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George Hutchin Moore (Transcribed by Laura Paxton)

GEORGE HUTCHIN MOORE, proprietor of "Truesdale Stock Farm," is a descendant of one of the first pioneer families of Cooper County, members of which have been prominent in the affairs of this county for over a century. His great grandfather was Major William Moore, a native of North Carolina, who settled in Cooper county in 1816, soon after the close of the War of 1812, during which struggle he served as major in an American regiment. George Morre, son of Major Moore, married a Miss Stephens of the old Stephens family of Cooper County, who settled here as early as 1817.

Charles F. Moore, father of George H. Moore, of this review, was born in > Cooper County in 1829 and died in 1913. He married Martha English, a daughter of Hutchin English, a pioneer settler of Moniteau County and who was a native of Kentucky. Charles F. Moore conducted

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a store at the old town of Palestine and was an extensive grain buyer and shipper for a number of years. He was a citizen of versatile attainments, well educated, and proficient in many times. He was a veterinary surgeon. He was one of those neighborhood geniuses who could turn a deft hand and brain to almost anything in the line of a farmer's necessity and do it well. He speculated largely in Missouri land and bought and sold farms in Cooper county, becoming a large land owner on his own account. Charles F. Moore was father of six children: George Hutchin, subject of this review; Return L., for 25 years local agent for the Missouri Pacific Railroad Co. at Boonville, now living in Georgia; Cornelia is the wife of R L Windsor, Clarks Fork township; Mrs. Florence Eller lives near Fayette, Howard County Mo.; Gillis Moore lives in Kansas City; Gertrude is the wife of Ben Curtis, Poteau Oklahoma.

G. Hutchin Moore was born July 26 1852. He was educated in the district school and attended Professors Cullough and Simpson's Institute, near Concord Church. He began upon a rented farm on his own account near Billingsville in 1873. In 1877 he removed to Johnson County MO., and after farming in that county for four years he returned to Cooper County in 1882 and purchased part of his father's home place in June of that year. For the past 31 years, Mr. Moore has resided on his farm and is the owner of 240 acres, upon which he has practically placed all of the existing improvements. The Truesdale Stock Farm is noted for the fine horses produced and raised on this place. The sons of Mr. Moore are breeders of saddle horses and jacks. They sold "Missouri King," a three year old to P. Hawkins who later sold him to a California man for \$5,000. The strain of the Moore horses is the "Rex McDonald" breed. "Missouri King" was awarded the grand championship prize at the Royal Stock Show in Kansas City. Mammoth Jacks are bred on the Moore farm, which has had as high as a dozen or more head of fine thoroughbreds at one time in the stables.

G. Hutchin Moore married in 1873 to Miss Lucretia Eller, born in Cooper County in 1854, a daughter of David and Martha (Oglesby) Eller, natives of Kentucky, who were pioneers in this county. The children born of this union are: Mrs. Claudia Gosnold, Los Angeles, Calif.; Mrs. Daisy Dean Rutherford, living near Otterville MO; Mrs. Bessie Coleman, Bunceton, MO; Marvin a resident of Los Angeles Calif; Trevor H., on the home place; Della at home with her parents.

Mr. Moore is a democrat and is a member of the Baptist Church.

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Frank N. Blank
(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Frank N. Blank, proprietor of "Grove Place," a valuable farm of 240 acres in Prairie Home township, is one of the most successful cattle breeders in that section. Mr. Blank was born May 24, 1876, son and only child of Jacob and Emma (Hofferberg) Blank, the former of whom was born on that same place, son of Nicholas Blank, a native of Germany, and one of the pioneers of that section of Cooper County. Nicholas Blank and wife were among the first members of the Evangelical Church at Pleasant Grove, and are buried in the churchyard there. Jacob Blank died in 1878, at the age of 32 years, and his widow survived him but two years, her death occurring in 1880, she then being 26 years of age.

Frank N. Blank, early orphaned, was reared in the household of his uncle, Ernest Kirschman, and upon coming into his majority took over the fine farm which had come to him through his father and his grandfather. He grew up on that place, completed his schooling in the old Prairie Home Insitute and from the days of his boyhood has given his attention to agricultural pursuits, a vocation which is returning him ample rewards. "Grove Place Farm" is an admirably improved place of 240 acres which was "entered" from the Government by one Murphy in the days of the Van Buren administration, and was purchased from the patentee by Mr. Blank's grandfather, Nicholas Blank. The place is well situated three and one-half miles northeast of Prairie Home, and is well watered, a good pond and springs being supplemented by a driven well 214 feet deep. Since taking over the management of the property, Mr. Blank has made numerous substantial improvements on the same, these including the erection of a new farm house in 1899, and the building of three barns, one in hat same year, another in 1902, and another in 1912, besides garage, machine shop and such other buildings as required. Since 1901 Mr. Blank has been engaged in the breeding of registered Hereford cattle in partnership with his brother-in-law, Henry Spieler, their present herd of about 40 head being headed by "Excelsior VI" and "Free Lance;" and in this connection has done much to improve the strain of Hereford throughout this section, the products of "Grove Place" herd being in wide demand. As one of the means of exploiting this herd Mr. Blank, who is a highly-skilled amateur photographer, maintains a well-equipped photograph "gallery" on his place.

In 1899, Frank N. Blank was united in marriage to Bertha Spieler, who was born in this county, and to this union one child has been born, Lucille, who is at home. Mrs. Blank is a daughter of Otto and Margaret (Young) Spieler, the latter of whom is still living making her home on

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the home place. Otto Spieler and wife were the parents of eight children, Mrs. Blank having three brothers, Ernest, of Wooldridge; Otto, of St. Louis; and Henry Spieler, of Wooldridge, who is a partner of Mr. Blank; Mrs. Charles Oerly, deceased; Mrs. Lon S. Swanstone, near Gooch's Mills; Laura and Minnie, at home.

Mr. Blank is a member of the Herford Breeders' Association. He is a republican, and a member of Pleasant Grove Evangelical Church, and is affiliated with the Odd Fellows and Modern Woodmen.

Lon V. Wendleton
(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Lon V. Wendleton - The most complete farm plant in the central part of Cooper County is that of Lon V. Wendleton, in Palestine township. The Wendleton farm is improved with a handsome, modern farm residence, large barns, shops and a planing mill so as to make the place independent of outside assistance. the saw mill and planing mill was erected by Mr. Wendleton so as to prepare the lumber for his new home, which is practically built of hardwood lumber, cut from the timber on the farm of 543.5 acres, which he is managing. The house consists of ten rooms, finished in oak, cherry, walnut, and red elm, all of which was cut, sawed, and finished for use on the farm. The planing mill has been in operation since 1915 and has already paid for itself and done work far above in value of the original cost. Mr. Wendleton does some

custom work merely for the accommodation of his neighbors. This fine home is lighted by gas, and heated by a hot water heating plant. The modern day, progressive farmer of the class to which Mr. Wendleton belongs, has come into his own and is fast seeing the light of better days.

Mr. Wendleton is owner of 137.5 acres, the rest of the large tract which he is farming being the property of his uncle, Henry Wendleton. Considerable live stock is produced on the Wendleton farms; one carload of thoroughbred Shorthorn cattle is fed each year and fattened for the market; from one to two carloads of hogs are sold on the markets; 60 sheep are maintained the year round.

Lon V. Wendleton was born Dec. 22, 1886, on a farm three miles west of his present home. He is a son of David Wendleton. He has resided with his uncle, Henry Wendleton, since he was 10 years of age and has had the management of his uncle's large farm for several years.

Mr. Wendleton was married Sept. 29, 1908, to Miss Grace Hendrick, who was born in the Indian Territory, May 12, 1888, and is a daughter of James P. and Eva (Turner) Hendrick, natives of Missouri. James B. Hendrick resided for a few years in the Indian Territory, and after his return to Missouri, settled in Lafayette county, where he resided until

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his removal to Boone County, where he is now residing. Three children have blessed this marriage; Mildred, born Oct. 5, 1909; Ruth, born Jan. 20, 1911; Earl, born March 12, 1915.

Mr. Wendleton is a democrat. He and Mrs. Wendleton are members of the Christian Church. He is a member of the Masons. Both Mr. and Mrs. Wendleton are well informed and well educated people, who are hospitably inclined and of the true Missouri, progressive type. Both have had the advantages of study in the State University and the Normal Academy, and endeavor to keep abreast of the times.

Henry Wendleton was born in Cooper County in 1854, and was a son of David Wendleton, a native of Holland, who left his native land, came to America, and located permanently in Cooper County, Mo., in 1833. Further details of the history of the Wendleton family will be found in the sketch of David Wendleton. Mr. Wendleton has been twice married; his first wife having been a Miss Catherine Barbara Zimmerman, who died in 1903. His second marriage, in 1906, was with Sophia Muntzel, who died two and a half years after her marriage.

J. Louis Staebler (Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

J. Louis Staebler - A rich and fertile farm, well improved and located advantageously, such as the farm of J. Louis Staebler, of Billingsville, is a possession of which any man can well be proud. The Staebler place consists of 200 acres and has a handsome residence of 11 rooms erected in 1907 and modern in every respect. This home is equipped with a gas lighting system, water system, furnace and was one of the first modern homes built in this section of Cooper County. Mr. Staebler is a producer of hags and raises and feeds about 150 head of animals yearly for the markets. He was born in Champaign County, Ohio, June 6, 1856.

J. Louis Staebler, Sr., his father, was born in Germany in 1820, and died in Cooper County, Mo., in 1903. The ancestral seat of the Staebler family is at or near Stuttgart, Wurtemberg, Germany. Mr. Staebler immigrated to America in 1853 and settled near Urbane, Ohio. This section of Ohio, at that time, was in a more or less wooded condition and the forests in process of clearing. The soil was wet and malaria was prevalent among the settlers and residents. Mr. Staebler became afflicted with malaria and was advised by his family doctor to come west, entirely out of the malaria-ridden country. He had friends in Missouri and learned through them of the excellence of the climate in the Cooper County neighborhood. Accordingly, he disposed of his property in Ohio, and drove across country in company with two other families, their belongings being carried in six wagons. In 1859, Mr. Staebler brought his belongings to Missouri with two teams and lived for the first two years on

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a farm south of Boonville. J. Louis Staebler, Sr., served in the State Militia during the Civil War. When General Rice's Army raided Boonville and Cooper County in 1863, the Confederates raided the Staebler farm, stripped the farm and home of provisions and live stock and feed, and robbed him of his money and all his possessions. A battle was fought near the Staebler place between the Union forces under General Kratz Brown and Price's men. In 1873 he located on the farm owned by his son, J. Louis Staebler, Jr. His wife was Christina Graver. She was born near Stuttgart, Wurtemberg, Germany, in 1833 and departed this life Jan. 20, 1917. J. Louis Staebler was the only child of his parents.

Nov. 7, 1889, J. Louis Staebler was married to Elizabeth J. Dueschle, born in 1867, near Pleasant Green, Mo., a daughter of Adam, Sr., and Catherine (Shook) Dueschle, natives of Germany and early settlers in Cooper County. Mr. and Mrs. Staebler have two children: Esther O., a graduate of the business college at Boonville; Edith, at home with her parents.

Mr. Staebler is a republican. He is a member of the Billingsville Evangelical Church and is a member of the Woodmen of the World. He is an intelligent, well posted citizen, who has made a success of his life work and has arrived at the point in life where he can live in comfortable circumstances.

Henry P. Robien (Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Henry P. Robien - Success in farming and stock raising seems to be characteristic of the members of the Robien family in Cooper County, and Henry P. Robien, who has a splendid farm of 180 acres just south of Boonville, is no exception-rather, he is one of the most successful of the family, inasmuch as he is owner of 450 acres of land in addition to his home farm, situated south of Billingsville. Mr. Robien has resided on his home place for the past 18 years and it is well improved with a large brick house and other substantial farm buildings, there being two sets of improvements on his land. Mr. Robien is a large feeder of cattle and hogs, fattening two carloads each of these animals each year.

Mr. Robien was born near Speed, Mo., Sept. 25, 1872, and is a son of Henry and Mary (Hoflander) Robien, a sketch of whom appears in this volume in connection with the biography of William G. Robien of Prairie Lick. When Henry P. Robien was three years old, his parents moved to a farm just south of Boonville. Here he was reared to young manhood and attended the district school. He remained at home until he was 28 years old and then began doing for himself.

Mr. Robien was married in 1901 to Henrietta Zimmerman, born on the farm near Billingsville, in 1879, a daughter of George and Helena

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(Renken) Zimmerman, natives of Wurtemberg, Germany. George Zimmerman was born in 1834 and died on April 5, 1905. His wife, Helena, was born in Germany in 1838, and died Jan. 17, 1907. George Zimmerman came to America and settled in Cooper County in 1852. Helen (Renkin) Zimmerman came to America with her parents in 1843, and was reared and married in Cooper County. The Zimmermans settled on the farm now owned by Henry P. Robien in 1891. They were parents of five children: Henry, Emma, Frederick, and Catherine, all deceased; Henrietta, wife of H. P. Robien, is the only living child.

H. P. and Henrietta Robien have two children, namely: Helen Marie Robien, age 14 years; and George Henry Robien, aged 17 years.

Mr. Robien is a republican, but has little time for political matters. He and his family are Members of the Evangelical Church. He is popular, well and favorably known and is one of the young hustlers in Cooper County.

George W. Carey
(Transcribed by Gary Harvey)

George W. Carey, of "Maple Grove Farm," a mile north of the town of Prairie Home, is not only the oldest native born pioneer in this section of Missouri, but is a member of one of the first families of Missouri. His grandfather settled here in territorial days. Mr. Carey was born, on 1/14/1833, on a place four miles north of the place where he is now living. Among the names of the pioneers who were prominent in affairs here in the days of his boyhood, Mr. Carey recalls James McLain, Andrew Wells, Robert Johnston, James Adair and William Smith.

