 1870 he changed his place of residence to this county, resuming farming here, and his industry and sagacity in his chosen calling have been rewarded with excellent success. On the 7th of December, 1871, he was married to Miss Susan Steger, a worthy young lady, a month and three days his junior. Their union has been blessed with three children: Ida May, Clifford and John Medley. Mr. Judd is a member of the M. E. church south, and of the Masonic fraternity.

CHARLES LONG, of Long & Armstrong, dealers in hardware, agricultural implements, and manufacturers of wagons, plows, etc.; also blacksmiths, at Pilot Grove. Mr. Long, of the above named firm, was born in Loudoun county, Virginia,

October 4, 1842, and was a son of William and Lucinda (Crooks) Long, of that state. When fourteen years of age he came out to this state with James Long and located in Cooper county, where he grew to manhood. While still a youth, in his eighteenth year, he began to learn the blacksmith's trade, which he soon acquired, and at which he worked until 1872, when he went to California. He remained on the Pacific coast but one year, and then returned to Pilot Grove, where he has since been engaged in business. The nature and extent of the business of the firm have already been given in the sketch of Mr. Armstrong's life, which precedes this. January 11, 1874, Mr. Long was married to Miss Virginia, Maddox, originally of Virginia. They have one child, Guy E. Mr. Long is a member of the M. E. church south, and of the Masonic fraternity.

JUDGE J. M. McCUTCHEM. Among the old and prominent citizens of Cooper county, without whose biographic sketches this work could hardly claim to be complete, is Judge McCutchen, the subject of the present memoir. Now closely approaching the allotted age of three-score and ten years, for nearly half a century his name has held its leading place in the geo-annals of the county, and for many years he was a prominent figure in its public affairs. John M. McCutchen was born in Logan county, Kentucky, February 23, 1816, and was the fifth of a family of eight children of John and Anna (Matherel) McCutchen, the father a native of Virginia and the mother a native of Tennessee. John McCutchen, Sr., the grandfather of Judge McCutchen, was a soldier in the war of 1812, and a pioneer settler of Kentucky, where he principally reared his family. So in keeping with the stirring, enterprising characteristics of his ancestry, John, the father of our subject, after he had reached matured manhood, pushed on to the then frontier of civilization, and became one of the early settlers of Cooper county, this suite. Here he became a successful farmer, and one of the highly respected citizens of the county. Although school advantages were not the best in this new country while John M. McCutchen was growing up, yet such was his intelligent appreciation of the importance of an education, and his untiring perseverance even in youth, that by diligent study in such schools as he could attend and at home, he succeeded in acquiring all excellent education, in so far, at least, as ordinary business qualifications are concerned, and for the daily, practical needs of life. Arriving at the age when young men of spirit feel that they should look around them, and choose the best part of the country accessible for making a start in life, he visited Indiana, Kentucky and Texas, remaining in each a considerable time, and in the latter state he improved his stay by teaching school. He was there also made deputy clerk of the court, a position he filled with thorough efficiency. But, finding no country equal to that of his boyhood days as a place to lead a prosperous, contented life, he returned to Cooper county, and has given to it the best energies of an honorable and vigorous manhood. Here he soon became a prosperous farmer and a prominent, useful citizen. His farm contains nearly a section of land and is finely improved - including a handsome brick residence, and other betterments to correspond. Six years he was judge of the county court, ten years public administrator, and two years a member of the legislature. The character of these offices shows the position he occupies in the esteem and confidence of those among whom, practically, his whole life thus far has been spent. For many years he has been a worthy and exemplary member of the Cumberland Presbyterian church. Judge McCutchen was married over thirty-six years ago, on the 17th of August, 1847, to Miss Fannie, an accomplished daughter of Gabriel and Jane (Gardiner) Putt, originally of Virginia. Ten children have blessed his married life, nine of whom are living: Franklin G., John D., Anna J., wife of J. D. Ellis, James W., Henry R., Ettie B., Grace G., Willie Lee and Fannie T.

