

History of Cooper County Missouri by W. F. Johnson

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Dr. John Ambrose Barnett

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Dr. John Ambrose Barnett, osteopathic physician, with offices in the Trust Company building, Boonville, Mo., enjoys a lucrative and growing practice which he has built up since coming to Boonville in January, 1913. Doctor Barnett was born in Cicero, Hamilton County, Ind., April 7, 1874, and is a son of William Harrison and Lucy (Boyd) Barnett, the former of whom was a native of Johnson County, Ind., and the latter a native of Kentucky.

William Harrison Barnett was born in 1841 and was a son of Ambrose Dudley Barnett, a native of Kentucky. Dr. John A. Barnett was reared and educated in Johnson County, Ind., and taught school for five years. For about one and a half years he was in the employ of the Scarborough Company, handling maps and school supplies, and when at Oklahoma City he became interested in the science of Osteopathy. He entered college at Des Moines, Iowa, and graduated from the Still Osteopathic College in 1905. His parents then being residents of Irvington, at that time a suburb of Indianapolis, he located in the latter city and remained there until his mother's death in April, 1906. Doctor Barnett then practiced at Attica, Ind., for one and a half years and then moved to Rogers, Ark., in the hope that a change of climate would be beneficial to his wife's health. From March 1909, until January, 1913, he remained at Rogers and then located at Boonville.

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There were five children born to William Harrison and Lucy (Boyd) Barnett, as follows: Albert Raphael, a farmer, Franklin, Ind.; Dr. John Ambrose Barnett, of this review; Victor Hugo Barnett, died in September, 1916; Rev. Carl Harry Barnett, a graduate of Butler University, graduate of Yale University, prominent in Y. M. C. A. work and now pastor of the Oak Cliff Christian Church, Dallas, Texas; Chester Boyd Barnett, was a graduate of the Indianapolis Law School, and was engaged in the United States Reclamation Service when he died of influenza in the West Dec. 28, 1918.

In March, 1903, Doctor Barnett was married to Miss Ruby Hall, of Terre Haute, Ind., a daughter of Herschell and Victoria (Hall) Hall. Seven children have blessed this union: Harold Ray, Juanita, Therese Lucille, Leslie Ambrose, John Alfred, Victoria Boyd, and Ruby Darline.

Doctor Barnett, while practicing his profession at Rogers, Ark., was appointed by Gov. George W. Donaghey to a membership on the State Board of Osteopathic Examiners and served for two years, beginning Nov. 7, 1911. Upon coming to Boonville he passed the Missouri State Board of Osteopathic Examiners Feb. 8, 1913. He is a Democrat, a member of the Christian Church, and is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias.

Joseph Ignatius Hazell

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Joseph Ignatius Hazell, retired pioneer farmer, Speed, Mo., was born on a farm near Palestine, Cooper County, March 7, 1848, and is a son of Edwin and Sarah (Yarnell) Hazell, natives of Kentucky, and pioneers in Missouri.

Edwin Hazell was born in 1811 and died in 1893. He was a son of Nathan Hazell, who came to Cooper County in 1821 and settled on a farm near old Palestine. He reared a family in Cooper County and died here. Edwin Hazell was brought up on his father's farm, and when he attained

maturity, married Sarah Yarnell, who was born in 1806 and died in 1884. She was a daughter of Joseph Yarnell, a noted pioneer settler who was a close friend of Stephen Cole, one of the first settlers of Howard and Cooper Counties. Joseph Yarnell was an Indian fighter, a typical frontiersman, who with others went fully armed and assisted in the building of the forts wherein the people remained during the troublesome days of the War of 1812.

A traditional story handed down for the past hundred years and since told with many variations makes Samuel Cole and Joseph Yarnell the heroes of a comical episode. The story goes that Yarnell and Cole were going to attend a party across the Missouri River in Howard County.

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there was only one small skiff which they could use. Yarnell took the skiff and rowed his girl across the stream. Sam Cole stripped, took a young bull by the tail and made him swim across the stream and both attended the party. One version of the tale gives it that Yarnell and Cole rode a bull into the midst of the gathering and created an uproar. These two, however were apparently the heroes of many misadventures which have become legendary.

Edwin Hazell became a blacksmith and carpenter and conducted a blacksmith shop on his place for the convenience of the settlers. When Shelby's raiders made their famous trip through Cooper County, during the Civil War, some of Shelby's men welded a broken axle and mended a cannon at the Hazell shop. The Hazell home was stripped of every vestige of food and valuables, the horses were taken and the cows and pigs were seized by the raiders. The next day after the rebels had passed through Joseph I. Hazell was sent to Pinney's Mill for a supply of corn meal. Old John Brown's men then came along in chase of Shelby's crowd and ate up all the meal, and perforce the trip had to be made over again so that the family could have something to eat. Brown's men seized two horses which had been left in exchange by Shelby's men and all that the Hazells had left were two contraband horses which were worn out and feeble from use. They fed up these animals, raiders came again and the same thing again happened, and so it went on throughout the war.

Edwin Hazell had a family of ten children: James died in 1849 in California; Susan, Nancy, Elizabeth, William, Sarah, Eliza, Mary and Rhoda, are deceased. The subject of this sketch is the only one of the family now living.

Opportunities for schooling were very limited during the youthful days of J. I. Hazell. During the four years of Civil War there were no schools. Mr. Hazell recalls that a young man named Henderson taught school during the war time for awhile. This teacher wore a new pair of boots. He took them off while school was in session and wore slippers, taking good care to hide the boots in the fear that some wandering soldier might take a fancy to them and commandeer them for his own use. The school house of his home vicinity was a log building with rough wooden benches and everything about it was very primitive.

Mr. Hazell was married in 1869 to Sarah Elizabeth Pulley, who was born near Tipton, Ind., in 1851 and is a daughter of Lorenzo and Demaris (Crews) Pulley, who were pioneer settlers of Cooper County. The children born to this marriage are: Judson, a railroad man, Atchison, Kans.;

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Leslie, a railroad man, Atchison, Kans.; Aubrey and Dade, farmers, living near Billingsville, Mo.

After his marriage, Mr. Hazell settled on a rented farm two miles west of Speed. He eventually purchased the old Hazell homestead of 60 acres. He lived there for some years and then purchased 299 acres of bottom land, now owned by H. Friedrich, upon which he resided for seven years. This low ground was not good for an asthmatic condition which persisted in bothering Mr. Hazell and he exchanged farms with Mr. Friedrich and received a tract of 122.5

acres. Mr. Hazel sold out this land, purchased property in Sedalia which is bringing him good rentals and moved to Speed. He owns three fine residence properties in Sedalia and has recently moved to the A. Rudolph farm northeast of Speed.

Mr. Hazell is a democrat, loyal to the president and loyal to his party at all times. He is a member of the Baptist Church, a democrat and a Baptist being a splendid combination of old time settler which cannot be beaten for reliability, sturdiness, honesty and good humor. He is fraternally allied with the Woodmen of the World, at Speed.

James R. Miller
(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

James R. Miller. - The city of Boonville has a very efficient and capable police force and is noted as a law abiding municipality. Chief of Police James R. Miller is a capable and honest public officer who is now serving his third term as city marshal and has been connected with the police force of the city since his first appointment on May 1, 1911. Mr. Miller was born on a farm four miles west of Boonville Feb. 27, 1869, and is a son of Frederick W. (born 1839, died May 5, 1911) and Jessie B. (Payne) Miller (born 1843, died Jan. 20, 1899).

Frederick W. Miller was born in Germany and accompanied his father to America in 1848, his father being a rebel against the Kaisers government and being connected with the uprising of a part of the German people in 1848, he fled to America for a haven of refuge for liberty loving people of his class. Jessie B. (Payne) Miller was a daughter of James R. Payne, better known as Squire Payne, one of the best known of the pioneers of Cooper County. Frederick W. Miller served his adopted country as a soldier in the Union Army during the Civil War and followed farming successfully west of Boonville until his retirement to a home in Boonville in 1901. He was father of four children: Mrs. Eleanora Drexel, Boonville township; John W. Miller, California, Mo.; Mrs. Rosa Marie Brueckner, died in 1914; James R. Miller, of this review.

Mr. Miller followed farming until 1909. He became owner of a splendid farm about four miles west of Boonville, which he cultivated

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with great success, becoming owner of the Miller home place. Not being satisfied with a mediocre success Mr. Miller accumulated three farms in all, making a total of 315 acres. He has disposed of all of his farm lands, selling 157 acres in 1909. When he came to Boonville, he purchased a 20 acre tract on West Spring street in November, 1912. This place is well improved with a handsome brick residence and is very productive, Mrs. Miller having charge of its operation to a considerable extent while her husband keeps Boonville a law abiding community. From 1909 to his appointment as a member of the police force of Boonville May 1, 1911, Mr. Miller conducted a meat market and grocery. After serving three years as city policeman he was elected to the post of city marshal and is chief of police of the city.

Mr. Miller was married Oct. 18, 1893, to Miss Carrie M. Brommer, born in West Boonville township, a daughter of Louis and Elizabeth Brommer, well known deceased residents of Cooper County. The children born to James R. and Carrie M. Miller are: Harry James, Beatrice, Roy Ferdinand and Earl Charles.

Harry James Miller is an officer in the commissary department of the Missouri Training School.

Beatrice Martha is at home with her parents.

Roy Ferdinand Miller was born April 21, 1897, and enlisted in the United States Navy July 1, 1918 and was trained for service at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station. Pneumonia resulting from a severe attack of the influenza caused his death at Great Lakes, Sept. 30, 1918.

Earl Charles Miller is employed in the office of the Phoenix American Pipe Factory.

Mr. Miller is a Republican and is a member of the Evangelical Church. He is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias and the Modern Woodmen of America. Chief Miller is a conscientious and fearless officer who is devoted to his sworn duty although he is kind and just with minor offenders of the law. He is a familiar and well liked personality on the streets of Boonville and has many warm friends in the city and county.

Edward J. Garthoffner
(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Edward J. Garthoffner, proprietor of a flourishing feed mill, has been engaged in business since July 1, 1917, when he purchased the mill from H. Olendorf. Two men are employed and Mr. Garthoffner does a general wholesale and retail business which is growing in volume through his management. He was born in Boonville, Mo., April 11, 1867.

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George J. Garthoffner his father, was born in Germany and came to America in 1857. He operated a wagon shop in Boonville for many years - and was prominently identified with the early growth and history of Boonville. He was born in 1828 and died May 13, 1873. His wife was Victoria (Wagner) Garthoffner, who bore him eight children, seven of whom are living: George, Boonville; Edward, subject of this review; Frank and Henry, engaged in the drug business in St. Louis; Mary, Boonville; Louisa, deceased; Emma, Boonville; and Mrs. Sophia Gantner, Boonville.

After attending the parochial schools of Boonville, Edward J. Garthoffner learned the trade of cigar maker and followed his trade for twenty years, becoming a partner in business with his brother in 1890. He remained with him until 1910, when he closed out his partnership interest in the business. In 1910, June, he was appointed postmaster of Boonville and served until July 1, 1914. For the following year he traveled for the Melito Fish and Oyster Company. Mr. Kramm became owner of the local feed mill at that time and Mr. Garthoffner operated it for Kramm for six months. Then Olendorf bought it and Mr. Garthoffner was in his employ until he became sole owner on July 1, 1917.

Mr. Garthoffner was married in 1896 to Miss Mary E. Darby, a native of Cooper County, and daughter of Patrick Darby, a sketch of whom appears in this volume. Six children were born to this marriage: Bernardine, a teacher in the public schools of Cooper County; Mary, bookkeeper in the Commercial Bank of Boonville; Richard, Edward, Jr., Dorothy and Frances.

Mr. Garthoffner has been active and influential in Republican politics and has served on the County and Congressional Central Committees. He has frequently been a delegate to the State convention of his party and has attended the National conventions. For several years he was vice-president of the Young Mens' Republican Association. He was elected to the office of city treasurer in 1908 and filled this office for two years. He is a member of Sts. Peter and Paul's Catholic Church, is a Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus, and is affiliated with the Woodmen of the World.

George H. Meyer
(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

George H. Meyer, a well-known farmer and stockman of Clarks Fork township, is a native son of Cooper County, and is a descendant of one of the pioneer families of this section. He is a son of George H. and Elizabeth (Molan) Meyer. George H. Meyer was born in Saline township, Cooper

County, in 1853, and died Feb. 9, 1903. His wife is also a native of Saline township and still resides in Saline township.

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George H. Meyer is one of the following children born to his parents: Henry, deceased; Herman W. resides in Boonville; Lawrence C., Clarks Fork township; Emil Ewing, resides with his mother, Saline township; and George H., the subject of this sketch.

Mr. Meyer was reared on a farm in Cooper County, and attended the district school. Later, he attended the Kemper Military School, and afterwards took a course in Gem City Business College, at Quincy, Ill. He then engaged in farming, and for a few years operated rented land. In 1910 he purchased his present place in Clarks Fork township, where he has since been engaged in farming and stock raising. This is one of the valuable farms of Cooper County, and consists of 275 acres of well improved land. The farm buildings are all modern, the residence being equipped with a heating and lighting system. The place is underlaid with coal to the extent of a vein of 7 feet thick in some places, although Mr. Meyer does not mine any of the coal at the present time.