John Carey, a Tennessean, who came here and entered a tract of land (now apart of Frank Kirschman's farm in Prairie Home township) 100 or more years ago, was the founder of the Carey family in this section. His son, Evans Carey, father of George W. Carey, entered two tracts of land at the same time, a quarter section on Cave Creek in Saline township, now owned by James Cartner, and the tract now included in "Maple Grove Farm," owned by his grandson, Robert A. Carey, and for many years the home of the venerable George W. Carey. In time, Calvin M. Carey, one of Evans Carey's sons, and an elder brother of George W. Carey, bought the interests of the other heirs in this latter piece of property, and in the succeeding generation his youngest son, Robert A., the present owner, bought the undivided interests of his brothers and sisters. "Maple Grove Farm" thus having been held in the Carey name since the day the original patent was granted. George W. Carey has been twice married. His first wife, Polly Woods, died many years ago, and is buried

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in Providence Cemetery. By that union he has two daughters, Mrs. Clara Adair, of Prairie Home township, and Mrs. T. F. Hale, of California, Mo. On 2/2/1885, Mr. Carey married Mrs. Matilda T. (Miller) Carey, widow of his deceased brother, Calvin M. Carey. This union is without issue.

Calvin M. Carey was born in Saline township in 1825, and died in 1879, and is buried in the Salem Cemetery in Prairie Home township. On 12/2/1862, at Tipton, he was united in marriage to Matilda T. Miller, and to that union were born seven children all of whom are living, save George Calvin, who died at the age of three years, the others being as follows: Professor Estill Carey, now principal of the high school at Malta Bend, Mo.; Harriet, wife of L. P. Stark, St. Louis; Anna, wife of R. W. Payne, Fayette; Maud, wife of R. L. Meredith, Joplin; Sarah, wife of Starke Koontz, Boonville; and Robert A., proprietor of "Maple Grove Farm."

Mrs. Matilda T. (Miller) Carey was born on a farm near Richmond, Ky., 6/6/1840, and was but six years of age when in 1846 her parents, James E. and Harriet F. (Tevia) Miller, came to Missouri with their family, and located in Howard County. A year later they moved to Moniteau County and settled on a farm a mile south of Tipton, where James E. Miller died shortly afterward in 1847. His widow died in 1867. Of the 11 children born to James E. Miller and his wife, Mrs. Carey is the only survivor. She was educated in the district school and in a boarding school or seminary, which then was being conducted in the settlement which was the forerunner of the present city of Sedalia, that having been in the days before the Sedalia town site was platted, and was living in Tipton at the time of her marriage to Calvin M. Carey in 1862. Mrs. Carey has an unusually well cultivated memory and her recollection of social conditions here in the days of her girlhood form a most interesting chain of reminiscence. She has one great-grandson, Robert Miller Payne, and 20 grandchildren, namely: Matilda, Anna Maud and Robert E. Carey; Edna, Estill, Helen and Lenore Stark; Francis and David Koontz; Lee, Carey, Lillian, Harriet, and Guy Meredith; Robert, Martha, and William Richard Payne, and Virginia Lee and Robert A. Carey.

Robert Arthur Carey
(Transcribed by Laura Paxton)

Robert Arthur Carey proprietor of "Maple Grove Farm," one mile north of Prairie Home was born on that farm and has lived there all his life. He was born Sept 9 1873 son of Calvin M and Matilda T (Miller) Carey the latter of whom is still living making her home at "Maple Grove," as she has done for many years. Calvin M Carey died in

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1879 and his widow in 1885 married his younger brother, George W Carey who is still living at "Maple Grove."

Robert A Carey completed his schooling in the old Prairie Home Institute and in the high school at Boonville, and from the days of his boyhood has devoted his attention to the cultivation of the farm. Some time ago he became owner of the place, with his mother, by purchase of the interests of his brother and sisters. Since then he has made numerous substantial improvements to the place, including a remodeling of the residence, the erection of two barns, one 38X54 and the other 36X60, and other essential farm buildings. Mr. Carey has long given considerable attention to the raising of live stock and for the past five years has maintained an excellent herd of registered Aberdeen-Angus cattle, with which he has had much success. He also has a good bunch of Duroc Jersey hogs and a flock of 60 or more sheep.

Dec 27 1909 Robert A Carey was united in marriage to Catherine Niederwimer, who also was born in this county and to this union two children have been born, Virginia Lee and Robert Arthur Jr. Mrs. Carey is a daughter of Frank Niederwimer and wife who are now living at Fayette. She received her schooling at the Oak Grove School in Saline Church at Prairie Home. Mr. Carey gives a good citizen's attention to local civic affairs, and has served as clerk and director of the Providence School District several terms. "Maple Grove Farm" is an attractive and well kept place.

Thomas Francis Grathwohl
(Transcribed by Laura Paxton)

Thomas Francis Grathwohl, of the Billingsville neighborhood, has a splendid farm of 260 acres, which is well improved with a modern residence erected in 1907, two large barns, a silo 40 feet in height, and 14 feet in width and everything about his place is kept in first-class shape. Two tracts, one of 80 acres and the other of 108 acres, lay in Boonville township, the rest of his land is in Palestine township.

Thomas F. Grathwohl was born in Logansport, Ind., Oct. 4, 1866. His father was Timothy Grathwohl, a native of Germany, who immigrated to America when a young man, married Margaretha Barbara Hoflander, and settled in Cooper County about 1866. He died in this county, Oct. 7, 1871.

Margaretha Barbara (Hoflander) Grathwohl was born Aug. 9, 1836, in Germany, and accompanied her parents, Johann Ernst and Kunigunda

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(Stegner) Hoflander to America in 1854. She died Dec. 29, 1913. The children born to Timothy and Margaretha Barbara Grathwohl are as follows: Charles Timothy, born Sept. 3, 1860; Conrad Ansell, born in Lafayette, Ind., April 3, 1862, died Feb. 18, 1914; Maria Anna, born July 25, 1864, died Aug. 14, 1885; Thomas Francis, born Oct. 4, 1866; Magdalena Barbara, born Dec. 11, 1869; Joseph Caspar, born Aug. 24, 1871, died in 1873.

After the death of Timothy Grathwohl, the widow and children went to her father's home at Billingsville and she kept house for her brother until the children were able to work for their own support. The widow eventually bought a small farm and assisted by her brothers Paul and George and her growing sons, the family eventually became possessed of the place of 108 acres, where Thomas F. Grathwohl now lives. Here the mother lived until two years prior to her death, when she made her home with her son Charles.

Thomas F. Grathwohl lived at the homes of his uncles, Paul and George Hollander, until he became of age. He and his two brothers, Charles and Conrad, then pooled their possessions and strength and bought the Charles Grathwohl farm together. They kept up a partnership for 10 years and prospered. In 1904 the brothers divided their land holdings. Thomas F. Grathwohl received 117 acres of land and Charles and Conrad, his brothers, took the original farm bought by the brothers, and the partnership was dissolved. Mr. Grathwohl keeps good live stock and has a thoroughbred male Hereford leader for his herd of cattle. He keeps thoroughbred Duroc Jersey and Poland China hogs. Industry, wise management, and close application have made him one of the well to do and influential citizens of Cooper County.

Mr. Grathwohl was married on Nov. 8, 1896, to Miss Amelia Muntzel, who was born May 10, 1877, in Cooper County, a daughter of the late Fritz Muntzel, a sketch of whom appears in connection with that of F. H. Muntzel in this history. The children born to Thomas F. and Amelia Grathwohl are as follows: Henry, a senior in the Boonville High School; Corinne, Joseph, Marie, Carl, and Elsie, at home.

Mr. Grathwohl is a republican. He is a member of the Evangelical Church of Billingsville and is superintendent of the Billingsville Sunday school. He is a director of the Bank of Speed, Mo., and is a director of the Clarks Fork Mutual Fire Insurance Company.

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Judge Thomas Alvin Harris

(Transcribed by Laura Paxton)

Judge Thomas Alvin Harris of Prairie Home is one of the highly respected citizens and interesting men of the older generation of Cooper County's native sons. He was born in Prairie Home township in 1839, a son of Thomas and Nancy (Edwards) Harris, both natives of Kentucky. Thomas Harris came here with his father, William Harris and settled in Cooper County in 1820. They settled in Prairie Home township and William Harris died a few years after coming here and was the first person to be buried in the Harris private cemetery. Nancy (Edwards) Harris mother of Judge Harris died in 1864.

Judge Harris is the only survivor of ten children born to his parents. The others were: Stanton P.; Mrs. Margaret Johnston; Mrs. Elizabeth Read; William; Mrs. Lucinda McDuffee; John; Mrs. Eliza Son; Mrs. Catherine Son; and George all of whom are deceased.

Judge Harris was reared in Prairie Home township and received such education as the local schools of this time afforded. In the early part of the Civil War he enlisted in the Confederate Army at Boonville, under General Marmaduke, and took part in a number of battles, among which were the engagements at Independence, Big Blue, Mine Creek, Newtonia, being the campaigns through Missouri, Arkansas, Texas and Louisiana. He was at Shreveport LA., when the war closed, there surrendering and returned home by way of the Mississippi River at St. Louis and from there to Jefferson City by rail. After the close of the war he resumed farming and stock raising in Prairie Home township and met with well-merited success. He raised cattle, hogs and sheep and attained quite a reputation as a breeder of Oxford sheep. He lived on the place of 120 acres where he was born except the time he was in the army for 80 years or until 1919 when he

bought a pleasant home in the town of Prairie Home where he and his wife are enjoying well-earned peaceful retirement.

During the course of his career, Judge Harris has always taken a deep and abiding interest in matters affecting the public welfare, and has been prominently identified with Cooper county in a political way. He was elected one of the judges of the County Court from the eastern district in 1891 and re-elected by a larger majority than the first time to succeed himself. Many improvements were made of a character which came within the scope of the jurisdiction of the County Court during his two terms of office. Among the more important, which might be here mentioned, was the building of the Jewett bridge over Clarks Creek and a number of other bridges in the county.

Judge Harris was first married in 1859 to Miss Rachel Hall, of North Moniteau township a daughter of John and Elizabeth Hall. The following

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children were born to this union. Letitia married Henry Carpenter, Prairie Home township; Lulu who married D W Hunt who is now deceased and she lives at Pisgah and George W died at the age of 23. The mother of these children died in 1883. In 1890 Judge Harris was united in marriage to Miss Bessie Apperson daughter of Gilbert and Martha (Berkley) Apperson. The former a native of North Carolina and the latter of Virginia. They were pioneers of North Moniteau township. They were the parents of the following children: Bessie the wife of Judge Harris born May 10 1846; William F.; Robert W.; Thomas F.; George P.; Nancy P. The last three mentioned are deceased.

Judge and Mrs. Harris are members of the Baptist Church of Prairie Home and he has served as clerk of the Pisgah Baptist Church for 22 years. The Harris family are numbered among Cooper County's most valued and highly respected citizens and Judge Harris and his wife have a host of friends.

Walter L. Coleman

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Walter L. Coleman of the firm of Coleman and Lee, general merchandise, Bunceton, Mo., has been a resident of Bunceton since 1887 and has been engaged in the mercantile business since 1910. This store is well stocked with groceries, dry goods and general merchandise and has an excellent and substantial trade.

Walter L. Coleman was born June 13, 1873, in Lees Summit, Mo., and is a son of John Coleman, a sketch of whom appears in this history. W. L. Coleman attended the Bunceton, Mo., schools and for ten years he traveled over the country, and was a baseball player for some years in various parts of the country. Mr. Coleman returned to Bunceton in 1902 and engaged in the grain business with his father and brothers. He was next engaged in the hardware business and in 1910, in partnership with Mr. Lee, the firm of Coleman & Lee Mere. Co. was established.

Mr. Coleman was married on May 30, 1902 to Miss Huldah Lee of Bunceton, a daughter of Caleb A. Lee, partner in the business. Mr. and Mrs. Coleman have one child: John Lee Coleman, aged 15 years.

Caleb Atkinson Lee, father of Mrs. Coleman, was born Jan. 4, 1851, in Howard County. He is a son of Atkinson Hill and Susan (Wilcox) Lee, natives of Kentucky. The ancestry of this branch of the Lee family traces back to the Lees of Virginia and thence to Ireland. Col. Phil Lee, an uncle of C. A. Lee, fought in the Confederate Army during the Civil War. A. H. Lee, father of C. A. Lee, was born in 1808 and died on April 5, 1863. He came to Missouri from Kentucky in 1830, and drove a freighting outfit from St. Louis to Old Franklin for a number of years and later

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engaged in farming. He was father of nine children, of whom C. A. Lee is the only one living.

Caleb Atkinson Lee was married in 1876 to Mattie M., a daughter of William R. George; she was born in 1855 in Cooper County. Mr. and Mrs. Lee have two children: Mrs. Walter L. Coleman and William Atkinson Lee, of St. Louis, Mo.

Sept. 5, 1881, Mr. Lee moved to Cooper County, and located on a farm one mile east of Bunceton where he followed farming for 18 years. He then engaged in business with Mr. Coleman.

Mr. Coleman is a democrat, a member of the Presbyterian church and the Knights of Pythias. Mr. Lee is a democrat, a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church South and is a Mason.

Joseph Popper

(Transcribed by Laura Paxton)

Joseph Popper - The largest mercantile establishment in central Missouri, is the department store on Joseph Popper and Company, Bunceton, Mo., established in 1893. Mr. Popper began business on an ordinary scale in that year on a side street of Bunceton, in a room 18x60 feet and carried a stock of goods value at about \$8,000. His business soon outgrew its quarters and he moved to his present location in 1894. The Popper Store occupies a floor space of over 4,000 square feet besides a ware room of the same size. The business occupies two floors of the largest building in Bunceton. The clothing department occupies a space 30x65 feet; the grocery department occupies a space 40x50 feet; the dry goods and notions department occupied 28x80 feet; the shoe department is situated along one entire side of the building 80 feet; and the goods are arranged on the departmental plan with every modern facility for the rapid transaction of the large volume of business. Six sales people are employed in this store and the extensive trade covers southern Cooper County and Moniteau County.

