

History of Cooper County Missouri by W. F. Johnson

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George Bail

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

George Bail, proprietor of an excellent farm in Palestine Township is one of the substantial farmers and stockmen in that section of Cooper County. He was born in Boonville Aug. 27, 1861, son of Meirad and Gertrude (Stepner) Bail, who in 1873 moved from that city to a farm in Palestine Township, the place now owned and occupied by their son, George, and there established their home.

Having been but 12 years of age when his parents moved from Boonville to the farm in Palestine Township, George Bail completed his schooling in the schools of that neighborhood and early became acquainted with the details of farm life. He continued farming there until he was 25 years of age when, in 1886, he went to California, remaining there for two years. In 1888 he returned home and began farming with his brother, renting a farm in partnership, and in 1895, he bought the old home place and has since resided there. Since taking possession of the place Mr. Bail has made extensive improvements. He is the owner of 350 acres of land and in addition to his general farming gives considerable attention to the raising of high grade live stock. Mr. Bail is an independent republican. His parents were among the organizers of the Evangelical church in that neighborhood and he has ever remained a faithful supporter of the same.

Sept. 23, 1896, George Bail was married to Mary Muller, who also was born in this county and who died Sept. 9, 1912. To that union were born six children, Edna, Effie, Lorine, Fred, Harry and Roy, all of whom are at home with their father. The late Mrs. Mary Bail was born in Clear Creek Township Aug. 6, 1873, and was a daughter of Frederick and Margaret (Gardner) Muller, natives of Germany, who upon coming to Cooper County settled in Clear Creek Township.

Rev. F. J. Kalvelage

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Rev. F. J. Kalvelage, pastor of St. John's Catholic Church in Clear Creek Township, this county, and one of the best known young clergymen in this section of the state, was born in New York City, March 18, 1881, son of Henry and Susan (Enzweiler) Kalvelage, both of whom are still living and have been making their home with their son, Father Kalvelage, ever since the latter became established as a resident priest in Missouri.

Father Kalvelage, whose training and inclination early directed his ambition to be of service to the church, was but a lad when his parents moved from Chicago to Shannon, Ill., and his early schooling was received in the schools of that place. This schooling was supplemented by a course

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in a private school at Freeport, Ill., under the direction of his uncle, Rev. Clement Kalvelage, and it was there that he began to bend his studies toward preparation for the priesthood. Thus equipped by preliminary study he entered St. Bede's College at Peru, Ill., and was graduated from that institution in 1901, having successfully completed the general and classical course. In that year he entered Kenrick Theological Seminary at St. Louis, where he was further grounded in theology and philosophy, and from that institution was graduated in 1906. Immediately following his graduation Father Kalvelage was ordained to the priesthood in June, 1906, and was assigned

by the bishop to be the assistant priest in St. John's parish in Kansas City. Sept. 8, 1906, he was transferred to Mary's Home, Mo., in pastoral charge of the parish at that place, and there remained, doing an excellent and effectual work, for nearly 10 years, or until July 1, 1916, when he was assigned to the pastorate of St. John's parish in Clear Creek Township, Cooper County, where he has since been stationed and where he has been granted the gratification of seeing the work of the parish much enlarged during his incumbency.

Thomas L. Fairfax
(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Thomas L. Fairfax, one of Cooper County's best known school teachers, for the past 10 years principal of the Clifton schools, and who also has for some years past been successfully engaged in the real estate and live stock business at Clifton City, is a native son of Cooper County. He was born on a farm in Lebanon Township June 9, 1881, son of C. P. and Emma (Kemp) Fairfax, the former of whom is still living, very comfortably situated on his farm in Lebanon Township.

C. P. Fairfax was born in Fairfax County, Va., in 183, and was but a boy when he came to Missouri with his parents, who settled in this county, where he grew to manhood and engaged in farming, a vocation which he ever since has followed. His wife was killed in 1890 by being thrown from a horse which she was riding, the animal becoming frightened and throwing her in such a way that her foot caught in the stirrup. Before she was released from her dreadful position she had received injuries which terminated fatally. To C. P. Fairfax and wife were born seven children: Willard P., Versailles, Mo.; Leslie P., Kansas City; June, wife of T. G. Lavis, Kansas City; Thomas L.; Foster H., Holcomb, Kan.; Elmer N., deceased, and Earl L., died in infancy.

Thomas L. Fairfax was educated in the local schools and the State Normal School at Warrensburg and in 1901 began teaching a profession

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he has followed during season ever since, his work in the school room covering five districts. During the past 10 years he has been engaged as principal of the Clifton schools and in that capacity has done much to elevate the standard of education in the schools over which he has had charge. Mr. Fairfax also has for years been actively engaged in the real estate business and in the buying and selling of live stock at Clifton City. He is one of the town's progressive and wide-awake business men. Politically, he is a democrat, and is affiliated with the Otterville lodge of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons and the Modern Woodmen of America and Royal Neighbors.

April 24, 1917, Thomas L. Fairfax was united in marriage with Mary L. Sweeney, also of this county, and to this union one child has been born, a son, Thomas L., Jr., born Feb. 8, 1918. Mrs. Fairfax was born at Clifton City, Mo., a daughter of Dennis and Lucy (Mullens) Sweeney, who are now living on a farm north of Clifton City, where they have lived the past 36 years.

Dryden L. Starke
(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Dryden L. Starke, one of Cooper County's prominent farmers and stockmen is a native son of this county. He was born on a farm in Lebanon Township on Dec. 1, 1867, son of John D. and Mary A. (Stratton) Starke, both now deceased and a sketch of whom appears in this volume.

Dryden L. Starke was reared on the home farm in Lebanon Township and received his schooling in the district schools and the Boonville High School from which he was graduated in 1887 under the preceptorship of Professor Haines. Upon leaving school he returned to the home farm and there remained until his marriage in 1891, in which year he took up his residence on the farm on which his wife was born, the old John Davis farm in Kelly Township, a mile north of Bethlehem

Church, and has since been very successfully engaged there in general farming and cattle raising, long having been recognized as one of the most extensive cattle feeders in Cooper County. Mr. Starke and his wife are the owners of a fine farm of 500 acres. Since taking charge there Mr. Starke has made many substantial improvements on the place. He is a democrat, as was his father, and has ever taken an interested part in civic affairs. He served in the capacity of inspector of meats at the state prison at Jefferson City, during which time he and his wife made their home at the state capital. Mr. Starke is affiliated with the Masonic lodge at Bunceton, with the Boonville lodge of Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and with the

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Modern Woodmen of America. He and his wife are members of the Presbyterian Church.

Oct. 23, 1891, Dryden L. Starke was married to Bertha May Davis, who was born on the place on which she is still living, May 19, 1871, daughter of John A. and Mary (Booth) Davis, the former of whom also was born in this county, a member of one of Cooper County's pioneer families and the latter in Sardis, Miss. John A. Davis was reared in this county and in time became a substantial farmer in Kelly Township, owner of the place on which the Starkes now reside, and was also for years extensively engaged as a dealer in the mule market, one of the best known dealers in that line in central Missouri. He married in Mississippi and thereafter made his home in this county, where he and his wife spent their last days. They were the parents of four children, of whom Mrs. Starke was the third in order of birth. To Dryden L. and Bertha M. (Davis) Starke four children have been born, namely: Mary, who is at home; Maurice P., also at home, a valued assistant to his father; Dick D., who is now (spring of 1919) with the American Expeditionary Forces in France, and Virginia, deceased. Dick D. Starke, the soldier son, was born Nov. 22, 1898, had finished his studies in a school of civil engineering at Kansas City and was a student at Washington University, St. Louis, when this country declared war against Germany. He at once enlisted and served in a machine gun company attached to the 138th Infantry of the United States army, with which command he sailed for overseas service in April, 1918, and served in the rank of corporal. He was discharged in June 1919, and is now at home.

Oliver L. Cordry

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Oliver L. Cordry who has a well-improved farm in Lebanon Township, was born within a half mile of the site of his present home, a son of William F. Cordry, who is still living on the old home place, and has lived thereabout all his life. He is a grandson of James Cordry, the pioneer, who came here with his family in 1830 and settled on a tract of government land he had entered here, becoming a useful and influential residents of that community. The little log cabin set up there in the clearing by James Cordry back in pioneer days is still standing and n treasured by the family.

Reared on the home farm, within almost a stone's throw of where he is now living, Oliver L. Cordry, who was born on April 29, 1877, received his schooling in the local schools and remaining at home until his

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marriage, when he built a modern home on the farm where he is now living, having acquired the tract from his father in 1906. Mr. Cordry has improved his farm in admirable fashion and is doing well in his operations, which he is carrying on in accordance with modern methods.

Dec. 20, 1914, Oliver L. Cordry was united in marriage with Stella Sites, who also was born in this county. Mr. and Mrs. Cordry are members of the Presbyterian Church and take a proper part in the work of the church as well as in the general social activities of the community. Mrs. Cordry was born in East LaMine Township, Dec. 5, 1880, a daughter of Capt. L. T. Sites and wife, prominent in the life of that community and of whom further mention is made in this work.

Chester Lester Thomas
(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Charles Lester Thomas, a former teacher of this county and who, for some years was engaged in the mercantile business at Lebanon, is now a successful farmer and stock man in Lebanon Township, where he was born Feb. 10, 1874. His parents, A. G. T, and Eliza (Steele) Thomas, are prominent residents of that community.

A. G. T. Thomas also was born in Lebanon Township, Oct.11, 1848, son of Jonas and Izilla (Woolery) Thomas, the latter of whom was a member of one of the pioneer families in this section of Missouri. Jonas Thomas' father was born in Germany. Upon coming to this country he settled on a farm south of Boonville, where he spent the remainder of his life. On that farm A. G. T. Thomas grew to manhood. After his marriage in 1871 he settled on the farm where he is now living in Lebanon Township. He is owner of a fine farm of 190 acres. He is a republican and about the year 1886 was the nominee of that party for the office of county collector, but was defeated. He and his wife are members of the Baptist Church and their children were reared in that faith. Dec. 7, 1871, A. G. T. Thomas was married to Eliza Steele, who also was born in this county, Aug. 26, 1851, and to this union seven children have been born as follows; Ximena, deceased; Charles Lester; Carrie, deceased; Ins, who is at home with her parents; Arthur, deceased; Ira, who is farming in Lebanon Township, and Robert, who is at home assisting his father.

Reared on the home farm in Lebanon Township, Charles L. Thomas completed his schooling in the Clarksburg schools and for six years was engaged in teaching school in this county, meantime continuing his labors on the home farm during the summers. In the summer of 1903 he married and not long thereafter became engaged in the mercantile business at Lebanon in partnership with George Vaughn. In 1905 this store was destroyed by fire and for three years Mr. Thomas was again engaged in

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teaching. In 1908 he rented a farm in Lebanon Township and two years later, in 1910, bought the farm where he has since made his home, he and his family being very pleasantly situated. Mr. Thomas has a well kept farm of 120 acres and is carrying on his operations in accordance with modern methods. In addition to his general farming he gives considerable attention to the raising of live stock and on March 3, 1919, one of his cows, a pure bred six-year-old Jersey, gave birth to four calves, two males and two females, all of which are still (spring of 1919) living and thriving. This successful quadruple birth of calves has attracted much attention among stockmen and is said to be the first case of the kind on record where quadruple calves have lived. Mr. Thomas is a republican and is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America. He and his family are members of the Baptist Church.

June 3, 1903, Charles L. Thomas was united in marriage with Elizabeth Kopp, also of this county, and to this union four children have been born, all of whom are living save the first born who died in infancy, the others being Farrel W., Charles B, and Marvin V. Mrs. Thomas was born and reared in Boonville. She was for a number of years one of the leading teachers of the county. She was a teacher in the Boonville schools when she was married, having held this position for a number of years. She is a daughter of William and Melissa (Mills) Kopp, both now deceased, the former of whom was born in Germany and the latter in Kentucky. William Kopp was for years one of the best known barbers in Boonville.

Richard Rothgeb
(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Richard Rothgeb, formerly and for years one of Cooper County's best known school teachers, a one time nominee of the republican party in this county for county clerk and for years one of the leading breeders of Duroc Jersey hogs in this section of Missouri, owner of a fine farm in Lebanon Township, where he makes his home, was born in that Township and has always regarded that as his home. He was born on Jan. 31, 1880, son of Samuel B. and Elizabeth (Carr) Rothgeb, the latter of whom is still living, making her home with her children in this county, being now in the 82d year of her age.

Samuel B. Rothgeb was born in Page County, Va., in 1830 and died at his home in Cooper County in 1890. He had been for many years a resident of this county and was long regarded as one of the influential farmers of Lebanon Township. His wife was born in Cooper County, Mo. They were the parents of eight children, all of whom were given

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proper advantages in the way of securing an education and five of whom became school teachers. One of their sons, Daniel L. Rothgeb, was for some time superintendent of schools in Cooper County.

Richard Rothgeb received his education in the public schools of this county and the State Normal School at Warrensburg, after which, in 1901, he began teaching and was, with the exception of one year, thus engaged until 1912. In the meantime he had been continuing his labors on the home farm during the summers and in 1912 he began farming on his own account and at the same time paying special attention to the breeding of pure bred Duroc Jersey hogs and has since been thus engaged. He is now one of the most successful Duroc breeders in this section. When Mr. Rothgeb began his breeding operations the stock fold at his sales brought an average of around \$28 a head. He holds two or three sales annually on his farm and the products of his pens, sold at from six to 11 months of age, bring an average of from \$70 to \$80 a head. At one of his recent sales one of his sows brought \$300 and sold later for \$800. Mr. Rothgeb has an excellent farm of 122 acres and now (spring of 1919) has in his pens more than 250 head of purebred Durocs, one of the finest droves in this section. For some seasons past he has been an exhibitor at the state fair and has created a growing market for his product throughout this part of the state. Mr. Rothgeb is a republican and has for years been regarded as one of the leaders of that party in this county. In 1907 he was the nominee of his party for the office of county clerk, but was defeated in the ensuing election by the narrow margin of 77 votes.