Sept. 6, 1905, George H. Meyer was united in marriage with Miss Julia N. Muntzel, a daughter of Albert and Margaret (Schmidt) Muntzel, the former a native of Germany, and the latter of Cooper County, both of whom are now deceased. Mrs. Meyer was born on the farm where she now resides, Oct. 15, 1881, and is one of the following children born to her parents: Albert, Portland, Ore.; Martin W., St. Louis, Mo.; Edward J., Boonville; Mrs. Clara Trampe, St. Louis County, Mo.; Lillian, resides with Mr. and Mrs. Meyer; Mrs. Caroline Fricke, on a farm near Sedalia, Mo.; Harry J., Clarks Fork township; and Mrs. Della D. Muntzel. To Mr. and Mrs. Meyer have been born two children: Margaret Elizabeth, born July 20, 1906, and Norbert Wilbur, born May 10, 1919.

Mr. Meyer takes a commendable interest in local public affairs, and is one of the present members of the Washington District School Board. He and Mrs. Meyer are members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church at Clarks Fork. They are prominent in the community and rank among the leading citizens of Cooper County.

Dr. Roy H. Ellis

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Dr. Roy H. Ellis, dentist of 23 years successful practice in Cooper County, with offices in the Knights of Pythias building, Boonville, was born in Cooper County, Aug. 7, 1878. He is a son of one of the best-known citizens of Cooper County, William H. Elks, who was born in Cooper County in 1850 in the house where he now lives.

Dr. William H. Ellis, grandfather of Dr. Roy H. Ellis, was a native of Richmond, Va., who came to Cooper County in 1839. He settled on a farm which had been entered by his father-in-law, Colin Johnson, a

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pioneer of Cooper County, who entered part of the Ellis farm in 1834. Dr. W. H. Elks practiced medicine among the pioneer families of this section of Missouri until his death. He was one of the most widely and favorably known of the early doctors of this section of Missouri.

The original patent of the land which is still owned by the Ellis family was signed by President James Monroe. William H. Elks has always been interested in farming and has resided upon his land practically all of his days. He is owner of 340 acres of land, part of which was a portion of a large estate of over 1,000 acres accumulated by his father, Doctor Ellis. The Ellis land is situated near Prairie Home, Mo. and is very valuable, easily worth \$125 an acre. William H. Ellis married Margaret Graham McPhatridge, born in Abington, Va., in 1850, and who came to Cooper

County and taught in the public schools for some years. Eight sons and two daughters were born to William H. and Margaret Ellis, as follow: Two died in infancy; Edward E., Dr. Roy H. Ellis; Joseph Graham; Lance F., Mary Ann, Clay W., Rylie.

Edward E. is 42 years of age. He enlisted as a private soldier and is now sergeant in the 90th Division, Army of Occupation in Germany and is stationed at Coblenz. He fought at St. Mihiel and in the Argonne Forest battle, having been over 79 days on the front, prior to the signing of the armistice. Joseph Graham Ellis is living on the home farm. Lance F. Ellis lives in Wichita, Kan. Samuel T. Elks resides in Lexington, Mo. Mary Ann Simmons lives at Bunceton, Mo. Clay W., a resident of Wichita, Kan., also spent six months as a private soldier in the National Army and received an honorable discharge from the service. Rylie Ellis is at home with her parents.

Roy H. Ellis was educated in the district school and Prairie Home Institute. He studied dentistry at Washington University, St. Louis, Mo., and graduated from this institution in 1898. He practiced for a time at Prairie home and then came to Boonville, where he has built up a splendid practice. Since his graduation he has taken four special courses in dentistry under special instructors and has endeavored in every way to keep abreast of all modern developments and advancement in the science of his profession.

Doctor Ellis was married on June 3, 1903, to Miss Elizabeth Durrett, of Charlottesville, Va., a daughter of Frank Durrett. Doctor and Mrs. Ellis have two children: William Henry, Jr., and Clara Margaret Ellis.

Doctor Ellis is a member of the Missouri State, the Central Missouri and the National Dental Associations. He is a Democrat, is a member of the Baptist Church, and is a Mason.

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Dr. William Thomas Gibson

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Dr. William Thomas Gibson, justice of the peace, Boonville, Mo., and also engaged in the real estate business, is a native of Pennsylvania. He was born in Indiana County, Pa., Nov. 1, 1843, and is a son of Thomas Gibson.

Thomas Gibson, his father, was born in Ireland in 1806 and died in 1874. He immigrated to America with his parents in 1809 and was reared in Pennsylvania. He was there married to Margaret Thomas, who was born in Pennsylvania in 1812 and departed this life in 1896. The life of Thomas Gibson was spent in tilling the soil. He reared a family of four children: Israel, a soldier in the Union Army, killed at Spottsylvania Court House; Samuel, a Union veteran, died in 1894; William T., of this review; John, a Union veteran, died in 1915. It will thus be seen that all four sons of Thomas Gibson served the Nation in time of stress and the eldest gave his life on the battlefield. Israel Gibson was captain of Company C, Eleventh Pennsylvania Reserve Corps.

William T. Gibson enlisted in July 1862, in Company A, 135th Pennsylvania Regiment, served six months in the First Pennsylvania Cavalry, and while serving 12 months in the 188th Pennsylvania Infantry he was marked far conspicuous bravery. At Fort Harrison, below Richmond, it was quoted in official notices that he had performed an act of bravery in carrying off wounded men under fire from the battlefield on Sept. 29, 1864. Oct. 11, 1864, he was given a lieutenant's commission, and was afterwards commissioned a first lieutenant by President Lincoln, in the fourth United States Colored Troops. Lieutenant Gibson received his honorable discharge at Washington, D. C., June 4, 1866, and immediately returned to his home. The great battles in which he participated during the Civil War were: Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, the thirty days battle in the Wilderness, Cold Harbor, where half of his regiment were killed or wounded in one-half hour, Fort Harrison and Fort Fisher, N. C. He took up the study of dentistry as a profession and came to Boonville, April 10, 1869. He practiced his profession for 25 years

and reluctantly relinquished his practice on account of his failing eyesight. For 10 years he was engaged in the real estate business and served as police judge. He served 20 years in all as justice of the peace and was re-elected to this office in November 1918.

Doctor Gibson was married in 1877 to Margaret Rankin, who died in 1905. His second marriage took place in 1908 with Mrs. Alberta Greenstreet, who is mother of two daughters by a former marriage, viz: Louise, former milliner, died of influenza in St. Louis in November 1918; Maurine Greenstreet is at home in Boonville.

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During the 25 years in practicing his profession in Cooper County, Doctor Gibson was located at Prairie Home, Pisgah, and Boonville and became known far and wide as a noted horse trader, his keen judgment of horseflesh enabling him to make profitable trades.

Justice Gibson is a stalwart Republican.

George H. Meyer

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

George H. Meyer, now deceased, was a native of Cooper County, and a descendant of one of the pioneer families, and for many years was identified with the development of the eastern portion of this country. He was born in Saline township, Feb. 5, 1853, and died Feb. 13, 1903. He was a son of Henry C. and Anna (Bahlman) Meyers, natives of Germany, both of whom were early settlers of this county and spent the remainder of their lives here, prior to the Civil War. Their remains are buried in the Evangelical Lutheran Cemetery at Clarks Fork.

George H. Meyer was reared to manhood and educated in Cooper County, and during his lifetime was well known as an extensive farmer and stockman. He not only raised cattle and hogs, but bought and shipped cattle extensively. He was a progressive citizen and a good business man, and became well-to-do and prominent in the community. He took a special interest in the betterment of the public school system, and for many years was an active member of the local school board.

June 16, 1874, George H. Meyer was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth Molar, a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Schnuck) Molar, both of whom are now deceased and their remains are buried in Pleasant Grove Cemetery. They were natives of Germany, and settled in Missouri sometime in the '50s. Elizabeth (Molar) Meyer was born Oct. 29, 1856, in St. Louis County, Mo., and when a young girl, in 1857, came to Cooper

County with her parents, and here she was reared and educated, attending the Highland District School in Saline township. After their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. George H. Meyer settled on the place where she now resides, in 1877. They first purchased 200 acres, and later added 200 acres, and now the home place consists of 530 acres of valuable farm land. This is one of the notable stock farms of Saline township, and is known as "Forrest Grove Stock Farm." It is located 10 miles southeast of Boonville, and one mile from Clarks Fork store.

To George H. Meyer and wife were born the following children: Henry, born Jan. 16, 1876, died at the age of 26 years; Herman W., born Sept. 1, 1878, now engaged in the automobile business at Boonville; George H., Jr., born Sept. 17, 1880, married Julia Muntzel, Sept. 6, 1905; Lawrence C., born Aug. 25, 1883, married Pauline Mills, Aug. 30, 1904,

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and E. Ewing, born June 14, 1893, and now resides on the home place. He is a graduate of the University of Missouri, having completed the agricultural course in 1913. In the operation of the

home place, he gives special attention to raising Shorthorn cattle and pure bred Duroc Jersey hogs, of which he raises annually from 200 to 300 head. The annual cattle production of the place varies from 75 to 100 head, and Mr. Meyer also raises same sheep. The Meyers farm is naturally well adapted to stock raising, and the splendid barns and other arrangements for the care of stock classifies this place as one of the modern stock farms of Cooper County. E. Ewing Meyer and his brother, Herman W., are both members of the Knights of Pythias and Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and rank among the progressive young men of Cooper County.

Mrs. Elizabeth (Molan) Meyer is one of the estimable pioneer women of Cooper County. Her home has been within the confines of this county since 1857, and she has resided on her present home place for over 42 years. She has seen Cooper County grow up, as it were. The Meyer family are highly valued citizens of Cooper County, and are all members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Clarks Fork.

J. L. Hosford, conducting the best equipped and most modern shoe repair shop in Boonville which he established Aug. 17, 1904, is a versatile and well informed citizen. The Hosford shop is equipped with the latest improved shoe machinery. Only recently Mr. Hosford has added an adjunct to his many activities in the way of a second hand store.

J. L. Hosford was born in Pike County, Ill., Jan. 1, 1869. He is a son of J. L. and Rowena (Hatch) Hosford, the former of whom was a native of Connecticut and the latter of New York State. J. L. Hosford the elder was an engineer and carpenter but he engaged in farming when he came west and located in Pike County. He followed farming pursuits for a period of 40 years and died on March 15, 1917, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. M. H. Riley, living near Greenridge, Mo., at the ripe age of 84 years. In 1845 J. L. Hosford, grandfather of the subject of this review, settled at Versailles, Brown County, Ill., and later gent to Pike County, where he reared a large family of 12 children. Mrs. J. L. Hosford died in 1881. The other children of the family besides the subject of this review are: Mrs. M. H. Riley, living near Greenridge, Mo., and Mrs. D. C. Riley, of Windsor, Mo.

When still a boy in his teens, J. L. Hosford learned the trade of shoemaker and has followed his trade successfully for over 30 years. At the age of 14 years he located in St. Louis and learned his trade in

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that city. After his marriage in 1895 he operated a shop in Keokuk, Iowa, from 1900 to 1903. He came to Boonville in 1903 and for the first 14 months he was employed as teacher of shoe repair and shoemaking at the Missouri Training School for Boys. He then established his present business.

Mr. Hosford was married on June 30, 1895, to Miss Florence Collison, of near Bluffs City, Ill. Six children have been born to this marriage: John L. Hosford, aged 24 years, a shoemaker in St. Louis; Floyd B., is his fathers assistant; Glenn is deceased; J. D., aged 11 years; Rosa, aged nine years; Jessie, aged six, and Nadine, aged three years.

Mr. Hosford is an independent voter. He is an extensive reader and student of history, law and instructive texts. He is one of the best informed men of his age in Boonville. Mr. Hosford is a member of the Presbyterian Church and is fraternally affiliated with the Knights of Pythias, the Fraternal Order of Eagles, the Modern Woodmen of America and the Woodmen of the World.

Edward G. Scott

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Edward G. Scott, officer at the Missouri Training School in charge of the laundry, has held his present position for 19 years and is one of the most trustworthy and capable officials of the State

Training School. Mr. Scott is a member of an old pioneer family in Missouri and was born in Boonville March 21, 1862.

Adam Scott, his father, was born in Cooper County in 1819 and died in 1908. He was a son of Robert Scott, a Virginian, who was the son of Adam Scott, a soldier of the Revolution who was one of the early pioneers of this section of Missouri. The Scotts came to Cooper County in 1819. Adam Scott (III) married Kate Gentry. She was born in 1839 and died in 1915. She was a daughter of Benjamin Gentry a pioneer of Pettis County, Mo., and a native of Kentucky. For some years Adam Scott conducted a merchandise store at Boonville and then bought a farm one and a half miles south of the city, where he lived until he retired to a home in Boonville about 1890. The children born to Adam and Kate Scott are: Mrs. Robert Snyder, living south of Boonville; Edward G. Scott, of this review; Mrs. Joseph Combs, deceased; Charles Scott, Kansas City, Mo.; Jessie, wife of Joseph Combs, Boonville; Lola Scott, Boonville.

When Edward G. Scott was 18 years of age he went to New Mexico and engaged in the cattle business for three years. In 1883 he returned to Boonville and farmed on the Scott home place south of the Boonville until he took up his duties as one of the officers at the Missouri Training

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School in 1900. Mr. Scott is owner of 40 acres of valuable land adjoining the Scott home place. He was married in 1903 to Miss Kate Dwyer, a daughter of William Dwyer of Pilot Grove, Mo. He is a Democrat. Personally Ed Scott is a genial, whole souled, capable citizen who has many friends.

Dr. Robert L. Evans (Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Dr. Robert L. Evans. - The 28 years of medical practice which Dr. Robert L. Evans has had in Cooper County have been replete with success and his career has been such as to place him in the front rank of the Cooper County physicians. During all these years he has enjoyed a large practice and is well liked and highly respected by the people of the county. Doctor Evans was born on a farm in Boone County, Mo., Oct. 13, 1865.

