

BIOGRAPHICAL

1883 History of Howard and Cooper Counties

PRAIRIE HOME TOWNSHIP

GEORGE T. AKERS, farmer, section 32. Mr. Akers' father, Ishman Akers, although a native of Kentucky, came to this state from Tennessee, of which he had been a resident, in 1829, and made his home in Moniteau county. He was married, however, in this county, to Miss Sarah, daughter of James Shields, an early settler of Cooper county, but who subsequently removed to Moniteau. Her parents died several years ago in Henry county. George F. was born in Moniteau county, January 27th, 1839, and grew to manhood on his father's farm. At the age of twenty-five, February 10th, 1864, he was married to Miss Martha, daughter of Reuben and Judida (Hall) Smith, who were among the pioneer settlers of Moniteau county. She was born May 20th, 1841. Her parents (lived, her father in 1850 and her mother in 1879. Mrs. A. has a brother and a half-brother, Blackburn and Huder Smith, and a sister, Harriett Howard, still in Moniteau county. Mr. Akers has a brother, James S., in Texas, and one William J., and a sister, Mary S. Dalton, in Henry county. After their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. A. lived in Moniteau county, engaged in farming, until 1878 when they came to their present farm in Prairie Home township. It contains a quarter section of good land, and is devoted mainly to grain growing, principally wheat. They have a family of five children: Louisa Octavia, aged eighteen ; Ida A., aged nine ; Martha May, aged six; Florence Ethel, aged three, and Julia T., aged one. Two are dead, Thomas Lee and Mary Ellen. They have also reared two nephews, Newton and Royal, sons of Mrs. Akers' brother, Royal Smith, aged respectively twenty-six and twenty-one, both of whom are still at home. Mrs. A. is a member of the Baptist church. Mr. A. belongs to the A. F. and A. M.

JOHN E. BLANK, farmer, section 16. In 1852 when Nicholas and Catherine Blank came to America, from Bavaria, Germany, John E., their son, was a lad eleven years of age, he having been born in their native country, September 22, 1843. They first stopped in Moniteau county, but the following spring settled near where John E. now lives. there the father died April 5, 1875, but the mother is still living and resides on their homestead. John, after he grew up, was married June 4, 1868, to Miss Margaret Cleckner, of this county, and engaged extensively in the life of a farmer. This he has since followed with excellent success. He has a good farm of 200 acres comfortably improved, and devotes his attention mainly to grain growing, and raises some stock. They have a family of six children, Emma, Bertha, John J., Nicholas H., Louisa L., and Oscar O. During the war, Mr. Blank served three months in the regularly enrolled militia. He was with the squad of eleven engaged in looking for a stray mare when Bill Anderson's command fell on them, and killed seven of the eleven. Mr. Blank is a member of the Evangelical church.

SAMUEL CARPENTER, farmer, section 24. In 1819, Samuel Carpenter, the father of the subject of this sketch, then under twenty-one years of age, came to Cooper county from Kentucky, and the following year was married at Clark's Fork, to Miss Sarah Longley. This union proved a long and happy one, and was blessed with twelve children, of whom Samuel, Jr., was the eighth. They were as follows: Andrew M., Henry, Susan, Calvin, William, Mary J., James T., Samuel, Gabriel, Sarah, George and Ellen. Nearly all of these grew to maturity and become heads of families, but now only four are living, Andrew M., Samuel, Gabriel and George. The parents after their marriage settled in what is now Prairie Home, but two years afterward went to the prairie near Pisgah and lived there, except one year, in Benton county, until their deaths. The mother died May 5, 1862 in her fifty-seventh year; the father, April 30, 1868, in his sixty-eighth year. In 1849 he went, to California, and was satisfactorily successful there, returning in less than two years afterwards. He was also a successful farmer, and at his death had a landed estate of about 500 acre. Samuel, the son, was born near Pisgah, August 5, 1835, and was reared on his father's farm. October 22, 1856, he was married to Miss Lucy Dooley, of Miller county. She was born December 2, 1835. Samuel accompanied his father to Benton county, where he entered land and lived about two years. He then returned to Cooper county, and has since resided here. In February, 1855, he bought his present farm, containing 520 acres of fine land, which is well improved. Besides this, he also owned 600 acres, which he has divided among his sons. On his homestead he grows about 300 acres of grain annually about two-thirds of which is wheat. The balance is in blue grass and meadow. Mr. Carpenter raises considerable stock, having over a hundred head of cattle, and some of them of a very fine quality. He has a family of three sons and a daughter, William Henry, George Andrew, Mason Rice and Martha Ellen. Another, Uriah G., died in infancy. All his children have been educated at the Prairie Home Institute. His wife, himself and family are members of the Baptist church at Pisgah. His children were born as follows: William H., September 4, 1857 ; George A., March 16, 1860 ; M. C., October 28, 1863, and Miss Martha E., July 28, 1868. Mr. Carpenter is one of the most successful and enterprising agriculturalists of the county.

CALVIN M. CAREY, DECEASED, late proprietor of Maple Grove farm. A man who led a useful and blameless life, and of whom it might with truth be said that

"Nothing in his life
Became him like the leaving it,"

was Calvin M. Carey, the subject of this memoir - a public-spirited citizen, a valued neighbor, and a kind and affectionate husband and father. Having had but little to begin life with for himself, by his own honest exertions and personal worth he accumulated a comfortable estate as a staff for old age, and reared a family that reflects credit upon his name, and cherishes and venerates his memory. He was born October 20, 1825, in the township where his whole life was spent, and in whose bosom his remains are now sleeping to wake no more --

"Till joy shall overtake
His perfect calm."