Joseph Popper was born in Austria, Feb. 12, 1863. He is a son of Adelbert and Johanna Popper, the former of whom was a merchant and farmer in his native land and who gave his son Joseph a good education to fit him for his career. Mr. Popper came to America in 1883 and located at Versailles, Mo., where he was employed by William Mendel, a merchant of that city, for ten and a half years. He then came to Bunceton and began his successful business career.

Mr. Popper has been twice married. His first marriage was with Miss Johanna Winter, who died in 1905 leaving one son, Herman Popper,

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an ex-soldier in the National Army. Herman Popper was born in 1896. He enlisted in the aviation department of the National Army early in 1918, was trained at the New York Aviation School and was then transferred to the training station, Kelly Field, at San Antonio, Texas, and received an honorable discharge in Feb., 1919. Mr. Popper was again married in 1907 to Bettie Nassauer, of St. Louis, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sigmund Nassauer, of that city.

Mr. Popper is a republican. He was born and reared in the Jewish religious faith. He is a member of the Masons, the Chapter at Boonville, the Knights of Pythias, and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Personally, Mr. Popper is a pleasant, genial, likable citizen who is liberal in his support of all public enterprises.

Herbert L. Hawkins

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Herbert L. Hawkins - The Hawkins Hardware Co., Bunceton, Mo., of which Herbert L. Hawkins is president and treasurer, was organized in 1916 with a capital of \$7,000. This capital has since been increased to \$30,000, the demands of the growth of the business making necessary an increase in the capitalization. L. H. Moore is the vice-president and secretary of the company. Two floors, 60x100 feet are occupied by a splendid stock of hardware, harness and implements. Three warehouses are used in addition to the storeroom, and six people are given employment in conducting this large business. A plumbing and electrical department is maintained as well as a tin shop, and a wagon and automobile repair shop. A line of wagons, buggies and automobiles is carried, such substantial makes as the Studebaker, Maxwell and ScrippsBooth automobiles being sold and in addition the firm handles the famous "Titan Tractors".

Herbert L. Hawkins was born in 1883 at Mohawk, Tenn. He is a son of J. K. and Sarah C. (Lotspeich) Hawkins. J. K. Hawkins has been during his whole active life, a promoter and organizer whose profession took him in various parts of the country while he made his headquarters at Morristown, Tenn. H. L. Hawkins was educated in the public schools and the seminary at Bowling Green, Ky. For several years he was engaged in the paint manufacturing business at Louisville, Ky., following which he was engaged in the real estate business at Versailles, Mo. Mr. Hawkins came to Bunceton in 1914 and embarked in the hardware and implement business as previously stated. Mr. Hawkins is president of the Bunceton Ice, Electric Light and Fuel Company.

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He was married in 1910 to Miss Sallie Burger of Bunceton, a daughter of John G. Burger. One child has been born of this union, Helen Hawkins, aged four years.

Mr. Hawkins is a democrat of the old school. He is a member of the Baptist Church and the Masons of Bunceton, the Chapter of Boonville, Knights of Pythias, Modern Woodmen of America, Independent Order of Red Men and Independent Order of Odd Fellows

Samuel L. Hickam

(Transcribed by Laura Paxton)

Samuel L Hickam a substantial land owner and retired farmer of Cooper County now living in a historic old house on the corporation line of the city of Boonville is a native Missourian and has lived in this State all of his life. He was born in Moniteau County in 1852 son of Joseph and Susan (Teeters) Hickam.

Joseph Hickam was born in Illinois and was eight years of age when he came to Missouri with his parents in 1824 the family landing at Marion Cole County going from there to Moniteau County where they settled. He thus grew up in Moniteau County where after his marriage to Susan Teeters who was born in Boone County he located on a farm remaining there until 1876 when he moved to Cooper county where he and his wife spent the rest of their lives. Joseph Hickam died Feb 23 1889 and his wife died two days later. By an astonishing coincidental train of sorrow in the Hickam family at that time, Samuel L Hickam's first wife died Feb. 22 the day prior to her father-in-law's death and two of the funerals were held together in the Hickam Cemetery in Moniteau County. To Joseph Hickam and wife were born 17 children, 10 of whom grew to maturity, namely: Squire William, deceased; John T., who was killed while serving under Gen. Sterling Price at the battle of Little Blue; Jasper, deceased; Mrs. Nancy Lamm who died Jan 31 1889; Mrs. Susan Stevens deceased; Samuel L., subject of this sketch; Mrs. Henrietta Teeters, deceased; S H Hickam living in Moniteau County; Joseph deceased; and James T near Boonville.

Samuel L Hickam was reared in Moniteau County where he received his schooling and where he began farming later coming to Cooper County where for 21 years he was engaged in farming near Wooldridge the owner there of a fine farm of 1100 acres, which he sold in 1917. Prior to that he was for four years engaged in farming in Howard County where he owned a farm of 360 acres. In 1907, upon his retirement from the active labors of the farm, Mr. Hickam bought the historic old house on the Jefferson City road, at the city limits of Boonville, and has since made his

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home there. Surrounding this house Mr. Hickam has 63 acres of land, 28 acres of which are in the city limits. He also owns 202 acres in Saline township. The house in which the Hickams live has 20 rooms, and stands right on the city corporation line, the house being thus divided that the family take their meals in the city but sleep in the suburbs. The house was erected in the thirties or early forties by the original owner, Mr. Morton, and was constructed from bricks burned on the place. The next owner was Mr. Isaac Lionberger, who built an addition to the house extending it to its present capacious dimensions. Mr. Hickam is a democrat and he is affiliated with the Woodmen of the World.

Mr. Hickam has been thrice married. On March 15 1877, he was united in marriage to Nannie Stone, who was born in Boone County and who died Feb 22 1889. To that union five children were born, four of whom died in infancy, the survivor being Mary, wife of Henry Lachner of Clarksburg. June 25 1891, MR. Hickam married Dora Wiggins, who was born in Boone County and who died May 1896 and is also buried in the Hickam Cemetery. To that union was born four children, one child living, Mildred, wife of John McDaniel, of Saline township. July 8 1897, MR. Hickam married Myrtle Sumner, who was born up in Audrain County. This union has been without issue, but Mr. and Mrs. Hickam have reared the following children: Clarence Dietz, Joe Jones (a colored boy), Fred Teeters, John Earnhardt, Harry Vots, Ollie Thomas and Nannie Hickam. Mrs. Hickam has a sister, Mrs. J A Benham, living in East St. Louis, Ill. Her parents, Joseph Thomas and Martha Elizabeth (Clement) Sumner were both members of pioneer families in Missouri, the former born in St. Louis County in 1844 and the latter in 1839. Joseph Thomas Sumner was a soldier of the Confederacy during the Civil War and spent his 18th birthday in a Federal prison, having been taken a prisoner of war. He died in 1902 and his widow died in 1912. Both are buried at Santa Fe, Monroe County. Mr. Hickam has seven grandchildren, namely; Nannie Hickam, Anna Leona, Mildred Jewel and Clara Louise Lachner and Samuel L McDaniel and two step-grandchildren, William and Henry Lachner and Minnie Lachner. Sergeant William Lachner, one of the grandchildren served 18 months with the American Expeditionary Forces in France a member of the 140th Infantry 35th Division. On his birthday, Sept 26, he was slightly wounded in the battle in the Argonne Forest, and was for some time thereafter confined to hospital, but recovered and was returned to his command, and is now at home in Boonville.

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His brother, Henry Lachner, was also in service of the United States Navy. One of Mr. Hickam's cousins, Capt. John T. Hickam, was an officer of the 35th Division, A. E. F., in France.

August Stegner
(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

August Stegner - For 66 years August Stegner, well to do retired farmer, living at 1006 Seventh Street, Boonville, Mo., has been a resident of Cooper County, and for 55 years prior to his removal to Boonville, he resided on one farm, reared a splendid family and has well earned a place in the history of his home county.

Mr. Stegner was born in Sachsen-Coburg, Germany, Aug. 24, 1843, and immigrated with his parents, John Peter and Margaret Barbara (Hertte) Stegner in 1853. The parents were

accompanied by their four children, as follows: August, of this review; Mrs. Mary Rentchler, now deceased; Mrs. Christina Engel, who died in Howard County, Mo., in March, 1919; Feodor, a farmer, living at Billingsville, Mo.; and Mrs. Hildegard Diehl, who died in this county.

John Peter Stegner settled on a farm near Billingsville, now owned by Feodor Stegner, and which was purchased in June, 1853.

August Stegner was 10 years old when he accompanied his parents to America. He enlisted in the Missouri State Guards in 1863, under Capt. Tom George and Colonel Pope and served for six months. His next service for another six months was under the command of Captain Shoemaker. He was taken prisoner by Shelby's raiders in 1864 and held for two days in the Cooper County court house.

Mr. Stegner built his home in 1873 and settled on the farm at Billingsville now owned by his son, Fred C. Stegner. He resided there until 1908 and then came to Boonville. He became owner of 280 acres in three farms, which he has sold to his sons at different times, and is one of the well to do citizens of Cooper County.

Jan. 3, 1871, August Stegner was married to Anna Angerman, who was born in Sachsen-Coburg, in 1852, and came to America with her parents in 1864. Seven children were born to this marriage, of whom five are living: Laura is deceased; Otto is a farmer in Palestine township; Benjamin is a farmer in Cooper County; Frederick Carl, owner of the home place; August Gottlieb is deceased; Mrs. Augusta Twillman lives at Lone Elm, Mo.; Mrs. Anna, wife of Fred Dueschle, lives near Speed, Mo.

Mr. Stegner is a republican and is a member of John A. Hayne Post, Grand Army of the Republic, of Boonville, Mo. He is a member of and was one of the builders of the Billingsville Evangelical Church. Mr. Stegner is one of the fine "old timers" of Cooper County, who has a good recollection

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of the early pioneer days of Cooper County's development. During his boyhood days there was only one man in the neighborhood who had a team of horses, everybody using oxen for work and for travel. Mr. Stegner recalls that he paid \$140 for a wagon after the close of the Civil War and did all of his plowing and farm work with oxen. Horses were used only for riding and corn plowing, and no one was rich enough to own a carriage. His wagon had no sideboards and no springs and riding in a wagon was a rough, jolting experience over the nondescript roads of that day. Everybody used big, clumsy wagons when it was necessary to transport produce or carry the family to church or on a visiting trip.

Otto H. Cramer

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Otto H. Cramer, proprietor of the Cramer Mercantile Company, Bunceton, Mo., is conducting the oldest business enterprise in Bunceton. This store was established in 1867 by Edward Cramer, and is one of the best in Cooper County, retailing general merchandise and dry goods. Two generations of patrons have dealt with this store and it is now practically old enough for the third generation of patrons.

Edward Cramer, father of Otto H. Cramer, was born at Harmon, Mo., March 12, 1844 and died Dec. 31, 1914. He was a son of Dr. Edward Cramer, the first physician who practiced in Gasconade County. Dr. Cramer was a native of Prussia, and received his medical education in one of the universities of his native country. Soon after his graduation in medicine he came to America, and located in Gasconade County, Mo. Here he was married to Margaret Knocker, who

was born in Philadelphia, Pa. After practicing medicine for a number of years, Dr. Cramer engaged in merchandising until his death on Jan. 3, 1878.

Edward Cramer was educated in St. Louis University and for about six months he was connected with Judge Heim, at Boonville in the mercantile business, prior to locating in Bunceton, in 1867. In the fall of 1862 he went to St. Louis and was employed in a hardware store in that city for some years. He then established his business at Bunceton. In 1878 his store was burned and he rebuilt and began anew. Mr. Cramer took a deep interest in educational matters and was secretary and treasurer of the old Parrish Institute at Bunceton. Oct. 7, 1875, he was married to Miss Louisa Henley, a daughter of Capt. Samuel Henley, born and reared in Boone County. She died in April, 1913. The children born to Edward and Louisa Cramer are: Catherine M., living in Bunceton; Otto H., of this review; and Walker, a merchant at Sedalia, Mo.

Otto H. Cramer attended the school of his native town and entered his father's store when a boy. He became thoroughly grounded in business

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management and business principles and succeeded his father in the store. Mr. Cramer was married in 1907 to Miss Mabel Roeschel, a daughter of the late W. E. Roeschel of Boonville. Mr. Cramer is an independent voter. He is a member of the Christian Church and is a Mason, holding a membership in the Knights Templar and Chapter at Boonville.

Christ Ohlendorf

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Christ Ohlendorf, proprietor of "Evergreen Stock Farm," a valuable place of 224 acres in Clarks Fork township, 11 miles southeast of Boonville, is a native son of Cooper County. He was born on a farm in Clarks Fork township, Nov. 19, 1863, son of Ferdinand and Wilhelmina (Lindaman) Ohlendorf, natives of Germany.

Ferdinand Ohlendorf left his native land in young manhood and came to America, locating in Cooper County, where he married Mrs. Wilhelmina (Lindaman) Fricke, a widow, and settled in Clarks Fork township, becoming a substantial farmer and a leading man of affairs. He died on that farm about 1909. His wife died about 1904, and both are buried in the cemetery of the Clarks Fork Lutheran Church. By her first marriage, Mrs. Ohlendorf was the mother of two children, Henry Fricke, of Prairie Home township, and William, now deceased. Mrs. Ohlendorf had been a resident of Missouri since she was eight years of age having at that age accompanied her parents to this country from Germany, the family first locating in St. Louis, and later coming to Cooper County. By her marriage to Ferdinand Ohlendorf she was the mother of seven children, as follows: Ferdinand, deceased; Minnie, wife of Herman Schnack, Boonville; Sophia, wife of William Bewie, Beecher, Ill.; Christ Herman, proprietor of "Wintergreen Farm," in Clarks Fork township; Emma, Clarks Fork township, who is the widow of John Schmalfeldt, who died in 1904, and Caroline, Boonville.

Christ Ohlendorf was reared on the home farm in Clarks Fork township, and received his schooling in the Lutheran parochial school. As a young man assumed the management of the home place, relieving his father of much of the responsibility, and at the same time for some seasons operated a threshing rig until about 1889, when he bought from the Nicholson heirs the farm of 224 acres, on which he is now living, and which he has very appropriately named "Evergreen Farm." After his marriage in the fall of 1890, Mr. Ohlendorf established his home on that place, and has ever since resided there, during that time having made a complete new set of improvements, including farm house and barns. The first barn he built was destroyed by lightning, but he now has three barns, the largest being 48x44, with metal roof and concrete floor. Mr.

