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Dr. Hugo H. Buescher
(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Dr. Hugo H. Buescher, a successful dentist of Boonville, is a native of Warren County, Mo. Mr. Buescher was born Oct. 28, 1896, a son of Rudolph and Wilhelmina (Hasenjager) Buescher, natives of Warren County.

Rudolph Buescher was born in 1852, a son of one of Warren County's most honored pioneers. The senior Buescher was one of the first settlers near Hopewell, Mo. Wilhelmina Buescher was born in 1853. Mr. and Mrs. Buescher now reside in Hartsburg, in Boone County, where they moved in 1896. They are the parents of the following children: Louis, deceased; Josephine, the wife of Henry Kluesmeyer, of New Franklin, Mo.; John, a minister of the Burlington Evangelical Church, Burlington, Iowa; Herman and Robert, who died in infancy; Edward, a prosperous farmer near Hartsburg, Mo.; Meta, the wife of Frank Backhorst, of Hartsburg; Alina, the wife of Frank Osterloh, a farmer, near Hartsburg; Otto, who is engaged in farming near Hamburg; Oscar, who enlisted in the service of the United States in May, 1918, and reached France in August, 1918, was at the front when the armistice was signed, has been in active service for many months, and has escaped unharmed, and is now with his company, Company F, 349th Infantry, in France, at the time of this writing, in 1919; Hugo H., the subject of this sketch; Levonia, the wife of Julius Meyer, a well-known farmer near Hartsburg, Mo.

Dr. Buescher obtained his elementary education in the public schools of Hartsburg. He later attended the high school at Columbia and the

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University at St. Louis, and of the latter institution he is a graduate, a member of the class of June 3, 1918. He opened a dental office at Gallatin, Mo., in June, 1918, and in August of the same year he was called into service, as he had enlisted for duty, Dec. 21, 1917, and was awaiting call. Dr. Buescher was sent to Camp Pike, where he was kept on duty until he was honorably discharged in December, 1918. While in service, he was engaged in the practice of his profession. He located in Boonville, Jan. 1, 1919, coming thence from Camp Pike, and he has thus far established a splendid reputation, and is meeting with exceptional success. Dr. Buescher is a capable practitioner and a young man in every way worthy of all the success which will attend his efforts.

July 31, 1918, Dr. Hugo H. Buescher was united in marriage with Susie Woodward, of Gallatin, Mo., a native of McFall, Mo. Mr. and Mrs. Buescher have made many friends in Boonville and Cooper County since their recent coming to this locality, and they are highly regarded by all who know them. Dr. Buescher is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias of Boonville.

Archie L. Farris
(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Archie L. Farris, a prominent farmer and stockman of Saline Township, is a member of one of the oldest and best pioneer families of Cooper County. Mr. Farris was born March 10, 1876, at the Farris homestead in Saline Township, on the farm a part of which is the present home of the subject of this sketch. He is a son of William P. and Almeda S. (Grubbs) Farris, natives of Cooper County.

Eri Mosley Farris, great-grandfather of Archie L. Faris, was one of the earliest settlers of Cooper County. He settled on the farm known as the Farris home place, and he and his wife are interred in the family burial ground on this farm. Eri Farris, Jr., an uncle of Archie L. Farris, now resides in Pettis County, and he, at the advanced age of 90 years, is still active and alert, mentally and physically. William P. Farris, father of the subject of this review, was born in Cooper County in 1842. He was a Confederate veteran of the Civil War. He served under Gen. Sterling Price, and was twice imprisoned at Jefferson City. After the war ended, Mr. Farris returned to the farm and engaged in general farming and stock raising the remainder of his life. He died in 1914, and his remains are interred in Clayton Cemetery. Almeda S. (Grubbs) Farris « as born in 1844 and died in 1901. She was laid to rest in Clayton Cemetery. The children of William P. and Almeda S. Farris are as follows: Emmet, who died in infancy; Lena and Nela, who died in infancy; James E., who was born in 1874 and died in 1901; Archie L., the subject of this

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review; William A., an auto repairman of Boonville; Nellie, the wife of Waite Finley, of Saline Township; Lydia M., who died in infancy; Edna E., the wife of Layton T. Mills, of Boonville; and Annie M., the wife of George Brueckner, of Boonville.

Archie L. Farris attended the public schools of Cooper County. He was a student for one year at Harper Institute at Clarksburg, Mo., when he returned to the home place and has ever since been engaged in farming and stock raising. Mr. Farris raises Poland China hogs and pure-bred Plymouth Rock chickens, having of the latter a flock of 150 hens. Mr. Farris's farm comprises 128 acres of land located eight miles southeast of Boonville, and is known as the "Maple Dale Farm." On this place are two good barns, an excellent chicken house, a machine shed, and a comfortable residence, built in 1898, all improvements placed there by Mr. Farris.

