

## History of Cooper County Missouri by W. F. Johnson

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#### **Fred G. Lohse**

(Transcribed by Laura Paxton)

Fred G Lohse The general store of M Lohse & Son managed by Fed G Lohse is one of the old established and most successful business concerns in Boonville. A large room on Main Street is stocked with high class groceries, dry goods and feed and the Lohse store unquestionably carries the largest stock of goods of its kind in the city. Some specialties which have made this store famous throughout the country are its home roasted coffees, fresh made peanut products or butter and the Heinz products. The Lohse store sells more kraut than all other stores in Boonville combined and the store always presents a busy, hustling scene, the force of five employees being kept busily employed in caring for the large trade. Lohse and Son caters to the highest class of trade in Cooper County and makes a distinction in favor of quality of the goods sold rather than in the quantity.

H. Lohse, father of Fred G Lohse, was born in Hamburg, Germany, in 1845 and immigrated to America in 1863 to escape military service in the Prussian army. He came to Boonville and engaged in the manufacture of lime, operating a lime kiln successfully until 1916. He married Carrie Stubbins who departed this life when Fred G Lohse was but a child. The children born to M and Carrie Lohse are as follows: Fred G.

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of this review; William, engaged in the automobile business at St Louis MO; Mrs. Flora Hale died in 1916; Leslie is connected with the largest wholesale grocery corporation west of the Mississippi River with headquarters at Tucson Ariz.; Edgar, the youngest of the family is a soldier in the National Army. He enlisted in the army at the age of 16 years and saw service on the Mexican border, later going to France when America entered the World War. He is a sergeant in Company B, 140th Regiment of the famous 35th Division which so covered itself with glory in the severe fighting at St. Mihiel and the Argonne Forest on the western front in France.

Fred G Lohse was born in Boonville MO March 3 1881 and was reared and educated in this city. He embarked in business in 1898 and has risen to become one of the leading and influential merchants of Boonville during the past 21 years. The success of M Lohse & Son has been due to his energy, ability and natural aptitude for business. Mr. Lohse was married in 1901 to Miss Myme Gibbons, a daughter of the late Frank Gibbons who was prominent in the affairs of Boonville for several years was a member of the Commercial Club and was active in boosting the commercial advantages of Boonville.

Mr. Lohse is a Republican and active and influential booster for Boonville liberal in his contributions to worthy causes intended for the advancement of the best interests and growth of his native city. For the past 15 years he has been superintendent of the Methodist Sunday school and takes a just pride in conducting its affairs. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias.

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#### **James William Jones**

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James William Jones, city collector of Boonville MO is a native of this county. Mr. Jones was born in Boonville June 10 1863 and is a son of Thomas P Jones who was born in Ireland in 1834 and died June 5 1900.

Thomas P Jones was a son of James I Jones who immigrated to America in 1840 first resided in New York and then came to Boone County MO and in 1854 located in Boonville. When he attained maturity he became engaged in the transfer and freighting industry and hauled goods from the river front of Boonville to Tipton and points in the southwest for a number of years. When the overland freighting industry waned and the steam railroads took up the work formerly done by oxen and mules, Mr. Jones followed the trade of carpenter. He married Anna Cochran born in 1842 in Turley County Mayo Ireland a daughter of John Cochran who came to America in 1850 and settled at

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Boonville and engage in farming in Cooper County. To Thomas P and Anna Jones were born eight children of whom five are still living: J W Jones is the oldest of the family; Samuel F is yard master in the railroad yards ST. Louis MO; Rosa at home in Boonville; Alice Jones is a trained nurse at the Kemper Military School, Boonville MO; Margaret Jones is a saleslady in Chasnoff's store in Boonville MO.

Desirous of obtaining an education than was afforded by the public schools of this day, James W Jones entered the employ of Professor Kemper and worked his way through the Kemper School doing most of his studying at night after his days work was done. He served an apprentice ship in the carpenter trade and went to California in 1885, where he followed his trade for the next seven years. He was then employed in the rolling stock department of the Southern Pacific railroad until he was seriously injured in 1896 by a fall from a moving train. Returning to Boonville he engaged in contracting. Mr. Jones built the Farmers Bank building, the Gmelich residence, the Schnack home on High Street, the Colored Public School and many other fine buildings and residences in Cooper County. He retired from business in the spring of 1918 and has served as city collector since April 1918. His old injury had manifested itself in spinal trouble and after he had completed the erection of the IOOF building, Mr. Jones suffered a severe spell of sickness which left him incapacitated for further active work.

Mr. Jones is a Republican and a member of the Knights of Pythias.

Thomas P Jones when 17 years of age crossed the Great Plains in 1851 with a cattle outfit owned and operated by Berry & Potter. After had assisted in driving a large drove of cattle across the plains to the Pacific Coast he remained in California for about four years, engaged in mining and farming.

During the Civil War he was enrolled as a member of the Missouri State Guards and took part in some minor battles with his command. HE owned a few teams of horses and kept his horses at the tanyard. George Sahn was then engaged in the shoe business in Boonville and Mr. Sham at the time of Shelby's raid and the capture of Boonville, hid his stock of shoes and boots in the empty cistern owned by Mr. Jones. Shelby's men captured Mr. Jones and Mr. Sahn, forced Jones to go for his teams, and made Sahn recover his stock of shoes and boots from the cistern. The footwear was loaded on Jones' wagon and they were driven out to Caleb Jones' place southwest of town both men being taken along as prisoners. At an opportune time, Mr. Jones eluded his guards who were intent on

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getting a pair of boots and then went on. A squad of cavalry met him on the road and asked "Where in hell are you going?" Jones answered "I am going for another load of boots." The other told him, "Go ahead." With Mr. Sahn lying in the bottom of the wagon, Jones drove the wagon to "Boonville, put up the team and then hid in the brush for some time.

The most important and the largest contract ever undertaken by Mr. Jones was the erection of the Phoenix American Pipe Works in Boonville.

### **Oscar Spieler**

(Transcribed by Laura Paxton)

Oscar Spieler proprietor of the "Riverview Stock Farm" in Saline township, the "Home of the Big Bone Spotted Poland Chinas," is one of Cooper County's most progressive and successful stockmen. Mr. Spieler was born Aug 21 1870 near California Moniteau County MO, a son of F E and Elizabeth (Young) Spieler, natives of Germany and New York, respectively.

Frederick Ernest and Elizabeth Spieler were the parents of the following children: Emma; Maggie; Mrs. Sophia Schilb of Pilot Grove MO; Mrs. F E Eberhardt of California MO; Mrs. Ida T Farris of Boonville; Theodore, Richard and Nora at home. F E Spieler was a Union veteran. He served in the Civil War for four years, from 1861 to 1865, enlisting in Moniteau County MO., where he had located prior to the war. Mr. Spieler was wounded in a skirmish near Gooch's Mill in Cooper County when he was shot in the right arm. He came with his family to Cooper County in 1873 and settled on the farm now owned by Oscar Spieler. The father is now deceased and his remains rest in Schmidt Cemetery and the widowed mother resides with her son Oscar. Mrs. Elizabeth (Young) Spieler was born Oct 22 1844 in New York City a daughter of Henry and Margaret Young, who settled in Missouri in 1854.

"The Riverview Stock Farm" is located seven miles east of Boonville and comprises 240 acres of valuable land on the south bank of the Missouri River. This is the home of the Big Bone Spotted Poland China hogs. Mr. Spieler purchased his most valuable brood sow in March 1917. In the spring of 1918 he had 15 sows to farrow and from 15 litters raised 108 pigs, selling 105 from this same herd in 1918, 87 of them being shipped out by express. The heads of the herds are "Riverview Monarch and Real Giant. "Riverview Monarch" was sired by "Spotted Mammoth," which won second honors in the Omaha Swine Show in 1917 and first honors at the Missouri State Fair in Sedalia in the age class in 1918. "Spotted Mammoth" sold for \$400 to an Iowa breeder.

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"Riverview Monarch" now weighs more than 600 pounds and is not yet two years of age. "Real Giant" is 11 months old and weighs 350 pounds. Mr. Spieler has 20 brood sows and his stock is said to be the best in the county. He has stock purchased from H L Faulkner of Jamesport MO; JO Riley of Cainesville MO; R G Sartin of Fayette MO; B B Megown of New London MO and J D Gates and Sons of Ravenwood MO. There is no better stock to be had than that on the Spieler place.

Oscar Spieler is numbered among the leading stockmen of this section of Missouri and he ranks highly among the enterprising citizens of his township and county.

### **E J Huber**

(Transcribed by Laura Paxton)

E J Huber proprietor and founder of the Huber Jewelry Company of Boonville has a handsome and well stocked store in which only dependable goods of the best quality are sold. MR. Huber was born in Boonville June 29 1858 and is a son of Karl F and Anna (Walz) Huber natives of Germany.

Karl F Huber was born in 1829 and died March 10 1873. He ran away from home in the early forties and made his way to America where he first worked in the woolen mills of Massachusetts. He soon came west and was employed on the construction of the C B & Q railroad while this line was being built to Galesburg Illinois. He opened a boarding house at Mendota ILL., after a period

of employment at Peru ILL., and in 1857 he came from Mendota to Boonville. He conducted a saloon business in this city until his death. While a resident of Illinois, Mr. Huber was married to Anna Walz who was born in Germany in 1834 and died at her home in Boonville in 1892. E J Huber of this review was the only child of his parents reared to manhood out of six born.

In 1873 E J Huber was apprenticed to Jacob Gmelich the pioneer jeweler and watchmaker of Boonville after receiving a good common school education. After spending a four years' apprenticeship with Mr. Gmelich he was then employed by Gmelich for another three years. From 1882-1893 he was a partner in the business, which was conducted under the firm name of Gmelich and Huber Jewelry Company. In 1893 Mr. Schmidt came in as a junior partner. In 1906 Mr. Huber sold his interest to Mr. Schmidt and after a period of resting for a few years, he spend seven years in business at Blackwater MO. he returned to Boonville in 1915 and established his present successful business.

Mr. Huber was first married in 1880 to Miss Laura Hayne, who died in 1892, leaving one child, Karl A Huber. This son was born in 1883 and has served his country in France. He enlisted in August of 1917,

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in the Twentieth Engineer Corps, and was promoted to the post of sergeant. Sergeant Huber's regiment was engaged from the first of its advent in France in the building of saw mills and railroads on the western front in France. Sergeant received his honorable discharge May 27 1919, at Camp Dodge Iowa. Upon his return home he resumed his position in the Huber jewelry store. His grandfather, John A Hayne was a soldier in the Civil War. He fought in the Battle of Boonville as a sergeant. After the battle was won he jumped to a mound, waved the Union flag, shouted "Hurrah for the Union," and was shot twice and killed. The local Grand Army post is named in honor of John A Hayne.

Mr. Huber's second marriage was with Miss Laura Roerder, who departed this live in 1903. Three children blessed this union, as follows: George, his fathers' assistant in the business; Ernest and Minnie. Ernest Huber was for four years a student at the Missouri State Reserve Corps of the National Army in 1917 and upon receiving his discharge from the service he resumed his medical studies at Ann Arbor, Michigan. In 1915, Mr. Huber was married to Miss Katie Back.

Politically Mr. Huber is a Republican. He is a member of the Evangelical Church and is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

#### **Augustus H. Sauter** (Transcribed by Laura Paxton)

Augustus H Sauter - Sincere regret was expressed by hundreds of people in Cooper County and the surrounding country when the Sauter Mercantile Company passed out of existence in April 1919. For nearly 50 years this concern had been doing business in Boonville and the Sauter store had become a widely known landmark. The Sauter Mercantile Company was established in 1870 as Sauter and Company, the firm being composed of Fred Sauter, A H Sauter and John Weber. The business was conducted under the name of Sauter and Company until 1905, when it was incorporated under the name of Sauter Mercantile Co., a corporation having five members: Fred Sauter president; J. Memmel, vice president; A H Sauter secretary and treasurer; F S Sauter and J L Sauter. When Fred Sauter died on Sept 21 1918, it was decided to close out the business. A sale of the stock of goods was carried on for several weeks until the remaining stock and good will of the concern was disposed of to the Bassett-Gregory Co., on March 21 1919. The Sauter Mercantile Co. occupied a large building of three floors 140 X 180 feet in extent and the stock of goods usually carried for sale would exceed \$40,000 in value. The volume of business transacted in the Sauter store annually exceeded \$100,000. This immense trade was carried

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on each year and the patrons of the establishment were the substantial people of Cooper and Howard Counties who had the utmost confidence in the integrity and honesty of the management and regularly made their purchases at the store.

Augustus H Sauter, former secretary and treasurer of the Sauter Mercantile Co and now engaged in conducting a music store in Boonville was born in South Germany, Nov 17 1847. He is a son of Matthew and Rosa (Knapp)Sauter. Matthew Sauter was born in 1811 and died in 1896. He remained hale and hearty to the end of his days. His wife Rosa (Knapp) Sauter was born in 1819 and died in 1884. The children born to Matthew and Rosa Sauter are as follows: Mrs. John Weber, living in South Dakota; Mrs. Fannie Memmel, Fayette MO; Mrs. Bertha Diefendorf, Sioux Falls, S D; Frank S Sauter vice president of the Boonville National Bank; J L Sauter, with the Boonville Mercantile Co., Boonville and A H Sauter of this review.

A H Sauter was 13 years of age when he accompanied his parents to Boonville. He had received a good public school training in his native land and this was supplemented by further training in Boonville. From childhood, Mr. Sauter has had the remarkable gift of the born musician. His first work in Boonville was as a teacher of music, a professions which he followed for 25 years. Professor Sauter taught both piano and organ to many Cooper County people when devoting his time and talents to his favorite profession. During all the time in which he has been engaged in the mercantile business he has carried pianos and organs as a side line. Since retiring from the mercantile business Professor Sauter has returned to his first love and is following his personal inclinations. He has opened a piano and music store where his time is mainly spent and his natural ability as a musician has full sway. He embarked in the mercantile business in 1870 and has achieved a reputation as a good business man as well as musician, a rare combination. He was formerly connected with the Farmers Bank and the Citizens Trust Co. of Boonville and took part in the erection of the

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The old Trust Company building at the corner of Main and Court Streets. He was the main promoter in the organization of the Citizens Trust Company which purchased the Bankers Bank and both were subsequently merged with the Boonville National Bank the largest and strongest bank in Missouri in cities of 5,000 to 10,000. In a single day MR. Sauter succeeded in securing subscriptions to the stock of the Citizens Trust Company to the extent of \$100,000.

