

History of Cooper County Missouri by W. F. Johnson

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Alvin J. Bozarth

(Transcribed by Laura Paxton)

Alvin J Bozarth, a well-known wholesale dealer in butter, eggs, poultry, hides and cream at 415 Chestnut street in Boonville is one of the leading business men of Cooper County. Mr. Bozarth entered business Jan 1 1916 at his present location purchasing the business of the Wilson Produce Co. He mastered his trade under F M Stamper of the F M Stamper CO. at Moberly MO and George Legg of the George Legg Poultry establishment at Mattoon Ill. Since he began business three years ago, Mr. Bozarth has prospered and his trade has yearly grown. The receipts for the three years enumerated successively, were: \$98,000, \$108,000, and \$150,000. He ships his produce to New York, Chicago and other leading markets, shipping in carload lots. Mr. Bozarth deserves much praise and credit for the excellent market he has established for all the countryside bordering Boonville.

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Mr. Bozarth was born in Cairo MO, Nov 21 1891 a son of F R and Frances (Robers) Bozarth, both of whom are natives of Monroe County, Missouri and settled in Monroe County in the early days. Mr. and Mrs. F R Bozarth reside at Cairo MO. They are the parents of eight children as follow: Lucy the wife of Albert Snodgrass of Moberly MO; Alvin J, the subject of this sketch; Harry J of Moberly MO; Floyd C of Detroit Michigan; Deston L, of Cairo MO; Pearl, Eulah Mae, and Roy Marshal of Cairo MO. Floyd C Bozarth is at the time of the writing in 1919, serving as mess sergeant with the Signal Corps United States Army.

April 27 1915 Alvin J Bozarth and Isla Rinehart a daughter of Benjamin and Rosa (Irwin) Rinehart formerly of Iowa now residents of Cairo MO were married. Mr. and Mrs. Bozarth are the parents of two children: Wilburta E and Hartzell I. Mr. and Mrs. Bozarth reside at Shamrock Heights in Boonville. Both are worthy members of the Christian Church and Mr. Bozarth is a member of the Knights of Pythias.

Alvin J Bozarth first learned the elementary principles of the poultry business under his father's instructions. The elder Bozarth was engaged in this business at Cairo MO. Leaving Moberly High School, where he was a student, Mr. Bozarth entered the mercantile trade and he has in a few years time established a name and reputation for himself a name which is known throughout the county as the synonym for honesty and fair dealings.

W. C. Renfrow

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

W. C. Renfrow, of the firm of Renfrow & Renfrow, of Overton, Mo., was born Oct. 14, 1866, a son of William and Malvina (Freeman) Renfrow, both natives of Cooper County. The mother died in 1870 and is buried in Moniteau County at Cop Cemetery. The father lives in southeastern Missouri. To Mr. and Mrs. William Renfrow were born the following children: Alonzo, lives in southeastern Missouri; and W. C., the subject of this sketch. The other member of the firm of Renfrow & Renfrow is A. D. Renfrow, a cousin of W. C. Renfrow, born in 1859, a son of James Renfrow, of Moniteau County. A. D. Renfrow lives on the farm in Moniteau County, and also owns a farm in Cooper County, near Wooldridge. The well known firm of Renfrow & Renfrow are dealers in groceries, dry goods, shoes, hardware, etc., and occupy a nice building, 40x60 feet, with arches nicely arranged between the rooms.

W. C. Renfrow was educated in Liberty School, near Gooch's Mill, and taught school for 10 years in Prairie Home, Robinson and Oak Grove, Cooper County, and Bruce and Lupus and Oakland, in Moniteau County.

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He was afterwards with Dr. Cochran, of Gooch's Mill, for about six years. Mr. Renfrow then went into the mercantile business at Gooch's Mill, and in 1914 came to Overton and accepted a position with Mr. A. D. Manson, his father-in-law, and afterwards went into the store in which he now owns a half interest.

Mr. Renfrow was married April, 1910, to Miss Cora Manson, daughter of A. D. and Anna (Kelly) Manson, of Gooch's Mill. Mr. and Mrs. Manson live at Overton and are the parents of the following children: Ida Whittahes, died at Raton, N. M., Jan. 1919; Cora, wife of W. C. Renfrow, subject of this sketch; John, resides at Gooch's Mill; Kelly, resides at Prairie Home, and Owen C., Kansas City, Mo. To Mr. and Mrs. Renfrow have been born the following children: William Cyrus, Harold Barber, Chester Bryan, and Cordon Woodrow, all residing at home.

Mr. Renfrow is a member of the Woodmen of the World of Gooch's Mill, and Mrs. Renfrow belongs to the Woodman Circle, and their boys are members of the Boys Woodcraft. Mr. Renfrow is also a member of the Cooper County Sick and Accident Society and the Renfrows are substantial citizens and stand high in their community.

John Frederick Krohn (Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

John Frederick Krohn - "Fairview Dairy Farm", consisting of 103 acres located two and a half miles south of Boonville, is one of the finest country places in Cooper County. This place is owned and operated by John F. Krohn, and is equipped with every convenience for caring for the large amount of work involved in the operation of a dairy. Thirty-six Jersey cows comprise the Krohn herd, the milk obtained being sold over established milk routes in Boonville. The Krohn residence is a large ten room house, modern in every respect and very attractive. A large bank barn 30x40 feet, and a silo with a capacity of 125 tons are substantial fixtures on the place. Mr. Krohn has recently erected a new tile silo 14x36 feet.

J. F. Krohn was born in Cooper County, Oct. 18, 1863, on a farm near Billingsville, and is a son of Christian and Mary (Hoflander) Krohn. Christian Krohn, the father, was born in Holland, and emigrated from his native land to America when a young man. He was shot down in cold blood by marauding bushwhackers in his own yard in Aug. 1863. Mr. Krohn, had like others who were loyal men in Cooper County, been in hiding when the guerrillas were infesting the country. Mrs. Krohn had been visiting at one of the neighbor's houses. Mr. Krohn sent for her to come home that he wanted to see her. She came on horseback carrying

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John F. Krohn, the subject of this sketch in her arms. Mr. Krohn assisted her to a light from the horse, first taking the child in his arms. The guerrillas who had been hiding, then stepped out and told her to take the baby, that they were going to kill her husband. She was forced to do as they bid. The assassins then deliberately shot their defenseless victim in the back, and one more dastardly crime was laid at the door of the murderers masquerading as Confederate soldiers. Mrs. Krohn was twice married after the death of her first husband but the details of the family history will be given in connection with the history of the Robien and Zimmerman families of Cooper County.

John F. Krohn was reared in the vicinity of Boonville, and attended the Concord district school, Done Elm, and Mt. Sinai schools, and also attended the German Evangelical school at Boonville

for a time. He began for himself in 1889 when he bought his present home place and began improving it.

Mr. Krohn was married on Feb. 4, 1891, to Miss Flora Hoefer, who was born Oct. 25, 1870, in Boonville. Mr. and Mrs. Krohn have one son: Frederick H., born Oct. 18, 1896, was inducted into the National Army July 26, 1918, was trained at Camp Funston, became a private in the Battery A, 28th Field Artillery, 10th Division and was honorably discharged from the service, Feb. 6, 1919. He is now assisting his father in the management of Fairview hairy. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias.

Mr. Krohn is a republican but takes little active interest in political matters. He and Mrs. Krohn are members of the Evangelical Church of Boonville, and Mr. Krohn is president of the board of trustees of the church. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias and is a thoroughly progressive citizen of the best type.

Clarence Shears

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Clarence Shears, contractor and builder, is one of Boonville's best known citizens and most competent workmen. Mr. Shears is a native of Illinois. He was born Feb. 10, 1858, in Christian County, Ill., a son of Robert and Emily (Wilcox) Shears, the father a native of Virginia, and the mother of New York. The Shears family left Illinois in 1876 and located in Boone County, where the mother died in 1868, and the father died 10 years later, at the age of 76 years. The remains of both parents lie in Walnut Grove Cemetery in Boone County. Robert Shears was an honored veteran of the Civil War. He served four years with the Union army. Mr. and Mrs. Shears were the parents of five children, as follow:

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Clarence, the subject of this sketch; Marion, deceased; Elmer, of Columbia, Mo.; Byron, of Kansas City Mo.; and Miss Lillie Thorpe of Kansas City, Mo.

In the public schools of Nokomis, Ill., Clarence Shears obtained his education. He came to Missouri in 1876, with his parents, and in Boone County he was engaged in farming. Later, he abandoned farming and engaged in carpentering and contracting in the vicinity of Woodlandville, and these trades he followed until he came to Cooper County in 1897. Since locating in Boonville, Mr. Shears has built many residences and erected several important buildings. He built the \$10,000 residence of John Lohse in 1918, and he also built the residence of ex-Lieutenant Governor Gmelich. The Farmers Bank building and the Phoenix American Pipe Factory building were erected by Mr. Shears. His shop is located at the corner of Morgan and Fourth Streets.

Sept. 25, 1877, Clarence Shears and Bettie Settles, a daughter of Duskin and Mark Settles, noble pioneers of Virginia, were united in marriage. Mrs. Shears is a native of Virginia. She is one of nine children born to her parents, as follow: George, of Woodlandville, Mo.; Harris, of Woodlandville; John, of Fulton; Duskin, of Columbia; Mrs. Clarence Shears, the wife of the subject of this sketch; Mrs. Mary Turner, of Boonville; Mrs. Susie Morrirtz, of Witt, Ill.; Mrs. Amanda Smallwood, of Washington, Mo.; and Mrs. Mattie Shears, of Ottawa, Kan. To Mr. and Mrs. Shears have been born six children: Susie, the wife of J. T. Tucker, of Boonville; Edna, who died at the age of 17 years; and four children who died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Shears reside at 1026 South Third Street in Boonville.

Mr. Shears is a member of the Knights of Pythias and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is an honest, capable workman, and he is respected highly among his fellow citizens. He is an independent republican. Since January 1915, he has been a member of the Boonville Board of Public Works. For a number of years he was a member of the City Council, was president of the Council, and finished out Grimes' term as mayor of the city.

W. A. Oerly
(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

W. A. Oerly, merchant of Wooldridge, Mo., one of the best-known citizens of Cooper County, is a native of this county. Mr. Oerly was born May 21, 1879, in Prairie Home township, a son of John and Elizabeth (Mischler) Oerly, the former, a native of Moniteau County.

John Oerly was born in 1854 near Jamestown, a son of Ulrich Oerly, who located in Moniteau County in 1853, and later settled in Cooper County. Ulrich Oerly died in Cooper County and he is buried in the

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cemetery of the Methodist Church at Pleasant Grove. John Oerly owned several farms in Prairie Home township and he moved from Moniteau County to Cooper County and here followed farming and stockraising. He died in September, 1912, and is buried in the cemetery where his father's remains were laid to rest. His widow still resides at the old homestead.

The children of John and Elizabeth (Mischler) Oerly are: W. A., the subject of this review; Lulu, the wife of Thomas Chrisman, of Wooldridge; Mrs. N. H. Blank, who died in August, 1918; Oscar, who died in 1908; Cordula, the wife of Hogan Hickman, of Boonville; Ernest C., residing near Gooch's Mill; and Grace, the wife of True Swanston, of Boonville.

W. A. Oerly obtained his education at Liberty schoolhouse in Saline township. Until 1912, Mr. Oerly was engaged in farming, when he entered the mercantile business. He purchased the stock of George T. Bruce at Wooldridge and since 1912 he has conducted a general store there. Mr. Oerly carries an exceptionally good line of merchandise for a store of the size, and he has thus far had a flattering patronage and the receipts in 1918 showed a business amounting to more than \$17,000. In addition to his store, Mr. Oerly is the owner of a farm comprising 260 acre, of land, located near Bunceton.

In 1902, W. A. Oerly was united in marriage with Emma Keamfer, daughter of Robert and Elizabeth Keamfer, of Prairie Home Township. The Keamfer children are: John, Mrs. Maggie Kuhns, Mrs. Mary Pipkin, Mrs. Emma Oerly, Mrs. Lizzie Byler, Mrs. Annie Byler, Lulu Keamfer, Mrs. Meta Hornbeck, and Mrs. Nora Morris. To W. A. and Emma Oerly have been born five children, who are living, six children in all: Owen Lester, Curtis Richard, Myrl Raymond, Oliver Robert and Earl Alvin. The only daughter, Alleene Bertha, was killed in a cyclone, June 5, 1917, when he was 12 years of age.

Mr. Oerly is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, the Woodmen of the World, and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is a republican. Mr. and Mrs. Oerly have scores of friends in Cooper County, and they are numbered among the county's best and most valued citizens.

A. H. Hesel, engaged in the retail liquor business in Boonville, Mo., is a native of Boonville, and was born October 30, 1882. He is a son of Joseph L. Hesel.

His father, Joseph L. Hesel, was born at Riegel, Baden, Germany, Nov. 12, 1849, and died in June 1917. He came to America when a young

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man and resided in Fayette, Mo. After the close of the Civil War he located in Boonville and operated the city meat market for a number of years. He married Louise Hoefler, who was born in Cooper County, Mo., Sept. 14, 1850. The children born of this marriage are: Charles Hesel, born Aug. 16, 1877, operates the meat market in connection with Harry Ruskin's general store; Lee

Paul, born Sept. 6, 1884, bartender in the Hesel saloon; J. L. Hesel, Jr., born Nov. 29, 1886, an automobile salesman in St. Louis, Mo.; Louise J., born Dec. 24, 1892, at home; Rosa and Roy Hesel are deceased.

Arthur H. Hesel was reared and educated in Boonville and assisted his father in the conduct of his meat market business. He first tended bar for Tony Hain and was then in the employ of Emil H. Mueller prior to engaging in business for himself in 1911.

Mr. Hesel is a republican. The family church is the Catholic denomination. The mother of the family is a member of the Evangelical Church. Mr. Hesel is a member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and the Fraternal Order of Eagles. Joseph L. Hesel, his father, was an Odd Fellow.