His father, Willis J. Evans, was born in 1817 and died in 1868. He was a native of Kentucky who came to Missouri when a young man and eventually created a fine farm in Boone County. He married Jane Morgan Vanhorn, who was born in Maryland, Jan. 29, 1826, and died Sept.

1914. Her parents moved from Maryland to Virginia and came to Missouri in 1838. Her father founded the famous Van Horn Tavern, situated on the highway between Rocheport and Columbia, which for years was the midway point between these two towns and was the stopping place for the stages which plied from town to town over the Old Trails road. Willis J. Evans, prior to his marriage, drove a stage coach between Columbia and Lexington and made his headquarters in Boonville. After he had begun farming he operated a stage line. He was married in 1843 and had a family of 13 children, only six of whom are now living: Mrs. Ells Angell, living on a farm two and a half miles east of Rocheport, Mo.; John G., Columbia, Mo.; L. V. Evans, Rocheport, Mo.; Mrs. J. N. Darby, Burnett, Texas; L. L. Evans, Fairland, Okla.; and Dr. Robert L. Evans, of this review.

After attending the State University, Robert L. Evans entered the Missouri Medical College at St. Louis and graduated therefrom in 1891. He immediately began the practice of his profession and has practiced continuously in Cooper County, four years of which was at Pilot Grove, the rest of the time being in Boonville. He returned to Boonville in 1898.

In October, 1896, Doctor Evans was married to Miss Grace Simmons, of Pilot Grove Mo., a daughter of A. N. and Martha Simmons, the former of whom is deceased and the latter lives at Pilot Grove,

Doctor Evans is a member of the Cooper County Medical Society, the Missouri State and the American Medical Associations. He is a spe-

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cial physician for the Missouri Training School of Boonville. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South and is fraternally affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. Doctor Evans is past master of the Boonville Masonic Lodge, a Knight Templar and member of the Ararat Temple of Mystic Shriners.

Henry Fricke

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Henry Fricke, owner and proprietor of the "Prairie Home Stock Farm," one of the notable country places of Cooper County, is a native of Missouri. He was born in St. Louis County, Jan. 18, 1852, and is a son of Henry and Wilhelmina (Lindeman) Fricke, both natives of Germany. Henry Fricke, the father, settled in St. Louis upon coming to this country from his native land. Here he worked at his trade, which was that of a stonemason. He met with an accidental death while digging a well. After his death, his widow came to Cooper County, about 1855, and here married Ferdinand Ohlendorf. Mrs. Wilhelmina (Fricke) Ohlendorf died March 30, 1904, and her remains are buried in the Evangelical Lutheran Cemetery of Clarks Fork.

Henry Fricke, the subject of this sketch, was educated in the public schools of the Washington School District, and the German school at Pleasant Grove. He began life as a farmer and stockman, and has met with considerable more than ordinary success. He is known and recognized as one of the leading breeders of Cooper County, and for the past 20 years has given special attention to breeding Hereford cattle. He is also an extensive feeder, and has shipped stock on a large scale and has been very successful in all his undertakings. Mr. Fricke bought his present farm of 320 acres in 1881, at \$23.50 per acre. This land was originally entered from the Government by Henry Berger at the regulation Government price of 25 cents per acre. It is located 12 miles from Boonville and three miles northwest of Prairie Home, on Jefferson Highway. In striking contrast to the modern improvement on this place, stands an old log cabin, which was built by Mrs. E. P. Adams, at a very early date. The Fricke residence is one of the attractive places in this part of the county. It is surrounded by a picturesque grove of maple trees, which Mr. Fricke, himself, planted. At one time, Mr. Fricke was the owner of 500 acres of land, but he sold 180 acres. The Fricke place is one of the historic old landmarks of the early days. The Fricke residence occupies the site of the old stage station, where the stage horses were changed enroute from Boonville to Jefferson City, and here is where Ely P. Adams conducted an old-time tavern in connection with the stage station.

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Feb. 14, 1873, Henry Fricke was united in marriage, in Clarks Fork township, with Miss Caroline Kostedt, a daughter of Christian and Christina (Hasenjoger) Kostedt, both natives of Germany. Mrs. Fricke was born in St. Louis County, Sept. 13, 1853, and came to Cooper County with her parents March 26, 1869. They settled in Clarks Fork township, where the parents spent the remainder of their lives, and their remains are now interred in Lutheran Cemetery of Clarks Fork. They were the parents of the following children: William, Peoria, Ill.; Mrs. Christine Poese, Lone Elm; Herman, Fairland, Okla.; Caroline, the wife of Henry Fricke, the subject of this sketch; Fred, who was accidentally killed in St. Louis; and Charles, died in Clarks Fork township at the age of 21 years.

To Mr. and Mrs. Fricke have been born the following children: Sophia, married Peter Hein, Clarks Fork township; Mary, married Walter Hoerl, Prairie Home township; Henry F., Sedalia, Mo.; Christ F., Prairie Home; Clara, married Martin Smith, Lone Elm; Martha, resides at home; Anna, died at the age of 24 years; Minnie, married Harry Muntzel, Clarks Fork township; and George H., Sedalia.

In addition to his extensive farming and stock interest, Mr. Fricke has taken an active part in the development of other important enterprises in the county. He took a prominent part in the organization of both the Bunceton and Prairie Home fairs, and is at present a member of the board of directors of the Prairie Home Fair. He was one of the organizers of Clarks Fork Farmers Mutual Fire, Lightning and Tornado Insurance Co. of Cooper County. This company was organized in Nov. 1892, and was incorporated Feb. 25, 1915. Mr. Fricke is now the only charter member on the board of directors of this company. This is one of the substantial institutions of its kind, and the following gentlemen constitute its present board of directors and officers: John King, president; C. H. Toellner, secretary; P. G. Meisenheimer, treasurer; Conrad Greibold, Emil Bittner, John Brandes, Henry Fricke, and Emil Derendinger, directors.

Mr. Fricke is also interested in the Cooper County Bank, of which he is a member of the board of directors. He is also a stockholder in the grain elevator at Bunceton.

Mr. Fricke is prominently identified with the republican party, and was his party candidate for county judge of the eastern district of Cooper County, and while the opposition party has a normal majority of about

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600 in this district, Mr. Fricke lacked but a few votes of being elected. Mr. Fricke is one of Cooper County's most substantial citizens, and he and his family are members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Clarks Fork.

John F. Hack

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

John F. Hack, baker at the Missouri Reformatory since 1891, and for the past 15 years in charge of the commissary at the school, has had 40 years' experience at his trade. He was born in Henderson County, Ky., Jan. 27, 1859, and is a son of Andrew Hack (born 1822, died 1891), a native of Bavaria, Germany.

Andrew Hack emigrated from his native country when a young man and operated a tailor shop and clothing business at Henderson, Ky., until 1863. In that year he went to Jeffersonville and was employed as a journeyman tailor until his death. His wife, prior to her marriage, was Mary Weisenberger (born 1834, died 1869), a native of Baden, Germany. Andrew Hack was father of five children, namely: Emil, a druggist at Sewickley, Pa.; George, died in 1915; John F., of this review; Edward, a candy maker in St. Louis, Mo.; Rosa Hack, a trained nurse at Jeffersonville, Ind.

John F. Hack was reared and educated in Jeffersonville, Ind., and learned his trade at New Albany, Ind. In 1883 he located at Washington, Ind., and was employed at his trade for two years. In 1888 he went to Pana, Ill., and remained in that city for two years. In 1890 he was baler at the Indiana Reformatory for seven months. After six months spent in St. Louis he came to Boonville and took charge of the bakery anti commissary at the Missouri Training School.

Mr. Hack is a Democrat of the old school of Democracy. He was neared in the Catholic faith but has no church ties, believing in the brotherhood of man in so far as he can practice it and live rightly and sanely. He is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and is a citizen who keeps abreast of the times and is an expert in his profession.

John S. Underwood
(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

John S. Underwood, office assistant to the superintendent of the Missouri reformatory, Boonville, was born at Pleasant Hill, Mo., Oct. 29, 1884.

John S. Underwood, his father, was born in October 1844, in the neighborhood of the Cass-Johnson County line, and was the son of Jackson County pioneer parents. He was reared on the farm and for 25 years was engaged in the buying and shipping of livestock at Pleasant Hill, Mo. He removed to Boonville in August, 1918, and is living a retired

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life. A brother, Fletcher Underwood, was killed while serving in the Southern Army during the Civil War. His wife was Miss Josephine Winters prior to her marriage and she was born at Port Gibson, Miss., in 1856. Soon after her birth her parents located in Missouri and some time later located in Louisiana and again came to Missouri after the Civil War. John S. and Josephine (Winters) Underwood were parents of the following children: Mrs. Elizabeth Wilson, Lamar, Colo.; Tessie, wife of Newton H. Johnson, Boonville; Mrs. Hazel Shortridge, Pleasant Hill, Mo.; Harry W. is in the live stock commission business at Kansas City; John S., subject of this sketch.

After completing the courses of study in the public and high schools of Pleasant Hill, Mr. Underwood attended the Central Business College at Kansas City, Mo. For two years he was then employed in the stockyards of Kansas City. Jan. 1, 1905, Mr. Underwood came to Boonville and was employed in the law office of William F. Johnson as stenographer and also by the late Judge W. M. Williams for several years. He studied law under the tutelage of these gentlemen and was admitted to the bar in 1907. He began the practice of his profession in Boonville and served as assistant prosecuting attorney under W. F. Johnson. Mr. Underwood was elected county treasurer of Cooper County in 1912 and served for four years, then resumed the practice of his profession. He filled the post of secretary of the Boonville Commercial Club from 1905 to 1917 and was for three years secretary and treasurer of the Cooper County Building and Loan Association. He was secretary of the Cooper County Automobile Association and served as secretary of the County Council Defense during the World War.

Mr. Underwood was married on Aug. 6, 1907, to Miss Dora Brewster of Boonville and to this marriage have been born three children: Dorothy, born June 19, 1910; Josephine, born Sept. 16, 1912; and Elizabeth, born Feb 7, 1919. Mrs. Dora (Brewster) Underwood is a daughter of Harry and Willis (Trent) Brewster, both of whom died when Mrs. Underwood was but a child. Mrs. Willis (Trent) Brewster was a daughter of W. W. Trent.

The Democratic party has always had the steadfast allegiance of Mr. Underwood. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church and is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias, the Modern Woodmen of America and the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, in all of which fraternal societies he takes an active interest.

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Fred Lohse
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Fred Lohse, one of the best known and most substantial of the "oldtime" residents of Clarks Fork township, was born in Germany in 1843, a son of Hans and Katrina (Schlater) Lohse, both of whom also were born in that country and who spent all their lives there. M. Lohse, a well-known grocer at Boonville, is a brother of Fred Lohse. Another brother, Martin, was living at Hamburg at

the time communication between this country and Germany was interrupted during the World War and no word has been received regarding him by the brothers here since that time.

Reared in Germany Fred Lohse received his schooling there and remained in that country until after attaining his majority when, in 1866, he came to this country, locating in Cooper County. Here he has made his home ever since. Upon his arrival here, Mr. Lohse for a time worked for John King, then took employment on the James Martin farm and was for six years thus engaged, for \$14 a month. He then transferred his services to the Daniels farm and for seven years was employed there, receiving from \$18 to \$20 a month. He then rented the George Adams farm for five years, when he bought from Doctor Potter a quarter section of the farm where he since has made his home. Mr. Lohse later bought from John Hedgepath 50 acres and has a fine place of 210 acres, which he has well improved. Mr. Lohse's farm is four miles west of Prairie Home. Among the improvements are a substantial farm house, two barns, 48x50 and 30x40, a 12x30 silo and other buildings. The place is well adapted to the raising of live stock. Of late years, he has been content to "take things easy" in the pleasant "evening time" of his life and some time ago turned over the active management of the farm to his son, Ernest Lohse. Mr. Lohse has always been interested in church work and was one of the organizers of the first church erected at Clarks Fork and helped build the same, there being at that time about twenty members of the congregation, under the ministrations of the Reverend Lauger. He also contributed substantially to the erection of the later church, built about 10 years ago.

In 1872, Fred Lohse was united in marriage to Annie Schmidt, a daughter of Claus Schmidt, one of the old settlers of Clarks Fork township. Mrs. Lohse died in 1896 and is buried in Clarks Fork cemetery. To her union with Fred Lohse, eight children were born: Margaret, married August Kaiser and is now deceased; John, a farmer and stockman, of Clarks Fork township; Henry, of same township; Lena, deceased; William, deceased; Martin, a farmer and stockman, of Clarks Fork township;

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Ernest, on the home farm for his father; Sophia, wife of William Fricke, Clarks Fork township; and Walter, now farming on Lone Elm Prairie, who was but an infant when his mother died and was reared in the family of a kinsman, Morris Naumann. Mr. Lohse has 14 grandchildren, and in them he takes much delight. These grandchildren are Wilbur, Grace Marie and Bernice Lohse; Raymond, Roy and Anna Kaiser; Lorine, Clara, Edna and Roy Lohse; Frances Elaine Lohse; Norbert and Lucille Fricke, and Laura Naumann.

Ernest Lohse was reared on the farm of which he now has practical charge, relieving his father of the burden of management, and has from his boyhood devoted his attention to the cultivation of the place. June 19, 1912, he was united in marriage to Emma Natalie Weller, who was born and educated in California, Mo. To this union one child has been born, a daughter, Frances Elaine. Mrs. Lohse is a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Holzer) Weller, who are now living in California, Mo. John Weller was born in Ohio and his wife in Iowa. They have four daughters, of whom Mrs. Lohse is the third in order of birth, the others being Otilie Pearl, Flora Rosetta and Alma Ursula.