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Ohlendorf gives a good deal of attention to his live stock, and keeps registered pure-bred Shorthorn cattle, and registered Mulefoot hogs, these latter having had their origin in the Hawaiian Islands and said to be cholera proof. There also is a fine flock of Rosecomb white Leghorn chickens at "Evergreen Farm." By careful treatment of the soil and equally careful sifting of seeds, Mr. Ohlendorf has gained a reputation as one of the most successful prize winners at neighboring agricultural exhibits, having a record of more than 50 premiums awarded his exhibits at the State Fair at Sedalia and at the county fairs in Cooper County. His entry at the State Fair in 1910 netted him more than \$400 in premiums on products of his farm, corn, clover, oats, etc., and in 1912 at Sedalia he won sweepstakes on the best 10 ears of corn, this premium being \$40. With this record it is not to be wondered at that he is constantly answering inquiries for seeds, and he has sold seed corn, especially, in all parts of the State. Mr. Ohlendorf also takes an active interest in general local affairs. He and Horace Windsor and Elza B. Shannon were the first commissioners for the first special road district in Cooper County, the road thus indicated being the road from Rankin's Mill to a point a half mile south of "Evergreen Farm." With the exception of the Meyers hill this road was constructed on a four and one-half per cent grade. Mr. and Mrs. Ohlendorf are members of the Clarks Fork Lutheran Church.

Oct. 23, 1890, Christ Ohlendorf was united in marriage with Anna Barbara Honerbrink, who also was born in this county, daughter of E. F. and Barbara (Aeisle) Honerbrink, pioneers of Prairie Home township, and the former of whom is still living on the home place there. Mrs. Honerbrink died in 1914. To Mr. and Mrs. Ohlendorf have been born five children, namely; Henry, who served with the American Expeditionary Forces in Europe; George, at home; William, who died at the age of eight years; and Alma and Lenora, at home. Henry Ohlendorf, the soldier son, entered the service of the United States Army in September, 1917, and was sent to France in May, 1918. He was at the front from July 5 until wounded, Sept. 27. He then was in a hospital until Nov. 14, when he was returned to his command in France, a member of Company I, 138th Infantry, 35th Division, until his honorable discharge, May 12, 1919, and is now at home. On Sept. 26, 1918, Private Ohlendorf, with 40 of his company, became lost from their company, and fought alone for an entire day, and when relieved they had captured 40 Huns He was wounded on the next day when holding the line. Gunner Ohlendorf raised up and was shot through the right arm. As a result he is yet badly crippled.

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Col. Albert Gallatin Blakey

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Col. Albert Gallatin Blakey - For several years past the people of this country have been greatly interested in the humane manner in which many of the reform institutions of the United States are being conducted. A new profession has sprung into being; different and better methods based upon the teachings of Jesus Christ have been applied to the management of the penal and reformatory institutions where those who have fallen into ways of transgression against the laws of the country have been placed as a punishment for alleged wrong doing. The harsh disciplinarians in the State penal institutions have been replaced in many instances by men of broader outlook, endowed with humane sentiments, and imbued with beliefs that there is some good in every boy or man if the individual is handled properly. Harsh and unrestrained discipline with its ironclad rules of dire punishments for infraction of petty rules governing the conduct of inmates have given place to a kinder, juster, more lovable method which places the unfortunate one upon his honor and gently leads him to better ways of living and is more inclined to assist him to attain true manhood in the end.

Since July, 1917, when Col. A. G. Blakey, superintendent of the Missouri Training School, took charge of this important State institution, a marked and pleasing change has taken place, not only

in the management of the school, but in the well being and comfort of the unfortunate youths who have been sent to the school from all parts of the State. Colonel Blakey has surrounded himself with officers who were alike in their ideas of management and believe that there is in every boy some latent good which can be developed if he is handled rightly.

The precepts of the Great Teacher are taken as the basis in handling the youths who are inmates of the school. It is the avowed object of the superintendent and his capable assistants to teach the boys who are sent to the school that they must live, act, think and conduct themselves as the Master would have them do. Actuated by such a laudable and moral idea, it is not to be marveled that during the past two years a wonderful change has taken place in the conditions as they existed at the training school when Colonel Blakey took charge. The boys have been taught the dignity of labor and instructors are at hand to teach them the trade for which they seem best adapted and for which they have an inclination.

At the time Colonel Blakey took charge many of the buildings were in a deplorable condition, plastering had fallen from the walls and ceilings, the sanitary conditions were bad, vermin were plentiful in the

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dormitories and buildings, the heating arrangements were inadequate and practically everything was in a run down condition.

His first duty was to place the school in a condition which would result in more livable conditions for the erring youths placed in his charge. Handicapped as he was by lack of funds to accomplish the ends sought, he cast about for ways and means to add to the income which the State of Missouri and the counties from whence came the boys allowed him. The past two seasons have been a time of labor shortage. Many of the boys were capable of earning money by assisting the farmers in the vicinity and others who were in need of labor. Hundreds were hired out; a certain portion of their earnings, by law, goes to the upkeep of the institution. By the use of the labor of the boys themselves and the earnings of those who were thus "farmed" out, the run down condition of the buildings was remedied, the noxious vermin were eradicated and precautions taken to prevent their return, the sanitary conditions were made better and bad odors have been absent from the dormitories and toilets, better heating arrangements were installed and an era of well being inaugurated in the training school which has been the marvel of all observers. An entirely new heating plant was placed in the main building. All these things were brought about by the willing co-operation of the officers and boys of the school. The writer was privileged to observe on several occasions during the early spring the splendid team work of the officers and boys in the performance of work about the buildings and grounds. Instead of sullen and vengeful appearing youngsters as are often seen at similar institutions he observed polite and well mannered youths who appeared well fed, contented, and willingly performing their tasks. On different occasions he witnessed the active work of rock road building on the grounds and was told by the officer in charge that the stone had been quarried and crushed by the boys themselves and that the work of building these splendid macadamized drives would be done at little expense to the State. The moral tone of the school is likewise a marvel; little or no restraint is placed upon the boys who are placed upon their honor and taught the precepts of Christianity. For half the day the boys attend school under competent instructors. The other half is devoted to useful employment and recreation. A fine band furnishes music to enliven the hours of the day and evening.

The State Farm in connection with the school was found to be in a run down condition. Gullies were worn on the hillsides and the soil fertility was depleted to such an extent that careful methods of conservation

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and restoring its productivity were necessary. All this has been remedied to a considerable extent. In 1918 there was farmed in addition to the 540 acres owned by the State, an additional 350 acres which were rented on a crop basis. During the season of 1919 there is being farmed nearly 1,000 acres.

Corporal punishments have decreased more than 50 per cent but discipline is enforced as usual and the boys are required to be obedient, clean, courteous, and industrious. Kindness has taken the place of force to a considerable extent and, whereas, in former times the buildings of the school had the appearance of a jail owing to the windows being covered with heavy steel screens, now, the screens have been removed and have been made into corn cribs. Loyalty, faith, and honor in mankind have taken the place of the unbending, blind requirements of past years, and a wholesome, happy atmosphere pervades the entire institution.

Albert Gallatin Blakey was born at Pleasant Hill, Feb. 3, 1874. At the early age of three years he was left an orphan by the death of his father, Col. A. G. Blakey, and was reared to young manhood in Cooper County.

Col. A. G. Blakey, the elder, was one of the noted personages and a striking character of the earlier period of Missouri history. He was born in Warren County, Ky., July 4, 1825, and died July 28, 1877. His father was a son of Scotch-English parents and emigrated from England to America and settled in Kentucky, where A. G. Blakey, the elder, was reared, until 1836. He was a man gifted with the power of leadership and his entire career was a distinguished one such as comes to a soldier, editor, and diplomat. He was well educated. He served his country in the Mexican War and fought with Colonel Doniphan's command. He first enlisted as a captain in the army in 1846 and at the close of the war was a major general of volunteers. He accompanied his parents to Missouri in 1836, and was here reared to manhood. His first business venture was in 1856 when he and a brother settled in Benton County, Mo., establishing a trading post at Cole Camp. He became owner of the land upon which the town of Cole Camp was built, but after leaving that locality some years later he paid little attention to his holdings, having the early pioneer's disregard of the eventual rise in the value of lands. Of recent years his son has, in numberless instances, freely given a quitclaim deed to property in Cole Camp and vicinity because of the fact that the original owner was his father. Colonel Blakey served two terms as a member of the Missouri Legislature, in 1858 and again in 1860.

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During the administration of James Buchanan he was appointed minister to Chili and served in this capacity prior to the Civil War.

When the Civil War broke out he was elected colonel of the Third Regiment of Missouri, but declined to serve, because of the fact that he still held an affection for the Southland and desired to be loyal to the Union. He spent the war period in Europe and at the close of the war he returned home and located at Pleasant Hill, Mo., where he engaged in the newspaper business. He published the "Pleasant Hill Review" for a number of years prior to his death, took a considerable and influential interest in local and State politics and served three terms as mayor of his home city. During the Crimean War he was again sent to Europe on a diplomatic mission. He was married in 1867 to Miss Sue Tompkins, of Cooper County. She was born in Marion County, Mo., Aug. 3, 1849, and departed this life Feb. 8, 1880. She was a daughter of Hiram A. Tompkins, a native of Virginia, who was one of the early settlers of Missouri and Cooper County. Two children were born to this marriage: Mrs. Fred H. Harris, Eldorado Springs, Mo.; and A. G. Blakey, of this review.

A. G. Blakey of this review, after the death of his parents, was reared in the home of his uncle, William D. Adams, who lived on a farm four and a half miles east of Boonville. He received a good education in the public schools, Kemper Military Academy, Boonville, and Westminster College, Fulton, Mo. For three years after leaving college he worked on the farm of W. D. Haas

and then came to Boonville to engage in the real estate business. For seven years he was an officer in the Missouri Training School and while seeing in this under capacity he developed the ideas which his present position have permitted him to place in force. In 1898 he became a traveling salesman in the employ of the McCormick Harvester Machine Company. He was next in the employ of the John Deere Plow Company and his last employment as salesman was with the Delker Brothers Carriage Company and while with this concern he had entire charge of the Missouri territory. In July, 1917, Colonel Blakey took charge of the Missouri Training School at Boonville as superintendent.

December 31, 1897, A. G. Blakey and Miss Edith Ells were united in marriage. Mrs. Edith (Ells) Blakey was born in Boonville and is a daughter of William and Clemence Ells, who are residents of this city.

Five children have been born to A. G. and Edith Blakey, as follows: Florence, wife of Robert Jewett, a farmer living east of Boonville; Albert, at home, served six months as an enlisted man in the United States Navy,

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at Seattle, during the World War; Mary, Clemence and William are at home.

The democratic party has always had the allegiance of Colonel Blakey and the only political office that he has ever held was that of chief clerk in the office of State Auditor John Cordon for a period of six months. He had charge of John Cordon's campaign for the office, a task in which his wide acquaintance throughout the State came into good play. Colonel Blakey organized the State Drummers Association which held its first meeting in 1906, and he served as the first president of the association. Through his energy and organizing ability the membership of the association attained the large total of 1,300 and this membership is now around 600. Colonel Blakey is a member of the Presbyterian church and is affiliated fraternally with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias and the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. Probably no Cooper County citizen has a wider or more favorable acquaintance throughout the State than Colonel Blakey and his splendid success in placing the Missouri Training School in the front ranks of schools of this character is destined to bring him a nation wide renown.

Lorenzo H. Moore

(Transcribed by Laura Paxton)

Lorenzo H. Moore, vice-president and secretary of the Hawkins Hardware Company, Bunceton, Mo., is a member of one of the oldest Cooper County pioneer families. He was born April 15, 1853 in Palestine township.

J. Henderson Moore, his father was born in Cooper County, in 1821 and was a son of George H. Moore, of Kentucky, who settled in Palestine township in 1817. J. H. Moore died in 1890. He followed farming during his entire life and was a splendid horseman who bred fine horses. He died in Clinton, Mo., where he had moved in 1888. Mr. Moore became owner of several hundred acres of rich Cooper County land and gave each of his children a farm, owning 220 acres, at the time of his death. He was father of three children: Lorenzo H., of this review; J. Warren Moore, with a manufacturing concern, Omaha, Neb.; Hattie, wife of O. N. Dills, retired, Bunceton, Mo. The mother of these children, Mary A. (McCarthy) Moore, was born in Cooper County, in 1823 and departed this life in 1891.

Reared on his father's farm, L. H. Moore received an outright gift of 130 acres of good land from his father when he became of age. He added to this acreage until he owned 183 acres upon which he resided

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until 1899, when he came to Bunceton. During 1900 he was in the employ of the International Harvester Company as salesman and then embarked in the hardware and implement business.

Mr. Moore was married in 1873 to Miss Josie Tevis, a native of Johnson County, Mo., and daughter of Silos Tevis, of a Missouri pioneer family. Two children blessed this union; Bessie, wife of C. D. Corum, of St. Louis, Mo.; Hattie, wife of A. J. Nelson, of Kelly township.

Over 100 years have elapsed since the Moore family came to Cooper County. J. Henderson Moore was one of the "Forty-Niners" who made the long trip to the Pacific coast with a wagon train, hauled by oxen.

L. H. Moore is a democrat and a member of the Presbyterian Church.

Albert S. Chamberlin (Transcribed by Laura Paxton)

Albert S. Chamberlin, farmer and stockman, secretary of the Bell Air Special Road Commission, clerk of the district school board, is owner of a nicely improved farm of 65 acres in Palestine township. His farm is part of the old Chamberlin place upon which his grandfather, John W. Chamberlin, settled in 1858. Near this farm and bridging the Petit Saline creek flowing nearby is one of the few remaining wooden covered bridges in central Missouri, erected in 1856, and still in a good state of repair.