Horace G. Windsor
(Transcribed by Laura Paxton)

Horace G Windsor, proprietor of "Benvenue Farm" in Clarks Fork township, is one of the leading agriculturists and stockmen of Clarks Fork township. Mr. Windsor was born Dec 4 1860 son of John H and Eleanna (Zollinger) Windsor. Mrs. Windsor was a daughter of George Zollinger, a veteran of the Mexican War and a grand daughter of Peter Zollinger, a veteran of the Revolutionary War. She was born March 27 1835 in Hagerstown MD., and she died Dec 28 2890. The children of John H and Eleanna Windsor, are as follow: Horace G the subject of this sketch; Walter B who was born April 23 1862 and now resides in Clarks Fork township; John L, who was born July 4 1863 and died August 8 1884; Alma M, who was born Nov 4 1866 the wife of E H Harris Jr. of Sedalia; Eugene A, who was born Jan 4 1870; and Dr. Norman Myers who was born April 18 1871 now a resident of ST. Louis.

Horace G Windsor was educated in Boonville at the Kemper Military School and the Boonville Academy. In early manhood, he began farming on the home place. His grandmother, Ann Matilda (Allison) Windsor, gave him a farm comprising 240 acres of valuable land which farm is now a part of his splendid country place. Mr. Windsor now owns 650 acres of land in Clarks Fork township, probably the finest country place in Cooper County a farm which is reputed to be the most productive

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in the country. Seventy acres of the farm the land lying directly east of the residence produced in 1915, more than 100 bushels of corn per acre, which is considered to the best production in the world. Mr. Windsor has made the average of 90 bushels an acre for a tract of 80 acres of his farm. In 1916, the dry year, he produced on one acre of his land 119 bushels and 10 pounds of corn, the record for the state of Missouri. Practically his entire life, Mr. Windsor has been interested in feeding livestock and he usually feeds from 150-250 head of cattle annually also from 1000 to 1500 lambs and from 200 to 250 hogs. He raises the mules used in work on his place and at the time of this writing in 1919 he had 20 on the farm. Mr. Windsor plants soybeans in with the corn, one bushel of the former to every 12 acres of land, and after the corn has matured he pastures the land. The "Benvenue Farms" are equipped with three sets of improvements, including three bungalows for the assistants; a Dickey silo, 18X60 feet in dimensions; four barns, the largest, 90X54 feet in dimensions, affording shelter for all the stock; and three windmills.

Oct 6 1886, Horace G Windsor was united in marriage with Anna K Cunningham a native of Cooper county a daughter of John W and Ellen (Spencer) Cunningham, the former of whom now at the advanced age of 93 years resides in Boonville and the latter died Feb 15 1916. To Horace G and Mrs. Windsor have been born two sons: Capt. John H who was born 12-13-1888, a graduate of Kemper Military School, a member of the class of 1907, who received his degree of L L D in 1912 from the Missouri State University and for five years practiced law in the city of

Boonville, volunteered his services in the World War, August 27 1917 and was sent to Fort Sheridan for training, was commissioned first lieutenant Nov 27 1917 sailed for France Dec 24 1917 with 500 other officers was first attached to the British infantry and later to the 77th Division was in the battle of Arras in March 1918, and was gassed in May 1918, made Judge Advocate of his section, commissioned captain, August 28 1919, and honorably discharged March 2 1919; Wilbur C who was born Jan 14 1891, graduated from the Kemper Military School in 1910 was a senior captain of the cadets in this school was a student at the Missouri State University for three and a half years. specializing in banking, engaged in the banking business in Oklahoma for two years, was associated with his father in managing the "Benvenue Farms", volunteered for service and was sent to Fort Sheridan in August 1917, was commissioned first lieutenant and sent to Camp Zachariah Taylor

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in Kentucky as instructor, thence to Camp Sherman in Ohio, a member of the 84th Division, sailed for France in 1918, and was honorably discharged from the service in April 18 1919.

Wilbur C Windsor was married to Gertrude Buckley of Poteau Oklahoma a daughter of William Buckley ex-attorney United States district of Oklahoma on Dec 28 1916 and to them has been born one child, Gertrude Anna.

Horace G Windsor has been president of the Missouri State Corn Growers Association for four years. He was instrumental in the establishment of Rural Route 1 out of Boonville, the second route established in the state, and he assisted in the establishing of the first rural telephone line in the county. He is the originator of the benefit assessment system for the building of better roads and he has been president in his district for eight years. Mr. Windsor writes for the "Missouri Ruralist" and other farm papers and he is considered one of the most advanced thinkers in Cooper County and one of the most progressive men in the country. He is widely known throughout the state. Mr. Windsor is a member of the Presbyterian Church and he is affiliated with the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons and is a Shriner.

Irene Schubert

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Irene Schubert, a prosperous and highly respected farmer and stockman of Saline township, is a native of Cooper County. Mr. Schubert was born June 8, 1864 on his father's farm in Palestine township, a son of Henry B. and Christina Schubert, who were born, reared, educated and married in Germany.

Henry B. Schubert was born in 1830 and Christina Schubert was born in 1838. The Schuberts located in Cooper County on a farm near Billingsville in 1863 and there resided for several years, when Mr. Schubert purchased a farm comprising 72 acres of land, which he improved and where he spent the remainder of his life and died in 1912. His remains rest in the cemetery at Billingsville, Mo. Mrs. Schubert now resides at Speed, Mo. The children of Henry B. and Christina Schubert are, as follow: Mrs. Mary Huffman, who lives in Germany; Mrs. Amelia Stegner, deceased, wife of Paul Stegner; Irene, the subject of this review; Mrs. Emma Baker, deceased; Henry, deceased; Fannie and John, of Speed, and Willie, who died at the age of four years. Gottholt Schubert and his wife, grandparents of Irene Schubert, immigrated to America from Germany about 1861. The senior Schubert was, by trade, a miller. Both grandfather and grandmother have been deceased many years and their remains are interred in the cemetery at Billingsville, Mo.

Irene Schubert attended school at Independence, in Palestine township.

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Since leaving school, he has followed farming and stockraising and with the exception of ten years. Mr. Schubert purchased his present country place in March 1914, a farm which was originally a part of the Bates farm, 144 acres of well-watered land, an ideal stock farm. Mr. Schubert is just beginning the raising of registered Hampshire hogs. He is engaged in general farming and stockraising. In his district, he is overseer of roads and he takes an active and keen interest in the upkeeping of the public highways.

In 1890, Irene Schubert and Minnie Doerrie were married. Mrs. Schubert is a daughter of Henry and Louisa (Kemper) Doerrie, natives of Germany. The Doerries immigrated from Germany and settled in Missouri, locating first in St. Louis. Mr. Doerrie died at St. Charles, Mo. and Mrs. Doerrie was later married to Peter Young and she now resides in Boonville. She is now 80 years of age. Louisa (Kemper) Doerrie Young is the daughter of Henry and Lottie Kemper, who settled in St. Charles County, Mo. in 1856. He was, by trade, a carpenter. Mr. and Mrs. Kemper died in St. Charles, and are buried there. To Irene and Minnie (Doerrie) Schubert have been born two children: Bert and Rosemond, both at home with their parents, and both educated in the Boonville schools. Mr. and Mrs. Schubert are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church and Mr. Schubert is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias at Boonville.

Mr. and Mrs. Schubert are well known and highly regarded in Cooper County and they number their friends in this section of the state by the score.

Walter and George Meredith

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Walter Meredith and George Meredith, proprietors of "The Lowell Stock Farm," in Saline township, one of the best stock farms in the county, are numbered among the progressive agriculturists of Cooper County. "The Lowell Stock Farm" comprises 238 acres of valuable land, located eight miles southeast of Boonville. Walter Meredith and George Meredith are sons of Lee and Susan (McGruder) Meredith.

Lee Meredith was born near Pilot Grove, Mo., a son of Thomas Meredith, one of the first settlers of that part of the county. The mother of Lee Meredith was Susan (Woolridge) Meredith. Thomas and Susan Meredith are now deceased and the remains rest in Pilot Grove Cemetery. Lee Meredith was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and was a democrat. Mrs. Meredith died in 1900 and she was buried in Pilot Grove Cemetery. She reared the family and educated the children, as all were small when the father died.

"The Lowell Stock Farm" was purchased by the Meredith brothers

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and their sisters, Grace Alice and Winona, in 1901, from John Engfer. The brothers and sisters reside at this farm, and though grown to maturity, they are still as closely united as when they were children. The Meredith residence is a brick structure of seven large rooms, four halls and two stories. It is "T-shape," and was built prior to the Civil War. This farm in early days was known as the James Connor farm, and on the place are ruins of foundation of houses formerly occupied by slaves. Since coming to the place, the Merediths have added two barns and fences, and have drilled a well which is over 226 feet in depth, the same supplying an abundance of excellent water. There are two good springs in the pasture. In every respect "The Lowell Stock Farm" is an ideal one. The builder of the large brick residence was one of the aristocrats of his day, and the large rooms, four times the size of the average room of today, suggest colonial architecture, and the surroundings show the taste of the typical southern plantation owner.

The Merediths are valued members of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Oak Grove. They are highly respected among the best citizens of Cooper County.

Joseph Gerhardt
(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Joseph Gerhardt - When Joseph Gerhardt left his native Germany 1881, crossed the Atlantic, and made his way to Pickaway County, Ohio, he had very little of this world's goods. When he came to Cooper County, Mo., in 1887, he had not made much progress in accumulating a fortune. However, matters shaped themselves so that in 1905 he began to buy land, although his first farm of 192 acres was purchased on time. To this he subsequently added 25 acres, then added 160 acres, and at the time of his retirement to a home in Speed, Mo., in the spring of 1919, Mr. Gerhardt was the owner of a total of 377 acres of well improved land, without encumbrance. The farm buildings are very good, and it is one of the attractive places in Cooper County. This country has been good to Mr. Gerhardt, and Cooper County seems to be a place of unbounded opportunity for men of industry and thrift and energy, like himself.

Joseph Gerhardt, retired farmer, Speed, Mo., was born in Germany, Jan. 9, 1857, a son of Christ and Lena Gerhardt, who spent their lives in Germany. Joseph Gerhardt came to America in 1887, a poor lad in search of fortune. He stopped for five years in Pickaway County, Ohio, and earned some money. In 1887, he came to Cooper County, worked as farm laborer for one year, and then rented land until he made his first purchase of a farm in 1905. During the space of 14 years, Mr. Gerhardt

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has prospered to such an extent that he has laid away the cares of active farming, turned over the management of his large acreage to his sons, and is taking life easy in his comfortable cottage home in Speed, Mo.

Mr. Gerhardt was married in Ohio, in 1882, to Katrina Krum, who was born in 1858. The children born to this marriage are: Henry Gerhardt, a farmer, Cooper County; Christ F., merchant at Speed, Mo.; Catherine, wife of Anton Schler, farmer in Boonville township; Albert, a thresher, Speed, Mo.; William, living on a farm east of Bunceton; August, a farmer living one mile west of Speed; Mrs. Louise Vieth, on a farm near Bunceton; Emil and Herman Gerhardt are operating the home place.

The democratic party has always had the allegiance of Mr. Gerhardt since he cast his first vote. He is a member of the Evangelical Church, and is a good, substantial citizen.

Elza B. Shannon
(Transcribed by Laura Paxton)

Elza B. Shannon, proprietor of "RoseLawn" Farm in Clarks Fork township (rural mail route No. 1 out of Boonville) and for years recognized as one of the leading farmers and stockmen of that vicinity, an active member of the energetic Farmers Club in that neighborhood and in other ways prominently identified with the life of the community, was born on that farm and has lived there all his life. He was born on Oct. 31 1854, son of Alexander and Julia A. (Hurt) Shannon, pioneers of that vicinity and the latter of whom is still living, continuing to make her home on the old home place, being now nearly 90 years of age.

Alexander Shannon was a Easterner, born in Charles County MD., February 10 1823, who came to Missouri in 1847, and in 1849 located on the place now known as "Rose Lawn" farm and owned by his son Elza. That farm, originally know as the Bell farm, he bought from D C Steele and when he bought it consisted of 110 acres which tract under its present ownership has been expanded to the present dimensions of "Rose Lawn", a fine farm of 402 acres. During the two years he spent in Missouri before buying his farm, Alexander Shannon was engaged in freighting

between Boonville and Knob Noster and during this form of service he not infrequently was in perilous touch with the Indians that still were numerous hereabout in those days. He married not long after coming here and established his home on the farm he had bought and there spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring on June 10 1898, he then being past 75 years of age, and he is buried in the cemetery in Boonville. As noted above, his widow is still living at "Rose Lawn." She was born on a pioneer farm in Clarks Fork township, this county, in 1830, daughter

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of Colonel Hurt, one of the most influential of the early settlers of that neighborhood, and has spent all her life in that vicinity having thus been a witness to the amazing development noted there during her lifetime. To Alexander and Julia A (Hurt) Shannon were born five children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the second in order of birth, the > others being G W and F H Shannon, Texas County Mo; J B Shannon, deceased > and Nannie wife of J W Draffen in Los Angeles California.

Reared on the farm on which he is now living, Elza B. Shannon received his early schooling in the then somewhat primitive district school of his home neighborhood and supplemented the same by a course in the Kemper Family School at Boonville, after which he returned to the farm and resumed his labors there, a valuable aid to his father in the work of the development on the place. After his marriage in 1876 he established his home on the place presently assuming the management of the same, and has ever since resided there, gradually improving the place by the erection of new buildings and from time to time buying adjoining tracts until "Rose Lawn" long ago came to be recognized as one of the most attractive farms in that part of the county. The palace is admirable adapted to the raising of live stock and Mr. Shannon annually markets about 200 hogs and one or two car loads of cattle. He also maintains a flock of about 250 sheep and in his Operations is doing well, in these operations being ably assisted by those of his sons who still are at home and who are bending their energies to the further and profitable improvement of "Rose Lawn." Mr. Shannon is one of the leading members of the local Farmers Club and has for years been actively interested in movements having to do with the advancement of the common interest in that neighborhood. In his political faith he is a Democrat. He and his family are members of the Presbyterian Church and take a proper interest in church work as well as in the general social activities of the community in which they live.