May 7, 1906, Richard Rothgeb was married to Jessie Sites, who also was born in this county and who for three years prior to her marriage was engaged in teaching school here and to this union eight children have been born, namely: Mabel, born on Oct. 30, 1907; Wilbur H., Dec. 18, 1908; Thomas B., June 17, 1910; Orville L. and Opal L. (twins), Oct. 30, 1911, the latter of whom died on Aug. 1, 1912; Alice M. and Alline M. (twins), Feb. 2, 1913, the former of whom died on March 22, 1913, and the latter July 8, 1914; and Eldon S., born on Sept. 29, 1915, Mrs. Rothgeb was born in Oct., 1880, in LaMine Township, this county, and is a daughter of Capt. L. T. Sites, for many years one of the best known and influential residents of Cooper County.

Elmer James Brubaker (Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Elmer James Brubaker, one of Kelly Township's well known farmers, is a native son of Cooper County and has lived in this county all his life. He was born on a farm in Lebanon Township March 25, 1878, son of

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Daniel R. and Frances E. (Gander) Brubaker, both of whom were born in Page County, Va., who were married in that county in 1866 and who came to Missouri in 1873, locating on the farm on

which they are still living in Lebanon Township. Daniel R. Brubaker is a veteran of the Civil War, having served in the Confederate army and at the battle of Malvern Hill was several wounded. He and his wife celebrated their golden wedding anniversary three years ago. To them 10 children have been born, all of whom are living.

Elmer J. Brubaker received his education in the local schools and the State Normal School at Warrensburg. He assisted in the operations of the home farm until after his marriage when 21 years of age, after which, early in 1900, he located on an "eighty" which his wife owned in Kelly Township, a part of his present farm there, and has since resided there. As Mr. Brubaker prospered he added to his acreage and now has an excellent farm of 177 1/2 acres, which is well improved. Mr. Brubaker is independent in his political views, but has ever given his thoughtful attention to local affairs and for some time served as director of district, No. 67.

Dec. 25, 1899, Elmer J. Brubaker married Emma Gertrude Cordry, who also was born in this county, and to this union seven children have been born, namely: Wilbur N., born Aug. 25, 1902; Joseph W., Aug. 16, 1904; Cyrus Eldon, June 28, 1907; Louise F., Jan. 13, 1910; David R., Dec. 16 1911; Vincil L. Sept. 18, 1913, and Kenneth H., Jan. 25, 1919, who died March 17, following. Mrs. Brubaker was born Feb. 5, 1880, daughter of James Newton and Amanda L. (Woolery) Cordry, of whom also were born in this county, members of pioneer families and both of whom are living in Kelly Township. James Newton Cordry was born in Lebanon Township, June 4, 1844. During the Civil War he served as a member of the Missouri State Militia. May 13, 1868, he married Amanda h. Woolery, who also was born in Lebanon Township, Nov. 24, 1848, and to that union three children were born, all of whom are living, Mrs. Brubaker, the youngest, having two brothers, William H. and Joseph C. Cordry, both of Kelly Township. Mrs. Brubaker received her early schooling in the schools of her home Township and supplemented the same by a course in the Baptist College at Lexington, Mo.

Major Rea Alexander Johnston (Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Major Rea Alexander Johnston, assistant superintendent of the Missouri Training School, Boonville, Mo., is a worthy descendant of an old and prominent family in Cooper County. Major Johnston was born in

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Boonville, Oct. 28, 1879 and is a son of Col. Thomas A. Johnston, superintendent of the famous Kemper Military School of Boonville. A genealogy of the Johnston family and a sketch of Colonel Johnston appears in this volume.

Major Johnston was educated in the Kemper Military School and in 1896 he entered the Virginia Military Institute of Lexington, Va., completing the course of study in that institution in 1899. Upon his return home he served as an instructor in the Kemper School from 1899 to 1909. In 1909 he went to Illinois and engaged in farming until Oct. 1911. In October of 1911 he was appointed military instructor at the Missouri Training School and served as company captain until July 1, 1917. He was then appointed to the responsible position of assistant superintendent of the training school and has given evidence throughout his service that he is thoroughly competent, efficient, diplomatic and well versed in the handling of the youth committed to the institution.

Major Johnston was married in Illinois Aug. 20, 1902 to Miss Grace E. Mosher, of Oneida, Knox County, Ill., a daughter of William J. and Sarah E. (Wetmore) Mosher, both deceased. One child has blessed this union: William Alexander Johnston, born Jan. 3, 1905.

Major Johnston is a democrat. He is a member of Presbyterian church. He has decidedly made good in his present position and has demonstrated a capability which has commended his work to his immediate superior. Major Johnston is not only a first class military instructor and skilled in

the handling of growing boys, but he is well informed, genial, and has a wide circle of friends and well wishers.

James Madison Sparkman

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

James Madison Sparkman - Over 20 years devoted by Maj. J. M. Sparkman of the Missouri Training School have capably fitted him for the duties of his present position in charge of a company of small boys at the school. Major Sparkman's first position was that of director of the horticultural department of the Missouri Training School which he held from 1897 to 1907. He then spent nine years as an officer of the Iowa Industrial School and returned to the Missouri Training School in 1916,

J. M. Sparkman was born at Columbia, Tenn., Dec. 7, 1862, and is a son of James M. and Minerva (Hill) Sparkman. Copt. James M. Sparkman, his father was a captain in the heavy artillery during the Civil War and was killed at the battle of Port Hudson in 1863 while serving with the Confederate forces. He was a son of William Andrews Sparkman of Tennessee, a member of an old southern family. Minerva (Hill) Sparkman, mother of J. M. Sparkman, of this review, was born in 1838 and died in 1908 in Galloway County, Ky. She was born in Tennessee and

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was a daughter of Andrew W. Hill of North Carolina. Mrs. Sparkman removed with her family to Kentucky in 1880. She had two sons: William Andrews Sparkman, of Galloway County, Ky., and James Madison, of this review.

Reared to maturity in Tennessee, J. M. Sparkman left home in 1881, and came to Cooper County in 1883 and engaged in farming near Choteau Springs. He followed farming until his appointment to a position in the Missouri Training School in 1897.

Major Sparkman was married in 1886 to Miss Mary S. Meredith, who was born in Cooper County, a daughter of Joseph R. and Rachel (Leith) Meredith, the former of whom was a native of Tennessee and died in Cooper County in about 1908 at the age of 68 years. Mr. Meredith killed the last deer that was killed in Cooper County near Choteau Springs. To Major and Mrs. Sparkman have been born two children: Lois, wife of John Stephens, Lansing, Mich.; and Eunice Lee, stenographer in the office of Col. A. G. Blakey, superintendent of the Missouri Training School.

The democratic party has always had the allegiance of Major Sparkman. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and is affiliated with the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, the Knights Templar, the Mystic Shrine of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and the Modern Woodmen of America.

Armour and Company

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Armour and Company - One of the most important commercial institutions in Boonville and probably the largest and most extensive of its kind in central Missouri is the plant of Armour and Company, managed by Fred Renshaw. This concern was first established in 1908 by the Adams Produce Company and was purchased by Armour and Company in 1916. It was then enlarged and converted into the extensive packing and produce concern. All of the old buildings were razed and new structures erected. A brick building 90x40 feet was built and the packing plant proper was built, 90x110 feet. From 50 to 60 people are employed in season.

The concern handles poultry, eggs and butter. The Boonville branch of Armour and Company is the central depot for a number of smaller depots in Morgan, Pettis, Cooper, Howard Boone and Saline counties, and an immense volume of business is transacted through this office. Branch buying stations, tributary to the Boonville depot are conducted at Marshall, and Fayette. The payroll averages from \$800 to \$900 per week in the busy months, from April to January, each year.

During all months of the year excepting February, March and April,

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the poultry handled at this plant is killed and packed for shipment. The concern has its own refrigerating plant and all poultry are given a feed of buttermilk for a period of 10 days before killing so as to whiten and render more tender and palatable the meat. The dressed poultry, eggs, and butter are loaded directly into refrigerator cars and every modern appliance for the quick handling of packing house products has been installed in the large plant.

John D. Starke

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Hon. John D. Starke, a veteran of the Civil War, former county judge, former state senator from this district, former warden of the Missouri state prison, president of the Otterville Bank and for many years one of the most prominent citizens of Cooper County, who died at his home in this county in 1917 and whose family is still substantially represented here, was a Virginian, but had been a resident of this county since the days of his boyhood, he having come here with his parents along in the latter '40s of the past century.

Judge Starke was born in Virginia in 1844 and was but a lad when his parents came to Missouri, a part of that numerous band of Virginians which had so much to do with the orderly development of this section of Missouri in the old days. Here he grew to manhood and was living here when the Civil War broke out. He enlisted his services in behalf of the Union and went to the front as a member of Company H, 45th Regiment, Missouri Volunteer Infantry, and upon the completion of his term of enlistment re-enlisted and was attached to the 48th Regiment, with which he was mustered out at the close of the war with the rank of corporal. Upon the completion of his military service he returned to Cooper County, here married Mary A. Stratton and settled down as a farmer, a vocation in which he was quite successful, but from which the calls of public duty soon withdrew him, although during the long period of his public service he continued to retain his interest in his agricultural operations and became one of Cooper County's most extensive landholders, owner of 900 acres of land at the time of his death. He was an ardent democrat and always took an active interest in political affairs. The first public office of consequence to which he was called was that of judge for the eastern district of Cooper County and upon the completion of that judicial service he was elected county collector, and afterward was elected state senator from this senatorial district. In 1897 Judge Starke was appointed by Governor Stephens as warden of the Missouri state prison at Jefferson City and for four years thereafter served the state in that important capacity. Upon the completion of that service he returned to Cooper County, erected a fine new home on his farm in Lebanon Township, as well

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as a house in Otterville, and thereafter divided his time between his farm and his business interests in the village. The Judge was president of the Otterville Bank and was otherwise actively identified with the commercial interests of the community in which he lived. He was a member of the Boonville lodge of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons and during the time he resided at Boonville when serving as county collector was master of the lodge. Judge Starke died at his home in Otterville in 1917 and his wife died in that same year. She also was a Virginian, born in 1844, as was her husband, and thus the lines of the lives of this couple ran parallel to an unusual

degree. Judge Starke and his wife were members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church and their children were reared in that faith. There were nine of these children, of whom six are still living, namely: Dryden L. Starke, a well known farmer and stockman of Kelley Township; Blanche, wife of James S. Funkhauser, of Lebanon Township, of whom further mention also is made elsewhere; Mrs. Mary Reavis, of Kansas City; Mrs. Nora Lee Tieman, now living at California, Mo.; Mrs. Pauline Spillers, of Otterville, and H. Rodgers Starke, also of Otterville.

Henry Gibson Hurt
(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Henry Gibson Hurt, assistant Captain of Company D, Missouri Training School, Boonville, Mo., was born on a farm southeast of Boonville, Nov. 23, 1872. His father was Fleeting Mitchell Hurt, who was born on a pioneer farm in Cooper County in 1826 and departed this life in 1908. Clayton Hurt, his grandfather, was a native of Virginia who settled in Cooper County in 1812 and assisted in the building of Fort Boone. He held the title of Colonel Hurt and had charge of the task of defending the pioneer settlement against the attacks of the Indians during the War of 1812. From 1812 to 1815 the settlers of this section of Missouri lived in the forts and stockades on the north side of the Missouri River and were kept constantly on the alert to ward off attacks by the Indians who had been incited by British agents to attack the Americans. Colonel Hurt married Nancy Dillard of Kentucky and after the frontier had been made safe for the settlers, he pre-empted a large tract of government land in Cooper County on which his descendants are still living.

Fleeting Mitchell Hurt owned a fine farm of 240 acres and was a substantial citizen of Cooper County during his lifetime. He married Miss Flora Ann Davis of Macon County, a daughter of Jeremiah Davis who married a Miss Gilbreath and came from Virginia to Macon County and thence to Cooper County in pioneer days. Four children were born to Fleeting Mitchell and Flora Ann Hurt, as follows: Mary Ann, deceased

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wife of Albert Adair; Mrs. Leonora Byler, Clarks Fork Township; Henry Gibson Hurt, of this review; Florence B., widow of Lee Davis, living east of Boonville.

H. G. Hurt was reared on the home farm and in addition to his district school studies he attended the Pilot Grove Seminary and the Otterville Seminary. He pursued a business course at Chillicothe, Mo., in 1892 and then engaged in farming. He improved a tract of 182 acres of land and was successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits for 20 years. In the spring of 1915 he disposed of his farm land and engaged in the automobile business in partnership with G. A. Brownfield. In the spring of 1918 he disposed of his interest in the business and took up the duties of his present position in the Missouri Training School for Boys.

Oct. 21, 1896, Mr. Hurt was married to Miss Myrtle Rankin who was born in Cooper County, and is a daughter of Robert S. and Louisa (Duncan) Rankin, pioneer settlers of Cooper County. William Rankin, grandfather of Mrs. Hurt erected the Rankin mill in the southeastern part of Cooper County. Mrs. Louisa Rankin is deceased and Robert S. Rankin makes his home with Mr. H. A. Jewett in Cooper county. Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Hurt are parents of four children: Ewing Rankin Hurt; Mabel Louise; Holman G., a student in Boonville High School; and William.

Ewing Rankin Hurt, the soldier of the family, was born Sept. 21, 1897, and is a volunteer in the National Army. He enlisted in the U. S. army, March 22, 1917, first as an infantryman and was then transferred to the aviation corps. He was trained at Ft. Sill, Okla. and holds the rank of first sergeant.

Mr. Hurt is a democrat of the pronounced type. Mrs. Hurt is a member of the Presbyterian Church. He is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America and the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons and is past master in the local lodge.

Dr. William Peyton Harriman

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Dr. William Peyton Harriman, late prominent physician and stockman of Cooper County, was born in Louisiana, May 28, 1838, and died at his home in Boonville, Sept. 14, 1918. He was a son of Dr. William Harriman who was born in New York City and accompanied his parents to Kentucky when he was a child. He was reared in Kentucky, married a Miss Mayo and came to Cooper County in 1846. Dr. William Harriman located at Pilot Grove and there reared his family.

Dr. W. P. Harriman received his higher education in the University of Michigan and began the practice of medicine at Pilot Grove, Mo. He was successful as a physician but became more successful as a farmer and

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stockman. He accumulated a large acreage of land and built a flouring mill and hired a miller to operate the mill. Prior to this time he had lived on Lone Elm Prairie, and after establishing himself on the old Harriman place near Pilot Grove he made a trip to Kentucky and returned with some blooded horses. He then engaged in the breeding and raising of thoroughbred horses and became widely known throughout the country as a result. Dr. Harriman produced some splendid animals which sold for very high prices. As age came upon him he relinquished much of his interests and sold out his stock and farming interests to his son and went south in 1900, purchasing a home in San Antonio, Texas. He returned to Boonville in 1912 and died here six years later.

