

History of Cooper County Missouri by W. F. Johnson

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Fleming Miles Marshall

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Fleming Miles Marshall, banker, stockman, lumberman, merchant and land-owner, who died at Hot Springs, Ark., in 1910, had created for himself a distinctive place along the several lines of activity in which his energies found their outlet, and there are few names held in higher remembrance than his. Mr. Marshall was born in this county, on the old Marshall place in Blackwater Township, the place where his father was born, which had been entered from the Government by his grandfather, and had lived here all his life, doing well those things which his hands had found to do, so that in his passing there was sincere mourning throughout the community.

The Marshalls are one of the old families of Cooper County, the first of the name in this county having been Fleeting Marshall, who came here with his family from Virginia in the early days of settlement, and entered a tract of Government land in section 18 of Blackwater Township. Fleming Marshall and his wife (Frances Fray) were of the true pioneer type. Their son, James A. Marshall, father of the late F. M. Marshall, was born on that pioneer farm, Oct. 11, 1841, and there grew to manhood, becoming

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an extensive land-owner, proprietor of fine farms in this county ;n well as in Saline and Johnson Counties. The original Marshall place in Blackwater Township is still held in the family.

James A. Marshall, who died on April 21, 1902, in the 61st year of his age, was united in marriage on Feb. 1, 1871, to Hannah Scott Miles, who was born in Hardy County, Va., Aug. 28, 1849, and whose father, James S Miles, died in his native State, Virginia. His widow, with her children, came to Arrow Rock, Mo., in 1860, where her last days were spent. Mrs. Hannah Marshall died Feb. 15, 1917. By her union with James t. Marshall she was the mother of two sons, Fleming Miles having a surviving brother, Thomas F., who is now engaged in the real estate business at Kansas City, Mo.

Fleming Miles Marshall was born on Aug. 2, 1874, on the place on which his father was born in Blackwater Township. His early schooling in the Kemper Military School was supplemented by a course in the Military Academy at Mexico, Mo., where he was graduated in 1892. The year following, Mr. Marshall married and established a home of his own. He, meanwhile, had become engaged on a somewhat extensive scale in the breeding of Shorthorn cattle, and it was not long until he became recognized as one of the leading stockmen in this section, his exhibits of Shorthorns at State fairs and other cattle shows winning numerous prizes.

At one time he was the largest individual stockholder in the Farmers Stock Bank of Blackwater, and for a number of years served as its vice-president. He also was interested in the lumber business at Blackwater and Nelson, was a partner of Lee O'Neal in the hardware, implement and grain business of Blackwater, At the time of his death he was the owner of 2,500 acres of land one of the best improved farms in Cooper County. A democrat, he had ever taken a good citizen's interest in local political affairs, and was a firm promoter of the cause of good government. As a member of the Methodist Church, Mr. Marshall was more than a merely nominal member, and did much to advance the cause of his church, for years serving as superintendent of the Sunday School. He was affiliated with the Blackwater lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Mr. Marshall died Feb. 15, 1910.

Sept. 12, 1893, Fleming Miles Marshall was united in marriage to Anna Shouse, who, since the death of her husband, has been successfully carrying on the affairs of the estate. To her union with Mr. Marshall,

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three children were born: Mary F., married J. B. Harris, Rocheport, Mo., and has one child, Helen Virginia; James A., deceased, and Fleming Willard, who is at home with his mother. Mrs. Marshall was born in Cooper County, a member of one of the pioneer families. She was born on a farm south of Nelson, Sept. 15, 1873, a daughter of Rev. Charles Q. and Marian (Ford) Shouse, and was one of the eight children born to them. Rev. Charles Q. Shouse, a well-remembered minister of the Christian Church in this county a generation ago, was born in Woodford County, Ky., on Jan. 2, 1836, and came to Cooper County in 1861. He died on his farm in Blackwater Township in 1914, and his widow, who also was born in Kentucky, is living on the old home place. Mrs. Marshall is a member of the Methodist Church.

L. R. Ervine

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

L. R. Ervine, proprietor of a large department store at Blackwater and one of the leading merchants of this section of Missouri, is a native Missourian. He was born at Slater, Saline County, Nov. 8, 1877, son of Richard and Mary E. (Elder) Ervine, and was the third in order of birth of the five children born to them.

Richard Ervine was born near New York City, June 1844, and was early trained to the details of the building business. Upon reaching manhood he came to Missouri and located at Slater, where he engaged in the contracting business, and there spent the remainder of his life. He died in 1916. Not long after coming to Missouri, Richard Ervine married Mary E. Elder, who was born in Kentucky and died in 1905, aged 50 years.

L. R. Ervine received his schooling in the schools of Slater, and early became engaged in the mercantile business, a line he has followed, with the exception of a few years spent in the newspaper business, ever since. The foundation of Mr. Ervine's successful business career was laid at Slater, where he became well grounded in the details of the mercantile business. He later was for some time also thus engaged at Kansas City and during the time of this latter connection traveled all over the country, putting on special sales of merchandise and thus became particularly well known to the trade in that line. During this period Mr. Ervine became attracted to the possibilities of Blackwater as a trade center and Feb. 4, 1910, located in that city and opened a general store, which has gradually been developed into one of the best-stocked department stores in the State. He has made a specialty of the study of advertising as an applied science and was for some years engaged in the advertising field with a Chicago publishing house, with other newspapers in Missouri, and was for three years in charge of the advertising of a Kansas

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City mail-order house. During this latter connection he won five prizes in a field offering the sternest competition for the business-getting qualities and general effectiveness of his advertising matter. Mr. Ervine has been able to turn that specialty to advantage in the promotion of his business interests since locating at Blackwater and he has thus made his name and the fame of his department store familiar household words throughout this section of Missouri.

In the year 1900, at Slater.. L. R. Ervine was united in marriage to Lulu Ross Walton, who was bore in that city, and to this union two children have been born: Esther, born in 1902, and Russell L., born in 1904. Mr. Ervine is a democrat and a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Charles P. Hudson
(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Charles P. Hudson, of Blackwater, who for many years has been recognized as one of the leading auctioneers and criers of live stock sales in this section of Missouri, who also formerly was well known throughout this region as a dealer in mules, and who is a member of the directorate of the bank of Blackwater, is a native Missourian, born at Marshall, in Saline County. He was born on May 22 1856, first born of the three sons of Laud and Amanda (Person) Hudson, the other sons being Austin W. Hudson, superintendent of the Saline County Poor Farm and Laud O. Hudson, of Spokane Washington.

The senior Laud Hudson was born in Virginia about 1818 and was 18 years of age when he came to Missouri with his widowed mother, the family locating in Boone County. Not long afterward, he went to Arrow Rock, in Saline County, where he learned harness making. While living in Arrow Rock, he married Amanda Person, who was born near that place, daughter of O B Person and wife, the latter of whom was a Daniels, natives of North Carolina and early settlers in the Arrow Rock neighborhood. After a residence of some years at Arrow Rock, Laud Hudson moved to Marshall, and engaged in business as a saddler and harness maker until his death in 1860. His widow died in 1910, being 75 years of age.

Charles P. Hudson early felt the necessity of relieving his widowed mother of a portion of the care thus thrown upon her shoulders and when 13 years of age, began working as a farm hand at \$100 a year. He did not neglect his schooling, however, and he was able to complete a course in the common schools at Arrow Rock. Finally Mr. Hudson rented a farm and became engaged in farming on his own account. In 1892, he

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was able to buy a farm of 45 acres, five miles northeast of Blackwater. He improved the place and in 1902 sold it and bought a farm of 80 acres near Blackwater, which he also improved; resided there until 1916, when he sold the place and moved to Blackwater. In the meantime, as much as 40 years ago, Mr. Hudson began crying sales and it was not long until his reputation as a successful auctioneer became known throughout Cooper, Saline and Pettis Counties. This line he ever since has continued, making a specialty of live stock sales, and is widely known among stockmen throughout this region. For some years also Mr. Hudson was engaged in buying and selling mules. He is a stockholder and a member of the board of directors of the Bank of Blackwater and in other ways has given his active attention to the business interests of his home town and county. Mr. Hudson is a democrat and he and his wife are members of the Christian Church.

December 21 1875, Charles P. Hudson was united in marriage to Theodosia H. Turley, who was born in Cooper county, a daughter of Jesse and Julia (Riddle) Turley, natives of Kentucky and early residents of this county, both now deceased. Jesse Turley was a landowner in LaMine Township and in the earlier days was engaged in freighting between Boonville and Santa Fe. He died in Santa Fe, N.M. Mr. & Mrs. Hudson have no children of their own, but have reared five children, all of whom have grown and married and in whose hearts there exists for their foster parents the same loving devotion as would be felt in behalf of real parents.

V. S. Irvin
(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

V. S. Irvin, a registered pharmacist, dealer in drugs and druggists' sundries at Blackwater, one of the most progressive young merchants in Cooper County, was born at Red Cloud, Neb., Feb. 7,

1887, son of John B. and Luella (Loney) Irvin, farmer well known residents of Blackwater, now residing at Kansas City. John B. Irvin is a native of Pittsburg, Pa., born in 1855. In his young manhood he came West and in Nebraska engaged in the building trades, in time becoming a successful building contractor. In 1891, he engaged in business at Kansas City and five years later located at Blackwater. After a residence of some years there, he returned to Kansas City, where he is now engaged in contracting. His wife was born in Bloomfield, Iowa, in 1865. They are the parents of eight children, of whom the subject of this biographical sketch is the eldest.

Having been but a child when his parents moved to Blackwater, V. S. Irvin received his schooling in the schools of that city and early turned his attention to the study of pharmacy, upon leaving school becoming engaged as a clerk in a drug store. That was in 1904. Ten years later, in 1914, he bought the store in which he had been engaged as a clerk and

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has since been conducting the same successfully, carrying on his business along strictly up-to-date lines. In addition to being a registered pharmacist, Mr. Irvin is a licensed embalmer, having taken a course in the latter art parallel with his course in pharmacy, and is a chemist of excellent qualifications. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and is a democrat.

June 16, 1909, V. S. Irvin was married to Beulah F. Mustain, and to this union one child has been born, V. S., Jr. Mrs. Irvin was born in Howard County, daughter of T. B. Mustain and wife, who have for some years been living in Blackwater, Mr. Mustain being a retired farmer.

Charles Q. Shouse (Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Charles Q. Shouse, lumberman at Blackwater, where he is engaged in business in partnership with his sister, Mrs. Anna Marshall, is a member of one of Cooper County's old families. For years he was engaged in teaching and his impress upon the general social life of the community has thus been equally well marked in that direction. Mr. Shouse was born on a farm three miles west of Blackwater, April 13, 1877, son of the Rev. Charles Q. and Marian (Ford) Shouse, the latter of whom is still living on the old home place west of town.

The Reverend Mr. Shouse, who was a faithful minister of the gospel, connected with the Christian Church, was a Kentuckian, as is his widow. He came to Missouri in 1861 and settled in Cooper County, where his service thereafter was rendered until his death a few years ago. He and his wife were the parents of eight children; John H., deceased; Thomas F., on the old home place; Dr. William S., a physician at Kingston, Mo.; Ernest L., deceased; Elizabeth, wife of Noland Taylor, Nelson; Anna, widow of Fleming M. Marshall; Charles Q.; and Mattie, deceased wife of C. E. Steele.

The junior Charles Q. Shouse was reared on the home farm and received his early schooling in the public schools. He later attended the Warrensburg Normal School and Normal School at Chillicothe, and for 12 years was engaged in teaching in Cooper and Saline Counties during the winters, in the meantime following farming during the summers. In 1906, Mr. Shouse was made manager of the Marshall lumber interests at Blackwater and four years later bought into the business as a partner of his widowed sister, Mrs. Anna Marshall, and has since continued as general director and manager of the extensive interests of the firm at that place.

Sept. 3, 1903, Charles Q. Shouse was united in marriage with Elizabeth Duncan, who was born in the vicinity of Gillian, Saline County, a daughter of James P. and Naomi (Wilhite) Duncan, Kentuckians, and

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old settlers in Saline County, and to this union three children have been born, Ruth, Aaron and Mary E. Mr. Shouse is a member of the Christian Church, and his wife, the Baptist Church. Mr. Shouse is a democrat.

Riley S. Holman

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Riley S. Holman, former mayor of Blackwater and a landowner of Cooper County, now engaged in the livery business at Blackwater, was born on a farm near New Franklin, Mo., Jan. 9, 1857, son of Dr. John B. and Mildred (Sebree) Holman, both deceased. Dr. John B. Holman was one of the best known physicians hereabout; was born in Cooper County Nov. 9, 1828, his parents having been early settlers here. In 1849 he made a trip to California with an overland band of gold seekers, but after some time spent prospecting, returned to Missouri and settled down to the practice of his profession at Boonville for the rest of his active life. He was the owner of a farm of 400 acres, four miles east of Blackwater, and upon his retirement from practice, moved to that farm, where his last days were spent. He died April 27, 1897. Dec 20, 1855, Dr. John B. Holman was united in marriage with Mildred Sebree, who was born in Howard County, in 1832, and died in Cooper County in 1900. To that union were born four children: Riley S.; Dr. Richard S. Holman, a physician, St. Louis; Susan P., wife of Austin Boldgett, and Mary E., wife of Charles Harris, of St. Louis.

Riley S. Holman's early youth was spent in Boonville. When 14 years of age, he went to Colorado and spent a year or two on the cattle ranch of his uncle, Captain Sebree, when he engaged in cattle raising for himself until 1882, when he returned to this county and went onto his father's farm, east of Blackwater, and was there engaged in farming eight years. He then moved to Blackwater and engaged in the drug business. Some time later he took up the livery business, which he since has been conducting successfully. He also continues to look after his farming interests. Mr. Holman is a democrat and has long been recognized as one of the leaders of the party in his home county. For about 12 years he served as mayor of Blackwater and in other ways he has given his close attention to the local civic affairs. He is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America and the Brotherhood of America.