Mr. Shannon has been twice married. IT was in 1876, when he was little past 21 years of age, that he was united in marriage to Mary Catherine Miller, who also was born in Clarks Fork township and who died on July 26 1884. To that union three children were born: Minnie Gray, who died at the age of two years; Robert Alexander who is now farming in the vicinity of Rankin's Mill and Elza M. Shannon who is at home aiding in the management of "Rose Lawn." On March 6 1889, Mr. Shannon married, secondly, Jennie L. Johnston, a music teacher who was

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graduated from the old Prairie Home Institute and for some time following her graduation was teacher of music there, later giving general music lessons, and to this union five children have been born: Martha, wife of B H Mills, of Clarks Fork township; Georgia, at home; Margaret, who died at the age of 4 years; and Noye L and Louis J., at home. Mrs. Jennie L (Johnston) Shannon also was born in this county, March 20 1861, a daughter of Washington A and Martha (Hunt) Johnston, both of whom also were born here members of pioneer families and who spent all their lives here both living to ripe old age. W A Johnston was born Jan 1 1825 and died on Feb 15 1908, he then being past 83 years of age. W A Johnston was a son of Robert and Ellender P (Powell) Johnston, the latter of whom was born in North Carolina on July 14 1800, and came to Missouri with her parents, William Powell and wife in 1822, the family settling in the vicinity of Jamestown in Moniteau County. Robert Johnston was born in Tennessee in 1783 and came to Missouri, settling in Cooper County in territorial days. He married Ellender Powell in March 1824.

Benjamin Franklin Anderson

(Transcribed by Laura Paxton)

Benjamin Franklin Anderson, a veteran teacher of Cooper County, who is also engaged in farming in Saline township, was born in Prairie Home township, December 14 1860. He is the son of John and Nancy (Twentyman) Anderson. John Anderson was born near Miami Ohio, in 1824. He came to Missouri in the early forties, and settled on a farm of 120 acres, three miles northwest of Prairie Home. He died in 1881. Nancy (Twentyman) Anderson was born in 1832 and died in 1862. She was a daughter of Thomas Twentyman, who was a very early settler in Cooper county and a member of the first grand jury of Cooper County. John and Nancy (Twentyman) Anderson were the parents of the following children: Mrs. Amanda Arnold, Moniteau township; J H ., Searcy Arkansas; Mrs. Elizabeth J. Goodrich, Bolivar MO.; T B ., California MO.; and B F., the subject of this sketch.

B F Anderson attended public school until he was about 15 years of age, he then attended a private school in Polk County and later entered Hooper Institute at Clarksburg Mo., where he was graduated. He engaged in teaching in 1882, his first school being in the Lowland district in Saline township. He taught school in this same district during the school year 1918-1919. During the intervening time he has taught in the district schools of the adjoining districts, including Highland, Liberty,

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Wooldridge, Bruce, Overton, and Hail Ridge. He has a long career of successful teaching to his credit, and ranks among the leading educators of Cooper County. In addition to teaching, Mr. Anderson has carried on farming in the summertime and owns 130 acres known as "Maple Wood Farm," located one mile northwest of Wooldridge. This was formerly a part of the H B Hopkins farm. The place is well improved and it is a productive and valuable farm.

B F Anderson was married November 7 1883, to Miss Emma S. Hopkins, a daughter of H B and Rebecca (Burcham) Hopkins, Cooper County pioneers. They were the parents of the following children: Emma S., wife of B F Anderson, subject of this sketch; H. H., Wooldridge Mo.; and T B., Wooldridge. To Mr. & Mrs. Anderson have been born two children: Ida H., married W E Hooper, Wooldridge MO., and F L who resides at home. There are two grandchildren in the Anderson family: Emma Marjorie and Hazel Lillian Hooper.

Mr. & Mrs. Anderson are well known in Cooper County and rank among its most substantial representative people. Mrs. Anderson is a member of Big Lick Church. Mr. Anderson is a democrat. Cast his first vote in 1881, never missed an election, never scratched his ticket, and never sought office.

Herman P. Muntzel

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Herman P. Muntzel - "Pleasant Valley Stock Farm," owned and operated by Herman P. Muntzel, and consisting of 193 acres of valley land, well watered and drained, is one of the most beautiful and richest farms in all Missouri. No tract of fertile and productive land lies in a prettier location than this farm, which is rightly named. A winding creek makes its way through the farm and affords ample water for stock and drainage. In the background to the east are wooded hills which give a touch of beauty to the whole setting. A pretty cottage and well kept farm buildings, set on a rise of ground above the valley, overlook the entire tract. The barn is of ample size, built by Mr. Muntzel in 1912, and is 32x50 feet in extent. The residence has been remodeled since the purchase of the farm in 1904. Herman P. Muntzel is a member of one of the most substantial and highly respected pioneer families of Cooper County, which dates its advent into the county in the early forties.

Daniel Muntzel, father of Herman P. Muntzel, who now resides at or near Washington schoolhouse on his farm, where he has resided for over a half century, was born in 1835, and accompanied his father, Peter Muntzel, from Germany to America when but a child. Peter Muntzel settled

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in this county, reared a family and lived to be over 90 years of age. Daniel Muntzel married Minnie Kauns, born in Germany, and died in Cooper County in 1914. There were eight children born to Daniel and Minnie Muntzel, as follows: Christ died in infancy; Mrs. Sophia Prigge lives in St. Louis; Mary, wife of Charles Schubert, lives near Washington School; Laving, wife of Martin Meyer, is deceased; August lives with his father; Herman P., of this review.

Herman P. Muntzel was born Aug. 25, 1861. He attended the Washington School, and at the age of 18 years he began to earn his own way in the world. In 1887, he bought a farm in the Washington School neighborhood, improved it and sold it at a profit in 1905. His present farm, purchased in 1904, cost him \$51 an acre. Mr. Muntzel's first farm cost him \$46 an acre, and he disposed of it for \$57 an acre, making a profit of \$2,000. The Muntzel farm is noted for its thoroughbred live stock. Mr. Muntzel has a herd of 75 or more pure-bred Poland China and Duroc Jersey hogs. Mrs. Muntzel has a flock of fine Barred Plymouth Rock chickens She sells eggs for hatching at good prices, and cockerels to fanciers.

Sept. 7, 1887, Herman P. Muntzel and Miss Minnie A. E. Steigleder were united in marriage in the Evangelical Lutheran Trinity Church of Clarks Fork by Rev. August Rehwaldt. The following children have been born to Herman P. and Minnie A. E. Muntzel: Ilda lola Esther, Andrew Daniel and Robert John.

Ilda lola Esther Muntzel was born Nov. 9, 1888, near Boonville, was baptized in the Evangelical Lutheran Trinity Church by Rev. August Rehwaldt Dec. 12, 1882. She was educated in Washington and Concord Schools, spent two years in the parochial school, was instructed and confirmed April 1903, by Rev. J. Homes. She was married to Albert E. H. Klekamp, April 30, 1916, at 4 o'clock in Trinity Church, Clarks Fork. Mr. and Mrs. Klekamp are now living on their fine farm near Lone Elm, and acre communicants of the Zion Church of Lone Elm. Mo. Their postoffice address is Boonville, Mo., R. F. D. No. 1. They have one child, Irene Wilhelmina Klekamp, born Feb. 27, 1918, and baptized March, 918, by Rev. John Mueller.

Andrew Daniel Muntzel was born Feb. 3, 1891, near Boonville, was baptized March 15, 1891, in Trinity Church, Clarks Fork, by Rev. August Rehwaldt. He was educated in Washington and Concord Schools, and studied for one year at the Columbia Normal, and studied for two years in the parochial school. He was instructed and confirmed April 16, 1905,

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by Rev. J. Hoeness. He is now a member of Trinity Church, Clarks Fork. He is now a partner with his father in the operation of Pleasant Valley Farm.

Robert John Muntzel was born Oct 18, 1898, and was baptized Nov. 20, 1898, by Rev. J. H. Rupprecht. He attended the Concord School, and after receiving his diploma on May 14, 1912, attended the parochial school for one year. He was instructed and confirmed March 16, 1913, by Rev. K. F. Lohrman. He is a communicant of Trinity Church, Clarks Fork, On Sept. 1, 1914, he entered Boonville High School, and the last two years of his course was spent in Laura Speed Elliot High School, from which he graduated on May 17, 1917. On Jan. 2, 1918, he entered the employ of the N. K. Fairbanks Company as junior salesman, selling the trade, and after three months' service he was promoted to a position which placed him charge of an advertising display and specialty salesman of soap products. While in Kansas City he joined the unit of the army and

enrolled as a member of the S. A. T. C. at Columbia, Mo. He received his honorable discharge from the service on Dec. 16, 1918, and again resumed his work with the N. K. Fairbanks Co., on Jan. 6, 1919. He was promoted to the post of propriety edible salesman on Feb. 1, 1919. His territory requires that he travel out of the St. Louis branch, and his city address is at 5063 Delmar Avenue, St. Louis, Mo.

The mother of the foregoing children was born Feb 2, 1860, in Oskaloosa, Iowa, and is a daughter of George Frederick Andrew and Mary Elizabeth (Hochstetler) Steigleder, the former of whom was a native of Germany, and the latter a native of Holmes County, Ohio. Mrs. Minnie A. E. Muntzel (nee Steigleder) came to Cooper County, Mo., with her parents in 1866.

Mr. Muntzel is a republican and is road overseer of his district. For the past four years he has been an elder of Evangelical Lutheran Trinity Church of Clarks Fork. Mr. and Mrs. Muntzel are intelligent, well-informed people, who are progressive and enterprising and believe in keeping fully abreast of the times. They are prominent socially and are among the leaders in their community.

Robert Thomas Byler

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Robert Thomas Byler, justice of the peace in and for Clarks Fork township and one of the best known and most substantial farmers in that section of Cooper County, owner of a fine farm of 160 acres ten miles southeast of Boonville (rural mail route No. 1 out of Boonville), was born in Prairie Home township, a member of one of the real pioneer families of Cooper County, and has lived in the county all his life. He was born

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Dec. 8, 1867, son of Joel Woodard and Susan Esther (Harris) Byler, both of whom also were born in this county and the former of whom is still living, being now past 85 years of age.

Joel Woodard Byler was born on a pioneer farm in Boonville township Feb. 18, 1834, son of Thomas Dillard Byler, who was a son of Thomas Byler, who had come here in territorial days and had entered a tract of land in what is now Clarks Fork township and had there spent the remainder of his life and at his death was buried on his farm there. Thomas Dillard Byler, grandfather of 'Squire Byler, made his home on the farm now owned by Henry Muntzel and died there in 1876, being then 76 years of age. His son, Joel Woodard Byler, father of 'Squire Byler, grew up on that farm and became a farmer on his own account. June 8, 1865, he married Susan Esther Harris, a member of one of the pioneer families of this county, and after his marriage established his home on a farm in Clarks Fork township, where he continued actively engaged in farming until his retirement. He is now living in Moniteau township, over the line in the county of that name. His wife died on June 8, 1915, the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage. They were the parents of eight children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the second in order of birth, the others being as follows: Fannie Jane, wife of Robert Hornbeck of Prairie Home; William Henry Byler, a hardware merchant at Prairie Home; Tyra Emmet, also of Prairie Home; Joel Albert, of Kansas City; Jesse Dillard, a farmer of the neighboring county of Moniteau, and Walter Lawrence and Harris Byler, who continue to make their home on the old home place.

Reared on the home farm in Clarks Fork township, Robert Thomas Byler received his early schooling in the local district school and supplemented the same by a course of two years at the old Prairie Home College. From the days of his boyhood he was helpful on the home place and after his marriage when 21 years of age began farming on his own account, a vocation he ever since has continued. In Jan., 1909, he bought the farm on which he is now living, the old Peter Wehmeyer place of 160 acres in Clarks Fork township, and since taking possession of the same has made numerous substantial improvements, bringing the farm plant up to an excellent

standard. One half of the farm is Clarks creek bottom land and the place is admirably adapted to the raising of live stock, Mr. Byler giving considerable attention to the raising of Shorthorn cattle and Duroc Jersey hogs. Mr. Byler has always given proper attention to local civic affairs and is now serving as justice of the peace in and for his

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home township. He also for the past nine years has served as director in the Washington school district. He and his wife are members of the Prairie Home Baptist Church. He is a member of the local lodge of the Modern Woodmen of America at Prairie Home and Mrs. Byler is a member of the auxiliary order of the Royal Neighbors of America.

Feb. 20, 1889, that Robert T. Byler was united in marriage to Leonore Hurt, who also was born in this county, and to this union six children have been born, namely: Joel Fleming Byler, who married Addie Douglas and lives in Saline township; Flora Esther, wife of Arthur White, of Prairie Home; Robna Frances, wife of John Wood house, of Boonville; Stella Teel, wife of Adolph Hoerl, of Boonville, and Jessie Gibson and Virginia Florence, at home. Mr. and Mrs. Byler have three grandchildren, Charles Robert Woodhouse, Arthur Lewis White and Norma Jeannette Byler. Mrs. Byler was born in Boonville township on March 21, 1871, daughter of Fleming and Flora (Davis) Hurt, both members of pioneer families in Cooper County and both now deceased. Fleming Hurt died in July, 1909, and his widow did not long survive him, her death occurring in Jan., 1912. They were the parents of four children, those besides Mrs. Byler being H. G. Hurt, of Boonville, Mrs. Florence Davis, living east of Boonville, and Mrs. Dollie Adair, deceased.

James Lymer

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

James Lymer, one of the progressive and substantial farmers of Clarks Fork township, was born on a farm in Boonville township, March 20, 1865, son of William and Ellen Lymer, both deceased.

William Lymer was a native of England, born about 1802, who came to this country and settled in Cooper County, residing on a farm in Boonville Township until his death, about 1872. His widow died in 1884 and was 50 years of age. They were the parents of seven children as follows: Richard, Boonville township; William, Boonville township; John, St. Louis; Robert, Boonville; James; Margaret, wife of Casper Langlotz, Boonville, and Sarah Jane, wife of Isaac Hurd, Boonville.