Dr. W. P. Harriman was married April 6, 1866 to Miss Elizabeth Russell, who was born on Lone Elm Prairie, Jan, 8, 1842. She was a daughter of Col. Thomas Russell of Virginia. Her mother was Elizabeth Eleanor Russell who was born in 1796 and died April 5, 1868. The Russells came to Cooper County in 1838. Colonel Russell brought along 30 slaves and purchased 1,300 acres of land. Col. Thomas Russell was born in 1796 and died in 1852. He was a scion of an old and prominent Virginia family, which formerly owned a beautiful country seat in Virginia, now known as "Rannemead Farm" and owned by Sen. Charles A. Faulkner.

Col. Thomas Russell

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Col. Thomas Russell was a son of Captain Russell, a soldier of the Revolution, who resided in Alexandria, Va. The history of the family begins with Lord John Russell, whose younger son, James Russell, emigrated from England in 1700 and settled in York County, Va. Captain Russell married a Miss Throckmorton of Louisville, Ky.

Out of seven children born to Col. Thomas and Elizabeth Eleanor Russell, only two are living: Mrs. Dr. W. P. Harriman of this review; and John N. Russell of Los Angeles, Cal., aged 84 years, who has a son, Dr. John N. Russell, president of the Pacific Mutual Life Insurance Co. of Los Angeles.

Four children were born to Dr. W. P. and Elizabeth (Russell) Harriman, as follows: William Mayo, died at the age of 16 years; Russell lives in California; Albert C. Harriman, farmer and stockman at Pilot Grove, Mo.; Bessie, deceased wife of Will Ross, left one child, Margaret E. Ross.

Dr. Harriman was a democrat and was prominent in the affairs of his party. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church.

Feodor Stegner

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Feodor Stegner, living comfortably on his farm of 89 acres near Billingsville, the old home place of the Stegner family, is one of the best known of the pioneer citizens of Cooper County. Mr. Stegner has lived all of the 64 years of his existence on his farm and has reared a fine

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family. The Stegner place is a pretty farmstead, the residence, a neat cottage home sets far back from the roadway and the land is fertile and protective.

Feodor Stegner was born on the place which he now owns, Feb. 26, 1855. His birth took place in a log house which was the first home of the Stegner family in Cooper County. He is a son of John Peter and Margaret Barbara Stegner who emigrated from Germany and settled in Cooper County in 1853.

Mr. Stegner was married Nov. 24, 1887 to Miss Louise Back, who was born at Pleasant Green, MO., July 3, 1866 and died June 6, 1905. She was a daughter of Daniel and Christina (Yost) Back, natives of Germany and old settlers of Cooper County. The children born of this union are: Daniel P., born in 1888, lives on a farm; Bertha, born 1890, married Albert Gerhardt near Speed and is mother of four children, Louise, Ruth, Joseph and Frances; Flora, born Nov. 9, 1893, wife of August Gerhardt, a farmer near Speed, is mother of two children, Elmer and Helen; Edna, born March 1, 1896, is her father's housekeeper; Rudolph, born Dec. 26, 1899, makes his home with his father; Herman, born Aug. 9, 1902, is at home with his father; and Louis was born June 6, 1905.

While Mr. Stegner is generally a republican and supports republican party principles, he is an independent voter who refuses to wear a party yoke. He is a member of the Billingsville Evangelical Church.

Henry F. Torbeck

(Transcribed by Laura Paxton)

Henry F Torbeck prosperous farmer and stockman of Boonville Township is owner of 153 acres of productive land which he is creating into a splendid farm. Mr. Torbeck has just completed the erection of a handsome 10 room house with bath, water, electric light and furnace at a cost of \$5,250. Mr. Torbeck is a breeder of Duroc Jersey hogs, not as a specialist but because he favors this breed as being the most remunerative to raise on a farm. He was born in Germany Jan 17 1870. His father William H Torbeck now living retired in Boonville was born in Germany April 29 1841 and is a son of Rudolph and Sophia Torbeck. He was married August 10 1866 to Sophia Loss who was born Nov 7 1839. He brought his family to America in 1882 landing in Boonville in November of that year. He immediately went to the farming section and worked as farm laborers for the first six months in order to familiarize himself with American methods of tilling soil. He then rented land until 1892 when he bought 80 acres in the Boonville Township upon which he lived for 25 years, prior to his retirement to a home in Boonville. Mr. Torbeck has recently sold his farm to his son, Ernest W Torbeck. Six children

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were born to William H and Sophia Torbeck as follows: Henry of this review; Ernest W a farmer south of Boonville; Anna, widow of J C Neff Boonville Township; Mrs. Bertha Winkler Saline County MO; Mary Torbeck died at the home of Senator Cockrell in Warrensburg MO where she was serving as a nurse; Amelia died at the age of six years.

When he attained young manhood, Henry Torbeck purchased land in partnership with his brother Ernest W Torbeck. This partnership continued amicably and profitably until his marriage. Then the brothers divided their holdings and Mr. Torbeck started to improve his property. He married FEB 23 1910 to Annie C Schwitzky, a daughter of Robert Schwitzky a prosperous farmer of Palestine Township. Three children have been born to Henry and Annie C Torbeck as follows: Sophia Wilhelmina aged seven years; Agnes Marie aged six years; Henrietta Alma deceased.

Mr. Torbeck is a republican. He is a member of the Billingsville Evangelical Church. He is a progressive and enterprising citizen who takes an active and influential part in civic affairs and is highly respected in his neighborhood. He is a director of the Blackwater Telephone Company.

William L. Bryan

(Transcribed by Laura Paxton)

William L. Bryan. For over fifty years, William L. Bryan has resided upon his pretty farm just south of Prairie Lick MO. He is owner of 134 acres which is nicely improved with a neat cottage home and attractive surroundings. Mr. Bryan was born in Kentucky, Jan 1 1850, and is a son of Benjamin B and Mary (West) Bryan, the former of whom was a native of Virginia and the latter a native of England.

Benjamin B. Bryan came to Missouri in 1869 and settled upon the place which W L Bryan now owns. Mr. Bryan erected a double log cabin which served as the family home for a number of years. A Big brick chimney was built in one end of the house and a flue was built at the other end. Oxen were used in breaking up the Bryan land and it took much labor to gradually clear away the woods and create a farm. B B Bryan died in Nov., 1880, at the age of 65 years. Mrs. Mary Bryan died in 1873 at the age of 55 years. The children in the Bryan family were: Jennie, dead; William L., of this sketch; Mrs. Sarah Case, Bellingham, Wash.; B F Bryan on a farm near Prairie Lick.

Prior to purchasing the Bryan home place, W L Bryan rented land. He erected his present home in 1895. H was married in January 1872, to Miss Julia Burns, born April 4 1857 in Atlanta GA., a daughter of Samuel and Jane (Faris) Burns, who were natives of Georgia. The

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Burns family went to Kentucky in 1864 and from there came to Cooper County in 1872. They settled near Boonville, on what is now known as the Barnhart farm. Later, Mr. Burns returned to Georgia and died there. His wife died in Tana County MO. There were eight children in the Burns family: Robert, deceased; Mrs. Julia Bryan, of this review; Mrs. Ellen Trammel, OKLA; John, Tana County MO.; Mrs. Margaret Trammel, OKLA; Mrs. Emma Aubury, Cedar Creek, Tana Co., MO; Mrs. Ida Claussen, deceased; Mrs. Georgia Williams, Tana County MO.

Mr. & Mrs. Bryan have reared six children; Jennie, Robert, William, Josephine, Riley and Mary Ellen and Lloyd. Mrs. Jennie Case lives at Bellingham, Wash.; Robert is deceased; William lives on the home farm, Mrs. Josephine Dwyer lives near Speed MO; Riley lives in Kansas; Mary Ellen Bryan is a teacher in the Speed school; Lloyd Bryan was born August 31 1896 and was inducted into the National Army July 26, 1918. He was trained at Camp Funston until he was honorable discharged from the service Jan 22 1919.

Riley Bryan was born Oct. 25 1885. HE enlisted in Hospital Unit No. 28 of the national Army in May 1917. He was trained for service at Fort McPherson, GA. He was honorable discharged after 14 months of service. He now is a traveling drug salesman and resides in Kansas.

Mr Bryan is a democrat and all of his sons are stanch democrats. He is also a Baptist-a fine combination of good qualities. He is a member of the Woodmen of the World.

Fred Deuschle

(Transcribed by Laura Paxton)

Fred Deuschle, prosperous farmer and stockman of Palestine Township has one of the finest farm homes in Cooper County consisting of 208 acres and was purchased by the proprietor in 1898. The splendid appearing farm residence consists of six large rooms. Mr. Deuschle will harvest 45 acres of wheat this season, 1919. Fred Deuschle was born Jan 3 1869 on a farm three miles west of Pleasant Green, Cooper County, and is a son of Adam and Catherine (Schupp) Deuschle.

Adam Deuschle was born in Wuertenburg Germany in 1824 and died in Cooper County Mo in 1897. He left his native country and came to America in 1845. During the great gold rush of 1849 he made the trip across the plains and mountains to the Pacific coast and spent two years in that region. When he returned to Cooper County in 1851, he built a home upon his 200 acre farm near Pleasant Green, becoming owner of the land at the close of the Civil War. He spent the remainder of his days upon his farm and died there. During the Civil War, Mr. Deuschle

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served in the Missouri State Guards. His wife, Catherine Schupp Deuschle, was born in Germany in 1838 and now resides with her daughter one mile east of Pleasant Green. The children born to Adam and Catherine Deuschle are: Mrs. J Louis Staebler, Billingsville; Fred Deuschle subject of this review; Mrs. Catherine Bergmann living two and a half miles north of Pleasant Green; Mary, deceased wife of Daniel Schupp left five children; Adam J., living on the old homestead; Louisa resides with the Schupp family; Bertha wife of Frank Schupp lives near Pleasant Green.

The early education of Fred Deuschle was obtained in the district school at Pleasant Green. When a boy he began to assist his father on the farm and learned to become a good farmer. When 28 years old he began to make his own way. In 1898 he made his first purchase of land and has made a success of his life work.

April 17 1901 Mr. Deuschle was married to Miss Anna Stegner, a daughter of August Stegner. The children born to the marriage are: Martin Oliver, born July 4 1902; Clara Anna born May 3 1904; Rudolph Frederick born March 23 1906; Frieda Catherine born Jan 3 1910; Marie Augusta born August 30 1916; Earl August born Nov 21 1917.

Mr. Deuschle is a republican and is a member of the school board of his district. He takes a commendable interest in educational and civic affairs and is one of the leading and influential citizens of his vicinity. He is a member and a trustee of the Billingsville Evangelical Church.

Robert Snider

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Robert Snider, farmer and stockman, Boonville Township, has resided on his fine farm of 110 acres just south of Boonville since 1886. His first home on this farm was a story and a half log house in which he and his wife lived for a few years. In 1906 he erected a pretty cottage which has an admirable setting with a sloping lawn and presents an attractive appearance. A large and substantial barn was built in 1901.

Robert Snider was born in Boonville, Feb. 10, 1853. He is a son of William (b. 1822, d. 1899) and Malinda (Houx) (b. 1830, d. 1898) Snider. His mother was a daughter of Uncle Fritz Houx who was a pioneer in Cooper County, from Kentucky and a member of the old pioneer Houx family of

Missouri. William Snider was born in Pennsylvania and came to Cooper County in the early 40's. He went to the gold fields of California, crossing the plains and remained for 18 months on the Pacific coast. He was married in Cooper County and lived all of his days in this county. The children of William and Malinda Snider were: Margaret,

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widow of John Jamieson, Okla.; William, living in Cass County, Mo.; Robert; Charles, Coffeyville, Kan.; Mrs. Fannie Johnson, Bloomfield, Ill.; Sallie Snider resides with her sister Fannies Edward Snider lives in Butler, Mo.

Robert Snider attended the district schools and also studied under Professor Smiley. With the exception of three and a half years spent in the Rocky Mountain country from 1878 to 1881, he has always resided in Cooper County.

March 2, 1882, Robert Snider and Mollie Scott were united in marriage. Mrs. Mollie (Scott) Snider was born in this county, March 30, 1860 and is a daughter of Adam Scott, a Cooper County pioneer. Three sons were born to Robert and Mollie (Scott) Snider as follows: Harry Snider married Gertrude Toler and has one son, Eugene; Ross, Spokane, Wash.; and Ralph, aged 21 years, resides with his parents, married Miss Maude Weyland, daughter of Louis Weyland.

Mr. Snider is an independent democrat. He is a member of the Baptist Church.

Conrad M. Zollinger (Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Conrad M. Zollinger, mayor of Otterville and assistant cashier of the Bank of Otterville, was born at Otterville and is one of the most forceful factors in the general commercial life of the town. He was born on April 20, 1885, son of Capt. Augustus L. and Louisa (hayfield) Zollinger, both members of old families in Cooper County and both now deceased, their last days having been spent at Otterville, of which place they had been residents even in the days before the railroad entered there.

The late Capt. Augustus L. Zollinger, an honored soldier of the Confederacy during the Civil War and for many years one of the most conspicuous figures in the commercial life of Otterville, an organizer of enterprises and a leader of affairs, was a native of the state of Maryland, born on Aug. 30, 1825, and was reared and educated in that state, remaining there until he was 21 years of age when, in 1847, he came to Missouri with his parents, George Zollinger and wife (the latter of whom was a Meyers), the family locating on a farm in Boonville Township, this county. Six months later, immediately following the cession of California to the United States, Augustus L. Zollinger left Missouri and crossed the plains with a company of other hardy adventurers, bent on seeking fortune in the then promising land on the western coast, the promise of gold in California just then beginning to attract general attention in the East. For seven years he remained in California and then, in 1854, returned to Cooper County and became engaged in the general mercantile business at Otterville.