Feb 28, 1884, Riley S. Holman was married to Ruth Staples, who was born on March 18, 1864, in Saline County, and to this union one child has been born, Mildred, who married Harry T. Redd, cashier of the Boonville National Bank, and has one child, Rylie.

Mrs. Ruth Staples Holman also a member of one of the old families

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Of this section of Missouri, her parents, James G. and Victoria (Sparks) Staples, both having been of pioneer parentage. James G. Staples, who during the time of the Civil War served as a soldier of the Confederacy, was born at Glasgow, Mo., in 1839, a son of James K. Staples and wife, natives of Virginia, who drove here from Hardy County, Va., and settled on the line between Cooper and Saline Counties, where James K. Staples became the owner of 1000 acres of land, entered from the Government at the fee of \$1.25 an acre. Here this pioneer spent the remainder of his life, on of the influential members of the community. He died in 1881, at 85 years of age. His wife, Virginia Nicholas, died in 1903, aged 85 years. James G. Staples who became one of Cooper County's substantial farmers, died Oct. 24, 1909. His widow died Feb. 3, 1917, while on a visit to her son, Harry Staples, at Fresno, Calif. She was born in Bourbon County, Ky., Dec 31, 1842, a daughter of James Sparks, a well-to-do stockman, horseman and slaveowner of Kentucky. James G. Staples and wife were the parents of three children the survivors being Mrs. Holman and her brother, Harry Staples, the latter a resident of Fresno, Calif. Mrs. Holman is an active member of the United Daughters of the Confederacy and was for two years president of the Cooper County Chapter. She completed her schooling in private schools at Arrow Rock and at Clinton and was for 12 years engaged in teaching in this county, a portion of that time a

teacher in the Blackwater schools. For over 15 years she has been a correspondent of the "Bunceton Eagle-News," and takes an earnest interest in general public affairs. She was for more than 20 years an ardent worker in Sunday school work in the Christian Church. In later years she was converted to Christian Science.

John N. Sims

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

John N. Sims, a well-known dealer in live stock at Blackwater and a substantial landowner, was born in Howard County, Nov. 4, 1864, a son of John J. and Mary F. (Overstreet) Sims, the latter of whom is still living on the old home farm in LaMine Township. John J. Sims, who died at his home in LaMine Township in 1909, at 72 years of age, had been a resident of Cooper County since coming here from his native Howard County 40 years ago. He was a blacksmith and followed that calling until he bought the farm on which his last days were spent. His widow, who is also a member of an old Missouri family, was born in Howard County in Oct. 1840. To them were born eight children: William, farming the old home place in LaMine Township; John N., the subject of this sketch; Joseph E., farming with his brother William; E. S., St. Louis;

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Bettie, wife of Willard Worts, LaMine Township; Clay Jackson, who is now living on the home farm; Susan, who also is on the farm with her mother and brothers, and Thomas, Blackwater.

John N. Sims has been engaged in agricultural pursuits all his life. He bought his first farm when a young man and has since enlarged his holdings until now he is the owner of 845 acres of excellent land in Cooper and Vernon Counties. In 1904, Mr. Sims located at Blackwater, where he has since successfully carried on his operations in the buying and selling of live stock, at the same time directing his extensive farming interests. Mr. Sims is a democrat, but has not been a seeker after public office.

In 1904, John N. Sims was united in marriage to Lydia Rucker, who was born in this county, daughter of Charles T. Rucker and wife, the latter of whom was a Poindexter, both of whom were also born in this county and who are now making their home in Blackwater. Mr. and Mrs. Sims have one son, John R. Sims.

William Schuster

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

William Schuster, who died at his home in Pilot Grove Township in the fall of 1915, and whose widow is living on the home farm, which is being operated by her eldest son, William Schuster, was of European birth, but had been a resident of Cooper County since the days of his childhood, and was thus a devoted Missourian. He was born in Saxony, July 4, 1850, and was but four years of age when his parents with their children came to America. For a time the Schusters were located in St. Louis, and then they came to Cooper County and settled on a farm in LaMine Township, where the family home was established, and where the parents reared their family and spent the remainder of their lives, earnest pioneers of that neighborhood.

Reared on the farm on which his parents had settled when he was about four years of age, William Schuster received his schooling in the district schools, followed farming all his life, and in which he was successful, and was the owner at the time of his death of an excellent farm of 243 acres in Pilot Grove Township, the same now owned by his widow and operated by his son, William. In addition to his general farming the late William Schuster was an extensive breeder of Poland China hogs. For years he was a member of the board of directors of the Pilot Grove Bank at Pilot Grove. He was a member of the Catholic Church, as is his widow, and the children were

reared in that faith. He died Oct. 22, 1915, highly respected in the community where he had lived since the days of his childhood.

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William Schuster was twice married, and was the father of 22 children, all of whom are living, save one. His first wife, Christina Felten, who was born in this county, and who died in 1894, was the mother of 10 children, of whom nine are living, namely: Fred, farmer, a mile east of Pilot Grove; Margaret, wife of P. Hoff man, St. Louis; Mrs. Anna Miller, St. Louis; Frank, Pilot Grove Township; Mary, wife of Henry G. Lammers, proprietor of "Hickory Grove" Farm, Pilot Grove Township; Sophia, wife of Frank Lammers, also of Pilot Grove Township; John, of Pilot Grove Township; Leona, wife of Henry Meyer, of the Pleasant Green neighborhood, and Christina, wife of L. Wittman, of the Pilot Grove neighborhood. Feb. 12, 1896, William Schuster married Anna Vollrath, who was born in this county, Oct. 27, 1876, and to that union 12 children were born, namely: William, born March 3, 1897, who is managing the home place for his mother; Grace; Hubert and Henry, twins, the latter deceased; Nellie; Florence; Catherine; Irene; Alma and Alice, twins; Martha; and Henry, died in infancy.

William E. McMahan (Transcribed by Donna Haroldsen)

William E. McMahan, one of the best known farmers of LaMine Township, is a descendant of one of the earliest pioneers of Cooper County, his great-grandfather, Samuel McMahan, who was slain by Indians in the vicinity of Boonville, having been one of the first settlers in this section of Missouri. The McMahans drove from Kentucky at the very beginning of organized settlement hereabout and settled in what is now LaMine Township. It was while returning from Boonville one day, after having driven some cattle to that settlement, that Samuel McMahan was killed by hostile Indians. One of the sons of this pioneer was Samuel Woodson McMahan, who became one of the largest landholders of Cooper County, owner of a tract of 1000 acres and many slaves. He was born in Kentucky and his wife, Harriet Riddle, was born in Maryland, her parents also having been early settlers here. One of their sons, William H. McMahan, was born in LaMine Township in 1834 and became a substantial farmer, spending all his life here, and died Oct., 1895. He married Lucy Hornbeck, who was born in Kentucky, and died in 1870. To them were born five children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the first born, the others being: R. S. McMahan, Kansas City, Mo.; Susan, wife of John H. Duncan, Helena, Mont.; Anna, wife of William H. Duncan, Spokane, Wash., and Josephine, wife of Frank Duncan, Helena, Mont.

William E. McMahan grew up on the farm and continued farming, in time becoming the owner of the farm of 100 acres on which he is now living in LaMine Township and which he has greatly improved. Ten

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years or more ago Mr. McMahan began to give special attention to breeding Duroc Jersey hogs and has made a success in that line. He was born Sept. 10, 1860,

March 27, 1894, William E. McMahan was united in marriage with Louella Gorrell, who also was born in LaMine Township, a daughter of Amos Gorrell and wife, the latter of whom was a Schotts, natives of Ohio, who came to Cooper County in 1865 and settled on a farm in LaMine, Township. Mr. Gorrell is now living retired in Blackwater. Mr. and Mrs. McMahan are members of the Baptist Church, and Mr. McMahan is a democrat.

William E. McMahan's farm has been in the McMahan family since 1832.

Charles E. Woodroof
(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Charles E. Woodroof, who died at his home in Blackwater, July 24, 1902, was a Virginian. He was born Oct. 30, 1822, a son of Wyatt P. and Mary J. (Taliafero) Woodroof, Virginians, the mother of the former of whom was a Gatewood,

Wyatt P. Woodroof came to Missouri with his family about 1825, locating near St. Louis, and later moved to St. Charles, and thence to Montgomery County, where he died about 1832, leaving his widow and her five small children in straightened circumstances. The widow, however, was typical of the true pioneer type of womanhood, and she kept her little family together, all working to the common good of the family, the four sons and one daughter in time all becoming quite successful in life. The sons were John, Charles Edward, Robert and David Barton, and the daughter was Sophia, who married Mason Freeland. All these are now deceased.

Charles Edward Woodroof was but 10 years of age when his father died and he was thus early thrown pretty much on his own resources for a livelihood, helping his widowed mother and the younger children. For some time he worked in the pineries of southern Missouri and in saw mills on the Piney River in Texas County and also helped to freight the lumber by raft to St. Louis. In 1848 he enlisted for service in the Mexican War and was honorably discharged at the close of the war, his health considerably impaired. He then went to California, the overland trip, but it was not long until he returned to Missouri, locating in Montgomery County, where in 1853 he was married. In 1888 he moved to Saline County and there he remained until 1896, when he came to Cooper County and located at Blackwater, where he died July 24, 1902. At the time of his death, he owned several hundred acres of choice land and was regarded as one of the substantial farmers of Cooper County. His

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father was an old line Whig and he became a Republican upon the organization of that party. He was a Mason.

Charles E. Woodroof was twice married. Feb. 6, 1853, in Montgomery County, he was married to Catherine Jones, who was born in that county on July 4, 1829, daughter of Lewis Jones and wife, the latter of whom was a Hayes, of Callaway County, Mo., a relative of Daniel Boone. Of the children born to this union, all died in childhood save Anna Myrie, who married H. Ritter; Robert Mathew, who married Ida Moore, and Orpha K., who married Joseph H. Blades, of Montgomery County. Robert M. Woodruff died near Blackwater Aug. 16, 1914. He is survived by his motherless daughter, Kathrynne. Catherine Jones Woodruff died on December 13, 1871, and Aug. 26, 1875, Mr. Woodroof married Susan Moseley, who survives and who since the death of her husband has been making her home at "Glenwood," the place in LaMine Township which she purchased after her husband's death.

Mrs. Susan Moseley Woodroof was born in Montgomery County, Sept. 8, 1839, daughter of John and Sophia (McMahan) Moseley, Kentuckians. John Moseley was a son of Thomas Moseley, son of Robert Moseley, of Montgomery County, Ky. John Moseley was born in Montgomery County, Ky., in 1806, and came to Missouri in 1828, being engaged as a school teacher in Callaway County until 1833, when he married and settled on a farm in Montgomery County, where he and his wife lived the rest of their lives. Sept. 24, 1833, John Moseley was married to Sophia McMahan. She died on April 25, 1875, and he died in 1881. They were members of the Church of Christ, and their children were reared in that faith. Of these children two survive, Mrs. Woodroof's only sister making her home with her at "Glenwood" farm. For many years Mrs. Woodroof was a school teacher and she has always retained her active interest in cultural affairs. She has written a good deal and from her girlhood has found pleasure in expressing herself in poetic form. The poems she had thus written she collected after the death of her husband and published in a volume, to which she gave the title "Sea Shells," dedicating the same to the memory of her

husband. She is a member of the Church of Christ. Though not granted children of her own, Mrs. Woodroof has reared to manhood and womanhood several children. She retains an interest in other forms of business activity and is a stockholder in the Farmers Stock Bank of Blackwater.

Henry Moss Wing
(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Henry Moss Wing, second vice-president of the Bank of Blackwater and one of the substantial farmers and stockmen of LaMine Township, was born Aug. 21, 1876, son of David W. and Ella (Parker) Wing, the

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latter of whom, born in Boone County, daughter of Robnett Parker and wife, died in 1882. David W. Wing was born in Jan., 1849, on the farm now owned by his son Henry, and is a son of Freeman Wing and wife, the latter of whom was a Daniels, who came here from Virginia in an early day and located on the place in LaMine Township now owned by Henry M. Wing. Freeman Wing and his wife lived in a log cabin which is still standing on the place, carefully and reverently preserved as a priceless relic of pioneer days, and on that place they spent the remainder of their days, and here their 13 children were born. The last born of these children was David W. Wing, father of the subject of this sketch, who remained on the home place, of which in time he became the owner, and there continued actively and successfully engaged in farming and stock raising until 1904, when he retired from the farm and moved to Marshall, where he is now living. Fifty years ago he erected on the place the substantial farm house which is still standing and to which numerous improvements have been made.

Henry M. Wing was reared on the home farm and received his early schooling in the local schools, supplementing this by a course at Kemper Military School at Boonville and at the Missouri University at Columbia. When 18 years of age he undertook farming on his own account, renting from his father. After his marriage in 1905, he established his home on the place, his father meanwhile having moved to Marshall, and in 1916 bought the farm, an excellent tract of 365 acres, where he is carrying on general farming and raising of live stock. He is a democrat and he and his wife are members of the Christian Church.

Dec. 18, 1905, Henry M. Wing was united in marriage to Martha Fray, who also was born in this county, and to this union one child has been born, Warner Fray Wing, born on Feb. 1, 1914. Mrs. Martha Wing was born Sept. 26, 1888, a daughter of H. G. and Dora (Pierce) Fray.

Willard A. Worts
(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Willard A. Worts, proprietor of "Grand View" stock farm in LaMine Township, and recognized as one of the most extensive breeders of Duroc Jersey hogs in this section is a native son of Cooper County. He was born on March 2, 1879, son of I. R. and Laura E. (Phillips) Worts, both of whom were born in Virginia and are now living retired at Boonville.

L. R. Worts came to Missouri from Indiana, having for some time made his home in the latter state after leaving Virginia. In the fall of 1878 he came to Cooper County and made his home, becoming the owner of 213 acres of land in Palestine Township, where he made his home until

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his removal to Boonville. To him and his wife were born four children: Ida, deceased, was the wife of F. H. Muntzel; Willard A.; Leslie E., Palestine Township, and Vernon, also of Palestine Township.