James Lymer was reared on the home farm and received his schooling at the Hail Ridge School and at the Clear Spring School. Upon engaging informing on his own account years ago, he bought a farm six miles west of Boonville, but soon sold that place to advantage and bought another farm near Pilot Grove, although he did not reside on the farm. This latter place he also sold when the opportunity to better himself presented, and in 1910 bought from William Solomon the farm on which he is now living in Clarks Fork township, the place formerly belonging to

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the Berry estate, where he has 138 acres, all lying in Clarks Fork Township, and 20 acres in Boonville Township. The two-story farm house on the place Mr. Lymer rebuilt in 1912, the house being one of eight rooms with a hall 10x28 feet, well fitted and furnished. The bricks from which the house was built were burned on the place. The farm buildings are in keeping with the house, and include good barns, a 12x30 silo, and a windmill, the latter drawing an ample supply of water for stock purposes from a drilled well 150 feet deep. This water supply is supplemented by several excellent springs on the farm. Mr. Lymer has for years given considerable attention to the raising of live stock, has a fine drove of Duroc Jersey hogs, a herd of eight dairy cows, and a flock of 175 chickens, pure-bred Rhode Island Reds,

Dec. 18, 1894, James Lymer was united in marriage to Dena Langlotz, who also was born in this county, daughter of John and Mary Langlotz, natives of Germany, and for many years well-known residents of the neighborhood west of Boonville. John Langlotz came to this country in the fifties, and was working in Missouri when the Civil War broke out. He served as a soldier of the Union, and after the war sent for other members of the family to come over from Germany, married and settled down on a farm which he bought, a little more than six miles west of Boonville. He and his wife were the parents of nine children, of whom Mrs. Lymer was the eighth in order of birth, the others being as follows: ('riper, Boonville; Sophia, wife of George Lang, Boonville; Rosa, who married Benjamin Schroeder, and is now deceased; Caroline, who married George Krammel, and lives in Oklahoma; Henry, married Carrie Kulow, and is living at Blackwater; John, deceased, and whose widow (who was Minnie Schubert before her marriage), now lives at Boonville; Mary, wife of Henry Simmons, Boonville; and Minnie, wife of William Woolery, Otterville. To James and Dena (Langlotz) Lymer six children have been born: James William, died in infancy; Herman Earl, at home, a valued assistant to his father; Edgar, died in infancy; and Robert Henry, Margaret Catherine and Wilbur Lee. The Lymers are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church (South), and take a proper part in church work as well as in the general social activities of the neighborhood in which they live.

Charles P. Tutt

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Charles P. Tutt, of Kelly Township, is a native of Cooper County and has been prominently identified with the affairs of this county all his life. He was born on the farm where he now resides, Oct. 29, 1858, of pioneer

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parents and is a descendant of colonial ancestors. Charles P. Tutt is the son of James H. and Harriet E. (Hickox) Tutt, early settlers of Cooper County. James H. Tutt was a native of Virginia; he was born in Fauquier County, Jan. 21, 1830, and died in March, 1898. He came to Missouri with his parents, Phillip A. and Catherine (Ashby) Tutt, in 1835. The family first settled in Galloway County and in 1836 came to Cooper County, and settled in Kelly Township on the farm that is now owned by Charles P. Tutt. Phillip A. Tutt bought this place from Thomas Best for \$5 per acre. At that time there was a log cabin on the place and a few acres of land were cleared. Here Phillip Tutt and his wife spent the remainder of their lives. Phillip Tutt was a surveyor, and for a number of years served as surveyor of Cooper County. He also held the office of judge of the County Court. He was a soldier in the War of 1812, and his father, John Tutt, was a soldier in the Revolutionary War, serving with the Virginian troops. Phillip Tutt was one of four brothers who came to Missouri together, the others being Dr. Gabriel, Col. John, and Col. Richard J. They came down the Kanawha River to the Ohio in a boat, and from there the younger men of the families and the negro slaves drove across the country to St. Louis with a wagon train, while the women and the older men came by steamboat down the Ohio and up the Mississippi Rivers to St. Louis. When the Tutt family came to Missouri they brought with them a mare which was a descendant of the famous running horse, "Imported Whip," and Charles P. Tutt still has on his place descendants of that animal.

Harriet E. (Hickox) Tutt, mother of Charles P. Tutt, was born in Cooper County, April 9, 1836, and died May 21, 1898. She was a descendant of one of the very early New England families. Judith Clark, who landed at Plymouth Rock with the Pilgrims in 1620, was a direct ancestor of Charles P. Tutt's mother. To James H. and Harriet E. (Hickox) Tutt were born five children, three of whom died in infancy, and the others were George, who died at the age of 27 years, and Charles P., the subject of this sketch.

Charles P. Tutt was educated in the public schools and Gully and Simpson Academy, and Paris Institute. He then attended William Jewell College at Liberty, Mo., from 1881 to 1883. In early life he taught school for a number of years, but has practically devoted his entire attention to farming

and stock raising. He is making a specialty of breeding pure blood Shorthorn cattle, Berkshire hags, and Cotswold sheep, and has been successfully engaged in this work for the past 25 years. His stock

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has recently been awarded premiums at state fairs and stock shows, and he is regarded as one of the successful breeders of the state. His father before him was a successful stock breeder.

Charles P. Tutt was married in 1892 to Miss Mary L. Grantham, of Mexico, MO. She is a daughter of Samuel A. and Mary (Ford) Grantham, early settlers of St. Charles County, Mo., both of whom are now deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Tutt have been born seven children, as follows: Mary E., married Dr. Silos Barnes, of Pilot Grove, Mo.; George A., Bunceton, Mo., married Blanche White; Henry was in an officers' training school during the World War and is now residing at home; Claire, a teacher in the Pilot Grove school; Frank E., at home; Harriet, at home; and Virginia, at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Tutt are members of the Baptist Church at Bunceton. Mr. Tutt is one of Cooper County's leading citizens and the Tutt family is prominent in this county.

B. F. Hurt

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

B. F. Hurt, a prominent hardware merchant of Bunceton, Mo., is a native son of Cooper County. He was born in Clarks Fork township, Dec. 19, 1868, and is a son of Andrew C. and Celeste Ann (Holstein) Hurt. The Hurt family are Cooper County pioneers. Andrew C. Hurt was born in Clarks Fork township in 1844. He was a son of Benijah Hurt, who was a very early settler in that section of the county. Benijah Hurt and his wife are buried in the Concord Cemetery. Celeste Ann (Holstein) Hurt is a native of Illinois.

Andrew C. Hurt and his wife now reside on their home farm in Clarks Fork township. He is 76 years old and his wife is 66 years of age. Andrew C. Hurt served in the Confederate Army during the Civil War, under "Fighting Joe Shelby."

To Andrew C. and Celesta Ann (Holstein) Burt were born the following children: B. F., the subject of this sketch; James A., North Moniteau township; William, Clarks Fork township; Dolphin O., Clarks Fork township, and Orbra F., Hustonia, Mo.

B. F. Hurt was reared in Clarks Fork township and educated in the public schools. He remained on the home place with his parents until he was 21 years of age. He then engaged in the carpenter trade, and followed building for 24 years. In 1912 he bought the Coachman interest in the Moore & Coachman Hardware Store at Bunceton, Mo. He continued this business until 1916, when he sold his interest to the Hawkins Hardware Company. In March, 1917, he bought the Hunt & Co. Hardware Store in Bunceton and has since successfully conducted that business

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He carries a complete line of hardware, stoves and everything usually found in a modern hardware store. He also sells farming implements, carrying the Rock Island farm implements. He is a progressive business man and his methods are modern and up to date, and by his fair dealing and reliable representations has built up a profitable business.

Mr. Hurt was married in August 1916, to Miss Matilda M. Langkop, a daughter of Ferdinand Langkop, a Clarks Fork township pioneer, who is now deceased, as is also his wife. To Mr. and Mrs. Hurt have been born two daughters, Leona Lois, and Clotilda Margaret.

Mr. Hurt is a member of the Masonic Lodge, having been made a Mason in December 1895, at Prairie Home Lodge. While he does not take an active part in political matters, he has always supported the policies and principles of the democrat party.

Henry O. King

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Henry O. King - An inspection of the splendid farm of Henry O. King, of Lone Elm Prairie in Clarks Fork township, will disclose the fact that Mr. King is a real farmer, who is rarely worried about the success or non-success of his crops. The richness of the soil of his tract of 80 acres and the additional 40 acres which he is tilling will attest to the care which he has bestowed upon the land, and through the years which he has owned this farm, he has carefully conserved and increased the fertility of the land. During the season of 1918, when the corn was almost a total failure in Missouri, Mr. King harvested a good crop. His father, the late John King, who was the first of the farmers of German birth to settle on Lone Elm Prairie, was a very successful farmer, who had a keen and discerning knowledge of how best to get the maximum yield from Missouri soil.

Henry O. King is a native barn citizen of Cooper County, and is proud of the fact that his 54 years have all been spent within sight and sound of his birthplace. He was born on April 11, 1865, on the Captain Fricke place, and is a son of John and Sophia King, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work. He attended the Lone Elm School, and when but a boy he assisted his father in the farm work. After his marriage in 1890, Mr. King settled on the fine farm where he now resides and reared his family. He was married on Jan. 28, 1890, to Miss Maggie Brandes, a daughter of Charles and Margaret Brandes, former old residents of this county. Mrs. Maggie King was born on Aug. 26, 1868, in Cooper County. Five children have blessed this marriage: Clarence, who is assisting his father in the farm work; Stella, wife of Walter Turner, of the Lone Elm neighborhood; Myrtle, Martin, and Carl, at home. Mr. King is a

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republican, and he and the members of his family worship at the Lone Elm Evangelical Lutheran Church.

John W. King

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

John W. King, Proprietor of "Valley View Farm" in Clarks Fork township, nine miles southeast of Boonville, president of the Clarks Fork Fire, Lightning and Tornado Insurance Company, formerly and for years director of the Washington school district and in other ways prominently identified with the best interests of his home community, one of the most substantial farmers in that neighborhood, was born on the farm on which he is now living and has lived there all his life. He was born on Oct. 13, 1869, son of Jacob and Anna (Nohrenberg) "Koenke" now King, both of European birth, who were married in this county, established their home on the farm now owned by their son, John, and there spent the remainder of their lives.

Jacob King was born July 18, 1817 and was a native of Schleswig-Holstein, which at the time of his birth was a province of Denmark but which later was taken over by Germany. He came to America in 1857 and proceeded on out to Missouri, locating in Cooper County, where in 1867 he became the owner of the farm now owned by his son John and known as "Valley View". The year previous (1866) in this county he married Anna Nohrenberg, who also was born 1851 in Schleswig-Holstein and who had come here in 1865 with her brother, Peter Nohrenberg. After his marriage he settled on the farm he had bought and proceeded to develop the same. For some time his brother-in-law, Peter Nohrenberg, also made his home there, but later moved over into Nebraska, where he is now living retired. Jacob King died on his farm in Feb. 23, 1818 and his

widow survived him for nearly 15 years, her death occurring in Jan. 10, 1891, and both are buried in the Clarks Fork Lutheran Cemetery. They were the parents of three sons, of whom the subject of this sketch was the first born, the others being Christ F. King, of Clarks Fork Township, and Henry M. King, also of Clarks Fork.

Reared on the home farm, John W. King received his schooling in the Washington district school and has ever maintained the heartiest possible interest in the affairs of that school district, for 19 years serving as director of the same occupying that position in 1904 when the present admirable school building was erected there, a structure to which he gave the most thoughtful care. Mr. King has always advocated the employment of the best teachers available and during his long term of service as director of the Washington district experienced the satisfaction of

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seeing that school brought up to the highest standard of efficiency. Indeed, in 1916 this school was declared by the public school survey to be the highest type of country school in Cooper County, this approval being based both on architectural features and curriculum, and as Mr. King was one of the most consistent and unwearying advocates of the improvements on which this high approval was based he not unnaturally experienced a very proper feeling of gratification. After his marriage in 1898 Mr. King continued to make his home on the home place, to which he has given the name of "Valley View Farm", suggestive of the fine view up and down the beautiful valley of Clarks Creek, and he and his family are very pleasantly situated there. In addition to his general farming Mr. King has long given considerable attention to the raising of live stock at "Valley View" and is doing well in his operations. He also gives his earnest attention to the general business affairs of the community and is president of the Clarks Fork Fire, Lightning and Tornado Insurance Company, in the affairs of which he has for years been actively interested and the growth of which concern he has done much to promote. This company was organized Nov. 15, 1892, was incorporated on Feb. 15, 1915, and now has \$1,500,000 of insurance covering Cooper County farm property, besides \$50,000 of live-stock insurance and has a widely established reputation for prudence of management and promptness and fairness of settlements. Mr. King is a Republican and in 1914 was the nominee of his party for judge of the County Court, his candidacy being opposed to that of Judge Moore, who was elected to succeed himself on the bench in that year. Mr. and Mrs. King are members of the Clarks Fork Lutheran Church and have ever given proper attention to church affairs, as well as to the general social activities of the community in which both have spent all their lives and to the best interests of which both are earnestly devoted.

Dec. 15, 1898, John W. King was united in marriage to Anna Hoerl, also of Clarks Fork township, and to this union two children have been born, sons both, Henry Morton King, born on Oct. 22, 1899, and John Ewing King, Oct. 26, 1901, both of whom are at home, valued aids to their father in the operations of "Valley View Farm". Mrs. King is a daughter of John and Margaret (Kaiser) Hoerl, who settled on a farm in Clarks Fork township, this county, upon coming to this country from Germany in the days not long after the close of the Civil War and who are still living in that township, now making their home with their eldest son, Adolph Hoerl, who is now owner of the old home farm. Besides this

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and Mrs. King, Mr. and Mrs. Hoerl have three other children, Mrs. Margaret Jenry, of Saline township, and Leonard and Walter Hoerl, the farmer a farmer of Clarks Fork township, and the latter of Prairie Home Township.

William Jacob McFarland
(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

William Jacob McFarland, a well known and successful farmer and stockman of Clarks Fork township, is a native of this county. He was born in Clarks Fork Township, Sept. 9, 1864, and is a son of A. W. and Mary Catherine (Hurt) McFarland, a sketch of whom appears in this volume.