John W. Chamberlin was born in Virginia in 1802 and died in Cooper County, in 1882. He came to Cooper County, Mo., in 1858. His son, Albert M. Chamberlin, father of Albert S. Chamberlin, of this review, was born in 1844, served in the Confederate Army during the Civil War and died in Cooper County, in 1890. He came to this county in 1865, married Bettie A. Barnett, who was born in St. Louis County, Mo., in 1856 later moved to Polk County, and departed this life in 1907. She was a daughter of W. F. Barnett, who married Minerva Thurston of Morgan County. The children born to Albert N. and Battie A. Chamberlin are as follows: Grace, wife of Charles Shirley, living three miles east of Speed, Mo.; Albert S.; Clara, deceased; Kellie, wife of Ernest Aldridge, living three miles east of Speed; Barnett G., deceased; George W., living west of Speed; Leonidas H, resides with his brother George.

Leonidas H. Chamberlin was born March 14, 1890, was inducted into the National Army, July 26, 1918, training at Camp Funston became a member of the 28th Field Artillery, Tenth Division, and received his honorable discharge from the service Feb. 2, 1919.

John W. Chamberlin accumulated a large estate of 500 acres. His son, Albert M. Chamberlin, had a large farm of 320 acres and both were rated among the well-to-do and substantial citizens of Cooper County.

Albert S. Chamberlin was born March 9, 1875, attended the Billingsville

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School and the Clarksburg College, afterwards becoming a student in the Pilot Grove College. He has always followed farming and has been successful. He erected his pretty cottage home in 1897. He was married Nov. 27, 1895 to Miss Florence Shirley, born in Cooper County, Mo., March 7, 1876, a daughter of the late William Shirley. Mr. and Mrs. Chamberlin have one child: Mildred, born March 3, 1897, a graduate of Boonville High School, class of 1918.

Mr. Chamberlin is a democrat. For the past 20 years he has served as school director and clerk of the district school board. He was appointed road commissioner for the Bell Air Special Road District in 1911 and is secretary of this commission. He is a member of Concord Baptist Church and is affiliated with the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, Boonville Lodge, No. 36.

Theodore Brandes
(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Theodore Brandes, a prosperous farmer and stockman of Clarks Fork township, was born in Germany in 1850. He is a son of Christian and Sophie (Vent) Brandes, both natives of Germany. The Brandes family immigrated to America when Theodore was five years old. They settled in Iowa, where they remained about a year and a half, when they came to Cooper County, and settled in Clarks Fork township, where the father bought an unimproved farm of 80 acres, for which he paid \$5.00 per acre. Here he built a log cabin which was the family home for many years, until the present Brandes residence was erected in 1880, but the old log house still stands on the place. Christian Brandes was an industrious man and a good citizen. He died at the age of 74 years, and his wife departed this life in 1897, aged 86 years, and their remains are buried in Clarks Fork Cemetery. They were charter members of the Clarks Fork Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Theodore Brandes was educated in the Pleasant Grove parochial and the public schools of Clarks Fork, and has spent his life in Clarks Fork township, with the exception of about two years. At the death of his father he succeeded to the home place, to which he has added 162 acres, and now owns 282 acres. The place is well improved and one of the valuable farms of Clarks Fork township. The residence, which was built in 1880, was remodeled and modernized in 1911, and is now one of the fine residences of Clarks Fork township. There are three good barns on the place. Mr. Brandes raises cattle, hogs and sheep, and is an extensive feeder. He has met with success and is one of the progressive citizens of the county. He was formerly an extensive dealer in mules.

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Theodore Brandes is one of six children born to his parents as follows: Christ, deceased; Charles, deceased; William, who resides with Theodore; Theodore, the subject of this sketch; Annie, deceased, and Fredericka, married William Stock, and both are deceased.

Theodore Brandes was united in marriage Dec. 9, 1880, with Miss Mary Knorp, a daughter of George and Minnie (Schenck) Knorp. Mrs. Brandes is one of the following children born to her parents: Henry, Prairie Home township; Louisa, married James Stock, Sedalia, Mo.; Charles, Jamestown, Mo.; Minnie, widow of William Fricke; Mary, wife of Theodore Brandes, the subject of this sketch; Caroline, married John Keiser; John, Prairie Home township; and Fred, California, Mo.

To Mr. and Mrs. Brandes have been born five children: George, Clarks Fork township; Herman Clarks Fork township; Amelia, married John Barron, North Moniteau township; Leonora, widow of John Bornhauser, who has one son, John Hillard, and they reside with Mr. Brandes; and Stella, married Frank Hale.

Mr. Brandes has various other interests in Cooper County, in addition to his farming and stock raising business. He is president of the Farmers Elevator Company, of Bunceton, and is also a director in the Cooper County Bank at Bunceton. He has served several terms as school director and road overseer. He and Mrs. Brandes are members of the Lutheran Church at Clarks Fork, and rank among Cooper County's leading and representative people.

George Oak

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

George Oak - A curious analogy which was of frequent occurrence during the Civil War is presented in looking up the history of the Oak family of Cooper County. George Oak, subject of this review, and one of the old time and highly respected residents of this county, is the son of John Oak, who fought under the Union flag and died in the service while fighting with a Missouri regiment, his death occurring soon after the battle of Little Rock, Ark. A brother, Henry Oak, enlisted in the Southern Army when 16 years old and fought with the Confederates throughout the remainder of the war.

John Oak, father of George Oak, was a native of Germany, as was his wife, Margaret Grisener, and both of them were reared in Germany, marrying there prior to coming to America. They first settled at Harpers Ferry, Va., and in 1858 they came to Cooper County. John Oak enlisted in the Union Army for 90 days or more and met his death while in the service in Arkansas. The widow and children lived on rented farms

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in Cooper County until 1873 and they then settled on the place now owned by George Oak. The following children were born to John and Margaret Oak: Mrs. Kate Heim; George; Henry, and John, deceased; William, living on a farm two miles west; Charles, a rice grower in Arkansas; Elizabeth, deceased wife of James Gault; Catherine, deceased wife of Frank Heim; Margaret, living in Arkansas. The mother of these children died in 1898.

George Oak was born in Jefferson County, Va., Feb. 10, 1843. He accompanied his parents to Cooper County, Mo., in 1858, and has always followed farming and operating threshing outfits. Mr. Oak has resided on the land which he owns since 1873 and settled on the place in 1880. All improvement was placed thereon by himself or under his direction, excepting the house and barn, which were built by William Sombart. The Oak estate consists of 256 acres of good land a few miles south of Boonville. In years past Mr. Oak operated a saw mill, grist mill or feed grinder, and threshing outfits, work which has now been taken up by his sons and son-in-law, who are also managing his large farm.

Mr. Oak was married in 1865 to Miss Mary Gault, who was born in Belfast, Ireland, and died in 1918, at the age of 73 years. Eight children were born to George and Mary Oak, as follows: Robert and Edward, deceased; Frank lives on the home place; George, died Feb. 2, 1919; Alice, the deceased wife of Alex Hoefler, death occurring in 1903; Annie is the second wife of Alex Hoefler of Boonville; Margaret is the wife of George Lacey, living on the Oak home place; Bessie is at home.

Mrs. Alice Hoefler was accidentally shot while killing sparrows.

George White Lacey was born in Virginia in 1888, was inducted into the National Army on Sept. 1, 1918, was in training for military service at Camp Jackson, Columbia, S. C., and was honorably discharged from the service Jan. 5, 1919.

Mr. Oak has been a lifelong republican, although his son crank is a pronounced democrat. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church and is one of Cooper County's best and most substantial citizen.

Viet C. Eppstein

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Viet C. Eppstein - The Eppstein family is an old and honored family of Boonville and Cooper County whose members have been prominently identified with Cooper County over four score

years. Viet C. Eppstein, traveling salesman of Boonville, is worthy representative of this fine old family. Mr. Eppstein was born in Boonville, April 26, 1862.

The history of the Eppstein family in America begins with Joseph Eppstein, a native of Germany, who with his wife, formerly Barbara

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Reitz, together with their family of seven children, came to America, disembarking at Baltimore, Md. From there they came west on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad as far as it ran—about 100 miles—after which they boarded a canal boat which took them to Pittsburg, and thence by the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers to St. Louis. Mr. Eppstein left his family in St. Louis, came up the Missouri to Boonville, and located on a farm near Pisgah. Later he moved to Boonville and died in this city of measles in 1858. Joseph Eppstein was a German of the better class in his native land, where he was a manufacturer of coaches and wagons, and also had other important interests. His wife, Barbara, survived him over 30 years, and died in Boonville, in 1882. There were reared a family of five sons and three daughters as follows: Col. Joseph Eppstein, Henry, Viet, George, Frank, Barbara, Katie or Kittie, and Frances, all of whom are deceased.

Col. Joseph A. Eppstein made a record as a citizen and soldier which any American can read with pride and satisfaction. He was born in Germany, Jan. 1, 1824, and was 14 years of age when the family came to America. In 1843 he went to St. Louis and was employed in a store in that city until 1847. In February of that year he enlisted in Company C, 3rd Missouri Mounted Rifles, in which he was made sergeant, and served for nearly two years, until Oct., 1848. After the expiration of his war service which led him to Mexico City with General Scott's conquering forces, he returned to St. Louis and in Aug., 1849, was given charge of a store, which he conducted until 1850, and then returned to Boonville. He engaged in the mercantile business with his brother Viet Eppstein until 1860, when he purchased his brother's interest. When the Civil War broke out in 1861, he at once organized a company of 135, every one of whom with a single exception was of German birth or ancestry. This company was known as the "Boonville Corps". He then organized a battalion and a company of cavalry, but these were only for local service. He later organized the 6th Battalion Missouri State Guards, and after that a number of companies, both cavalry and infantry. From March 24, 1862 to Jan., 1863, he was lieutenant-colonel of the 13th Cavalry, Missouri State Guards, and then by consolidation of troops, he became the commander of the Missouri State Militia and served until the close of the war. He followed merchandising after the war until 1878, when he was appointed postmaster of Boonville and served until his death in 1885. In 1867 and 1868 he represented Cooper County in the Legislature. June 14, 1846, he was married to Theresa Bertrand of St. Louis. He was

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father of seven children: Joseph M., William H., Emil M., Louis B., Alexander, Charles A., and Theresa G.

Viet Eppstein, father of V. C. Eppstein, whose name heads this review, was born Feb. 12, 1827, and died March 7, 1901. He was born at Mainz, Germany, and was 14 years of age when he left home and became a clerk in the store of Davy Jones at Pisgah, he then went to New Orleans and remained for a time. Upon his return to Boonville he engaged in partnership with his brother Joseph in the mercantile business, in 1850. He continued actively in business until 1869, when he made a trip to Europe where he remained for a year. Returning in 1871, he purchased the store of his brother and when he had attained the age of 60 years (1887) he retired from active business, while retaining an interest in the Eppstein store which was conducted then by his son, Viet C. Eppstein, having as partner George Hain, under which management the store continued in operation until 1900. In that year V. C. Eppstein sold his interest in the business to his father. Upon the elder Eppstein's death in 1901, the widow sold the business to George Hain in 1906,

Mr. Eppstein was public administrator of Cooper County from 1872 to 1876, and was reelected in 1880 and served until the latter part of 1884. He served several terms as a member of the City Council of Boonville and was known as a public spirited citizen. Mr. Eppstein was a man of broadness and culture who reared a splendid family of sons and daughters. He was married on Nov. 20, 1851 to Miss Fannie, daughter of Anthony Fox who came to this country in 1835. Anthony Fox was a native of Herbelsheim near Strasbourg. He first settled in New Orleans, and in 1835 accompanied by his wife, Rosalie, he came to Boonville and established a brewery which he operated for a number of years. The children of Charles and Rosalie Fox were: Frank, Charles, Rosa, Amelia, and Mrs. Fannie Eppstein, deceased; and Mrs. Sophia (Sombart) Miller, one of the oldest pioneer women of Boonville. Mrs. Fannie (Fox) Eppstein was born in 1835 and died in 1908. The children born to Viet C. and Fannie Eppstein were: Louise, Rose, Mary, Viet C., Fannie, Sallie, Lollie.

Louise is the wife of Daniel Wooldridge, who formerly operated "Dan's Drug Store", was known as Mr. Dan, was a fine musician and a town character. Both Dan and Louise Wooldridge are deceased.

Rose married George Sahn, who for many years with his father George Sahn, Sr., conducted a very successful shoe business in Boonville, and died in 1896. She has one daughter, Corinne Frances, wife of H. M.

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Herzog, an interior decorator. Mrs. Herzog is mother of a son, Herman Theodore Maximilian Herzog. Mary is the wife of George Hain, retired merchant of Boonville. Fannie married M. A. Eisen, druggist of Hot Springs, Ark. Sallie is wife of C. H. Weaver, of Hot Springs, Ark. Lollie is the wife of John Tillman, superintendent of the Jefferson Hotel, St. Louis, Mo.

Viet C. Epstein was educated in Prof. Merrill's Seminary, where he studied for three years. He spent four in the Boonville public schools. He then studied for four years in Mentzker's Business College and received a thorough ground work in business preparation. He entered the Eppstein store in 1879 and remained in the business until 1900. In Nov., 1901, he began traveling for the Swofford Brothers Dry Goods Company of Kansas City and was in the employ of this firm for four years. He was then in the employ of the Ferguson-McKinney Company of St. Louis for 10 years. Aug. 1, 1916, he became a member of the traveling sales force of the Richardson Dry Goods Company, of St. Joseph, covering western and central Missouri.

Mr. Eppstein was married Nov. 15, 1887 to Miss Belle Gentry, of Louisiana, Mo., a daughter of Capt. Jesse and Susan Gentry, natives of Virginia. Captain Gentry served with the Union Army during the Civil War and was with Sherman on his famous march to the sea." Mr. Eppstein has one son, Viet Gentry Eppstein, born May 4, 1889. He is engaged in the publishing business and is president of Rogers and Hall Publishing Company, of Chicago. V. G. Eppstein is a born newspaper man and publisher. At the age of 13 years he edited and published the "Boonville Success", and at that time was said to have been the youngest editor in the country. He graduated from the Kemper Military Academy in 1907, studied for two years at the State University, and two years at the University of Chicago. This talented young man has worked his way upward to the presidency of the Rogers and Hall Publishing Company from a subordinate position paying \$15 per week. He married Miss Peggy Zimmerman of Chicago.