Mr. Carey was the third of a family of eight children of Evan and Sallie (Burger) Carey, six of whom, two brothers and four sisters, are now living : George and Alfred, and Ann, Sarah, Mary and Bettie. The father died many years ago, but his mother is still living at the age of seventy-eight. Reared on his father's farm in youth, he attended such neighborhood schools as they had in those days, and occupied much of his leisure time in study at home, thus acquiring a good practical education. Farming, not unnaturally, become his occupation for life, and in this he was abundantly successful, leaving a splendid farm of some 500 acres at his death, on which his family still resides. He also dealt, to a considerable extent, in mules and other live stock. Mr. Corey was twice married. His first wife, formerly Miss Mary Bruce, to whom he was married in early manhood, died in 1854. December 2, 1862, he was married to Miss Matilda T. Miller, a most estimable and amiable lady, originally of Madison county, Kentucky, born June 6, 1840. She was a daughter of James E. and Harriet F. (Tevis) Miller, of Moniteau. Her father died in 1846 and her mother in 1867. She has a brother at Sedalia, Doctor Robert T. Miller. Mrs. Carey still survives her lamented husband. They were blessed with a family of seven children: Estelle E., Hattie M., Anna M., Maud T., Sallie B., Robert A. and George C., the last of whom, however, died in childhood. All are at home, and were educated at the Prairie Home institute. Their father was an active, zealous friend to education, and was mainly instrumental in building up the institution at which his children were educated. He was for twenty years an earnest, sincere member of the Methodist church, and on the 11th day of February, 1879, breathed his last, triumphant in death in the faith which his life had so long and so beautifully illustrated.

MAJOR DRURY DAVIS. Major Drury Davis was one of the early settlers of Howard county, Missouri. He emigrated from Wayne county, Kentucky, and settled in Howard county, Missouri, in the fall of 1817, about three miles southeast of where Fayette is now. He was one of the first justices of the peace of Howard county. He was a great hunter. He killed a great many deer, found a great many bees, and manufactured a considerable amount of gunpowder. After about four years' residence in Howard county he emigrated to Cole county, Missouri, and settled at a very noted spring about sixteen miles southwest of Jefferson City when that country was a wilderness. Soon after he settled in Cole county, and he built a powder mill and manufactured a large quantity of gunpowder. He was justice of the peace, major of the state militia, and represented Cole county in the state legislature when Cole included nearly all of what is now Moniteau and Miller counties. In 1832 he removed to Cooper county, where he lived until 1843, engaged mainly in farming. In 1843 he removed to Macon county, Missouri, and engaged in farming and merchandising. He removed back to Cooper county in 1856, where he remained until he died, in the eighty-fifth year of his age, on the 10th of October, 1872.

O. P. DAVIS. O. P. Davis, son of Major Drury Davis, was born in Wayne county, Kentucky, on the 16th day of September, 1816. He was the eldest of a family of sixteen children - twelve sons and four daughters. His mother's maiden name was East, daughter of Captain North East, of Wayne county, Kentucky. She was in many respects a very remarkable woman. She carried the subject of this sketch in her lap on a horse from Wayne county, Kentucky, to Howard county, Missouri, when a boy one year old, expecting to bury him at almost every encampment on the way, he being sick when they started, and sick all the way. She raised all her children to be grown without calling a doctor to see one of them. She was a woman of fine, practical sense, and great resolution. She was for many years a devoted member of the Baptist church, and for several of the last years of her life a worthy member of the Christian church. The subject of this sketch grew up in Missouri, when school facilities were very poor; but being passionately fond of books from a child, and a close student during the early years of his life, he managed to acquire a fair English education. He became a member of the Baptist church at Pisgah. Cooper county, Missouri, in 1837. He removed to Macon county, Missouri, in 1839, with his youngest brother, Jeremiah Davis, when that part of the country was almost a wilderness, undergoing the privations and hardships incident to a frontier life. He was licensed to preach the gospel by the Baptist church in the spring of 1842, and was regularly ordained in the spring or summer of 1843. He preached for the Baptist church in that country with great acceptance until the spring of 1846, when they accused him of preaching what they called Campbellism, and decided that

he should preach no longer for them. He preached but little from that time until the fall of 1848, when he identified himself with the Christian church, and has been engaged in the work of the ministry ever since. His labors were confined chiefly to Macon county until the spring of 1857, when he removed to Cooper county, Missouri, and was for several years the only Christian preacher in Cooper county. He has been instrumental, in a large measure, in establishing and building up the Christian church in Cooper county since 1857, and also in Moniteau and Miller counties. He was married on the 12th day of September, 1843, to Miss Sally L. Robinson, daughter of Samuel E. Robinson, of Mercer county, Kentucky. They have raised eight children - four sons and four daughters - one now dead and seven living, all members of the Christian church. He is still farming and preaching, though, owing to feeble health, is preaching but little at this time.