Dr. Walter L. Dugan (Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Dr. Walter L. Dugan. - The 14 years in the practice of his profession in Cooper County have established Dr. W. L. Dugan firmly in the esteem and regard of a large number of patients. His career as a physician has been a successful and useful one which has merited just recognition of his capabilities. Doctor Dugan is a native Missourian and was born March 19, 1860 on a farm in Webster County, not far from Springfield.

George W. Dugan, his father, was born in 1810 and died in 1885. He was born in Kentucky and was a son of Kentucky pioneer parents who in turn were early settlers in Tennessee. George W. Dugan was reared in Tennessee and made a permanent settlement in Webster County, Mo., in 1843. He developed a fine farm in that county and was twice married. His second wife was Rebecca Renshaw, who was born in Tennessee in 1825 and departed this life in 1906. She was of English descent. By a former marriage George W. Dugan was father of 13 children. His second marriage resulted in the birth of three sons: Milton, killed in a railroad accident at Parsons, Kan., in 1917; Dr. Walter L., of this review; Addison Watts Dugan, lives at Wendling, Ore.

Walter L. Dugan was educated at the Mountain Dale Seminary in Webster County and the Henderson Academy. For eight years he successfully taught school in his native county and in 1888 he began the study of medicine in a physicians office. In 1889 he entered the College

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of Physicians and Surgeons at St. Louis, Mo., and graduated from this college with the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1891. For the next 10 years he practiced medicine in Laclede County, Mo. In 1901 he located in Burton County, Mo., and remained there for four years. On Dec. 3, 1904, he located in Cooper County and has practiced his profession with offices at Clarks Fork and Boonville continuously since that time. Sept. 25, 1918, Doctor Dugan came to Boonville, the advent and universal use of the automobile, and the continuous betterment of the highways of the county enabling him to care for his large country practice from this city with convenience.

On Sunday, July 31, 1881, Dr. Walter L. Dugan and Miss Addie Josephine Derry of Mercer County were married at Long Lane, Dallas County, Mo. Mrs. Addie Dugan is a daughter of Abraham Derry, who is descended from Pennsylvania ancestry. Doctor and Mrs. Dugan have four children: Eugenie, Beatrice, Myrtle and Gertrude. Mrs. Eugenie Kissel lives in Burton County, Mo., and has three children: Alma, Lloyd, and Edwin. Beatrice Dugan is a teacher in the Mt. Sinai School, Cooper County; Mrs. Myrtle Sharp lives at Independence, Mo., where her husband is employed as telegraph operator. She is mother of two children: Edward and George. Gertrude Dugan is a teacher in the Cooper County schools.

Doctor Dugan is a Democrat and a member of the Baptist Church. He is fraternally affiliated with the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons.

Dr. George A. Russell

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Dr. George A. Russell, city physician, Boonville, with offices at the corner of Spring and Sixth streets, is one of the best known among the successful physicians of central Missouri. Doctor Russell was born near Darlington, Lafayette County, Wis., Oct. 22, 1860.

His father, John B. Russell, was born in Waterloo, N. Y., and died in 1914 at the age of 86 years. He was a son of Dr. George W. Russell, a native of New York, and descended from a Massachusetts family of English origin. Dr. George W. Russell practiced his profession in New York until his removal to Gratiot, Wis., where he died at the age of 70 years. He followed farming in Wisconsin in connection with his medical practice. John B. Russell was married to Elona Abell, of Bradford, Pa., daughter of Capt. Daniel Abell. She died at the age of 43 years. After his marriage, John B. Russell settled upon a tract of land in Lafayette County, Wis., and developed a fine farm from land which cost him a few dollars an acre. In old age he retired to a home in Platteville, Wis. His children are: Dr. George A. Russell, of this review;

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Edward Russell, Platteville, Wis.; Mary, life of Robert Dugdale, editor of the "Grant County News," Platteville, Wis.

George A. Russell graduated from the Darlington, Wis., high school in 1880, and then studied at the Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill. In 1884 he entered the office of Doctor Carr at Apple River, Ill., later entering the Hahnemann Medical College, Chicago, graduating therefrom in 1888. After two years' practice in Boonville, Mo., he went to Sedalia on March 1, 1890, and for eight years was a partner of Doctor Abell. Doctor Russell returned to Boonville in 1898. In addition to an extensive practice he is filling the post of city physician.

In 1900 he was married to Emily Wallow, of Sedalia, Mo.

Doctor Russell is a Republican and has filled the office of coroner of Cooper County. He is affiliated with the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons.

Frank J. Felton

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Frank J. Felton, farmer and stockman of Cooper County, residing at 609 East Spring street, Boonville, is owner of 490 acres in his home farm in Boonville township formerly owned by Professor Kemper, founder of the Kemper Military School and which the professor had intended for a site for his school (and is also interested in an "80"). This farm is located about four and a half miles south of Boonville and was purchased from the Kemper heirs by Mr. Felton in 1889. The Felton farms are well improved and devoted to general farming and stock raising. Mr. Felton was born on a farm six miles east of Boonville Oct. 15, 1863, and is a son of Hubert Felton, born in 1834 and died in 1896.

Hubert Felton was born in Germany and immigrated to America in 1853. He returned to his native land in 1855 and there married Annie Catherine Leslie. He lived in Boonville for a short time after his return and then settled on his farm east of Boonville. He sold this tract in 1861 and then purchased land near Prairie Lick which he developed and which is now owned by his sons. Mr. Felton became a large land owner and was very successful. He removed to Boonville in 1888 and spent his last days in comfortable retirement in this city. To Hubert and Annie Catherine Felton the following children were born: Mrs. Bena Huff, Pilot Grove, Mo.; Joseph, Boonville; Christens, Boonville; Michael, on the old home place of the family; Frank H., of this review; John R., a farmer; Herman, a farmer; Katie, deceased.

What schooling Frank J. Felton received was obtained in the Hickory Grove school house. He has always been a farmer from his boyhood days. His first investment was the old Kemper tract of 400 acres to

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which he has added additional land. Mr. Felton removed to Boonville in 1909.

Nov. 16, 1909, Frank J. Felton and Miss Laura Whitehorse were united in marriage. Mrs. Laura Felton was born in Cooper County near the old Kemper farm and is a daughter of Ferdinand and Mary (Scheidemantle) Whitehorse, natives of Lorraine, France, and Cincinnati, respectively. Mr. Whitehorse came to America at the age of nine years. He was born in 1838 and died in 1896. The Whitehorse family made a settlement in Cooper County and his descendants are well to do agricultural folk. Ferdinand Whitehorse was a Union soldier who came to Cooper County after the close of the Civil War. He served four years in an Ohio regiment and participated in many battles.

Mr. Felton is a Democrat. Mr. and Mrs. Felton are members of Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church of Boonville and Mr. Felton is fraternally affiliated with the Knights of Columbus.

Heinrich Gronstedt

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Heinrich Gronstedt, one of the well known and substantial farmers of Clarks Fork township, was born at Nordlengen, Hilsheim, Hanover, Aug. 16, 1853, and remained in his native country until he was 27 years of age when he came to America, arriving on this side Nov. 4, 1880. The following winter and the next spring he spent in Hancock County, Ill., and then, in June, 1881, came to Missouri and located in Cooper County, where he ever since has resided.

In 1884, the year of his marriage, Mr. Gronstedt bought 80 acres of land in Prairie Home township and has since been farming there. In 1905, he bought more land in Clarks Fork township and in 1910 bought another tract and now owns 260 acres. Since buying this farm, Mr. Gronstedt has improved the place, including a new farm house, two barns and other buildings. He carries on general farming and stock raising.

Nov. 5, 1884, Heinrich Gronstedt was married to Margaret Theiss, who was born near Jamestown, Mo., and who died at her home in Clarks Fork township, Oct. 18, 1899, and is buried in the Lutheran cemetery at Clarks Fork. To Heinrich and Margaret (Theiss) Gronstedt were born six sons, namely: Fred, born Feb. 1, 1886, Dec. 6, 1911, married Blanche Wolf and is now farming in Clarks Fork township; Hermann, April 6, 1881, assisting his father; Frank, March 18, 1889, also at home; William, Sept. 20, 1891, at home; Martin, Aug. 29, 1896, who has recently returned from overseas service in the United States army; and George, Feb. 15, 1899, at home. Martin Gronstedt, the soldier son, was inducted into the

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army and after preliminary training on this side was ordered in Nov., 1918, with his command to sail for overseas service. The vessel on which he and his comrades sailed was three days at sea when a wireless message brought the tidings that an armistice had been signed and that the war thus virtually was over. Not long after the command reached European shores, preparations were begun for its return and in December he was mustered out and returned home. William Gronstedt, the fourth son, enlisted for service in the World War Sept. 19, 1917, and was attached to the 354th Infantry, with which he confidently expected to get into the overseas service, but the later discovery on the part of the medical examiners of a slight physical fault due to an injury to one of his hands received in boyhood days resulted in his discharge on an examiner's certificate of disability in the following December. Mr. Gronstedt and his sons are members of the Lutheran Church.

Frank S. Sauter

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Frank S. Sauter, vice-president of the Boonville National Bank, Boonville, is one of the best known and successful men in central Missouri and a member of the substantial Sauter family of Cooper County. He was born in Germany in June, 1858, and is a son of Matthew and Rosa Sauter, former well known residents of Boonville, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this volume in connection with the history of the family.

Frank S. Sauter was but little over a year old when his parents landed from a Missouri River steamboat at Boonville in October, 1859. Mr. Sauter was reared on his fathers farm in Cooper County and became interested with his brothers in the mercantile business under the name of Sauter Mercantile Company. Mr. Sauter applied himself to farming for a number of years and in 1895 engaged in banking. He organized the Farmers Stock Bank at Blackwater, Mo., and served as cashier of this bank for 12 years. In 1907 he returned to Boonville and a short time later he organized the Citizens Trust Company of Boonville. He was one of the charter members of the trust company which later bought out the Farmers Bank which was later consolidated with the Boonville National Bank of which Mr. Sauter is vice-president. Mr. Sauter is a Republican and a citizen whose fidelity and interest in the upbuilding of his home city and county is well known.

Col. John S. Elliot
(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Col. John S. Elliot. - One of the outstanding figures in the development and upbuilding of Boonville and central Missouri was the late Col. John S. Elliot of Boonville, pioneer railroad builder, banker, and influential

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citizen whose generosity to his home city will long be remembered. Colonel Elliot was a native Missourian and a son of one of the first native born pioneers of this section of the State.

His father, Col. Newton G. Elliot, was born in Howard County, Mo., March 3, 1812, and died Jan. 3, 1877. He was a son of John Elliot a Virginian who removed to Kentucky with his father. After his marriage to Polly Glasgow, he set out for Missouri, he and his bride riding horseback the entire distance, in 1811. John Elliot subsequently took part in the Indian wars of the period from 1812 to 1815 and founded a home on, the then frontier. Col. Newton G. Elliot was reared in Howard County, and became prominent in the official life of this section of Missouri. In 1837 he served as justice of the peace. He served as a member of the Missouri State Legislature in 1852. Prior to this he had filled the office of sheriff of the county from 1848 to 1852. In 1838 he had been elected captain of the company organized to expel the Mormons from western Missouri and became commandant of the organization. In October, 1839, he was elected major of the 14th Regiment of State Militia. In 1840 he was commissioned lieutenant colonel of this regiment. He became interested in railroad building and in 1869 he became a director of the Tebo and Neosho railroad, now the Missouri, Kansas & Texas railroad. In 1872 he became a director of the Boonville Bridge Company.

Col. Newton G. Elliot's first wife was Elizabeth Wilkerson. His second wife was Martha W. Stewart, a daughter of Hugh and Elizabeth Stewart.

John S. Elliot was born March 16, 1844, and was reared and educated in Howard County. He completed his education in Central College at Fayette, Mo. His first business experience was in the stock business with his father until 1869. The opportunity then presented itself for him to engage in railroad construction work as a contractor. He took the contract for the building of the Tebo and Neosho railroad from Moberly to Fayette and completed the work in 1872. The railroad company was in need of large numbers of ties for further building and repairs to the road bed. Mr. Elliot took the contract for supplying the railroad company (The M. K. & T.) with ties. This contract lasted over a number of years and resulted in considerable profit to Colonel Elliot. He made his home in Boonville and identified himself with the growth and well being of the city. He engaged in the banking business in 1881 and later became president of the Commercial Bank, identifying himself with the organization of this bank in 1883. He served as president of this

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bank until he was succeeded by the late Jacob F. Gmelich in 1888. Colonel Elliot was one of the organizers of the Boonville Water Works Company, which gave to the city its water supply. He served as president of this company during its existence. He was largely interested Boonville real estate and in Central Missouri farm lands and left a considerable estate at his death, March 11, 1915.

November 15, 1882, he was married to Miss Laura Speed, a daughter of William P. Speed, born in 1816, came to Cooper County in 1840 and died in this county June 27; 1863. The wife of William P. Speed was Sarah Ardell Hutchison, before her marriage. She was a daughter Col. Jack Hutchison, a Cooper County pioneer. Mrs. Laura Speed Elliot departed this life in 1912.

Grief over the loss of his wife caused the death of Colonel Elliot three years later. One son survives: John Speed Elliot.