Willard A. Worts was reared on the farm and received his schooling in the district schools and the Boonville High School. He has followed farming on his own account since he reached manhood; for some years he has given special attention to the breeding of Duroc Jersey hogs and is said to have the largest herd of Durocs in Cooper County and has calls for his breeding stock from Oklahoma, Texas, Illinois, Arizona, Kansas, Tennessee, Arkansas and from all parts of Missouri, selling as many as 150 breeders a year. In 1902, Mr. Worts bought "Grand View" farm, his present well-improved place of 85 acres in LaMine Township, and in 1913 he began to pay particular attention to the breeding of Durocs. He now (1919) has a fine herd of 225 registered hogs and his pens are said to be the best in the county. Mr. Worts is a member of the National Duroc Jersey Record Association, of Peoria, Ill. He is a democrat.

On Sept. 14, 1902, Willard A. Worts was united in marriage to Anna Elizabeth Sims, who was born in Howard County. Mm. Worts is a daughter of John J. and Mary (Overstreet) Sims, both members of old families in Howard County and the latter of whom is now living in LaMine Township.

Armstead Lee Kincaid

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Armstead Lee Kincaid, one of LaMine Township's well known and progressive farmers and the proprietor of a well kept place of 320 acres in that Township, is a native of Kentucky, but has been a resident of Missouri and of Cooper County since 1860. He was born in Montgomery County, Ky., April 14, 1849, son of George W. and Frances M. (Collins) Kincaid, both of whom spent their last days in Cooper County.

George W. Kincaid was born in Kentucky, Sept., 1813, and there married Frances M. Collins, who was born in that state in 1818. They made their home in Kentucky until 1860, when they came to Missouri and located on the farm now owned and occupied by Armstead L. Kincaid, where they spent the remainder of their lives, Mr. Kincaid dying in 1893 and his widow in 1905. They were the parents of seven children, of whom but two grew to maturity, the subject of this sketch and his brother, the late Richard Franklin Kincaid.

Armstead L. Kincaid was 11 years of age when he came into Cooper County with his parents and he was reared on the home farm in LaMine Township, completing his schooling in the district schools. Upon attaining

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manhood he remained on the farm and in time came into possession of the same by inheritance. He has made excellent improvements on the place and has done well in his farming operations. Mr. Kincaid is a democrat and is a member of the Church of Christ.

Dec. 23, 1891, Armstead L. Kincaid was united in marriage with Mattie Sanders Lawless, whose first husband was Doctor Hutchinson, of Boonville. Mrs. Kincaid was born in this county in 1860 and died in 1905. By her union with Mr. Kincaid three children were born: Frances, wife of Elmer Schuster, LaMine Township; Nellie L., wife of Speed Mellor, LaMine Township and Georgia May, who is at home with her father.

William P. Harris

(Transcribed by Laura Paxton)

William P Harris, who died at his home in LaMine Township in the late fall of 1901 and whose widow is still making her home on the place was born in that Township and there spent all his life, becoming a well-to-do farmer and the owner of a fine farm of 173 acres, which his widow is

continuing to manage with success. William P Harris was born Sept 2 1857, son of William J and Sallie (McMahan) Harris and was the second in order of birth of five children, the others being Samantha, wife of John B Harris, of Fulton; Sterling P., Sedalia; Thomas A of LaMine Township and Leona who died in infancy. William J Harris twice married and by his second wife, Lizzie Lake was the father of two daughters, Stella and Ada, both deceased.

William P Harris grew up in LaMine Township and received his schooling in the district schools. As a young man he began farming on his own account. In 1895 he bought the farm of 173 acres on which he spent his last days and had made extensive improvements. He died Nov. 25 1901 at 44 years. Mr. Harris was democrat and had always taken an active interest in the general civic affairs of his home county. He was a member of the Woodmen of the World and the Modern Brotherhood of America. Since her husband's death Mrs. Harris has been in management of the home farm and has made numerous improvements on the place, including the remodeling of the house and the erection of a silo, she and her children now having an excellent farm.

Mrs. Harris was born in Saline County, Feb 13 1862 fourth in order of birth of nine children, four sons and five daughters, born to Thomas L and Bettie (Gregory) Kincheloe. Thomas L Kincheloe was born in Howard County April 16 1822, and came to Cooper County with his parents when a boy. He became a successful farmer and died April 19 1910. His wife died Dec. 23 1884, the day on which their daughter Anna was

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united in marriage to William P Harris. She was born in Saline county April 1 1831, the Kincheloes and the Gregorys were early pioneers of this section.

To William P and Ann (Kincheloe) Harris were born five children: Edna, wife of William J Harris, of LaCrosse, Wis.; Amy who is at home assisting her mother; Elmer and Elwood twins the former of whom is farming in LaMine Township and the latter remaining on the home farm superintending the management of the same and Nellie, wife of H Brockway of LaMine Township.

Thomas B. Gibson

(Transcribed by James F. Thoma)

Thomas B. Gibson, a retired merchant of Blackwater, veteran of the Mexican War and of the Civil War, and the oldest living settler of LaMine Township, is a native of Virginia, but has been a resident of this region since his boyhood. He was born at the headquarters of the James River in Louisa County, Va., Jan. 21, 1830, son of William B. and Susan J. (Turner) Gibson, who came to Howard County with their family in the year of 1839.

William B. Gibson was born in Virginia, as was his wife. He was a son of William B. Gibson, a soldier of the Revolutionary War, and grew up in his native state, becoming a brick mason and plasterer by trade. About 1839 he settled in what is now Howard County, where he spent the rest of his life. He died in Howard County and his widow later died in California. They were the parents of seven children, of whom Thomas B. is the only survivor.

Thomas B. Gibson was about nine or 10 years old when his parents came to Missouri and he grew up familiar with pioneer conditions. He was 18 years old when the Mexican War broke out and he enlisted and was attached to a supply train, as a herdsman for the government. While in that service he participated in an Indian fight on the Kansas plains. Attached to his supply train, made up of five yoke of oxen, hauling provisions for the soldiers, were 25 men. One morning about sunrise the night's camp was disturbed by a marauding band of Indians and a brisk fight ensued, the redskins presently being driven off without casualties to the freighters. Upon his discharge from the service-at the close of the war young Gibson returned home. He married in 1859 and continued farming, being thus engaged when the Civil War broke out. Toward the close

of the war he enlisted on the side of the Confederacy, being first attached to the cavalry and later to the infantry, and was with the army in Louisiana when the surrender came. Upon his return he bought his

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present farm in LaMine Township. The next year he and his brother-in-law, John T. Redd, opened a store on the Santa Fe trail at a point above the LaMine River the place now owned by Sims Brothers and there he and Mr. Redd were engaged in business for 17 years, when they moved their stock to Blackwater, where for ten years they were engaged in selling goods. Mr. Gibson then sold his interest and retired from business.

He always lived on his farm in LaMine Township, where he has since been making his home.

Mr. Gibson has a well improved place of 320 acres. As one of the oldest surviving pioneers of this region he has many interesting stories to tell of the old days of the plains and of the Santa Fe Trail and is a veritable storehouse of reminiscence. In 1849 he crossed the plains, driving a six mule team from Arrow Rock, Mo., to California and returned to Missouri via Panama, in 1853.

In Dec. 1859, Thomas B. Gibson was married to Lucy A. Redd, who was born in this county, and died in Feb., 1903, at the age of 65 years. To that union were born two children: William B. and Mollie T., the latter of whom married W. R. Scott and is now deceased. Mrs. Scott left one child, a son, Gibson Scott, of Marshall.

William B. Gibson, who was named for his grandfather and for his Revolutionary great-grandfather, was born on the farm on which he is now living in LaMine Township, Dec. 18, 1860, and has lived there all his life, since the days of his young manhood managing the place for his father. He married Mary C. McPherson, who was born at Boonville, and has five sons, William McPherson, Robert, LeRoy, Henry Thomas, Arthur Chandler and John Elliot.

William H. Haun

(Transcribed by James F. Thoma)

William H. Haun, a veteran of the Civil War, who died at his home in Pilot Grove Township in the spring of 1890, and whose widow is still living on the home place, which is now managed by her elder son, Albert L. Haun, former clerk of Circuit Court of Cooper County, was an influential and useful citizens of this county. He was born on a farm in Holmes County, Ohio, Aug. 15, 1841, son of John Haun and wife, the latter of whom was a Shank, who were the parents of 12 children, of whom six grew to maturity. John Haun was born in Pennsylvania, and was early left an orphan. About 1830 he went to Ohio, was married and engaged in farming in Holmes County, and there he and his wife spent their last days.

Reared on the farm on which he was born, William H. Haun was given the advantage of excellent schooling, and all his life took an earnest

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interest in the cause of education, his labors in that behalf, after becoming a resident of Cooper County, having contributed largely to the elevation of the standards of the schools of Pilot Grove Township in an earlier day. He was not 20 years of age when the Civil War broke out, and shortly after passing his 20th birthday he enlisted Sept. 7, 1861, and went to the front as a private in Company F, 19th Ohio Volunteer Infantry, with which command he served until mustered out at Columbus, Ohio, Jan. 27, 1865. During this long military service Mr. Haun's regiment participated in many of the most important engagements of the Civil War, including Shiloh, Tenn., April 6-7, 1862; the occupation of Corinth, Miss., May 30, 1862; Stone River, Dec. 31, 1862; Liberty Gap,

June 25, 1863; Chickamauga, Sept. 19-20, 1863; Mission Ridge, Rocky Face, Cassville, Pickett's Mill, Kenesaw Mountain, Hood's first sortie toward Atlanta, Lovejoy Station, Franklin. On Dec. 26, 1864, he was permitted to return home on a furlough, and was mustered out a month later. During the battle of Chickamauga, Sept. 20, 1863, Mr. Haun was captured by the enemy and for 15 months was confined in Libby Prison and later at Andersonville.

Upon the completion of his military service, William H. Haun returned to his home in Holmes County, Ohio, and resumed his place on the farm. During the following winter he taught a term of school in his home neighborhood, and in the spring of 1866 came to Missouri and bought a tract of timber land in section 24 of Pilot Grove Township, with a view to clearing off a farm there and establishing his home. He built a log cabin on the place, and with his plans for a home thus well started returned to Ohio, married the girl of his choice, and with his bride returned to his timber tract in Pilot Grove Township, and there he and his wife started their home-making in true pioneer fashion. It was no small job to clear the place of its heavy growth of timber, but Mr. Haun was diligent, and it was not long until he had a tillable farm. He presently erected a better and more commodious house, as the needs of his growing family demanded, and later erected a third and modern house on the place, the other improvements of which also were in keeping with his progressive notions of farming. During the earlier years of his residence in this county, Mr. Haun devoted much of his leisure to an extension of the cultural development of the community in which he had settled, and as a pioneer teacher of music did much toward the bringing about of wholesome social conditions. He was an ardent Methodist, as is his widow, and was ever an active and earnest participant in church work,

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doing what he could to advance all good causes in the community. He was a republican and ever took a good citizen's part in local civic affairs. On the farm which he carved out of the woods there in Pilot Grove Township, this good man spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring there on March 30, 1890, and at his passing there was sincere mourning in the community.

Aug. 30, 1866, William H. Haun was united in marriage, in Holmes County, Ohio, with Salome M. Shutt, who was born in that county. To that union were born seven children, two of whom died in infancy, the other being as follows: Albert L., is now managing the home place; Adella F., married W. E. Geary, St. Louis; Hattie Belle, and Eula Martha, at home with their mother; and William H., Grand Junction, Colo. Mrs. Haun, who is now in the 76th year of her age, and who has witnessed the development of this region since the days of her coming here, shortly after the close of the Civil War, was born Oct. 1, 1843, a daughter of John and Susan (Bell) Shutt, natives of Maryland, who located in Holmes County, Ohio, after their marriage, and there spent the remainder of their lives.

Albert L. Haun, elder son of William H. and Salome M. (Shaft) Haun, was born on the home faun in Pilot Grove Township, this county, Dec. 5, 1867, and there grew to manhood. His early schooling was received in the Prairie View District School, and was supplemented by a course in the Pilot Grave Academy, followed by a course in the Gem City Business College, Quincy, Ill. Following the death of his father, he assumed the responsibility of carrying on the operations of the home farm, and was also engaged for four or five winters as a teacher of district schools in his home neighborhood. Mr. Haun is an active worker in the ranks of the republican party in Cooper County, and in February, 1903, was appointed deputy clerk of the Circuit Court, a position he occupied for eight years, or until his election in 1910 as clerk of the Circuit Court and recorder of deeds. By successive re-elections Mr. Haun continued to serve in this important public capacity until Jan. 5, 1919, when his last term of office expired, and he returned to the home farm, to the management of which he is now giving his attention. Mr. Haun is a member of the local lodges of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and of the Modern Woodmen of America at Boonville.

Fountain Durrett Smith, a substantial farmer and stockman of LaMine Township, was born in that Township and has lived there all his life. He was born on July 1, 1867, son of Nicholas and Lucy (Higgerson)

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Smith, who were the parents of six children as follows: Travis, deceased; DeWitt, of Kansas City, Mo.; Edward D., of LaMine Township; Laura, wife of L. T. Sites, LaMine Township; Fountain D.; and Ada, wife of P. Davidson, of Kansas City, Mo.

Reared on the home farm in LaMine Township, Fountain D. Smith received his schooling in the Oakwood district school and as a young man began farming on his own account, renting land until he bought his present farm. He now has a well-improved place of 260 acres and in addition to his general farming has given considerable attention to the breeding of Poland China hogs, his operations along both lines having been carried on successfully. Mr. Smith is a democrat and has ever given a good citizen's attention to local civic affairs. He is a member of the Woodmen of the World.

Oct. 26, 1892, Fountain D. Smith was united in marriage to Margaret Kincheloe, who was born in this county, daughter of Thomas and Bettie (Gregory) Kincheloe and twin sister of Jesse Kincheloe, of LaMine Township, further reference to which family is made elsewhere in this work. To this union have been born two children, daughters, Marie and Rowena, both of whom are at home.