U. E. & D. L. DAVIS, general merchants, Prairie Home. The business of the above named firm was established by the senior partner, Mr. Urban E. Davis, in February 1881, and in January, 1882, his elder brother, Drury L., became his partner, since which it has been conducted under the name of U. E. & D. L. Davis. Drury L. was the second and Urban E. the fifth of a family of eight children, the former born March 29, 1844, and the latter July 20, 1852, both in Macon county, Missouri. Both had the advantages afforded by the common schools, and Drury L. attended the state normal school at Kirksville three years. He entered the normal school in 1869 and concluded his studies there in 1873, having taught a three month school at Newburg and an eight month school at Salisbury in the meantime. After his normal course he taught two terms at New Salem, followed by four years teaching at Prairie Home. He then taught two years at Pisgah and another year at Prairie Home, after which he became a partner with his brother in their present mercantile business. While teaching he also conducted a farm of eighty acres near Pisgah. He was married August 1, 1878, to Miss Florence M., daughter of Charles B. Franklin, of Prairie Home. She was born September 10, 1860. They have two children: Maud, born August 9, 1879, and Ida May, born February 24, 1881. Urban E. Davis, after quitting the farm at the age of twenty, went to Texas in 1872 and engaged in school teaching there, but returned the following year and farmed until 1880. He then went back to Texas and established a mercantile business at Mill Sap that state, with his cousin, Drury Davis. Returning to Missouri in a couple of months after this, he thereupon, in February, 1881, established the store at Prairie Home, in which he is now a partner. His cousin subsequently died in Texas, leaving their business there without a manager, and on account of that event he went to Mill Sap and closed it out, since which he has devoted his whole attention to his Prairie Home interests. They carry a large stock of general merchandise, and have an extensive and rapidly increasing trade. Both are thoroughly qualified business men and are justly popular as neighbors and citizens. They are members of the Christian church, and Drury L. is a member of the A. F. and A. M.

FRANK M. DAVIS. Frank M., son of Major Drury and Nancy P. (East) Davis, was born in Cooper county, Missouri, April 4th, 1836. When he was nine years of age his parents removed to Macon county, where Frank M. grew up to his nineteenth year. He then returned to Cooper county and was engaged in farm labor at the time of the outbreak of the war. He thereupon enlisted in the Confederate service, in the 2d Missouri cavalry, under Colonel McCulloch, and remained with his regiment until its final surrender in 1865, participating in all the battles in which it was engaged. At the close of the war he returned to Cooper county and was married November 16, 1865, to Miss Emeline, daughter of William Hurt. He then bought a part of the Loran farm, on which he lived seven years, after which he removed to the old Davis homestead near Jewett's mill. He remained on this place until 1881, when he removed to his present farm, which contains 240 acres of excellent land in a good state of improvement. Mr. Davis is an industrious intelligent farmer and a good neighbor and citizen. Three children have blessed his married life - Katie, Albert S. L., and Addie. Mrs. Davis is a member of the Christian church, and her husband is overseer of the P. of H. at Fairview.

CHARLES C. ELDRIDGE, farmer, section 2. Mr. Eldridge is native of Rhode Island, and was born at East Greenwich, Kent county, of that state, September 29, 1840. He was a son of Charles and Sarah Eldridge. At the age of sixteen he came west and lived in Wisconsin about three years, where he learned the machinists' trade at Beloit. Returning to his native state in 1861, he enlisted in the 1st Rhode Island battery, in which he served three months. After this he enlisted for three years in the 4th Rhode Island, and was subsequently promoted to the position of lieutenant. At Petersburg, Va., he was wounded in the shoulder by a minnie ball. At the conclusion of his military service, he returned to his trade and worked at Providence, Rhode Island, at Cleveland, Ohio, and at East Greenwich, his birthplace. In 1866 he came to Missouri and worked with his brother, James. He was married December 23, 1869, to Miss Martha A., daughter of North Davis. She was born in Macon county, and her father having died was reared by her grandfather, Drury Davis. About this time he bought the Talbot place, and has since added to it until now he owns 250 acres of fine land, substantially improved. He grows over 100 acres of grain and raises some stock, principally cattle, hogs and sheep. Mr. and Mrs. Eldridge have a family of eight children, James S., Lucy S., Elizabeth D., Margaret A., Charles C., Anna M., Mary F., and an infant. He is a member of the A. F. and A. M., and of the Christian church.

NEWTON A. GILBREATH, farmer, section 25. One of the substantial and well-to-do farmers of Prairie Home township is the gentleman whose name heads this sketch. His farm contains over three-quarters of a section of good land, and he gives his attention to both grain and stock raising, mainly cattle and hogs in the stock line. He was born on the farm where

he now and has since lived, November 11, 1834. His father, Hugh Gilbreath, who was a native of Virginia, came to this county from Tennessee, in 1827, and principally improved the place. He first bought a tract of land of eighty acres of William Martin, and then the following year eighty more of Jesse Martin, to which he after added other tracts until his death, January 21, 1852, and many years before, he owned about 800 acres. Newton A. was a son by his father's second marriage. By the first marriage there were six children: John, Jane, Catherine, Nancy and two others. Their mother, formerly a Miss Conover, died before the family came to this state. After her death their father married Miss Flora McDuffy, originally from South Carolina, but then a resident of Tennessee. Twelve children were the fruits of this union, of whom N. A. was the eighth, as follows: James C., Derinda, Hugh F., Mary A., Nancy E., William M., Louisa, Newton A., Alfred W., Flora L., Thomas J. and Minerva. Seven of these are still living, and most of them became heads of families. Newton A, in common with the other children, received an ordinary good education as he grew up, and was married November 18, 1863, to Miss Logie A. daughter of Logan Forsythe, an early settler of the county. He has had charge of the farm since his father's death, and owns the homestead tract. During the war Mr. G. was taken prisoner by the Unionists and confined in St. Louis and Alton military prisons some time, after which he was released on parole on condition that he would remain in Illinois. He was absent from home about one year. Mr. and Mrs. Gilbreath have no children of their own, but have three that they are rearing Joseph Potter, aged thirteen ; Lizzie McArthur, aged twelve, and Ellis Hoden, aged seven. Mrs. G.'s father was killed when she was less than a year old. Her mother is now the wife of John R. Williams.