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That was in the days before the railroad and his goods were hauled from Boonville by ox-teams. Upon the outbreak of the Civil War he dropped his commercial affairs at Otterville, leaving his store in charge of Mr. Cannon, and helped in the organization of a troop of cavalry for the service of the Confederacy; was elected captain of Company A, Second Missouri Cavalry, attached to the command of General Forrest, and with that gallant command served until the close of the war. Upon the completion of his military service Captain Zollinger resumed his mercantile business at Otterville and was thus engaged until his retirement from the store in 1892. Two years later, in 1894, he organized the present Bank of Otterville, was elected president of the same and

thereafter gave his whole attention to his banking business, continuing thus engaged until his retirement from business in 1988. Following his retirement the Captain continued to make his home in Otterville and there spent his last days, his death occurring on March 30, 1914. In addition to his business interests he was the owner of a fine farm of 350 acres and had other sound investments. At the time of his death he was the oldest continuous member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in the state of Missouri, having become a member of that order in Maryland when 18 years of age, affiliated with the lodge at Hagerstown, Md. He also was a member of the Pleasant Grove lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, at Otterville. He was a democrat and was one of the leaders of that party in Cooper County. He and his wife were members of the Methodist Church and their children were reared in that faith. Captain Zollinger's wife died in 1901. She was born in Kentucky in 1845 and was but a girl when she came to Missouri with her parents, the Mayfields settling in the Pleasant Green neighborhood in this county. Captain Zollinger and his wife were the parents of six children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the last born, the others being as follows: George Zollinger, who is now engaged in general reporting work at St. Louis; Stella, wife of H. M. Ames, a retired railroad man living at Otterville; Augustus L., a farmer and stockman of Warrensburg; Elma L., wife of A. L. Ferguson, who is engaged in the drug business at Columbia, and John H., of Kansas City.

Conrad M. Zollinger grew up at Otterville, was graduated from the Otterville College in 1904 and then took a course in a commercial college at Sedalia. In the meantime he had become familiar with the details of his father's banking business at Otterville and upon his return from college

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was made assistant cashier of the Bank of Otterville, a position he since has occupied and to the duties of which he has given his most thoughtful attention, long having been recognized as one of the most progressive young bankers in Cooper County. Mr. Zollinger owns a fine farm of 160 acres of LaMine River bottom land one mile east of Otterville and has other investments of a valuable character. He is a demotrot and has ever given his thoughtful attention to local civic affairs. In 1918 he was elected mayor of Otterville and his administration has been marked by the erection of the admirable municipal electric light plant there as well as in the advancement of other movements looking to the promotion of the town's best interests.

July 9, 1916, Conrad M. Zollinger was united in marriage with Maud E. Varner, who also was born in this county, and he and his wife have a very pleasant home at Otterville. Mrs. Zollinger was born in Kelly Township, a daughter of Hiram B. and Louie (Wyles) Varner, both members of pioneer families in this section of Missouri, the former born in Cooper County and the latter in Howard County, who are now living retired at Otterville. Mr. and Mrs. Zollinger are members of the Methodist Church and take a proper interest in church work, as well as in the general social activities of their home town. Mr. Zollinger is a member of Pleasant Grove Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, at Otterville, to the affairs of which organization he has for years given his earnest attention, and is a past master of the lodge.

Anton Henry Schler (Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Anton Henry Schler, owner of 200 acres of good farm land in Boonville Township, is not only a good farmer, but he is rearing a fine family of children. The Schler farm is well improved with good buildings and a large, well built, farm residence which sets far back on the farm and is reached by a winding roadway which runs through the farm. For a number of years he and his brother, Peter Schler, farmed a large tract of land in partnership until this partnership was dissolved in Aug., 1916. The brothers then divided their accumulations which were the result of years of good, hard work, and excellent management, and each took his rightful share of the farm land. Anton Henry Schler was born May 30, 1865 in Clear Creek Township. He is a son of Louis (b. 1817, d. 1871), a native of Germany who immigrated to America when a young man. He located in Clear Creek Township, Cooper County, married Margaret Troester (b. July 3, 1827, d.

Oct. 3, 1912), the latter of whom resided with her sons after the father's death. The children of the Schler family are as follows: Two children died in infancy; Charles, a farmer in Clear Creek Township; Mrs. Josephine Troester lives in Clayton county, Iowa; Peter, of

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this review; Anton, subject of this sketch; and Paul, a farmer living near Choteau Springs.

The Schler boys had little opportunity for schooling in their younger days; work was the rule in the Schler household because the head of the family had died early. The home farm of the family was in the timber and the hardest kind of work was necessary to clear the land of the trees, build fences and keep up the crops each season. The Schler brothers, Peter and Anton Henry purchased their large farm in 1892. At the time of purchase the farm was partly improved. The tract embraced a total of 430 acres of land after they added 30 acres to the original purchase. Peter Schler was actively engaged in tilling his land until an accident in 1907, when he was injured by the turning over of a wagon, incapacitated him for hard work. He then moved to Boonville, in 1909.

Peter Schler was married June 2, 1897 to Sophia Schierholz, who was born in Boonville, Cooper County, June 5, 1858, a daughter of Charles and Mary (Holtgreve) Schierholz. Charles Schierholz was born in Prussia, in 1823, and died July 27, 1891. Mrs. Mary Schierholz was born Jan. 24, 1838 and came to America with her parents in 1845. Mr. Schierholz operated a brick yard in Boonville until he settled on his farm south of Boonville in 1876. He was father of six children: Mrs. Ophia Schler of this review; Henry, a farmer, Boonville Township; Charles, a farmer living with his mother; the three younger children died. Peter Schler is a republican. He is a member of the Evangelical Church.

Anton Henry Schler was born and reared in Cooper County. He was married March 29, 1910 to Catherine Barbara Gerhardt, who was born in North Dakota, Jan. 31, 1887, and is a daughter of Joseph Gerhardt, retired farmer of Speed, Mo. The children born of this union are: Henry Herman, born May 7, 1911; Margaret Paullina, born Aug. 24, 1912; Catherine Elizabeth, born March 7, 1914; Joseph, born Jan. 2, 1916; Lizzie Rosina, born July 16, 1917; George, born Feb. 22, 1919.

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

George A. Crawford

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

George A. Crawford, farmer, Bunceton, Mo., was born in Clarks Fork Township about six miles northeast of Bunceton, Oct. 11, 1866. He is a son of John Crawford who was born March 5, 1816 and died Nov. 5, 1889.

John Crawford was a native of Cumberland County, Ky. and was a son of George Crawford, who was born in Kentucky and was one of the early pioneers of Cooper County who came to this county and settled at what is now Crawford Bridge. Herman P. Muntzell now owns the first home of the Crawfords in this county. Mr. Crawford improved a farm and resided there the rest of his days. John Crawford was reared to

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manhood on this farm and after his marriage he resided on what is now known as the Clarence Hops place. In 1848 he settled on the place now owned by George K. Crawford and improved it, erecting a large residence, and eventually became owner of over 1,000 acres of land. At the time of his death he owned 500 acres. In 1862 John Crawford married Miss Maria Kepner, who was

born in Pennsylvania in 1840 and died Aug. 29, 1916. Maria Kepner Crawford was a daughter of Solomon Kepner who came to Cooper County from Pennsylvania about 1860.

Two children born to this second marriage are living: Mrs. Clara Shackelford, residing on the home place; and George K. Crawford, of this review. By a former marriage with Miss Eliza Greenhalge, John Crawford had one son, Henry, now deceased.

George K. Crawford resided for 50 years on the Crawford home place, engaged in farming and stock raising. He removed to Bunceton in 1917. In Feb., 1917, Mr. Crawford was married to Mrs. Frances (Hickman) Edwards widow of Dr. G. H. Edwards, and a daughter of Thomas Hickman, a pioneer settler near Lone Elm who is deceased. By her first marriage Mrs. Crawford is mother of two children: John C., and Thomas H. Edwards.

John C. Edwards died at Camp Mills, Mineola, L. L., May 3, 1918, at the age of 21 years. He was a corporal in the National Army, having volunteered for service in May, 1917, and became a member of Co. B, 140th Infantry, 35th Division.

Thomas H. Edwards, aged 27 years, volunteered for service in May, 1917. He spent one month at Jefferson Barracks, St. Louis, and then sailed for France, July 2, 1917. He was a member of the 12th Railway Engineers, organized at St. Louis, but he was later transferred to the Signal Corps of the A. E. F.

Mr. Crawford is a democrat. He is a member of the Baptist Church and the Woodmen of the World and of Wallace Lodge No. 456, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, of Bunceton.

George F. Fluke

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

George F. Fluke, an honored pioneer of Cooper County, was born May 27, 1850, at Connor's Mill, a son of John and Louisa (Fisher) Fluke, the former, a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of Illinois. Mr. Fluke is one of three children born to his parents: George F., the subject of this review; John W., deceased; and Mary E., the wife of Z. R. Neal, of Saline Township.

John Fluke came to Missouri in 1838 and located at Connor's Mill. He was by trade a miller and he operated this mill for 15 years. He died

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Nov. 13, 1879 and interment was made in Clayton cemetery. Mrs. Fluke joined him in death, Dec. 8, 1883, and she, too, was laid to rest in Clayton cemetery. At the time of his death, John Fluke owned more than 500 acres of some of the most valuable land in Saline Township.

George F. Fluke attended the public schools of Cooper County and, since 1875 he has resided on the farm where he now lives. Mr. Fluke is owner of 130 acres of land located 10 miles from Boonville and one half mile from Overton. He is successfully engaged in general farming.

March 13, 1872, George F. Fluke and Eliza Givens, a daughter of Walter and Mary (Vivian) Givens, were united in marriage. Eliza A. Givens Fluke was born Jan. 7, 1852. To George F. and Eliza Fluke were born the following children: Andrew J., of Shawnee, Okla., who married Etta Rogers and they are the parents of two children, George F., and Vivian Mayo; and Mary Lou, the wife of Aubrey Buell and the mother of two children, Orvill Allison and Vernal Leeann. Mrs. Fluke died June 3, 1897.

Jan. 9, 1900, George F. Fluke and Lizzie Tucker, a daughter of Robert H. and Sarah Elizabeth (Parker) Tucker, were united in marriage. Robert H. Tucker was born in Virginia, Aug. 14, 1824 and died May 25, 1893, in Cooper County, Mo. Mrs. Tucker was born near Clarks Fork in Cooper

County, March 7, 1840. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Tucker are as follows: Robert M., Silos E., Mrs. Kate Venable, Nathaniel and Mrs. Mattie Pollard, twins; Mrs. George F. Fluke, Mrs. Sophronia May Drennen, Charles W., James T., Mrs. Minnie E. Verts, Mrs. Sadie Ruth Smith, and Tyre T. Tucker. Mr. and Mrs. Fluke are valued members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

Politically, George F. Fluke is affiliated with the democrat party. He is a member of Cooper Lodge No. 36, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. Mr. and Mrs. Fluke are well known in Cooper County and they are held in the highest respect in Saline Township. The Fluke family has long been numbered among the first and best families of this section of the state.

Harry J. Miller

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Harry J. Miller, a highly respected young citizen, of Cooper County, is one of Boonville's boys of yesterday, men who have "made good," and of whom all are justly proud. Mr. Miller was born in Boonville, Aug. 31, 1894, a son of James R. and Carrie Miller, the former, a native of Cooper County, Mo., and the latter of Pennsylvania. James R. Miller is a son of one of the county's honored pioneers. He has resided in the county all his life, and is at the present time filling the position of chief of police

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of Boonville, a position he has most capably filled for the past eight years. Mr. Miller was formerly for many years engaged in the mercantile business in Boonville. The children of James R. and Carrie Miller are, as follow: Beatrice, at home; Earl, the bookkeeper at the Phoenix American Pipe Works; Roy F., who died in 1918, at the age of 21 years; and Harry J., the subject of this review.

In the public schools of Boonville, Harry J. Miller obtained his elementary education, which he supplemented with a course at Brown's Business College at St. Louis and at Dunkle's Business College at Boonville. After leaving school, Mr. Miller was for three years employed at the Hirsch Wholesale Grocery Company store in Boonville. In 1917, he was appointed storekeeper for the Boonville Training School, a position he at the time of this writing occupies.

Fraternally, Harry J. Miller is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias of Boonville. He is well known throughout the county and stands high in his own community, where he has a host of friends.

Henry B. Kramer

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Henry B. Kramer, a prominent citizen of Cooper County, was born Oct. 14, 1862 in Cooper County on the Clayton farm, a son of Jacob Anton and Francisco Kramer, the former, a native of Copenhagen, Denmark, and the latter, of Baden, Germany. Jacob Anton Kramer served three years in the Danish army, in 1849, 1850, and 1851, and he had a scalp wound caused by a minnie ball. He immigrated to America in 1854 and was married at Staten Island.

Jacob Anton Kramer was born at Copenhagen in 1812. After coming to America, Mr. Kramer spent one year at St. Louis, Mo. From St. Louis, he came to Connor's Mill in Cooper County and for four years was engaged in gardening. In 1860, he purchased the farm now owned by Charles Clayton. This place was sold in 1910 to George Viertel. Jacob Anton Kramer died Oct. 9, 1874 and interment was made in Schmidt cemetery. Mrs. Kramer was born May 27, 1827 and died Dec. 6, 1907. She, too, was laid to rest in Schmidt cemetery.

Henry B. Kramer is one of the following children born to Jacob Anton and Francisco Kramer: Mary Ann, the wife of George A. Back, to whom she was married in 1883, deceased since Jan. 1,

1896; Henry B., the subject of this review; Herman, of Boonville; Jacob Anton, Jr., who resides in the state of Washington; Fannie, the wife of Otto Schmidt and Charlie, who died in 1869 at the age of 10-years, and is buried in Schmidt cemetery.

At Highland school, Henry B. Kramer obtained his education. In early manhood, Mr. Kramer was engaged in farming extensively, but in

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recent years he has been employed in paper-hanging, carpentering and writing life insurance policies. Mr. Kramer is a specialist in horticulture. He has never married. He promised his mother that he would remain single as long as she lived and he kept his word. Mr. Kramer's mother survived her husband 33 years.

Henry B. Kramer is an enthusiastic lodge worker. He is clerk of the Woodmen of the World and district deputy of the Woodmen of the World and of the B. O. W. The Woodmen of the World at Gooch's Mill has a membership of 160 and Mr. Kramer has been a member for 22 years, clerk for four years, counsel commander for 13 years, assistant clerk for 19 years, and advertising lieutenant for four years. In the first 10 years of his membership, Mr. Kramer missed but five meetings and he had a distance of four miles to walk. He has now a class of 68 boys and girls, ranging in ages from one to 16 years, for whom he looks after insurance. The first member of the B. O. W., the juvenile department of the Woodmen of the World, in the state of Missouri, holding Policy No. 1, was Ben L. Givens and Mr. Kramer has the distinction of having written the policy.