Colonel Elliot was a democrat who took a considerable interest county and state politics more on account of a love of the political game than any other motive, inasmuch as he had no aspirations for public office. He was a Mason, this lodge having charge of the obsequies conducted at the grave of this distinguished citizen. Colonel Elliot was kind hearted, liberal to a high degree and ever ready to extend the hand charity or to give freely of his means to assist his home city. One the notable gifts to the city of Boonville was the "Hayden" lot upon which was erected the Laura Speed Elliot High School so named in memory Mrs. Laura Speed Elliot.

Herman Schnack

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Herman Schnack, retired, and living comfortably in his beautiful residence at 600 East High Street, Boonville, is one of the best known the substantial and wealthy citizens of Boonville. Mr. Schnack was born at Hornerkirchen, Schleswig-Holstein. Germany, Oct. 15, 1849. He is a son of Christian Frederick and Magdalene (Pingel) Schnack, who lived all their lives in their native village. Herman Schnack was not content to remain in his native land, however, and accordingly, he left the old home of the family on May 29, 1869, aboard ship from Hamburg, Germany. After landing at Castle Garden, New York, he came directly Boonville and thence to the Clarks Fork neighborhood in the southeast part of Cooper County where he was employed as farm laborer for the next two years. He then went to St. Louis and was employed in that city until 1871. After a period of employment in the sawmills of Wayne County, Mo., he returned to St. Louis and was employed there until 1873 when he returned to Boonville. From 1888 until 1918, Mr. Schnack

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engaged in the retail liquor business in Boonville and was very successful from a financial standpoint. Mr. Schnack erected one of the finest brick residences in Boonville and is owner of the brick building in which the Manion & Muntzel clothing store is located.

December 13, 1877, Herman Schnack and Wilhelmina Ohlendorf were united in marriage. Mrs. Wilhelmina Schnack was born in Clarks Fork township, Oct. 7, 1858, and is a daughter of Ferdinand Ohlendorf, a sketch of whom is given in this volume. The following children were born of this marriage: Wilhelmina, deceased wife of F. J. Muntzel; Emma, wife of William L. Koenig, automobile dealer, Boonville; Elsie, wife of Harry T. Manion, of the New Clothing Store, Boonville.

Mr. Schnack is a republican and is well informed, genial, kindly disposed, and is one of the city's liberal and progressive citizens who has ever been ready to lend assistance in counsel and money to advance the prestige and growth of his home city.

Fritz Sieckman

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Fritz Sieckman, who died at his farm home in the Overton neighborhood in Saline township in the spring of 1913, was a native of Germany. He was born in 1855 and was but a boy when he came to this country with his parents, the family first locating at Washington, Mo., and moved from there to Warren County, where they settled on the farm and there the parents spent the remainder of their lives. Mr. Sieckman married in Warren County and three years later, in 1890, moved from there to Osage County, where he remained until 1901, when he moved with his family to Cooper County and bought the farm in Saline township on which his widow and the younger children of the family are still living. His original purchase there was of 130 acres, but he bought an adjoining tract and at the time of his death was the owner of 190 acres. There he died April 22, 1913, being

then 58 years of age, and is buried in the Clayton cemetery. Mr. Sieckman was a member of the Evangelical Church, as is his widow, and their children were reared in that faith.

After her husband's death, Mrs. Sieckman assumed the management of the home place, kept her family together, carried out necessary improvements on the place and during the recent absence of her elder son in the United States naval service she bravely assumed the double burden of management thus laid on her shoulders and in times of scarcity of help pluckily took up the most pressing out-door labors, the care of stock and such other duties as thus devolved upon her.

Mrs. Sieckman was born, Fredericka Wehmeyer, in Germany, in 1867, a daughter of Fritz and Charlotte (Erske) Wehmeyer, the former a veteran

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of the German army, who came with their family to the United states in 1882 and to Missouri, locating on a farm in Warren County, where in 1887, five years after her arrival here, the daughter Fredericka was married to Fritz Sieckman. Mrs. Sieckman's parents both are living at Hermann, Mo. They have five children, those besides Mrs. Sieckman being Mrs. Caroline Vahrenburg, of Warren County; Mrs. Augusta Vieth, of Kingfisher, Okla.; Mrs. Emma Schwartz, of Warren County, and Charles Wehmeyer, of Boone County.

To Fritz and Fredericka (Wehmeyer) Sieckman eight children were born, namely: Ida, born Feb. 21, 1890, wife of Henry Kosfeldt, of Overton; Lena, March 22, 1892, wife of Gilbert Korte, of Boonville; Edward, April 14, 1894, who died at the age of 23 years and is buried at the Clayton cemetery; Otto, Feb. 5, 1896, who has but recently returned home from more than a year's service in the United States navy in the World War; Alma, Dec. 17, 1897; Lawrence, Feb. 4, 1900; Martin, July 16, 1903, and Lorena, Aug. 5, 1911. Otto Sieckman, the sailor son, enlisted Dec. 5, 1917, at St. Louis. He was sent to the Great Lakes Naval Training Station at Chicago and after three weeks of training there was transferred to Philadelphia, whence a week later he was sent to New York and thence to Newport, where he was assigned to the U. S. S. "Canandaigua", a mine layer attached to Base 18 at Inverness, Scotland, and on that vessel was engaged in laying mines in the North Sea from May until the signing of the armistice, continuing attached to Base 18 until Dec. 9, when he was transferred to the U. S. S. "Arkansas" at Portland, England, and with that vessel formed part of the convoy which went out to meet the "George Washington", which was bearing President Wilson to France to attend the Versailles peace conference, and thus helped escort the President to Brest. He left Brest Dec. 14 and on the 26th arrived at New York, where he was transferred to the receiving ship "New York". Not long afterward he was transferred to the mine-sweeper "Osprey" and served on that vessel until his discharge about a month later. He arrived home Jan. 25, 1919, and is again looking after the affairs of the home farm, having many a thrilling and interesting tale to tell of his service in the submarine zone during the closing months of the war. One of Mrs. Sieckman's nephews, Fritz Vahrenburg, also rendered service during the time of this country's participation in the World War with the American Expeditionary Forces in Europe

Anthony Smith

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Anthony Smith, retired merchant, Boonville, was born Nov. 22, 1843. in Chariton County, Mo. He is a son of John and Catherine (Lock)

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Smith, natives of Prussia, who immigrated to America in 1839 and settled in Charitan County.

John Smith was a pioneer blacksmith in Charitan Count and had a shop on his farm which he conducted until his early death in 1844. Catherine (Lock) Smith, his wife, died in 1885 at the

home of her son, Anthony, in Boonville, where she resided during the last 18 years of her life. There were nine children born to John and Catherine Smith, eight of whom were reared to maturity: John, deceased; Nicholas, Barbara, and Peter, deceased; Mrs. Mary Grubbs, lives in Charitan County, Mo.. Matthias, served three years in the Union Army during the Civil War, and lives at Lansing, Kan, with his children; Catherine, deceased; Anthony, subject of this review. Six of the foregoing children were born in Germany.

In the spring of 1864 Anthony Smith left Chariton County, after serving for a short time with the Missouri State Militia. He crossed the plains to Nevada and drove a freighting team to Salt Lake City. He remained in the western country for three years, worked in the timber, and hauled cord wood to the stamp mills at Virginia City. He witnessed the glory of the great mining camps of the West when at their greatest prosperity and recalls the wild days of the famous Virginia City camp. In 1867, Mr. Smith returned to Missouri and established himself in the mercantile business at Boonville. He remained in business pursuits until 1898 when he sold out his business and retired.

In April, 1868, Mr. Smith was married to Catherine Franken, who was born at Cologne, Germany, May 21, 1849, and accompanied her parents to America in 1854. She was a daughter of Urban and Sybilla (Proepper) Franken, who with their eight children settled on a farm located on the Jefferson City road seven miles southeast of Boonville. On the way across the Atlantic, the father of the family died and was buried in mid ocean. The Franken children were: Joanna, Peter Joseph and Theodore, deceased; Mrs. Mary Heinen, California; Peter, deceased; Mrs. Margaret Meistrell, Boonville. Catherine was buried in Germany; Henry, died at Boonville, Mo., his home having been at Norborne, Mo.

The children born to Anthony and Catherine Smith are: Joseph, Edward, and Antoinette, deceased; Mrs. Henrietta Arn, St. Louis, Mo.; Urban Albert, a music dealer, Boonville; Dr. Arthur J. Smith, Boonville; Olive, wife of John F. Weight, Dallas, Texas; Augusta, a trained nurse, St. Louis, Mo.; Oscar, deceased; Bertha, at home with her parents; Laura' Cecelia, a music teacher, Boonville; Warner a plumber, Boonville; Helen, wife of John G. McNair, St. Joseph, Mo.

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Henry A. Allen

(Transcribed by Laura Paxton)

Henry A. Allen, one of Saline township's progressive farmers was born in Delaware County Ohio October 9 1862 son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Stottlemeier) Allen, both natives of Pennsylvania, the former born in 1817 and the latter in 1824, who were married in Delaware County Ohio and there resided until about 1874 when they came to Missouri with their family and located in Moniteau County, later coming to Cooper County where they spent the remainder of their days. Mrs. Allen was 71 years of age when she died and Mr. Allen lived to the great age of 89 years and both are buried in Clayton Cemetery. Thomas Allen and his wife were the parents of 11 children as follows: John, died at the age 11 years; Mrs. Mollie Landon, of Delaware County Ohio; Elizabeth, St. Louis County MO; Emma of Boonville; Jennie, widow of Michael Gray, Shawnee OKLA; Henry A; Edward, Overton; Margaret deceased; Charles of Fowler Cal; Thomas Fowler Cal; and Caroline B wife of Frank Henderson St. Louis MO.

Henry A Allen completed his schooling in the Sherman district school in Moniteau County and was about 21 years of age when he came to Cooper County in 1883. Here he rented the W P Eager farm in Saline township and continued to make that his home for 33 years. In the meantime he bought from Thomas Tucker a farm of 117 acres, two miles southeast of Overton and for a time lived on that place but in 1915 moved back to the Eager farm, where he is now living, renting his own farm. Mr. Allen is an energetic and progressive farmer and has always done well. In the current year (1919) he has 170 acres of wheat and 60 acres of corn and has a drove of about 50 head of hogs, together with a sufficient number of horses and cows for farm and dairy needs. For years Mr. Allen has been one of the most persistent and energetic good

roads "boosters" in the county and for some time served as overseer of roads in the home township, during this incumbency being able to accomplish much toward the betterment of the roads in that part of that county. He is a member of the local lodge of the Woodmen of the World at Gooch's Mill, as are all his sons and sons-in-laws, and his wife and four daughters are member of the auxilliary lodge of the Woodmen's Circle.

Jan. 22 1886, Henry A. Allen was united in marriage to Addie Anderson, who was born in Cooper county and to this union four daughters have been born, names: Mary E., wife of Troy Neal of Saline township; Maud, born on June 26 1889 wife of A Hagan Windsor, of Clarks Fork township; Novel Dec. 2 1891 wife of William Lamm, Overton, who was born in the vicinity of Wooldridge. July 12 1891, and Bessie May 21 1893

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wife of William Diehl of Boonville who is now (spring of 1919) with the American Expeditionary Forces in Europe. William Diehl enlisted May 23 1918 for service in the World War and sailed in July following for overseas service, a member of the 351st Infantry, 88th Division and was at the front when the armistice was signed. He was honorable discharged and arrived home June 5 1919. Mr & Mrs Allen have four grandchildren, Thelma Rae, Allen Walker, and Orville Fluke Neal and Agnes Ruth Lamm. Mrs. Allen was born in Saline township, a daughter of John Anderson and wife both long since deceased. Mr. John Anderson was a Union veteran. Her mother died when she was but an infant and she was reared in the family of William Eager, with whom she was making her home at the time of her marriage to Mr. Allen. She was the last born of the four children born to her parents and she has three sisters, Rena, wife of Mel Bailey of Overton; Loretta, wife of Thomas Douglas, of Windsor, and Sarah wife of John Ainsworth of Franklin.

Edgar Thomas Hale (Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Edgar Thomas Hale, county surveyor, and county engineer of Cooper County, is making a record for thorough and conscientious work in his profession that has given him a reputation as an engineer second to none in Central Missouri. Mr. Hale is also filling the post of city engineer for Boonville and is one of the busiest county officials in Cooper County. He was first elected to the office in 1904 and has served in the capacity of county surveyor since Jan, 1905. Many fine bridges have been erected under his supervision and planning in Cooper County and the splendid system of county roads have been graded during his period of service. The Turley bridge across the Lamine River, also the Dick bridge, across the Blackwater, five miles east of the town of Blackwater, were erected under his supervision. Mr. Hale has had sole charge of all of the modern bridge, culvert and road work in Cooper County during the past few years. He surveyed the site for the Laura Speed Elliot High School building, the new court house and had charge of all street improvement, paving and bridge work in the city.