CAPTAIN ALBERT HORNBECK, farmer. Captain Hornbeck, assessor of Cooper county, and for a number of years a prominent merchant of the eastern part of the county, at Prairie Home, was born in Saline township August 30, 1840. He was a grandson of Michael Hornbeck, who came to this county from Tennessee with his family as early as 1814, and built the second house ever erected in Boonville. In 1817 Michael Hornbeck settled the Muir farm, near Boonville, and afterwards removed to Saline township and opened the farm where Squire Freeman now lives. He died about 1858, his wife having preceded him in death some ten years. They had nine sons and one daughter, most of whom became heads of families. Andrew, their second son, and the father of Captain Hornbeck, was born in May, 1814, in Tennessee, just before his parents started for this country. He grew up here and was twice married, rearing two families of children. His first wife, formerly Miss Sallie Woods, to whom he was married about 1836, was a daughter of Alexander and Nancy Woods, early settlers in the county, from Tennessee. She had two sisters and five brothers, all but two of whom are still living. She died about 1846, leaving five children : Gilbert, Albert (the subject of this sketch), William, Riley and Nancy. Gilbert died in boyhood and William at the age of twenty-four. His second wife was Elizabeth, a cousin of his first wife, and daughter of Jesse Woods. Nine children followed this union : Jeremiah Jackson, Samuel, Thirza, Jesse, Michael, Robert, John and Martha - all of whom are living in Saline township except Thirza and Michael. In 1849 the father settled about a mile and a half east of Prairie Home, where he lived a well respected life and was satisfactorily successful as a farmer until his death. Albert, the second son by the first marriage, grew to manhood on his father's farm, and in the spring of 1861 enlisted in Captain Simmons' company, under Governor Jackson's first call. In the following August he entered the 10th Missouri regiment as first lieutenant of Captain Barry's company, in which he served until well along in the war, when he recruited a company of volunteers, of which he was elected captain. This he commanded until he was wounded in a charge at Mine Creek, Kansas. Recovering, however, he rejoined the command, and served until the general surrender. Coming here after the war, he was married October 11, 1866, to Miss Mary E., daughter of William McClanahan, of this county. She was born October 22, 1842. They have a family of five children: Gilbert, Hattie E., Sallie, Charles M., died in infancy, William A. and Jessie Lee. Captain Hornbeck has followed farming all his life, except while in the army, and from 1869 to 1878, during which time he was merchandising. He lived three years in Henry county - 1867, 1868 and 1869 - and one year in Texas - 1878. He has a neat, comfortable farm at Prairie Home. In 1882 he was elected county assessor for two years. He is a member of the Christian church and of the A. F. and A. M.

WASHINGTON A. JOHNSTON, farmer. Between 1817 and 1821 four brothers, Garvin, Robert B., Alexander and James, the sons of Alexander and Margaret (Barnett) Johnston, came out from the chivalric Palmetto state of the south and made their homes in Missouri, the first in Jackson county, and the other three in Cooper county. Robert B. came in 1819, and in 1824 was married to Miss Elender, daughter of William and Nancy (Pemberton) Powell, of this county. On coming to the county Robert B. Johnston settled on a claim he bought, and improved an excellent farm, afterwards adding to it until it contained 240 acres of fine land. There he lived a quiet, industrious and honorable life, and died in 1868 at the advanced age of ninety-three. He was an old-time Jackson democrat, strongly southern in sympathies, and for sixty years a ruling elder in the Cumberland Presbyterian church. His wife is still living at the age of eighty-three. They lived together within a fraction of sixty years, and reared seven children, all of whom are still living, there having been but one death in the family, that of the father, since they were married. Their family of children consisted of one son, the eldest, and six daughters, as follows: Washington A., the subject of this sketch ; Nancy J., wife of Asa McClain, in Carroll county ; Martha R., wife of Rev. W. D. Mahan ; Mary Barnett, wife of Judge J. S. McFarland ; Elizabeth A., wife of Henry Howard, Carrollton ; Margaret E., wife of F. M. Smith, and Susan E., wife of James Parsons. Washington A. was born January 1, 1825, on the farm upon which he still lives, and received an ordinary, good education in youth. April 20, 1848, he was married to Miss Martha, daughter of William Hunt, of this county. She was born January 4, 1829. They have two children : Nancy, wife of

William J. Lacy, and Jennie L., still at home. Both were educated at Prairie Home institute and the latter filled the position of music teacher at that school. Mr. Johnston joined General Price's army in 1861, but was captured three months afterwards and paroled. He remained true to his parole until the close of the war. He is a worthy and exemplary member of the Christian church, and a warm friend to education. His farm contains 320 acres of excellent land. Mr. Johnston is one of the sterling, true and staunch men of Cooper county.