Oct. 19, 1898, Archie L. Farris was married to Sadie M. Hobrecht, a daughter of H. A. and Nancy J. Hobrecht, both of whom are residents of Saline Township. Mrs. Farris has one brother and one sister living: Frank Elmer, who resides on the Hobrecht home place in Saline Township; and Mrs. Alma B. Hasenbach, of Boonville. To Mr. and Mrs. Farris have been born three children; Wilbur S., Hargrove, and Raymond E. Mr. and Mrs. Farris are worthy and consistent members of the Baptist Church, and Mr. Farris is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

For nine years, Mr. Farris has been a valued member of the School Board of his district. He takes a good citizen's interest in educational matters and in affairs of public import. He and Mrs. Farris are highly regarded among the best families of Cooper County.

John C. Lohse

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

John C. Lohse, a prosperous farmer and stockman of Clarks Fork Township, is a native of Cooper County, and a descendent of pioneer parents. He was born in Prairie Home, March 31, 1876, a son of Fred and Anna (Smith) Lohse, both natives of Germany, who settled in Prairie Home Township some years prior to the Civil War. When Fred Lohse first came to this county he worked out by the month, and continued to do so for several years before he was able to invest in a farm of his own. He spent his life here and was successfully engaged in farming and stock raising, and now resides on the old home place at the age of 76 years. His wife died about 20 years ago, and her remains are buried in the Lutheran Church Cemetery at Clarks Fork. They were the parents of the following children: Mrs. Maggie Kaiser, deceased; John C., the subject

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of this sketch; Henry, a farmer in Clarks Fork Township; Lena, deceased; Martin, a farmer in Clarks Fork Township; Ernest, who resides on the old home place; Walter, lives at Lone Elm, and Willie died at the age of 14 years.

John C. Lohse was reared on the home farm in Prairie Home Township, and educated in the public schools. His farm consists of 160 acres, and is one of the nicely improved and well kept places of Clarks Fork Township. It was formerly the Dorsey place, and Mr. Lohse purchased it in 1899. He has just completed the erection of a 10-room brick residence with all modern improvements, including electric lights, hot and cold water system, with furnace heat. This is one of the fine residents of this section of the county. There are three barns on the Lohse place, all of which are commodious and conveniently arranged. Mr. Lohse carries on general farming and raises hogs and cattle extensively.

John C. Lohse was united in marriage with Miss Nora Fricke, of Clarks Fork Township. She is a daughter of William and Minnie Fricke. The father is now deceased, and the mother lives in Clarks Fork Township. Mrs. Lohse is one of three children born to her parents, the others being William, who resides on the home place, and Emma, who married William Smith, of Bunceton. To Mr. and Mrs. Lohse have been born the following children: Arthur, died at the age of seven years; Wilbur, Grace Marie, Bernice. Mr. and Mrs. Lohse reared a nephew, Raymond Kaiser, who now resides with the Lohse family.

Mr. and Mrs. Lohse are members of the Clarks Fork Lutheran Church. The Lohse family are well known and highly respected, and Mr. Lohse is a citizen of genuine worth to the community.

Robert A. Shannon

(Transcribed by Laura Paxton)

Robert A. Shannon, a prominent farmer and stockman of Clarks Fork Township, is a native son of Cooper County. He was born in the Township where he now resides, April 26, 1881, and is a son of Elza and Mary (Miller) Shannon.

Robert A. Shannon is one of two children born to his parents, the other one being Eliza Miller Shannon. The mother died in 1884 and to the father's second marriage the following children were born: Martha, married Vivian Mills; George, Noye, Louis Minnie, died in infancy, and Maggie, died at the age of three years.

Mr. Shannon was educated in the public schools of Cooper County and the State Normal School at Chillicothe, Mo. He engaged in farming and stock raising, and in 1901 bought the Joel Hurt place. Later he sold that farm and bought his present place of 160 acres in 1916. This is a well

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Improved place, with a good tow-story, 10 room, modern residence. The place is equipped with an acetylene lightning system, and is modern in every particular. There is one large barn, 40 X 40 feet on the place and other farm buildings. The place is well watered and nicely adapted to stock raising as well as general farming. Mr. Shannon raises Duroc Jersey hogs extensively, and has also made a success of breeding Galloway cattle. He also raises pure-bred Rhode Island chickens.