R. B. MADDEX. farmer. Mr. Maddex, who is substantial, well-to-do farmer of Pilot Grove township, owes all he has and the worthy name he bears as a citizen and neighbor, to his own industry, intelligence and personal worth; for he started out in life for himself without means or the influence of relatives or friends to help him along. He came of excellent but not wealthy parents. At the age of eighteen he pushed his life-boat out into the current of human affairs, to make the voyage down the stream of time according to his own ability to guide his bark upon the journey. Already the perils of his early years have been safely passed, and now he is on the calm waters of the postmeridian of life, with a serene sky above him, promising a prosperous passage on to the ocean of eternity. He was born in Clarke county, Virginia, January 20, 1838. His father, John Maddex, was a native of Maryland, but married Miss Mariah Sweeney in Virginia and there reared his family. In 1856, R. B., the subject of this sketch, came to Missouri and followed farm overseeing in Boone county until the outbreak of the war. In 1872 he took charge of the university farm, and conducted it for ten years with excellent success. In 1882 he came to Cooper county and bought his present farm of 240 acres, on which he has since lived. It is well improved, and he is comfortably situated in life. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity and a highly respected citizen and neighbor.

JOSEPH R. MEREDITH. Unless something phenomenal or out of the regular order of events happens to change the zoological annals of Cooper county with regard to animals, *feroæ naturæ* from what they are at present, Joseph Meredith will go down in history to the remotest generation, as having killed the last wild deer that yielded up its final afflatus within the borders of this county. His father, Thomas Meredith, was one of the pioneer settlers of the county, and was himself second to but few in the chase in the early days of the country, when game of every description was abundant. Thomas Meredith was originally of Kentucky, as was also his wife, formerly Miss Susan Wooldridge, but here they reared their family and lived until their deaths, worthy neighbors, and as well respected as any family in the county. Joseph was the

third of their family of ten children, and was born here January 19, 1830. Farming became his life occupation, and he has followed it with satisfactory success. Except an absence of five years, during which he was farming in Mason county, Illinois, this county has been his constant place of residence. His homestead contains over 100 acres, and he has it comfortably improved. In December, 1857, he was married to Miss Rachel Leith, a native of Tennessee. They have five children: Fannies Lewis, Ralph A., Mary S. and William H. Three, alas ! are dead: Eva, Anna and Jessie. Mr. M. is a member of the M. E. church south.

B. H. MEREDITH. When Mr. Meredith was married, fifteen years ago, he entered upon the voyage of life as a farm laborer, and by his own industry, good management and personal worth has maintained his family in comfort, made a name for himself that is spoken of with respect wherever mentioned, and accumulated a substantial share of this world's goods upon which to rely in after years, and from which to give his own children a better start in life than he himself had. If the success of men should be measured by their opportunities, then few ought to be entitled to greater credit than he. The same ability and worth that in such circumstances accomplished what he has, in more favorable conditions would undoubtedly have achieved more striking results. He was born on the 25th of October, 1843, and was the sixth of a family of ten children of Thomas and Susan (Wooldridge) Meredith, old and respected residents of this county. His whole life has been spent in agricultural pursuits, except about three years spent in Boonville, during which he worked at the carriage painting trade. He was married December 3, 1868, to Miss Susan Hannah, of this county. Heaven has favored them with five children: William F., John W., Meriam A., Mary S. and Maggie B. Mr. Meredith's farm contains half a section of fine and well improved land - a monument to his own honest toil and intelligent management. He also deals largely in stock of every kind, buying and shipping extensively all the time. He is a worthy member of the M. E. church and of the I. O. O. F. order.

F. W. MITZEL, farmer and stock raiser and dealer. Mr. Mitzel's father, Peter Mitzel, was a thrifty, intelligent Ohio farmer, who settled in this county from the Buckeye state in 1858 and followed farming and stock raising, to which F. W., the son, was brought up. F. W. Mitzel, the subject of this sketch, was but ten years old when his parents removed from Morgan county, Ohio, where he was born December 2, 1848, to this county; and hence he was principally reared in Cooper county. After he attained to manhood he engaged in farming and stock raising on his own account, and in these industries he has been very successful. In later years he has also engaged largely in dealing in stock, buying and shipping to the wholesale markets cattle, hogs, sheep, etc. His farm contains about three-quarters of a section of land, and is kept in excellent condition. Mr. Mitzel was married May 22, 1867, to Miss Cora Simms, of this state, but on the 5th of last March (1883), she was taken from him by death, leaving him five children : Charles, James, Matilda (named for Mr. M.'s mother, whose maiden name was Matilda Ethel), Ernest and Lettie. Mr. Mitzel is a member of the I. O. O. F.