On the democrat ticket, Mr. Kramer was elected constable of Saline Township. He is highly respected in his community and throughout the county and he numbers his friends by the score.

Frederick H. Muntzel

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Frederick H. Muntzel, a farmer and stockman, Boonville, Mo., was born in Cooper County and is owner of one of the best farms in Cooper County, consisting of 347 acres. Mr. Muntzel retired from active farming in the spring of 1919, his farm being managed by J. W. Woolery. After completing the district school he attended the Chillicothe Normal College. He is a member of the M. E. Church.

John George Hollander, late well and favorably known resident of the Billingsville neighborhood, Cooper County, and veteran of the Civil War, was a native of Saxony Coburg, Germany. Mr. Hoflander was born July 17, 1891 and died at his country home near Billingsville, March 6, 1915.

He was a son of John Ernst and Kunigunda (Stegner) Hollander, both of Germany, who immigrated to the United States and settled in Cooper County in 1853.

John George Hoflander was reared to young manhood on the Hollander home place and was enrolled as a member of the Missouri State Guards during the Civil War. He was detailed for guard duty to protect traffic along the Missouri River.

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Mr. Hoflander was married at Pleasant Green, Mo., Jan. 15, 1880, to Elizabeth L. Back, born at Pleasant Green, Cooper County, Jan. 30, 1856. She was a daughter of Philip and Doreathe Fredericka Back. Mrs. Elizabeth Hoflander is one of two children, as follows: Mrs. Elizabeth Hoflander; Mrs. Ernest Vogelpohl, Pilot Grove.

When George and Elizabeth Hoflander were married they settled on the old Hoflander home place, near Billingsville which Mr. Hoflander farmed successfully during his entire life. This is a fine farm of 128 acres which is well improved and the soil of which is very productive.

The Hoflander children are: Henry, born Oct. 28, 1880, and died Nov. 1, 1880; Marie Christine, born Sept. 11, 1881, at home; Caroline Henrietta was born March 2, 1885, at home; Marie Pauline, born March 2, 1885, was wife of the late Frank Wallje, is now at Sedalia, Mo.; Dorothea Elizabeth, born July 5, 1887, is wife of George Geiger, vicinity of Billingsville, Mo.; George Thomas, born Oct. 1 1889, at home; Laura Amelia, born Jan. 11, 1892, is wife of Oliver Koenig, near Prairie Lick, Cooper County, Mo.; Marie Magdaline, born Jan. 25, 1897, at home; and Carl John, born Oct. 25, 1901, at home.

The late George Hoflander was one of the sterling and energetic citizens of Cooper County and was highly regarded in the community where he was born and reared. He was one of the builders of the Billingsville St. John's Evangelical Church and was a devout Christian, a kind husband and father. He was a republican but took little part in political affairs. It is such as he that assisted materially in upbuilding the Cooper County of today.

George W. Harlan

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

George W. Harlan, farmer and stockman, proprietor of one of the best farms in Otterville Township, his well improved place of 550 acres being situated a mile and a half northwest of the town of Otterville; a member of the board of directors of the Bank of Otterville and long regarded as one of the most substantial citizens of that part of Cooper County, was born on the farm on which he is now living and has resided there all his life with the exception of seven years during the period of his childrens' educational course at Otterville when he and his family resided in town. The Harlan family is one of the families in Cooper County entitled to a service flag carrying a gold star, the only son of this family having died in the service of his country in the fall of 1.918. The young husband of the only daughter of the family also is in service being now (summer of 1919) with the naval arm of the American Expeditionary Forces in Europe. The Harlans are an old American family, the progenitor

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of the family in this country having come to this side from England in early Colonial days. George W. Harlan was born on Nov. 22, 1869, son of George W. and Susan (Streit) Harlan, the former a native of Kentucky and the latter of Virginia, who became residents of Cooper County in the days of their youth and whose last days were spent here.

The senior George W. Harlan was born in Shelby County, Ky., Sept. 28, 1823, and was but 15 or 16 years of age when he came to Missouri about the year 1840 with his parents, George T. and Johanna (Helm) Harlan, also natives of Kentucky, the family locating in Otterville Township, this county, where George T. Harlan and his wife, the pioneers, spent the remainder of their days. On the pioneer farm settled there by his parents the senior George W. Harlan grew to manhood and in time became a successful farmer and cattle breeder, a man of substance and influence in his community and in that Township spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring on Jan. 13, 1891. His widow died Aug. 6, 1916. She was born near Salem, Va., Sept. 29, 1829. They were the parents of three children, the subject of this sketch, the last born, having two sisters, Anna, widow of J. W. Harlan, of Danville, Ky., and Jennie H., wife of A. G. Hansberger, of Otterville Township.

Reared on the home farm just northwest of Otterville, the junior George W. Harlan received his early schooling in the local schools and completed the same by a course in Central College at Fayette, after which, when 21 years age, he began farming on his own account on the home place. He married when 23 years of age, and after his marriage establishing his home on the home place, of which in time he became the owner, and where he and his family are now very

comfortably situated. In 1911, Mr. Harlan erected a handsome new and up-to-date farm house, said to be one of the best such dwellings in Cooper County, and the other improvements on his model farm are in keeping with the same. In addition to his general farming he has for years given considerable attention to the raising of five stock. He also takes a proper interest in the general business affairs of the community, and is a member of the board of directors of the Bank of Otterville. He is a democrat, and a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and of the Knights of the Maccabees. He and his family are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church (South).

Feb. 22, 1893, George W. Harlan was married to Birdie Clark, who was born in Morgan County, daughter of Thomas B, and Louise J. (Meyers)

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Clark, natives of Kentucky, and both now deceased, and to this union two children have been born, namely: Ennell, who is now (summer of 1919) at home with her parents, pending the return of her husband, J. C. Miller, from service with the naval branch of the American Expeditionary Forces in Europe, and George C., who, as noted above, is represented by a gold star in the Harlan family's service flag. George C. Harlan was born on the home farm, Oct. 19, 1896, and was graduated from the Otterville High School. On July 18, 1918, he enlisted in the United States Navy for service in the World War, and was sent for training to the Great Lakes Naval Training Station at Chicago, where, not long afterward, he was taken ill, and Sept. 30, died, being then under 22 years of age. J. C. Miller, husband of Mr. and Mrs. Harlan's daughter, enlisted in the navy on July 7, 1918, and after a period of preliminary training was assigned to active service, and is now serving in European waters.

A. F. Nixon

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

A. F. Nixon, the well-known cashier of the Bank of Wooldridge, was born Oct. 15, 1875, near Pilot Grove, Mo., a son of D. F. and Christina (Schlotzhauer) Nixon, the former, a native of Ross County, Ohio, and the latter, of Cooper County. D. F. Nixon was born near Chillicothe, Ohio. He prospered in farming and stockraising and he and his wife are now living in quiet retirement at Pilot Crave, Mo. The children of D. F. and Christina Nixon are: Charles, who is in the real estate business in Boonville; Catherine E., at home; A. F., the subject of this review; and Rally, who died in West Virginia.

Mr. Nixon, the subject of this sketch, attended the public schools, Pilot Grove College, and the Warrensburg State Normal School. He erected an elevator at Wooldridge and for three years was in the grain business there. He sold his business to G. H. Dooley Milling Company, which company still operates the mill, and in 1904, Mr. Nixon purchased the interest of M. A. Smith in the Bank of Wooldridge and has since been the cashier of that institution.

May 22, 1904, A. F. Nixon and Elizabeth Wooldridge were united in marriage. Mrs. Nixon is a daughter of H. H. and Sallie E. (Eager) Wooldridge, of Saline Township. H. H. Wooldridge died in 1917 and, on Dec. 31 he was laid to rest in the family cemetery. His widow now resides on the old home place. The town of Wooldridge is located on land formerly owned by Mrs. Nixon's father. To A. F. Nixon and Mrs. Nixon have been born three children: Audrey, who is now a student in the Boonville High School; Fletcher W. and Eager.

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Recently, Mr. Nixon purchased 60 acres of land, on which was formerly located the old tanyard known as the "Fox Hunters' Home" and owned by A. A. Walker, Dr. S. M. Teel, Mr. Draften, Dr. Hurt and others, whose names cannot be recalled. Fox hunting meets have been held here since the early days and a meeting is held semi-annually by the lovers of this sport and to this present

time fox chases are frequently held. Mr. Nixon is planning improving his tract of land. He will construct a concrete dam below the springs and make there one of the finest fishing ponds in the country.

Fraternally, Mr. Nixon is a member of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons and the Woodmen of the World. He is an upright, respected citizen and among the business men of Cooper County, no man is valued more highly.

Thomas R. Peyton
(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Thomas R. Peyton & Sons, proprietors of "The Peyton Nurseries", at Boonville, Mo., are widely known and respected business men of Cooper County. "The Peyton Nurseries" was organized Jan. 1, 1913. Eight years previous to that date, Thomas R. Peyton and A. E. Barnes began operating the "Boonville Nurseries" and on the first of the year, 1913, the partnership was dissolved and "The Peyton Nurseries" established. A. E. Barnes has continued business under the old name of the firm.

Mr. Peyton, Sr., served an apprenticeship of eight years with Stark Brothers' Nurseries in Louisiana, Mo. He discontinued his services at Stark Brothers' to accept the management of a nursery at Mexico, Mo., in which place he was for 10 years prior to coming to Boonville. "The Peyton Nurseries" has from 20 to 25 agents in the field, covering the states of Missouri, Illinois, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Kansas. Frequently, shipments are made to other states.

"The Peyton Nurseries" specializes in fruit trees, in apple, peach, pear, apricot, quince and cherry trees. The first year the firm was in business the outlook was not encouraging. Since Jan. 1, 1913, with sales for the first year totaling but \$6,000, the business has grown marvelously and the receipts for the year of 1918 amounted to \$30,000. The firm plans putting out 200,000 trees annually, namely: 100,000 apple grafts; 50,000 cherry and pear; and 50,000 peach trees. "The Peyton Nurseries" does a large retail business through salesmen and in addition does a flattering mail-order business. The firm's slogan is "Growers of Reliable Trees Since 1887". All orders are packed under cover in the packing house, a building, 40x60 feet, located at the junction of the Missouri Pacific and

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Missouri, Kansas & Texas railroads, where the office is also located. The firm is a growing one and the citizens of Boonville point with pride to "The Peyton Nurseries" as an example of what western enterprise and industry can in a short time accomplish.

Thomas R. Peyton was born in Rappahannock County, Va., Nov. 24, 1872, a son of John II. and Sarah Martha (Wince) Peyton, both of whom were natives of Virginia. The Peytons moved to Pike County, Mo., in 1885, and John H. Peyton was for several years with Stark Brothers' Nursery. He died while visiting his son, Thomas R., at Boonville, in February 1917, and he is buried at Louisiana. Mrs. Peyton died in 1896 at Louisiana and is buried there. The children of John H. and Sarah Peyton are as follows: Henry A., of Los Angeles, Calif.; Thomas R., the subject of this review; Joseph W., of Lincoln, Ill.; Mrs. Luella Downing, deceased; John A., who has been with the Stark Brothers' Nurseries for the past 30 years; Dora May, the wife of Joseph Russell, of Springfield, Ill.

In the public schools of Virginia, Thomas R. Peyton received his elementary education, which was supplemented by a course at the academy at Louisiana, Mo. He was married in 1900 to Edith A. Barnes, a daughter of Noble and Mary (Bybee) Barnes, and a native of Audrain County, Mo. The mother is deceased, and the father resides in Audrain County.

The children of Noble and Mary Barnes are as follows: M. C. and Theodore, of Audrain County, Mo.; Mrs. Thomas R. Peyton, the wife of the subject of this review; A. E., a well-known nurseryman of Boonville; Claude, a farmer and fruit-grower of Idaho; Roy and Ray, who are farming near Bradshaw, Neb. To Mr. and Mrs. Peyton have been born five children: Thomas B. and Genevieve, who are attending the Boonville High School; James A., Edith J., and Charles W., at home with their parents. The Peytons reside at Shamrock Heights in Boonville.

Thomas R. Peyton and Mrs. Peyton are worthy and consistent members of the Christian Church. They are held in the highest respect and esteem by all who know them, and they number their friends by the score. Mr. Peyton is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Modern Woodmen of America.

Hermann Frederick Herfurth

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Hermann Frederick Herfurth, assistant engineer of the Missouri Reformatory, Boonville, is one of Cooper County's most respected citizens. H. F. Herfurth was born in Germany in 1872, and came to this country in 1882 with his parents, John Frederick and Wilhelmina Herfurth, who located in Cooper County, where the father died in 1892. The widowed mother resides in Moniteau County, Mo., now making her home with a

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son and a daughter. The children of John Frederick and Wilhelmina Herfurth are, as follow: John Frederick, Jr., of Moniteau County; Martha, the wife of Charles Gropp, of Moniteau County; Herman Frederick, the subject of this sketch; and Selma, of Moniteau County.

H. F. Herfurth attended school in Cooper County. He has practically made his own way in the world since he was a child 13 years of age. He began his business career in Moniteau County, but prior to that he had been employed in farm work, laboring for \$7 a month and chopping cordwood for 35 cents a cord. H. F. Herfurth was manager of a farm in Clark's Fork Township for seven years, the owner of the farm being W. B. Windsor. H. F. Herfurth was in business in Moniteau County for seven years, and for three years was engaged in the manufacturing business in St. Louis, manufacturing raincoats and dealing in automobile accessories. He received the appointment as assistant to the chief engineer under J. W. Bozarth, at present chief engineer at the Missouri Reformatory, Boonville. The engineering department furnishes electric light and power for all the buildings of the Reformatory.

In September, 1917, Hermann Frederick Herfurth and Elizabeth Ott were united in marriage. Mrs. Herfurth is a daughter of L. C. Ott, of Franklin County, Mo. Mr. and Mrs. Ott now reside at Berger, Mo. To Mr. and Mrs. Herfurth has been born one child, a daughter, Frances Bessie. The Herfurths are valued members of the Evangelical Church and they are numbered among the best families of Boonville.

H. F. Herfurth has surmounted countless obstacles to make the success in life which he has thus far achieved. He taught himself to read the English language by translating at home the German Bible into English, and when he saw the value and necessity of reading English he tenaciously clung to his resolve to master the language, and he is now able to read well, and he is a constant reader. He is captain of the Honor Company, a squad of 75 boys of the Reformatory. It is the captain's duty to keep close watch upon the morals of the lads. Captain Herfurth takes much pride in his work, is a most efficient officer, and he is making good citizens of the boys under his charge.