William Jacob McFarland spent his boyhood days on the home farm and received his education in the public schools. He has been a farmer and stockman all his life. His farm in Clarks Fork township consists of 188 acres, and is one of the pretty and well improved farms of that section of the county. The residence is a 10-room, two-story structure, and was built in 1907. It is surrounded by a well-kept yard with several splendid maple trees, which Mr. McFarland planted himself. Mr. McFarland has two good barns on his place, one of which was built in 1900 and the other two years later. He also has a silo 14x30 feet which he built in 1914, machine shed, garage and other buildings to facilitate modern farming methods, are to be found on the place. Mr. McFarland bought his first land, which consisted of 70 acres, in 1886; later he purchased 85 acres, to which he subsequently added 30 more. He carries on general farming and raises cattle and hogs. He feeds a number of cattle each year, although he does not pretend to make feeding a business.

Mr. McFarland was married Nov. 2, 1884, to Miss Mollie Eller, a daughter of David and Martha Ellen of Boonville Township. Her parents are both deceased and their remains are buried in the Boonville Cemetery. Mrs. McFarland is one of the following children born to her parent: Nannie, Bunceton, Mo.; Mrs. Malvina Shirley, Palestine township; Mrs. Lucretia Moore, Palestine township; Mrs. Bettie Keener, Henry Co.; Mrs. Mattie Knaus, Henry Co.; Mollie, married to William Jacob McFarland, the subject of this sketch, and William, Fayette, Mo.

To Mr. and Mrs. McFarland have been born the following children: Percy Eller, died at the age of 19 years in 1948; Wilbur J., a farmer in Clarks Fork township, married Chloe Hobrecht, who died in Jan., 1919; Eula Marie, married William Mersey, who served with the 35th Division in France during the World War and participated in the battles of Argonne Marne, Chateau Thierry, and was in the trenches 90 days or more;

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Mary, resides at home with her parents, and Alice, is a student in the Boonville High School.

Mr. McFarland is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America at Boonville, and the McFarland family are members of the Presbyterian Church at Bethel. Mr. McFarland is a public-spirited citizen and takes an active interest in all matters pertaining to the public welfare and the advancement of the community.

David Wendleton

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

David Wendleton, proprietor of a well-improved valley farm of 106 acres in the north part of Palestine Township, has resided on his farm for the past 40 years. His present large residence was built to replace a house which had been built by former owners, and was 80 years standing. He placed the last addition to his home in 1893.

Mr. Wendleton was born June 6, 1850, on a farm near his present home place. His father, David Wendleton, was a native of Holland, who married a Miss Sieback, and emigrated from his native country in 1833. He first rented land from Hiram Corum, and later purchased a farm, most of which was covered with timber. He cut down trees, built a log cabin from the cut timber, and laboriously cleared the ground for his crops. When he first bought the place there was an old log cabin in the clearing. On the very night that Mr. Wendleton had made his preparations to move in with his belongings, some miscreant set fire to the house and it burned to the ground. This necessitated the building of a new cabin. David Wendleton, the elder, reared a family of five sons and two daughters: Cecilia, deceased wife of Fred Nunn, an extensive Cooper County farmer;

John H., deceased; Archibald, living in Bates County, Mo.; William, Fortuna, Morgan County, Mo.; Mrs. Amelia Allison, living near Proctor, Me.; David, subject of this review; Henry, a large land owner in Palestine township.

After his marriage in 1877, David Wendleton rented land for three years and then purchased his farm. He was married on Nov. 14, 1877, to Miss Sarah J. Lowry, who was born in Athens County, Ohio, April 11, 1855, and is a daughter of Jehiel and Melissa Lowry, who came to Cooper County, Mo., in 1866. Ten children have blessed this marriage: Alice C., is the wife of T. C. Crosswhite, Boonville; Ada Melissa Clark lives in Boonville; one child died in infancy; William Henry died in November, 1918; Stella Lee is at home; Lon V., a farmer and land owner, living on the former Henry Wendleton home place; John Estill, a student in the State University, Columbia, was a member of the S. A. T. C. during the

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World War. Ollie May and Forrest Lowry are at home; Eugene Monroe, is deceased.

Mr. Wendleton is a democrat; has reared one of the large families in Cooper County, and is one of the best known of the native born pioneer residents of Cooper County, who is highly respected in the county.

Erle S. Mills

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Erle S. Mills, proprietor of "Fair View Stock Farm," in Clarks Fork township, is one of Cooper County's prominent farmers and stockmen, and a descendant of an early pioneer family of this county. Mr. Mills was born in Prairie Home township on the farm known as "Dunlora," April 7, 1864. His parents were Henry W. and Susan V. (Lewis) Mills, natives of Virginia. Henry W. Mills was born July 27, 1815, and died Feb. 12, 1898. He came to Cooper County in 1842, and after living about a year in Saline township, he went to Mississippi, and two years later returned to Cooper County. He acquired a great deal of land and at one time was the owner of 1640 acres. He was a very successful stockman and general farmer. He was married shortly after coming to Cooper County, Aug. 20, 1842, to Miss Susan V. Lewis. She was born in Virginia in 1825 and died Feb. 14, 1896. She was a daughter of Charles Q. Lewis, who was a very early settler in Cooper County in the thirties. To Henry W. and Susan V. (Lewis) Mills were born the following children: William H., died at the age of 70 years; Charles T., died at the age of 40; James T., died at the age of 65; Hunter N., died at the age of 65; Augustus K., Boonville, Mo.; Judge J. Add, died at the age of 60; Walker M., died at the age of 24; Erle S., the subject of this sketch; Mary and Bettie, twins, the former dying at the age of 20, and the latter married R. E. Maxwell, who is now deceased; Florence M., married O. C. Byler, and is now deceased; Helena, married John E. Elliott, who is now deceased; and Carrie Lee, married Dr. J. D. Potts, St. Louis, Mo. All of these children were married and reared families, excepting Walker M.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Mills celebrated their golden wedding anniversary Aug. 20, 1892, and on this occasion there were present 65 grandchildren, and six great grandchildren. A few days after the wedding anniversary, United States Senator Roger Q. Mills, a cousin of Henry W. Mills, made him a visit, which was the occasion of another reunion of the Mills family.

Erle S. Mills was reared on a farm and educated in the public schools. He has made farming and stock raising his life occupation, and is one of the thorough and practical stockmen and farmers of Cooper County.

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He has lived on his present place since Jan. 19, 1887. Here he owns 290 acres of land which is well improved and under high state of cultivation. It is located just north of Clarks Fork store on

the Jefferson City road. The place is well watered, having an inexhaustible well, 178 feet deep, and Clarks Fork Creek courses its way across the place. The farm residence is a large well built structure and Mr. Mills has erected two new stock barns within recent years. He keeps high grade Angus cattle, Shropshire sheep, and Big Bone Poland China hogs crossed with Duroc Jerseys. He is an extensive feeder, and has made this branch of animal husbandry profitable.

Erle S. Mills was united in marriage Sept. 3, 1884, to Miss Annie L. Tucker, a daughter of J. W. and Virginia A. Tucker. The Tucker family were pioneers of Saline township. The father died in 1885, and the mother now resides at Marshall, Mo. Mrs. Mills has one sister, Mrs. E. G. Utz, of Marshall, Mo. To Mr. and Mrs. Mills have been born the following children: Layton Tucker; Erle H.; Roger Q., and Virginia, who died at the age of two years.

Mr. Mills has been a member of the Christian Church at Walnut Grove since he was 14 years old, and has been an elder for 20 years. The Mills family are all members of the Christian Church and the youngest son, Roger Q., is also a deacon. Since Mr. Mills has been a member of the Walnut Grove Church, he has seen three different church buildings erected on the same ground and dedicated. June 5, 1916, a cyclone destroyed the church, which had been built three years previously, and it was immediately reconstructed. Mr. Mills has some very interesting family heirlooms, and historical documents in his possession, one of which is a list of his grandfather's children, Dr. William Mills, dated March 8, 1774. It was written with a quill, and is a specimen of perfect penmanship. He also has an old deed made out to a member of the Mills family under date 1760.

The Mills family is one of the pioneer families in which Cooper County takes a just pride and Erle S. Mills is one of the leading citizens of this county.

Vivian Hunter Mills (Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Vivian Hunter Mills, a progressive farmer and stockman of Saline township, is a member of one of the early pioneer families of Cooper County. Mr. Mills was born in Saline township, Dec. 9, 1888. He is a son of Hunter N. and Mary Ella (Thomas) Mills, both natives of Cooper County. More extensive mention of the Mills family is made in connection with the sketch of Robert William Mills and Erle S. Mills, which appears in this volume.

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Vivian H. Mills was reared in Saline township and educated in the Fairview district school and the Boonville High School. He was then employed in a wholesale dry goods store in Kansas City, Mo., for one year. He then returned to Cooper County and engaged in farming and stock raising. He moved to his present place, which is a part of his father's old homestead, in 1914. His farm consists of 250 acres. All the buildings are practically new, having been built since 1914. The residence is a modern cottage of eight rooms, with spacious porches, with a neatly kept and nicely fenced yard. The other farm buildings include a metal barn 45x50 feet, metal garage, grain barn, machine shed, ice house and a tile silo. All in splendid condition, which gives to the place an excellent appearance. In addition to general farming, Mr. Mills raises and feeds cattle and also pure bred Duroc Jersey hogs. He ships about two carloads of hogs annually, and about one and one-half carloads of cattle. Mrs. Mills is interested in the poultry industry and has about 250 Rhode Island Red chickens. She makes a specialty of furnishing eggs for hatching purposes, for which she receives from \$1.00 to \$3.00 per setting. The Mills farm is well equipped for the poultry business, having a modern metal poultry house.

Vivian H. Mills was married Sept. 17, 1914, to Miss Martha Shannon, a daughter of E. B. and Jennie (Johnston) Shannon, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this volume. Mrs. Mills is one of the following children born to her parents: Martha, wife of Vivian H. Mills, subject of this sketch; Lewis, Georgia, and Noye. By a former marriage of E. B. Shannon, the following children

were born: R. A., and E. M. Mrs. Mills was born in Clarks Fork township in 1891, educated in the Washington school district, and the Boonville High School, where she was graduated in the class of 1909. Mr. and Mrs. Mills are well known in Cooper County and stand high among their many friends and acquaintances.

Lawrence C. Meyer
(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Lawrence C. Meyer, a progressive young farmer and stockman of Clarks Fork township, is a descendant of one of the pioneer families of this county. He was born in Cooper County, Aug. 25, 1883, and is a son of George H. and Elizabeth (Molan) Meyer, a more extensive sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this volume.

Lawrence C. Meyer was reared in Cooper County and spent his boyhood days on his father's farm. He received his education in the Fairview School in Clarks Fork township, and later attended the Kemper Military School at Boonville. He has made farming and stock raising his chief occupation, and has met with success in his undertaking, and is recognized as one of Cooper County's citizens of sterling worth.

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Mr. Meyer was united in marriage, Aug. 30, 1904, with Miss Pauline Mills, a daughter of James T. and Bettie Mills, pioneer settlers of Saline township, Cooper County. To Mr. and Mrs. Meyer have been born four children, as follows: James Henry, born June 26, 1905; Randall W., born Feb. 8, 1907; Lawrence, Jr., born Oct. 26, 1910; and Doris Elizabeth, born Aug. 27, 1917.

Mr. Meyer is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, of Clarks Fork and is a member of the Lutheran Church, and Mrs. Meyer belongs to the Christian Church. Mr. and Mrs. Meyer are well and favorably known in the community, and rank high in Cooper County for their integrity and worth.

William John Cochran
(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

William John Cochran - The individual success of a worthy citizen is deserving of attention and should be a matter of record in the history of his native county. W. J. Cochran, contractor and builder, Boonville, has won a place in the business world of Cooper County and central Missouri, second to no man in his vocation. Born in Cooper County, his father before him having been a builder and contractor, Mr. Cochran has forged to the front by the exercise of diligence, energy, good financial judgment and management, and the policy of giving to a patron the maximum service in a strictly honest and capable manner. W. J. Cochran was born in Boonville, Oct. 1, 1866, and is a son of John Cochran, a native of North Ireland, who came to America in 1851, at the age of 17 years, with his parents, John and Elizabeth Cochran. The Cochrans first settled at Patterson, N. J., and one year later came to Cooper County, where John Cochran (I) followed farming pursuits south of Boonville.

John Cochran (II), father of W. J. Cochran, was reared in this county, and learned the trade of carpenter under Marcus Williams. He engaged in business for himself as a contractor and builder in the fall of 1865. Prior to this he had served as a Union soldier, as corporal of his company, and for three years he fought to uphold the Union authority in this section of the country. At first, he had a small shop and began on a small scale. During the building era which followed the Civil War, he prospered, and remained in active business until his retirement in 1904. John Cochran was born June 16, 1834, and died Dec. 13, 1899. When a young man he married Mary E. Brawn, who was born April 2, 1834, in Flemingsburg, Ky., and departed this life in Jan., 1911. John and

Mary E. Cochran were parents of seven children, only four of whom were reared: Mrs. Fred J. Faris, of Kansas City; William John Cochran, of this review;

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Mamie, wife of George E. Sapp, Boonville township; Mrs. Frank H. Herron, Lees Summit, Mo.

When W. J. Cochran was 12 years old he began work under his father, and the only schooling he obtained from that time on was by attending night schools. He learned the builders' trade under his father, and remained in his father's employ until he was 24 years old. From October 1899, to May 13, 1900, he was in charge of the building department of the Missouri Training School as superintendent. He then followed his vocation on his own account and established his first shop on Main Street. In 1902, he located in an old wholesale building in front of the courthouse and remained there until 1905, when he purchased the planning mill now owned and operated by him on High Street. Mr. Cochran's operations as a general contractor and builder have been extensive. He employs from 40 to 100 men, and his payroll runs into thousands of dollars. He has erected many large buildings in Cooper and Howard Counties and in this section of Missouri. For the past 13 years he has been doing special road work for Cooper County, and has done considerable railroad work in the vicinity of Boonville. Among the buildings which he has erected under contract are the Cooper County courthouse, \$115,000; the Frederick Hotel, \$40,000; the Victor building, \$40,000; the County Home for Indigents, \$25,000; the Citizens Trust Company building, \$12,000; Kemper Military School building, \$35,000; remodeling old Kemper building and gymnasium, \$13,000; new barracks building at Kemper School, \$35,000; Kemper power plant and armory, remodeled, \$2,500; barn at Kemper, \$2,300; sewer through the Kemper grounds, 540 feet, \$3,000; grading for the school, \$5,000; barracks building and barracks, \$200,000; the Armour & Company's packing house, \$22,000; the Hirsch Wholesale Grocery Company warehouse, No. 2, \$7,000; the Harriman garage, \$9,000; the Brownfield garage, \$9,000; the E. M. Mueller residence, \$12,000; the George Roeder residence, \$7,000; the E. A. Windsor residence, \$12,000; the Pigott residence, \$8,000; and a splendid brick residence of his own on Morgan Street. Mr. Cochran also rebuilt the A. H. Sauter residence and the Captain Harris and Johnston homes and many others, too numerous to mention.