JOHN S. JOHNSTON, farmer, section 2. James and Martha (Brown) Johnston, the parents of John S., emigrated from Tennessee in 1818, and settled in Clark's Fork, in this county, where the father afterwards died about 1870, his wife having preceded him to the grave during the late war. There were six children—John S. being the eldest as follows: John S., Hugh, James B., Joseph R., Mary and Ann. Marv married North Davis, and died prior to 1860. Ann married William Parsons, and died about 1868. John S., the eldest, was born before his parents left Tennessee, in Warren county, October 25, 1816, but was reared in this county. Reared on a farm, he devoted himself to a farm life, and followed that occupation first in Morgan and Pettis counties after he grew up, where he had entered 200 acres of land. Subsequently he lived a year in Macon county, and, after his marriage, settled near Prairie Home, where he owned a 200 acre tract of land. In October, 1855, he engaged with his brother Hugh in merchandising at Otterville Missouri, and followed it for four years. He then came to his present farm, which contains over a quarter section of good land. He raises wheat principally, but also raises other cereal products and some stock. He was married October 14, 1850, to Miss Nancy C. Zollinger, originally of Frederick county, Maryland. She was a daughter of George Zollinger, who came to this county in 1818. They have three children: James, married Kate Gilbreath, now residents of Prairie Home township ; Kate attended Haynes' school, of Boonville; and George attended Prairie Home school. The last two are at home. Mr. J. is a member of the I. O. O. F., and was a school director for ten years.

REV. H. D. KENNEDY, Cumberland Presbyterian minister. Rev. H. D. Kennedy was born in Todd county, Kentucky, September 1, 1837. His father was Hon. Urban E. Kennedy, and his mother formerly Miss Laving Bryan, both natives of the same state. They were married in that state, and lived in Todd county until their deaths. The father was a prominent citizen of the county, and ways for several terms a member of the state legislature. He lived to the advanced age of eighty-three. The son, H. D., was educated at Bethel college, Tennessee, from which he graduated in 1858. He has been a life-long member of the Cumberland Presbyterian church, and commenced his ministry in Tennessee and Kentucky. In 1871 he came to Verona, Lawrence county, Missouri, and had charge of the church there nearly three years. He then assumed control of the church at Independence, Missouri, and remained there a year; after this he went to Columbus, Johnson county, and occupied the pulpit at that place until 1876. From Columbus he came to Otterville, and served the congregation there until 1880, when he took charge of the New Salem, Bethel and New Bethlehem churches, and made his home at Prairie Home, where he has since resided. Rev. Mr. Kennedy is a member of the Presbyterian committee on theological examinations of candidates for admission to the ministry of the New Lebanon presbytery, and is also chairman of the home missionary committee. He was married in Christian county, Kentucky, February 24, 1861, to Miss Antoinette Barrette, but she died August 17, 1873. About five years afterwards, March 28, 1878, he was married a second time. His present wife was the widow of George W. Stevens, brother to the late Colonel Joe L. Stevens. Her maiden name was Wary E. Morris ; she was a daughter of William Walter and Sarah E. (Spenny) Morris, and was born March 2, 1847. Mr. Morris came to Cooper county early in life, and for many years was a prominent merchant of Boonville. He and his wife were both natives of Virginia; her father, Weeden Spenny, ran a mill near Bunceton, and was well known and highly esteemed throughout the country where he lived. He had but two children, both daughters, and both married, Miss Morris, the younger daughter, having become his wife after the death of her elder sister. The present Mrs. Kennedy is the only living representative of either the Spenny or Morris families in this state, except her daughter by her first marriage, Miss Celeste Stephens, aged seventeen, now attending school at Boonville. Weeden Spenny died in 1859 ; Mr. Morris died in Texas about 1855 ; his wife, Sarah E., died September 14, 1848 ; Mrs. Kennedy's first husband, George W. Stephens, died July 29, 1874. Rev. Mr. Kennedy has one sister in this state, Mary E., widow of Rev. J. H. Niskell, late of the Cumberland Presbyterian church at Salem, Illinois. She now resides in Lexington, Missouri.

WILLIAM KIRSCHMAN, farmer, section 8. Mr. Kirschman was born in the vicinity in which he now lives October 21, 1841. He was the fourth of a family of nine children of Ernst Kirschman and wife, formerly Miss Anna Muri. His father was a Prussian by nativity, but his mother was originally from Switzerland. They were married in Ohio, and removed to Missouri and settled in Cooper county in 1835. The father died here in 1854; the mother survived the husband nearly thirty years, dying January 23, 1883. The following were their family of children : Mary A., now the wife of G. H. Meyer, of California, Missouri ; Caroline, now wife of J. N. E. Moser, of the same place; Thomas, residing at Jimtown ; William, the subject of this sketch; John, residing at Jimtown ; Henry, residing in Cole county; Charles, residing on the old family homestead ; Elizabeth, widow of A. L. Maas; and Ernst, residing near William. The father had no brothers or sisters, and his descendants are the only ones known of the name. William grew up on his father's farm, and when the war came on was old enough for military duty. He joined the 5th Missouri state militia, commanded by Colonel Albert Siegel, in which he served two years. He then turned his attention to farming, and was married March 22, 1865, to Miss Matilda, a

daughter of Christopher and Ruth (Martin) Jahn, of Moniteau county. She was born February 28, 1843. After farming a year, Mr. Kirschman ran a saw, grist and carding mill three years, in Cole county. He then, in 1868, bought land at Prairie Home and farmed there until 1881, when he came to his present place, a good farm of 160 acres of land, known as the "Hanshaw farm." He raises nearly 100 acres of grain annually, and also raises some stock. Mr. and Mrs. Kirschman have a family of eight children. Henry G. died November 22, 1882, in his seventeenth year. The others are as follows ; Mary A., Elsie J., Benjamin F., Wm. C., Emma R., Ernst M., Ida L. and Charles P.