William R. Scott

(Transcribed by Laura Paxton)

William R. Scott, teacher and gardener, one of Cooper county's best known citizens, was born in Boonville, October 18 1876, son of William C. and Lucy (Moore) Scott. William C. Scott was born in 1837 in Cooper County. He is a member of one of the first families of Missouri, a son of an honored and brave pioneer, who settled in Boonville in 1815. Mr. Scott was in the early days a freighter from Boonville to southwestern

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Missouri in the days of the steamboat. He is at the present time a resident of Boonville. Mrs. Scott was a native of Cooper County. She died here about 1882. The children of William C. and Lucy Scott are; Mrs. J P Logan, of Boonville; Dr. W M of Iberia MO; Dr. L E of Belleville Ill.; William R., the subject of this sketch; H A of Missoula, Montana; and Mrs. L. Comstock of Seattle Washington, twins.

W R Scott is a graduate of the Boonville High school, a member of the class of 1894. After completing the high school course, he was for 12 years prospecting and mining in Washington, Montana and Oregon. In 1915, he returned to Boonville, and he has since then been employed in the capacity of teacher and gardener at the Boonville Training School, now the Missouri Reformatory. He teaches during the winter seasons and is engaged in gardening in the summers. He is captain of Company F, about 65 boys being under his charge. Capt. Scott enjoys his work and is giving his best efforts to advance the pupils of his classes.

Feb. 11 1918, William R. Scott and Ruth Tuttle were united in marriage. Mrs. Scott is a daughter of Mr. & Mrs. J B Tuttle of Boonville. J B Tuttle is employed by the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railway. Mr. & Mrs. Scott has been born one child, a son, William R., Jr., born January 20 1919, the representative of the fourth generation of the Scott family in Cooper County. Mrs. Scott has one sister and two brothers living: Mrs. William Pieper of St. Joseph MO.; Morton of Boonville and Chester of Boonville.

Mr. & Mrs. Scott are widely and favorably known in Cooper County and in Boonville they are numbered among the city's best citizens and most respected families.

Capt. C. S. Hanna

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Capt. C. S. Hanna, the competent blacksmith of the Boonville Training School, now the Missouri Reformatory, is a native of Howard County. Captain Hanna was born July 3, 1857, a son of Frank and Sarah (Hall) Hanna, the former a native of Virginia, and the latter of Indiana.

Frank Hanna, with his three brothers, William, James, and Harvey, came from Virginia in 1812, and located first in Grundy County, and later settled on a farm in Howard County, near the present site of Fayette, Mo. With his brothers, Frank Hanna was first engaged in farming, and later entered a cabinet shop in Fayette, the shop owned by Samuel Majors. He died in Howard County in 1872, and his remains were interred in the cemetery at Fayette. Mrs. Hanna died in 1876 and she was laid to rest in the cemetery at Fayette. The children of Frank and Sarah (Hall) Hanna

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are, as follow: James, William, and Robert, deceased; Capt. C. S., the subject of this sketch; Virginia, deceased; Rebecca, who married George Thurman and is now deceased; and Bessie. The Hanna family were among the first settlers of Missouri, and at the time of the coming of the three brothers to Howard County, deer were very plentiful, and Frank Hanna frequently went on deer chases on and near the present town site of Fayette.

Captain Hanna obtained his elementary education in the public schools of Howard County, Mo. Until he was about 30 years of age, he followed farming in Howard county, and he then learned the blacksmith's trade in Fayette, serving his apprenticeship under Mr. McClammer. Captain Hanna followed blacksmithing at Fayette until he moved to Boonville, six years ago, and he was thus employed in this city until he was appointed in March, 1918, blacksmith of the Training School. He instructs the boys of the school, who are under his charge, in the trade of blacksmithing, and there could be found no more efficient mechanic and thorough teacher. Two lads, Bernard Lloyd and John Jewer, who were under Captain Hanna's supervision, left the school recently to take good position in St. Louis, Mo., and they are both "making good." Captain Hanna frequently receives letters from the boys, telling him how much they appreciate all he did for them. It is his desire and ambition to do all within his power to assist the boys under his care to become good citizens.

In 1884, Capt. C. S. Hanna and Ida R. Watkins were united in marriage. Mrs. Hanna is a daughter of John and Martha Watkins, of New Franklin, honored pioneers of Howard County. Both father and mother are now deceased, and their remains rest in Walnut Ridge Cemetery in Howard County. The children of John and Martha Watkins are: Mrs. C. S. Hanna, the wife of the subject of this sketch; John, of New Franklin; Mrs. Emma Canole, of New Franklin; Mrs. Claude Maupin, of Sedalia; Mrs. Anna McGavoc, of New Franklin; Mrs. Eula Minor, of New Franklin; Mrs. Cliff Drake, of Fayette; Mrs. Martha Harris, of Moberly; and James, a farmer, of New Franklin. Mr. and Mrs. Hanna are the parents of four children: Lela G., the wife of William Wells, of Boonville; C. W., clerk in H. T. Zugales' general merchandise store of Boonville; Eula, a student in the Boonville High School; and Russell, grade school. Mr. and Mrs. William Wells are the parents of one child, a daughter, Louise.

Captain Hanna is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, and in politics he is a democrat. He and Mrs. Hanna are highly respected

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and valued in Boonville and Cooper County, and they have a host of friends in their community.

Dr. Robert E. Howlett (Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Dr. Robert E. Howlett, a venerable retired physician, formerly surgeon at Confederate Home at Higginsville, and during the Civil War a surgeon in the Confederate Army, for many years a practicing physician at Otterville, one of the best known men in Cooper County, is a native of Virginia. Doctor Howlett was born near Richmond, Va., March 19, 1836, son of James M. and Harriet (Hatchery Howlett, the former of whom became a resident of Cooper County in 1843 and here spent the remainder of his life.

The Howletts are one of the oldest families in America, the family having been founded on this side by three brothers of that name, who came over from Wales in the early days of the Jamestown settlement, and thus became established here among the first of the Virginia colonists. James M. Howlett was born at Chesterfield, Va., April 1, 1801, a son of John Howlett and wife, the latter of whom was a Goode, also natives of Virginia, who spent all their lives in that State. He married Harriet Hatcher, who was born in Chesterfield County, Va., in 1806, and who died in 1842. Of the children born to that union seven grew to maturity. Of these Doctor Howlett is now the only survivor. The others were Thomas T., James A., Anna B., who was the wife of Rev. William Eustace; John M., Daniel and Martha. In 1845, the mother of these children then having been dead about three years, James M. Howlett married Anna Maria Peyton, who also was born in Virginia, and who died in 1860 at the age of 48 years. That union was without issue. It was in 1843, the year following the death of his first wife, that James M. Howlett disposed of his interests in Virginia and with his family came to Cooper County and established himself on a farm in

Lebanon Township, where he spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring in 1873, he then being 72 years of age.

It was on that pioneer farm in Lebanon Township that Doctor Howlett grew to manhood. He was educated in the public schools and by the special instruction given him at home by his stepmother, who had been a school teacher in Virginia. He early became attracted to the study of medicine, and after some preliminary reading along that line, in 1858 entered the St. Louis Medical College, from which institution he was graduated in 1861, the year of the breaking out of the Civil War. He straightway put aside his ambition for a medical career and at once enlisted as a private for service in the Confederate Army. Three months

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later he was raised from the ranks and commissioned assistant surgeon in the army. In this important capacity, Doctor Howlett continued to serve the army until the close of the war. He then returned to his home in this county and opened an office for the practice of his profession at Otterville. In 1867 he went to New York City for a post-graduate course in the medical college there, returning to his office at Otterville in April, 1868. A year later he married, and two years after his marriage (in 1871) became attracted to the possibilities which seemed to offer in connection with a point for practice in Mississippi, and moved to that State, but 18 months later returned to Otterville and resumed his practice there, continuing thus actively engaged until his appointment in December, 1301, to the post of physician to the Confederate Soldiers Home at Higginsville, Mo. While thus officially stationed at the home the Doctor found his health beginning to break, and in 1303 he resigned his post and returned to Otterville, where he is now living retired from active practice, being now in the 84th year of his age. Doctor Howlett has far many years been recognized as one of the leading physicians in this part of the State, and during his many years of practice in this county ever took an earnest interest in the deliberations of the local and State medical societies, as well as the American Medical Association, of which societies he was an active member. The Doctor is a democrat, and formerly took an active part in local and State political affairs, but was never a seeker after public office. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the local lodges of the ancient Free and Accepted Masons and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is the oldest Mason as well as the oldest Odd Fellow in Otterville.

April 6, 1869, in Mississippi, Dr. Robert E. Howlett was united in marriage to Eliza Marian Howell, who was born in Alabama on Aug. 12, 843, daughter of A. Y, and Phoebe D. (Ingram) Howell, natives of North Carolina, whose last days were spent in Mississippi, and to this union three children have been born, namely: Dr. Robert E. Howlett, Jr., a practicing physician at Richland, Mo.; Helen H., widow of the late Prof. ff. .4. Edwards, of Kansas City, and Addie Nolton, who has ever remained at home, and whose comfortable home at the eastern edge of Otterville is now shared by his parents. A. N. Howlett is a well-to-do farmer and stockman, the owner of a fine farm of 170 acres just at the edge of town, where he and his wife and his aged parents are pleasantly situated. His wife, before her marriage, was Clarice Weyand. Her parents were early settlers in Vernon County, Mo.

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William A. Hoefler (Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

William A. Hoefler, a prominent citizen of Cooper County, is a native of Boonville. He was born July 17, 1874, a son of Henry L, and Mary A. (Krust) Hoefler, the former a native of Nassau, Germany.

Henry L. Hoefler was born Aug. 22, 1823. He came to America in 1846 and settled in Cooper County in 1847. He entered the mercantile business at Boonville, and followed his vocation of painter and interior decorator. He enlisted in the Civil War, Aug. 18, 1862, and served in the State

Militia. He was promoted to first lieutenant, Company G, 52nd Regiment, and he served in the army until the war closed. Mary A. (Krust) Hoefer was born in 1838 at Hesse, Daunstadt. She immigrated to America in 1853 with the Hoffmeister family. They were located at Mendota, Ill., for two years. She came to Cooper County in 1858, and is at the present time a resident of Boonville.

Capt. Archie Burr Bates

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Capt. Archie Burr Bates, of Kemper Military School, was born Jan. 6, 1883, at Churdan, Iowa, a son of E. W. and Hattie (Easter) Bates, the former a native of Illinois, and the latter of Iowa, now residents of Persia, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Bates are the parents of the following children: Orin E., a prosperous merchant of Pittsburg, Kan.; Capt. Archie Burr, the subject of this sketch; Mrs. Blanche Ferguson, of Nevada, Iowa; L. E. of Des Moines, Iowa; Forest E., of Corsicans, Texas; Miss Edith, and Mrs. Ethel Cox, twins, the former of Boonville, and the latter of Indianola, Iowa.

Captain Bates attended Churdan High School three years and Ogden High School one year. He pursued the business course at Simpson College, Indianola, Iowa, and he is a graduate of this institution, a member of the class of 1904. After completing his college work, Captain Bates entered the teaching profession and taught school at Pendleton, Ore., one year, and at Mount Vernon, Wash., one term. Thence he returned to Iowa, and at Des Moines entered Iowa Business College and studied shorthand and typewriting. Upon completing the course, he was engaged in teaching in the school for six months. Captain Bates came to Boonville as principal of the commercial department of Kemper Military School. When this school became a corporation in 1909, he was elected secretary, a position which he still retains at the time of this writing in 1919. Captain Bates has been post adjutant for the past ten years.

July 31, 1907, Capt. Archie Burr Bates and Martha Frances Breiner, a daughter of Mrs. Ids M. Breiner Harlow, of Churdan, Iowa, were married. The father of Mrs. Bates died when she was an infant, and her mother afterward married William F. Harlow, and they now reside at

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Churdan, Iowa. Mrs. Bates has three brothers, all residents of Churdan, Iowa: Verle, Wilmer, and Elmore. Captain and Mrs. Bates are the parents of two daughters: Ids Frances and Martha Burr. They are valued members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Captain Bates is a member of the Knights of Pythias of Boonville.

Captain Bates is well known and respected in Cooper County as a gentleman and a scholar. He and Mrs. Bates have innumerable friends in this section of the State, and they have the highest regard of all who know them.

Oscar F. Case

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Oscar F. Case, the widely-known and competent blacksmith, proprietor of the machine shop at Gooch's Mill in Cooper County, is a native of Illinois. Mr. Case was born in Kane County in 1849, a son of A. J. and Julia A. (Morris) Case, the former a native of New York, and the latter of Long Island. Mr. and Mrs. Case moved from New York to Illinois, and from Illinois to Bremer County, Iowa, where they both died. Oscar F. Case is the only living member of this father's family, and he is the eldest of four sons born to A. J. and Julia A. Case, the others being as follow: Prentice, Ernest, and Wirt, all deceased.

Mr. Case, the subject of this sketch, attended school at Waverly, Iowa. In May, 1864, he enlisted in Iowa with Company E. 44th Iowa Infantry, and served until October, 1864. He was active in service in Tennessee and in Mississippi under the command of Gen. A. J. Smith. In 1867, Mr.

Case came to Missouri and located at Connor's Mill, one of the pioneer mills of Cooper County. This was a steam and water mill erected by James F. Connor in the days long prior to the Civil war. The settlers from 40 and 50 miles distant came to the mill to have their grain ground. Kiln-dried flour was made there, and this fact was widely advertised in 1849, at the time of the wild exodus from the East to the gold field newly discovered in California, and the fortune hunters, reading the advertisement in the St. Louis papers, crossed the Missouri River at Rocheport, on the ferry to obtain the flour, which was guaranteed to keep for a long time. Wagon trains, three-fourths of a mile in length, visited the mill to be served with the far-famed flour. James F. Connor employed 23 assistants at his mill, and, in addition, he operated a large farm, and had 13 yoke of cattle, besides horses and mules.

In 1879, Oscar F. Case moved to Gooch's Mill, and built his blacksmithing shop, and at this place he has ever since been located. His shop is fitted for work of all kinds with up-to-date machinery. In 1897, Mr. Case added machinery, and one year later he began handling farm machinery.