E. C. MOORE, contractor and builder. The leading contractor and builder of this place and the surrounding country is the gentleman whose name heads this sketch. E. C. Moore was born in Clarke county, Virginia, December 8, 1847. After reaching the age that it became necessary to choose a calling for life, he decided to adopt that of carpentry, which he at once began to learn. Having acquired this trade he followed it in Virginia with satisfactory results until 1878, when, having married in the meantime, he removed to this state with his family and located at Pilot Grove. Here he resumed work at his trade, and for the last five years he has been the principal contractor and builder. He has built nearly all the houses that have been erected in the town since he became one of its citizens, and he has an enviable reputation in his calling as a thorough, energetic and upright mechanic. He was married February 24, 1873, to Miss Maggie J. Smith, of Virginia. They have one child, Emma V. Mr. Moore's parents were Sylvanus and Abigail Moore, his mother's family name having been Fridly.

D. P. NIXON. One of the most prominent, public-spirited and worthy citizens of Pilot Grove township, and of this part of the county, is the gentleman whose name heads this sketch. An educated, progressive and enterprising farmer, formerly of Ohio, he has introduced into this county the methods of farming that have distinguished the agriculturists of the great Buckeye state above those of any other commonwealth in the Union. And not only is he conspicuous in his locality by his success as a farmer, but in the general interests and public affairs of the community he occupies an advanced, public-spirited position, striving at all times to promote the good of all, and to improve and develop the township and the surrounding country. He is one of a class of northern, new era, enterprising farmers and citizens that the west and south have too few of, and of whom they could never have too many. He was born in Ross county, Ohio, February 19, 1842, and is of Virginia descent; his father, William H. Nixon, was born in Virginia, and his mother, formerly Elizabeth Edmondston, a native of Ohio. His grandfather, David Nixon, was a native of Virginia, but became a pioneer to Ohio, and was a soldier of intrepid courage and daring in the early Indian wars. This quality - fearless, patriotic bravery - descended undiminished to the grandson, and when the opening ball of the rebellion was sent on its mission of death over the ramparts of Fort Sumter, he was one of the first to answer with a musket in hand, the call of the bleeding Union for help. The flag that had floated in triumph at Yorktown, New Orleans and the capital city of the Montezumas he followed through four long years of hardships and danger, until it waved in triumph at Appomattox with "a star for every state and a state for

every star." He was a volunteer in company C, 73d Ohio infantry, and was mustered out of the service in 186. He was in both the battles of Bull's Run and many other leading death-duels of the war, when -

"Hand to hand, and foot to foot;
Nothing there, save death, was mute;
Stroke, and thrust, and flash, and cry
For quarter, or far victory,
mingle there with the volleying thunder."

He bears three honorable scars received in the defense of his country, the noblest insignia a patriot can wear. After the war he returned to his native state and engaged in farming and stock raising, which he followed there until 1866, when he removed to this state, and after stopping a year in Pettis county, settled in Pilot Grove township, of this county, where he has since lived. Here he has long held a place among the leading farmers and stock men of the county. His farm contains about 300 acres of excellent land, handsomely improved and kept in neat, tidy, farmer-like condition. December 31, 1868, he was married to Miss Christine Schlotzhauer, of this county. They have four children living: Charles W., Catherine E., Alexander F., and Birdie W. Mr. Nixon is a member of the M. E. church.

O. T. ORR, farmer. Mr. Orr is of Irish descent, his grandfather, William Orr, having come over from the Emerald Isle about the middle of the last century and settled in Pennsylvania, where he reared a family. Of his children, John, the father of O. T., made Kentucky his home, and there married Nancy Steerman, a young lady originally of Virginia. Of this union O. T. Orr was born in Nicholas county, September 20, 1827, and was the youngest of a family of seven. Reared in the Blue Grass state and brought up to the occupation of farming and stock raising in his native state, he attended to the duties of fields and pastures and flocks and herds until 1874, when he directed his course westward along the way the "star of empire" leads, and settled in Cooper county. Here he resumed his life calling - tilling the soil and prosecuting the first labor that occupied the Creator on the morning of the sixth day, raising cattle, etc. These duties he has since followed, and his labors have been rewarded with satisfactory success. He now has a farm of about a quarter section of good land, which he has comfortably and conveniently improved, and his blue grass pastures are tenanted with fine cattle and other stock. He was married February 7, 1851, to Miss Elizabeth Evans, of Kentucky. They have eight children: Virginia, Robert A., Georgie, Warren, Anna Lee, V. G., Isadora and O. T. Mr. Orr is a member of the Christian church and of the Masonic order.