ARCHIBALD J. LACY, M. D., physician and surgeon. The Lacys and the Johnstons are two well known and worthy families of the Old Dominion, members of each of which occupy prominent places in the history of that state. Of these families, Dr. Lacy, the subject of this sketch, for over thirty years a practicing physician of this section of the state, is a direct descendant and lineal representative. William Lacy was the founder of the first named family in this country, a native of England as his name implies. He had six sons, Archibald being one of these. Archibald settled in Kent county, Virginia, and reared a family, of whom Theophilus and William Adam were his two sons. William A. became a physician, married and reared a family. His wife was formerly Miss Agnes Johnston, whose family is too well known to require further notice. They reared five children, of whom Dr. Archibald J., the subject of this sketch, was the only son. In 1836 the family came to this state and settled in Cole county (the part that is now in Moniteau), and in 1851 they removed to Saline county. Subsequently they went to Vernon county, where Dr. William A., the father and his family still live. Archibald J. was born in Stokes county, North Carolina, July 25, 1823, and came with his parents to Cole county, this state, in 1836. He was educated in the common schools of his native state and of Cole (now Moniteau) county, and studied medicine under his father, a very able and successful physician. In 1848 he entered McDowell's medical college, at St. Louis, and was graduated from that celebrated institution in 1850. He then entered upon the practice of his profession in Moniteau and Cooper counties, and soon acquired an enviable reputation as a skilful and thorough physician. He has since been engaged in the practice in the surrounding country with but few intermissions of only a short time each. In 1863 he entered the Confederate army as contract surgeon in Shelby's brigade, and continued there until the close of the war. He then practiced at Clark's Fork, this county, until 1879, when he came to Prairie Home, where he has since lived. Dr. Lacy has been twice married. His first wife, formerly Miss Mary L. Winston, originally of Stokes county, North Carolina, when he married in Platte county, Missouri, February 25, 1846, died October 24, 1848. April 1, 1851, the doctor was again married, Miss Julia A., daughter of Dr. R. W. M. Gale, of this county, becoming his wife. She was born in Boonville, April 21, 1832. His last wife died June 28, 1870. Of the first union there is a son : William J. married Miss Nannie S. Johnston and resides near Prairie Home. Of the second wife there were three children : Robert A. married and subsequently died July 18, 1878 ; George G., married and resides in Saline township ; and Agnes G., died January 3, 1875; near Salado, Texas. The doctor has been a member of the A. F. and A. M. for ten years and is secretary of the Prairie Home lodge. He has a picture of his father, himself, his son and his grandson - the eldest sons in lineal descent for four generations.

FRANK S. MENELEE, farmer, section 24. Mr. Menefee is a representative of two of the most respectable families of northeastern Kentucky, the Menefees and Allens. His father was Dr. Jonas Menefee, for over forty years one of the prominent physicians and leading citizens of Nicholas county, and his mother, formerly Miss Jane Q. Allen, was a daughter of Judge Allen, of Paris, Bourbon county. Frank S. was born in Paris, Kentucky, January 30, 1825, but was reared in Corlish, Nicholas county, where his parents lived, and near which his father owned a fine farm. His mother, however, died when he was about ten years of age, and his father was married twice afterwards. The second wife, formerly Miss Maria Hedges, lived only a short time after her marriage, and after her death his father married Miss Nancy Thomas. Dr. Menefee died September 13, 1866, and his last wife in 1879. There were but four in his family of children, and two of them, Laura and John Allen, died before reaching their tenth year. The eldest, Grosjean, died in 1849, at the age of twenty-seven. All were children of the first marriage. Frank M. was educated for a physician, but his natural inclination led him to prefer the life of a farmer. In 1846, however, his youthful enthusiasm led him to enlist for service in the Mexican war, but the company was never called into the field. Animated by a spirit of adventure, he then came west to Leavenworth, Kansas, and there entered the service of the Government and drove a team across the plains into Chilhuahua, Mexico. He was out on this trip about eighteen months. He then engaged in driving stock south, but afterwards returned to Kentucky, and on the 28th of September, 1849, was married at Aberdeen to Miss Mary, the accomplished daughter of Colonel Hamilton. Her father had been a gallant officer in the war of 1812. Mr. Menefee then followed farming in his native county until 1860, when he removed to Knox county, this state. But three years afterwards he returned to the Blue Grass state, and in 1868 came out to Missouri again and settled on his present farm, the Jesse McFarland farm, as it is called, a fine estate of over 400 acres, handsomely located and comfortably improved. Here he has since lived and followed grain and stock raising. Mr. and Mrs. Menefee have a family of four children : Charles, married Miss Lizzie Taylor, of Saline county, and resides near Pilot Grove ; John A., farming in Colorado ; Miss Laura, at home, and William H., in stock business in Nevada; Jonas and Samuel G., both at home. Mrs. M. and Miss Laura are members of the Christian church, and the latter received a superior education at the Prairie Home Institute.