Mr. Sauter was married in 1914 to Miss Mary Wenig of Boonville. He is a Republican. While not a member of any religious denomination Mr. Sauter has been and is a liberal supporter of all churches. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias. No group of men stand higher in the esteem of the people than the sons of Matthew Sauter, and Augustus H Sauter is one of the best liked and substantial citizens of Boonville MO.

#### **Henry Carl Friedrich** (Transcribed by Laura Paxton)

The life story of Henry Carl Friedrich of the Billingsville neighborhood, Palestine township, is a record of industry, energy, good business management, and of an interest taken in good works beyond that of the ordinary citizen. Since the purchase of his first modest farm of 121 acres in August 1909, Mr. Friedrich has been prosperous and enterprising. His present home place of 214.70 acres is a fine farm, good land, which raises good crops each year. This farm, which is fairly well improved, was purchased by Mr. Friedrich in 1909 at a cost of \$74 an acre or a total cost of \$16,000. Mr. Friedrich has done considerable improving of the property since he purchased it. He has built over seven miles of woven wire fencing. He handles pure bred Hereford cattle and Duroc Jersey hogs.

Henry Carl Friedrich was born in Germany Feb 11 1866. He is a son of Herman and Martha Elizabeth (Sunshine) Friedrich. His father was a public school teacher in Hesse-Cassel, and died in 1868, leaving seven children: Mary died in Germany; William came to America, settled in Cooper County MO and died here in 1897; August died in the land of his birth; Ferdinand lives in Pennsylvania; Charles lives on a farm eight miles east of Boonville; Henry Carl, subject of this review; Adam resides on a farm south of Bunceton MO. The mother of these children was born May 3 1835 and is living at the home of Mr. Friedrich.

Henry Carl Friedrich received a good education in his native land, which he left in 1885, accompanied by his mother and his brother, Adam Friedrich. When he arrived in Cooper County he was possessed of \$200 in cash. He first worked out by the month until he became familiar with

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conditions and then began renting land. He has made a success of his vocation as an intelligent tiller of the soil. His first farm was bought on time payments and the first crop season, that of the famous dry year of 1901, was a period of discouragement to him. However, everybody suffered the same hardships and like his neighbors, he managed to pull through and has had enough good crops in past years to enable him to trade his first homestead for his present place. This trade placed him \$8000 in debt, but this is all paid and the Friedrich farm is clear of all indebtedness.

Jan 7 1892, Henry Carl Friedrich and Miss Lena Grauer were married. Mrs. Lena Friedrich was born March 5 1872 near Boonville MO and is a daughter of Jacob and Catherine Grauer natives of Germany and Texas, respectively the latter of whom died in 1881.

The children born to Henry Carl and Lena Friedrich are: Ferdinand, Edward Carl, Arthur Henry, Oscar Harmon, Henry Rudolph, Adolph Eugene, Adolph Elmer. Ferdinand William Friedrich was born Nov 19 1892. He is a farmer and owns 85 acres of land. He married Lydia Delius. Edward Carl Friedrich was born Jan 23 1895, is a farmer and land owner. He was called to the colors to serve in the National Army July 26 1918. He was in training at Camp Funston, received his honorable discharge in Jan 1919 and returned to his home Jan 14 1919. Arthur Henry Friedrich was born Feb 7 1897 and is a land owner and farmer. Oscar Herman Friedrich was born Jan 30 1899. Henry Rudolph Friedrich was born Nov 3 1902. Adolph Eugene Friedrich was born March 27 1908. Adolph Elmer Friedrich was born July 8 1916.

Mr. Friedrich is a republican. For a number of years he has been a member of the local school board and is serving as president of the board. For the past 13 years he has been trustee of the Billingsville Evangelical Church. He is active in educational work, is a teacher of the Bible Class in the Sunday School and has been superintendent of the Sunday school for a number of years. He is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America and is active in lodge circles. He holds membership in the Woodmen of the World and he and his brother Charles inaugurated and were the principal organizers of the Speed Camp of Woodmen in 1900. He is a member of the Ladies' Circle and Auxiliary of the Woodmen.

#### **Charles Durr**

(Transcribed by Laura Paxton)

Charles Durr, presiding judge of the County Court of Cooper County and senior member of the Durr-Warnhoff Hardware Company and junior member of the Durr Brothers Saddlery Company, is a member of one of the oldest business families in Boonville. The Durr saddlery concern

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was established in 1859 and the hardware business was inaugurated in 1915. It is one of the best equipped hardware stores in central Missouri and a complete and modern stock of hardware, stoves, etc., is carried discerning buyers. The harness manufactory is a flourishing concern maintained to supply local trade. Judge Charles Durr was born in Boonville, August 16 1872 and is a son of the late John Durr.

John Durr was born in Germany, Nov 4 1837 and died March 4 1918. He came to America in 1851 and first located in New Jersey. He eventually made his way to Louisville KY, where he learned the trade of saddler and harness maker. He was next employed by the J P Sickles and Co. harness and saddle manufacturers of St. Louis until 1859 when he located in Boonville where he established the business which he carried on successfully until his death. During the Civil War he was enrolled as a member of the Missouri State Guards, serving in a defensive capacity. He served for a few years as city treasurer of Boonville and was active in civic affairs during his lifetime. The wife of John Durr and Mary Augusta Sombart born 1839 died March 7 1900. Mrs. Mary August (Sombart) Durr was a sister of Judge C W Sombart. John and Mary Augusta Durr were parents of the following children: John W., of the Durr Brothers Harness and Saddlery Company, Boonville; Mary, died at the age of nine years; Charles Frederick of this review.

Charles Frederick Durr attended the public schools of his native city and at an early age he entered his father's shop, where he learned the trade of saddler and harness maker. He followed his trade until he engaged in the hardware business in 1915. Judge Durr was married on Nov 26 1896 to Julia M Stammerjohn a native of Cooper County and a daughter of Claus Stammerjohn. To this union have been born two children: Mary, aged 21 years, bookkeeper for the firm; Mildred aged seven years.

Judge Durr is a Republican and is one of the leaders of his party in Cooper County. He was elected to the office of county treasurer in 1906 and served two terms in this office. In November 1918, he was elected presiding judge of the County Court. Judge Durr is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Fraternal Order of Eagles and the Knights of Pythias. He is popular, genial, well informed, a splendid count official as well as successful business man.

**William E. Crutchfield**  
(Transcribed by Laura Paxton)

William E Crutchfield, manager of the Harris Lumber Co., Boonville MO., has been a resident of this city in charge of the Boonville

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yards of the Harris Lumber CO for the past 10 years. He was born in Randolph County MO Feb 22 1878.

L A Crutchfield, his father, was also born in Randolph County and is a son of William Crutchfield of Virginia who was a pioneer settler in Missouri. The Crutchfields are originally from Virginia and the Carolinas and are an old American family. L A Crutchfield was born in 1850 followed farming until late years and is now living in Huntsville MO. His wife, who was Margaret Richardson, was born May 1 1856. Eleven children were born to L A Crutchfield and wife as follows: tow died in infancy; Annie, died at the age of five years; Mrs. Josephine Graves, lives in Randolph County MO; William E., of this review; Leonard lives in Randolph County MO; Mrs. Fannie Robinson lives at Yates MO; Mrs. Edith Owens and Mrs. Ella Stark live in Randolph County; Mrs. Zouri Burton lives on a farm near Armstrong MO; Margaret lives in California.

W E Crutchfield attended the Huntsville Public Schools and the Salisbury Academy. When 19 years old he went to California and lived with his aunt, who was conducting a hotel. He remained in California for three years and in 1900 he came back to Missouri. In 1901 he became connected with the lumber business at Huntsville MO in the employ of his uncle. After the purchase of his uncle's yard by the Harris Lumber CO, he entered their employ and was stationed

at Louisiana MO and Vandalia ILL for a year. For the past 13 years he has been connected with the Harris Lumber CO has a financial interest in the company and is treasurer of the concern. Mr. Crutchfield located in Boonville in 1908.

He was married Feb 17 1904 to Miss. Mattie Lee Wallace of Randolph County MO who has borne him two children: Gladys Elzarine, born Oct 4 1908; and William Elzie Jr., born Feb 17 1915. The mother of these children is a daughter of William Harry and Leora E (Matlock) Wallace the former of whom was a native of Indiana and the latter of Randolph County MO.

W H Wallace was born April 16 1850 in Gibson County IND., and died June 21 1902. He was a son of Robert Wallace, of Scotch-Irish descent. He came to Missouri in 1871 and first settled at Moberly. He was married at Huntsville Nov 22 1877 to Leora E Matlock born Feb 8 1856 a daughter of James A (born May 4 1824 died Oct 30 1895); Susan (Gunn) Matlock born Oct 19 1828 and died July 3 1912. Mrs. Wallace's parents were native of North Carolina and accompanied their

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respective parents to Missouri in childhood, the trip being made overland in wagons, the Gunns making the long trip by wagon in 1829. Michael Gunn, a brother of Susan (Gunn) Matlock, made three trips back and forth between North Carolina and Missouri and bought a great deal of land. Susan (Gunn) Matlock was a daughter of Thomas Gunn, who was a son of Thomas Gunn, who married Martha Hooper, and was a native of Ireland and founder of the Gunn family in this country. Thomas Gunn (II) married Anna Montgomery a daughter of Michael and Jeanette Montgomery both of whom were natives of Ireland.

James E Matlock was a son of James Matlock, who was a son of Nicholas Matlock. Mrs. Leora E (Matlock) Wallace now makes her home in Boonville with her daughter Mrs. Crutchfield. She has one other child, Mrs. Lessie Ball of Macon MO.

Mr. Crutchfield is a Democrat. He is affiliated with the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, the Knights of Pythias and the Travelers' Protective Association. He and his family worship at the Methodist Episcopal Church.

#### **Ernest Louis Moehle**

(Transcribed by Laura Paxton)

Ernest Louis Moehle - The Moehle family have been resident in Cooper County since 1867 when Louis Moehle father of E L Moehle of Boonville, township, came to the count from Prairie City Iowa and purchased the William Howard farm of 185 acres on the Lamine River and also operated a saw mill.

Louis Moehle, the elder was born in Germany married Elizabeth Brunscheid and after coming to this country settled in Iowa where he built a mill which he operated until his removal to Cooper County in 1867. He build a saw mill on the Lamine River and he and his son Gustav engaged in the building of steamboats. Some of the boats which the Moehles built are still running on the Missouri River. Capt. "Nick" Smith bought an interest in the first boat which they built. Gustav Moehle later built gasoline boats at Arrow Rock. The father died in May 1892. Mrs. Moehle died in 1891. They were the parents of the following children: Mrs. Emma Deit Maring, Covington KY; Gustav, engineer on the Boonville Ferry Boat; Mrs. Bertha Hines, Carrollton MO.; Mrs. Dena Friess, Boonville; Ernest Louis, of this review; Hugo died in Los Angeles California.

Ernest Louis Moehle was reared in Cooper County and worked in his father's saw mill and assisted in the boat building when a boy. In 1885 he traded for the Friess mill property and operated it as a flour and saw mill until 1899. Returning to the family homestead, he rented the tract



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until 1900. He then bought his present homestead of 129 acres in Boonville township, west of the city and moved to the place March 4 1901. Mr. Moehle has rebuilt the residence built barns, and all fences, and has a concrete cellar in the rear of the house. The Moehle place is one of the most attractive along the highway.

Ernest Louis Moehle was born in Perry County IND. His father Louis Moehle, was concerned in the uprising of the German people against the Kaiser in the '40s, met with defeat with his fellow patriots in 1848 and fled to America to escape the vengeance of the military masters in 1849. He first located in Indiana and thence to Iowa, thence to Missouri.

E L Moehle was married on Nov. 4 1879, to Miss Amelia Neff, who has borne him the following children: Arthur, Paul, Nora, Harry, George, Matilda, Bertha, Ernest L., Martha. Arthur is owner of 145 acres in Boonville township, purchased for him by his father, married Elizabeth Frederick and has three children: Herbert, Pauline and Irene. Paul is in the employ of an oil company in Oklahoma and has a home near Boonville. He married Elgie Lahman and has three children: Edwin, Melvin and Vivian. Nora is the wife of Ernest Jaeger of Boonville township, mother of two children: Clara and Martha. Harry is employed in the Boonville post office, married Mena Bamman and has two children, Martha Jane and Marie. George Ernest, the soldier of the family was inducted into the National Army July 16 1918, spent six months at Camp Funston and was honorably discharged from the service, Jan 29 1919. Matilda is at home with her parents. Bertha is the wife of Charles Jaeger, Boonville township and is mother of a son, Charles. Ernest Louis JR and Martha are at home. The mother of these children was born April 24 1855 a daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth Neff, natives of Germany, who immigrated to America in June 1848, arriving here June 15. They left Germany in March 1848.

Mr. Moehle is a republican and is a member of the Evangelical Church.

## Frank George

(Transcribed by Laura Paxton)

Frank George - The George and Goodman furniture and undertaking establishment on the south Main Street Boonville MO is the largest and finest concern of its kind in Central Missouri. Mr. George the senior member of the firm has been engaged in business since 1899 but the present firm of George and Goodman was organized in 1911. In 1915 the stock and fixtures were moved to the present location. A large building, 50X120 feet, is occupied by the two floors filled with the immense stock

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of furniture of the latest and best makes. The undertaking department is in charge of Mr. Goodman, the junior member of this enterprising and successful business house.

Frank George is a member of one of the oldest and best known of the Missouri pioneer families. He was born in Cooper county on a farm twelve miles south of Boonville Jan 27 1857.