GEORGE T. PENDLETON, M. D., DECEASED, AND T. O. PENDLETON, M. D. Dr. Geo. T. Pendleton, the father of Dr. T. O. Pendleton, was born in Jefferson county, Kentucky, December 18, 1824, and was reared and educated in his native county. After completing his literary and general course, he began the study of medicine with the view of becoming a physician, and continued in this for several years. In due time he became a matriculate in the Louisville medical college, and remained a student in that institution until his graduation. After this he engaged in the active practice of his profession in Jefferson county, and on the 1st of May, 1851, was married to Miss Catherine McGruder. In 1855, Dr. Geo. T. Pendleton and family removed to Missouri, and located in Cooper county, where the doctor became one of the leading physicians and prominent citizens of the county. He had a family of eight children, Dr. T. O. Pendleton being his eldest son. The father died here on the 25th of January, 1883, in his fifty-ninth year, having been a resident of the county nearly thirty years. Dr. Geo. T. Pendleton was more than a successful physician and a useful citizen, he was a good man in the highest and best sense of the term. Naturally gifted with a superior mind, he had improved it by a wide range of reading, and was more than ordinarily well informed on all the leading subjects of general thought, so that among his neighbors and acquaintances he exercised a marked influence. In all matters when a counsellor was needed by those around him, he was invariably consulted; and such was the respect with which his opinions were received, that his advice was generally followed. And the purity of his character and the tenor of his conduct were in keeping with the confidence and esteem with which he was regarded. During all the long years of his residence in this county, not a breath of wrong was ever breathed against his name, but on the contrary, he was only spoken of, as he still is, in terms of praise for some good act done, or some noble quality of his mind or heart. In the practice of his profession he labored more for the amelioration of suffering humanity than for his own interests. Indeed, it seemed that he cared only for his patients and was regardless of his own health, for he often visited them when he himself should have had the care of a physician. Years of constant exposure in the practice finally broke down a constitution naturally vigorous and strong, and a life that might otherwise have lasted many years more, was cut off before the serene twilight of old age had settled about him. But in the measure of life he did fill, as much good and as little evil was crowded, as but seldom marks the career of men. He sank into his grave amid the sorrow and regret of a community that had long learned to love him as a friend and benefactor. And in the light of the venerated memory he left behind may be seen faint glimmerings of that higher and richer reward he has won beyond the grave. But the labor of his life was not broken off by his death. He left a son, the highest pledge of faith in humanity that man can give, who is not unworthy to succeed him. Dr. T. O. Pendleton was born in Oldham county, Kentucky, January 26, 1853. He was reared in Cooper county, Missouri, and educated in the ordinary schools. At the age

of twenty-one he began the study of medicine under his father, and after a due course of study in the Missouri medical college, graduated from that institution in 1876, with high honor. After this he was engaged in the practice at Pilot Grove, until the fall of 1881, when he returned to Schell City, this state. He remained there until the fall of 1882, when he located at Marshall, Saline county. By the death of his father he was called home and he accordingly located permanently at Pilot Grove. On the 20th of July, 1877, he was married to Miss E. S. Cunningham, of St. Clair county. They have one child, Gertrude. Dr. Pendleton is a thorough physician and enjoys an excellent reputation as a practitioner. Personally he is highly and justly popular. Unquestionably, an honorable and useful life lies before him.

GEORGE W. ROE. Mr. Roe's father, Samuel Roe, Sr., was the founder of the town of Pilot Grove, having been the owner of the present town site, and having laid it off into town lots, and secured the establishment of the depot at this point. Samuel Roe was a native of Maryland, where he was reared and lived for some time after his marriage. His wife was formerly a Miss Sarah Shaw, of that state. In 1827 they came to Missouri, and settled in Cooper county. Here he entered the land in which Pilot Grove is now situated, and opened his farm. He died May 25, 1878. He was a man of great energy and enterprise, and was for years a leading farmer of the county. He manifested great zeal and public spirit in the building up and prosperity of Pilot Grove, and before he died, he was rewarded by seeing the place he had founded, well started and secure on the way to future importance as a business centre. Geo. W., the subject of this sketch, was born here, September 30, 1834, and was the youngest of the family of seven children. Reared on the farm, while not engaged in farm duties in youth he attended the usual sessions of the neighborhood schools, and thus acquired a common practical education. Farming has been his life occupation. When Pilot Grove was founded he warmly seconded his father in the establishment and improvement of the place, and since the latter's death, he has taken up the work himself, of making the place one of the best towns along the railroad. Geo. W. Roe has an excellent farm of his own, adjoining town, and has it well improved. May 1, 1856, he was married to Miss Ann N. Maddex, originally of Virginia. They have six children: David Lee, Wm. S., Daniel W., Sallie, Era May and Chas. P. They have lost one child, Thomas E. Mr. Roe is a member of the M. E. church south.