FRANK SIMMONS. It was about 1830 that Bell Simmons, the grandfather of the subject of this sketch, emigrated from North Carolina with his family, and settled in Moniteau county. He lived in that county until his death, which occurred about 1844. His wife, whose maiden name was Ellen Hawkins, survived him some twenty-five years, dying in Henry county, this state, in 1869. They had a family of five children. Nancy, became the wife of John Murphy, but both she and her husband are now deceased. Kelly, the father of Franklin, to be noticed further along; Noah died in Texas about six years ago, leaving a widow, formerly Miss Lucy Vivion of Moniteau county, Missouri; William, married Miss Calphurnia Alexander and died about four years ago in Henry county, and Litia, wife of William Deatherage. Kelly Simmons, the second of these, after he grew up, was married August 21, 1833, to Miss Malinda, daughter of Thomas and Margaret (Yount), Smith, mention of whom is made in the sketch of Jeremiah Smith, their son. Mrs. Simmons was born in Tennessee, March 21, 1816. Mr. and Mrs. Simmons reared a family of ten children, of whom Franklin is the youngest, as follows: Thomas, resides at Prairie Home; Manson B., resides in Barton county; Margaret E., wife of Richard Hudson, Tipton, Missouri; Martha J., wife of Henry Shores of Salem, Missouri, but died in 1875; Susan A., wife J. S. Shores, Brownsville, Missouri; Joseph H., resides near Fort Worth, Texas, Ephraim, resides in Prairie Home township; William, on a part of the old homestead; Richard T., resides near Flora Orr, and Franklin. The father of these commenced in life a poor man, and by industry, good management and fair dealing, accumulated a comfortable estate long prior to his death, which occurred June 10, 1882. His homestead numbered 400 acres of fine land and he had it well improved. He was a member of the Baptist church for nearly forty years and his widow, a motherly good woman, partook of the communion with her husband during all this time. She is still living where so many happy years have been spent. Franklin, her youngest son, who was born April 22, 1858, a young man of great industry, excellent character and superior intelligence, has charge of the homestead part of the farm, and is conducting it with the most gratifying success. He was educated at Prairie Home institute and has every promise of becoming one of the successful farmers and useful citizens of the county.

JEREMIAH SMITH, to regret in the future, nothing to fear, is the venerable old gentleman whose name heads this sketch. He was born in Campbell county, Tennessee, May 16, 1810. His father, Thomas Smith, was a native of Virginia, but in early life made his home in Tennessee, where he met and won in marriage Miss Margaret Yount, originally of North Carolina. Eight years after the birth of Jeremiah they started by wagon in a train of pioneers consisting of five families - James and Henry McKinney, Dave Chambers, William Poe, and themselves across the country to the frontier of civilization - the territory of Missouri. Mr. Smith's parents settled in Old Franklin, and six years afterwards, when the river swept the place away, they removed to Moniteau (then Cole) county. His father was a brick mason, and built most of the early brick houses in this section of the State. In 1830, he returned to Cooper county and entered a tract of 160 acres of land near Prairie Home, now owned by N. Reader, where he lived until his death, which occurred in 1848. He entered other lands besides that, and when he died owned about 1,000 acres. His wife died in 1873, at the advanced age of eighty-three years. They had a family of eight children, Jeremiah being the eldest. The others were Richard, now resides near Jefferson City; Maria, wife of P. W. Bankson, but died about 1870; Matilda, married William Moore, in Moniteau county, and died about twenty years ago; Malinda, widow of Kelly Simmons; John, died in California about 1850; Boon, a merchant at Belton, Cass county, died February 1, 1883, leaving a widow and children; and Mary, wife of C. C. Banta, of Henry county. Jeremiah after he grew up started out in the world for himself by working for \$100 a year, and thus secured money to enter eighty acres of land, which he did in 1837. The first winter he improved forty acres, having but one horse to use on his place. From this small beginning he increased his possessions to over 500 acres, and after having giving lands liberally to his children he still has a large and comfortable homestead. In 1839, he went to Louisiana in the horse and mule business, and has had considerable to do with stock. He has entered lands in various parts of the state, and dealt to some extent in real estate. Mr. Smith was married April 11, 1845, to Miss Lititia C., daughter of Jesse George, of this county. She was born March 1, 1823. They also have had a family of eight children Thomas R., who married Mary Wall, and lives in Cass county; George A., married Dora Williams, of Bates county; Martha E., married Joseph Franklin, of Bates county; Robert B., married Katie, daughter of James Boswell; Alice, William A., John H., and Josie Lee, are still at home, and all were educated at the Prairie Home Institute. Mr. and Mrs. Smith are both members of the Cumberland Presbyterian church.

OTTO SPIELER, farmer, section 3. Mr. Spieler was born in Saxony, Prussia, March 4, 1836, and came to this county with his parents, Andrew and Dorothea (Rise) Spieler, in 1846, who settled in Cooper county on the place where they still reside. Both were born in 1802, and at the age of eighty-one are still comparatively vigorous in mind and body, and now live with their son, Otto. When, a youth, between fifteen and nineteen. Otto clerked in Boonville for Calhoun & Bacon, about three years, from 1851 to 1853. During the war he served about five months in the regularly enrolled militia; was first lieutenant in company E, 52d Missouri, and was in the skirmish at Big Lick when seven out of his squad of eleven were killed. He made his escape with only a slight wound, but ran two and a half miles hotly pursued, and wounded one of his pursuers by firing back while running. July 2, 1865, Mr. Spieler was married to Miss Margaret Young, a native of Indiana. She was born at Goshen, that state, January 1, 1850. They have a family of eight children: Minnie, Elizabeth, Ernst, Otto, Henry, Laura, Bertha and Elsa His farm contains 300 acres, and he raises over 100 acres of grain, principally

wheat, and some stock, mainly sheep, hogs, horses and mules. Mr. S. was justice of the peace in 1881 and 1882, and is now road overseer. He is a member of the Evangelical church.