Thomas L George his father was born in 1824 and died in 1898. His mother, Lucy (McCullough) George, was born in 1826 and died in 1893. She was a sister of Col. Robert McCullough of Confederate army and Civil War fame. Thomas L George was a native of Cooper County and was a son of Reuben George born in Tennessee reared there and rode to Cooper County on horseback from his Tennessee home made a location on the Petit Saline creek and married Sallie McFarland, daughter of another pioneer family. Luch (McCullogh) George was a daughter of Robert McCullough of Virginia who settled in Cooper County in 1835. During the Civil War, Thomas L George commanded a company of Home Guards and bore the title of captain. He developed a splendid farm south of Boonville and reared a family of six children: Charles L. George, Boonville; Mrs. Ada Rudolph, deceased; Frank George, of this review; Elmer George

judge of the County Court, resides on a farm near Bunceton; Albert living at Rock Island Texas; Margaret a teacher in the public schools of Cooper county.

Robert McCulloch grandfather of this subject was born in Albemarle County VA., Dec 2 1781 and died in Cooper county MO June 12 1853. He served his country as captain in the War of 1812, and moved to this county in the year of 1835 and settled in Clarks Fork township on the Lone Elm prairie and built the first house erected on prairie land in the county. Robert McCulloch great grandfather of subject was born in Antrim Ireland, Sept 4 1743; died in Albemarle County VA march 29 1820. He emigrated to America; he first went to Pennsylvania and afterwards to Virginia. He had a brother killed in battle at Kings Mountain. He was married in Ireland to Miss Sarah Wherry, who died in Albemarle County Va. Jan 27 1826 aged 80 years six months and 18 days.

John McCulloch great great grandfather of our subject lived and died in Ireland.

Patsy Mills McCulloch grandmother of subject on the maternal side was married to Robert McCulloch subject's grandfather in Albemarle County VA., Sept 18 1806 and died in Cooper county MO May 25 1878.

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Joseph Mills the maternal great grandfather of our subject was a native of England and emigrated to America. He married Miss Mary Blackwell of Virginia. Joseph Mills died in August 1843 at an advanced age. His wife died aged 81 years three months and 28 days.

Reuben George, father of T L George born Feb 23 1792, came to the state from Tennessee in the year 1816 and settled on a farm 4 miles south of Boonville on the Petit Saline creek. He married Sarah McFarland April 1 1821. Thomas L George was born on the said farm, January 5 1824 had two sisters and one brother: Mrs. Nancy (George) Aselyne, Ellen George and Jacob L George all now dead.

Thomas L George was married to Lucy McCulloch June 11 1850. Of this union the following children were born: C L George residing in Boonville MO; Ada (George) Rudolph, wife of Judge Adam Rudolph, now deceased; Albert, now residing in Rock Island Texas; Elmer present judge of the County Court from the eastern district of this county and Maggie teaching in the rural schools of the county.

Jacob McFarland great grandfather was born Feb 21 1772. Nancy (Cathy) McFarland his wife was born Jan 18 1780 and came to this state from North Carolina in the year 1816, and settled on a farm four miles south of Boonville MO., near the Petit Saline creek. They were the parents of Sallie George, wife of Reuben George; Sarah (McFarland) George was born in the state of North Carolina on January 13th 1802.

Reuben George died in the county Jan 13 1862 and Sarah his wife died Nov 6 1873.

Thomas L George died in the county Oct 1898. Lucy McCulloch George his wife died May 27 1893 and was buried in the McCulloch cemetery in this county.

Frank George was reared on his father's farm and engaged in farming for himself when he attained maturity. He developed a fine farm near Clarks Fork MO and in 1899 moved to Boonville where he has been successfully engaged in business for the past 10 years. He first ventured into the implement and grocery business but sold out and has ever since been engaged in the furniture business.

Mr. George was married in 1883 to Virginia the daughter of George and Cornelia (Bear) Shirley early settlers in Cooper County. Mr. and Mrs. George have three children: Edna George, a teacher in the public schools at Furant OKLA; Ila wife of George R Johnson Webster Groves MO; Mrs. Alma Drury living at home with her parents.

A few words regarding the McCullough family would be timely here.

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Robert McCullough was born Dec 2 1781 in Albemarle County VA and died in Cooper county MO June 12 1853. He served as captain of the company of volunteers during the War of 1812. In 1835 he came to Cooper county and settled in Clarks Fork township. He erected the first house built upon the Upland prairie in Cooper county. He was a son of Robert McCullough a native of

County Antrim Ireland born Sept 4 1743 and died in Albemarle County VA March 30 1820. He became very wealthy. A brother of Robert McCullough was killed at the battle of King's Mountain during the Revolutionary War. Robert McCullough was a son of John McCullough. The wife of Robert McCullough (I) was Sarah Wherry who died Jan 27 1826 at the age of 80 years. Patsey (Mills) McCullough wife of Capt. Robert McCullough (II) died May 25 1878. She was a daughter of Joseph Mills a native of England who was a famous Greek and Latin scholar. Joseph Mills died in August 1843. He had married Mary Blackwell.

Frank George has been a life long republican. He has served two terms as a sheriff of Cooper county, being first elected in 1902 and was re-elected in 1904. Mr. George was elected mayor of Boonville in 1914 and held the office for one term. He is a member of the Baptist church and is an excellent citizen as well as successful business man.

### **Joseph Lieber**

(Transcribed by Laura Paxton)

Joseph Lieber farmer and Union veteran owner of a fine tract of land in Boonville township embracing 177 acres was born in Switzerland July 31 1843. His parents, Peter and Mary Anna (Fuerer) Lieber left their country in Dec 1850 and came to America landing from a sailing vessel at New Orleans La., after a voyage of 33 days. Six days more were consumed in making the river trip by boat from New Orleans to Jefferson City arriving there in Feb 1851. In 1854 the family came to Boonville. Peter Lieber had been a charcoal burner in his native country but his skill in this respect not being in demand in Boonville he worked as a laborer.

The Civil War having broken out, Joseph Lieber May 19 1861 accompanied by John Hirth and another young man, named Diring, boarded a row boat and made their way to St. Louis down the Missouri River a distance of 220 miles. He there joined the First Missouri Light Artillery Union Army went to Rolla with his company and thence to Springfield soon afterward taking part in the battle of Wilson's Creek. He was there taken prisoner and held for five days, released on parole promised not to again take up arms against the Confederacy and then settled down in St. Louis where he worked at his trade of tinner.

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He returned to Boonville in 1866 and in 1867 he established a tin shop in the city which he operated until 1883. He then went to Franklin county Ark. and farmed in that county until 1893. Returning to Boonville he again engaged in business working at his trade until 1916, when he removed to his farm just south of Boonville. In 1905, Mr. Lieber had purchased the old Greenlease place of 53.5 acres and has added to this tract until he owns 177 acres.

Mr. Lieber was married Jan 1868 to Margaret Fessler who was born in Baden Germany in 1843 and came to America with her parents in 1855. Her parents were Franz and Geneva Fessler who settled in Boonville. Mrs. Lieber died in Oct 1890. She was the mother of nine children: Frank, Joseph, John, James, William, Cecilia, George, Roman and Charles. Frank Lieber lives in Dallas Texas. Joseph is buried at Fort Smith Ark., his death occurring in 1895. John lives at Muscogee OKLA. James resides in Tennessee. William lives in Boonville. Cecelia Lieber is deceased. George lives at Parsons Kansas. Roman lives at Muscogee OKLA. Lieut. Charles Lieber of the National Army A E F in France was born in 1889. He is one of the brightest and most ambitious of Cooper county's young men. While a student at Washington University St. Louis MO, he enlisted in the National Army with the 12th Engineers Battalion Company C, in May 1917. He first went to England with his command in June 1917, thence to France, where he participated in the memorable campaigns with the A E F. He was connected with the motor department of the American Army in France. He was honorably discharge from the army June 1 1919 and is now at home.

The father of Joseph Lieber was well to do in Baden Germany and came of a family of charcoal burners whose business it was to supply the big iron works near the Black Forest. Wishing to be free and independent and settle in a country where his children would have a fuller and better

opportunities to make career of their own he came to America. His children received every advantage that he could give them in the way of training and education Joseph Lieber of this review having been educated in Prof. Alkison's private school in Boonville.

Although nominally republican, Joseph Lieber is an independent voter who does his own thinking along political lines. He is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, John A Hayne Post, No. 240 and has been the Colonel Commanding this post for the past eight years.

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**Maximillian E. Schmidt**  
(Transcribed by Laura Paxton)

Maximilian E Schmidt - The jewelry establishment of Gmelich & Schmidt owned and operated by M E Schmidt of this review is the oldest and best known jewelry store of central Missouri. It is one of the most complete and best stocked and compares most favorably and equals in its appointments and arrangements any concern of the same character in the larger cities in Missouri. For nearly 60 years this store has been conducted in Boonville and was founded in 1860 by the late Hon. Jacob F Gmelich who was joined by Maximilian E Schmidt his son-in-law in 1893. For some years it was known as the Gmelich & Huber Jewelry Co until Mr. E G Huber retired from the business in 1905. The firm then became Gmelich \* Schmidt and is at present operated under that name with Mr. Schmidt as manager. Since Mr. Gmelich's death in Feb 1914, Mr. Schmidt has been sole proprietor.

M E Schmidt was born in Per ILL., April 19 1865. He is a son of Albin and Caroline (Conrad) Schmidt both natives of Germany. Albin Schmidt was a revolutionist in his native land and in 1848 took part in the ill fated revolt against the grandfather of the present deposed Kaiser of Germany. He was placed under arrest and eventually exiled from his native country. He fled to America with hundreds and thousands of his compatriots who sought free homes in this country. He first located at Louisville KY., where he followed his trade of baker. In 1850 he removed to Peru ILL., there spending the remainder of his days, dying in 1895 at the age of 74 years. His wife Caroline was born in 1825 and died in 1885. There were six children born to Albin and Caroline Schmidt, as follow: Mrs. Josephine Gmelich widow of Gottlab Gmelich Peru Ill who was a brother to the late J F Gmelich; Fredrick Schmidt died in Detroit Mich.; Mrs. Bertha Weberling lives at Peru Ill; Mrs. Elizabeth Wagenknecht Peru Ill; Hermine lives at Peru Ill and Maximilian E Schmidt of this review.

M E Schmidt was reared and educated in Peru Ill. At the age of 14 years he went to La Salle ILL and there learned the trade of jeweler and watch maker. After a two years' apprenticeship in La Salle he went to St. Paul Minn., and thence to Stillwater, where he completed his studentship and began working at the trade of watchmaker. He spent one year at Fond du Lac Wis., after which he followed his trade for three years at Chillicothe MO. In 1893 he came to Boonville and associated himself with MR J F Gmelich.

Mr. Schmidt was married in 1889 to Miss Louise Gmelich a daughter of Jacob F Gmelich. Three children have blessed this marriage: Albin Jacob, Doris Eugenie and Maximilian.

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Albin Jacob Schmidt is his father's assistant in the business, married Beulah Randolph and has one child, Randolph Schmidt born Feb 27 1918.

Doris Eugenie is the wife of Alexander H Stephens Jr. a grandson of Col. Joseph L Stephens and resides in Boonville.

Maximilian Gmelich Schmidt was born March 20 1909 and is attending school.

Mr. Schmidt is a Republican and has long been prominent in the affairs of his party. He has been a member of the Boonville School Board for the past six years and he has served four years as treasurer of the Missouri Training School. He is a member of the Episcopal Church and is affiliated with the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. Mr. Schmidt is a Knights Templar and is a member of Ararat Temple of Mystic Shriners of Kansas City. He is a member of the Woodmen of the World Shriners of Kansas City. He is a member of the Woodmen of the World and is one of the leading progressive and influential citizens of Boonville.

### **Harry T. Manion**

(Transcribed by Laura Paxton)

Harry T Manion - The clothing and mens' furnishing store owned and operated by Manion and Muntzel is a gem of its kind and is one of the most attractive and handsomest stores in Central Missouri. Equipped and furnished with up-to-the-minute fixtures of the latest design it presents an attractive appearance both from the front and the interior. This store was established in Sept 21 1918 and has enjoyed an every increasing patronage from the more discerning and particular class of purchasers since its inception. The arrangements of the store are the result of planning and study on the part of Mr. Manion who spent several weeks in traveling and making a thorough study of the methods followed by stores in other modern cities in the country before opening his own concern. The Manion and Muntzel store carries a stock valued at \$60,000 and a room 80 X25 feet is filled with the Hirsch-Wickwire goods and lines of the very best men's furnishing goods.

Harry T Manion was born April 4 1889 across the Missouri River in Howard County. He is a son of John W Manion a native of Howard County whose father Amos Manion one of the early pioneers of this section of Missouri. John W Manion was born in 1855 and died in 1893. His wife was Mattie Fielding and she was a daughter of J W Fielding of Howard County. Mrs. Manion was born 1867 and now resides in Boonville. John W and Mattie Manion were the parents of three children; Walter Manion a merchant of Sedalia MO; Mrs. Lorena Capito living in Howard County; Harry Manion of this review.

Harry T Manion resided on the farm until 1900. He was educated in the Sedalia public schools of Sedalia and Central Business College

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of that city. He then returned to the home farm in Howard County and remained there operating the farm until 1906. He was then employed in Victor's store in Boonville until June 1918. Until the opening of the Manion and Muntzel store he spent several months in visiting eastern cities, laying in his stock of goods and getting ideas for the store alterations and furnishing-a study which has resulted in the creation of the handsomest store in central Missouri.

Mr. Manion was married in 1911 to Miss Elsa Schnack a daughter of Herman and Minnie Schnack of this city. MR and Mrs. Manion have one child, a daughter Wilhelmina Marie aged six years.

Mr. Manion is a republican. He is a member of the Evangelical Lutheran church and is a fine type of young successful merchant who has taken his place among the nustling business men of Boonville.