Nov. 11, 1890, W. J. Cochran and Miss Mattie Calloway Harrison were united in marriage. To this union have been born children as follows: Laura Mary, wife of W. B. Whitlow, a practicing attorney at Fulton, Mo.; Jessie Pauline Cochran is her father's office assistant; Augusta

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Hazel Cochran is at home; William John Cochran, Jr., is assisting his father in his business; Doris Aline, James Robert, and Charles Harrison are at home. The mother of these children was born in Boonville, and is a daughter of William H. and Laura Lundy Harrison, the former of whom was born in Old Franklin, Mo., and the latter was a native of Maysville, Ky. William H. Harrison was a son of Cosby Berryman Harrison, who married Mary Galloway, a daughter of William and Mildred Galloway. William Galloway was a son of James and Susanna (White) Galloway, the former of whom was a soldier of the Revolution. In the early days of the development of the West, William H. Harrison was a plains freighter. He made three trips across the Plains with Mr. Whitlow, and for several years he drove the mail coach to Lexington, Warsaw, and Springfield. He held various mail carrying contracts with the Government and made a business of operating mail routes and running stage coaches.

Mr. Cochran is an independent republican. He and his family worship at the Presbyterian Church. He is affiliated with the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, Blue Lodge, and Commandery, and the Mystic Shrine of Sedalia and is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Modern Woodmen of America. Mr. and Mrs. Cochran and daughters; Jessie Pauline, Mrs. Laura Whitlow and Hazel Cochran are members of the Order of Eastern Star, and Miss Jessie Pauline

and Laura and Mrs. Cochran are members of the local chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Mr. Cochran has also achieved a reputation as a farmer and breeder of live stock, and of late years he is credited with taking more interest in his farming operations than his contracting business, which he is shifting somewhat to younger shoulders. How he became a farmer can be explained from the standpoint of necessity, although he is descended from forebears who were tillers of the soil and agriculture comes naturally to him. His contracting operations require that he maintain a large stable of from 10 to 22 teams of draft animals. With the outbreak of the World War and the rise in the price of feed for live stock, as well as everything else under the sun, the problem of providing provender for so many animals became a serious problem, and the cost of the feeding threatened to wipe out the profits of his business. He thereupon purchased a farm and engaged in farming on a considerable scale on a tract of 231 acres in Boonville township, besides renting additional land. For several years most of his land has been devoted to raising hay and corn.

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and during 1918 he cut over 140 acres of hay. A misfortune befell his farm in 1918. A fire destroyed practically all of the buildings in June, and he suffered a loss of \$10,000 in buildings and harness, etc. Mr. Cochran is specializing, as all good farmers do, and is building up a fine herd of pure-bred Shorthorn cattle and a fine drove of big boned Poland China hogs.

One of the most important contracts which Mr. Cochran has only recently undertaken, and one which has a bearing on the industrial development of Boonville, is the erection of the new factory of the Hamilton Brown Shoe Company. This contract calls for an initial cost of \$73,000, exclusive of foundation, which Mr. Cochran has also undertaken, and outside fixing of the grounds, cheating and lighting, etc. The factory when completed will have cost in the neighborhood of \$115,000, all of which money will have been spent in Boonville for labor and materials.

Henry Lohse

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Henry Lohse, a progressive farmer and stockman of Clarks Fork township, was born near Prairie Home, Oct. 12, 1877. He is a son of Fred and Anna (Smith) Lohse. The mother died about 25 years ago, and the father now resides in Clarks Fork township, at the age of 76 years.

Henry Lohse was reared in Cooper County, and received his education in the Washington School. He has made farming and stock raising his life's work, and has met with uniform success in his undertaking. He purchased his present place, which consists of 200 acres, in 1905. This property was formerly owned by Henry Fredmeyer. It is located about 12 miles south of Boonville and is one of the valuable farms of Cooper County. The place is well improved, with good, substantial barns, silo, and other farm buildings. Mr. Lohse has recently erected a splendid eight-room, modern residence, and, altogether, the Lohse place is one of the best improved in the county. While Mr. Lohse is engaged in general farming and stock raising, he specializes in Shorthorn cattle and Spotted Poland China hogs, and he is recognized as one of the successful breeders of the county.

Dec. 11, 1902, Henry Lohse was united in marriage with Miss Christine Kahle, daughter of William and Hanna (Conrad) Kahle, both natives of Germany. The father came here when he was eight years of age, and settled with his parents at Lone Elm, where he still resides. To William and Hannah Kahle were born the following children: Lizzie, married Herman Oldendorf, Boonville; Mrs. Clarence Hosp, Boonville; Mrs. Minnie Twillman, Bunceton; Christine, the wife of Henry Lohse; Stella, who resides at home with her parents; Henry, Bunceton; Albert and Herman.

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twins; Adolph; William and Anna Pauline, deceased. Herman Kahle is now serving with the American Expeditionary Force in France. He enlisted in Sept. 1917, and was trained at Camp Funston, Kans. He went to France in April 1918, being a member of the 356th Infantry, 89th Division. He took part in much of the severe fighting during the latter months of the war, and was severely gassed at one time. He was in a hospital in France when the armistice was signed. He received his honorable discharge in June 1919, and is now at home. To Mr. and Mrs. Lohse has been born one daughter, Lorene.

Mr. and Mrs. Lohse are well known in the community, and are recognized as being among the substantial citizens of Cooper County. They are both members of the Lutheran Church at Clarks Fork.

Charles Christian Cook (Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Charles Christian Cook - Hard work and keeping everlastingly at the task at hand until it was accomplished has placed Charles C. Cook, of Clarks Fork township, in a position of independence as a successful farmer and stockman. Mr. Cook is owner of 115 acres of good land, and is one of the young men who have been befriended and assisted in getting a start in an agricultural career by Charles C. Bell, of Boonville. Mr. Cook's farm is improved with a handsome and imposing residence of 10 rooms, modern in every respect, and was erected in 1915 and 1916. The house is fitted with a basement of four rooms underneath the entire structure, and is built for comfort as well as appearance. Charles C. Cook was born in Boonville, June 1, 1869, and is a son of Adam and Catherine (Bell) Cook the latter of whom was a sister of Charles C. Bell, of Boonville, and was born in 1845 and died in 1897.

Adam Cook was born in Germany in 1846 and departed this life in 1876. He came to Boonville when a young man and plied his trade of blacksmith until the outbreak of the Civil War. He served in the Union Army, and was among the first volunteers to offer their services to the Union under General Siegel. He fought in the battle of Wilsons Creek during his first three months' service. He then re-enlisted for three years and served under General Grant. He participated in the siege and capture of Vicksburg, and fought at the battles of Fort Pillow and the Seven Days' Battle of the Wilderness. He was with Sherman's command on the famous march from Atlanta to the sea. He served, in all, three years and three months, and after receiving his honorable discharge he returned to St. Louis and hired himself out as a substitute for a rich merchant and served until the close of the war.

Mr. Cook married upon returning from the war and was father of two children: Charles C., of this review, and J. W. Cook, somewhere in

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the West. He plied his trade of blacksmith at Boonville and Bunceton, then went to Kansas and homesteaded a tract of land, built a home for his family, and died there. His family was left in poor circumstances, and stayed with Henry Bell until Charles C. Bell came, found them, and took mother and children back to Boonville. For one and a half years, Charles C. Cook lived in the home of John E. Elliot. He was employed by Julius Hosp and H. Fredmeyer for about seven and a half years. In 1890, with the assistance of his uncle, Charles C. Bell, he purchased his farm.

In 1892, Mr. Cook was married to Sarah C. Stegner, who was born July 6, 1870, in Cooper County, and is a daughter of Nicholas Stegner, concerning whose biography the reader is referred to the sketch of Marion Stegner. Five children have been born to Charles C. and Sarah C. Cook, -is follows: Louis C., Minnie Mabel, Mary Ellen, Nellie Frances, and Charles C., Jr. Mary Ellen Cook was married June 3, 1918, to Ernest Walters, a farmer and stock dealer, living west of Boonville.

Mr. Cook is a republican. He is a member and a deacon of the Mt. Hermon Baptist Church, and is affiliated with Modern Woodmen of America, Lodge No. 3701.

Henry Mersey

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Henry Mersey, a leading farmer and stockman of Prairie Home township, is a Cooper County citizen of real worth. He was born in Germany, Aug. 21, 1854, a son of Henry Mersey, and was one of the following children born to his parents: Mrs. Maggie Middlecamp, deceased; Mrs. Mary Grapherhouse, deceased; Mrs. Elizabeth Beckerman; and Henry, the subject of this sketch.

Henry Mersey left his native land when he was about 18 years of age, in 1872, and immigrated to America. He first settled in St. Louis, where he remained about two years, and in 1874 came to Boonville, Cooper County, where for a few years he sought employment as a farm laborer. Here he worked for \$14.00 per month. He was industrious and frugal and saved his earnings, and it was not long until he was able to invest in a farm and make the initial payment. He purchased the place v, here he now resides, 10 miles southeast of Boonville, on the Jefferson City road, in 1893. This was formerly the J. S. Johnston farm, and consists of 174 acres of well improved farm land.

Feb. 28, 1881, Henry Mersey was united in marriage with Miss Catherine Wehmeyer, daughter of Peter and Helena (Fiedler) Wehmeyer. The father was a Civil War veteran, having served in the Union Army for three years during that great conflict. He was a native of Germany, born

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at Westphalia, May 6, 1834, and came to America when he was about 20 years of age, in 1854. He located in Cooper County, and settler on the place in 1864, which is now owned by Robert Byler. Here he was engaged in farming and stock raising for many years, and attained a very satisfactory degree of success. He died Feb. 20, 1913, at the age of 78 years. His wife departed this life June 19, 1899, at the age of 65 years, and their remains are interred in Clarks Fork Cemetery. She was born at Bayern, Germany, March 13, 1835, and was married May 15, 1859. They were the parents of the following children: Catherine, born Feb. 23, 1860, wife of Henry Mersey, the subject of this sketch; Sophia, wife of Henry Honerbrink, Saline township, born Feb. 21, 1862; Miss Maggie Wehmeyer, Clarks Fork township, born April 30, 1866; Minnie, born Aug. 16, 1870, wife of J. P. Heath, Prairie Home township; Caroline, born Aug. 17, 1872, wife of Albert Adair, Clarks Fork township; Lena L., born Sept. 25, 1881, wife of Herman Rethemeyer.

To Henry and Catherine (Wehmeyer) Mersey have been born the following children: George, farmer and stockman, Prairie Home township; Herman J., a carpenter, Pilot Grove; Fred L., Boonville; Elmer E., who served in the United States Army during the World War, having been a member of the 10th Infantry, 69th Division, and was at Camp Funston when the war closed; William H., who enlisted in the United States Army, Sept. 19, 1917, and became a member of Company I, 138th Infantry, 35th Division, went to France in May, 1918, and saw much active service with his division, having been on the firing line for seventy two consecutive days, and was discharged from the service May 12, 1919, at Camp Funston; Julius J., enlisted in United States Navy during the World War in May, 1918, and served until Feb., 1919, when he received his honorable discharge on account of the close of the war, and is now residing at home with his parents; Robert L., and Maggie, also residing at home with their parents.

Herman J. was born Sept. 15, 1883; married Grace Swanson. George Mersey was born Jan. 18, 1882; married Emma Ohlendorf, and has one child, Ruth Irene. Elmer E. was born Dec. 24, 1890; married Myrtle Ramsey. Fred L. was born Oct. 12, 1885. William H, was born April 12, 1893; married Eula McFarland. Henrietta was born July 28, and died Aug. 2, 1895. Julius was born July 31, 1896. Robert was born April 19, 1899. Margaret Elizabeth was born Jan. 6, 1888.

Mr. Mersey is one of Cooper County's most valued and highly respected citizens, and the Mersey family stand high in the community.

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Mr. Mersey has been identified with Cooper County for over 47 years, and has proven himself to be a worthy citizen and has reared a family which is not only a credit to Cooper County, but to the State and Nation. Mr. and Mrs. Mersey and the children are members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Clarks Fork.

Amos B. Gentry

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Amos B. Gentry - The Gentry family has been prominently identified with the settlement of Missouri, and members of this family were among the pioneers of Howard County, which perhaps was the first settlement of the Gentrys in this State. Later members of this family settled in other counties in this section of the State, including Cooper.

Amos B. Gentry was born in Howard County, Jan. 29, 1844. He is a son of Claybourne S. and Nancy (Detherage) Gentry, both natives of Kentucky, and very early settlers in Howard County. However, after spending a few years in Howard County, they came to Cooper County in 1859, where both parents spent the remainder of their lives. They were natives of Madison County, Ky., and C. S. Gentry was prominent in the early day affairs of Cooper County. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge for 42 years. He died in 1899 at the age of 80 years, and his remains are interred in the Walnut Grove Cemetery. His wife preceded him in death many years, she having passed away in 1857 in Howard County, and her remains are buried in the Detherage family cemetery.

Amos B. Gentry received his education mostly in private schools, and was reared to manhood in Howard and Cooper Counties. In 1874 he purchased his present place, which is located nine miles southeast of Boonville, in Clarks Fork township. The farm is known as "Cedar Grove Farm," is of 116.44 acres, and is one of the well kept and valuable farms of this section of Cooper County. The place is well improved and the farm residence is a substantial and well preserved building, which was built over 60 years ago.