Mr. Hale was born in a log cabin on the Hale farm six miles southeast of Boonville, and is a son of Thomas Wagner Hale, former well known farmer of Cooper County. Thomas Wagner Hale was born in Tennessee in 1832, of Holland Dutch descent and died in 1907. His wife was Elizabeth Partis born in 1844 and departed this life in 1911. She was born in London, England, a daughter of David Partis, a cooper by trade who after

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making several trips to America, decided to settle in this country. He settled in Cooper County in 1850, locating 10 miles southwest of Boonville where he followed his trade until his death. Thomas Wagner Hale was the son of Thomas Hale of Tennessee who settled in Cooper County on a farm adjoining the Partis place in 1837. William Hale, a son of Thomas Hale, crossed the Great Plains in 1849, went to the gold fields of California and never returned. During his lifetime, Thomas Wagner Hale developed a fine farm of 107 acres and about six months prior to his death

he located in Boonville. He served in the 45th Missouri Regiment during the Civil War and fought with the Union forces in Missouri, Arkansas, and Tennessee, contracting a severe illness. He was treated in the Jefferson City Hospital for some months and as a result of his illness he lost the power of speech and never regained it during the remainder of his life. He was father of seven children, as follows: Mrs. Rosa H. Smith, Liberty; Dr. Byron L. Hale, Cherryvale, Kan.; William D. Hale, deceased; Mrs. Millie A. Monroe, Boonville; Street L., deceased; Edgar Thomas Hale of this review; and Dr. Tyre H. Hale, of 801 Easton avenue, St. Louis, Mo.

E. T. Hale was educated in the Hooper Institute, Clarksburg, the State Normal School at Denton, Texas, and the State Normal School at Warrensburg, Mo. He holds a State teachers certificate in both Texas and Missouri and taught school for five years in Texas. While engaged in teaching he specialized in engineering and began his professional career in 1904 in his native county. Success has marked his efforts. Mr. Hale recently disposed of the old Hale Farm which had come into his possession.

January 13, 1908, he was united in marriage to Miss Flora Lohse, of Boonville, who died Feb. 13, 1916. Mrs. Flora (Lohse) Hale was a daughter of M. Lohse of Boonville, a sketch of whom appears in this volume.

Mr. Hale is a republican. He attends the Sunday School and Divine services at the Methodist Episcopal church and is a member of the Knights of Pythias.

William L. Koenig
(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

William L. Koenig - Fair dealing and honesty in business transactions are keynotes of the business policy pursued by the Koenig Auto Sales Company at the Corner of Main and Chestnut streets, Boonville. The concern was established Jan. 25, 1918, by William L. Koenig and has met with success from its very inception. The Hudson, Essex and Chevrolet automobiles are sold by Mr. Koenig over a considerable extent of territory. The Essex is a new automobile manufactured by the Hudson Motor Car Company of Detroit and is a splendid machine which is

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rapidly becoming a prime favorite among auto lovers. During the past season it has been almost impossible to supply the demands for this automobile, so universal has been the acclaim accorded it on the standpoint of utility, compactness and beauty of design, speed and action on the road. A storage room is operated in connection with the sales department of the Koenig Company with space 90x90 feet, a show room and a repair department operated by expert mechanics is also maintained.

William L. Koenig is a native of Cooper County and was born at Prairie Lick, June 23, 1886. His father, William Koenig, was born in 1853 and died in 1909. William Koenig was a native of Wisconsin and was a son of Joseph Koenig, a native of Germany, who first settled in the woods of Wisconsin and then came to Cooper County where he settled in 1865 in the Prairie Lick neighborhood. Mr. Koenig was reared on the farm at Prairie Lick and followed farming until his removal to Boonville in 1891. Here he engaged in the implement business and became interested in politics, serving two terms as sheriff of Cooper County. During his period of service he officiated at the hanging of three convicted murderers. During his first term of sheriff the murderer "Jacko" paid the penalty of his crime for the killing of the city marshal and met death upon the scaffold. During William Koenig's second term he officiated at the hanging of Spinner Reeves who was convicted of brutally murdering his wife. After his second term as sheriff expired, Mr. Koenig engaged in the hardware and seed business but again entered politics and was elected county collector. He died while serving the county in this capacity, a popular and highly esteemed county official. His son, William L. Koenig, was appointed to fill the unexpired term made vacant by his father's death.

William Koenig married Miss Louisa Hirsch who was born in 1862. To this marriage were born four sons and three daughters: George, living in Chicago, Ill.; Mamie, deceased; William L.; of this review Mrs. Rosa True, St. Louis, Mo.; Clara, deceased, and Lawrence.

Lawrence Koenig enlisted in the National Army on Jan., 1918, and became a member of the Aviation Corps as a pilot. At this writing he is in training at Riverside, Cal.

After attending the public and high schools of Boonville, William L. Koenig pursued a course at Central Business College, Sedalia, Mo. From 1904 to 1907 he was in the employ of Kingman's Implement Company, St. Louis, Mo. He returned to Boonville in 1907 and entered upon his duties as deputy county collector under his father. Upon his father's

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death in 1909 he filled out the unexpired term until 1911. During the fall of 1910 he was a candidate for election to the office and was elected for another term of four years, serving as county collector until 1915. Mr. Koenig then purchased a local bus and transfer business and operated this until Feb. 11, 1917. Disposing of the transfer business he entered the employ of the Viertel Garage as automobile salesman until beginning business on his own account in 1918. Mr. Koenig formerly had the agency for the Dodge cars but sold this agency to George Esser.

July 13, 1909, William L. Koenig and Miss Emma Schnack were united in marriage. Mrs. Koenig is a daughter of Herman Schnack of Boonville.

Mr. Koenig is a democrat and has generally taken an active part in the affairs of his party. He is a thorough business man, a good salesman, and an excellent citizen who has the best interests of his native county and city at heart.

Colbey Coward Groom

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Colbey Coward Groom, who died at his farm home, the old Kickashear place, at the edge of Overton in Saline township in 1912, was a Virginian. He was born in Louisa County, in 1859, a son of Samuel and Sallie (Smith) Groom, and was reared and educated in that county. Samuel Groom was born in Kentucky but in 1812 his parents returned to Virginia. Samuel was a babe in arms at the time being carried in the arms of his mother, who made the trip on horseback. Of the 12 children born to Samuel Groom and wife two are now living, John M. Groom, of Bunceton, and James Groom, Shady Side, Ohio.

In 1880, Colbey C. Groom came to Cooper County. Not long after coming here he bought a part of the farm now owned by Henry Schnuck in Saline township and settled there in 1883. Not long afterward, however, he sold that place to Mr. Schnuck and then bought from Mrs. Margaret Kickashear, his wife's mother, the farm at the edge of Overton on which he spent the remainder of his life. He died in 1912. He is buried in the Clayton cemetery. It was on that farm on Oct. 29, 1883, that Colbey C. Groom was married to Emma Kickashear, her parents having moved there when she was but a child, she receiving her schooling in the Highland school. The Groom farm is one of the best in that section of Cooper County and is admirably located just at the southeast edge of Overton. Of the 300 acres in the farm 110 acres is Missouri River bottom land and the rest upland, the place thus not only being an excellent grain producer but well adapted to stock raising. Mr. Groom was a man of excellent qualities and left a good memory in the neighborhood. He

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was a member of the Woodmen of the World at Gooch's Mill, the Modern Woodmen of America at Overton and of the Modern Brotherhood at Wooldridge, and in the affairs of these several organizations, as well as in church work and in the general social affairs of the community took a hearty interest, he and his family having been among the organizers of the Sunday school of the Highland Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. Emma K. Groom is a daughter of Joseph and Margaret (Rymel) Kickashear and was born on the place on which she is now living. The cabin in which she was born and in which her parents began housekeeping is still standing on the place. This cabin originally occupied the site of the present farm house, but when the latter was erected was moved over to make room for the new house and is carefully preserved as a relic of pioneer days. Joseph Kickashear was an Italian who came to America in the days of his young manhood and in 1852 became a resident of Cooper County. His name was Chicazolla, but the soft Italian pronunciation of this name apparently was too difficult for his Missouri neighbors, who by common consent "Americanized" it to Kickashear, a process to which Mr. Chicazolla offered no serious objection and in this latter form it has now been the family name for three generations. In 1855 Joseph Kickashear married Margaret Rymel, a member of one of the pioneer families of this neighborhood, and settled on the farm on which his widow is still living. Mrs. Kickashear now 83 years of age, is the only living charter member of the Highland Cumberland Presbyterian Church and still maintains her interest in that organization, a constant attendant at Sunday school and otherwise interested in the work of the church. She is well and active and during the recent war knit 50 pair of socks for the Red Cross. She and her husband were the parents of seven children, of whom four are still living, those besides Mrs. Groom being the following: Mary Frances, Aberdeen, Wash., widow of George Johnson; Andrew J., Sedalia; and Virginia Leta, wife of Fred Schilb, postmaster at Prairie Home. The deceased members of this family are Martha, who died in infancy; George, who died at tie age of 21 years, and Morris, who married Kate Hickman 2nd who, as well as his wife, died, leaving a son Joseph, then 10 years of age, who was reared by Mrs. Groom and who died at the age of 19 in 1914.

To Colbey C. and Emma (Kickashear) Groom were born seven children. Of these a son, the third in order of birth, and a daughter, the fifth in order of birth, died in infancy, the others being as follows: Joseph Hurt Groom, named in honor of his maternal grandfather and Dr. Hurt, of Boonville, and who is now farming in Saline township; Bessie, wife of

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Ernest H. Ambrose, farmer, Overton; John Clay Groom, farmer, Saline township; George K., who died at the age of 20 years, and Colbey Coward Groom, who is farming the home place. He married Dena Grannemann, of Saline township, and has a daughter, Dorothy Pauline. Mrs. Groom has seven grandchildren, Zerelda Hazel and George Ambrose, Laura Virginia, Jessie Madeline and Dorothy Pauline Groom and Paul and Chapman Groom. As noted above, Mrs. Groom and her husband were the chief promoters of the organization of the Sunday school of the Highland Cumberland Presbyterian Church and during the 21 years of that school's service she has missed voluntarily attendance but four Sundays and for 20 years was the teacher of one class.

Emil H. Mueller

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Emil H. Mueller, one of the best known and successful citizens of Boonville, is a native of Germany. He was born Sept. 10, 1865, at Zellerfeld, Hanover, Germany, and is a son of Edward and Julia (Hoehne) Mueller, the former of whom was a well educated man who followed the profession of mining engineer in his native country. The father died in Germany in 1918, and his widow still resides in her native town, aged 73 years. Edward and Julia Mueller were parents of six children, all of whom were sons: Albert, who followed the teaching profession in Germany, is deceased; Emil H., subject of this review; Hugo died in infancy; Herman died at the age of 14

years; Leopold, who is following in his father's footsteps and is a mining engineer in his native country; Frederick, a postal service official in Germany.

Emil H. Mueller received an excellent education in the public schools of his native city and attended a private school at Clausthal, Hanover. He entered the mercantile business and received a thorough training in this business in Germany until 1889 when he emigrated to America. Prior to this time he had served for two years in the German army, from 1885 to 1887. He first located at Versailles, Mo., and was there engaged in the mercantile business for one year; then spent one year at Deepwater, Mo. After two and a half years in business at Pilot Grove, Mo., he came to Boonville and established himself in the retail liquor business in 1895.

Whatever may be said about the saloon business by its opponents it can be stated of Mr. Mueller that he always endeavored to conduct a quiet orderly place in Boonville and carried on his business strictly in accordance with the laws regulations. He is a striking exception to the usual influence which the conduct of the business has had upon the saloon man and has been an excellent citizen who has carefully saved his profits and heavily invested in Boonville real estate. Now that national legislation

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has put an end to the business which Mr. Mueller has followed for so many years he has no regrets and no incriminations against the opponents of the liquor traffic. He owns one of the finest brick residences in Boonville, modern in every respect, erected in 1916 on lots which he purchased in 1901. He is also owner of six residence properties in the city most of which are acreage tracts, besides two business properties on Main street. Mr. Mueller is a genial, well informed citizen, who is a booster for Boonville's prosperity and growth at any and all times.

May 6, 1897. Emil H. Mueller and Miss Sallie Smith of Pilot Grove were united in marriage. Two children were born of this union: Helen Mueller, born March 26, 1898; Edward Mueller, born Sept. 13, 1899. Mrs. Sallie (Smith) Mueller is a daughter of Squire John E. and Lucy (Marshall) Smith both of whom were old and well known residents of Cooper County. Squire Smith died in 1915 and his widow makes her home with Mr. Mueller, having attained the advanced age of 72 years.

Mr. Mueller is a republican and is a member of the Evangelical church. He is fraternally affiliated with the Knights of Pythias.

August Brueckner

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

August Brueckner - When a building site for the location of the splendid, new St. Joseph's Hospital was desired in Boonville, the promoters had little difficulty in finding a place on the high bluffs of the Missouri River just east of the main part of the city. A more ideal location for the hospital could not be desired and it was the public spirited and kindly impulse of August Brueckner to dispose of 11 acres of his land for this purpose at less than its actual value, the sale price being \$200 per acre. The remaining 30 acres of the Brueckner land is devoted to fruit farming and is one of the most valuable fruit farms in Cooper County. Mr. Brueckner moved to this place from his farm in 1904, erected a large handsome brick residence facing the grounds of the Missouri Training School and set out an orchard. His orchard was planted in 1905 and consists of peaches, pears and plums, containing 500 peach trees, and 50 pear trees, 60 cherry trees and embracing five acres in all. Mr. Brueckner raises alfalfa, as well as small fruits and is kept busily employed in caring for his orchards.

August Brueckner was born on a farm one mile south of Boonville, Aug. 28, 1855. He is a son of John M. and Margaret Brueckner both of whom were born in Germany. His parents emigrated from Germany in 1812 and John M. Brueckner settled on his farm and resided thereon until his

death in 1906 at the age of 82 years. He reared a family of five sons and a daughter: George, the eldest son was killed by lightning; August,

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subject of this review; Gustav .A., lives in Boonville; William L., retired farmer living in Boonville; John lives in Henry County, Mo.; Louisa, wife of Rudolph Toennis, Boonville.