Mrs. Bone (Gentry) Eppstein was born Feb. 28, 1869 and died Aug. 6, 1918. She was a talented, popular and well loved woman of Boonville who has been sadly missed from the best social circles of the city.

Mr. Eppstein is a democrat. He is a member of the Catholic Church, and is affiliated with the United Commercial Travelers, the Travelers Health Association, the Travelers Protective

Association, and the Knights of Columbus. Mr. Eppstein made a trip to Europe in 1881 and traveled

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over the continent for more than a year. He visited Mainz, the ancestral seat of the Eppstein family and found that from records which dated back 200 years, that his ancestors had originally come from Vienna, Austria, in 1681. His original ancestor who came from Vienna, was a tanner by trade, but most of his lineal descendants were farmers.

Frank Klekamp

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Frank Klekamp - One of the prettiest farms in this section of Missouri is that of Frank Klekamp, in Clarks Fork township, Cooper County. The Klekamp holdings consist of 160 acres, 120 acres of which is comprised in the home place, where Mr. Klekamp and his family have resided since June 20, 1916. Forty acres of the farm is pasture and timber land. The Klekamp tract is improved with a beautiful, modern bungalow, and is one of the prettiest homes on Lone Elm Prairie.

Mr. Klekamp was born in Germany, July 4, 1859, and is a son of William and Charlotte Klekamp, who lived and died in their native land. When 22 years of age, Frank Klekamp immigrated to America, and after a residence of one year in St. Louis, where he worked as a common laborer, he came to Cooper County. From Aug., 1883, he was in the employ of the late John King, as farm laborer, until 1884. He then worked for Mr. Hockenberry for one year and after his marriage in 1885, he worked for Mr. Hockenberry for two years more. With his savings he became possessed of a team of horses, and carefully saving his earnings, he bought 100 acres of land in 1888, improved it and then bought his 40 acre tract. In June, 1918, he sold his former homestead to his son, and purchased his present place.

Mr. Klekamp was married in 1885 to Minnie Menzpeter, who was born in Germany, March 18, 1862, and came to America with an uncle in 1882.

Three children were born to Frank and Minnie Klekamp, one of whom died in infancy. The others are Emma and Albert. Emma Klekamp was born in 1890 and is the wife of Augustan Toellner of Clarks Fork township. Albert Klekamp was born Oct. 23, 1891, and married Ilda, daughter of H. P. Muntzel. They were married on April 30, 1916, and have one child, Irene Klekamp.

Mr. Klekamp is a republican, and he and his family worship at the Evangelical Lutheran Church, Lone Elm.

George C. Harness

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

George C. Harness - Seventy-two years of residence in one vicinity and practically on one farm is a record for George C. Harness of Palestine township, one of the most interesting of the pioneer residents of

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Cooper County, and owner of a beautiful country estate of 186 acres. All of the improvements on this attractive place have been built by the owner. A driveway leads up to the handsome farm residence and the big red barns. One of the landmarks on the place, which marks the spot where an old time log cabin stood years ago, is a large cedar tree, planted in the early forties. George C. Harness was born on the place, June 29, 1847. Conrad Harness, his father, was a native of Virginia, and was born March 27, 1811. He died March 20, 1898. The Harness family is of

Holland Dutch descent. Conrad Harness was a son of Adam Harness, whose father was Peter Harness, a native of Holland, who first settled

in Pennsylvania. Adam Harness was a soldier in the War of 1812. Conrad Harness was married April 19, 1835, to Ann Tucker, who was born April 13, 1817, and died March 3, 1897. She was a daughter of Josephus and Sarah (Hutton) Tucker, who were Cooper County pioneers. The father of Sarah (Hutton) Tucker was a quartermaster in the American Army in the War of 1812. In 1841, Conrad Harness left the old Harness home in Virginia and made the long overland trip to Cooper County, driving two six-horse teams, with all of his movable possessions. He located on the farm now owned by the subject of this review. The first home of the family was a two-story log house; later the family moved to a new one-and-a-half story log house, which was a comfortable abode. Conrad Harness settled on what was known for years as the Harness homestead in 1850 and accumulated a large estate of over 600 acres prior to his death. The children born to Conrad and Ann (Tucker) Harness are as follows: Jacob T., deceased; John Josephus, deceased; William T. died at Lexington, Okla.; Henry C., and Charles C., deceased; George Conrad, of this sketch; Isaac H., a ranchman at Chickasha, Okla.; Sarah Elizabeth Hurst, deceased; Edwin B., deceased; Mrs. Henry Crawford, Palestine township.

George Conrad Harness attended school in a little old log school house, where the pupils had to chop the wood to keep the big stove filled with chunks of wood. Two boys were detailed each week for this job and they managed to spend most of their time keeping up the fire, carrying wood for a distance of about one-fourth mile. The pupils sat on rough slab benches. An old fashioned pine desk ran clear around the room, with a shelf beneath for books and slates. The bench on which the small youngsters. sat had no backs and they were continually tumbling off to the floor. When the teacher called the class, the boys would jerk

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he big bench up. The room was eventually heated by a little wood stove, the pipe of which ran through a hole in the middle of the roof. As a result, the log house caught fire and burned to the ground one day, and George Harness felt "blue" about it for a time.

Cooper County was a hunter's paradise in the forties and wild ducks and geese were plentiful. Prairie chickens and pigeons swarmed over the land in untold numbers and George Harness became a good shot. The most fun was the hunting of wild turkeys at night in the timber. Conrad Harness, his father, killed many deer around Bunceton, but the deer were all gone when George was big enough to hunt deer. The children of those old days lived under primitive conditions, but were happy and contented, more so than the children now-a-days, who have every convenience and luxury at their disposal.

George Conrad Harness was married in 1872 to Martha Dills, who was born in Indiana, July 10, 1855, and died in Cooper County, Mo., May 10, 1910. She was a daughter of John Dills, a Kentuckian, who first migrated to Indiana and then came to Missouri. Two children blessed this union; George Irving, born March 4, 1881; and Nellie Gertrude, her father's capable housekeeper, born Aug. 26, 1885.

Mr. Harness is a democrat and a Baptist, a good and stable and reliable combination, which indicates that he comes of the old reliable Southern stock.

It is worthy of record that in 1863, Conrad Harness crossed the plains with an ox team outfit, driving three yokes of cattle hitched to a heavy freight wagon through Iowa and thence to Idaho and Montana, where he followed freighting for three years, until his return to Missouri in 1867.

Walter Wade Reavis
(Transcribed by Laura Paxton)

Walter Wade Reavis is owner of a fine farm of 240 acres in Clarks Fork township. He was born on what is now the George A Carpenter farm, Clark's Fork township, on August 1 1867 son of Henry Joseph and Lucy A (Gentry)Reavis the former of whom was born on that same farm. Henry J Reavis was born in 1839 his parents having been among the early residents of that part of Cooper County and continued to make his home on the farm on which he was born until 1872 when he moved to the Meyer place near the store at Clarks Fork. He later moved to what is the farm now owned by his son, Forest, and there died on March 22 1914. He is buried in the old family cemetery on the farm on which he was born. His widow is living with her son, the subject of this sketch. She was born in Madison County Kentucky in 1849 and came with her parents to Missouri locating first in Howard County and in 1877 coming to Cooper County where at Bunceton on November 15 1866 she was married to Henry

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J Reavis. Her father died in this county and is buried at the Walnut Grove Cemetery. Her mother died in Howard County where she was born. To Henry J and Lucy A (Gentry) Reavis were born three children: Walter Wade; E. Forest Reavis who is living on his mother's farm in Clarks Fork township and Stella W., who died at the age of 10 years.

W W Reavis has followed farming all his life. He received his schooling in the Fairview, Jefferson and Ellis district schools and as a young man assisted his father on the farm. In time he became owner of the place on which he and his mother are now living. This farm was owned many years ago by Mrs. Fulkerson who with her husband is buried on the place. Abraham Weight later bought the place and he and his wife also are buried there. Among other graves in this plot is that of Daniel Davis a friend of Abraham Weight who died Nov. 4 1881. The headstone at Mrs. Fulerson's grave gives the date of her death as Sept 11 1854. Abraham J Weight's gravestone gives the date of his birth as Nov 27 1822 and his death Feb 3 1894. Julia A, his wife born Jan 25 1834 and died on Feb. 1 1906. Among the graves are those of an infant son and an infant daughter of the Weights.

Mr. Reavis is one of the best known huntsmen in Cooper County and his home is adorned with numerous trophies of the chase, including a half dozen handsomely mounted deer antlers. He has about 30 deer to his credit. The Reavis family tradition has it that the Reavis' were ever great hunters and from the days of his boyhood this present representative of the family has found much pleasure with his dogs and guns. Mr. Reavis also has a valuable collection of Indian relics, arrow points and the like as well as an interesting collection of pioneer relics, household articles, hunting paraphernalia and the like, formerly used by his grandfather, Henry Johnson Reavis.

Lafayette Montgomery Moore

(Transcribed by Laura Paxton)

Lafayette Montgomery Moore One hundred and three years have elapsed since the first of the Moore family settled in Cooper county. Prior to this time there were not white people in this section, excepting roving bands of hunters or trappers. The Indians roamed at will over the land and camped beside the flowing waters; wild animals were plentiful and great forests stretched along the streams and on the hill and valley lands.

The Moore farm in Palestine township along the valley of the Petit Saline River, known as "Idylhour Place," and formerly owned by the late Lafayette Montgomery Moore, is one of the historic places of interest in Cooper County. This land has been settled for over a century; during the Civil War a battle was fought thereon between a roving band of Confederates

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And Union forces. Some men were killed and many wounded; the wounded and dying were taken to the old Moore house on the hill, a landmark in Cooper County. Several soldiers died and were buried near the old house, later to be taken up and removed to the Moore Cemetery. This old brick house was, in bygone days, a station on the overland stage route between Boonville and Versailles, and is situated eight miles south of Boonville. Lafayette Montgomery Moore, of this review, was born in Cooper County January 16 1838, and died April 17 1902 on the farm which his grandfather entered in 1816.

Maj. William Hamilton Moore, grandfather of L M Moore, was born in North Carolina in 1777 and died in Cooper County in 1861. He was descended from the distinguished Moore family which numbers among its progenitors, Tom Moore, the songster, and Gen. Wade Hampton Moore, of Revolutionary War fame. Maj. William Moore commanded a battalion of American troops in the War of 1812. He married Anne Cathey, born in Haywood County N C. She had five sisters all of whom were remarkable and talented women. Major Moore became owner of over 3000 acres of land in Cooper County, his land holdings extending as far as the present site of Bunceton MO. He tilled his large acreage with slaves, whom he brought from the South. Before his death he freed two of his oldest slaves-the first Negro slaves ever set free in Cooper County. Major Moore reared ten sons and three daughters: Dr. William H., Andres, Robert, John Thomas, James, deceased; Sarah is wife of John Hutchinson, left a daughter, Mrs. John Elliot; Margaret married Hon. Lawrence V Stephens, former member of Missouri Legislature and father of Joseph L. Stephens; Mary married Harvey Bunce, for 11 years sheriff of Cooper County and after whom Bunceton was named.

Dr. William H Moore (II) was born in North Carolina in 1802 and died in Cooper County in 1867. He was a physician and practiced in Cooper County many years. Dr. Moore also taught school and compiled some of the early textbooks used in the schools of the early days. He was one of the first physicians to practice in Cooper County and at the same time he followed the pursuit of agriculture with considerable success. He married Edith Trammel of Arkansas and was father of the following children: Lafayette Montgomery of this review; William H died in Windsor MO; Margaret wife of James Harris; Martha wife of Joshua C. Berry now living at Speed MO.

Lafayette Montgomery Moore was educated in the common schools and followed farming and stock raising during his entire life. He built a home upon his farm of 120 acres which was burned and then replanted

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by the present neat, attractive cottage known as "Idylhour Place," He was married on March 2, 1865 to Matilda Morton, who bore him children as follow: Lee, died in infancy in 1867; Allen B., born 1867, died in 1888; Judge B L Moore of Boonville; Harvey Bunce, Gibson Stephens, Edith Grace and Erastus Beverley Moore.

Harvey Bunce Moore, who resides with his mother on the Moore homestead was born Jan 26 1872. He was educated in Central Business College in Sedalia, MO and the Chillicothe Normal School and the State University of Columbia MO. For five years he taught school in Cooper County and at the same time operated the home farm. Mr. Moore is conducting a business of his own, as manufacturer and salesman of the Kill Germ Disinfectant Company. He is an intelligent, courteous and progressive citizen who stands high in the estimation of the people of his home county. Mr. Moore, like his ancestors, is a thorough democrat. He is a Baptist. He is affiliated with the Mason's Lodge of Bunceton. Judge B L Moore is also a Mason.

Edith Grace Moore is wife of Edgar Rudolph assessor of Cooper County and is mother of one child, James William Randolph. Prof. E Beverley Moore was born in 1880, educated at Central Business college at Sedalia and the Kirksville Normal School. He taught school for the past 17 years. He is also a farmer and owns a farm, one mile east of the Moore farm.

Mrs. Matilda Morton Moore was born in Tennessee, Nov 14 1840 and is daughter of Isaiah and Matilda (Tate) Morton, both natives of Tennessee. Isaiah H Morton was born in 1803 and died in 1899.

The history of the Morton family in America begins with John Morton, a native of England, who immigrated to America late in the 17th century. John Morton, his grandson, was a signer of the Declaration of Independence. The father of Isaiah H. Morton was John Morton, who fought in the War of 1812 under Gen. Andrew Jackson, and who disappeared during Jackson's last campaign. Matilda Tate Morton was a daughter of Maj. John Tate, an officer in the American Army during the War of 1812.