January 5, 1869, Amos B. Gentry was united in marriage at Bunceton, with Miss Susan M. Woodson, a daughter of George and Louisa (Shackelford) Woodson, both natives of Kentucky, and pioneer settlers in Cooper County. They are both now deceased, the mother having died Feb. 8, 1867, and the father survived her a number of years and died at Bunceton. To Mr. and Mrs. Gentry have been born five children, as follows: Louisa, resides at home with her parents; Capt. Herschel, a surgeon in United States Army, was stationed at Camp Grant, Ill., having volunteered his services in Oct., 1918, and received a commission as captain, discharged in May, 1919, and is now practicing surgery at Carthage,

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Mo.; Osie, married J. E. Moss and resides in Boone county; Archie L., resides on the home place; and Nannie L., also resides at home with her parents. Mr. and Mrs. Gentry have three grandchildren, Margaret G. Moss; Catherine May Moss; and Roy Woodson Moss.

The Gentrys originally came from Virginia to Kentucky, and for many years have been conspicuous in the affairs of Kentucky and Missouri. They are of English descent. Amos B. Gentry was a soldier in the Civil War, having enlisted in Madison County, Ky., and after serving

three months, was taken prisoner and later paroled. He is a democrat and a member of the Christian Church.

George E. Bowmen
(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

George E. Bowmen a prosperous farmer and stockman of Clarks Fork township, is a native of Missouri, and is a descendent of some of the early pioneer families of this State. He was born in Howard County, Nov. 7, 1864, and is a son of James Mahan and Luranier Ruth (Wilcoxon) Bowmer. James M. Bowmer was born in Howard County, Feb. 29, 1832. He was a son of Peter Bowmer, a native of Fauquier County, Va., and came to Missouri in 1816. He lived in Missouri at a time when Indian uprisings were frequent, and on occasions was forced to take refuge with the other settlers in forts for defense against the attacks of hostile Indians. He was one of the very early settlers of Howard County. He married Catherine Mahan, whose father, Patrick Mahan, was one of the very early settlers of Cooper County, and lived in Lebanon township.

He operated a sawmill near Pilot Grove in the early days. He built the first bridge across the Petit Saline Creek. This bridge was five miles south of Boonville.

James Mahan Bowmer enlisted for service in the Mexican War, and when he reached St. Louis peace was declared. When the Civil War broke out he enlisted in the Confederate Army and served under General Price, in Missouri, Kansas and Arkansas. He was taken prisoner in Arkansas and was held a prisoner of war by the Federals at St. Louis until the war closed. In 1869 he removed to California with his family, and after residing in that State for eight years, he returned to Howard County, where he was engaged in farming until 1884, when he removed to Cooper County. He died here July 24, 1906.

George E. Bowmer was educated in the public schools of Howard County, and in the public schools of the State of California. He came to Cooper County with his father in 1884, and they bought a farm together, which they later sold; and in 1898, George E. bought his present farm of

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114 acres, in Clarks Fork Township, where he has since been engaged in general farming and stock raising. This is one of the best grain and stock farms in this part of Cooper County. The place is well improved, with a good farm residence, barns and other buildings, which are kept in excellent condition and present a good appearance.

Mr. Bowmen was married March 26, 1891, to Miss Lizzie McArthur. She was born Feb. 3, 1867, and left an orphan at a very early age. She was reared by N. A. Gilbreath, of Prairie Home Township. To Mr. and Mrs. Bowmen were born the following children: James R., born July 12, 1892; Newton W., born Nov. 26, 1894; William E., born Nov. 19, 1897; Helen Louisa, born Jan. 31, 1903; Susan Catherine and Mary Margaret, twins, born Aug. 19, 1909.

James R., the eldest son, served in the U. S. Navy during the World War. He volunteered Dec. 13, 1917, and was sent to Great Lakes Naval Training Station, and from there was sent to Camp Logan, Ill., for rifle practice for two months. He was then returned to the Great Lakes Naval Training Station, and while there volunteered for overseas service. He was then sent to Newport, and embarked for France, May 26, 1918, landing at Brest, June 8; from there he was sent to Bordeaux, France, by rail, and was stationed at Pawillac, France. During his service in France he was a member of a motorcycle squad, which operated as dispatch bearers. He returned to New York, Dec. 13, 1918, and was stationed at Pelham Park until March 26, 1919, and from there was sent to the armed general barracks at Brooklyn, N. Y., and two days later transferred to Bay Ridge, N. Y., where he was discharged, April 7, 1919.

Newton W. Bowman entered the army July 26, 1918, and was sent to camp Funston, where he was trained. He was a member of the Medical Detachment of the 29th Field Artillery, 10th Division, and at this writing is stationed at Ft. D. A. Russell, Wy.

Mrs. Lizzie (McArthur) Bowman died Jan. 6, 1918, and her remains are buried in Walnut Grove Cemetery.

George E. Bowman is one of Cooper County's substantial citizens, and the Bowman family rank high in the community. Mr. Bowman is a democrat He and his family worship at the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. He is affiliated with the Modern Woodmen of America Lodge of Boonville.

William Fricke

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

William Fricke, a well-known and successful farmer and stockman of Clarks Fork Township, is a descendant of one of Cooper County's

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pioneer families. Mr. Fricke was born Jan. 31, 1886, and is a son of William and Minnie (Knorp) Fricke. The father was born in Clarks Fork, township, and spent his entire life in Cooper County. He died in December 1900. The mother is a native of Missouri, having been born in Moniteau County in 1850. She now resides with her son William, the subject of this sketch. William and Minnie (Knorp) Frick were the parents of the following children: Dora, married John Lohse; Emma, married William Smith; and William, the subject of this sketch.

William Fricke was reared and educated in Cooper County. He attended the Jefferson School in Clarks Fork township, and the German school at Clarks Fork. He has been engaged in farming and stock raising all his life on the place where he now resides, and is regarded as one of Cooper County's successful agriculturists. Mr. Fricke's father died leaving the young man with practically all the responsibilities of conducting the home farm when he was only 15 years of age. Thus Mr. Fricke, has been a practical farmer since early boyhood. His farm consists of 160 acres, located 13 miles south of Boonville, and the place bears testimony of the skill and efficiency of Mr. Fricke as a modern farmer. He has recently rebuilt the residence, and has constructed other ample farm buildings, including a metal barn 32x42 feet. He is extensively engaged in general farming and stock raising, making a specialty of Hereford cattle.

Oct. 4, 1911, William Fricke was united in marriage with Miss Sophia Lohse, a daughter of Fred and Anna Lohse, pioneer settlers of Cooper County. The mother is now deceased and the father resides in Clarks Fork Township. To Mr. and Mrs. Fricke have been born two children as follows: Norbert, born Nov. 3, 1913, and Lucille, born March 19, 1919.

Mr. and Mrs. Fricke are members of the Lutheran Evangelical Church at Clarks Fork. While Mr. Fricke does not take an active part in political affairs, he supports the policies and principles of the republican party. He is well known in Cooper County as one of its reliable and progressive citizens, and the Fricke family is highly esteemed.

Charles W. Schubert

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Charles W. Schubert, proprietor of the "Cool Spring Farm," which is one of the interesting places of Clarks Fork Township, is a native son of this county. He was born near Billingsville; Jan. 14, 1874, a son of C. A. and Wilhelmina (Langkop) Schubert. C. A. Schubert was born in Gelenau, Saxony, Germany, Dec. 1830, and died March 26, 1900, and emigrated to America when he was a boy. He was an early settler in Cooper

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County. During the Civil War he served in the Union Army, and received a gunshot wound in the arm at the battle of Boonville. After the close of the war, he returned to the peaceful pursuits of agricultural life in Cooper County and here spent the remainder of his life. His remains now rest in the Clarks Fork Cemetery. His widow still survives him and resides in Prairie Home. She was born in Hanover, Germany, in 1840. They were the parents of the following children: Henry, Prairie Home township; Mrs. Minnie Langlotz, Boonville; Anna, died in infancy; and Charles W., the subject of this sketch.

Charles W. Schubert received his education in the public schools of Cooper County, having attended school at the Washington School district. He has made farming and stock raising the principal pursuit of his life, and has met with more than ordinary success. He owns 143 acres of some of Cooper County's best land, where his father settled in 1879. Mr. Schubert has made many improvements and keeps his place well up to the standard of modern farm homes. On June 5, 1917, he met with considerable loss in the way of the destruction of many of his farm buildings by a tornado. However, he soon rebuilt and repaired the damage, and today there remains no evidence of nature's great destruction on the Schubert place.

Mr. Schubert was united in marriage, June 22, 1902, with Miss Mary Muntzel, daughter of Daniel and Wilhelmina (Kaune) Muntzel, the former now residing in Clarks Fork Township, and the latter died Jan. 26, 1912, and her remains are buried in the Lutheran Cemetery at Clarks Fork. Mrs. Schubert is one of the following children born to her parents: August, who resides on the home place; Herman P., Clarks Fork township; William, on the home place; John, Boonville; Mrs. Sophia Prigge, St. Louis, Mo.; Mrs. Lavina Meyer, died at the age of 20 years in California, Mo.; and Mary, married Charles W. Schubert, the subject of this sketch. To Mr. and Mrs. Schubert have been born two children, as follows: Lillian, died in 1915, at the age of 12 years, and Aurelius, born April 27, 1906.

The Schubert homestead is one of the historic places of Cooper County, and its story is interwoven with many interesting incidents of the early days in this section. A portion of what is now the Schubert residence was built prior to the Civil War, and Christ Fricke, who owned the place during the stirring days of that conflict, was taken from his home at night and hanged by bushwhackers in the vicinity of his home.

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A man who worked for him was also murdered about the same time. Christ Fricke's widow married Charles Brandes, and now resides near Lone Elm, Mo.

The Schubert place is also noted for the great number of Indian relics found upon its soil. Arrowheads have been found in abundance, and two well-preserved tomahawks have been found here, one of which Mrs. Schubert has in her possession, and values very highly as a relic of the Red Men's handicraft.

Mr. and Mrs. Schubert are members of the Lutheran Church at Clarks Fork, and are numbered among Cooper County's valued citizens.

Charles D. Shirley
(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Charles D. Shirley - The progressive farmer of today is not content to till his land in a mediocre, hit-and-miss manner, and is not satisfied to keep any but the best of live stock on his place. Here and there over the county are men of intelligence and foresight who are making a specialty of producing pure-bred live stock and are engaging the business as a commercial venture. Charles

D. Shirley, of Clarks Fork township, is one of this class. Mr. Shirley is specializing in Angus cattle, and intends to breed this fine variety of cattle. He also keeps pure-bred Shorthorns on the place, and pure-bred Poland China hogs. A flock of 100 head of Shropshire sheep are a paying venture on the farm. The Shirley farm consists of 336 acres, and has been the home of the present proprietor since 1902. During the past 17 years all of Mr. Shirley's time that he could spare from crop production, has been devoted to building improvements on the farm. The big barn has been remodeled, fences built, a concrete silo erected, an attractive driveway is in process of building, and the time is coming when the Shirley estate will be one of the finest in the land. Mr. Shirley was born March 2, 1872, on a farm in Clarks Fork township, Cooper County.

William A. J. Shirley, his father, was born on the Shirley homestead in the same township in 1835, and died in 1882. He was a son of Charles Shirley, a native of Virginia, who was an early pioneer in Cooper County, settling on Clarks Fork sometime in the twenties. William A. J. Shirley was married May 3, 1871, to Harriet Malvina Ellen who was born Dec. 24, 1850, on a farm near Boonville, and is a daughter of David and Martha (Oglesby) Eller. David Eller was born in Missouri in 1822, and died in 1864. He was killed by bushwhackers during the Civil War. He was a son of Jacob Eller, who was one of the first pioneers to settle in Cooper County, and was a native of North Carolina. The mother of Mrs. Shirley was born in Virginia in 1828, came to Cooper County with her parents in

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1831, and died here in 1912. Mr. Shirley's mother, Malvina (Eller) Shirley, was one of the following children born to David and Martha Eller: Nancy Jane, Bunceton, Mo.; Mrs. Harriet Shirley; Henry, Susan Elizabeth Keener, Lucretia Ann Moore, William, Mrs. Mattie Knaus, Mrs. Mollie McFarland

Mr. and Mrs. Shirley lived on the Shirley home place for a few years, then sold it and moved to the Eller place, finally settling on the homestead of 120 acres in Palestine Township. The children born to them are as follows: Charles D., of this review; Florence, wife of Bert Chamberlin; Harry L., living on an adjoining farm; Susan, at home with her mother, and William, managing the home farm.

Charles D. Shirley attended the Stony Point School and also the Concord School. After his district school days he studied at Hooper Institute in Clarks Fork Township. He has always followed farming. He purchased his first tract of 116 acres in the fall of 1900, and placed all of the needed improvements on the place. He rented his present farm for two years prior to its purchase in 1905. The farm which Mr. Shirley owns is one of the oldest settled places in Cooper County, known as the Oglesby farm. This tract was entered as Government land by his grandfather Oglesby, who gave the farm to Thomas Oglesby, an uncle of Charles D. Shirley, and from whom the present owner purchased it. The original elm tree, from which "Lone Elm Prairie" takes name, stood on this farm.

Mr. Shirley was married in September, 1912, to Miss Grace M. Chamberlin, born in Cooper County, a daughter of the late Albert M. Chamberlin, a sketch of whom appears in this history. Mr. and Mrs. Shirley have two children: Harriet Elizabeth, born Sept. 7, 1913; and Charles David, born March 11, 1915.

Mr. Shirley is a democrat, as were his ancestors before him. He is a member of the Baptist Church, the faith of his fathers. He is a member of the Woodmen of the World, at Speed, Mo.

Luther Clinton Debo (Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Luther Clinton Debo, a prominent farmer and stockman of Boonville Township, belongs to a pioneer family of Cooper County. He was born in Bedford County, Va., Nov. 9, 1869, a son of

Reed Perry and Mary (Hepstonstall) Debo, both natives of Virginia. Reed Perry Debo was born June 19, 1832 and died April 21, 1911. He served in the Confederate Army during the Civil War, enlisting April 1, 1862 in Company G, 28th Virginia Infantry, which was attached to Pickett's Division. He became 1st Sergeant of his company and participated in many of the important battles which were fought by the army of Virginia under command of

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Gen. Robert E. Lee. He was twice wounded, once by a gun shot through the thigh, and again on the wrist. After the close of the Civil War he came to Missouri and settled in Howard County, and in 1874 settled in Cooper County. Later he went to Livingston County where he remained about nine years, but returned to Cooper County and spent the latter years of his life.