ALEXANDER ROE. Mr. Roe is a son of Samuel Roe, the founder of the town of Pilot Grove, an outline of whose life is given in the sketch of G. W. Roe, in this volume. Their father, however, was twice married, a fact overlooked heretofore, and Alexander was a son by the father's first wife, formerly Miss Elizabeth Leith, of Maryland, who died prior to the emigration of the family from that state. Alexander Roe was born in Caroline county, Maryland, September 22, 1819, and was therefore a lad of eight years when his father settled in this county, in 1827. Reared on a farm, farming has been his life occupation and he owns an excellent homestead where he gives his attention to grain and stock raising. He received his education in the common schools of the county, and largely under the tutorage of his father, the latter having been a teacher of some note in those days, indeed the first school the son ever attended was taught by his father. At the age of twenty-five, Alexander was married to Miss Ann Walton, of this county. They have eight children: William, Alice, John, George, Martha, Kate, Alexander and Russell. Mr. Roe is an industrious intelligent farmer, and enjoys the respect and esteem of all who know him. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church south.

J. W. H. ROSS, M. D., physician and surgeon, Pilot Grove. For nearly twenty-five years Dr. Ross has been engaged in the practice of medicine in Saline, Pettis and Cooper counties, over fourteen years of which he has been located at Pilot Grove, his present home. Thoroughly educated in his profession and a physician of long and successful experience, he has a large and excellent practice, and enjoys the unlimited confidence of the public, not only in his chosen calling but as a citizen and a man. His grandfather, Dr. G. C. Harth, was one of the oldest physicians of central Missouri, and it was under the latter's direction and instruction that Dr. Ross acquired his profession. He commenced reading under his grandfather in 1856, and continuing his studies, attended the St. Louis medical college in 1858-59. After this he began the practice of medicine in Pettis county, but returned to St. Louis in 1860, and graduated from the medical college of that city in the spring of 1861. He then practiced in Saline and Cooper counties, and in 1869 located at Pilot Grove, where he has since remained. Dr. Ross was a son of William C. Ross and wife, formerly Miss L. C. Harth, daughter of Dr. Harth, and was born in Boonville, April 3, 1838. His father was a native of Virginia, but came to this county early in life. He was drowned in the Missouri river, at Boonville, March 19, 1839. The doctor is a member of the old school Presbyterian church; also of the Masonic order and of the I. O. O. F. January 17, 1860, he was married to Miss S. L. Francisco. They have six children: George, W. C., Charles H., Bessie, Johnnie and Linn.

MARSHALL RUST, dealer in lumber and building materials. Mr. Rust has led an active life and his activity has been not without substantial results. He now owns and conducts a large lumber yard at Pilot Grove, and also has a branch yard at Bunceton, both of which have an extensive and profitable trade. He is one of those enterprising men that cannot content themselves with plodding along through the world without at least making an effort to accomplishing something of a substantial character in life. He was born in the Old Dominion, October 8, 1851, and was a son of Dr. John B. and Julia A. (Burgess) Rust, late of Warren county, that state. His father died when he was fifteen years old. He then came west and located in Hannibal, Missouri. From there he went to the Phoenix City on the lakes, but soon returned to his native state.

In Virginia he became a prominent railroad contractor, and followed that in the senior commonwealth of the south until 1873, when he engaged in building a road in the District of Columbia. A year later he came west again and followed railroad contracting in Missouri and Texas until 1881, when he settled at Pilot Grove, and became a partner with Mr. McVeigh in the lumber business. This he had followed, however, in St. Louis about a year in 1874. In 1882 he became sole proprietor of the lumbering interests of his firm, which he has since conducted. Mr. R. is a member of the Masonic order.

R. H. SCHLOTZHAUER. Among the prominent young farmers of Pilot Grove township, the name that heads this sketch must not be passed in silence. Mr. Schlotzhauer has a fine farm of about 500 acres of good land, all in cultivation, and he is a leading raiser of fine, graded cattle and the best breeds of hogs. He is a native of the county, and was born January 29, 1853. His father, Henry Scholtzhauer, was a native of Germany, but came to this country early in life and became a wealthy citizen of this state. R. H., the subject of this sketch, was given a good education in the schools of Warrenton, Warren county, and afterwards devoted himself to the industries in which he is now engaged. He is an intelligent, progressive and modern-ideaed farmer, and his future holds out every promise of a successful and useful life. He was married August 28, 1872, to Miss Caroline Stewart, of Warren county. They have five children: Earl S., Peter S., Walter S., Brice H. and Fletcher C. Two are deceased: Leland and Hattie. Mr. Scholtzhauer is a member of the M. E. church.