In 1901, Robert A. Shannon was married to Miss Anna Eldredge, a daughter of Charles Eldredge, of Prairie Home Township. Mrs. Shannon is one of the following children born of her parents: Dr. James Eldredge, Kansas City, Mo.; Lucy, married Newton Cunningham, and resides in Texas; Bessie, married Milton Cunningham, Boonville; Olive, married Leslie Laws, they reside in Oklahoma; Charles C., Jr. Boonville; Anna wife of Robert A. Shannon the subject of this sketch; Dorothy, married Fred Bear, Vernon County; Sarah, married Asa Williams, Santa Fe, N.M.;

Louisa, married David hurt, Boonville. To Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Shannon have been born four children as follows: Norman Laura, Mary and Gilbert.

Mr. and Mrs. Shannon are members of the Walnut Grove Christian Church. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is a progressive and public spirited citizen. He is for good schools, good roads, and stands ever ready to give his support to any movement which has for its object, the betterment of the community.

One of th historic landmarks of Cooper County is an old building which stands of the Shannon farm. It was built nearly 100 years ago. Colonel McCulloch owned it at one time, and he sold it to Steigleder, and here all the Steigleder children were reared. Louis Earhart bought it later, and sold it to Jennie Portner, who sold it to Mr. Shannon. It is a log structure and in later years was clapboarded. It is now used for a corn crib.

Robert William Mills
(Transcribed by Laura Paxton)

Robert William Mills a descendent of one of Cooper County's honored pioneer families is a native son of this county. He was born on the place where he now resides in Saline Township Oct 18 1881 the son of Hunter N and Mary E(Thomas) Mills. Hunter N Mills was also born in Cooper County and was a son of Henry W Mills a native of Virginia born July 27 1815 and died Feb 121898. He was a prominent pioneer of Cooper county and became prosperous.

Hunter N Mills was reared in Saline Township and was successfully engaged in farming and stock raising and at the time of his death was the

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owner of 500acres of land. He married Mary E Thomas a native of Moniteau Township Cooper County. She was a daughter of James and Martha G (Ellis) Thomas natives of Virginia and early settlers in Cooper County. Hunter N Mills died in 1915, and his wife died in 1912. They were the parents of the following children: Mabel, married D L Rogers, Boonville; Irene, married JP Kaiser, Clarks Fork Township; Robert W, the subject of this sketch; Garland, died at the age of one year; Vivian H resides in Saline Township; Ver, Axil Colorado; and Elvira married Louis James, Axil Colorado.

Robert W Mills was educated in the Fairview School District and the Boonville High School. He has made farming and stock raising his life's business and has been very successful in his undertakings. His farm, which is known as "Edge Hill Farm," consists of 350 acres of well improved land in Saline Township. He had a fine residence tow large stock barns, which are complete in detail and also a silo with a capacity of 150 tons. Mr. Mills is an extensive feeder and feeds about two and a half carloads of cattle annually and about three carloads of hogs and sheep. He carries on general farming and stock raising and is a practical farmer as well as a student of modern progressive farming methods.

Mr. Mills was married Oct 19 1905 to Miss Margaret E Logan, a daughter of Hugh and Nancy (Davis) Logan of Prairie Home Township. Her father died May17 1903 and her mother now resides on the Logan home farm in Prairie Home Township. Mrs. Mills is one of the following children born to her parents: John who resides on the home palace; Sallie married Aubrey Mills, Clarks Fork Township; Katie married T B Jewett, Clarks Fork Township; Katie, married T B Jewett, Clarks Fork Township; Margaret E the wife of Robert W. Mills, the subject of this sketch and Lucy married William Hunt North Moniteau Township. To Mr. and Mrs. Mills has been born one child, Robert William born Nov 27 1916.

Mr. Mills is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America and is a democrat. He is one of Cooper County's progressive citizens.

H. C. Honerbrink

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

H. C. Honerbrink, a well known and successful farmer and stock raiser of Prairie Home Township, is a native of Ohio. He was born in Cleveland, Jan. 13, 1865, a son of Earnest F. and Barbara (Eisle) Honerbrink. They were early settlers in Cooper County, and the father now resides in Prairie Home Township, at the age of 78 years. The mother died April 20, 1914, and her remains are interred in the cemetery at Boonville (Walnut Grove)., They were the Parents of the following children: H. C., the subject of this sketch; Fred, who resides in Saline Township; Lucy, Saline Township; Anna, married

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Christ Ohlendorf; Mary, married James Crane; George, lives in Saline Township; Sophia, married Hogan Freeman, Saline Township; Earnest, resides on the home place, and Herman, died in infancy.