S. M. TEEL, M. D., AND JOHN M. POINDEXTER, M. D., constitute the firm of Teel & Poindexter, physicians and surgeons at Prairie Home. Dr. Samuel M. Teel, the senior partner of the above named firm, was born in Albemarle county, Virginia, January 4, 1851, and was a son of Samuel M. Teel, Esq., and his wife, formerly a Miss Agnes Johnson, a daughter of Capt. Collin Johnson, who settled in Cooper county, near Otterville, where he lived until his death. The doctor is the sixth of a family of thirteen children, all of whom are still living, but he is the only one now a resident of this state. He took an academic course in the university of Virginia, and in 1874 entered the medical department of that university, from which he was graduated with distinction two years afterwards. In November, 1876, he came to Missouri, and was associated with Dr Wm. H. Ellis in the practice in this county two years, after which, on the 2d of September, 1878, he located at Prairie Home. Here his thorough qualifications as a physician, his close attention to the practice, and his gentlemanly, unexceptionable bearing have ingratiated him into the confidence and esteem of the public, and justly brought him and his worthy associate an extensive and lucrative practice. He was married, November 5, 1879 to Miss Nettie P., the accomplished daughter of John R. Williamson, of Saline township. She was born, June 20, 1861. They have a family of two bright and interesting children Agnes, born August 10, 1880, and Anna R., born March 4, 1882. The doctor and his estimable lady are both members of the Baptist church, and he is a member of the A. F. and A. M. Dr. John W. Poindexter was also a son of the old Dominion, and was born at Charlottesville, November 1, 1851. His father, Dr. James W. Poindexter is an old and prominent physician in that part of Virginia. His mother was formerly Miss Mary J. Wayt, a most worthy and excellent lady. The doctor received a superior general education, and entered the Virginia medical college at Richmond in 1872, from which he was graduated with marked honor in March, 1875. He then entered actively upon the practice of his profession in association with his father at Charlottesville, and was afterwards located at White Hall, but in 1860, came to the imperial west - the hesperian garden of fortune for all young men of intellect, culture and energy, and joined Dr. Teel in the practice at Prairie Home. Here his progress to prominence as a physician, and to success in life has been rapid and substantial, and gives promise of a bright and useful future.

MRS. SARAH S. THOMPKINS. Mrs. Thompkins, daughter of William and Elizabeth H. (Stegar) Robertson, was born in Albemarle county, Virginia, September 27, 1806. Her father died when she was but seven years of age. Her mother, however, who was of German descent, lived to an advanced age. When in her twenty-second year, October 22, 1829, Mrs. Thompkins, then Miss Robertson, was married to Albert G. Thompkins, a native of Fluviana county, Virginia, born August 22, 1779, and a nephew to Hon. George Thompkins, who founded the first law school at St. Louis ever established west of the Mississippi river. No children were born of this union. Two years after their marriage they determined to come west to seek their fortune, and, accordingly in 1831, came by Wagon across the Alleghanies and into the heart of the great interior valley of the continent, making their home in Cooper county. The entire journey was made in a one horse wagon, which contained all their worldly possessions. Here, in 1833, they entered eighty acres of land, putting up a cabin, in which they lived some time without a chimney, doing their cooking out of doors. But they had brave hearts and willing hands, and it was not long before the rewards of cheerful industry and intelligent management began to accumulate. Their store of this world's goods increased until in 1862, when Mr. Thompson was called by the voice of God to enter upon that higher and better life prepared for all his children. His estate was valued at \$25,000. He died the 12th of February, at the age of sixty-three, after a more than ordinarily active and successful life, leaving behind as many friends and as few enemies as seldom fall to the lot of man. He kept a stage stand for many years, and was postmaster at "Mednay," as the stand was called, during the whole time. The war swept away sixteen negroes they owned, and otherwise damaged their estate, but not so much as to embarrass it. Mr. Thompkins was a member of the Methodist church south for thirty-six years - since 1826. The farm is now being conducted by Mr. Charles R. Scott, as manager, who was born in Potosi, Missouri, August 4, 1847, and is a son of Harold B. and Sarah J. (Christen) Scott, originally of Virginia. He was reared in St. Louis, and in 1861 came to Cooper county, since which he has made his home at Mrs. Thompkins. However, he was with Shelby from 1863 until the close of the war. He is W. M. of Prairie Home lodge, A. F. and A. M.

JOHN ZIMMERMANN, hardware and tin shop. Mr. Zimmermann was born in Hesse, on the Rhine, January 3d, 1834, and, while he was in his infancy, his parents, Wyatt and Barbara (Felker) Zimmermann, immigrated to this country, and settled on the Moniteau, in Moniteau county. His father died there in 1848, and his mother afterward married a Mr. Witman. She died in Boonville in 1882, aged eighty-six. After his father's death, in 1849, John went to St. Charles, where he served an apprenticeship at the tinner's trade of seven years. July 13th, 1856, he was married to Miss Lizzie Creekbaum, of that city. He then worked on a farm two years, and in 1858 returned to Cooper county, and established a shop at Boonville. He continued here two years, and in 1860 went to Fayette, where he remained until 1874, when he returned to Boonville, and, in the summer of that year, located at Prairie Home, and established his present business. He has a good stock of goods in his line, and a satisfactory trade. His wife died March 12th, 1874, having borne him six children, as follows : John Henry, at Fayette ; Agnes, Charles, William, Anna M., Emma and Joseph M.