WILLIAM SCHUSTER. Mr. Schuster was only two years of age when his parents emigrated from Germany to this country in 1853, and settled in Cooper county. Hence, in all but nativity, he is an American, having been reared and educated in this county - his life-long home. He was born in South Germany, July 4, 1851, the seventy-fifth anniversary of the great republic of the new world. His parents, Frank and Theressa (Cleten) Schuster, were worthy and intelligent people, and after their settlement in Cooper county enjoyed the respect and good opinion of all who knew them. William grew up to the occupation of a farmer, which he has since followed and with excellent success. He now has a good farm of nearly 200 acres, and has it substantially and comfortably improved. He makes somewhat of a specialty of raising fine horses and mules, and has representative animals necessary to this, of the finest breeds. On the 27th of July, 1876, Mr. Schuster was married to Miss Christine Felton, of this section of the state. They have a family of five children ; Frederick, Maggie, Annie, Frank and Mary. Mr. Schuster is a member of the Catholic church.

ALFRED M. SIMMONS, farmer and stock raiser. Among the educated, progressive and well-to-do agriculturists of Pilot Grove township, Alfred M. Simmons should be specially mentioned. Reared on a farm and having received a more than ordinarily good education in youth at the Kemper family school, he brings to the business of farming and stock raising, on his handsome farm of 400 acres of cultivated land, not only the practical experience acquired by a farm bringing up, but also the knowledge of the business that can only be had through education. From the time of Constantine Porphyrogenitus, under whose direction Cassiaus Bassus compiled his celebrated Geoponics, or treatise on agriculture, education, not less than experience, has been thought important to the successful prosecution of agricultural industries. Alfred M. Simmons was born in Boonville, February 11, 1845. His father, Alfred, was a native of Bullitt county, Kentucky, where he was reared and married to Elizabeth Simmons, of which union Alfred M. was born. The father and family came to Missouri in an early day and located in Cooper county. Here he engaged in merchandising in Boonville for a number of years, but subsequently settled on a farm in the county, where the son was reared. Farming has been Alfred M's. life occupation, in connection, in later years, with stock raising, in both of which he has been successful. He makes specialties of shorthorn cattle and fine Cotswold sheep. During the war Mr. Simmons spent two years in Montana and Wyoming. He was married in November, 1865, to Miss Mattie V. Zeller, originally of Maryland. They have six children: Louisa A., Willie, Harvey, Gracie, John and Milton. Mr. Simmons is a member of the I. O. O. F. and of the Cumberland Presbyterian church.

THOMAS M. SMITH, farmer. Although Mr. Smith is of Virginia parentage, and was born in West Virginia August 15, 1832, he was reared in Ohio and Indiana, and remained in the latter states and in Illinois until he was thirty years of age. His father, Rice M. Smith, and his mother, prior, to her marriage Miss Ann R. Robertson, were both natives of the Old Dominion, and his father was a gallant soldier under the stars and stripes in the war of 1812. Thomas was the ninth of their family of ten children, and when he was but four years old his father died in West Virginia, the year after which his mother removed with her family to Ohio, where they lived for ten years. In 1857 they pushed on further west and settled in Indiana. There Thomas grew to manhood, and having received a good ordinary education in the free schools of Ohio and Indiana, he engaged in clerking in a store, in which he was employed five years. After this he learned the carpenter's trade, and worked at that about five years, and then turned his attention to farming, which has been since his principal employment. In 1859 he crossed over into Illinois, and farmed in that state for three years, and at the expiration of this time, came to Cooper county, this state, Farming here three years, he then removed to Johnson county, but returned in 1873, since which this has been his permanent home. He owns a good farm of 200 acres, which he has well improved. He also handles some stock. June 19, 1862, he was married to Miss Margaret E. Johnston, of this county. They have one child living, Martin A., and have lost three: Robert B., Thomas M. and Anna P. How truly they may say of death

Insatiate archer! could not one suffice?
Thy shaft flew thrice, and thrice our hopes were slain?

Mr. Smith is a member of the Masonic fraternity.