Edward D. Smith

(Transcribed by James F. Thoma)

Edward D. Smith, a substantial farmer and landowner of LaMine Township and constable for that Township, and for many years a railroad surveyor, was born in LaMine Township and has always regarded that as his home, though during the time of his connection with railroad work he was required to be away a great deal of his time. He was born on March 4, 1862, a son of Nicholas Smith, for many years one of LaMine Township's best known citizens.

Reared on the home farm in LaMine Township, Edward D. Smith received his schooling in the local schools and early became interested in civil engineering, becoming a competent surveyor. In addition to local work performed by him along that line, about twenty years ago Mr. Smith became employed as a railroad surveyor and for four or five years was thus engaged. During this time he helped to locate and build the railroad from Boonville to Lexington, as well as the road from Boonville to Jefferson City, and also helped to lay the bridge across the Arkansas River at Ft. Smith. Upon the completion of this service Mr. Smith returned to the home farm and has since devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits, in which he has been quite successful, being now the owner of a fine farm of 120 acres. For 14 years Mr. Smith had charge of the highways of district 14 in LaMine Township. He is a democrat and in

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1912 was elected constable, a position which he still holds, having been re-elected at successive elections. He is affiliated with the Boonville lodge, Woodmen of the World.

Mr. Smith's wife died in 1910. She also was born in LaMine Township, this county, Ida Higgsorn, daughter of C. C. and Mary (Herndon) Higgsorn, Virginians, who became residents of this county many years ago. To Mr. and Mrs. Smith four children were born: Jessie, deceased; Mary, who is at home presiding over the affairs of her father's household, and Ray and Edward Lee, also at home.

Jesse Lee Kincheloe, a well-known farmer and stockman of LaMine Township, was born in that Township Aug. 18, 1869, son of Thomas L. and Bettie (Gregory) Kincheloe,

Thomas L. Kincheloe

(Transcribed by James F. Thoma)

Thomas L. Kincheloe was a veteran of the Civil War, in the service of the Confederacy, a private in E Company of Wood's Regiment of Missouri Cavalry, in the Trans-Mississippi Army, and served until his command was surrendered at Shreveport, La., June 9, 1865. Mr. Kincheloe then came up the river to St. Louis and thence returned to his home in LaMine Township, where he spent the rest of his life, successfully engaged in farming. He died April 19, 1910. He and his wife were the parents of nine children, namely: William J., deceased; Victoria, who married Capt. L. J. Sites and is now deceased; Tasso, deceased; Anna, widow of the late William P. Harris, of LaMine Township; Thomas Ludwell, Jr., deceased; Mrs. Catherine Lucas, of Colorado; Jesse L., the subject of this sketch, and his twin sister, Mrs. Margaret Smith, and Mrs. Bettie Diggs, of LaMine Township.

Jesse L. Kincheloe received his schooling in the district schools and as a young man became engaged as a farm hand for the first three years, working for W. B. Collins and losing but 18 days during that period. Following his marriage in 1894, Mr. Kincheloe rented a farm and began farming on his own account and in 1901 bought a farm. Since then he has bought and improved five or six different farms, in each instance selling to advantage, and now has a well-improved farm of 80 acres on which in addition to his general farming he gives considerable attention to the raising of pure-bred Aberdeen-Angus cattle and Duroc Jersey hogs. Mr. Kincheloe is a democrat. He and his family are members of the Baptist Church and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Modern Woodmen of America.

Jan. 18, 1894, Jesse L. Kincheloe was married to Louie Lee Eades, who was born in this county, Dec. 24, 1873, and to this union four children

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have been born: Thomas Collins, deceased; Margaret May, Eugene Fields and Jessie Lee. Mrs. Kincheloe is a daughter of Horace and Eugenia (Brisco) Eades, who came to this county from Kentucky years ago and who are now living retired at Blackwater.

Henry Green Fray

(Transcribed by James F. Thoma)

Henry Green Fray, a well-known and substantial farmer and stockman of LaMine Township, was born within a stone's throw of the house in which he is now living, July 3, 1861, son of John A. and Martha (Herndon) Fray, both members of Missouri pioneer families. John A. Fray was born at Huntsville, Mo., in 1835 and in 1850 came to Cooper County, where he spent the remainder of his life. When a young man he bought 160 acres of "Congress" land, the place now owned by Mrs. Susan M. Woodruff, in LaMine Townships Later he bought other land adjoining and became well-to-do. He died on that place in 1905. His widow died in 1907, aged 68 years. She was a member of one of the first families of Cooper County, the Herndons having been among the very first of the Virginia contingent to settle in LaMine Township. John A. Fray and his wife were the parents of nine children: Susan F., wife of F. W. Vawter, Parkville; Katherine, wife of John P. Cully, Kansas City, Mo.; Benjamin A., Marshall; John W., Fayette; DeWitt C., Kansas City; and Harry G.

Henry G. Fray was reared in LaMine Township and educated in the district schools. He remained on the home place until 1885, when he bought 240 acres of the home place from his father. In 1890, he sold that farm and bought another portion of the home place, just across the road south,

and in 1911 bought the quarter section on which he is now living. In addition to his general farming, Mr. Fray has for years been dealing in live stock and has been successful. He is a stockholder in the Bank of Blackwater and takes a keen interest in the general business affairs of the community. He is a democrat.

Feb. 9, 1885, Henry G. Fray was united in marriage with Dora Pierce, who was born near Fayette, in June, 1859, and to this union one child was born, Martha, wife of Henry M. Wing.

Gustav F. Boller

(Transcribed by James F. Thoma)

Gustav F. Boller, treasurer of the Hirsch Wholesale Grocery Company, Inc., of Boonville is one of the progressive young business men of Cooper County. He was born on a farm in Boonville Township, Nov. 4, 1887, son of Fred J. and Dora (Wehling) Boller. Fred J. Boller is of European birth, born in Nassau on April 10, 1844, but has been a resident of this country since he was four years of age, his parents, Henry J. and Johnetta Boller, having left their native land and come to America with their family in 1849, after the unsuccessful revolution of 1848, and

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Sought conditions more to their liking in this land of free men. Upon their arrival in this country the Bollers located in Cooper County. Fred J. Boller grew up in this county and developed his interests here. He was a farmer for 50 years, in Boonville Township, until his retirement and removal to Boonville, where he and his wife are now living. March 18, 1872, Fred J. Boller married Dora Wehling, who was born in St. Louis Aug 23, 1855, daughter of Christian and Christine Wehling, both natives of Germany, and to this union were born eight children: August, deceased; Sophia, widow of the late F. S. Brommer, resides in Boonville; Fred, deceased; William, deceased; Laura L., wife of Lewis Moehle, Boonville; Nettie, wife of Frank Hirlinger, Boonville; Gustav F.; and Matilda, living with her parents.

Gustav F. Boller received his schooling in the district schools of Boonville, graduating from the high school in 1905. In the meantime, he had been giving his attention to commercial pursuits and upon leaving school became engaged as a clerk in the Hirlinger bakery at Boonville, also working as a bookkeeper at the Boonville elevator. In 1907, he became employed as shipping clerk for the Hirsch Wholesale Grocer Company and was advanced to the position of bookkeeper and general office assistant. In 1914, Mr. Boller became a stockholder in the Hirsch Company and was elected treasurer, a position he since has occupied, in addition to which duty he also, for the past two or three years, has acted as general city salesman for the big wholesale house and traveling representative for the same. Mr. Boller is a republican. He and his wife are members of the Evangelical Church, and he is one of the trustees of that church. He belongs to the Knights of Pythias and the Ancient Order of United Workmen.

Nov 4, 1908, Gustav F. Boller was united in marriage to Clara M. Goodman, of Boonville, and to this union one child was born, Goodman F. Boller, born on Oct 5, 1910. Mrs. Boller was born in Boonville and was graduated from the high school there. Her parents, Thomas W. and Amelia (Thoma) Goodman, are living in Boonville; both were born in Cooper County.

Frank Schuster

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Frank Schuster, one of LaMine Township's most progressive farmers and proprietors of "Good Hope" farm was born in LaMine Township. His father, Moritz Schuster, to whom reference is made in this volume, died in the spring of 1915, was a veteran of the Civil War and a son of one of the pioneers of the LaMine Township, he having been but five years of age when his parents came to this country in 1849 and located in this

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county and spent the remainder of their lives. Moritz Schuster and his wife, Rachel Hildebrant, a native of Virginia, were the parents of nine children, seven of whom are still living.

Frank Schuster received his schooling in the Hickerson district school and from boyhood gave his attention to farm life. He married in the spring of 1898 and the following year bought from his father the tract of land of 178 acres he now owns, 231 acres, a part of which was formerly known as the Washington Harris place, but which Mr. Schuster has named "Good Hope" farm. On the place is a tract of twenty acres of natural woodland and Mr. Schuster has made improvements which gives him a farm equal to any in the neighborhood. He raises a good grade of live stock. Mr. Schuster is a republican, as was his father, and he and his family are members of the Church of Christ.

March 2, 1898, Frank Schuster was married to Mary Sophia Ruf, and to this union have been born five children, as follows: Clarence R., born Aug. 29, 1899, died Sept. 28, 1899; Aubrey Lee, born Aug. 16, 1900; Wilbur E., Nov. 10, 1902; Mary L., Feb. 9, 1905, and Nettie L., Sept. 29, 1906. Mrs. Schuster was born at Council Grove, Kan., Nov. 22, 1872, daughter of Joseph and Johanna (Schuster) Ruf, natives of Germany, who were married at Boonville, Aug. 8, 1858. Joseph Ruf was a tailor. He learned his trade in his native land and came to this country, locating in Missouri, but during the course of his life lived in several states in the West. He died at the age of 49 years on Jan. 16, 1877, and his widow died Aug. 16, 1897, 67 years of age. Joseph Ruf and his wife were the parents of nine children, of whom Mrs. Schuster was the youngest and four of whom are still living.

William O. Surge

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

William O. Surge, one of the progressive farmers and stockmen of LaMine Township was born on a farm southeast of Boonville Jan. 29, 1861, son of Oscar F. and Elizabeth (Miller) Barge, the latter of whom also was born in this county and both of whom spent their last days here. Oscar F. Barge was born in Kentucky in 1820. In 1850 he went to California in the great gold rush of that year, but returned to Kentucky in 1853. In 1856 he came to Missouri and located in Bates County, where he remained until 1861, when he moved to Cooper County and began farming in Clarks Fork Township, where his wife owned a farm. He died there on Nov. 5, 1900. Oscar F. Barge was twice married. By his first wife Elizabeth Miller, he was the father of six children, of whom four are still living, those besides the subject of this sketch being John Barge, living east of Boonville; Robert Barge, who is engaged in the mercantile

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business at Boonville, and Dora, who is living in Kentucky. The mother of these children died in 1872 and Oscar F. Barge married a widow, Mrs. Williams. To this latter union were born two children, but one of whom, Eldridge Burge, of Boonville, survives.

Reared on the home farm southeast of Boonville in Clarks Fork Township, William O. Burge received his schooling in the schools of that Township and early began working at farm labor, his wages being 50 cents a day. Later he operated a threshing rig and in 1894 bought his first farm of 90 acres in Clarks Fork Township. He improved that place and three years later sold it and bought 160 acres in Clinton County. In 1899 he married and established his home on his Clinton County place, remaining there until 1905 when he bought his present farm in Cooper County and has since made his home on this place. In addition to his farm of 338 acres in LaMine Township, Mr. Burge owns a half interest in the old Burge home place in Clarks Fork Township. On his home farm he has erected a handsome six-room modern residence and his extensive cattle

barns and other improvements are in keeping with the same. Mr. Burge raises cattle far the market. He also is a stockholder in the Boonville National Bank. He is a democrat and he and his family are members of the Baptist Church.

Nov. 8, 1899, William O. Burge was married to Jennie Tillett and to this union three children have been born; Oscar L., a student in Kemper Military School; one who died in infancy, and Paul C., at home. Mrs. Burge was born in Tennessee, but has been a resident of Missouri since her girlhood, her parents having come to this state many years ago, locating in Clinton County, where they spent the remainder of their lives.

Edward H. Harris
(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Edward H. Harris, banker, retired farmer, and merchant of Pilot Grove, and for many years recognized as one of the most potent factors in the commercial life of this community, is a native of Kentucky. He was born in Bourbon County, Ky., Dec. 20, 1830, son of Richard and Frances (Wilson) Harris, the latter of whom spent her last days in Cooper County.

Richard Harris was born in Kentucky, a son of Nathaniel Harris, a Virginia of Irish stock, and all his life was spent there, his death occurring in 1831. He and his wife were the parents of five children, two of whom are living, the subject of this sketch having a sister, Mrs. Sarah Grayson, a widow, who makes her home with him at Pilot Grove. Some time after the death of Richard Harris, his widow married W. T. Redmond, a Kentuckian, and to that union a daughter was born. The Redmonds

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came to Missouri from Kentucky in 1840, and settled on a farm near Boonville, W. T. Redmond and his wife spending the rest of their lives there.