H. C. Honerbrink was reared in Cooper County, and received his education in the public schools, attending the school in the Providence district. He has made farming and stock raising the chief occupation of his life. He purchased his present place in Prairie Home Township in 1889, and has made many improvements, and brought this farm up to a high state of cultivation. The place contains 140 acres, and is regarded as one of the valuable farms of that neighborhood. Mr. Honerbrink is extensively engaged in raising cattle and hogs and makes a specialty of Poland China hogs.

Mr. Honerbrink was united in marriage, June 5, 1892, with Miss Sophia Wehmeyer, a daughter of Peter and Lena (Fiedler) Wehmeyer, early pioneer settlers of Cooper County, both of whom are deceased. Mrs. Honerbrink was born in Clarks Fork Township, Feb. 21, 1862. Her father, Peter Wehmeyer, was a Civil War veteran, having served in the Union Army for three years. To Mr. and Mrs. Honerbrink have been born three children, as follows; Barbara, married Fred Ohlendorf, of Boonville; Ida, resides at home with her parents, and Martha, died at the age of 15 years.

Mr. Honerbrink takes a keen interest in the public welfare and stands ever ready to do his duty as a citizen and neighbor. He has served as a member of the local School Board for a number of years and is recognized as one of Cooper County's progressive citizens.

Henry Schuster

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Henry Schuster, a prominent farmer and stockman of LaMine Township and owner of "Longview" Farm, is a native son of Cooper County, and belongs to a pioneer family of this section of Missouri. He was born in the Township where he now resides April 5, 1867, and is a son of Mortiz and Rachel (Hildebrant) Schuster, a more extensive review of whom is given elsewhere in this volume.

Henry Schuster was the second child born of a family of nine children. He was reared on his father's farm in Lamine Township, and attended the district schools. He was brought up to the life of a farmer and in 1888 engaged in farming and stockraising on his own account on his father's farm. Two years later he settled on the place where he now resides, which he rented for seven years, when he bought it. "Longview" Farm consists of 120 acres of well improved, productive and valuable land, and here Mr. Schuster has been successfully carrying

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on general farming and stock raising for a number of years. Recently he has turned his attention to breeding Duroc Jersey hogs, and is making a success of this field of endeavor.

On Sept. 23, 1888, Henry Schuster was united in marriage with Miss Viola Belle Phelps, a native of Cooper County, born in LaMine Township, April 23, 1869. She is a daughter of William H. and Elizabeth (White) Phelps. William H. Phelps was a native of Missouri, and a descendant of one of the pioneer families of this section. He was born in Boone County in 1832, and came to Cooper County sometime in the sixties. Here he settled on a farm and spent the remainder of his life in that line of work. He died in 1882. His wife, Elizabeth (White) Phelps, was born in New Jersey in 1832 and died in Cooper County, Mo., in 1886. '

To Henry Schuster and wife have been born three children, as follows: Morris H., born Aug. 22, 1889, a farmer in LaMine Township, married Henrietta Gibson of Blackwater, and they have one child, Harold Gibson; Elmer R., born Nov. 21, 1890, also a farmer in LaMine Township, married Frances Kincaid, and they have three children, Robert H., Henry h. and Margaret; and Lealia, born Feb. 26, 1894, married Roy Jeffress, LaMine Township, and they have two children, Helen L. and Eva.

Henry Schuster is one of the substantial citizens of Henry County, and the Schuster family are well known and highly respected.

George Viertel

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

George Viertel, of Boonville Township, has spent practically all his life in Cooper County, and has been identified with this section of the State since his boyhood. He was born in Baltimore, Md., Jan. 18, 1854, and is the son of John and Marie (Schnuck) Viertel. The father was a native of Germany, and came to America at about the age of 15 years, settling in Baltimore, Md. He was married in that city, and in May 1869, came to Cooper County, and settled two and one-half miles east of Boonville on the place where George Viertel now resides. He improved this farm and made his home here until the time of his death, in 1908. His wife died the same year, and the remains are buried in Walnut Grove Cemetery, Boonville. They were the parents of the following children: John F., Boonville Township; George, the subject of this sketch; Anna K., deceased; Lizzie C., Boonville; William, Boonville; and P. P., Boonville.