J. E. SMITH, furniture dealer and undertaker; also marshal and collector of Pilot Grove. Mr. Smith comes of one of the oldest families of Virginia, his forefathers having been inhabitants of the Old Dominion from its earliest colonial days. His grandfather was a gallant soldier in the war for independence, and followed the flag of the new born nation until it waved in final triumph over the battlements of Yorktown. His father, John Smith, was a worthy citizen of the grand old commonwealth, and there married and reared his family. J. E. Smith, the subject of this sketch, was born in Loudoun county, Virginia, April 17, 1837, and grew up in his native county, where he received a good, practical education. Before he attained his majority, however, he came west and from 1855 to 1860 he followed farming in Illinois. The last named year he returned to Virginia, and the war breaking out shortly afterwards, he enlisted in the ranks of his native state in defense of her sovereignty and institutions, and gave four years of his young manhood to the service of the south. He was in nearly all of the principal battles; from Manassas to the final surrender. He held the office of forage master in Buckhaw's battalion. After the war he resumed farming in Virginia and also engaged in the saw milling business, which he followed until 1880, when he came to Missouri and located at Pilot Grove. Here he established himself in the undertaking and furniture business. He has held the office of marshal since the town was incorporated, and he made the first municipal assessment of the place. April 7, 1864, he was married to Miss Lucy A. Marshall, of Virginia. They have four children: Emma C., Luther E., Thomas S. and Sallie E. Mr. Smith is a member of the I. O. O. F., and Mrs. Smith is a member of the Baptist, church.

JOHN SMITH, farmer and stock raiser. Mr. Smith came to this country in 1849 from German where he was born and reared to his seventeenth year, landing at Baltimore without money and without friends, and for twelve years worked at the shoemaker's trade, which he had learned in the old country. He is now, and for years has been, one of the substantial and successful farmers and stock men of Cooper county. Such a career is an eloquent tribute to the character and personal worth of the man. He was born February 22, 1832, and was the eldest of eleven children, the family of Adam and Catharine (Hoel) Smith of the Fatherland. After landing in this country he worked two years in Baltimore, Pittsburg, Cincinnati, Memphis and other cities, and in 1851 came to Howard county and followed his trade at Roanoke until 1861, when he engaged in farming. His homestead in this county contains 340 acres, and is a fine farm. He deals considerably in cattle, and raises grain and stock for the markets. In March, 1861, he was married to Miss Mary Kasley, a native of Baden, Germany. They have eight children: Joseph, Johnnie, Leonard, Rose, Annie, Berdie, Albert and Minnie. Mr. S. is a member of the Lutheran church.

A. N. SPENCER, farmer. Mr. Spencer was born in England May 17, 1837, but when he was only four years of age, his parents emigrated from the "Mistress Island of the Seas" to this country, and after a two years' residence on the Atlantic coast crossed the Alleghanies and came on to Cooper county, where they made their permanent home and where A. N., the son, grew to manhood. His father, John B. Spencer, built the first stone house that was erected in this part of the country, and was a well-to-do and highly respected citizen of this county. His mother, formerly Miss Ann Harrison, of the "Motherland of Shakespeare," was a lady of great personal worth, and was esteemed by all who knew her for her many estimable qualities of mind and heart. Early in life the son, A. N., learned the plastering trade, and this he followed for years afterwards, alternated with farming. During the war, however, he went to St. Louis, where he utilized his time by clerking in a hotel, in which he was engaged about three years. After this he returned to Cooper county and devoted his attention to farming, which he has since followed. His farm of over 100 acres is comfortably improved, and he is an industrious, intelligent and well-to-do farmer. June 11, 1857, he was married to Miss Mary A. Bagwell of this section of the state. They have two children: Laura, L., wife of S. W. Phillips, and John W. Death has taken from them three others. Mr. Spencer is a member of the Baptist church. For eight years he held the responsible office of justice of the peace of his township.