I H Morton migrated to Cooper county in 1844, landed at Boonville from a Missouri River steamboat, made his way to the Pilot Grove neighborhood and cleared a farm from the virgin forest upon which he resided until his death. His children were as follows: Adaline, wife of Capt. Lee Bohannon, who served in the Federal Army in command of the company of volunteers and died in 1915; Andrew Jackson, deceased, was an extensive farmer and stock man of Prairie Lick; Jefferson Gaines

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died in Saline County MO; Mrs. L H Moore of this review; John D. lives in Oklahoma a fine citizen and a great religious student.

Lafayette Montgomery Moore was a fine citizen; content to lead a useful and studious existence in his home and attend to his duties around the farm and oversee the rearing and educating of his family. Inasmuch as he provided well for his family, gave his children the necessary advantages to fit themselves properly for their individual careers, lived according to the teachings of the Great Preceptor as nearly as possible for mortal man to do, he was a success in this life. His widow is well informed, hospitable, kindly, with a mind stored with reminiscences of the old days. "Aunt Mattie" as she is affectionately known to her numerous relatives and hundreds of friends in Cooper County is the last and most authentic authority to be consulted upon family history in her locality.

Charles R. Cartner

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Charles R. Cartner, Union veteran and retired farmer, Clarks Fork township, has lived practically all of the 75 years of his life on the farm which he now owns. The Cartner farm consists of 153 acres, well improved, with a large house and farm buildings setting on a hill overlooking the rich meadow land which comprises the greater part of the tract. Mr. Cartner was born Jan. 19, 1845. William Cartner, his father, was born in this country and his father was a Scotchman, who was among the early pioneers of Cooper County. The grandfather of Charles Cartner entered the land which he now owns. Owing to the fact that a fire destroyed the Cartner home, its contents, the family and land records, information concerning this pioneer grandfather is necessarily meager. William Cartner married Keziah Robinson, who bore him seven children: Mary, deceased; Charles R., of this review; Julia, deceased; John N., Boonville, Mo.; Mrs. Fannie Anderson, lives in Arkansas; Elizabeth, wife of T. Edward Bonn, lives in Virginia; Mrs. Laura Runkle lives in Boonville. William Cartner died in 1852 and his wife, Keziah, died in 1859.

Feb. 2, 1862, Charles R. Cartner enlisted in Co. B, 13th Missouri Infantry regiment, and served until 1865, under the Union flag. His war service was practically all in Missouri and his command was constantly waging war against the bushwhackers and guerillas which infested the state. He also participated in the rout of General Price's Army until it was driven out of Missouri. After the close of his war service, Mr. Cartner returned to the home place in Cooper County and settled down to the peaceful life of an agriculturist. Fire destroyed his old home in 1872 and he rebuilt the present large house which stands on the hillside overlooking the valley of the Petit Saline River.

Mr. Cartner was married on Dec. 22, 1880, to Miss Annie Louise Haley, who was born April 13, 1858, and departed this life on Dec. 12, 1892. She was born and reared in Cooper County and was a daughter of Thomas Haley, a Cooper County pioneer. Mr. Cartner has an only daughter, Emma Jane, born April 13, 1883; married James T. Case, and has children as follows: Bernice born March 1, 1905; Helen Frances, born Dec. 3, 1906; James Herbert, born Sept. 22, 1909; James born April 6, 1918. James T. Case is managing the home farm, in addition to tilling his own acreage. He was born at Monroe, Wis., Dec. 23, 1860, is a son of Samuel and Bessie (Miller) Case, who came to Cooper County in 1870.

Mr. Cartner has been a lifelong republican. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and is affiliated with Col. John A. Hayne Post, Grand Army of the Republic, of Boonville.

Marion Stegner

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Marion Stegner, owner of a fine farm of 138 acres in Palestine township, was born on the place which he now owns, Feb. 18, 1876. His father, Nicholas Stegner, was born in Saxe-Coburg, Germany, March 17, 1840, and departed this life in Cooper County, Mo., June 27, 1918. He was a son of Paul and Catherine Stegner, who immigrated to America in 1853 and settled in Cooper County. Nicholas Stegner was reared to young manhood in Cooper County and was married in 1865 to Margaret Ellen Brown, who was born in Cooper County, Sept. 15, 1839, and died Feb. 25, 1914. The children born of this marriage were: Mollie Jane, living with her brother on the Stegner home place; John, a farmer in Moniteau County, Mo.; Sarah, wife of Charles C. Cook, a sketch of whom appears in this volume; Marion, proprietor of the home place; George Stegner, a farmer in Palestine township; and Mrs. Julia Girchner, living in Cooper County. During the Civil War, Nicholas Stegner served under the Union flag in the Missouri State Guards and did guard duty throughout the war.

The Stegner home place, owned and operated by Marion Stegner, formerly belonged to his mother's parents, and is one of the old pioneer farms of Cooper County, upon which his mother was born and reared.

Mr. Stegner is a republican and is a member of the Baptist Church. He is a good, progressive citizen, a successful farmer, hospitable and is well informed.

Henry H. English

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Henry H. English - Every man to his specialty. The individual who early in life begins to follow his natural inclination-which if it is along a productive and useful line of endeavor, is destined to success.

H. H. English, when a boy, had a fondness for mules and horses; he indulged his hobby in this direction; for years has followed horse breeding and mule dealing as a vocation; has made a pronounced success of his business and is known far and wide as the best mule man in central Missouri. He is also widely known as a breeder of fine horses. Mr. English first began as a mule dealer with Green Walker, one of the old settlers of Cooper County. His operations run to the handling of from 500 to 700 mules annually. Mr. English's business calls for the buying, handling, and shipping of this many mules each year. His custom is to buy, put the animals in first class condition and then sell them. He conditioned and exhibited the grand champion mule at the

Missouri State Fair held in Sedalia in 1916. He has taken many ribbons, and first prizes won by the fine animals which he has exhibited, and is known as an expert mule man in Missouri. His son, Forrest English, is owned of a splendid show horse and he is also an exhibitor. Mr. English is the first mule fancier in central Missouri who ever paid as high as \$150 for a mule and he has never been behind the prize money in any show ring where he has exhibited his stock. He is owner of 540 acres of rich Cooper County land, 380 acres of which is comprised in his home place, which is improved with a modern residence. He has an improved farm of 160 acres east of Bunceton. His home place is situated in Palestine township, northeast of Bunceton. Mr. English formerly owned more land, but sold 100 acres in 1918.

H. H. English was born Oct. 20, 1852, in Boone County, Mo. He is a son of Howard English (born Dec. 12, 1806-is now deceased) a native of Madison County, Ky. Howard English was reared in Kentucky and came to this county when a young man. He was here married to Martha Tucker, a native of Hampshire County, Va., born Dec. 1, 1814, and died June 6, 1897. She was a daughter of Josephus and Sarah Tucker of Virginia. Her father died in Virginia, and the widow came to Cooper County in about 1840 with her four sons and settled here. Four children were born to Howard and Martha English, as follows: Mrs. Emma Drecker, of Kansas City, Mo.; Mrs. Anna Day, living in Colorado; John T. English, somewhere in the West; and H. H., subject of this review. To a first marriage with a Miss Crockett, five children were born, only one of whom is living, Mrs. Mollie Hickman.

Mr. English was married on March 16, 1887, to Miss Kellie Virginia Henderson, born and reared in Cooper County. Two children have blessed this union: E. Forrest, and Bernardine.

E. Forrest English was born March 18, 1890, and is operating his own farm. He is a horseman and a breeder of more than a local reputation

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and is owner of "Rex McDonald," a famous saddle mare. "Rex McDonald" has taken more prizes at the State and county fairs than any competitor. Forrest English's first animal was a white pony and he has taken a keen interest in fine horses since a boy. He has won many prizes and ribbons at the State and county stock shows. He is a breeder, also, of thoroughbred Duroc Jersey hogs.

Bernadine is the wife of Hillard D. Carlos, Jr., druggist, Bunceton, Mo.

Mrs. Kellie English is a daughter of James Newberry Henderson, who was born at Wittfield, Va., in 1837, and died in 1884. He was married in Cooper County, Mo., in 1863, to Miss Julia R. Chamberlin, who was born July 17, 1837, at Cabelltown, Jefferson County, Va. She was a daughter of John W. and Eliza (Headwalt) Chamberlin, who came to Cooper County in 1861. John W. Chamberlin was born in 1808 and died in 1883. Eliza, his wife, was born in 1808 and died in 1886. Their children were: Lucien C., deceased; Alfred M., Eugene, and Frank, deceased; Mrs. Anna Good lives at Pilot Grove; Mrs. Margaret Chamberlin lives on the Bell Air road; and Mrs. Julia R. Henderson. Five children were born to James N. and Julia R. Henderson, as follows: Mrs. Kellie Virginia English; Mrs. Eva Lee Grooms, Bunceton, Mo.; Mrs. R. W. Corum, Boonville; Mrs. O. C. Berry, near Speed, Mo.; John J., somewhere in the West.

At the time of Mr. Henderson's death, he was superintendent of the County Farm. After his death, Mrs. Henderson took up the duties of the position and conducted the County Farm from 1870 to March, 1892.

Mr. English is a democrat.

Ernest W. Torbeck
(Transcribed by Laura Paxton)

Ernest W Torbeck- the career of Ernest W Torbeck since he came to America from his boyhood home in Germany 26 years ago has been a successful one. Mr. Torbeck was eight years old when he accompanied his father, William Torbeck to this country. All that he has and all that he owns has been earned in Cooper County. When he grew to man hood, he and his brother, Henry F Torbeck formed a partnership and worked harmoniously together for a number of years, with profit to themselves, until the marriage of Henry F in 1910. Since that time he has added to his possessions until he owns a total of 182 acres, including the Torbeck home place of 82 acres, which he recently bought from his father. MR Torbeck moved from his other farm to the home place in Oct 1918. He was born in Germany Jan 23 1875.

Ernest W Torbeck was married in 1901 to Miss Amelia Hasemeier who was born in Cooper county MO in 1886. She is the daughter of

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George and Dorothy Hasemeier, natives of Germany, the latter of whom is deceased. Six children have been born to Ernest W and Amelia Torbeck as follows: Freddie W, aged 14 years; Dora aged nine; Wilhelmina seven years old; Marie five years of age; Alice aged three years; and Rosa just a year old. Mr. Torbeck is a republican. He is a member of the Evangelical Church of Billingsville and is fraternally allied with the Woodmen of the World Lodge of Boonville.

George Homer Wear ♦
(Transcribed by Laura Paxton)

George Homer Wear, owner of the "Hazel Dell Farm" in Prairie Home township, is a native of Cooper County, born on the farm where he now resides Nov 1 1880 and is a descendant of one of the early pioneer families of Missouri. He is a son of George N Wear who was also born in Cooper County near Otterville Aug 21 1842. George N. Wear is a son of George Finis Wear, a native of Tennessee, who came to Missouri at a very early date and first settled at St. Louis and later came to Cooper County settling near Otterville. He was twice married. His first wife bore the maiden name of Oglesby. She died while on a trip to Texas with her husband, who had large land holdings near Houston. They were the parents of the following children: Elizabeth, deceased; Mrs. Thomas Potter, deceased; Mrs. Martin deceased; Mrs. Levina McFarland, Boonville and George N. After the death of his first wife George Finis Wear married a Miss Burns. George Finis Wear was killed while crossing the plains in 1849.

George N Wear was married Feb 10 1874 to Miss Frances Ophelia George, a daughter of Houston and Francis George, pioneer settlers of Prairie Home township. Mrs. Wear died Dec 30 1907 and her remains are buried in the Boonville cemetery. George N Wear and wife are the parents of the following children: Elmer Emmett, farmer Prairie Home township; Truman Clement died in 1904, aged 30 years; George H., the subject of this sketch.

George Homer Wear was educated in the public schools and Central College at Fayette MO. He has made farming and stock raising his life occupation and is meeting with more than ordinary success. He has established an extensive reputation as a successful breeder of Aberdeen Angus cattle and at this writing has a herd of about 40 head of these cattle. He is also an extensive cattle feeder. "Hazel Dell Farm" consists of 435 acres, 190 of which belongs to George H Wear. It is one of the nicely improved farms of Cooper County with a good residence and barns

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and also silo. The place has an ample supply of water and is well adapted to the stock business as well as general farming.

Oct. 9 1905, George H Wear was married to Eva Teel a daughter of Dr. S N and Nettie (Williams) Teel, the former a native of Virginia, born Jan 4 1846. He came to Missouri when he was about 25 years of age and located at Prairie Home, where he was engaged in the practice of medicine until his death. His widow now resides at Prairie Home. They were the parents of the following children: Agnes, married Dr A L Meredith, Prairie Home; Polly, married L E George, Prairie Home township; Mrs. Logan Spahr Oakland California; Eva wife of George H wear subject of this sketch; Willie, married Dr. Dorsey E Hooper of Warsaw MO; Kelly married Roy Hanley, California MO; Pearl assistant cashier of Prairie Home Bank; Mrs. Newell Teel, Prairie Home; Burk now in U S Navy having enlisted in August 1917 and has crossed the Atlantic Ocean three times on the U S Transport Huron; Garth resides at home and Samuel Victor died at the age of three years. To Mr. & Mrs. George Wear have been born four children as follows. Frances Annette; Elizabeth, died at the age of three years; Mary Evaline and George H., Jr.

Mr. Wear is a member of the Masonic Lodge at Prairie Home and also holds membership in the Woodmen of the World. He is one of the progressive citizens of Cooper County and the Wear family stand high in the community.

Benjamin Franklin Layne (Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Benjamin Franklin Layne - Eighty years have elapsed since the father of Benjamin F. Layne, retired farmer and stockman of Bunceton, Mo., came to Cooper County from Kentucky and made a home for his family in Lebanon township. The Laynes have been prominent in the affairs of Cooper County since 1840 and are among the honored and substantial pioneer families of this section of Missouri. B. F. Layne was born on the Layne homestead in Lebanon township, March 9, 1867. He was the son of John Wilson and Catherine (Robinson) Layne.