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He operates two forges and his work in his shop and the business of his store keeps him constantly "on the job." He is the owner of a trip hammer and power blower, there being but one other such blower in the county.

In 1872, Mr. Case was united in marriage with Nancy R. Durnil, of Connor's Mill. To Mr. and Mrs. Oscar F. Case were born the following children: Mrs. Julia Shafer, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Wirt and Bert, twins, the former, now deceased and the latter a machinist, who has been in the service of the United States for the past year; and Andrew, at home. Mr. Case is very proud of his six grandchildren: Mamie Shafer; Oscar F., Jr.; Catherine, Julia, Audra, and Elizabeth. Mrs. Case died in November, 1918, and her remains were laid to rest in the cemetery at Gooch's Mill.

Oscar F. Case is affiliated with the Ancient Order of United Workmen, and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is highly respected in Cooper County.

Louis Gantner

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Louis Gantner, a prominent manufacturer of Boonville, is a native of Cooper County. Mr. Gantner was born in Boonville, Nov. 21, 1861, a son of Andy and Rosa Gantner.

Andy Gantner was born in 1835 in Baden, Germany. He immigrated to America in 1854 and settled in Boonville. Mr. Gantner was, by trade, a brick and stone contractor. He erected many buildings in Boonville's business district, more than any other one builder in the county. He built the wings of the old public school on Sixth Street in Boonville; a part of the Kemper Military School buildings; the Nelson residence; the McPherson residence; and the Triggs residence. During the Civil War, he enlisted with the Union Army and served under Colonel Eppstein. Rosa (Diringer) Gantner was born in Alsace in 1836, and she came to America in 1849 with her parents, who settled in Boonville. Andy and Rosa Gantner were the parents of ten children. The father died Oct. 5, 1890, and the mother died Dec. 9, 1912.

Andy and Rosa Gantner were married in Boonville in 1856, and Mr. Gantner built a sandstone house on Triggs' Hill in Boonville, where all the Gantner children were born. There the father died and Mrs. Gantner sold the residence to Ewing Roberts. The old homestead of the Gantners still stands in Boonville. Andy and Louis Gantner were partners for eight years, and father and son built the Catholic Church in Boonville.

In the public schools and in the Catholic School in Boonville, Louis Gantner received his education. He was born, reared, and educated in

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this city, and he has thus far spent his life here. He has, since attaining maturity, been engaged in manufacturing and contracting, and is now a member and manager of the firm owning the Boonville Brick Company. This company, of which J. H. Stretz and Louis Gantner are the sole members, succeeded Claus Stammerjohn about 1905. The plant is located in west Boonville, near the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railroad. It has a daily capacity of 20,000 bricks. The firm is engaged in general contracting, and it has erected many hundred buildings in Cooper County, among them the County Home, the pipe factory in Boonville, and the St. Joseph Hospital. Mr. Gantner and Mr. Stretz are capable, energetic business men, and the marked success they have achieved reflects great credit upon themselves and brings much renown to Boonville.

In 1889, Louis Gantner was united in marriage with Sophia Garthoffner, of Boonville, a daughter of George and Victoria Garthoffner. To Mr. and Mrs. Gantner have been born the following children: Helen, a graduate of the Boonville High School, and graduate of the Warrensburg State Normal School, now a teacher in the Boonville schools; Lenore, a graduate of the Boonville High School, now a stenographer in St. Louis, Mo.; Ernest, who died in infancy; Walter, who enlisted in the service of the United States in August, 1917, at Washington University, and is now, at the time of this writing, in France with Unit 21, Hospital Core;; George, a law student at St. Louis University, of St. Louis, Mo.; Bertrand, a student pharmacist in St. Louis, Mo. Mr. and Mrs. Gantner and their children are worthy members of the Catholic Church. Mr. Gantner is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus and the Modern Woodmen of America. The Gantners reside at 726 Spring street in Boonville. Mr. Gantner has served one term as member of the City Council. For more than 40 years, the Gantner name has been an honored and highly regarded name in Cooper County, the synonym of honest industry, efficiency, and integrity.

W. E. Hooper

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

W. E. Hooper, the present efficient postmaster of Wooldridge, Mo., and the well known engrossing clerk of the State Senate, is a native Missourian. He was born at Clarksburg, Moniteau County, in 1876, the son of Prof. J. N. and Georgia (Amos) Hooper. Prof. J. N. Hooper established Hooper Institute and conducted that institution for many years. He died in 1894, and his widow now resides at Jefferson City, Mo. They were the parents of three children: W. E., the subject of this sketch; Mrs. W. J. Wooldridge, and Dr. D. E. Hooper, of Warsaw, Mo.

W. E. Hooper settled in Cooper County about 20 years ago, and for the past 18 years has been postmaster at Wooldridge. Mr. Hooper was

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married in 1904 to Miss Ida Anderson, a daughter of Benjamin Frank and Emma S. Anderson, who now reside in Saline Township, Cooper County. Mr. Anderson is a native of Cooper County, as is also his wife, who bore the maiden name of Emma Hopkins. They were the parents of two children, F. L. and Ida, the latter now the wife of W. E. Hooper, the subject of this sketch. To Mr. and Mrs. Hooper have been born two children: Marjorie E, and Hazel L.

Mrs. Hooper was educated in the public schools and Howard Payne College, Fayette, Mo. H. B. Hopkins, the maternal grandfather of Mrs. Hooper, was a native of Mississippi, and a pioneer of Wooldridge, Mo. He married Rebecca Burcham, of Kentucky, and they came to Cooper County in 1858. They once owned the original town site of Wooldridge. A more extensive history of the Hopkins family is given elsewhere in this volume, in connection with the sketch of Farris B. Hopkins.

W. E. Hooper is a member of the Woodmen of the World and the W. C., and is one of the substantial and representative citizens of Cooper County. He and Mrs. Hooper are members of the Baptist Church at Wooldridge.

Willis Hurt

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Willis Hurt, a prominent citizen of Clarks Fork Township, is a native of Page County, Va., born Aug. 2, 1850. He is a son of Acrey and Matilda (Rickard) Hurt, both natives of Virginia, and early settlers in Cooper County. Acrey Hurt was born in Virginia in 1820, and his wife was born in that State Dec. 20, 1827. They were married Sept. 23, 1847, and in 1855 came to Missouri, settling in Clarks Fork Township, Cooper County. They located near Washington school house, which was then an old log building. Acrey Hurt was an industrious man and a good citizen. During the Civil War he was a member of the Home Guards. He died on his place in Clarks Fork Township in February, 1883, and his wife died April 9, 1898. Their remains are interred in Green Ridge Cemetery. Acrey and Matilda were the parents of the following children: Mrs. Jeannette Arnold, Boonville; Willis, the subject of this sketch; Benjamin, resides in Henry County; Mrs. Arabella Albin, resides near Clarksburg, Mo.; Mrs. Eliza Copas, Jefferson City; Newton, died in Henry County; Acrey, a sketch of whom appears in this volume; Silos, Boonville; and William, Pilot Grove.

Willis Hurt was reared to the age of manhood in Cooper County, his parents having settled here when he was about five years old. He received his education in the Washington School district, and recalled among the early teachers of that district, Dock Freyer, who lived near

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Lone Elm Prairie. Mr. Hurt remained on the home farm with his parents until he was about 27 years of age. In 1877, he moved to his present farm, having purchased it two years previously. This place was formerly owned by the Berry heirs, their father having entered it from the Government. Mr. Hurt bought the place from Sylvanius Young. He has made many improvements, and while Mr. Hurt is not the owner of a large farm, it is one of the well improved and valuable places of the county, and here Mr. Hurt has successfully carried on farming and stock raising for over 40 years.

March 4, 1877, A. W. Hurt was married to Miss Emma Bear, a daughter of Samuel K. and Susanna (Woods) Bear, both natives of Virginia. Samuel Bear was born May 26, 1825, and died Dec. 30, 1882. Susanna (Woods) Bear was born in January, 1828, and died Dec. 9, 1887. The Bear family consisted of the following children: Mrs. Barbara J. Clawson, Barnard, Mo.; Charles, of Alva, Wy.; Mrs. Mary C. Cox, Denver, Colo.; Emma S., the wife of Willis Hurt; Mrs. Sarah Moffitt, Barnard, Mo.; Cornelia M., Morphew, N. M.; Mrs. Martha Smith, Santa Ana, Calif.; and Mrs. Laura Robinson, Spearfish, S. D.; William Henry, died at the age of 16 years, and Benjamin Alfred, died in infancy.

To Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Hurt have been born the following children: Minnie Bell, was born Aug. 3, 1879, married Harry Kirchner, Clarks Fork Township, Nov. 28, 1900; Alva Willis, an attorney and counselor at law in St. Louis, Mo., was born March 30, 1882; Alvina, born Feb. 8, 1884, and was married to Frank Kalb, April 26, 1905; Clarence Lee, born May 8, 1888, married Luda Anna Blanck, May 22, 1912, now resides in Boonville. Mr. and Mrs. Hurt have six grandchildren: Richard Kirchner, born Nov. 16, 1905; Mary Josephine Kircher, born Nov. 23, 1909; Emma Louise Kircher, born July 16, 1912; Wilbur Hurt Kalb, born Jan. 19, 1907; Charles Marvin Kalb, born Feb. 2, 1908, and Hazel Emma Kalb, born Dec. 30, 1912.

A historic landmark in the way of a hackberry tree adorns the front yard of the Hurt place. This tree is 42 years old, and came up from its own accord the year that the Hurt family settled on the

place, 42 years ago. Mr. and Mrs. Hurt are members of the M. E. Church South, and the members of the Hurt family are well known and prominent in the community.

Louis B. Nelson

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Lewis B. Nelson, a well known and successful citizen of North Moniteau Township was born in Page County, Iowa, Oct. 2, 1878. He is a son of John E. and Julia H. Nelson, natives of Sweden. John E. Nelson came

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to America when he was about 23 years of age. He is now deceased. His widow now resides in Coin, Page County, Iowa. They were the parents of the following children: Ellen A., married August S. Lind, and resides at College Springs, Iowa; Sophia J., married J. F. Johnson, Coin, Iowa; Oscar, lives near Canton, Mo.; and Lewis B. the subject of this sketch.

Lewis B. Nelson was reared in his native State, and educated in the public schools and Amity College, College Springs, Iowa, and graduated from this institution in the class of 1896. He then engaged in farming in Iowa, until 1906 when he located in Nodaway County, Mo. He bought a farm there, and was engaged in general farming and stock raising until 1918, when he came to Cooper County and purchased his present place in North Moniteau Township, 4 1/2 miles south of Prairie Home. His farm consists of 120 acres of well improved land, located on the Prairie Home California highway.

Mr. Nelson was married Oct. 20, 1916, to Miss Nora A. Odneal, a daughter of G. C. Odneal.

Peter P. McNeil

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Peter P. McNeil, a former railroad foreman of construction, and now a substantial farmer and land-owner, who died at his farm home near Otterville in the spring of 1914, had been a resident of that neighborhood for 30 years, and during that period had done much for the general advancement of the community. He was born at New Boston, N. H., Sept. 13, 1833, a son of Peter and Mary McNeil, both of whom were of Scottish stock. He was reared in the East, and when the Missouri Pacific Railroad was being constructed in Missouri, he became connected with that work as a foreman, his first work being in Cole County, where, in 1858, he married and established his home. He later lived in Bates County, and in 1884 came to Cooper County with his family and bought a farm near Otterville, being attracted to that location by the educational advantages thus offered his children at the Otterville Academy, which then was presided over by Professor Curlin. On that farm he spent the remainder of his life, one of the substantial factors in the community life. He died there, April 15, 1914, and his widow and two of her daughters are still living there. Mr. McNeil was particularly attentive to the work of the Baptist Church at Otterville, of which he was a devout member, and for 20 years was superintendent of the Sunday School of the same, in that capacity rendering an effective service for good in the community to which he had become greatly attached, and his memory will long be cherished in that connection.

Jan. 1, 1858, at Elston Station, in Cole County Mo., Peter P. McNeil

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was married to Sarah Jane Elston, who was born there Oct. 13, 1841, and to this union 12 children were born. Of these the following are still living: Mrs. Hattie M. Leach, of Otterville Township; Arthur L. McNeil, of Sedalia; Mrs. Jennie S. Evans, also of Sedalia; Mrs. Lydia S. Kelby, of Cole County; Margaret, who is at home with her mother; Lulu J., also at home, and Dr.

Charles A. McNeil, a practicing physician at Sedalia. As noted above, Mrs. McNeil has continued to make her home on the farm at the edge of Otterville, where she and her daughters are very comfortably and pleasantly situated. She owns 146 acres of well improved and profitably cultivated land, and takes a personal interest in directing the management of the same. Mrs. McNeil and her daughters are members of the Baptist Church, to the affairs of which the husband and father was so long and so earnestly devoted, and have ever taken a warm interest in church work, as well as in the general social affairs of the community in which they live, doing well their part in the promotion of all movements having to do with the advancement of the common weal thereabout, and are held in high esteem in the community.

Henry Jenry

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Henry Jenry, a prosperous farmer and stockman of Prairie Home Township, is a native of Cooper County. He was born in the Township where he now lives, March 27, 1861, a son of John P. Jenry, who was a native of Germany, born in Darmstadt, and came to America, 1842. His parents came later and located in Buffalo, N. Y., where they spent the remainder of their lives. John P. Jenry came from New York State to Boonville about 1850. He was a bricklayer and worked at his trade here for a number of years. He built the Lohse building in Boonville, as well as many other structures in that locality. He spent the latter part of his life in Clarks Fork Township, where he died June 14, 1905, and his widow, who is now 85 years of age, still survives him. She has been an invalid for 56 years. They were the parents of the following children: John, died in New York State; Mrs. Caroline Defress, Kansas City, Mo.; Mrs. Louise Smith, deceased; Daniel, deceased; Charles, resides near Gooch Mill, Mo.; Henry, the subject of this sketch; George, lives in Wyoming; Mrs. Kate Hundley, lives on the old home place in Cooper County; and Mrs. Mary Smith, Blue Springs, Mo.

Henry Jenry received his education in the public schools of Cooper County, attending the New Salem District School. Cooper County has always been his home, and he has made farming and stock raising his life occupation. He owns a valuable farm of 91 acres in Prairie Home Township, which he purchased in 1892. His place is located on the Jefferson

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State Highway, 11 miles southeast of Booneville, and is one of the valuable farms in that section of the county.