PROF. J. M. STITES, educator and agriculturist, Pilot Grove. Prof. J. M. Stites was born in Wilson county, Tennessee, February 3, 1834. When he was four years of age his parents, Levi and Mary (Adamson) Stites, migrated to Illinois, where they lived until 1840 and then removed to Missouri, settling in Greene county. His father was originally of North Carolina, but his mother was a native of Tennessee. The son, J. M., grew up in Greene county, and although his advantages for securing an education were very indifferent, such was his ambition for learning and his stalwart force of character, that no difficulties seemed to him too great to be surmounted. An education he was determined to have. Accordingly he availed himself of all the instruction he could get in the ordinary neighborhood schools, and assiduously applied himself to study at home. The mastering one book led the way to another, and saving the money he worked for, in order to be able to get such books as he needed, he thus pursued his studies, steadily advancing in the acquisition of knowledge until his superior acquirements becoming recognized, he was called upon to open a school, which he did, and which was largely

patronized. He soon established a wide reputation as a thorough, able and successful teacher. In as much as this calling afforded him better opportunities than any other for self instruction and at the same time was more congenial to his tastes, it became his regular employment, and for over twenty-five years he has followed it, educating the young and preparing their minds for the activities of life. He taught principally in Polk county until 1863, when he removed to Cooper county, where he has continued his lifework in different parts of the county up to the present time. February 28, 1858, he was married to Miss Amanda Hall, originally of Tennessee. They have five children : Horace L., Fannie R., Mattie D., Charles A. and Bertha. When his family of children began to grow up around him, feeling the want of a settled home where they could be reared to habits of industry and removed from all the temptations of town or city life, he decided to settle on a farm, and accordingly bought a neat homestead in the country which he has well improved and where he lives a generous, hospitable and blameless life. Although farming is not his life occupation, in this also he has achieved substantial success. But the acquisition of wealth has not been his ambition in life. To improve the mind, the immortal part of human nature, and to elevate those around him by the power of education are the great aims, for the accomplishment of which all his energies are devoted, and in which all his hopes are centered. He believes with Wendell Phillips that " education is the only interest worthy the deep, controlling anxiety of thoughtful men."

A. H. THRUSTON, druggist and apothecary, Pilot Grove. It is the least of the plain truth always to say that Mr. Thruston has, at Pilot Grove, one of the finest drug stores, if, in fact, not the very finest, in Cooper county. His store building, thirty by seventy feet in dimensions, is a model of convenient arrangement for his business, and of neatness and good taste, and this he has filled with a heavy stock of drugs of every description, paints, oils, druggists' sundries and etceteras, almost ad infinitum, all of the best quality, and kept in the best condition. The fact that he has such a drug establishment speaks more for his popularity as a druggist and citizen, and for his business ability, than the modest dignity of this work will permit to be expressed. The facts, therefore, unadorned by the rhetorician's art, will have to suffice, and they are eloquent enough. Mr. Thruston is a native Missourian, having been born in Morgan county, this state, December 13th, 1842. The drug business has been his life occupation. In 1865 he engaged in the business on his own account at Versailles, in his native county, where he continued with excellent success for four years. In 1869 he changed his location to Otterville, where he established a large drug store and built up an extensive trade. Remaining at the latter place until 1874, he then came to Pilot Grove, where he has since lived. Here he has achieved the most gratifying success. Mr. Thruston is not only a thorough druggist and apothecary, but he has made a specialty of the study of chemistry, and is inure than ordinarily versed in that science. Hence he is proficient in the preparation of many articles that those less skilled have to depend upon the wholesale houses for, exclusively. He also manufactures at his own store the following extracts of various kinds : Baking powders, bluing, and so forth. September 6th, 1866, he was married to Miss Edith White, an accomplished young lady, formerly of Kentucky. They have one child, Mable Clark. Mr. Thruston's parents were among the pioneer settlers of this section of the state. His father, William R. Thruston, was a native of South Carolina, and his mother, originally Miss Mary A. Melton, was of Tennessee birth. They reared their family in this state. Mr. Thruston is a member of the I. O. O. F., and Knights of Pythias.

P. R.. WOOLDRIDGE, liveryman and farmer. Nothing more conclusively attests the growing importance of Pilot Grove than the fact that the livery business has become a necessity to the place. Recognizing the clearly felt want, Mr. Wooldridge, a year ago, established a large livery stable at this place, where he keeps an ample supply of horses and buggies of the best quality, to meet the demands of the traveling public, as well as of the citizens of the town, who have occasion to use them. He has an excellent stable, and everything is kept in the best of order and condition. Mr. Wooldridge was born in this county, October 17th, 1835, and was a son of Starlin R., and Ann (Roe) Wooldridge. His mother was from Maryland, and his grandfather, on his father's side, was one of the first settlers of Cooper county. Farming has been Mr. Wooldridge's life occupation up to the time he began the livery business, and he still owns an excellent farm near Pilot Grove. He was married May 2d, 1877, to Miss R. Warren, originally of Maryland. They have two children, Rossie and Jesse K. Mr. W. is a member of the M. E. Church south.