Edward H. Harris was but 10 months of age when his father died. When he was a lad of eight, he was brought to Missouri by his much elder brother, Dr. M. W. Harris, who became a successful physician in this county, as well as an extensive land-owner, and here grew to manhood. It was in 1838 when he came to Cooper County, and he remained on his brother's farm south of Boonville until he was 17 years of age, in 1847, when he entered the Kemper School at Boonville. There he continued his schooling, taking Greek and Latin in addition to the extensive curriculum provided in English for four years. While carrying on his studies at Kemper, Mr. Harris did not neglect his interest in agricultural affairs, and upon leaving school, in 1851, he bought, for \$6.25 an acre, a tract of land two miles west of where Pilot Grove village later sprang up, and which tract is now regarded as one of the best farms in Cooper County. Not long after buying this tract, Mr. Harris married and established his home in a log cabin he erected on his farm. He remained there about 10 years, developing the place, and then sold it and bought what was known as the old Doctor Phillips farm, a mile south of the grove. On this latter place he had a better home, and there he and his wife reared their family. Twenty years or more after taking up his residence on the Phillips place, Mr. Harris bought 13 acres, now within the city limits of Pilot (trove, the land being owned by J. W. Roe, who laid out a town site, erected the first store building of Pilot Grove, and engaged in the general mercantile business. For 18 years he continued in the mercantile business. Mr. Harris then sold his stare and engaged in the banking business, organizing the Pilot Grove Bank, of which he was elected president, a position which he held for 25 years during which time he built up one of the most substantial financial institutions in this section. At the time Mr. Harris organized his bank at Pilot Grove, there were but two other banks in Cooper County and both of these were situated at Boonville. From the very beginning of his banking operations Mr. Harris was successful, and as his affairs prospered he extended his banking interests, at the same time being much gratified to see two of his sons engage successfully in the same line, until now he is a stockholder in the Pilot Grove Bank, the Southwest National Bank, the Bank of Commerce of

Kansas City, the Merchants Bank of Eldorado Springs, and the Bank of Harwood at Harwood, Mo., and is widely known in commercial circles over the State as

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one of Missouri's veteran bankers and successful capitalists. Mr. Harris is a democrat on national issues, but for years past has held pronounced independent leanings in the campaigns in which local issues were dominant. For 20 years or more he has been a member of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons at Pilot Grove.

About 1852, Edward H. Harris was married to Mary Ellis, who died about 20 years ago, and whose memory is enshrined in the heart of her husband. Mrs. Harris was born in Orange County, Virginia, about the year 1832, and, like her husband, was but a child when she came to Missouri, her parents becoming prominent among the Virginia colonists who became pioneers of this region. To Edward H. and Mary (Elks) Harris seven children were born, namely: Richard, now engaged in business at Detroit, Mich.; William E., who is engaged in business in New York City; Sarah, widow of the late R. M. Fink, who makes her home with her father at Pilot Grove; Margaret, wife of W. F. Johnson, editor of this History of Cooper County; Mary, at home; Edward H., Jr., cashier Third National Bank of Sedalia, this State, and Frederick Kemper Harris, president of the bank at Eldorado Springs. Mrs. Fink, who is now making her home with her father, has two children, a son, Frederick, who is now (1919 serving the United States Navy, and daughter, Madge, living at Kansas City, Mo.

Mr. Harris was the means of the depot being built at Pilot Grove; he gave the largest part of the \$1,650.00 to the railroad company for establishing a depot here.

John R. Higginbotham

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

John R. Higginbotham, former marshal of Blackwater, was born on a farm in Montgomery County, Aug. 6, 1881, son of William H. H. and Johanna (Davis) Higginbotham, the former of whom spent his last days in Saline County. William Henry Harrison Higginbotham was born near Par ma, Mo., Dec. 8, 1838, son of Moses and Susan Ewing (Sproul) Higginbotham, the latter born in Crab Orchard, Ky., of a family connected with the William Henry Harrison's of Virginia stock. Moses Higginbotham was born in Tazewell County, Va., member of an old Colonial family, and came to Missouri by way of Kentucky, he and his wife rearing their family in this State. William H. H. Higginbotham grew to manhood in this State. June 17, 1861, at Paris, Mo., he enlisted in the Confederate Army as a member of Company A, with which command he saw much active service under Generals Price and Joe Shelby, participated in several important battles and received more than one wound. On March 9, 1863, he married Johanna Davis, of Quincy, Ill., and settled in Montgomery

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County, Mo. He later moved to Saline County, where he died in Aug. 1914. He and his wife were the parents of 12 children, of whom two died in infancy, the others being: William F., an agricultural expert, assistant farmer at the Missouri Training School, Boonville; Susan, deceased; Sidney J., of Oklahoma City; Samuel T., of Kansas City, Mo.; Wade H., of Slater, Mo.; Thomas B., of Hannibal; Frances, of Boonville; Grover C., of Bluffton, Ill.; John R.; and Julia, wife of George Mackler, Boonville Township. The mother of these children was born in Quincy, Ill., Oct., 1844, and is now living at Boonville.

John R. Higginbotham received his schooling in the public schools. In 1906, he came to Cooper County and located at Blackwater. It was not long until he became recognize as one of the personal factors of that town and he presently was elected town marshal, a position he held by

successive re-elections for six years, or until in 1912, when he bought a farm of 170 acres in LaMine Township and entered upon the task of improving the same. He erected a new house and barn, fenced the place and made other substantial improvements. When he bought the place there were but 50 acres of it under cultivation. Now there are 130 acres under cultivation. In addition to his general farming, Mr. Higginbotham gave considerable attention to the raising of live stock. In Feb., 1919, he sold the farm to advantage and bought a farm of 245 acres near Blackwater, LaMine Township. Mr. Higginbotham is a democrat. He is a member of Cooper Lodge No. 36, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, at Boonville.

William H. Deck

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

William H. Deck, druggist at Pilot Grove and a leading commercial factor of that town, was born at Kansas City, Mo., Aug. 1, 1887, son of Jacob and Anna (Fessler) Deck, who have for years been residents of Boonville. Jacob Deck was born in the province of Alsace, France, and was but eight or nine years of age when he came to America with his parents, the family locating in Missouri, where he grew to manhood and after his marriage established his home, after a time locating at Boonville, where he is now engaged in the retail meat business. To him and his wife eight children have been born. Of these all are living save two. William H. Deck received his schooling in the schools of Boonville and was graduated from the high school there in 1905, after which he entered Kemper Military School, from which he was graduated in 1906. In the meantime he had been giving his attention to the study of pharmacy and upon leaving school he entered the Mittelbach drug store at Boonville as a clerk, continuing for four years, or until 1910, during which

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time he completed his pharmacy course. Thus equipped, he went to Steelville, Mo., where he remained for two years, clerking in a drug store, until 1912. During this latter year he acquired further experience in the drug business as a clerk at Salem and at Columbia and in 1913 returned to Cooper County and bought the drug store of Meyer Brothers at Pilot Grove. Since taking possession of that store Mr. Deck has made numerous improvements and has considerably enlarged the stock, as well as increased the facilities for the carrying on of the business, now having a full line of drugs and druggists' sundries, and is doing a good business, being recognized as one of the "live" young business men of the town. Mr. Deck is an independent republican. He is affiliated with the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons and the Woodmen of the World and is the present secretary of the former lodge. He is a member of the Evangelical Church, and his wife of the Christian Church.

July 17, 1910, William H. Deck was united in marriage to Marie L. Roe, who was born in Pilot Grove, Aug. 17, 1891, daughter of Prof. D. Lee and Lillie (Fray) Roe. Professor Roe is now residing at Canadian, Okla. His wife is deceased. Prof. D. Lee Roe was born at Pilot Grove, a member of a pioneer family, who were owners of the land on which the town is situated. Professor Roe formerly and for a number of years was a teacher in the Pilot Grove schools and is now superintendent of schools at Canadian, Okla.

Dr. George C. Jones, Jr.

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Dr. George C. Jones, Jr., well-known doctor of dental surgery at Pilot Grove, this county, and long recognized as one of the progressive citizens of that community, is a native son of Cooper County and has resided here all his life with the exception of that period of his life when he was away completing his schooling. He was born on a farm in Blackwater Township on March 9, 1876, son of George C. and Anna (Trent) Jones, further mention of whom is made elsewhere in this volume.

Reared on the home farm in Blackwater Township, the junior George C. Jones received his early schooling in the schools of that neighborhood and the Johnson Military School at Pilot Grove. Upon leaving the latter institution, he entered Central College at Fayette and later took a course at Washington University, where he received his first year in the study of dental surgery, finishing in the Dental College at St. Louis in 1900. Thus admirably equipped for the practice of his chosen profession, Doctor Jones in the following year, 1901, opened an office at Pilot Grove, where

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he ever since has been successfully engaged in practice. He has shown his faith in Cooper County land by investing in a farm of 160 acres in Blackwater Township and is vitally interested in the general development of the region in which his life has been spent. By political preference the Doctor is a democrat and gives close attention to local civic affairs, but he has not been a seeker after public office.

William A. Scott

(Transcribed by Laura Paxton)

William A. Scott, mayor of the city of Pilot Grove and for many years one of the best known business men there, was born in McLean County, Ill., August 13 1859, son of John and Harriet (Difffenbaugh) Scott, the latter of whom was born in that same county, who came to Cooper County many years ago. John Scott was born in Ohio, but early became a resident of Illinois, where he married and where he resided until after the close of the Civil War, when he came to Missouri with his family and located on a farm in the vicinity of Prairie Home, where he spent the rest of his life. He died in 1887, aged 60 years. His widow died in 1890, aged 55 years. John Scott and his wife were the parents of five children: William A; one died in infancy; Andre, Moniteau County; Bettie and Hester, who are now living in California.

William A. Scott received his schooling in the district schools and grew up a farmer, becoming the owner of land, both in Moniteau and Cooper Counties. In 1895, Mr. Scott sold his land and located at Pilot Grove, where he became engaged in the retail meat business, which he ever since has followed with success. He has long given considerable attention to raising pure-bred Poland China hogs for breeding purposes and has created a wide market for the output of his pens, shipping breeding stock to far-distant points. As an example of the demand that has been created for his pigs, it may be said that a recent bunch of 215 head of spring pigs netted him \$1,000. Mr. Scott is a democrat and has for years been an active factor in party affairs. In 1916, he was elected mayor of Pilot Grove to fill a vacancy and in the ensuing election was reelected and is now serving his second term. Mr. Scott is a member of the Masons and he and his family are members of the Presbyterian Church.

January 5 1882, William A Scott was married to Birdie Lee Smith and to this Union three children have been born: Artie Belle, wife of Guy Long, a hardware merchant, Pilot Grove; Nellie, wife of Boyd Lusk, St. Louis, and Catherine, at home with her parents. Mrs. Scott was born

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in Cooper county and is a member of a pioneer family. Her parents, John I. Smith and wife, the latter of whom was a Guyer, were born in Kentucky and many years ago became residents of Cooper County, where their last days were spent.

Hamilton Lusk

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Hamilton Lusk, one of the most substantial retired farmers and stock breeders of Cooper County, living at Pilot Grove, was born in Polk County, March 1, 1858, son of James and Joanna (Bond)

Lusk, Tennesseans, whose last days were spent in Cooper County. James Lusk was born in 1818 and grew to manhood in Tennessee, coming into Missouri after his marriage and locating in Polk County, where he remained until after the close of the Civil War, when, in 1865, he moved to Cooper County and bought a farm four miles south of Pilot Grove, where he spent the remainder of his life. He died in 1884. His widow died in 1892. She was born in 1818. James Lusk and his wife were the parents of eight children, of whom the subject of this sketch is the only survivor. The eldest son, John Lusk, a soldier of the Confederacy, was killed in battle at Helena, Ark. Another son, Benjamin Lusk, also was a soldier of the Confederacy. He died in Kansas City, Mo., a few years ago.

Hamilton Lusk was about seven years of age when his parents came to this county and he grew to manhood on the home place, south of Pilot Grove, receiving his schooling at Mt. Vernon and at Pleasant Green. He remained on the home farm and after the death of his father, bought the interests of the other heirs in the place and gradually adding to the same until he became the owner of 557 acres, which he developed into one of the best improved farms in the county, among these improvements being a modern farm house, which was looked on as one of the finest in Cooper County. In addition to his general farming, Mr. Lusk for years gave particular attention to the breeding of pure bred Poland China hogs and Hampshires and the pure bred Shorthorn cattle. In 1914 he sold his land and closed out his live stock and retired, and is now living in Pilot Grove in a house which was erected by his son, Boyd S., and which is the finest house in the town. Mr. Lusk has been connected with the Pilot Grove Bank for 25 years, and has for years been a member of the board of directors of that financial institution. He is a democrat, but has not been a seeker after public office. He is a Mason.

Oct. 16, 1884, Hamilton Lusk was united in marriage to Lulu Schlotzhauer, of this county, and to this union four children have been born:

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Stella V., married Prof. Roy Wharton and is now living at Columbia, where Professor Wharton is engaged in teaching civil engineering in the university; Edgar Hamilton, deceased; Boyd S., who is now living in St. Louis, where he is engaged in the grain commission business, and Marshall B. Lusk, who was with the American Army of Occupation in Europe. Marshall B. Lusk was born on June 16, 1896. In June, 1917, two months after this country entered the World War, he was inducted into the National Army and went into training at Camp Dodge, where he became attached to the Signal Corps, with which command he sailed in the following August for France, attached to the 351st Regiment, Infantry, 88th Division, and with that command participated in some of the most difficult campaigning of the war, in one battle about 30 of the members of his company having been killed. He was discharged at Camp Taylor, June 6, 1919, now living at St. Louis, engaging in business with his brother, Boyd S. Mrs. Lusk was born in Cooper County of German parentage, her parents, John W. Schlotzhauer and wife, the latter of whom was a Weaver, both having been born in Germany. John W. Schlotzhauer settled in Cooper County many years ago and is still living in the Harris neighborhood.

Dr. Thomas O. Pendleton

(Transcribed by Laura Paxton)

Dr. Thomas O Pendleton one of the best known members of the medical profession in Cooper county is a Kentuckian. He was born at Goshen Kentucky Jan 26 1852, son of Dr George T and Catherine (MacGruder) Pendleton, both also natives of Kentucky, who came to Missouri many years ago and whose last days were spent in this county.

Dr. George T Pendleton received his professional education in the Kentucky School of Medicine, Louisville, and in his native state began the practice of his profession, remaining there until 1852, when he came to Missouri with his family and located in Cooper county opening an office at Pilot Grove, where he continued in practice the rest of his life, becoming widely known over the county

as one of the leaders of his profession. During the latter years of his life the burden of his practice was lifted from his shoulders by his son, the subject of this review, who became associated with his father in practice six or seven years before the latter's death, which occurred about 1883. The senior Dr. Pendleton and his wife were the parents of eight children all of whom are still living and of whom the subject of this sketch was the first born, the others being as follows: William Pendleton, an attorney-at-law,

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of Boonville; Mrs. Elizabeth A Foster, Macon GA; Mrs. Catherine Stites, of Pilot Grove; Stapleton Pendleton, Denver Colorado; Susan R., of Pilot Grove; Mrs. Nellie Embry, living in California, and George T., lawyer Boonville.