Feb. 21, 1901, Henry Jenry was united in marriage with Miss Mary Allen Chappell, a daughter of Anderson and Sarah Morland, of LaCiede County, Mo. The father was a Civil War veteran, having served in the Union Army for four years. He settled in Cooper County, near Gooch Mill, and spent the remainder of his life in this vicinity. He died Feb. 21, 1897, aged 52 years, and his wife died at Raleigh, Mo., Sept. 23, 1918, aged 71 years. Mrs. Jenry is one of the following children born to her parents: Mary Ellen, wife of Henry Jenry, born July 20, 1869; Harriett, born April 25, 1871, married Louis Rhodes, and resides at Vida, Mo.; and Joseph, born Aug. 20, 1875, resides at Raleigh, Mo.

Mr. and Mrs. Jenry are well known in Cooper County and rank among its leading people.

Frank H. Deuel

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Frank H. Deuel, a well known farmer and stockman of Prairie Home Township, was born in Pottawatomie, Kan., Aug. 11, 1868. He is a son of L. W. and Nancy J. (Davis) Deuel. L. W. Deuel was born in New York State in 1836, and in 1849 started to the gold fields of California with his

father, who died at Salisbury, Mo., and was buried there. L. W. then went on west to Kansas, remaining in that State until 1882; he then returned to Macon County, Mo., and five years later settled in Cooper County. Here he bought a farm in Saline Township, where he resided until 1909, when he went to Sedalia, where he now lives. L. W. Deuel had an extensive experience as an early day plainsman. During and after the Civil War he crossed the plains 12 times, being employed in driving cattle. During some of these drives in the wild and unsettled West, hostile Indians were frequently encountered. Nancy .1. (Davis) Deuel, wife of L. W. Deuel, was born in Macon County, Mo., in 1850. They were married at Manhattan, Kan., in 1867, and the following children were born of this union: Frank H., the subject of this sketch; Mrs. Maggie Gupton, Sedalia; Charles, Sedalia; Deam, Sedalia; George, Sedalia; Mrs. Mattie Hoerl, Boonville; Oscar, now serving in U. S. Army in France; and Mrs. May Heckerdt, Sedalia.

Frank H. Deuel was educated in the public schools of Kansas. After coming to Missouri with his parents, he was rural mail carrier on the first route that was established out of Prairie Home, for 16 years. He resigned this position in 1917, and bought his present farm of 61 acres in Prairie Home Township. This place is located about 11/2 miles south of Prairie Home, and is a well improved, productive and valuable place.

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Mr. Deuel was married Feb. 20, 1889, to Miss Laura Dishion a daughter of James F. and Nancy J. (Adair) Dishion, the marriage ceremony being performed by Rev. O. P. Davis. James F. Dishion was a farmer and died in 1911. The widow now resides on the home place in Prairie Home Township. To Mr. and Mrs. Deuel have been born the following children: Nellie, married Earl Ford, Bunceton; Mollie, married Charles Friday, Bunceton; Ola, married Louis L. Blank, Prairie Home; Icie, resides at home; Ira P., who served in U. S. Navy from May, 1918, to March, 1919, being connected with the medical department; and Stella, who resides at home with her parents. Mr. and Mrs. Deuel have 10 grandchildren: Margaret, Agnes, Nannie Laura, and Harold Ford; Sarah Frances, Charles Robert, and Larry Lee Friday; Louis Hilton; Kenneth and Randall Blank.

Mr. Deuel is a well posted citizen, and takes a commendable interest in public affairs. While a resident of Prairie Home he served as mayor of that town for two terms, and was a member of the City Council for a number of terms. Mr. and Mrs. Deuel are members of the Christian Church at Walnut Grove, of which he is a deacon.

G. C. Odneal

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

G. C. Odneal, a Civil War veteran and a member of one of the pioneer families of Missouri, was born in Moniteau County, Sept. 22, 1846. He is a son of Valentine and Dicy (Gilbreath) Odneal, both natives of Tennessee, the former born in 1812, and the latter in 1816. Valentine Odneal came to Missouri with his father about 100 years ago; he died in 1852. Dicy Gilbreath was a daughter of Hugh Gilbreath, who was born in Tennessee in 1782, and came to Missouri about the same time that the Odneals came. He died in 1852. To Valentine Odneal and wife were born the following children: William, who was killed at Tipton, Mo., during the Civil War; Hugh G., died in 1912; Thomas B., died in 1873; John W., died in 1912; James M., died in 1916; G. C., the subject of this sketch; Mrs. Nancy Foster, deceased; and Mrs. Dora Hannah, resides in North Moniteau Township.

G. C. Odneal was educated in the public schools and Prairie Home College. He spent all his life in North Moniteau Township, where he has been engaged in farming and stock raising, except two and one-half years when he was in Texas. During the Civil War Mr. Odneal served in the Confederate Army under Fighting Gen. Joe Shelby. He was with his command in Missouri, Arkansas and Texas, and when the war closed he was at Shreveport, La. Mr. Odneal had some narrow escapes during the course of his military career, and at one time was severely wounded by

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a piece of shell which entered his side and which remained there until about seven years ago when he had it removed.

Mr. Odneal was married Sept. 30, 1875, to Martha J. Harris, a daughter of William and Nancy (Martin) Harris, both of whom are now deceased. The mother died in 1895, and the father died in 1896. Mrs. Odneal was born in North Moniteau Township Feb. 27, 1854. To Mr. and Mrs. Odneal have been born three children, as follows: Nora A., married Louis Nelson, North Moniteau Township; Flora N., married William Schaaf, and lives in Moniteau County; and Thomas A., married Augusta Strickfaden and they have one child, Edna May. Mr. and Mrs. Odneal have the following grandchildren: Dorsey, Harold and Estella George; Floyd Nelson; Lucile, Floyd, George, and Curtis Schaaf; and Edna May Odneal.

Mr. Odneal commands the respect of all who know him, and the Odneal family stand high in the community.

Peter J. Strickfaden (Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Peter J. Strickfaden, who departed this life July 19, 1919, was a well known and successful farmer and stockman of North Moniteau Township, a native son of Cooper County, and a descendent of pioneer parents. He was born on the place where he now resides, April 16, 1854, a son of Ambrose and Gertrude (Henhover) Strickfaden. Ambrose Strickfaden was a native of Germany, and when a young man settled on the place where Peter J. now resides, in the early forties. At the time of his death, in 1888, he owned over 525 acres of land. His wife preceded him in death several years. They were the parents of the following children: Vinse, deceased; Sebastian, deceased; Mrs. Mary Sternbach, deceased; Frank, resides in California, Mo.; John, deceased; Mrs. Catherine Sheidt, deceased; Peter J., the subject of this sketch; Ambrose, resides in North Moniteau Township; Leap, Pilot Grove; and Josie, deceased.

Peter J. Strickfaden was reared in Cooper County, and received his education in the public schools. He followed farming and stock raising all his life. He owned a valuable farm of 155 acres, six miles south of Prairie Home, where successfully carried on general farming and stock raising for many years.

May 7, 1889, Peter J. Strickfaden was married to Miss Anne Schaber, a daughter of Andrew and Mary Schaber, both natives of Indiana. The father was born Oct. 18, 1846, and died in 1912, and the mother now resides at Pilot Grove. They were the parents of the following children: Annie, the wife of Peter J. Strickfaden; Tony, deceased; George, Bea- man, Mo.; John, resides in Florida; Mrs. Kate Mullet, Pilot Grove; Tena,

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resides in Sedalia; Mrs. Mary Hayes, deceased; Mrs. Lena Mullet, lives in Oklahoma, and Mrs. Lucy Alberts, Marshall, Mo.

To Mr. and Mrs. Peter J. Strickfaden were born the following children: Mary, who resides at home; Andy and George. Andy Strickfaden was born Jan. 3, 1893, and is now serving as road overseer of District No. 2, North Moniteau Township. George W. Strickfaden was born March 31, 1894. He was married Nov. 30, 1917, to Miss Wilhelmina Keil, a daughter of William and Louisa (Heernleben) Keil, the former now deceased, and the latter resides at Cedron, Mo.

George W. Strickfaden enlisted in the U. S. Army, April 29, 1918, and for a time was trained at Camp Funston, Kan. Later, he was sent to Camp Mills, N. Y., and from there to Liverpool,

England, where he arrived June 16, 1918. He was then taken sick with measles and sent to a hospital, where he remained until July 23, after which he was detailed on special duty at an American rest camp at Liverpool, until March 20, 1919. He was then returned to New York by way of Brest, arriving March 30, 1919. He was then sent to Camp Taylor, Ky., where he was discharged, April 21, 1919. While in the army he was a member of Company L, 356th Infantry, under Captain Wear, who was killed in France.

The Strickfaden family are well known and highly respected in Cooper County.

Dr. A L Meredith
(Transcribed by Laura Paxton)

Dr. A L Meredith, a well known physician and surgeon of Prairie Home is not only a leader in his profession but is one of Cooper County's most progressive and enterprising citizens. Dr. Meredith was born at Lupus, Moniteau County, March 30, 1879 and is a son of J F and Malvina (Clay) Meredith, natives of Kentucky. Malvina is the daughter of green Clay who was a second cousin of Henry Clay. J F Meredith and his wife now reside at Lupus.

Dr. A L Meredith was reared in Moniteau County and educated in Hooper Institute and Washington and Lee University at Lexington VA. He then entered Beaumont Medical College at St. Louis, where he was graduated with a degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1901. He then engaged in the practice of his profession at Lupus, MO where he remained but a short time when he located at Wooldridge, where he practiced for nine years. In the meantime, he took a post graduate course at the Post Graduate Medical College at New York City. He practiced at Jamestown MO for 18 months, and in 1912 located at Prairie Home where he has since been successfully engaged in the practice of his profession, except during the period of service in the medical department of

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U S Army. On September 1918, he entered the medical department of the army with the rank of first lieutenant and immediately proceeded to Camp Zachary Taylor, KY., where he served until Dec. 28 1918, when he received his discharge.

Dr. Meredith was united in marriage June 10 1908, with Miss Agnes Teel, a daughter of Dr. S M and Nettie P. (Williams) Teel. Dr. S M Tell was a native of Virginia. He was a graduate of the University of Virginia and after completing his medical course located at Prairie Home, MO., and for 30 years was successfully engaged in the practice of his profession there. He died Feb 28 1912, and his remains are buried in the New Salem Cemetery. His wife is a native of Cooper County and a daughter of John R. Williams, a pioneer of Saline Township. She now resides at Prairie Home. Dr. Teel and wife were the parents of the following children: Garth, resides at Prairie Home; Burke, now serving in the U S Navy on the transport Huron, having entered the service in August 1917; Samuel, died at the age of 3 years; Pearl, bookkeeper of the bank of Prairie Home; Newell, a teacher in the Cooper County School; Eva married Homer Wear, Prairie Home; Polly married L A George, Prairie Home; Willie married Dr. Dorsey Hooper, Warsaw MO; Kelly, married Roy Hadley; and Logan, married C. Reid Spahr, Oakland Cal. To Dr. and Mrs. Meredith have been born two children: A L Jr., and Virginia Teel.

Dr. Meredith is an able physician and a constant student of the developments in the great science of medicine and surgery, and notwithstanding the requirements of a large practice, he has found time to devote to public improvements and local progressive enterprises. He has served as president of Consolidated School District No. 3 for five years. He was one of the organizers of the Prairie Home Fair, one of the successful institutions of its kind in the country, and for four years he has been president of this organization. He is also the present mayor of Prairie Home, which is one of the most progressive little towns of its size in the State.

Dr. Meredith is a member of the Masonic Lodge, Woodmen of the World, Modern Woodmen of America and the Mystic Workers.

Louis M. Meredith
(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Louis M. Meredith, the capable and efficient superintendent of the State Reformatory Farm of Boonville, is a native of Missouri, and belongs to one of the early pioneer families of this State. Mr. Meredith was born in Polk County, Oct. 25, 1860, a son of Joseph R. and Rachel (Leith)

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Meredith. Joseph R. Meredith was born in Cooper County in 1832, and died at the age of 70 years. He was a son of Thomas Meredith, who settled near Pilot Grove in the early twenties, and entered 200 acres of land from the Government, and spent the remainder of his life in that vicinity. Rachel (Leith) Meredith died in 1892, aged 70 years. Louis M. Meredith was one of the following children born to his parents: Fannie, married S. M. Whitlow; Louis M., the subject of this sketch; R. A., lives at Pilot Grove; Susan, married J. M. Sparkman, and William Henry, Vermilion, Kan.

Louis M. Meredith was reared on a farm and educated in the public schools. He was engaged in farming and stock raising in the vicinity of Pilot Grove for a number of years. In 1897, he accepted a position as night-watchman at the Reform School, and for four years served in that capacity. He then became captain of Company H, and held that position for two years, after which he was superintendent of the brickyard of the institution for a time. In 1915 he was appointed superintendent of the institutional farm and has held that position to the present time. While Mr. Meredith is a modest and unassuming man, it is a fact that he holds one of the important positions in the State. The work that he is able to accomplish in training the boys under his charge in the proper channel means much to the future citizenship of Missouri. Mr. Meredith realizes this, and has given much thought and study to plans and methods of building up the characters and making good citizens of those boys who are legally delegated to his charge. The State Farm under Mr. Meredith's charge consists of 485 acres, besides another farm of 400 acres, which the State rents. There are a number of departments of the institution, including a blacksmith shop, brickyard, stone quarry, carpenter shop, greenhouse, etc. The 600 boys in the institution are kept busily engaged in beneficial and helpful work in connection with these various departments, in addition to their mental and moral training.

Aug. 1, 1885, Louis M. Meredith was united in marriage with Miss Addie Kirkman, of Cooper County, a daughter of Samuel and Susan (Shoemaker) Kirkman, both natives of Cooper County, and now deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Meredith have been born seven children, as follows: Oscar L., Waterman, Calif., married Katherine Williams, of Versailles, Mo.; Joseph Ross, married Jennie Oslander, served in the World War with 144th Field Artillery in France, from August, 1918, to February, 1919, having enlisted in June 24, 1918, at San Francisco, Calif.; Mary Susan,

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A stenographer, resides at home; James Madison, now serving in the U. S. Navy, and is stationed at Anapolis, Md.; William Ralph, a student in the Boonville High School; Louis M., Jr., and Alice Virginia at home.