When he was 26 years, August Brueckner rented land from his father. He was industrious and saving and in 1890 he was enabled to purchase his own farm of 136 acres. This tract was without improvements of any value and Mr. Brueckner, in the course of a few years placed excellent improvements on the farm and from year to year made money. In 1904, the condition of his wife's health demanded that he leave the farm and he accordingly sold out and purchased his present place. The old Brueckner farm is now owned by G. A. Brownfield.

Mr. Brueckner was married in 1890 to Miss Bettie Smith of Cooper County, a daughter of Nicholas Smith. Three children have been born to this marriage: Laura, at home with her parents; Nettie, wife of George Neff, St. Louis, Mo.; Victor A., bookkeeper in the office of Roeder & Weyland.

Mr. Brueckner is inclined to support the republican party but has little time to devote to political matters. He is a member of the Evangelical Lutheran church and is a good, progressive citizen who loves his home county and is whole souled, genial and kindly.

Herman Kaiser, Sr.

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Herman Kaiser, Sr., one of the real "old-timers" of Saline township, was born in Hanover, June 30, 1837, and was 22 years of age when in 1860 he came to this country with his parents, Henry and Mary (Warneek) Kaiser. They settled on the place in Saline township now owned by Mr. Kaiser, who has been a continuous resident of that place since coming here more than 59 years ago. When the Kaiser family settled there in 1860 the place was an unimproved woodland tract and the task of making a clearing for the home and getting the place under cultivation was no small one. At that time Jacob Schilb, Henry Meyer, Isaac Glass, Joseph Pursley and Colonel Dalton were about the only neighbors anyways near the Kaiser place and Gooch's Mill was the trading point of the settlement, John Clayton being the proprietor of the only store there at that time. On that pioneer farm Henry Kaiser and his wife spent the remainder of their lives, the latter dying in 1870 and the farmer in 1875, and both are buried in the Lutheran church yard. Of the children born to this pioneer pair and who accompanied them here from Hanover, the subject of this sketch is the only one now living.

During the Civil War Herman Kaiser served as a member of the Home Guard, and on account of the numerous Confederate forays made

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through this section saw considerable active service and had a number of exciting experiences. He married in 1866 and established his home on the home place, where he ever since has resided, in time coming into full ownership of the same, and as time passed made improvements until all the original buildings on the place had been supplanted by newer and more commodious buildings and an excellent farm plant was created. In addition to his general farming Mr. Kaiser also for years has been more or less actively engaged in the raising of live stock. Of late years he has lived practically retired from the active management of the farm, turning the same over to his son, Herman Kaiser, Jr. He recalls that Luthwick Haxel owned the first "self-binder" reaping machine brought to this neighborhood and that immediately afterward, in the same season, he

bought a "binder", Ulrich Oerly buying one at the same time. The junior Herman Kaiser, who is now in charge of the farm, has the same progressive spirit as his father and is doing well.

Herman Kaiser, Sr., has been twice married. In 1866 he was united in marriage to Mary Gatchet, who was born on April 3, 1844, and to that union 10 children were born, namely: John, born Nov. 28, 1866, died at the age of 19 years; Elizabeth, Dec. 15, 1867, wife of Charles Schrader, Saline township; Wilhelm, Feb. 1, 1869, Woodridge; H. Heinrich, Dec. 28, 1870; Emma C., Jan. 19, 1873, married C. R. Diehl and died Nov. 19, 1908; R. Sophia, Feb. 17, 1875, died Oct. 13, following; M. Louisa, Aug. 10, 1876, wife of Henry Hazel, Prairie Home township; A. Catherine, Oct. 15, 1878, married Martin Lohse and died May 2, 1907; Anna C., Jan. 15, 1881, wife of Otto Stack, Moniteau County, and Ida M., Dec., 17, 1884, married Edward McFall and died Nov. 19, 1906. The mother of these children died Aug. 21, 1885, and Sept. 3, 1886, Mr. Kaiser married Mrs. Louisa (Heckermann) Broer, widow of Carl Broer, and to this union two children have been born, L. Marie, born Aug. 2, 1887, wife of Emil Klatt, Moniteau County, and A. W. Kaiser, Nov. 30, 1888. Mrs. Kaiser's first husband, Carl Broer, died June 30, 1874. She married him in 1869 and to that union were born two children, Charles Broer, born Feb. 9, 1870, now living in St. Louis, and Cordelia, Nov. 14, 1871, wife of H. Winkelmeyer, of Boonville. Mrs. Kaiser was born in Germany and received her schooling in the private school at Pleasant Grove, her first teacher there having been the Reverend Juengel, who had about 40 pupils. The Kaisers have ever taken an interested part in church work.

Matthew Cleary

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Matthew Cleary, farmer and stockman, and well known dealer in live stock, residing at 626 East Morgan street is a native born citizen of

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Cooper County. Mr. Cleary was born on a farm near Bunceton, Jan. 21, 1863.

John Cleary, his father, was born in Ireland in 1812 and died in Cooper County, 1884. He came to America in 1852 and for some years he was employed in railroad construction work. Following the line of the railroad his work eventually brought him to Cooper County, Mo. Mr. Cleary rightly decided that this beautiful and productive country was the best place on earth in which to buy a farm, settle and rear a family. He had married Catherine Clifford, a native of Ireland, and to this marriage, seven children were born, three of whom are living, viz: John Cleary, Wichita, Kan.; Edward Cleary, Boonville, Mo.; and Matthew, subject of this review. The mother of this family died in 1869. John Cleary later married Martha Johnson who bore him two children: Mrs. Eliza Farris, Boonville, Mo.; and Helen, deceased.

Matt Cleary attended the Concord district school and the parochial schools of Boonville. He began his own career when he became of age but embarked as a live stock trader when he was but 16 years old. He accumulated 300 acres of ground of which Mr. Cleary sold 80 acres in 1917 and is now owner of 220 acres of good land located six miles south of Boonville. During his career he has handled a great amount of live stock and formerly supplied the local meat markets when the dealers conducted their own abattoirs. He is now raising and feeding from one and a half to two carloads of hogs each year.

Mr. Cleary has been twice married. His first marriage took place in Jan., 1890, to Christina Oswald, who died Jan. 14, 1891, leaving one child, Laura, who married Barney Youngkamp and died at Manhattan, Kan. July 4, 1912, leaving one child, Virginia May Youngkamp.

Mr. Cleary's second marriage occurred May 2, 1900, to Miss Julia Darby, born Nov. 1, 1868 in Geneseo, New York, a daughter of Patrick Darby and Ellen Coleman Darby, who came to Cooper County and settled near Billingsville, Mo., in 1869. Soon after Mrs. Darby's death in 1899, Patrick

Darby left the farm and located in Boonville, where he died Jan., 1917. Seven children were born to Patrick and Ellen Darby, viz: John, Nelson, Mo.; James, Shreveport, La.; Mrs. Matthew Cleary; Edward, a merchant, Boonville, Mo.; Eugene, engaged in the implement business, Boonville, Mo.; Edward died at the age of four years; Mrs. Mary Garthofner, Boonville.

Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Cleary have three living children, viz: Gertrude attending the Catholic Seminary at Marshall, Mo.; Edith, also a

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student at Marshall, Mo.; Louise. attending the Boonville schools; one; child died in infancy.

The democratic party has always had the steadfast allegiance of Matt Cleary and he has always been somewhat interested in civic and political matters. He filled the position of street commissioner of Boonville from 1912 to 1914 at the time the street paving system was placed under way and at times had as high as 50 men in his charge working on the city improvements. He and Mrs. Cleary are members of Sts. Peter and Paul's Catholic church. Mr. Cleary is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus and the Modern Woodmen of America.

John E. Walterscheid

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

John E. Walterscheid, retail liquor dealer, Boonville, Mo. was born in Moniteau County, Mo., Dec. 3, 1864. He is a son of Peter and Carolina (Baker) Walterscheid. Peter Walterscheid, his father, was born near Killan, Germany, and came to this country when a boy, settling on a farm in Moniteau County, where he died in about 1870. His wife, Caroline Baker Walterscheid, was born near Dayton, Ohio, in 1840, and died in 1914. She was a daughter of pioneer parents in Moniteau County, who were natives of Germany. Twelve children were born to Peter and Caroline (Baker) Walterscheid, eleven of whom were reared: Catherine, deceased; Peter, lives at Tipton, Mo.; Mrs. Louisa Strickfadden, lives at Prairie Home, Mo.; John E., subject of this sketch; Joseph; lives at St. Louis, Mo.; William, a farmer in Clarks Fork township; Frank, a farmer in Moniteau County, Mo.; Mrs. Emma Imhoff, Walters, Okla.; Charles, a resident of Pilot Grove, Mo.; Mrs. Mary Scheid, Prairie Home, Mo.; Mrs. Rosa Imhoff, Moniteau County, Mo.; Edward, lives in Kansas. The last five children were born of a second marriage of Mrs. Walterscheid to Joseph Sweitzer.

John E. Walterscheid was reared in Moniteau and Cooper Counties and learned the blacksmith trade in his youth. He plied his trade at Prairie Home and California, Mo. In 1898 he established a hardware business at Prairie Home, Mo., and a short time later he engaged in the saloon business at California.

Mr. Walterscheid came to Boonville in 1903 and established his present business. He was married in 1890 to Louisa Imhoff of Moniteau County, a daughter of Michael Imhoff. Five children have been born of this union: Herman J., Peter, Paul, Lulu, and Gertrude.

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Herman J. Walterscheid was born in 1892, enlisted in the National Army in Sept., 1917, and was stationed at Governor's Island, Department of Manhattan, as departmental clerk. He received his honorable discharge on May 8, 1919.

Peter Walterscheid was born in 1893, and is employed at Hannibal, Mo. He enlisted in May, 1917, and was trained at Fort Riley, and Camp Funston, was first sergeant, entered the Officers' Training School and was honorably discharged from the service in Dec., 1918.

Paul Walterscheid, aged 24 years, is a mechanical draughtsman, in the employ of the C., B. & Q. R. R., Hannibal, Mo. Lulu, aged 22 years, and Gertrude, aged 15 years, are at home. Mr. Walterscheid is an independent voter.

Charles Lewis Eager
(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Charles Lewis Eager, proprietor of "Elmwood Farm", is a native of Cooper County. During his boyhood, in war times, there were many stirring scenes in and about Gooch's Mill, incidents due to the irrepressible clash of sectional feeling, and he has many interesting stories to tell of that period, stories of tragedies that thrilled the neighborhood and created lasting impressions in his memory. Mr. Eager was born May 5, 1850, son of Lewis and Cynthia A. (Gooch) Eager, the former of whom was connected with the mill that had been established by his father-in-law and was afterward proprietor of the mill and long one of the most influential citizens in that part of Cooper County.

Lewis Eager was a native of Virginia, born in Louisa County, May 1, 1809, and came to Cooper County in pioneer days. Here he married Cynthia A. Gooch, daughter of William D. Gooch, the pioneer miller. She was born in Albemarle County, Virginia, in 1814, and was about ten years of age when her father, William D. Gooch, moved with his family from Virginia into Ohio. About five years later, about 1830 Mr. Gooch left Ohio and with his family came to Missouri, locating in this county and erecting in Saline township the mill which bore his name and around which gathered the settlement which was the nucleus of the present thriving town of Gooch's Mill. Originally, this mill derived its motive power from the watercourse along which it was built, but after the death of Mr. Gooch his son-in-law, Lewis Eager, who was a millwright, who became proprietor of the mill, installed a steam plant and for years afterward operated the mill. He died in 1881 and is buried at Gooch's Mill. His wife had long preceded him to the grave, her death having occurred in 1859, and she also is buried at Gooch's Mill. Lewis Eager and his wife were the parents of four children: John William Eager, deceased; Mary Louisa, deceased; Tyre Harris Eager, Muskogee, Okla.; and Charles L.

In addition to his milling operations Lewis Eager also was the owner of a good farm and his youngest son, Charles Lewis Eager, was from the

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days of his boyhood interested in the work of the farm. Upon completing his schooling he gave his undivided attention to farming and has ever pursued that vocation and in time became the owner of his present fine place, "Elmwood", a mile east of the old mill site. His house is of modern construction, equipped with an acetylene gas plant, and he has two good barns and other buildings in keeping with the same. Of late years Mr. Eager has been living more or less "retired" from the active management of the farm, the operation of which is being carried on by his youngest son, Paul Raymond Eager.

In 1876 Charles Lewis Eager was united in marriage to Rebecca Shepherd, a daughter of Levi and Joanna (Campbell) Shepherd, of Saline township. Levi Shepherd was born in the vicinity of Independence, Mo., and became a well-to-do farmer of Cooper County. He and his wife spent their last days in Saline township and are buried at Gooch's Mill. To Charles L. and Rebecca (Shepherd) Eager five children have been born, namely: Anna Lee, wife of Fred Keifer, of Saline township; Lewis Virgil, a graduate of Kemper Military School and a Free Mason, who died at the age of 26 years; Ethel, wife of Joseph T. Hickam, of Saline township; Clarence Levi, of that same township, and Paul Raymond on the home farm. Mr. and Mrs. Eager have 11 grandchildren, namely: Herbert, Charles Shelby, Eunice Ethel, Ruth Jane, Helen Marie, Emma Lorine and Aubrey Wayne Hickam; Anna Lewis and Charles Frederick Keiffer, and Hazel Louise and Powell Milton Eager.

Mr. Eager is a democrat and a member of the Baptist Church. He is affiliated with the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Prairie Home, Mo.