### **John W. Randolph**

(Transcribed by Laura Paxton)

John W Rudolph, pioneer farmer and Union veteran, has one of the finest prairie farms, consisting of 170 acres, in Cooper County. The Rudolph acreage is located in Palestine township and is well improved. Mr. Rudolph was born in Hampshire County VA, Jan 19 1844 and is a son of Jacob and Rachel (Cooper) Rudolph, who made the trip by steamboat from Virginia to Boonville in 1854. They arrived at Boonville in the fall of 1854 and in the spring of 1855 the family located on the Squire Bear farm. Jacob Rudolph died the next year, 1856, and the widow was left to rear her family of three children as follows: Adam Rudolph is deceased; John W Rudolph subject of this review; and George Rudolph living in Clarks Fork township. Mrs. Rachel Rudolph died in 1888 at the age of 86 years of age.

In the spring of 1863 John W Rudolph enlisted in Company I Ninth Missouri Cavalry and served under the Union flag in northern Missouri and other parts of the Southwest, in fighting raiding bands of Confederates, bushwhackers, and guerillas. He took part in the chase after General Price's army of invasion and assisted in driving the rebel army to Red River. Mr. Rudolph was a captain of artillery. His company fought a battle in Cooper County near Boonville. He participated in the battle of Independence MO., and they had another engagement with Price at Pilot Knob. At the battle of the Blue, near Independence MO., the fighting was fierce during the day but at 5:00 in the evening, Price started his memorable retreat with Gen. Joe Shelby guarding his rear. Mr. Rudolph also took part in the battle at Houstonia MO and the battle of the Meries De Cygne both of which actions took place during Price's retreat to the south.

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In 1875 Mr. Rudolph settled on his pretty country place in Palestine township and has lived there contentedly and prosperously for the past 44years. Of late years he is taking life easy, as befits a man of his age and has turned over the cultivation of his land to younger and stronger arms.

Mr. Rudolph was married in March 1869 to Mary Susan Duncan who was born in 1849 near Rocheport Cooper County MO, a daughter of Granville Duncan. The children born to this marriage are: Mrs. Ida Wells, Fort Gibson OKLA; Patrick Henry Rudolph an employee of the Frisco Railroad Kansas City MO; Mrs. Jessie Hagelberger living on the home place. Mr. Rudolph has five grandchildren. Mrs. Ida Wells has one child, Rudolph Wells; Patrick Henry has one child, Lottie Rudolph. Mr. Rudolph has four great-grandchildren. Rudolph Wells married Sallie E Effort of Fort Gibson OKLA and has four daughters, Mary Elizabeth, Doris, Pattie Nadine and Ida May.

The first vote cast by Mr. Rudolph was for Abraham Lincoln while on the march after General Price and he has continued to vote the republican ticket for the past 55 years. He is a member of Col. John A Hayne Post No. 244, Grand Army of the Republic Boonville MO.

#### **William M. Johnson** (Transcribed by Laura Paxton)

William M Johnson - The greater number of the sturdy citizens who were pioneers in the business, industrial and professional life of Cooper County have passed away. They have gone to their eternal rewards; memory remains and their children and descendants are keeping it green. One of the best known successful and highly regarded merchants of the city was the late William M Johnson of Boonville. His life was so lived that the story of his success will prove an inspiration to the rising generation.

William M Johnson was born in Harrisonburg VA July 12 1828. He departed this life in Boonville MO June 29 1918. His parents were Isaac and Mary Johnson. His father was a native of England came to America when young and located in Richmond VA. He there married Mary Cootes and was engaged in connection with Jacob Cootes in the manufacture of tobacco for a

number of years. He later went to Harrisonburg where he taught school until his death in 1836. Jacob Cootes grandfather of W M Johnson on the maternal side was of Holland descent. After the death of his parents W M Johnson was reared in the home of his uncle, Samuel Cootes, of "Oakland" plantation situated about 14 miles from Harrisonburg.

In 1855 he left Virginia and came to Missouri. St. Joseph MO was

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his destination. When the steamboat on which he was traveling stopped at Boonville for a few hours, he made his way uptown. Not expecting to see anybody that he knew, he was very much surprised when an acquaintance, John Keiser, called out, "Hello, Billy Johnson, where are you goin? I'll get you a job." He at once changed his mind about going on to St. Joseph got a job and remained in Boonville. Mr. Johnson's first employment was with the firm of B and W W Jones, Wholesalers, with whom he remained for three years. He was a trusted employee of this firm and was sent on collection trips throughout the southwest. On many occasions he would return with large amounts of money, as high as \$10,000 in his saddle bags. He was afterward employed in the dry goods house of George T Hardcastle until 1860, when he became a member of the firm of William H Trigg Mercantile Company. He remained with this firm until 1886, when with his two sons he established the shoe business which was continued under the firm name of W M Johnson and Sons until 1907 when the business was closed out by the Johnsons and Mr. Johnson retiring from active business. Prior to engaging in the shoe business he was connected with the banking business established by William H Trigg who had the first bank in Boonville. For a number of years he was connected with the William H Trigg Dry Goods Company previous to embarking in the shoe business.

Mr. Johnson was married in 1860 to Miss Juliet A Trigg who was born in Boonville August 5 1838 and is a daughter of the late Dr. William H Trigg an extended review of whose life appears in this history. The children born to William M and Juliet Johnson were as follows: Sallie, died in infancy; Mary I., William Morris and Wilbur T.

Mary L is the wife of Lawson Price and extensive farmer and land owner of Jefferson City who is also engaged in the real estate and loan business. Mr. and Mrs. Price have one child, Juliet Price.

W Morris Johnson resides in Boonville and is traveling salesman for a wholesale shoe company of St. Louis. He married Miss Byrd Fiery of Martinsburg W. VA.

Wilbur T Johnson and his brother W Morris Johnson were engaged with their father in the shoe business in Boonville until the business was disposed of in 1907. For the past eight years, Wilbur T Johnson has been a traveling salesman for the Johannes Brothers Shoe Company of St. Louis. On October 26 1892 he married Miss Rhoda E Stephens who was born and reared in Boonville and is a daughter of the late Col.

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Joseph L Stephens a member of the old Stephens family of Cooper county and who was a widely known attorney. To Wilbur T and Rhoda E Johnson have been born the following children: Wilbur T. Jr., and Martha S Johnson.

Wilbur T Johnson Jr. is aged 25 years. He is a lieutenant in the National Army stationed at Camp Dix N J. Lieutenant Johnson enlisted in February 1918 studied military science at the Officers' Training School and is now with the 13th Battalion 153d Depot Brigade.

Martha S Johnson is a student in Lindenwood College, St. Charles MO.

William M Johnson was a lifelong Democrat, but never sought political preferment. He was devoted to his business, his family his home city and his church. He was a stanch Presbyterian who took a great interest in religious matters and was a liberal supporter of the church. From 1862 until his death he was an elder of the Boonville Presbyterian Church. While of a retiring modest nature he was possessed of a lovable disposition which endeared him to a large circle of friends who still revere his memory as that of an upright, God-fearing gentleman who was ever ready and willing to extend a helping hand to the needy and the deserving.

### **William R. Miller**

(Transcribed by Laura Paxton)

William R Miller druggist and proprietor of the oldest drug store in Boonville is one of the youngest of the successful business men of Boonville. The Roeschel Drug Store which Mr. Miller owns and operates was established by Dr. Ernest Roeschel in 1858 and was later conducted and owned by his son the late William Roeschel. After Mr. Roeschel's retirement from business the store was purchased by Mr. Miller on March 1 1915.

Mr. Miller was born in Boonville Sept 11 1887. His father, Joseph W Miller was also born in Boonville April 23 1853 and was a son of Joseph W Miller a native of Germany who fled from his native land on account of being concerned in the revolution against the Kaiser in 1848 and he located in Boonville. The grandfather was enrolled as a member of the Missouri State Guards during the civil War and saw active service in Cooper county and vicinity. Joseph W Miller, the father, followed the trade of wagon maker in Boonville until his retirement in 1915. He married Catherine Berster, who was born in 1862 and departed this life in 1900 leaving three sons and two daughters as follows: Robert, in the employ of the Railway Express Co. St. Louis MO; William R of this review; Florence Miller, a public school teacher in Oklahoma; Clarence, assisting his brother in the drug store and Mary bookkeeper

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in the Miller Drug Store. Joseph W Miller was again married to Elizabeth Kline who bore him one child: Joseph W.

After receiving his schooling in the public, parochial and high schools of Boonville, William R Miller studied for two years in the St. Louis College of Pharmacy and was graduated in 1910. He had previously been employed in the Roeschel Drug Store in 1904 and until taking up his college studies. In 1915 he purchased the business and is making a splendid success of the business. Oct. 3 1907 he was married to Miss Marie Oswald a daughter of Frank Oswald a well known farmer and stockman residing in Boonville. Mr. and Mrs. Miller have one child, Margaret Catherine born October 18 1918.

Mr. Miller is a member of St. Peter and Paul's Catholic church and is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus, holding the position of Chancellor of the local lodge. He is a fine type of business man courteous, obliging and progressive.

### **Richard Loftin Windsor**

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Richard Loftin Windsor, a prominent farmer and stockman of Clarks Fork township, has been identified with the development of Cooper County for over 50 years. He was born in this county at Boonville, Nov. 23, 1848, and is a son of Loftin and Louisa (Smith) Windsor, both natives of Alexandria, Fairfax County, Va. The Windsor family came to Boonville in 1848, and for a number of years Loftin Windsor, the father of the subject of this sketch, conducted what was known as a "boat store", furnishing supplies to boats which were navigating on the river at that time. In 1850 Loftin Windsor made the trip across the plains and over the mountains to California. He took with



him a drove of cows from Missouri to California, which he sold after reaching there, receiving from \$80.00 to \$100.00 per head. He had paid from \$8.00 to \$10.00 per head. After remaining in California about two years he returned to Cooper County, and located on the farm where the subject of this sketch now lives. Here he was engaged in farming and stock raising until the time of his death in 1889. His wife departed this life in 1855 and their remains are interred in Walnut Grove cemetery, Boonville, Mo. She was born in Alexandria, Va. To Loftin and Louisa Windsor were born four sons and a daughter: Mrs. Cora Runkle, deceased; R. L. of this review; Walter, who died in Monterey County, Calif.; Lill, deceased in 1885; Eugene, died in infancy.

Richard Loftin Windsor was reared in Cooper County, and received his education in the public schools. He has made farming and stock raising his life's occupation, and is the owner of one of the fine farms of

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this county. The place is well improved, with good farm buildings including an eight room residence which was built in 1885. An old log cabin stands on the Windsor farm, which is suggestive of Macauley's epigram: "To make the past present; to bring the present near". This old relic of bygone days was built in 1855.

R. L. Windsor was united in marriage March 26, 1879, with Miss Cornelia Moore, a daughter of Charles and Martha Moore, pioneer settlers of Cooper County, of English descent. They are both now deceased. Mrs. Windsor is one of the following children born to her parents: G. Hutch, a farmer at Speed, Mo.; R. L., Boonville, Mo.; Gilliss, Kansas City, Mo.; Cornelia, the wife of R. L. Windsor the subject of this sketch; Mrs. Florence Ellen Fayette, Mo., and Mrs. Gertrude Curtin, Porto, Okla. To Mr. and Mrs. Windsor have been born the following children: Martha, married William Vieth, Lone Elm, Mo.; Charles, a railroad man, St. Louis, Mo.; Holman, died at the age of one year and 11 months; Gilliss, an electrician, Boonville; Edward, now serving in United States army; Henry resides on the home place; Corinne, resides at home and Richard, who served as sergeant of Company B, 140th Infantry, 35th Division, United States army. He volunteered in March, 1917, and went to France with his command in May, 1918. He participated in the principal battles during the closing months of the World War, and won to his everlasting credit a brilliant military record.

R. L. Windsor has been a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows for 45 years. He is a Democrat, and has taken a keen interest in political affairs and at one time was a candidate for county judge. The Windsor family are members of the Baptist Church, and for many years have been prominent in Cooper County.

#### **Richard Norman Windsor**

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Richard Norman Windsor, a veteran of the World War, and one of Cooper County's progressive young men, is a native son of this county. He was born May 19, 1898 and is a son of Richard Loftin Windsor, a sketch of whom appears in this volume. Richard Norman Windsor was reared on his father's farm in Clarks Fork township, and educated in the public schools of Cooper County. He graduated from the Boonville High School in the class of 1916. When the United States entered the World War he was in the employ of Brownfield & Hurt at Boonville.

March 26, 1917, he enlisted in Company B, 3rd Missouri Infantry. His first service was guarding the railroad bridge at Boonville. Aug. 15, 1917, he was transferred from Boonville to Kansas City, Mo., where he was on duty until Oct. 9, 1917. He was then sent to Ft. Sill, Okla., where

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he was trained for over-sea service. Here the 6th and 3rd Missouri Infantry were consolidated into the 140th Infantry, and Mr. Windsor became a member of that organization. In April, 1918, he was transferred with his command to Camp Mill, Long Island, and from there embarked for over-sea, April 25, 1918, landing at Liverpool, England, May 7, 1918. Here he spent three weeks at a hospital, and on June 1, 1918, landed at Havre, France, where he joined his regiment in a three day hike near Moncho. From there he was sent with the 140th Infantry as a member of the 3rd battalion to Alsace, and went into the trenches at Thann, after which his command rested for a few days at Saluxurex. Later, on July 15th, he was sent to the Balmain sector and was relieved from that sector Sept. 1, 1918. His command was then sent on to the St. Mihiel drive, and acted as reserve from Sept. 12th to Sept. 18th. They were sent on the Argonne Forest drive, and went over the top in this great battle on Sept. 26th and continued in action there until Oct. 2d. They then were sent back to Petit Maritz, about eight kilometers from Barleduc, and shortly afterwards was returned to the line of action about three kilometers from the city of Verdun. Shortly after this Mr. Windsor was sent to the officers training school at LaValboreen, about 18 miles from Lyons, France. He remained there until Dec. 20th, when he was sent to LeMans, France, where he remained until Feb. 2, 1919, when he was sent to Brest. On Feb. 11, 1919, he left Brest for the United States, arriving at Newport News, Va., Feb. 28th and on March 7th, left there for Camp Taylor near Louisville, Ky. Here he received his honorable discharge March 17, 1919 and returned to his home in Cooper County.