John Wilson Layne was born in Buckingham, Va., April 9, 1810, and died in Cooper County, Feb. 27, 1905. He accompanied his parents to Kentucky in 1822, there grew to manhood and was married. In 1839 he made his first trip to Cooper County, acquired land and returned for his family whom he moved overland to the new home in the following year. His first trip was made on horseback, the second was made with wagons which carried his family and his movable possessions. He brought a number of slaves with him who tilled the soil of the new farm which he

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created from the undeveloped wilderness country in southern Cooper County. His retinue of slaves consisted of five males and one female slave. His first house was a cabin, built of logs hewn and trimmed from his land. This was in due time supplanted by a more pretentious structure, built on the prairie. Mr. Layne took up a timber tract on the Lamine River from which he cut rails with which to fence his acreage. These rails were hauled a distance of five miles. He planted hedges which in time grew to be suitable for girding in the fields. He' accumulated 920 acres of land and was quite wealthy at the time of the Civil War. Like many others who were slave owners at the time of the war he suffered misfortunes; he was robbed of his money, his live stock was taken away and the premises were sopped of everything of value and he was impoverished. In spite of the fact that he maintained a neutrality during the war, his life was many times in danger and on one or two occasions he was saved only by the interference of a girl whom he had reared as a daughter in his household. He spent his last days with his sons. To John Wilson and Catherine Layne were born nine children, five of whom were reared, as follows: Belle, wife of Nathan Harris, died in 1889; Dora, wife of Shaw Roe, lives at Oakland, Cal.; Alexander resides on a farm adjoining the home place in Lebanon township; Edward is engaged in the lumber business at Otterville, Mo.; Benjamin Franklin, subject of this review.

The family of which John Wilson Layne was a member, was a very large one, consisting of 13 sons and one daughter.

B. F. Layne attended the district school located one and three-fourths miles from the Layne homestead, and which was known as the West Fork School. When he became of age his father gave him a tract of 80 acres which he improved. He resided on this farm for four years and then traded it, eventually taking charge of the homestead, When the elder Layne died he and his brother purchased the interests of the other heirs and B. F. Layne made his home on this farm of 373 acres until June 17, 1916, when he removed to Bunceton. Mr. Layne served as president of the Syracuse Bank for four years and is now a director of the Clifton City Bank. He was one of the organizers of the Bank of Syracuse, Mo.

Nov. 28, 1886, B. F. Layne was married to Lottie Lander Bailey. This marriage has been blessed with the following children: William, John Wilson, Sarah Catherine, and Louie Franklin. William is cashier of the bank at Clifton City. He married Emma Belle Graves and has

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one. child, Dorothy. Dr. John Wilson Layne, was born Feb. 21, 1892, studied dentistry and was practicing his profession in Bunceton when he was inducted into the National Army in Sept., 1918. He received a commission as first lieutenant in the dental corps of the army, Eighth Cavalry Regiment and was stationed at Camp Cody, Deming, N. M., and is at Maria, Texas, at present. Sarah Catherine, aged 16 years, is a junior in Bunceton High School. Louie Franklin, aged 11 years, is attending school.

Mr. Layne is a democrat. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias. He and Mrs. Layne are members of the Baptist Church and are pleasant, progressive, and hospitable people who have a host of friends in Cooper County.

Henry John Niebruegge

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Henry John Niebruegge - When Henry John Niebruegge came to America from his native Germany in 1881, he was possessed of about \$50 in cash. He hired out as farm laborer until 1886, when his marriage demanded that he secure a home for himself and his wife. For the next five years he rented land in the neighborhood of Lone Elm and in 1891 he decided that it was time for him to begin to accumulate some property He invested his savings in 114 acres of land, and naturally, because he had not been able to save enough money to pay for this land he went in debt for the greater part of the amount of the value of the farm. An old log house on the place sufficed as the first home of Mr. and Mrs. Niebruegge for the next 10 years. In the meantime they scrimped and saved, worked from early morn till late at night so as to get out of debt and get the means wherewith to build a comfortable home. This they built in 1901-in fact, every rod of fence, every tree and shrub around the residence, every building, barn, outhouse, and shelter for stock, has been built by Mr. Niebruegge and the farm near Lone Elm is one of the best improved in Cooper County. Mr. Niebruegge is now the owner of 389.5 acres, in three tracts, one farm of which is at Lane Elm.

Henry John Niebruegge was born in Germany, Jan. 28, 1855, and is the son of Henry and Blanche Niebruegge who lived all of their days in Germany. Mr. Niebruegge emigrated from Germany in 1881 and came directly to Cooper County where he has become one of the prosperous citizens of the county. He was married Feb. 9, 1886 to Maria Katharina Schluetter, born in 1854, in Germany. The children born to this marriage are: William, Henry, Oscar, and Emma. One child died in infancy.

Oscar Niebruegge is the soldier of the family and his parents have

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good and just right to be proud of the fact that they sent one of their sons to fight in behalf of the principles of liberty for which America, their adopted country, joined in the great World War. Oscar Niebruegge was born July 27, 1892. He was inducted into the National Army, in Oct., 1917 and was trained at Camp Funston. He was then sent to Camp Doniphan and in April, 1918, crossed the Atlantic to fight on the Western front in France with the famous 35th Division, 139th Infantry, Company H. Private Niebruegge took part in the terrific fighting in the Argonne Forest. So great were the hardships that he endured that he lay sick in a hospital for 30 days after the fight and was then transferred to the Headquarters Company. He received his honorable discharge May 8, 1919 and is now at home.

Mr. Niebruegge is a republican. He and his family are members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Lone Elm and are liberal supporters of this denomination. Mr. and Mrs. Niebruegge are intelligent, hospitable folks and have a fine family.

Peter Smith

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Peter Smith, living retired at Lone Elm, Cooper County, is one of the highly respected 'old settlers' of this county whose advent into the county dates back over 50 years. Successful as a farmer, having reared a fine family, now in his old age, he is taking life easy. Mr. Smith formerly owned two farms, one of 126 acres and another of 170 acres, totaling 296 acres in all which he sold in 1917 and 1918 and has since made his home at Lone Elm.

He was born in Holstein, Germany, Jan. 1, 1846, and is a son of Claus and Margaret Smith, the latter of whom died in 1866. Claus Smith and his six children, Peter, Henry, Annie, Margaret, Joseph and John Heinrich, emigrated from Germany to America in 1868 and located in Cooper county where Claus Smith spent the remainder of his days. Henry Smith resides on a farm in Clarks Fork township. Mrs. Margaret Nauman lives in Clarks Fork township. John Smith resides in California. Heinrich is a resident of Petersburg, Mo.

Peter Smith of this review worked out as farm laborer for five years after coming to Cooper County. After his marriage in 1875 he bought 63 acres of land in Clarks Fork township agreed to pay \$25 an acre for the land, improved it, added to it until it was 126 acres and disposed of this farm in 1917. This farm brought \$100 an acre when sold. In the meantime he had purchased 170 acres near Bunceton, for \$36 an acre. He placed all of the existing improvements on this farm and sold it for \$100 an acre.

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Jan. 19, 1875, Peter Smith and Mrs. Polly Arnold Schmalfeld were united in marriage. Two children blessed this union: Maggie C., born Feb. 26, 1876, is wife of George Friedmeyer, of California, Mo.; Martin D., born June 19, 1878, is farming in Clarks Fork township.

The mother of these children was born in Holmes County, Ohio, Dec. 18, 1850, and is a daughter of Daniel and Keziah (Williams) Arnold, natives of Pennsylvania and Tuscarawas County, Ohio, respectively. The Arnolds migrated to Missouri in 1867 and settled in Clarks Fork township, Cooper County, near the Clarks Fork Evangelical Church. The parents spent the remainder of their lives here. Daniel and Keziah Arnold were parents of 12 children, 10 of whom came to Missouri: John died while serving in the Union army; Levi died in 1916; Margaret died in 1917; Sarah died in 1906; William died in 1915; Joseph resides on a farm six miles west of Sedalia; Mrs. Cynthia Kelly lives at Ozark, Mo.; Henry lives on a farm south of Pisgah, Mo. Polly Arnold was first married to Otto Schmalfeld in 1869. Mr. Schmalfeld died in December, 1873. To Otto

and Polly Schmalfeld were born children as follows: John H., born Dec. 20, 1869, died April 1, 1905; William F., born Sept. 9, 1871, is a farmer living east of Clarks Fork Church; Christens, born Aug. 26, 1873, is wife of George Frieling, and lives in Palestine township.

Mr. Smith is a republican. He and Mrs. Smith are members of the Evangelical Church and are excellent, honest, well to do citizens of Cooper County.

Dan G. Davis

(Transcribed by Laura Paxton)

Dan G Davis dairyman Boonville MO was born May 8 1843 in Cooper County and is a son of pioneer parents in this county. His father was Daniel G Davis and his mother was Ruth Bredon prior to her marriage.

After receiving his education in the public schools of Boonville Dan G Davis engaged in farming. For the past 11 years he has been engaged in the dairy business upon a farm of 95 acres just on the south edge of Boonville. In addition to the dairy farm, Mr. Davis has a tract of 140 acres one mile west of the home place. He has 50 head of pure bred Jersey cows and two splendid registered males. Mr. Davis sells the output of his dairy to the local ice cream factory and is making a success of his business. He erected one of the first silos in Cooper county in 1912.

Mr. Davis was married in 1906 to Mabel M Gallagher of Tipton MO who is a daughter of Peyton Gallagher. Five children were born

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to this union of whom four are living: Elizabeth, Louise, Jefferson Lee, Kathryn, deceased and Daniel Grosvenor.

Mr. Davis is a democrat. He was reared in the Episcopalian faith. Personally, he is a likable genial and whole hearted citizen who takes life as he finds it and is like by those who know him best.

Thomas Alpheus Nelson

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Thomas Alpheus Nelson, is one of the oldest of the native born pioneers of Cooper County, now living, retired, in Bunceton, Mo., and owner of "Eminence Stock Farm," situated a few miles northeast of Bunceton. Mr. Nelson was born Aug. 23, 1848, on a farm four miles northeast of Bunceton, and resided for 70 years within sight of his birthplace. He is a son of James O. Nelson, one of the early pioneers of this section of Missouri.

James O. Nelson was born in Virginia in 1802 and died in Cooper County, Mo., in 1861. He immigrated to Cooper County in about 1833, entered government land and improved a farm, upon which he reared his family of 11 children, as follows: A. M. Nelson, Boonville, Mo.; E. D., deceased; Mrs. T. B. Stephens, deceased; Mrs. Nora Reavis, deceased; John Albert, and T. A. Nelson, twins, the former deceased; Addie died at the age of 21 years; two children, Henrietta and Maryetta, died young; James O. Nelson resides in Bunceton. The mother of these children was Mary E. (Hirst) Nelson, who was born in 1809 and departed this life Dec. 25, 1891.

In the beginning there were seven Nelson brothers who located in Cooper County in pioneer days. Of these, Thomas W. Nelson became a merchant in Boonville. James O. and John B. Nelson were farmers, the former becoming a large land owner. Henry and Addison Nelson were bachelors. Alexander Nelson located in California, Mo., and George Nelson.

Thomas A. Nelson was married Dec. 24, 1868, to Sarah A. Tucker, who bare him children as follows: Walter died in infancy; Louis O. Nelson lives in Bunceton, Mo.; W. L. Nelson is the present member of Congress from this district and resides in Columbia, Mo.; Albert J. and Alpheus J. are farmers in Cooper County; Edgar C, editor and publisher of the Bunceton Eagle; Clyde T. Nelson is managing "Eminence Stock Farm.

The mother of the foregoing children was born in Cooper County, April 6, 1849, within sight of "Eminence Stock Farm." She is a daughter of Thomas and Mary B. (Taliaferro) Tucker, natives of Virginia and Kentucky, respectively. Mrs. Mary B. Tucker was a daughter of William and Nancy Taliaferro, who came From Kentucky to Cooper County, Mo.,

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in 1834. Thomas Tucker was a son of Josephus and Sarah Tucker. He was born in 1812 and died in 1893. He came to Cooper County in 1841, was married in 1847 and built up a splendid farm. He was father of the following children: Mrs. Sarah A. Nelson, of this review; W. J. Tucker of Kansas City, Mo.; John R. Tucker of Oklahoma City, Okla.; Mrs. Mary Bohling, Medford, Ore. William and Nancy Taliaferro were parents of six children: James, Robert, Johnson, Lucy, wife of James H. Baker, and Elizabeth, who attained the great age of 90 years. Thomas Tucker was one of the best known of the pioneer citizens of Cooper county.

When Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Nelson began their wedded life, they purchased a tract of undeveloped prairie land which adjoined the old Tucker homestead. In order to fence this tract, Mr. Nelson hauled rails with ox teams from Moniteau. Every tree, shrub, vine, and plant which now adorns the grounds of their fine estate was planted by Mr. and Mrs. Nelson. "Eminence Stock Farm" consisted of 364 acres, well improved with a large, handsome residence, good farm buildings, and is devoted to the breeding and raising of fine live stock. Mr. Nelson has always been an extensive feeder and producer of live stock. In 1882, Mrs. Nelson began breeding and raising fine poultry, mostly Barred Rocks and other varieties. She was the first woman to make a speciality of producing poultry of the better breeds and of pure strain. Mr. Nelson achieved a great reputation as a breeder of Duroc Jersey swine.

Dec. 24, 1918, Thomas A, and Sarah A. Nelson celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. When Mr. Nelson was purchasing live stock for the State Institutions same years ago, Mrs. Nelson managed the farm during his frequent periods of absence and weighed the corn and did a man's work on the place. They are bath members of the Baptist Church, as are all of their children. Mr. Nelson has been a deacon in the Baptist Church for 40 years and his son Louis O. Nelson is also a deacon. They are among the most highly respected and best loved pioneer couples in Cooper County, and Mrs. Nelson is the source of authority in her neighborhood for facts concerning family history and is the last recourse for information concerning the early history of the Bunceton neighborhood. In September of 1918, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson made their first move in a half century. They came to Bunceton, after turning over the home farm to their son, Clyde Nelson, who is now managing it. Now, in the eventide of a long and useful life, they are enjoying well earned repose, serene in the consciousness that theirs has been a life well spent.

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