Reared at Pilot Grove, Thomas O Pendleton received his early schooling in that then village and in Cully's School at Bunceton. From the days of his boyhood, he was attracted to his father's profession and under the kindly and skillful preceptorship of his father was prepared for medical school. In 1875, he entered the Missouri Medical School at St. Louis and so well equipped was he by preparatory study that he was enabled to graduate in the spring of 1876. Upon receiving his diploma, Dr. Pendleton returned to Pilot Grove prepared to relieve his father of the growing burden of the latter's practice, which, owing to his advancing years, was growing too much for the elder doctor, and he ever since has continued in practice there; so long a time, in fact, that for some time he has expressed a desire to be permitted to retire from practice, but every expression of this character has met with such stout opposition on the part of the community who have so long depended upon his ministrations that he has again and again put off the day of the announcement of his definite intention to retire. The doctor is a stockholder in the Citizens Bank. He is a democrat and he and his family are members of the Methodist Church.

July 31 1876, Dr. Thomas O Pendleton was united in marriage to Ida Cunningham who was born at St Charles MO and to this union one child has been born, Gertrude who is living at Boonville.

John H. Schlotzhauer

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

John W. Schlotzhauer, one of Pilot Grove Township's successful farmers and stockmen, is a native son of Cooper County. He was born on a farm in Clear Creek Township, March 30, 1879, son of John and Rickay (Masel) Schlotzhauer, both of whom also were born in this county, and the former is still living in Clear Creek Township.

John Schlotzhauer was born on a pioneer farm in what is now Palestine Township, June 1, 1839, a son of Henry Schlotzhauer and wife, who were among the early settlers in that community. Henry Schlotzhauer was a native of Germany, and his wife was born in France. They were married in Germany and immediately afterward came to the United States. They came to St. Louis, and from there up the Missouri River and located in Cooper County, settling in Palestine Township, reared their family and spent the remainder of their lives. It was on that pioneer farm that John Schlotzhauer grew to manhood, early taking his part in

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the development of the place. During the progress of the Civil War he was a member of the Home Guard. After his marriage he settled in Clear Creek Township and became one of the substantial farmers of that neighborhood, and is still living there, the place now being operated by his son, Ernest. His wife, who was born in Palestine Township in 1845, died April 17, 1901. She was a member of the Methodist Church, as is her husband, and their children were reared in that faith. There are seven children: James H., Pleasant Green; Mrs. Hamilton Luck, of whom further

mention is made in this volume; Mrs. P. G. Marshall, Marshall, Mo.; John W.; Ernest, on the home farm in Clear Creek Township; Mrs. Charles B. Sly, and Fred W., Clear Creek Township.

John W. Schlotzhauer was educated in the district schools and Pilot Grove College. When 21 years of age he began farming on his own account, renting land from his father, and has ever since been engaged in farming. At the age of 23 he bought from his father 120 acres in Pilot Grove Township. Later, he bought 100 acres more, a part of the old homestead of his grandfather, Henry Schlotzhauer, this giving him 220 acres, in addition to which he is farming another 100 acres, thus having control of 320 acres. In addition to general farming, he is extensively engaged in the raising of live stock, both cattle and hogs, and gives particular attention to his Aberdeen-Angus cattle. Mr. Schlotzhauer has made extensive improvements on his place, including two capacious silos, and is one of the most progressive farmers that section. He is a republican. He and his family are members of the Methodist Church.

Nov. 28, 1893, John W. Schlotzhauer was married to Bettie Hampy, who was born in Palestine Township on the farm of Nelson Leonard. She is a daughter of John and Mary (Yost) Hampy, both of whom were born in Morgan County, Mo., who later came to Cooper County, moving 12 years ago to Saline County. They live at Colorado Springs, Colo. Mr. and Mrs. Schlotzhauer have five children: Laura, married R. Eichelberger, Columbia, Mo.; Roy; Herbert; Ruby and Alice.

Charles M. Shepherd
(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Charles M. Shepherd, cashier of the Pilot Grove Bank at Pilot Grove, was born in McDonough County, Ill., April 12, 1866, son of Levi and Joanna (Campbell) Shepherd, both natives of Missouri, the latter born in this county. Levi Shepherd, who died a few years ago, one of the substantial landowners of Cooper County, was born at the then mere trading post of Independence, Jackson County, in January, 1833, a son of Elijah Shepherd and wife, Virginians, who were among the early settlers of that

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place. When he was 18 years of age, Levi Shepherd came to Cooper County, where he afterward was married, and his interests thereafter were ever closely connected with this county, though for a time during and after the Civil War he resided in Illinois. During the latter part of the war, he was drafted into service and among the engagements in which he participated was the battle at Lexington, Mo. He settled in Saline Township, this county, and at the time of his death was the owner of a fine farm of 270 acres, which is still owned by the heirs of the estate. For more than 60 years, Levi Shepherd was an earnest member of the Baptist Church, as was his wife, and they were useful and helpful factors in the social and moral life of the community. Levi Shepherd died in 1915, and his widow died in 1917, aged 82 years. She was born in Saline Township, daughter of Bradley and Meekie (Hall) Campbell, Tennesseans, who were among the earliest residents of that Township, they having come up the river on flat boats and settled here on what is still known as the Campbell homestead place, 100 years ago. Levi Shepherd was of Scottish stock and his wife was of English descent, both families being of Colonial stock. Of the seven children born to Levi and Joanna (Campbell) Shepherd, four are still living, those besides the subject of this sketch, the youngest, being: James B. Shepherd, of Wooldridge, Mo.; Mrs. Rebecca Eager, Overton, and Mrs. Alice Clayton, of Wooldridge.

Reared on the home farm in Saline Township, Charles M. Shepherd grew to manhood there, receiving his elementary schooling in the district schools. This he supplemented by a course at Hooper Institute at Clarksburg, where he was graduated in 1889, and in that year, after a brief course in normal work, passed the state examination under State Superintendent W. E. Coleman and was granted a teacher's certificate for life. Thus admirably equipped for the teaching profession, Mr. Shepherd entered the ranks of Cooper County's teaching corps and for nine years was engaged in teaching in this county. In 1899, he was appointed by W. B. Rissler, county clerk,

to serve as deputy clerk, and for four years, or until 1903, he served in that capacity. Mr. Shepherd then engaged in the real estate business at Boonville until 1907, when he assisted in the organization of the Bank of Blackwater at Blackwater, and as cashier of that institution, opened the same and started it on its successful career, continuing thus engaged until June 9, 1913, when he entered upon his present position as cashier of the Pilot Grove Bank at Pilot Grove, to the duties of which position he since has been giving his undivided and earnest

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attention. Mr. Shepherd is a democrat. He and his family are members of the Baptist Church, of which he is a deacon, and he is a York Rite Mason, affiliated with the Blue Lodge at Pilot Grove and the Commandery at Boonville.

June 1, 1898, Charles M. Shepherd was united in marriage to Hattie M. Simms, of this county, and to this union three children have been born: Mable L., attending Hardin College at Mexico, Mo.; William L., a student in the Pilot Grove High School, and Josephine. Mrs. Shepherd is a member of one of Cooper County's pioneer families. She was born in Saline Township, daughter of H. Clay and Mary L. V. (Eager) Simms, Virginians, the latter of whom was a daughter of Lewis Eager, whose wife was a daughter of the pioneer Gooch, who came into this region in an early day and erected a mill in the southern part of what is now Saline Township. He operated this mill for fifty years and the present village of Gooch's Mill gradually grew as the settlement expanded.

Clemens A. Lammers

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Clemens A. Lammers, proprietor of "Shady Brook" farm in Pilot Grove Township, this county, and a member of the board of directors of the Citizens Bank of Pilot Grove, was born in St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 27, 1870, son of Henry and Wilhelmina (Vonderhaar) Lammers, natives of Germany, who were married in St. Louis, where they had located upon coming to this country about 1868, and who remained there until in 1877, when they came to Cooper County and settled on a farm in Pilot Grove Township, where they spent the remainder of their lives. Of the children born to Henry Lammers and his wife, six grew to maturity and five are still living, all residents of Cooper County.

Clemens A. Lammers was but six years of age when his parents located in this county and he grew to manhood on the home farm in Pilot (grove) Township, receiving his schooling in the district schools. In 1895, he bought the farm on which he has since resided. "Shady Brook" is a well improved place of 305 acres on which Mr. Lammers has carried on his general farming and stock raising successfully. Among the improvements on the place are the commodious dwelling house and the corrugated iron barn, other improvements being in keeping with the same. Mr. Lammers is a member of the board of directors of the Citizens Bank of Pilot Grove and is one of the successful men of the community. He is a republican and he and his family are members of the Catholic Church and he is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus and the M. B. A.

Feb. 13, 1895, Clemens A. Lammers was united in marriage with

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Pauline Bahm, who was born in Pilot Grove Township, daughter of Peter D. Bahm and wife, and to this union 10 children have been born, two of whom died in infancy, the others being Herman, William, Augustine, Lorene, Isabel, Alice, Walter and Gilbert.

Archibald McGuire

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Archibald McGuire, proprietor of "Mountcalm" farm in Blackwater Township and one of the substantial farmers and stockmen of Cooper County. He was born on a farm in Pilot Grove Township Dec. 18, 1876, son of John and Hannah McGuire, who were the parents of nine children, of whom six survive as follows: George, a retired farmer, Nelson,; Uncas, also living near Nelson; Mrs. William Taylor, also of Nelson; Mrs. Frances Younger, of Nelson; Mrs. M. R. Brommer, Boonville, and Archibald.

Archibald McGuire received his schooling in the district schools and from his boyhood has devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits. When 21 years of age he rented a farm near Boonville and began to farm on his own account for six years, when he took a farm in Blackwater Township and in the fall of 1904 established his home at "Mountcalm", where he now lives, a farm of 180 acres owned by his wife in section 13 of that Township. In addition to his interest in this place Mr. McGuire is the owner of 375 acres. He has given considerable attention to the raising of live stock. His place is well improved. Mr. McGuire takes an interest in local civic affairs, but is independent in his political views. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church South.

Sept. 4, 1904, Archibald McGuire was married to Nancy Trent Jones, a member of one of the real pioneer families of Cooper County, and to this union two children have been born: Archibald Jones McGuire and Woodrow Wilson McGuire. Mrs. McGuire was born near the place on which she is now living in Blackwater Township (the old Jones homestead) Jan. 1, 1881, daughter of George C. and Nannie (Trent) Jones, both members of pioneer families in this county, the founder of which family here was Caleb Jones, grandfather of Mrs. McGuire, who came here from Kentucky penniless in 1826 and who at the time of his death in 1883 was said to be the wealthiest man in Cooper County.

John Schlotzhauer
(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

John Schlotzhauer, one of Cooper County's most highly respected citizens, is now living retired in Clear Creek Township. He was born on a pioneer farm in Clear Creek Township, his birthplace having been a log cabin with a dirt floor, June 1, 1839, son of Henry and Catherine (Lingen) Schlotzhauer, who were among the early settlers of Cooper County.

Henry Schlotzhauer was born in Germany, and there remained until

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young manhood, when he came to the United States, arriving at New Orleans, and for a time remained in the South, where he married Catherine Lingen, who was born in Alsace, France, and who had come to this country with her parents. Not long after their marriage, Henry Schlotzhauer and his wife came by boat up the Mississippi and thence up the Missouri to Cooper County and settled in Clear Creek Township, where they established their home in a log cabin. In that log cabin the first of their children were born, but they soon had a better house, and as time passed had a well improved farm. On that place they spent the remainder of their lives, useful and influential pioneers of Cooper County. Henry Schlotzhauer and his wife were the parents of six children, as follows; John; Henry, Pilot Grove Township; Christina, wife of D. F. Nixon, Pilot Grove; Christian C., Pilot Grove Township; Rudolph H., a resident of California, and Fredericka, deceased.

John Schlotzhauer was reared on the farm on which he was born in Clear Creek Township, and has always been a farmer. He became the owner of 500 acres of land, which in later years he sold to his sons, and is thus relieved of the responsibility of management, being now in a position to take things easy. During the Civil War, Mr. Schlotzhauer served as a member of the Home Guard. He has been twice married, his first wife, America Masel, was born in this county, a member of one of the pioneer families, and to whom he was married in 1866; she died many

years ago. She was a daughter of Sylvester Masel, who also was born in this county, a son of one of the very early, early settlers in this part of Missouri. To John and America (Masel) Schlotzhauer were born seven children, of whom further mention is made in this volume. Following the death of his first wife, Mr. Schlotzhauer married Mrs. Sarah V. (Long) Holman, widow of M. F. Holman, who died without issue. Mr. Schlotzhauer is one of the stockholders in the Boonville National Bank of Boonville. Politically, he is an independent republican, and is a Methodist.

Theodore Koonse
(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Theodore Koonse, an extensive farmer and stockman of Cooper County, was born in Northumberland County, Pa., Aug. 30, 1870, son of George R. and Emma (Gerhardt) Koonse, both natives of that same state. George R. Koonse grew up in Pennsylvania, familiar with the building trades and in his later life became a successful carpenter and building contractor. During the Civil War he served as a soldier of the Union, serving first as a private in one of the Pennsylvania infantry regiments

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and later with the cavalry and in one of the battles in which he was engaged was seriously wounded and was taken prisoner and confined in Libby prison, from which he was exchanged on account of his wound. In 1877 he came with his wife and family west and located at Ellsworth, Kan., where he became engaged as a building contractor and also worked for some time as a railroad carpenter. About 1895 he moved to Hugo, Okla., where he and his wife are now living retired, he being 77 years of age and his wife, 76. Two children were born to them; Mrs. Anna Spofford, now deceased, and Theodore.