William G. Pendleton
(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

William G. Pendleton - The name of Pendleton has long been an honored and respected one in Cooper County. The history of the family in Cooper County begins with the advent of the late Dr. George T. Pendleton in 1855. The law firm of W. G. and G. T. Pendleton of Boonville is one of the best known and efficient legal firms in the county and central Missouri, William G. Pendleton, the senior member of the firm having been engaged in the practice of law in this county since 1878, and during that time has filled positions of honor, trust and usefulness in the city of Boonville. He was born Jan. 6, 1854, in Oldham County, Kentucky.

Dr. George T. Pendleton was born in Jefferson County, Ky., Dec. 2, 1824, and died in Cooper County, Mo., Jan. 25, 1883. George T. Pendleton was reared and educated in his native county and began the study of medicine after having secured the groundwork of an academic preparation. He studied at the Louisville Medical College and graduated from this

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institution. He was married on May 1, 1851, to Miss Catherine A. Magruder. In 1855 or 1856 he removed to Missouri and located near Pilot Grove, Cooper County, where for nearly 30 years he practiced his profession successfully and honorably. While practicing medicine he followed the custom of his day and lived on his farm, the cultivation of which he directed. Dr. Pendleton was a man greatly beloved and respected in the community and his passing was marked with deep regret and sorrow from the hundreds of people to whom he had ministered in time of sickness and trouble. Naturally gifted, well educated, the passing years only ripened his intellect and capabilities and he became one of the leading physicians of Central Missouri.

Dr. Pendleton was father of the following children: Dr. Thomas O. Pendleton, a physician of Pilot Grove, Mo.; William G. Pendleton, of this review; Elizabeth A., wife of Prof. Charles R. Forster, a member of the faculty of Macon College, Macon, Ga.; Catherine H., wife of S. C. Stites, Pilot Grove, Mo.; Stapleton C., a railway official, Denver, Colo.; Susan R., living at Pilot Grove; George T., an attorney, member of the law firm, Boonville, Mo.; Eleanor C., wife of R. M. Embry, an attorney, California, Mo.

The mother of the foregoing children was born in Oldham County, Ky., in 1833, and died at Pilot Grove, Mo., Oct. 20, 1909. She was a daughter of Owen Magruder, of Kentucky, who was a descendant of the McGregors of Scotland.

William G. Pendleton of this review, was educated in the common schools of Cooper County and the Law School of Louisville, Ky. He was admitted to practice in 1878 and for the past 41 years he has held a high place among the legal fraternity of Cooper County and Central Missouri, as a practitioner endowed with a profound knowledge of the law, and keen legal acumen.

Mr. Pendleton was married Dec. 27, 1888 to Miss Marriet E. McKenzie, a native of New York, and a daughter of George and Jennie McKenzie who were natives of Inverness, Scotland, first settled in New York and from that state came to Cooper County, Mo., in 1878. Both Mr. and Mrs. McKenzie died in this county, the latter having departed this life in Boonville, in March, 1897.

Mr. Pendleton was originally a democrat but became a republican in 1896, because of the fact that he could not acquiesce in the "free silver" plank in the democratic platform in that year. For eight years he served as county chairman of the Republican Central Committee, and has attended

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the State Convention of his party as delegate. From 1902 to 1912, he filled the office of mayor of Boonville. During his term as mayor the city waterworks were acquired by the municipality, the improvement of the city's streets was placed under way, much public work was undertaken and the streets of the city were extensively paved. His administration was one of the best the city has ever had.

Herman August Schmidt

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Herman August Schmidt, former police judge, and prominent citizen of Boonville, and now engaged in farming, on his fine farm of 182 acres on the Lamine River bottoms in Blackwater township, is a native son of Cooper County. The Schmidt farm is a very productive one which produced 39 bushels of wheat to the acre during the season of 1918. Judge Schmidt was born Oct. 19, 1861, on a pioneer farm eight miles east of Boonville, in Saline township.

His father, Herman Schmidt, was born in Germany in 1821 and died Jan. 4, 1880. He immigrated to America in 1837, with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Schmidt, who settled on the old Schmidt homestead. Four generations of Schmidts have lived upon the farm, where the father of Judge Schmidt died and upon which he was reared to maturity. Only six small acres of the Schmidt land was cleared of forests in 1836 and the first home of the family was a small log cabin. Herman Schmidt was reared on this farm and married Theresa Spieler, who was born in Germany in 1830 and died Dec. 29, 1905. She came to America in 1845 with her parents, Andrew Spieler and wife. The following children were born to Herman and Theresa Schmidt: Mrs. Ida Hoberecht, California, Mo.; Mrs. Emma Hasenbach, Boonville; Herman August, of this review; Otto, living on the old home place of the family, whose son, Oscar, aged 19 years, is of the fourth generation of Schmidts who have lived on the homestead.

Herman August Schmidt was educated in the common schools. His father died when he was 18 years of age and he remained at home until 38 years old and then came to Boonville in 1899. In 1898 he was appointed to the post of receiver of the United States Land Office by President William McKinley. In 1902 he was re-appointed by President Roosevelt, and served for eight years in this capacity. In 1910 he was elected police judge and was re-elected to this position in 1912. Mr. Schmidt has served as deputy assessor and as deputy sheriff of Cooper County.

Mr. Schmidt was married to Miss Laura Hoefler, of Boonville, daughter of Henry and Mary Hoefler, a sketch of whom appears in this volume.

Mr. Schmidt has always been allied with the Republican party and is prominent in the affairs of his party in Cooper County. In August, 1910,

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he was nominated by his party as their candidate for the office of judge of the Probate Court, but was defeated in the November election by a very narrow margin. He is a member of the Evangelical Church, and for the past 16 years has been a member of the board of trustees of this church. He has served as treasurer of the board for the past year. He is a member of the Woodmen of the World and has been a member of the board of managers of this camp for the past 14 years.

Ernest C. Oerly

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Ernest C. Oerly, proprietor of the "Gooch Pioneer Stock Farm", the old Gooch homestead place at Gooch's Mill, one of the energetic and progressive young farmers and stockmen of Cooper County, was born in this county Feb. 11, 1893, son of John and Elizabeth (Michler) Oerly, the latter born in 1856, is still living on the home place in Prairie Home township. She was born in Switzerland and came to this country with her parents, who settled in this section of Missouri. John Oerly also was of Swiss stock. He was born near Jamestown, Mo., in 1853, son of Ulrich Oerly and wife, whose last days were spent in Cooper County and who are buried in the Pleasant Grove cemetery. Ulrich Oerly was born in Switzerland and came to this country in young manhood, locating in Moniteau County and later came to Cooper County and located on a farm in Prairie Home township, where he spent the remainder of his life. He died in 1904. His son John also spent his last days there, his death occurring in 1912, and is buried in Pleasant Grove cemetery. John and Elizabeth Oerly were the parents of seven children: W. A. Oerly, of Wooldridge; Lulu, wife of Thomas Chrisman, Wooldridge; Bertha, married Nicholas H. Blank and died in Sept., 1918, and is buried in Walnut Grove cemetery, Boonville; Oscar Oerly, who was accidentally killed by the discharge of a gun at Gooch's Mill in 1907, he then being 21 years old; Dula, wife of Hagan Hickam, of Boonville, and Grace, wife of Truman Swanstone, of Saline township and Ernest C.

Reared on the home farm in Prairie Home township, Ernest Oerly received his schooling in the Liberty district school and from the days of his boyhood has been devoted to farming. In 1913, when he was 20 years of age he bought 80 acres of his present farm in Saline township and began farming. In 1917 he bought a tract of 153 acres adjoining and on which stands the substantial old house erected there by his wife's great-grandfather before the Civil War, and has since made his home in that house, the old Gooch home, which in days now long gone was a centre for much of the social activity of the Gooch's Mill neighborhood. There

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are five great fireplaces in the old house and in its picturesque setting it affords a very pleasant home for its present owners. Since taking possession of this fine farm of 233 acres and which he very appropriately has named the "Gooch Pioneer Stock Farm", Mr. Oerly has made numerous substantial improvements along the lines of modern development. One of the valuable features of this farm is a great never failing spring, which is said to be one of the best springs in this region of numerous springs.

In 1916 Ernest Oerly was united in marriage with Anna Gray Cochran, who was born at Gooch's Mill April 26, 1893, daughter of Dr. O. W. Cochran, of that place. Mr. Oerly is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Gooch's Mill and Mrs. Oerly is a member of the auxiliary order of Daughters of Rebecca there.

During the time of the cyclone which visited this section on the evening of June 5, 1917, Mr. and Mrs. Oerly lost their home and had a most thrilling and hazardous experience. They then were living in the house on the other part of their present farm, in the place and both were at home at the time the cyclone came up, that being about 9 o'clock in the evening, with them being Herbert Blank, a nephew of Mr. Oerly. The house was blown away, utterly destroyed. When neighbors searched the scene of devastation Mrs. Oerly was found lying but a few feet from the site of the house and was at first thought to be dead, but signs of life presently were detected and she was tenderly cared for. So great was the shock she had received, however, that it was three weeks before she regained consciousness. Mr. Oerly was blown a distance of 300 yards or more, was rendered insensible by the shock and did not regain consciousness for half an hour afterwards. Happily no permanent injury was incurred either by his wife or himself. Herbert Blank, the lad who was visiting with his uncle and aunt, was picked up by the cyclone and carried above the treetops. He was not rendered unconscious and retains the most distinct impressions of his journey through the air and of being lightly deposited again on mother earth uninjured. A big carpet fell upon him as he was lying wondering what was going to happen next. Mr. Oerly's bank book was found at Paris, eight miles away. Nearly all the household silverware was recovered,

but of the furniture scarcely a vestige remained. Chickens were completely stripped of their feathers and of Mr. Oerly's live stock four horses and about 25 head of hogs were killed. He also lost his automobile and in other ways suffered a severe loss of property.

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William L. Tanner
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William L. Tanner - Without question or possible rivalry, the Tanner Studio and Art Shop, which was opened by William L. Tanner, in Boonville, on Feb. 26, 1919, is the most artistic and completely equipped studio and photographic establishment in Central Missouri. Following a disastrous fire, which destroyed the former Tanner Studio in the McCurdy Building, Dec. 23, 1918, it was necessary for Mr. Tanner to find other quarters and to completely equip a new studio and shop. This he proceeded to do and has spared no pains or expense in presenting to the people his present beautiful shop, located in the Gmelich Building, 305 Main Street. The Tanner Studio is the last word in modernity. The nitrogen lighting system, with a battery of eight lights, of strength of 8000 watts, is used and renders reliance on daylight as an adjunct to photography unnecessary. Posing can be accomplished at any hour of the day or night by means of the lighting system which Mr. Tanner has installed. The studio is equipped with the finest model of camera in existence fitted with an automatic adjustment, and which uses films instead of plates. Perfectly appointed dressing rooms have been provided for patrons. The studio occupies two floors and the basement of the building. Mr. Tanner's assistants are Mrs. Tanner, who is an expert photographer; Carl Bach, and Frank Swap, the local artist.

Mr. Tanner has been in business in Boonville since 1916. He came to this city from St. Louis, a stranger, unknown and without friends or even acquaintances. On March 23, 1916, he held an opening, something unique in presenting a newly equipped photo study for the inspection of the public. Each lady attending his first opening received an appropriate souvenir of the occasion a photograph of herself. Fifty-four Boonville ladies availed themselves of this opportunity, and the Tanner Studio was successfully launched in Boonville. Since his initial opening in Boonville, the business has prospered and numbers among its clients the best families of Boonville and this section of Missouri. The re-opening of the Tanner Studio and Art Shop on Feb. 26, 1919, was largely attended and was a social event in the city; none called but to admire and comment upon the perfect appointments and the furnishings of the studio, and others have been coming to have high grade work done.

A department of the business or profession which will be cared for at the Tanner Studio is the painting of portraits of those who desire work of this character.

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William L. Tanner was born in Illinois, Sept. 24, 1880. He is a son of Louis and Christina (Kraft) Tanner, the former of whom was a native of Switzerland and the latter of Illinois. Louis Tanner left his native mountain country and crossed the Atlantic to New Orleans when a boy of 14. During the Civil War he served as munition driver with the Federal forces and had the rank of captain. When 16 years old he was a whip maker. He located in St. Louis with his parents and operated a manufacturing business there. Later the family traded for property at Lost Prairie, near Sparta, Ill., and there made their future home. William L. Tanner is the oldest son of a family of 12 children, five sons and seven daughters born to his parents. In 1886 the family again moved to St. Louis, where the father died Aug. 4, 1912, at the age of 69 years. Mrs. Tanner makes her home with her son, William L., and is aged 73 years. When 13 years old, William L. Tanner left school and went to work. He was employed in a gents' furnishing store until he attained the age of 19 years. He then took up the study of photography and worked for Gustav Schneider, a successful photographer who had learned his art in Germany and operated two studios in St. Louis. He was

with Mr. Schneidt (his father-in-law) for ten years and in 1911 was in the studio of O. C. Conkling for three years. In 1914 he entered the employ of Hyatt's Photo Supply Company as traveling salesman and remained with this concern until he located in Boonville in 1916.

Mr. Tanner was married on June 5, 1905, to Miss Emma Georgians Schneidt, who was born in St. Louis, Mo., a daughter of the late Gustav Schneidt, who died April 24, 1916. Mrs. Schneidt and her son, George C. Schneidt, are operating the studios in St. Louis. Mrs. Emma Tanner is an expert finisher of photos and has followed the profession since leaving school. Mr. and Mrs. Tanner have a son, William Louis, Jr., born Feb. 2, 1904,

Mr. Tanner is a republican. He is a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church and is fraternally affiliated with the Knights of Pythias and the National Union of St. Louis.

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