Mr. Windsor served on four different battle fronts while in the service, and saw much severe fighting. His company entered the engagement at Argonne Forest with 194 men and came out of the battle six days later with only 17.

**Francis Marion Smith**  
(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Francis Marion Smith, clerk of the Circuit Court of Cooper County, is one of the most popular officials who ever held official position in Cooper County and is a very capable court officer. Mr. Smith was born in Chariton County, Mo., March 25, 1863. He is a son of Jacob and Barbara (Smith) Smith.

Jacob Smith was born in Germany, June 10, 1818, and died on March 30, 1901. When he was 21 years old he fled from his native land to escape military service in the Prussian army and came to America. He located in Glasgow, Mo., and followed his trade of miller for a few years. He then located in Chariton County, where he developed a fine farm and lived

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there for 55 years. During the Mexican War he enlisted and served in the famous regiment raised and commanded by Colonel Doniphan. Mr. Smith was married in Glasgow to Barbara Smith, who was born in 1832 and died in 1908. She resided for 57 years upon the farm which she and her husband improved in Chariton County. Jacob and Barbara Smith were parents of eleven children: Mrs. Barbara Ann Kelly, Boonville, Mo.; Jacob Benjamin and John Otto, deceased; Peter Theodore, a real estate man at Burns, Wyo.; Joseph Anthony, employed in the Commercial Bank of Boonville; Francis M., of this review; Catherine Rosella, deceased; Marie Regina Dempsey, wife of a Kansas City attorney; Mrs. Otilla Ewald, Great Bend, Kan.; Mrs. Isabella Magdalena Grantges, Summer, Mo.; Victor W., a successful ranchman of Wyoming.

After attending the district school in his home neighborhood in Chariton County, F. M. Smith attended the State Normal School at Warrensburg, Mo. While a student there he taught penmanship and in this manner assisted in paying his expenses while pursuing his course. For a number of years he was a salesman and was also engaged in the mercantile business. He followed the real estate business at Des Moines, Iowa, and has always been a hustler. Mr. Smith located in Boonville for the first time in 1879 but since that time he spent some years away from Cooper County. His first official position was that of deputy county collector in 1885. His next

position was that of deputy clerk of the Circuit Court and he was elected to this position in the fall of 1918.

On November 21, 1906, Francis M. Smith and Miss Anna Jegglin were united in marriage. Mrs. Anna Smith was born and reared in Boonville and is a daughter of John M. Jegglin of this city.

The republican party has always had the allegiance of Mr. Smith and he stands high in its councils. He is a member of Sts. Peter and Paul's Catholic church and is a painstaking, conscientious public official to whom the art of making and retaining friends is second nature. He has a wide and favorable acquaintance throughout Cooper County and Central Missouri and is a genial, whole souled gentleman.

### **Jacob Deck**

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Jacob Deck - The meat market conducted by Jacob Deck is one of the best established and well conducted business concerns of Boonville and has been in continuous operation by its proprietor since 1892. Jacob Deck was born in Alsace-Lorraine, July 24, 1860, and came to America with his father in the spring of 1869. John and Anna Marie Deck, his parents, were of French origin. The mother died in her native land and John Deck located in Kansas City after coming to this country and for

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a while worked as a laborer in the city. He later engaged in farming in Douglas County, Kansas, and died in Eudora, within eight miles of the city of Lawrence, Kansas.

Jacob Deck was reared in Kansas City and on the farm in Douglas County, Kan. Forty-three years of his life have been spent in the meat market business and prior to locating in Boonville he followed his trade in Kansas City and in Atchison, Kan. He has prospered since coming to Boonville and is regarded as one of the city's substantial citizens. Mr. Deck was married in 1882 to Miss Anna Fessler, who was born and reared in Boonville and is a daughter of John Fessler, who located in this city prior to the Civil War. Eight children have been born to Jacob and Anna Deck, six of whom were reared to maturity as follows: Mrs. Joseph Keithley, Kansas City; William H., druggist, Pilot Grove, Mo.; Mrs. Margaret Gilman, of Sedalia, Mo.; Jacob, employed in Swift & Co's office, Kansas City; Raymond is his father's assistant; Herman is attending school.

Mr. Deck and the members of his family worship at the Evangelical church. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Modern Woodmen of America. Independence in politics and voting has been his rule for many years, but he has not neglected the duties of citizenship and has served as city alderman for six years.

### **Albert Jaeger**

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Albert Jaeger, a prosperous retired farmer, whose fine farm of 186.5 acres is located on the Old Trails Road about three and a half miles west of Boonville, has lived upon his present place since 1909. The Jaeger farm is well improved with a large brick house and other farm buildings in good repair. Mr. Jaeger's two sons are now operating the farm. Albert Jaeger was born in Germany, Nov. 23, 1860. He is a son of August and Matilda (Heider) Jaeger, both of whom were born and reared in Germany. Mrs. Jaeger died in 1882, and the father still resides in his native country having attained the great age of 81 years.

Albert Jaeger was not content to lead a mediocre existence in his native country. May 30, 1882 he landed at Boonville with but a few dollars in his purse. For one and a half years he was

employed as gardener. He then rented land for four years; he met with reverses and had no money; he then went to Bloomington, Ill., and for two years he was employed as laborer there, three months of which were spent in the Illinois coal mines. It was only to be expected that his first venture in tilling the soil would not prove successful inasmuch as he had no knowledge

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of farming, his father having been a merchant in Germany. From Bloomington, Mr. Jaeger went to Chicago and was employed there for five years, three years in the packing house of Armour & Company. He returned to Boonville in 1894, worked out for a few months, carefully studied methods of farming and made another try at his desired vocation. He rented a farm again. He saved 8375 and made a first payment on 80 acre: three miles southwest of Boonville. This time he was successful and he sold this farm at a profit in 1905 and bought 200 acres in the northwest part of Boonville township. About six months ago he sold this farm to his youngest son, and bought his present place in 1910.

Mr. Jaeger was married in 1882 to Miss Ida Schroeder who was born in Germany, June 5, 1858, and is a daughter of Ernest and Lisetta Schroeder, who died when Mrs. Jaeger was an infant. She came to America on the same ship which carried Mr. Jaeger's. Six children have been born to this marriage, four of whom survive: Ernest, a farmer three miles west of his father, was married in 1909, to Miss Nora Moehle and has two children, Clara and Margaret; William, born in 1885, resides on a farm, married in 1910, to Bettie, a daughter of Henry Schierholz, and is father of two children, (Florence Virginia and Mildred; Albert was born in 1890 and is assisting his father; Charles was born in 1892, and was married in 1915 to Bertha Moehle, and has one child, Charles; Otto, the youngest, was born in 1894 and died of appendicitis in 1901; and one died in infancy.

Mr. Jaeger is an independent voter. He is a member of the Evangelical Church and the Woodmen of the World. It is to Mr. Jaeger's credit that in the space of about 30 years, he should come to a strange land, with no knowledge of farming, suffer reverses because of his lack of knowledge and in the end achieve success which places him in the front rank of Cooper County's successful agriculturists.

#### **Harry Ruskin**

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Harry Ruskin.-The career of Harry Ruskin, successful merchant of Boonville, offers a striking example of what can be accomplished by an immigrant from the old world who comes to this country inspired by a vision of the freedom and the opportunities awaiting a young man endowed with ambition and energy. Mr. Ruskin fled to America from his native Russia to escape military service and to get away from the persecution which the Russians were wont to inflict upon people of his race. Since coming here, a poor boy, in 1903, he has accumulated a comfortable competence and is owner of one of the most thriving business enterprises in Boonville, besides owning considerable property in Sedalia. He is a

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natural business man and a born merchant whose store on the corner of Fifth and Morgan streets is well stocked with groceries, meats, drygoods and has an ever-increasing patronage which taxes the capacity of the many clerks to wait upon.

Mr. Ruskin was born in Russia in Dec. 26, 1884, and emigrated to America when 19 years of age. he landed at Boston, Mass., without money and without friends and no knowledge of American customs and language. For the first six months he worked at any odd job which came his way in order to get some money. He then came west to St. Joseph, Mo., and obtained employment with Swift & Company's packing plant. Two years later he located at Sedalia, Mo., and established a

grocery and notion business at the corner of Seventh and Engineer streets. Mr. Ruskin built up a splendid trade, accumulated real estate in Sedalia, sold out on account of his wife's health and came to Boonville where he established his present store in 1915.

Mr. Ruskin was married in March, 1906, to bliss Yetta Chasnoff, a niece of M. Chasnoff, owner of the Chasnoff stores. Five children have been born of this marriage: Roy, Dorothy, Leah, Florence and Samuel.

Harry Ruskin was born and reared in the old Jewish faith. He is affiliated fraternally with the Knights of Pythias, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Woodmen of the World and the Knights and Ladies of Security. He is a progressive and enterprising citizen who has become heart and soul with the plan of a greater Boonville and in advancing the best interests of his adopted city

### **Jeff L. Davis**

(Transcribed by Laura Paxton)

Jeff L Davis - The Jeff Davis Shoe Co store, managed by Jeff L Davis and established in March 1906 is a well stocked and conveniently arranged establishment where the best makes of ladies and men's shoes are retailed. This store is the successor to the George Sahn Shoe Store one of the oldest established business concerns in Boonville. The Jeff L Davis Company was incorporated on March 1 1917 and the store has moved to its present location on the east side of Main street. Jeff L Davis manager of the shoe business is a native of Cooper County. He was born on the Davis farm adjoining the city of Boonville on the south.

Daniel Grosvenor Davis his father was born in 1842 and died on July 11 1884. He was born in Randolph County MO a son of Daniel G Davis a native of Virginia and a pioneer merchant of Missouri who became very wealth dying in 1859. His wife was a Miss Rutherford of Huntsville MO. Daniel G Davis father of Jeff L Davis came to Boonville

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when a boy and settled on the Davis farm, where he was reared by an uncle, Henry Davis a pioneer of Cooper County. He was educated in the Kemper Academy and married Ruth Brereton of English descent who was born in 1843 and resides on the farm. She is a daughter of Benjamin Brereton who came from Ireland in 1846 and made a settlement in Cooper County. There were eight children in the Davis family: William G., deceased; Charles Daniel, deceased; Jeff L., subject of this review; Ruth, wife of E B Windsor, Pleasant Green MO; Mary Drew deceased wife of Thomas Reed left one child, Mary Frances Reid, who makes her home with MR. Davis; Leslie B., deceased; Mrs. Emma O Gault, deceased; Daniel G., a dairyman living on the Davis home place.

Jeff L Davis attended the Boonville Academy and engaged in farming on the home place and in Pettis County near Clifton City until 1904. He >engaged in business in Boonville in 1906 purchased the stock and good will of the Sahn shoe store and continued the business under the name of Jeff Davis and Co., with the assistance of his wife until March 1 1917 when he established his present thriving business incorporating under the name of Jeff Davis Shoe Co. Stockholders Jeff Davis, Harry Sombart, and Kathryn Sahn Davis.

In November of 1905 Mr. Davis was married to Kathryn Sahn daughter of the late George Sahn a pioneer shoe man of Boonville.

George Sahn was born in Bavaria Germany August 1 1832 and emigrated from his native country in 1848 or 1849 when 16 years old. He was employed for three years in the boot and shoemaking business in Sandusky County Ohio and there mastered his trade. He then came to Boonville and worked at his trade for three years and then set up a shop for himself in the spring

of 1865. He later added a trade stock of boots and shoes and his business grew steadily so that by 1877 he began the manufacture of his own stocks and for the general market on a large scale. In 1876 his son, George W Sahm became his partner and in 1880 Henry his other son was admitted to the firm. At one time the Sahm store employed over 30 hands and was a flourishing and prosperous concern.

Mr. Sahm was married July 8 1854 to Miss Catherine Dick a native of Germany. This marriage was blessed with the following children: George W., Mollie, Henry J., Joseph, Julia, Louis, and Catherine. Mr. Sahm held various official positions in the city among them being those of school director and city councilman. He died in 1915.

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Mr. Davis is a Democrat. For the past seven years he has been a member of the City Water Works board of which he is president. He is a member or rather was reared in the Episcopalian faith. Mr. Davis is a Free Mason and a member of the Knights of Pythias.

#### **Edward Derendinger** (Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Edward Derendinger, a late prominent agriculturist and stockman of Saline township, was born in Germany in 1868. Mr. Derendinger immigrated to America in 1885 and located in Moniteau County, Mo., where he was employed in farm work, laboring by the month for three or four years, when he, with his parents, Rudolph and Louise Derendinger, moved to Cooper County and settled on the farm where his parents died. The remains of both father and mother were laid to rest in the cemetery at Pleasant Grove.

In 1901, Edward Derendinger purchased the country place now owned by his widow, a farm comprising 207 acres of land, located seven miles east of Boonville. Mr. Derendinger improved the farm, and it is now considered one of the best in the county. He was successfully engaged in general farming until the time of his death, June 9, 1912, and he had made a name for himself in the county as an honest, industrious, hard-working citizen.

In 1906, Edward Derendinger and Magdalena Stouffer were united in marriage. Mrs. Derendinger is a daughter of John and Anna Stouffer, of Jimtown, both of whom were natives of Germany, and both are now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Stouffer were the parents of the following children: Henry of Lupus, Mo.; Annie Elizabeth, the wife of Ulrich Biere, residing near Moniteau Church; Rosada, the wife of Gotfried Zurcher, of Jimtown, Mo.; John, of Sandy Hook, Mo.; Magdalena, the widow of Edward Derendinger, the subject of this review; Frederick, who resides in Wisconsin; Annie, the wife of Rudolph Derendinger, of Sandy Hook, Mo.; and Emil, of Lupus, Mo. To Mr. and Mrs. Edward Derendinger were born six children, four of whom are now living: Emma, Johnnie, Edwin, Louis, all at home with their widowed mother. Frank and Lydia died in infancy.