Theodore Koonse was seven years of age when his parents moved from Pennsylvania to Kansas and in the latter state he grew to manhood. In 1893 he came to Missouri and located at Boonville, where he worked for a while and then became engaged as a farm hand, working for 40 cents a day, and continued thus employed until 1901, since which time he has made his home on the farm on which he and his family are now living, a well improved place of 220 acres which is owned by his wife. Mr. Koonse is carrying on his farming operations on quite an extensive scale, using gas tractors and cultivating in all 400 acres of land, besides feeding much live stock. In the fall of 1918 he put in 130 acres of wheat and in the following spring put in an additional acreage of twenty-five acres in spring wheat, he having found that, contrary to the results of similar experiments on the part of some of his neighbors, spring wheat can be successfully raised in Boonville Township. In his political views Mr. Koonse reserves the right to be independent, declining to be confined in his opinions of men and policies by party ties.

July 10, 1901, Theodore Koonse was united in marriage to Lucy Prewitt and to this union two children have been born, George P. and Van Wesley. Mrs. Koonse was born on the place on which she is now living, March 3, 1876, and has lived there all her life. She is the daughter of William and Nannie (Redd) Prewitt, the latter of whom, a native of Cooper County, is still living, making her home with her daughter on the old Prewitt homestead, which is regarded as one of the historic spots in west Boonville Township, one of the first school houses in Cooper County having been erected just as the rear of the old original log cabin which stood on the place in pioneer days. A quarter of a mile south of the place is Magee Grove, a favorite camping ground for the freighters in the days of the old overland trail which passed through this farm. In the old days the Prewitt farm, which is in sections 13 and 14 of Boonville Township, was owned by a Mr. Wilson, who hauled lumber by ox teams

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from Arkansas to erect a house on the place, exchanging merchandise for the lumber. For some years after coming to this county, Mr. Koonse was engaged in operating a threshing rig and saw-mill and in Sept., 1903, suffered the misfortune of losing his left arm while trying to manipulate the belting which controlled the big saw. He is now running a threshing rig and has two large tractors.

Dr. Enslie Irvin Schilb
(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Dr. Enslie Irvin Schilb, a well known young dentist of Pilot Grove, who served during the greater part of the period in which the United States participated in the World War as a private and later as first lieutenant in the dental detachment of the National Army and holds a commission in reserve core for period of five years, was born at Otterville, April 1, 1893, a son of Francis and Sophia (Spiler) Schilb.

Francis Schilb also was a native of Cooper County, born at Gooch's Mill in 1861, a son of Adam Schilb and wife, the former of whom was born in Germany and as a young man came to the United States, first locating in Kentucky, later coming to Missouri, where he settled on a farm in Cooper County and here spent the remainder of his life, a substantial resident of the Gooch's Mill neighborhood. Francis Schilb grew up as a farmer and for some time followed that vocation near Otterville, but in 1899 he moved to Pilot Grove, where he was engaged in the hardware business until his death in 1911. His widow is making her home with her son, Doctor Schilb, at Pilot Grove. She was born on a farm six miles east of Boonville in 1866, daughter of Ernest Spiler and wife, the latter of whom was a Graff and both of whom were born in Germany, having come here with their respective parents in the latter '40s or early '50s. To Francis and Sophia (Spiler) Schilb were born three children, those besides the subject of this review being Emily, wife of Ray Lotspeich, of Nelson, Mo., and Ernest A., deceased.

Dr. Enslie I. Schilb received excellent training for the practice of the enacting profession to which he early directed his studies and he has a well equipped office at Pilot Grove. He was but five years of age when his parents moved from the farm to Pilot Grove and his early schooling was received in the schools of that town, including the course in the academy there. In 1912 he entered the dental department of the University at St. Louis and was graduated in June, 1915. Doctor Schilb then returned to Pilot Grove and opened an office for the practice of his profession. In Jan., 1918, at Jefferson Barracks he enlisted in the National Army as a private in the dental detachment. In the following June he was called to service and was assigned to Camp Pike (Arkansas), where

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he was thus serving when the demobilization of his detachment was ordered some time following the signing of the armistice in the World War in November. Dec. 21, 1918, he received his honorable discharge and returned home and resumed his practice, to which he has since given his undivided attention.

Doctor Schilb is a republican. He is a member of the Methodist Church and is affiliated with the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons and the Knights of the Maccabees. The Doctor is a member of the Greek letter college fraternity Psi Omega (dental) and also takes a warm interest in the affairs of that organization.

Judge Peter G. Meisenheimer
(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Judge Peter G. Meisenheimer, county judge for the western district of Cooper County, end one of the substantial land owners and farmers in Clear Creek Township, was born on the farm on which he now lives, April 27, 1868. He is a son of Philip and Elizabeth (Stabeline) Meisenheimer, both

natives of Germany, many years residents of this country. Philip Meisenheimer was born in Hesse-Darmstadt, Dec. 18, 1822, and remained in his native land until he had reached his majority, when, in 1855, he came to the United States and located in Illinois, where he was living when the Civil War broke out. Aug. 8, 1861, he enlisted in Company E, Second Illinois Artillery, and he served until mustered out, Sept. 29, 1864. In St. Louis, he married, and in 1866 came to Cooper County and located on the farm now owned and occupied by Judge Meisenheimer. There he opened a general store, which he conducted in addition to his farming, and was appointed postmaster of Clear Creek. He developed an excellent farm, and there spent the remainder of his life. He died March 19, 1912, he then being in his 79th year. His wife died Aug. 12, 1910. She was born in Baden, Jan. 25, 1832, and had been married twice prior to her marriage to Philip Meisenheimer. By her first marriage she was the mother of two children, William J. Renter, who is still living in Clear Creek Township, and Minnie Renter, who has for years been a nun in the convent at Conception, Mo. By her second marriage she also was the mother of one child, Jacob F. Meussig, a farmer of Pilot Grove Township. To Philip and Elizabeth (Stabeline) Meisenheimer were born two children, Judge Meisenheimer having a sister, Mrs. Mary A. Bonen of Pettis County. Philip Meisenheimer was a member of the Evangelical Church and his wife was a Catholic.

Peter G. Meisenheimer grew to manhood on the farm on which he born, receiving his schooling in the district school and Pilot Grove Academy. In 1891, he began farming on his own account, renting the home

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farm from his father. Following his father's death he inherited 225 acres, and is now the owner of 420 acres, 165 acres of which lies in Pilot Grove Township. Judge Meisenheimer has made substantial improvements on the place. In addition to his general farming, he has long given considerable attention to the raising of live stock. He is interested in the Citizens Bank of Pilot Grove, and the Pilot Grove Bank. Since 1909, Judge Meisenheimer has been a director of the Clarks Fork Farmers Mutual Fire, Lightning and Tornado Insurance Company of Cooper County, and he has been vice-president of that company since 1915. The judge is a republican, and has for years been recognized as among the leaders of his party in this county. Nov. 7, 1916, he was elected judge for the western district of Cooper County, and in 1918 was re-elected, thus now serving his second term in that capacity. Judge Meisenheimer and his family are members of the Evangelical Church.

Judge Meisenheimer has been twice married. Dec. 28, 1892, he was married to Jennie Back, who was born in this county, Nov. 4, 1868, daughter of Daniel and Christina (Schupp) Back, and to that union three children were born: The Rev. Philip W., a minister of the Evangelical Church, Lewisville, Ohio; Daniel R., who was inducted into the National Army, a member of the Medical Corps, in 1917, and was stationed at Ft. Benjamin Harrison, Indianapolis, and is now at home; and Otto P., assisting his father in the management of the farm. The mother of these sons died April 21, 1903, and Dec. 27, 1907, Judge Meisenheimer married Katherine Eve Friess, who also was born in this county, and to this union four children have been born: Carl A., John Reinhardt, Paul E., and Oscar William. The mother of these latter children was born in Clear Creek Township, Sept. 24, 1877, daughter of Philip and Elizabeth (Schupp) Friess, natives of Germany, and early settlers in Clear Creek Township, both now deceased.

John B. Immele

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

John R. Immele, a prominent farmer and stockman and former member of the board of county commissioners of Cooper County, was born at Boonville on July 7, 1866, son of Louis and Teresa (Meisburger) Immele, natives of Alsace-Lorraine and members of pioneer families in Cooper County, whose last days were spent here. The Immele and Meisburger families were two of the pioneer families of Boonville. The passport of the F. J. Immele and family, issued at Havre,

France, in 1851, is still preserved in the family. One son, F. J. Immele, Jr., accompanied the parents. The older son, Louis Immele, father of the subject of this review was a cannoneer in the French army in Africa at the time. After six

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years of service with honors he rejoined the family in this country and located in Boonville. In 1856 the junior F. J. Immele married Catherine Meisburger and in 1859 Louis Immele married Catherine's sister, Teresa Meisburger. These young women were daughters of Max Meisburger who with his family of eight children arrived in Boonville from Alsace, France in 1848. Max Meisburger had served for six years as a soldier in the army of the great Napoleon and was very proud of the medals he had received for bravery. During the progress of the Franco-Prussian War (1870-73) he kept posted through the French papers which he received and when the Prussian victory was announced he, with clenched fists and tear-dimmed eyes declared: "If our great Napoleon had lived he and I would never have tolerated the Prussians to lord it over our beloved France", and expressed the hope and belief that his grandchildren would live to see the happy day when Alsace-Lorraine would be liberated from the Prussian domination. During the time of America's participation in the World War which resulted in the return to France of the "lost" provinces nine of his great-grandchildren answered the call to the front and when the armistice was declared in the fall of 1918 six more were waiting for the next call, all eager to serve America first and France next. During the progress of the Civil War both F. J. and Louis Immele served faithfully for three years as soldiers in behalf of the cause of the union, and their previous military experience as soldiers of France gave a special value to their services, both being qualified as sharpshooters.

Mrs. Immele, wife of the senior F. J. Immele and grandmother of Professor Immele, the subject of this sketch, was a daughter of Major General Boshea, who offered his life in a ten-years service in the French army. As the river boat on which she arrived at Boonville neared the landing amid the Boonville hills she exclaimed, "Oh, where are our beautiful church spires of France?" When she realized there were none here she begged to be permitted to return to France, but amid the many, though often trying, novelties of the new situation she presently became reconciled to the pioneer conditions which faced the family and performed ably her part in helping to bring about stable social conditions. Boonville then consisted of a few log houses used as trading centers and a few dwelling houses of a very humble sort. The house which the Immeles occupied until they could build a new one was located at what is now the corner of High and Sixth streets. Church services, which meant much to the Immeles, who were devout Catholics, were held in a room of a log cabin by Father Meister, a missionary, who once or twice a year

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would ride over from Illinois on his faithful donkey to administer for the comfort of the few families of the Catholic faith who by this time had assembled at the settlement around Boonville landing. These faithful families formed the nucleus for the present strong Catholic congregation and the church and school which they established there. In those days deer roamed the woods which then covered the site of the present opera house at Boonville and F. J. Immele enjoyed deer hunting in the hills now know as Kemper Grounds. He was a skilled musician and was often called to furnish the music for the dances which were held at Franklin, he and Doctor Roeschell and Doctor Kuekelhan crossing the river in a canoe and on their way combine duck hunting with their prospective service in behalf of the merrymakers.

The surviving members of the Immele family in Cooper County are mainly farmers. Prof. John Immele of Pilot Grove has combined teaching school for nearly 30 years with farming and has reared a family of 10 children. Others also are farming successfully, while some have chosen city life for the exercise of their endeavors. The only surviving members in Boonville of the F. J. Immele family are Miss Mary Immele and Anna Immele Lester, who, with the aid of their aged father in 1894 purchased the square known as Hendricks Addition on Third Street. The abstract

of title to this square carries the data back to 1800. The abstract to the present Immele location on Chestnut street also dates back to 1800.

John B. Immele was reared on a farm and his elementary schooling was received in the parochial school at Boonville, this being supplemented by attendance at the public school and at Pilot Grove Collegiate Institute. In 1892 he began teaching school, continuing farming during the summers and for 27 years continued teaching, during this time becoming one of the best known educators in Cooper County. After his marriage in 1898 Professor Immele established his home on his present farm of 80 acres a mile north of Pilot Grove and has since resided there. The Professor is a democrat. In 1905 he was elected a member of the board of county commissioners from his district and in this important public capacity served for two years. He and his family are members of the Catholic Church and he is affiliated with the Catholic Knights of America.

Sept. 5, 1898, Prof. John B. Immele was united in marriage with Anna Martin and to this union 10 children have been born: John, Raymond, deceased; Isabelle; Cecelia, Sophia, Mary A., Joseph, deceased; Martha, Leonard, and Anastacia. Mrs. Immele was born on a farm in

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Pilot Grove Township on Nov. 9, 1873. Her parents were natives of Prussia, Daniel and Elizabeth (Esser) Martin, and were members of pioneer families in the Pilot Grove neighborhood.

Judge James P. Talley (Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Judge James P. Talley, a veteran of the Civil War and former judge of the County Court of Cooper County, was born on a farm east of Boonville. April 17, 1842, son of Henderson and Mary (Taylor) Talley, the former a native of Tennessee and the latter of Kentucky, who came to this county with their respective parents in pioneer days and here spent the remainder of their lives. Henderson Talley and his wife were the parents of six children as follows: Mrs. Louisa Hopkins, deceased; William, Boonville; James P.; Mrs. Mary Woods, deceased; Marion C., deceased, and Mrs. Catherine Nuland, a widow, Boonville.