Luther Clinton Debo was reared in Cooper County and educated in the public school and has made farming and stock raising his life occupation. He bought his present place in Boonville Township in 1908. It is a well improved farm situated 4 1/2 miles southeast of Boonville, and was formerly the MacFarland place. Mr. Debo has improved this place, and has built barns, silo and other necessary equipment for the successful carrying on of modern day agricultural method, and has one of the valuable places of the county, and it may be truly said that he is one of Cooper County's successful farmers and stockmen.

June 3, 1909, Luther C. Debo was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth MacFarland, daughter of Warren and Amanda Malvina MacFarland. Warren MacFarland was born on the place where Mr. Debo now resides in Boonville Township, Feb. 12, 1841. He spent his life in this county and died July 22, 1908. His wife was born July 31, 1843, and died July 24, 1895. Their remains are buried in the cemetery at Boonville. Warren MacFarland was a son of Rueben and Eunice (Rice) MacFarland. Rueben MacFarland was born Oct. 17, 1804, and died Jan. 25, 1882. Eunice (Rice) MacFarland was born March 6, 1805, and died Dec. 24, 1874. Rueben MacFarland was the son of Jacob MacFarland, who was born Feb. 21, 1772, and died Oct. 13, 1846. Jacob MacFarland's remains are buried in Clarks Fork township on the Melkerson farm. Jacob MacFarland came to St. Genevieve, Mo. in 1816 and in 1818 came to Cooper County and settled on the farm, a part of which is now owned by Mr. Debo, the subject of this sketch. After coming here he spent the remainder of his life on this place, as did his son Rueben, also; and Warren MacFarland likewise spent his life on this farm. Archibald Rice, great grandfather of Mrs. Elizabeth Debo, was born Dec. 19, 1782. William MacFarland, a brother of Jacob MacFarland, was the first sheriff of Cooper County. He was born in Buncombe County, N. C., in 1778. He came to Cooper County, in 1816.

Mrs. Elizabeth (MacFarland) Debo has three sisters living as follows: Mrs. Eunice Miller, Millerton, Okla.; Mrs. C. Borne Talliaferro, Ardmore, Okla.; and Mrs. Graver Debo, Boonville township. To Mr. and Mrs. Luther C. Debo have been born the following children: Elizabeth Lee,

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born Dec. 10, 1911; Louis Clinton, born Feb. 22, 1913; and Truman Reed, born Oct. 26, 1914.

The Debos have some interesting historic relics of bygone days. Mr. Debo has the upper and lower buhr mill stones which were first used in a mill which was built by Jacob MacFarland in Boonville township about 100 years ago. This was the first mill to grind flour in Cooper County.

Mrs. Debo has in her possession one of the old fashion clocks with wooden wheels, which was owned by her grandfather Oglesby. This venerable time piece is over a century old, and was manufactured by Henry Terry at Plymouth, Conn. There are many other interesting historic relics in the Debo home, which have been collected from generation to generation, during the long residence of this pioneer family in Cooper County. The Debo home is one of the pleasant and

interesting places of Cooper County anti Mr. and Mrs. Debo have an extensive acquaintance and are among Cooper County's most valued citizens.

Edwin K. Smith

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Edwin K. Smith, proprietor of "Woodville Mill Farm" in Clarks Fork Township, is a native of Cooper County. He was born in Boonville, Dec. 24, 1890, a son of Leslie and Fannie P. (Thompson) Smith. Leslie Smith was a native of Virginia and settled in Cooper County, prior to the Civil War. He spent the remainder of his life here and died in Boonville in 1894. His widow now resides in Kansas City, Mo. They were the parents of the following children: Major Richard Smith, who served with the American Expeditionary Force in France; Elizabeth, married Gerald Hughes, Kansas City, Mo.; and Edwin K., the subject of this sketch.

Major Richard Smith was educated in the public schools of Cooper County, and graduated from the Boonville High School. He first enlisted in the Missouri National Guards and served on the Mexican border, and was later mustered out of service. When the United States entered the World War he reenlisted and in Sept. 1917, went to France with the Rainbow Division. During the latter months of the war Major Smith commanded the 117th Field Battalion Signal Corps. During his service in France he was decorated with the distinguished service cross and also the French Croix de Guerre. He arrived in America with his battalion in May 1919 and remains with the army, stationed at Camp Funston. Major Smith was married in May 1919, to Miss Bething Plank, of Kansas City a daughter of Cooper County pioneer parents.

Edwin K. Smith, whose name introduces this sketch, received his education in the public schools of Boonville and the Westport High School, of Kansas City, Mo. He has made farming and stock raising his principal

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occupation, and has been very successful in this field of endeavor. In the spring of 1917 he purchased 92 acres of the R. S. Rankin farm, five miles southeast of Boonville. The following year he added 71 acres and now owns 163 acres of valuable farm land, which is well improved and under a high state of cultivation. The Rankin mill is located on this place, which is one of the landmarks of Cooper County. Mr. Smith bought a half interest in this mill and operated it four years. This mill was built in 1840 and rebuilt in 1893. For the last two years it has not been operated very extensively.

Edwin K. Smith was united in marriage July 24, 1912, with Miss Robna Rankin, a daughter of R. S. Rankin, sketch of whom appears in this volume. To Mr. and Mrs. Smith has been born one child, Elizabeth Louise.

Mr. Smith carries on general farming and stock raising, making s specialty of high grade Jersey cows, and registered Hampshire hogs. He is one of Cooper County's progressive farmers and stockmen. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

Christian W. Fahrenbrink

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Christian W. Fahrenbrink, one of the leading farmers and stockmen of Clarks Fork township, is a native of Cooper County, and was born in the township where he now resides, Jan. 13, 1874. He is a son of Henry and Magdalena (Schnack) Fahrenbrink, both natives of Germany. Henry Fahrenbrink was born June 8, 1842, and came to America about 1867, and settled in Cooper County. Here he first worked as a farm laborer, and at different times was employed by Henry Knaus, John King and Nick Smith. He later rented land from Robert Clawson. He then purchased

a farm of 425 acres, part of the old Colonel Pope place, and was successfully engaged in farming the rest of his life. He died July 8, 1917, age 75 years and 1 month, and his remains are buried in the Lone Elm Cemetery. His widow now resides in Clarks Fork Township. They were the parents of the following children: C. W., the subject of this sketch; H. H. lives in Clarks Fork township; John died in infancy; H. W., a mining man of Yuma, Ariz.; Emma married A. C. Brandes, and resides in Moniteau township; Lena, residing at home with her mother, and J. J., also on the home place.

C. W. Fahrenbrink was reared in Cooper County, and was educated in the Jefferson School in Clarks Fork Township, and the parochial school at Clarks Fork. He was reared on a farm, and his early training well fitted him for the business of farming and stock raising, which has been his life's vocation. He owns a valuable farm of 173 acres, which is

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located 6 1/2, miles northeast of Bunceton. He purchased this place in 1801 from the Hall estate. There were no improvements on the place when Mr. Fahrenbrink bought it. He has built a good modern residence which is fitted with acetylene light and other modern conveniences. He has erected two large barns upon the place and other farm buildings, which classifies his place as one of the best improved farms of the county. He is engaged in general farming and stock raising, being extensively interested in breeding registered Poland China hogs and Shorthorn cattle.

Mr. Fahrenbrink was united in marriage in 1902 with Miss Dora Brandes a daughter of Charles and Margaret Brandes, of North Moniteau Township. Charles Brandes was a successful farmer and an early settler in Cooper County, coming here prior to the Civil War and serving four years as a Union soldier. He died in 1911, and his widow now resides on the old home place in North Moniteau Township. To Mr. and Mrs. Fahrenbrink have been born the following children: Emma, died in infancy; Margaret; Carl and Paul, twins; and Gertrude.

To Charles and Margaret Brandes were born the following children: Christ J., who resides in Moniteau township; Maggie, married Henry King, Clarks Fork township; Josie, married John Pethan, Clarks Fork township; Emma, married Henry Langkop, Boonville; Lizzie, married Brokamp, Clarks Fork township; John A., North Moniteau township; Theodore, North Moniteau township; Dora, the wife of C. W. Fahrenbrink, the subject of this sketch, and Albert C., North Moniteau township. By a former marriage of the mother to Christ Fricke, who was killed by bushwhackers during the Civil War, two children were born, as follows: Sophie, the wife of Christ Rasmussen, of Clarks Fork township; and Caroline, who is now the wife of D. Alpers, Prairie Home township.

Mr. Fahrenbrink is a republican, and takes a good citizen's interest in local affairs. He has been a member of the School Board of Consolidated District No. 1 for six years. He is a member of the board of directors of the Farmers Elevator Company, of Bunceton, and he and Mrs. Fahrenbrink are members of the Evangelical Lutheran Zion Church at Long Elm. Mr. Fahrenbrink is a stockholder in the Cooper County Bank at Bunceton, and is a stockholder in the newly organized Farmers Trust Company of Boonville. He is a substantial and valued citizen.

J. H. Rethemeyer (Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

J. H. Rethemeyer, a successful farmer and stockman of Saline Township, who is well known in Cooper County, is a native of Missouri. He was born in Gasconade County, Feb. 11, 1881, a son of Henry and Mary

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(Fleer) Rethemeyer. Henry Rethemeyer was born in Germany in 1842 and when he was two years of age was brought to America by his parents, who settled in Gasconade County, Mo. He now resides in Sedalia, at the age of 79 years, and his wife is 64 years old. They were the parents of the following children: Henry, St. Louis; Minnie, married Peter Adair and lives in Prairie Home township, Cooper County; J. H., the subject of this sketch; Annie, married Ed. Roseman, St. Louis; Alvina, deceased; Mary, married Neal Dancing, Portland, Ore.; Amanda married Frank Less, Sedalia; and Huldah married Ernest Marshall, Sedalia.

J. H. Rethemeyer was reared in Gasconade County and received his education in the public schools. He remained on the home farm until he was 19 years of age, when he went to St. Louis and drove teams for a time, and did other general labor for about five years. He then came to Cooper County and conducted a general mercantile store for two years. He was engaged in the milling business at Pilot Grove for two years. In 1909 he bought his present place in Saline township. He first purchased 80 acres from W. J. Hurt, to which he has added from time to time, as opportunities offered and his means permitted, until he now owns 197 acres of valuable and well improved land on the Boonville and Jefferson City highway. He has made many improvements on his place until he has made of it one of the model farms of Cooper County. He raises cattle, hogs and sheep, as well as carrying on general grain farming, and is also interested in raising brown leghorn chickens, and altogether, Mr. Rethemeyer is one of Cooper County's successful citizens.

May 7, 1905, J. H. Rethemeyer was united in marriage with Miss Helena Wehmeyer, a daughter of Peter and Magdalena (Fiedler) Wehmeyer, both natives of Germany. Peter Wehmeyer was born March 13, 1835, and came to America when he was 16 years of age. He first worked by the month as a farm laborer for Fred Fricke, and a short time after coming here purchased 80 acres of land in Clarks Fork Township, to which he later added 80 acres. He sold his farm later and conducted a store at Clarks Fork for nearly 20 years. Retiring from this business, he bought a 42 acre farm in Prairie Home township, which he sold in 1912. He died in Feb. 1912. His wife preceded him in death, having departed this life June 19, 1899. Their remains are both interred in the Evangelical Lutheran cemetery at Clarks Fork. Mrs. Rethemeyer is one of the following children born to her parents: Katie, married Henry Mersey, Prairie Home township; Sophia, married H. C. Honerbrink, Prairie Home

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Township; Miss Margaret Wehmeyer, Saline township; Minnie, married J. P. Ruth, Prairie Home; Carrie, married Albert Adair, Saline township; Helena married J. H. Rethemeyer, the subject of this sketch; Emma and Martha both died in infancy.

Mr. Rethemeyer is a republican and one of Cooper County's most substantial and progressive citizens. The Rethmeyer family are well known and highly respected in this county.

Leonard Langkop

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Leonard Langkop, proprietor of "Jefferson Valley Farm" in Clarks Fork township, is one of Cooper County's successful and well known farmers and stockmen. He was born in this county Sept. 1, 1874, a son of Ferdinand and Margaret (Smith) Langkop, natives of Germany. Ferdinand Langkop was born in 184, and was brought to America with his parents when he was three years old. The family located in Iowa. Ferdinand Langkop followed farming and stock raising all his life. During the Civil War he enlisted in the Union Army in 1862, and served until the close of the war. He died at Bunceton, March 3, 1919, age 75 years, and his remains are buried in the Lutheran Church cemetery at Clarks Fork. His wife died in 1888. They were the parents of the following children: W. H., a mail carrier, Bunceton; Lizzie, married Frank Theiss, Clarks Fork township; Leonard, the subject of this sketch; Anna, married H. J. Kopp, Bunceton; Martin resides in Moniteau County; Maggie died at the age of 10 years; Tillie married Ben Hurt, Bunceton, and one

son died in infancy. After the death of his first wife, Ferdinand Langkop married Mrs. Mary Henry, and one daughter was born to this union, Lydia, who now resides at Bunceton.

Leonard Langkop was reared in Cooper County and educated in the German school at Clarks Fork, and the public school at New Salem. He was reared on a farm and has made farming and stock raising his life's vocation. He purchased his first land in 1903, which consisted of a farm of 50 acres. He has added more land from time to time to his original farm and now owns 220 acres, which is considered one of Cooper County's best farms. The place is well improved, a good farm residence having been built in 1904, and a large barn was erected in 1906. Mr. Langkop is engaged in stock raising as well as general farming and raises large numbers of Poland China hogs, cattle and sheep.

July 12, 1903, Mr. Langkop was united in marriage with Miss Minnie Baryon, a daughter of Walter and Virginia (Hurt) Baryon. A review of the Baryon family history appears in this volume. To Mr. and Mrs.

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Langkop have been born two sons: Ralph, born May 10, 1904, now a student in the Boonville High School, and Waldo is at home with his parents. The Langkop family is well known in the community and Mr. Langkop is one of Cooper County's most progressive citizens.