Edward Derendinger was one of the following children born to his parents: Emil, of Pleasant Grove Mo.; Louis, of Elgin, Ill.; Louisa, deceased Edward the subject of this sketch; Alica, the wife of Louis Heisick, residing in Germany; Rudolph, of Sandy Hook, Mo.; and Fritz, of Big Lick, Mo.

At the time of their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Derendinger began life under discouraging financial conditions. They had little money and were

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in debt for their farm, but by practicing economy and thrift they soon began to prosper, and since the death of her husband, Mrs. Derendinger has continued the farm work with success. She deserves much credit for the admirable manner in which she has managed the business affairs and is rearing her fatherless children.

Mr. Derendinger was a valued member of the Woodmen of the World and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He was a member of the Evangelical Church at Pleasant Grove, as is Mrs. Derendinger. He was laid to rest in the cemetery at Pleasant Grove, and the loss to the good citizenship of Cooper County has long been lamented by those who knew him.

### **Sonneck Christiansen Rossen**

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Sonneck Christiansen Rossen. - The splendid new county home for the poor, destitute and unfortunates of Cooper County, is under excellent and capable management. Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Rossen, who have charge of the home and the inmates, seem to have found their niche in life and are filling it to the satisfaction of the county authorities, and the people of Cooper County. Mr. S. C. Rossen, superintendent of the Cooper County Home, is a native of Denmark, born April 3, 1849. His parents, Christian and Bridgetta (Hansen) Rossen spent their lives in Denmark.

When 19 years of age, S. C. Rossen left his home in Denmark and came to America, arriving here in September, 1868. His first work was on railroad construction at Effingham, Ill., where he remained for three months. Going from Illinois to Vicksburg, Miss, he worked in the swamp region of the Mississippi River Valley, during the winter season of 1869 and 1870. He contracted malaria in the South and returned to Illinois. From 1870 to 1871 he was employed at farm labor and in the spring of the year worked in the lime kilns of the neighborhood. He saved some money, then went to Kansas, farmed for 12 months, sold out and came to Boonville, Cooper County in 1873. Mr. Rossen was located east of Boonville on farms for 18 years and finally bought a farm of 50 acres, west of Boonville. He later bought another tract of 73 acres, upon which he lived for 20 years, reared his family to be grown, then sold out and came to Boonville. For five years, Mr. Rossen was road overseer of the special road district. In February, 1917, he took up his duties as superintendent of the county home, with Mrs. Rossen as matron of the home. They have the care of from 20 to 25 indigent poor of the county and no group of unfortunates could receive better care than that given them by Mr. and Mrs. Rossen.

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In the spring of 1873, S. C. Rossen and Martha Evans were married. Mrs. Martha Rossen died in 1881. Three children were born to this marriage, all of whom are deceased. In the fall of 1882, Mr. Rossen was married to Elizabeth Frances Robertson, born in Arkansas, June 5, 1861, She is a daughter of Shelton Eliphus and Rebecca Serena (Hill) Robertson natives, respectively, of Illinois and Arkansas. Shelton E. Robertson died in the Union service during the Civil War. He and a brother-in-law, named Evans, went to the North from Arkansas to enlist in the Union Army. Mr. Robertson never returned. His widow and children went to Illinois and from there to Washington County, Mo. The widow married Charles Baker and the family moved to Cooper County in 1880. Mrs. Baker now lives at Crane, Stone County, Mo. She was born March 17, 1837.

Three sons and a daughter were born to S. C. and Elizabeth F. Rossen, as follows: Josephine Christina, Shelton, Carl Frederick, William Edward. Josephine Christina is the wife of John H. Schnuck, a prosperous farmer living east of Boonville. Shelton is an expert automobile mechanic and is employed in St. Louis. He married Grace Seals, Pacific, Mo. Carl Frederick Rossen is manager of an automobile garage in St. Louis, Mo. William Edward, the soldier of the family, was born Sept. 8, 1892, and enlisted for service in the National Army in June, 1917. He was first stationed at Jefferson Barracks, St. Louis, then Nevada, Mo., and thence to Fort Sill, Okla., where he was trained for duty across the seas. He left for France as a member of the 110th Auto Supply Train on May 2, 1918, and saw much active service with the American Army in France. He returned to America, and received his honorable discharge from the service May 7, 1919. Mr. Rossen is a republican. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. For 15 years he served as road overseer in his district while living on the farm and has always been interested in good road building. Mrs. Rossen is a member of the Women's Circle and the Degree of

Pocahontas. They are kind hearted, yet firm in their management of the County Home and are loved and respected by the inmates.

**John Henry Goodman**  
(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

John Henry Goodman, member of the prosperous and important furniture and undertaking firm of George and Goodman, Boonville, Mo., is a native of Cooper County. He was born Feb. 28, 1884, and is a son of Thomas W. Goodman, a member of one of the oldest of the Missouri pioneer families.

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Johnson Goodman great grandfather of J. H. Goodman of this review, was born Aug. 7, 1797, in Kentucky, and in 1817 he settled on Clarks Fork, twelve miles south of Boonville. He was descended from English forebears. His wife, Lucy Goodman, was born July 6, 1795. Benjamin Goodman, grandfather of J. H. Goodman, was born in Cooper County in 1836 and died Jan. 7, 1917. He married Eliza Dunavant of Cooper County, who was born March 2, 1839, and died Feb. 3, 1883. This marriage took place Oct. 8, 1856. Benjamin Goodman served in the Union army during the Civil War, and after his war service he settled down to the peaceful pursuits of agriculture.

Thomas W. Goodman, son of Benjamin Goodman, was born in Cooper county, July 24, 1857. He was married on July 24, 1878, to Amelia Thoma who was born Nov. 28, 1859, in Cooper County, and was a daughter of Lawrence and Margaret (Walther) Thoma. Lawrence Thoma was born in Germany, reared and married there and immigrated to America. He made a home in Cooper county where he died Jan. 11, 1881. Margaret (Walther) Thoma, his wife, was born Feb. 21, 1824, and died Sept. 23, 1916.

Thomas W. Goodman was engaged in the pottery business prior to filling the position of sexton of Walnut Grove cemetery, the duties of which place he performed for a period of 21 years. Mr. Goodman is now working at the trade of cabinet maker and is connected with the firm of George & Goodman in this capacity.

The children born to Thomas W. and Amelia Goodman are as follows: Mrs. A. C. Duncan, Cleveland Heights, Ohio; Thomas W. Goodman, Jr., an undertaker at Holden, Mo.; John Henry Goodman, of this review; Elava, wife of Gus F. Bohler, Boonville, Mo.,

John Henry Goodman received his early education in the public schools of Boonville. His first employment was with a hardware and furniture store in Boonville and he has followed the furniture and undertaking business since his boyhood days. Besides having had considerable practical experience as an undertaker, Mr. Goodman pursued a course of study to further fit himself for his profession in St. Louis for six months. The George and Goodman furniture and undertaking establishment, besides conducting the leading furniture business in this section of Missouri, are the leading undertakers in a considerable extent of territory, this department of the business being in charge of Mr. Goodman.

Feb. 2, 1909, Mr. Goodman was united in marriage with Miss

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Bertha Vollrath, of Boonville. She was born May 31, 1884, and is a daughter of Charles L. Vollrath, a well known citizen of Boonville.

Mr. Goodman is independent in his political views. He is a member of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, the Knights of Pythias the Woodmen of the World and the Ancient Order of



United Workmen. Mr. and Mrs. Goodman are popular among Boonville people and have many warm and steadfast friends who wish them well. Both are hard working and are interested in the success of the business and co-operate to that end in view. Mr. Goodman is a good and loyal citizen who has the best interests of Boonville at heart and responds readily to calls made upon him for the building of a greater and better Boonville.

### **W. L. Cordry**

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

W. L. Cordry, manager of "Chasnoff's", has been in charge of this widely known Boonville store since Feb. 15, 1916. The Chasnoff Store in Boonville was established by M. Chasnoff in March, 1915, and is one of a number of stores owned and operated by Mr. Chasnoff. The store is situated at the corner of Main and Morgan streets and occupies a floor space of 50x120 feet. A general stock of dry goods and ladies wearing apparel of the latest models and designs is carried. From 12 to 15 people are employed to care for the extensive trade which the store enjoys under Mr. Cordry's efficient and capable management.

W. L. Cordry is a native of Cooper County, born on a farm near Arrow Rock, Dec. 16, 1878. James W. Cordry, his father, was born in 1844 and followed farming until 1897 when he settled in Nelson, Mo. He was born in Cooper County, on a farm north of Syracuse, Mo., and was a son of John B. Cordry, a native of Kentucky who was a Cooper County pioneer. James W. Cordry was a soldier in the Civil War, fighting with the Union forces, entering the service at the age of 18 years. He married Miss Lucy Windsor, who was born near Otterville, Mo., in 1847. Of six children born to James W. and Lucy Cordry, two are living, three died in infancy: Arthur died at the age of 17 years; Mrs. Myrtle Dodson lives at Nelson, Mo., and W. L. Cordry, of this review.

W. L. Cordry was reared on the home farm and received his education in the Nelson public schools. His first store experience was at Nelson, where he was employed for three years. He then traveled for Swift & Company for one and a half years. Following this he was again employed in stores for five years. In 1909 he went to western Oklahoma and was there for a short time. Returning to Missouri he had charge of a shoe store at Monett for two and a half years. He had charge of a

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department in a large store at Nowata, Okla., the next five years and then came to Boonville to take charge of the Chasnoff Store.

Mr. Cordry has been twice married. His first marriage occurred on Nov. 12, 1902, with Miss Lillian McAllister of Nelson, who died Feb. 14, 1915, leaving four children: Eugene, James Thomas or "J. T.," Helen and Arthur. His second marriage took place June 5, 1917, with Miss Leona Hyde of Warren, Ind. One child has blessed this union: Mary Catherine, born Jan. 10, 1919.

While adhering to the principles of the republican party, Mr. Cordry is inclined to independence in voting and believes that the cause of good government can best be advanced by individual thinking and decision along the lines of qualifications, of candidates and the principles involved. He is a member of the Christian church, is affiliated with the Modern Woodmen of America and is a progressive citizen.

### **John N. Gott**

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

John N. Gott. - For over half a century the late John N. Gott was a resident of Boonville, and became in the course of his long sojourn in Cooper County, one of the leading, influential and successful figures in the business and manufacturing world of this city. His successful career

placed him in the front rank of a galaxy of noted Boonville men who were the outstanding figures of the past decade in Boonville. John N. Gott was born in Portland, Mich., Dec. 25, 1833, and died in Boonville, Mo., Nov. 2, 1912.

He was a member of one of the oldest of the American Colonial families of French and English descent. Mr. Gott was of the eighth generation in direct line from Charles Gott, the founder of the family in America. Charles Gott (I) was born in France in 1598. He married Thankful Palmer and they with their two daughters, Thankful and Bertha, sailed from Weymouth, England, June 20, 1628, on the ship, Abigail, and landed at Salem, Mass. Three children were born to them in Salem; Deborah, born in 1636; Charles in 1639, and Daniel in 1646, all of whom were baptized in the first church erected in America.

Charles Gott (II) was married Dec. 5, 1660, to Lydia Clarke, daughter of William Clarke, of Lynn, Mass. Their children were Charles, Sarah, Lydia, John, Deborah, Mary, Bethah, Samuel and Nathaniel .

Lieut. John Gott (III) of the Colonial Army, was born Nov. 8, 1668, and died Jan. 25, 1722. He married Rebecca Tarbox, who bore him three children: John, born Jan. 6, 1694, and Samuel and Benjamin.

John Gott (IV) married Elizabeth Badger, Dec. 15, 1751. Their children were John, born July 20, 1752; Martha, born Sept. 19, 1753; and Nathaniel born March 12, 1755, and who died Sept. 14, 1828,

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Nathaniel (V) Gott was a surgeon in the American Revolution, serving on the staff of General LaFayette. He married Sarah Bugham, who was born Jan. 22, 1755, and died Dec. 20, 1797. Their children were: Benjamin, born Dec. 6, 1783; John, born Jan. 2, 1785; and Nathaniel, born Feb. 6, 1786, dying in 1858.

Nathaniel Gott (VI) married Elizabeth Butterfield, at Hartneck, Otsego County, N. Y. She was born Oct. 20, 1787, and died May 19, 1866. Their children were: Charles, born Jan. 29, 1809, and died Aug. 15, 1863, and John Nathaniel, born Feb. 4, 1811, and died Sept. 10, 1882; James Butterfield, born Aug. 31, 1818, died Dec. 17, 1882; and Sarah, born Nov. 18, 1812, died in April, 1883.

Charles Gott (VII), father of John N. Gott, of this review, was born and reared in New York, and migrated to Michigan. He married Maria Moe, at Ann Arbor, Mich., Jan. 11, 1832. Marie Moe Gott was born Jan. 31, 1811, and died Nov. 12, 1892. The children born to this marriage were: John Nathaniel Gott of this review; Sarah Maria, born Aug. 17, 1845, died Sept. 3, 1875, and Martha, who died in infancy.

John N. Gott was reared and educated in Michigan. He studied in Ann Arbor, Mich., and spent two years at Wesleyan Seminary, afterwards taking a partial course at the University of Michigan. He began his business experience in a mercantile store at East Saginaw, Mich., and was located in that city until 1856, when he went to St. Louis, Mo. He was employed as clerk in a hardware store in St. Louis until the outbreak of the Civil War in 1861.

When the president called for volunteers with which to quell the rebellion of the Southern states he responded to the call and enlisted in the first year of the war in the 33rd Missouri Regiment. In 1862 he was promoted to the post of quartermaster sergeant of his regiment. After the battle of Helena, Ark., he was again promoted for conspicuous bravery in the face of enemy fire and was advanced to the post of sergeant major. He was a brave soldier and while the battle of Helena was raging among the hills, he performed a feat which brought him well merited recognition and

promotion. Under his charge a wagon load of water and whiskey was being transported to the Federal soldiers. He rolled up the barrels to the men engaged in battle and thus saved the day.