Reared on the home farm east of Boonville, James P. Talley received his schooling in the district schools and was living there when the Civil War broke out. When twenty years of age, in April 1862, at Boonville, he enlisted as a member of the Missouri State Militia. Not long afterward he enlisted in the Federal army as a member of Company I, Missouri Volunteer Cavalry and served in Missouri and the West until his discharge at Ft. Collins, Colo., in July 1866, and was shortly afterward mustered out with his command at Ft. Leavenworth, Kan. He returned to Cooper County and resumed farming, renting a place near Boonville, where he continued farming until 1868 when he bought a farm of 265 acres in Pilot Grove Township. When Judge Talley bought that place it was almost wholly timber land, but he went to work vigorously to get the place cleared and under cultivation and it was not long until he had a well improved farm. There he continued to make his home until his retirement in 1911, when he sold the farm and moved to Pilot Grove, where he has since resided. Judge Talley is a republican. Many years ago he was elected constable in his home Township and in 1892 was elected county judge, a position he filled for two terms. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Church and he is affiliated with the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons and with the local post of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Judge Talley has been thrice married. His first wife, Zilda Morton, who was born in Tennessee, died six years after her marriage, leaving one child, Mrs. Annette Malott, of Pilot Grove Township. The second wife, Isabel Kirkpatrick who was born in western Missouri, died 20 years ago. To that union were born six children, namely: Waldo, Pilot Grove Township; James B., of that same Township; Effie M., wife of Curry Brownfield,

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of East Pilot Grove; Mrs. Nellie Cramer, of Blackwater Township, and John, deceased. Nov. 9, 1894, Judge Talley married Fannie McGibony, who was born in Tennessee in 1853 and who was 18 months of age when her parents came to Missouri and settled in the southern part of the state, where she grew to womanhood and was a school teacher, a vocation in which she was engaged for 29 years, teaching in and around Demon, Texas, and in Phelps and Howell Counties.

Lester O. Zeigle

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Lester O. Zeigle, one of Cooper County's substantial farmers and stockmen, was born Sept. 18, 1873, son of Henry and Malinda (McGuire) Zeigle, influential residents of Boonville Township in their generation and the latter of whom is still living in Pilot Grove Township. Henry Zeigle was born in New York State about 1846, and was 12 or 14 years of age when he came to Missouri with his parents, the family settling on a farm in Boonville Township, where he grew to manhood. During the Civil War he enlisted at Boonville as a soldier of the Union and served until the close of the war, even after he had been severely wounded by a minnie ball through the body in a battle in this State, rejoining his command before his wound had healed and fighting to the end. On one occasion he became separated from his command and found himself surrounded by a detachment of 50 or more of the enemy who demanded his surrender. In reply, he put the spurs to his horse and dashed through the line that surrounded him and thus made his way safely back to his own lines. At the close of his military service, Henry Zeigle engaged in farming, starting with \$50. He prospered, and in time became the owner of over 500 acres of land in Boonville Township. Though his own schooling had been limited in the days of his youth, Henry Zeigle was an instinctive student and a great reader, and ever took an earnest interest in the cause of education, a constant encouragement to his children and to the whole neighborhood to make the most of the growing advantages along that line. He was a republican. He was an active member of the local post of the Grand Army of the Republic, and he and his wife were members of the Presbyterian Church, in the faith of which denomination their children were reared. Henry Zeigle died in 1913, and at his passing left a good memory. His widow is now living in Pilot Grove Township, in which Township she was born, a daughter of Timothy McGuire and wife, well known residents of that community in their generation. To Henry and Malinda (McGuire) Zeigle were born eight children, as follows: Lester O.; Prof. William H. Zeigle, who for years has been active in the work of the State Normal School at Kirksville, a lecturer in the school

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and a wide traveler in its behalf; Rev. Anthony F. Zeigle, also of Kirksville, and one of the best known Presbyterian clergymen in Missouri, a sound pulpit orator whose services are much in demand over the State as a preacher of baccalaureate sermons and for services of a general public character; John, deceased; one who died in infancy; Cloud, deceased; Lee, deceased, and Grace M., wife of Daniel Rothgeb, of New Lebanon Township.

Lester O. Zeigle received his schooling in the local schools, supplementing the same by the extensive home reading to which his father constantly encouraged him. In 1909 he bought his first farm, a tract of 167 acres, and in 1913 bought a tract of 235 acres, the place on which he is now living. In the spring of 1919 he sold his first tract and is now giving his whole attention to his home farm, which he has improved in admirable fashion and on which, in addition to his general farming, he raises live stock, with special reference to high grade Jersey cattle and O. I. C. and Poland China hogs. Mr. Zeigle is a republican, as was his father. His wife and children are members of the Catholic Church.

April 20, 1896, Lester O, Zeigle was married to Catherine Immele, who also was born in this county, daughter of Louis and Teresa (Meisburger) Immele, who had come to this country with their respective parents in the early '50s. To Mr. and Mrs. Zeigle six children have been born, namely: Lorena, who is completing her schooling at Pilot Grove; Viola, deceased; and Francis, Christina, Henry and Robert.

George Gross

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

George Gross, proprietor of a well-kept farm in Pilot Grove Township and one of the best-known men in that Township, was born in St. Clair County, Ill., April 15, 1858, son of Jacob and Josephine (Wachter) Gross, both natives of Bavaria, but whose last days were spent in this county, residents of the Choteau Springs, Pilot Grove Township and whose remains are resting in St. Martin's Cemetery in that Township. Jacob Gross was born in 1819, and in 1840 he came to the United States, locating at Belleville, Ill., where he operated a stone quarry, a vocation which he had followed in his home land. There he married and continued to reside until 1869, when he came with his family to Missouri, and settled on a farm near Choteau Springs in Pilot Grove Township, where he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives, his death occurring in 1893. She was born Sept. 13, 1818, and died Nov. 22, 1912. Jacob Gross and wife were the parents of three children, one of whom died in infancy, and the others are George and Jacob, a resident of Pilot Grove Township.

George Gross was 10 years of age when he came to Cooper County with

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his parents in 1869, and he grew to manhood on the home farm in Pilot Grove Township, completing his schooling in the local schools. After his marriage in 1886 he continued making his home on the home place of 120 acres, and in time became the owner of the same. In 1893 he bought his present farm of 220 acres in that same Township, and in 1895 sold the old home place and moved on to his present farm, which he has improved in excellent fashion. Mr. Gross is a democrat. He and his family are members of St. Martin's Catholic Church and he is a member of the Knights of Columbus.

Jan. 20, 1886, George Gross was married to Elizabeth Peak, who was born in this county, and to this union seven children have been born, namely: Barnard, Howard County; Josephine, wife of Andrew Gramlich, Pilot Grove Township; Frank, Howard County; Mary, wife of John Schuster, Pilot Grove Township; John, at home, assisting in the operations of the home farm; Edward H., who served with the United States Army in France; and Leonard, who is now a student in a school of automotive mechanics at Kansas City. Edward H. Gross, who was born Feb. 4, 1896, was inducted into the National Army, Sept. 20, 1917, and was trained at Camp Funston; seven months later he went to France as a member of Company C, 138th Infantry, 35th Division, with which command he participated in some of the most severe campaigning of the World War, including the battle which was waged in the Argonne Forest. He was discharged in May, 1919, and is now at home. Mrs. Elizabeth Gross was born in Clear Creek Township, May 1, 1863, daughter of Peter and Catherine (Keck) Peak, the former of whom also was born in this county, of pioneer parentage, and the latter in Baden, Germany. During the Civil War, Peter Peak enlisted in behalf of the Union cause and was killed in battle during the Shelby raid. He and his wife were the parents of two daughters, of whom Mrs. Gross is the elder, she having a sister, Mary, who, under the name of Sister Mary Maura, has for years been rendering service in the convent school at Conception, Mo. Some time after the death of her soldier husband the Widow Peak married Bernard Horst, who also was born in Germany, and who as well as herself is now deceased. To that union five children were born.

John T. Davis

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

John T. Davis, owner of an excellent farm in Pilot Grove Township and a good piece of property in the town of Blackwater, where he is now living and who prefers to refer to himself as an "ex-farmer", was born in Franklin County, Ohio, Sept. 18, 1862, son of John J. and Hester Ann (Rose) Davis, whose last days were spent in that county. John J. Davis

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was a native of Wales, born on a farm in 1841. When a boy he came with his parents to this country, locating at Pittsburgh, Pa., and later moved to Franklin County, Ohio, where he married and engaged in farming and where he died in 1915. His wife, who was born in Fairfield County, Ohio, died in 1886 at the age of 56 years. They were the parents of seven children, four sons and three daughters, of whom the subject of this sketch is the only one residing in Missouri.

Reared on the farm in Franklin County, Ohio, John T. Davis there grew to manhood, receiving his schooling in the district schools, and there remained until his marriage in the spring of 1889, when he and his wife came to Missouri and located at Blackwater, where he became engaged as a laborer, later becoming engaged as a farm hand. In 1904, he bought a farm of 35 acres and began farming. He prospered and in 1906, he bought 188 acres in Pilot Grove Township, to which he moved and there continued to reside until his retirement in Aug., 1918, and return to Blackwater, where he owns a comfortable place comprising six acres. Mr. Davis is a republican. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Church and he is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America.

March 6, 1889, in Ohio, John T. Davis was married to Nina B. Smith and to this union seven children have been born, namely: Irvin, is farming in this county; John S., is farming the home farm in Pilot Grove Township; Fannie, wife of C. G. Moore, Boonville; George, deceased; and Willard, Howard and Vernon, at home with their parents. Mrs. Davis was born in Pickaway County, Ohio, April 13, 1872, daughter of S. Smith and wife, the latter of whom was a Hoover. Mrs. Smith lives in Ohio.

William B. Rissler

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

William B. Rissler, cashier of the Pleasant Green Bank of Pleasant Green, and former clerk of Cooper County, is a native of Virginia, but has been a resident of Missouri and of Cooper County since he was 12 years of age. He was born on a farm in Jefferson County, Va., July 27, 1861, son of Samuel L. and Sarah (Johnston) Rissler, both natives of Virginia, and the latter of whom is still living on the old home place there at the age of 87 years. Samuel L. Rissler was born in 1832 and died in 1905. He and his wife were the parents of 11 children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the third in order of birth.

When he was 12 years of age, William B. Rissler came to Missouri with his uncle, William Rissler, who located on a farm here in 1873, and who afterward served as judge for the western district of the county, and on that farm he grew to manhood, completing his schooling in the public schools and at Central College at Fayette, Mo. He then resumed

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farming on the farm of his uncle, Judge Rissler, but in 1884, began farming on his own account, and thus continued until his election in 1898, as the nominee of the democratic party, to the office of clerk of Cooper County. For four years Mr. Rissler occupied that position, and upon the expiration of his term he engaged in buying and selling horses and mules.

In 1905, recognizing the need of a bank at Pleasant Green, Mr. Rissler set about the organization of such an institution, and upon organization was elected cashier of the same, a position he since has occupied. The Pleasant Green Bank is capitalized at \$10,000. Upon organization of the bank in 1905, Judge J. D. Stark was chairman of the organization. Dr. J. S. Parish was elected president, which office he now holds. A. J. Reed has been vice-president of the bank since its organization. The bank has a directorate of nine members, all farmers with the exception of Mr. Rissler and Doctor Parish, and is a member of the Missouri State Bankers Association and of the American Bankers Association.

Mr. Rissler is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church (South), and he is affiliated with the Masons and with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is a Royal Arch Mason, a member of the council, Free and Accepted Masters; of the commandery, Knights Templar (York Rite), and of the Boonville temple of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

William T. Tally

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

William T. Tally, a veteran of the Civil War, and a substantial retired farmer of Cooper County, was born on a farm in Saline Township, Oct. 14, 1839, son of Henderson and Mary Ann (Taylor) Tally, the former a native of Tennessee, born Jan. 6, 1811, and the latter of Kentucky, born Feb. 10, 1816. They were married in this county Dec. 15, 1836, and spent the remainder of their lives here. Henderson Tally died in 1887. He and his wife were the parents of six children: Mrs. Louisa Hopkins, deceased; William T.; Judge James P. Tally, Pilot Grove; Mrs. Mary Woods, deceased; Marion C., deceased, and Mrs. Catherine Newlin, a widow, Boonville.

William T. Tally received his schooling in the primitive schools of the time, and was living at home when the Civil War broke out. In 1862 he enlisted in the Union cause for two years, and was attached to Company F, Fifth Regiment, Missouri State Militia. At the end of his two years he re-enlisted and went to the front as a member of Company I, Twelfth Missouri Cavalry, serving with Sherman's army. Nov. 24, 1864, in the battle of Franklin, his horse was shot from under him and he was taken

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prisoner and sent to the Confederate prison at Andersonville, Ga., where he remained until the close of the war and was mustered out under a general order, April 29, 1865. During a visit home on furlough in the summer of 1863, Mr. Tally had married, and upon his return home, after his long military service, he resumed farming in Saline Township, where he owned a farm of 120 acres. He added to his holding, and from time to time was the owner of several farms in this county. In 1903, Mr. Tally disposed of his farm holdings and moved to Boonville, where he since has made his home at 1026 Fifth Street. Mr. Tally is an ardent Republican, but has not been a seeker after office. He is a member of the local post of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Aug. 14, 1863, William T. Tally was united in marriage to Louisa A. Tate, who was born in Warren County, Tenn., Dec. 22, 1845, daughter of Douglas and Sarah (Price) Tate, the former of whom was born in that county, and the latter in Jackson County, Ala., who came with their family to Missouri in 1852 and settled on a farm in Texas County, where they spent the remainder of their lives. Douglas Tate and wife were the parents of 11 children, of whom Mrs. Tally was the fourth in order of birth. Mr. and Mrs. Tally have six children: William A., Boonville; Alice, wife of A. L. Durnil, Saline Township; Joseph D., Boonville; Charles E., of Excelsior Springs; Oscar F., a railway mail clerk of Kansas City; and Hattie E., widow of David A. Snyder, resides with her parents in Boonville. Mrs. Snyder has three children, two daughters and a son, the latter of whom, Oscar E. Snyder, enlisted in the aviation corps of the National Army Jan. 25, 1918, and was assigned to Camp Sevier, N. C., where, after a period of training, he was made a first-class sergeant, and in March, 1918, sailed for overseas service, and is still (spring of 1919) in France.

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