In December, 1863, he was appointed by President Lincoln to the post of first lieutenant, regimental quartermaster, and he filled this important post satisfactorily and well. When peace was concluded he was breveted a captain.

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In May 1866, Mr. Gott removed with his family to Boonville. He engaged in the manufacture of brick in partnership with Constantine Heim until 1868. Mr. Gott was then appointed deputy county clerk, and was afterward appointed receiver in the United States Land Office in Boonville, holding this position from 1868 to 1876. He next served as bookkeeper of the old Central National Bank and remained in this position until 1878. He then became associated with Brewster and Hilliard, tobacco manufacturers, and was bookkeeper for this concern until 1883, when he purchased the business. He operated the tobacco manufacturing business successfully for a number of years, being joined by his sons and the business being conducted until 1910 under the name of John N. Gott and Son.

John N. Gott was married in 'St. Louis, Nov. 13, 1859, to Miss Angeline Lawton, a daughter of the late Dr. Edward Lawton. Mrs. Angeline Gott was born Sept. 16, 1836, and died Oct. 15, 1910. The children born to this marriage who are of the ninth generation of the Gott family in America are: Charles P. and Henry H. Gott. Henry H. Gott married Kittie Genslinger, now deceased, of Piqua, Ohio, June 18, 1896, and is practicing dentistry in St. Louis.

Charles P. Gott was educated in Cooper Institute, of Boonville. For a period of four years he was connected with the mercantile firm of Sauter Brothers and was a partner in this concern for one year. He then joined his father in the tobacco manufacturing business and was engaged in this enterprise until 1900, beginning in 1883. The business was then disposed of and Mr. Gott removed to his farm of 370 acres south of Bunceton in this county where he remained engaged in farming and stock raising for five years. He is a large land owner and owns 700 acres of land in Howard County, 500 acres of which is very rich Missouri River bottom land. Mr. Gott conducts a farm loan business in Boonville. Charles P. Gott was married on Nov. 5, 1885, to Miss Tillie Wertheimer, of Boonville, born and reared in this city, a daughter of Morris J. Wertheimer, a pioneer clothing merchant of this city. Two children blessed this union: John Morris and William Wertheimer Gott of the tenth generation of the Gott family.

John Morris Gott is an employee of the J. E. Hutt Construction Company of Kansas City, Mo.

William Wertheimer Gott in the employ of the General Motors Corporation, married Mildred Buchanan of New Franklin. Mrs. Mildred Gott

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is deceased, and left one child, Mildred Dorothy Gott of the eleventh generation.

C. P. Gott is an independent republican. He has served his home city as a member of the school board and as city councilman. When his father died he succeeded him as vestryman of the Episcopal church and is treasurer of this congregation.

The late Capt. John N. Gott was a staunch republican throughout his entire matured life. He took an interest in political matters and served as a member of the school board and as a member of the city council. For several years he was a vestryman of the Episcopalian church and was highly regarded as a worthy and upright citizen whose handsome home in Boonville was often opened for social and literary gatherings. He was honored and respected by all who knew him.

**F. Joseph Mann**  
(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

F. Joseph Mann - The late F. Joseph Mann, of Palestine township, was a Cooper County citizen of industry and ambition whose sole desire in life was to provide a comfortable and prosperous home for his family. In this he succeeded by the exercise of industry, diligence and wise management and in the space of 20 years created one of the most attractive farm houses in his section of Missouri. No sooner than he had arrived at the point where he could look into the future in the anticipation of comfortable living during the remainder of his days, than the grim reaper called him. The Mann estate is a productive tract of land, a good part of which is Petit Saline River bottom land, the residence and buildings situated upon a high hill from which the surrounding country for many miles can be seen. Mrs. Josephine Mann, his widow, has kept the place in excellent repair, added a tenant house and other buildings until the farm is a valuable piece of property. F. Joseph Mann was born in Edwardsville, Ill., April 25, 1857 and died May 24, 1910.

F. Joseph Mann, Sr., his father, was born in Bavaria, Germany, in 1829 and died June 28, 1893. He was a son of Joseph Mann, a native of Alsace and a Frenchman by birth who came to America in 1850. F. Joseph Mann, Sr., immigrated to this country in 1850, married here and served in the Union army, enlisting in 1863 for a period of 16 months. He was a cabinet maker and during the Civil War he made coffins for the deceased soldiers. In 1866 he came to Cooper County and settled at Pilot Grove. During that same year he bought a 40 acre farm upon which he resided for a number of years. He followed his trade to some extent in this country and was a skilled cabinet maker as is attested by several

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fine pieces of his handicraft which can be seen in the Mann home. He died at the home of his son, F. Joseph Mann.

F. Joseph Mann, of this sketch, was married June 23, 1885, in Clear Creek Catholic Church, by Father John, to Miss Josephine Marie Dietrich, who bore him the following children: Nina Marie, Alma, Josephine, Mabel Bernardine. Nina Marie was born March 22, 1886 and is the wife of E. Humphreyville, living on the adjoining farm. He was born July 12, 1885. They have one child, Helen Louise, born Oct. 7, 1907. Alma Josephine, born Feb. 28, 1893, married Edward Cleary, Feb. 24, 1916, who died in Feb., 1918. Mrs. Alma Cleary is office assistant to Probate Judge Davis. Mabel Bernardine, born June 12, 1896, is the wife of Charles L. Schuck, of Fredericksburg, Texas, and has one child, Francis Joseph, born March 8, 1918. Mr. Schuck was born Dec. 2, 1897.

F. Joseph Mann was a republican, but was distinctly a home man who cared more for his home and fireside than for any outside attractions. His death was a distinct loss to the community in which he had become a valuable and worthy citizen. He was a member of the Catholic Church and was highly regarded by all who knew him.

Mrs. Josephine Marie (Dietrich) Mann was born in the French province of Alsace, April 16, 1855 and is a daughter of Herman and Mary (Hoffstetter) Dietrich, the latter of whom died in 1871. Herman Dietrich came to America before the Civil War, and having had military training in his native land he offered his services to the Union. He was commissioned a lieutenant in the Union army and died of fever in a government hospital at New Orleans. Four children were left fatherless: E. C., who died in 1871, and had served five years in the French army; Cecilia, deceased; Henrietta, deceased; and Mrs. Josephine Mann of this review.

Josephine Dietrich came to America in 1881 and made her home with her uncle, Jacob Dietrich who owned the old Bunce place. She went to Colorado in 1885 and was married to Mr. Mann upon her return to Missouri in 1885. Prior to purchasing their present place Mr. and Mrs. Mann

lived at Pilot Grove until 1891. The Mann place was recently sold to her son-in-law, E. Humphreyville, May 19, 1919, and Mrs. Mann is making her home in Boonville with her daughter, Mrs. Edward Cleary.

### **Mrs. Elizabeth Ellen Drennen**

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Mrs. Elizabeth Ellen Drennen. - The Drennen dairy farm of 112 acres, situated near Boonville, Mo., was purchased by Mrs. E. E. Drennen in 1905 and is operated by the lady and her sons. Ten cows are milked and the milk is sold to Boonville restaurants. For the past 30 years the Drennen family have been engaged in the dairying industry and the

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family rented land for 16 years prior to purchasing the present Drennen home place.

George Washington Drennen husband of Mrs. E. E. Drennen, was born in Kentucky, Dec. 6, 1843, and is a son of Robert and Martha (Lee) Drennen of that state. Mr. Drennen served as a soldier in the Union army during the Civil War and fought in a Kentucky regiment.

George Washington Drennen and Elizabeth Ellen McDowell, were married on March 6, 1867. In October of 1870, they loaded their effects on wagons and moved to Indiana. After a year's residence in that state they came to Benton County, Mo., accompanied by two of Mrs. Drennen's brothers, James P. and Alfred Clark McDowell. After a residence of about 12 years in Benton County, the Drennens came to Cooper County, and here settled.

The children born to G. W. and Elizabeth E. Drennen are: Homer, born in Kentucky, lives at Blackwater, Mo.; Eltie Hugh, deceased; Vernanda C., a farmer in Boonville township; George W., merchant at Prairie Lick; Blanche, deceased; Leonard Austin, born in 1879; Maurice, a hardware merchant, St. Louis, Mo.; James E., born 1886.

Mrs. E. E. Drennen was born in Nicholas County, Ky., Dec. 16, 1849, and is a daughter of James Perry and Elizabeth, (House) McDowell, both of whom were natives of Kentucky. Her father was of Scotch descent and her mother of German ancestry. James P. McDowell was a son of Matthew McDowell, who was a son of Ephraim McDowell, whose father, Ephraim McDowell (I) was a native of Scotland, emigrated to America and became owner of part of an island in New York harbor. Ephraim (II) was killed by Indians in Alabama. Matthew McDowell returned to New York from the South after the death of his father, to look after the family estate. He had previously settled in Kentucky. His death occurred at Elizabethtown, N. J. Mrs. Drennen's mother was a daughter of Richard House, a son of German parents.

Mrs. Drennen has reared several orphan children. In Kentucky she took Elizabeth Keim into her home for several months. After the death of her own daughter she took Lulu Keouw, a girl 12 years old, whom she reared for five years. She next reared her niece, lone McDowell, 12 years old, whom she mothered for 12 years. An orphan boy, Charles B. Head, aged nine years, she reared to young manhood. Mrs. Drennen took from the Orphans Home, Minnie Smallwood, aged 10 years and kept her for nine years. Her last charge was a little boy, taken from a nursery at St. Louis, adopting him, William Henry Drennen, now aged six years.

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Mrs. Drennen is a member of the Baptist Church and all of her children worship at this church.

**Edward L. Bauman**

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Edward L. Bauman county collector of Cooper County, is a native of Boonville, and is a capable and thoroughly efficient county official. He was born Oct. 27, 1870, and is a son of August Bauman, a native of Switzerland who came to America with his parents, John and Mary Bauman, in 1844. The Baumans first settled in southwestern Missouri in the town of Sarcoxie. After a few years residence in Sarcoxie they came to Boonville in the early fifties. John Bauman was by trade, a weaver and followed this trade in Boonville for a number of years.

August Bauman was born in 1836 and attained young manhood in Boonville. He learned the trade of wagon maker and wheelwright and established himself in business at Franklin, Mo., where he operated a shop for 39 years while making his home in Boonville. He married Margaret Stuckhart who was born at Memphis, Tenn., in 1845, and was a daughter of Swiss parents. To August and Margaret Bauman were born seven children: William, a resident of Oregon; August, lives at Chanute, Kan.; Edward, of this review; Carl, of Caldwell, Kan.; Oliver resides in Kansas City, Mo.; Miss Frances Beckett lives at Boonville; Mrs. Gertrude Murray resides in Jefferson City, Mo.; August Bauman was born in 1836 and met with an accidental death in 1915. A fall from a ladder caused concussion of the brain and death ensued as a result.

Edward Bauman was educated in the public and high school of his native city. After farming for one year he learned the trade of harness maker and for nineteen years he worked at this trade, spending 23 years in all at his trade. For five years he was in the employ of H. T. Hudson and for a considerable period he was manager for Dauwalter and Son of Boonville.

It is worthy of mention that John Bauman, grandfather of Ed Bauman, was a freighter for a number of years, freighting from Boonville to the southwest. This was in the old days when Boonville was the shipping center for a large section of territory and the highways leading south from the city were filled all day long with great wagon trains loaded with provisions and material for the settlers of the southwestern country.

Mr. Bauman is a republican. He was elected county collector in 1914 and was re-elected to the office in 1918. He is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and is popular with Cooper County people, managing the affairs of his office with justice and regard for the best interests of Cooper County.

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### **John E. Walz**

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John E. Walz. - The jewelry store owned and operated by J. E. Walz, a leading citizen of Boonville, was established in 1894. It is one of the neatest, best stocked and well equipped jewelry establishments in Central Missouri and during the 25 years of its existence in Boonville, the Walz store has enjoyed a steady and ever increasing patron age. J. E. Walz was born in Booneville, Nov. 3, 1864.

Nicholas Walz, his father was born in Zornheim, Germany, July 29, 1838 and died in April, 1892. He was a son of Philip 4Walz who emigrated from Germany in 1846 and located in Chicago, Ill., where Nicholas Walz was reared to young manhood. When 19 years of age he came to Boonville his father, Philip Walz, having preceded him to this city. Nicholas Walz was first employed for two years at Mendota, Ill., prior to coming to Boonville as a clerk in a general store. He first began business with his brother-in-law, Mr. Brenheisen, and in three years time he purchased the business which he conducted for many years with success. Mr. Walz did an extensive business and operated the largest grocery store in Central Missouri. For a number of years he transacted the largest volume of business of any store in this section of Missouri and he became widely and favorably known. He continued in business until 1884 and he then retired.

Nicholas Walz was prominent in the civic affairs of Boonville and he served three terms as a member of the city council. He was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and was a member of the Boonville Turner Society. He was married to Julia Brenneisen, a daughter of Reinhart Brenneisen a native of Germany who emigrated from his native land in 1845 and became one of the pioneer merchants of Boonville. Mrs. Julia Walz was born in 1839 and died on April 18, 1914. Five sons and three daughters were born to this marriage: Leopold C., St. Louis, Mo.; John E., subject of this review; Herman G., New York City; Louise, at home in Boonville; Charles A., born May 19, 1872, assistant to J. E. Walz in the Walz Jewelry Store; Julia, at home; Mrs. Laura, wife of W. Ernest Sombart, Boonville; Henry G., St. Louis, Mo.

J. E. Walz of this review, was educated in the public and high schools of his native city and began learning the trade of watchmaker and jeweler in 1880 with the firm of Hannacke and Kauffman. He remained with this firm for four years and the following ten years were spent with the firm of Gmelich and Huber in Boonville. He then established his present thriving business.

Mr. Walz is a republican. He is a director of the Boonville Com-

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mercial Club and is fraternally affiliated with the Knights of Pythias, and the Modern Woodmen of America.

Mr. Walz is a progressive and enterprising citizen who has been unusually active in promoting local enterprises for the benefit of his home city. He is the "Father of the White Way" on the main street of Boonville which was established in 1912. Mr. Walz originated the plan for a white way, pushed the project, solicited the contributions, secured sufficient funds to place eight standards, induced the Sombarts who then owned the lighting company, to donate the current, and when the electric light company was sold, the contract for free current was carried on by the new company. He has been twice tendered the nomination for mayor of the city by the republican party but has declined each time, having no ambition or preference for political honors.

#### **Dr. Charles Swap**

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Dr. Charles Swap, dentist, Boonville, Mo., has been engaged in the practice of his profession for the past 35 years. He was born April 23, 1865, on the steamboat "Cora Kinney" while his parents were making the trip up the Missouri River from Jefferson City to St. Joseph, enroute to Iowa His parents were Dr. Franklin Swap and Mary E. (Mitchell)

Dr. Franklin Swap was born Aug. 19, 1830, at Schenectady, N. Y. and died Sept. 4, 1902. He was a son of William Swap and Belinda Swap, members of an old New York family of Holland Dutch descent. Mrs. Swap died in 1837 and William Swap removed to Crawford County, Ia., where he resided until his death in 1881. A great-uncle of Charles Swap, Jonathan Swap fought in the Revolution. The ancestors of Franklin Swap first settled in New Amsterdam, whence the great grandfather of Charles Swap moved to Schenectady in later years. In his boyhood days Franklin Swap learned the cabinet maker's trade and developed a positive genius as an artisan which stood him in good stead in later years. He was married in 1851 and in 1857 he started to Lawrence, Kansas; did not like the country and removed with his family to Taylor County, Iowa, where he studied dentistry. He began the practice of dentistry about 1860 and was so poor that he was compelled to fashion his own dental instruments. His son, Dr. Charles Swap has a Number of these instruments in his possession at this day and they are of fine and beautiful workmanship. Prior to this he had made a trip to Kansas in 1857 With the idea of settling there. He arrived at Lawrence Kansas, when there was but one house on the site of what is now a fair sized city. He returned to Iowa and located in Bedford, where he practiced dentistry

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until he offered his services to the Union when the Civil War broke out. He enlisted in the Union army as a private soldier and rose to the rank of captain. He was first a private in the Second Iowa Cavalry, in 1862 he was commissioned a lieutenant, not long afterward was given a captain's commission. He was appointed provost marshal of Central Missouri and had charge of eight counties, his district embracing all of the territory from Jefferson City to Lexington. Dr. Swap was honest and his administration of his important office was marked by fairness, kindness, and absolute honesty. One occasion in particular stands out prominently in his career in which he saved some visitors to the city from annoyance and persecution by some drunken Union soldiers made him warm friends, and one friend in particular who went out of his way to befriend him when he was struggling to gain a foothold in his practice in Boonville and support his family. In Dec., 1865, he again came to Boonville from Iowa and began the practice of his profession. He succeeded and for years was one of the best liked and highly respected citizens of Boonville.

Dr. Franklin Swap was prominent in the public affairs of his adopted city and held many important positions of trust and responsibility. He was city clerk of Boonville for 18 years and served four terms as mayor of Boonville. He was secretary of the Board of Education for many years and identified himself with the cause of education. He was elected to the office of secretary of the Osage Valley and Southern Kansas Railroad during the time this road was being constructed. He was president of the State Dental Association and in many ways was a remarkable man who was fitted by nature for the period and time in which he lived.

Aug. 2, 1851, Dr. Franklin Swap was married to Miss Mary E. Mitchell of Pennsylvania. Mrs. Mary E. Swap was born June 2, 1830 and is one of the oldest of the pioneer women of Boonville. Six children were born to this marriage: Harvey, born in Pennsylvania, died at the age of two years; Frank, born in Pennsylvania in 1854, is an artist and is connected with the Tanner Studio in Boonville; Mrs. Ida Gibbons lives at Edgewater, near Denver, Col.; Mrs. Emma Short lives in Boonville; Ettie is deceased; and Dr. Charles Swap of this review.

Dr. Charles Swap studied dentistry in the Pennsylvania College of Dental Surgery from 1884 to 1886. Prior to this time he had studied under his capable and talented father from June 1881, until he left home to enter the Philadelphia College. Upon his return home he entered his father's office and practiced dentistry with his father until the latter's retirement. Doctor Swap during the many years of his practice has been very successful and his hours are filled with the work of his calling.

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March 23, 1891, he was married to Miss Jennie North of New Orleans, La., a daughter of Fountain North, owner of "Laurel Valley Plantation;" one of the finest southern plantations in the country. Dr. Swap met and wooed his wife when the family came on a visit to Boonville. Two children have blessed this marriage: Charles, born in 1892 is in the employ of the A. P. Munning Manufacturing Co., of N. Y. City, with his headquarters in Chicago of Chicago branch; Edgar, was born in 1915.

Dr. Charles Swap is an independent republican and was a former Roosevelt adherent. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias and is a member of the district, State and National Dental Associations, and has served as president of the District Dental Society.

#### **Dr. Rollie L. Anderson**

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Dr. Rollie L. Anderson, osteopathic physician, with well appointed and finely equipped offices at '3091!z Main street, is one of the popular professional men of Cooper county. Dr. Anderson was born at Pleasantville, Marion County, Iowa, May 28, 1881, and is a son of Samuel and Mary Elizabeth (Courtney) Anderson, both natives of Iowa.



Samuel Anderson was the son of John Anderson, a native of Scotland and was born in 1858. He became a merchant and was successfully engaged in mercantile pursuits at Pleasantville, Iowa, until 1910, when he located in Des Moines, at 1500 Linden street. He married Mary Elizabeth Courtney, a daughter of John Courtney, the son of Irish parents. To Samuel Horton and Mary Elizabeth Anderson were born three children: Albert Franklin Anderson is engaged in the real estate business in Minnesota; George Anderson is deceased; Rollie L. Anderson subject of this review.

Dr. Anderson was educated in the public and high schools of Eldora, Iowa and completed his high school course in 1899. In 1901, R. L. Anderson went to Minnesota and was engaged in the lumber and general mercantile business until he decided to study for his chosen profession. He studied the science of osteopathy at Kirksville, Mo., for four years and graduated from this famous school in 1916.

Soon after receiving his diploma Dr. Anderson located in Boonville and outfitted a splendid suite of offices where he cares for a large and ever increasing practice.

Dr. Anderson was married in November 1903, to Miss Mary Andrews, of Silver Creek, Minn., a daughter of Anthony Andrews.

Dr. Anderson is a republican and is fraternally affiliated with the Knights of Pythias, the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and the Modern Woodmen of America and has made many warm and steadfast friends during the years which he has spent in Boonville.

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### **John King**

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

John King was the first citizen of German birth to settle on Lone Elm Prairie in 1853. He became owner of 560 acres of rich prairie land upon which his descendants are now living. Through Mr. King's influence many Germans came from the old country to settle in Cooper County and he would go so far as to travel to New York, meet them and assist them on their way here.

The late John King was born in Holstein, Germany, Feb. 15, 1828, and died at his home in Lone Elm, Mo., Nov. 10, 1916. He served as a soldier in the war between Germany and Denmark, and soon afterwards left his native land for a freer life in America. Landing at New Orleans, he made his way to Iowa, and there heard of the opening up of the Kansas territory and of the free and cheap lands to be obtained in the new country. He went to St. Louis and boarded a river steamer to Atchison. He stopped off at Boonville, saw several of his countrymen who encouraged him to stay. He had just six dollars in cash when he landed at Boonville. His first job was as hostler in a stable attached to the stage route from Boonville to Jimtown, receiving \$12 per month. He soon became stage driver and later went to work on a farm near Pisgah at \$15 per month for four years. Then his employer, Colonel Pope, made him a partner in the farm and he saved enough money in three years to purchase 180 acres of undeveloped prairie land at Lone Elm at a cost of \$15 an acre. He continued to purchase land until he owned 560 acres.

Mr. King was married Jan. 18, 1859 to Miss Sophia Friedmeyer, born Jan. 19, 1838, in Germany. She is a daughter of Bernard and Sophia (Karnes) Friedmeyer, who first settled at St. Louis, Mo., in 1857 and then came to Cooper County. The children born to John and Sophia (Friedmeyer) King are as follows: Minnie, wife of W. H. Twillman, Lone Elm; Henry, living on the old home place; Mary, deceased, was the first wife of Fred Treiber, left one child, Mrs. Elizabeth Toellner; Mrs. Lucy Treiber, Lone Elm, widow of Fred Treiber, has one child, Ameba; Sophia, wife of Richard Martin, Lone Elm, Clarks Fork township; Ellen, wife of Charles

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Twillman, farmer, near Lone Elm. Mrs. King has 16 grand children and via great grandchildren, all of whom are living in the neighborhood.

John King was one of the builders and always a liberal supporter of the Lone Elm Evangelical Church. He never had a law suit and was never sued. He followed as his course in business and living the golden rule and profited thereby. During the Civil War he served in the Missouri State Guards under Capt. Tom George. For 18 years he filled the post of deacon of the Clarks Fork Evangelical Church prior to the building of the Lone Elm Church. John King was a man worth while who left an indelible imprint on the community wherein he spent the greater part of a long and active life.

#### **Dr. Aubrey W. Frost** (Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Dr. Aubrey W. Frost, dentist, Boonville, Mo., is a native son of Cooper County who has risen high in the ranks of his chosen profession, during his more than 13 years of practice. Dr. Frost was born in Boonville, and is a son of Alexander and Lucinda (Post) Frost, natives of New England.

Alexander Frost was born in Glover, Vt., in 1834 and died in April 1916. He was a member of an old New England family and was the first of a large family of 14 children to die. He was reared in Vermont and twos a farmer and stockman. He came west to Boonville in the early fifties and started a confectionery store which is still in existence. On the westward trip from the old home region in New England, he was accompanied by his wife, Mrs. Mary (Frost) Jones, his sister, and his brother-in-law, Benjamin F. Jones. Mr. Frost assisted in the erection of the old Central National Bank building and later entered the grocery and dryads business, being a partner of Hiram Koontz during the Civil War. The partners buried their stock of goods so as to save them from the raiding Confederates during the war. In later years he removed to Illinois and lived there six years. He returned to Boonville in 1916 and (lived a few months later. Mr. Frost brought the first real carriages and the first hearse to Boonville and operated a livery barn for a number of years. He owned the first bus in Boonville and also dealt extensively in mules.

Alexander and Lucinda Frost were parents of three children: Louis Eugene Frost, Chicago, Ill.; Frank Arlin, Chicago, Ill.; and Aubrey Ward Frost, subject of this review.

A.W. Frost was educated in the local schools and the high school of Roadhouse, Ill., and followed the trade of carpenter and builder until 1900 in the employ of his uncle, B. F. Jones. He then took up the study of dentistry in 1903. Entering Washington University in that year he

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graduated from the dental department in 1906 and practiced his profession in St. Louis, Mo., until locating in Boonville in the fall of 1915. Dr. Frost has a suite of offices in the Victor Building and enjoys a large and ever increasing practice. He was married in 1905 to Miss Geneva E. Yeager, of Boonville, Mo., a daughter of Frank Yeager. Dr. and Mrs. Frost have one child, Roy Frost, aged 10 years.

Dr. Frost is a republican; he is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and is fraternally affiliated with the Masons and the Knights of Pythias.

#### **Gideon A. Brownfield** (Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Gideon A. Brownfield - The career of G. A. Brownfield, senior member of the firm of Brownfield & Meyer, automobile dealers, Boonville, Mo., is that of a self made man who commenced wresting a living from Cooper County soil when 19 years of age, became a land owner, built up a splendid farm, made a success of the live stock shipping business, and then made another success of the automobile business. Mr. Brownfield is not only a first class farmer, a keen and sure judge of livestock, but he is a thoroughly successful business man.

The Brownfield and Meyer automobile business was established in 1915 at the corner of Morgan and Sixth streets and the business room and repair department of the garage occupies a space 75x92 feet. Five men are employed in the conduct of the business and such substantial and well known makes of automobiles as the Hupmobile, Cadillac, Reo, and the Buick are sold to buyers in this section of Missouri.

Jonas Brownfield, father of G. A. Brownfield, was born in Cooper County, reared here and married Jael K. Collins, who was born in Cooper County in 1819 and died in 1889. To Jonas and Jael Brownfield were born six children: Frank Brownfield, deceased; James Brownfield, a farmer living near Speed, Mo.; Gideon A., of this review; Augustus Brownfield, a farmer living near Blackwater, Mo.; Frances, wife of A. E. Beeson, Sedalia, Mo.; Nannie, deceased.

G. A. Brownfield was born near Pilot Grove, Mo., Dec. 12, 1860.

The death of James Brownfield in 1862 left the widowed mother to rear her family of children as best she could under adverse circumstances. When nine years of age, Gideon A. Brownfield left the parental roof and began working out for his living. During his first year he received only his board and clothing; the second year he received small wages in addition to his keep. He continued working at farm labor with ever increasing wages until 1879, when he rented land and farmed on his own account for the next 15 years until he had saved enough money to make his

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initial investment in a trust of farm land. Purchasing a farm of 140 acres near Prairie Lick, Mo., he improved it and made a success of the venture. Mr. Brownfield began the buying and shipping of live stock in 1893 and has become one of the largest live stock dealers and shippers in Cooper County. He handles over 365 carloads of stock yearly and his deals aggregated during the past two years the extremely large total in value of \$1,608,123.28. He is without doubt the most extensive live stock dealer in this section of Missouri and has built up a reputation for honesty, square dealing and straightforward business methods which have stood him in good stead among the live stock men of the county. He located in Boonville in 1916. Mr. Brownfield is the principal owner of the automobile business in which he is interested.

G. A. Brownfield was married in 1879 to Miss Anna Hustler, of Pilot Grove, Mo., a daughter of the late Washington Hustler. This marriage was blessed with one son, Earl Brownfield, born in 1883, assisting his father in the automobile business, married Grace Hull.

G. A. Brownfield is a republican. Mrs. Brownfield is a member of the Presbyterian church.