George Viertel spent his early boyhood days in the city of Baltimore, where he received his early education. He came to Cooper County with

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his parents when he was about 15 years of age. For 15 years he was engaged in the livery business at Boonville. He built the barn which is now owned by Thomas B. Robinson, of Boonville. He has been interested in farming during the greater part of his career, and has owned a number of valuable farms in both Cooper and Howard Counties. He purchased his present place, which consists of 40 acres, the same being his father's old homestead, 1915. W. B. Miller owned the place for a number of years prior to the time that George Viertel purchased it. This is one of the well improved and valuable places of Cooper County. The place is equipped with a good modern cottage and other suitable farm buildings. A thrifty young orchard adorns the place, and everything about the Viertel farm bears evidence of the thrift and industry of the owner. Mr. Viertel gives special attention to the poultry industry, and has about 200 splendid Plymouth Rock and Rhode Island Red chickens.

Dec. 18, 1889, Mr. Viertel was united in marriage with Miss Mollie Z. Fluke, a daughter of Frederick and Julia (Rector) Fluke, both now deceased. The father was a native of Pennsylvania and came to Missouri in the fifties. He was killed in a cyclone at his home in Saline Township, June 5, 1917. His wife preceded him in death, having departed this life in 1903. Their remains are

interred in the cemetery at Overton, Mo. Mrs. George Viertel was one of the following children born to her parents: Luallan, deceased; Troy C., resides in Oklahoma; William F., deceased; Harrison B., deceased; Mattie, married Arthur Henry, and resides in Sedalia; Ids N., married James Brady, Saline Township; and Mollie Z., the wife of George Viertel, the subject of this sketch. Mrs. Viertel was born in Saline Township, Aug. 18, 1871, and was reared and educated in this county. To Mr. and Mrs. Viertel have been born the following children: Laura Elliot, married Bower Hickman, Boonville Township; Vance V., resides at home with his parents. He is a stenographer, a graduate of the Boonville High School and has taught several terms of school.

Mr. Viertel is a member of the Woodmen of the World, and his political allegiance is with the Democratic party. He has taken a prominent part in the affairs of his party, and was a candidate in the party primaries for county treasurer.

Mr. Viertel is one of the younger men of this section who has seen much of the development of Cooper County, from almost its primitive state to its present greatness. His father owned the first wagon which was equipped with a brake in Cooper County. In those days it was considered

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an extraordinary vehicle, and was frequently used as a hearse in the pioneer days.

Harry J. Muntzel (Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Harry J. Muntzel, a progressive young farmer and stockman of Clarks Fork Township, was born in the Township where he now resides on Nov. 29, 1888, and is a descendent of Cooper County pioneer parents. He is a son of Albert and Margaret (Schmidt) Muntzel. Albert Muntzel was born in Germany, and came to America with his parents when he was 12 years of age. The family first settled in St. Louis County, Mo., and from there came to Cooper County and settled in Clarks Fork Township, being early settlers in that locality. Albert Muntzel was a hard-working and frugal citizen, and contributed the best years of his life to rearing his family and improving and bettering their condition. He died in 1905, his wife having preceded him in death about 10 years. They were the parents of the following children: Albert, Portland, Ore.; M. W., St. Louis; Ed., Boonville; Clare, married H. E. Trampe, St. Louis County; Julia, married George H. Meyer; Lillie, resides with her sister, Mrs. Meyer, in Clarks Fork Township; Caroline, married George H. Fricke; Harry J., the subject of this sketch; Dells, resides in St. Louis County; Lizzie, deceased; and Leonard, died in infancy.

Harry J. Muntzel was reared on the home farm in Clarks Fork Township and attend the local district school. Later he took a course in the Gem City Business College at Quincy, Ill., where he was graduated in 1909. About a year later he purchased his present place in Clarks Fork Township from his brother, Ed. Muntzel. This is one of the well-kept and highly productive farms of Clarks Fork Township. It consists of 1121,2 acres, with good, modern and substantial improvements. The farm residence is a six-room cottage, and the other farm buildings, including two barns and a silo, are well arranged for convenience and facilitating modern agricultural methods. Mr. Muntzel has made a marked success as a breeder of Hereford cattle, Chester White hogs, and Percheron horses, and is the owner of some very valuable registered animals.

Harry J. Muntzel was united in marriage with Miss Minnie Fricke, in December, 1911. She is a daughter of Henry and Caroline Fricke, well known and highly respected residents of Clarks Fork Township. To Mr. and Mrs. Muntzel have been born three children: Erla Harriette, Ralph Edmund and Doris.

Mr. and Mrs. Muntzel are members of the Lutheran Evangelical Church of Clarks Fork, and are well known throughout eastern Cooper

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County. They are numbered among the substantial and highly respected citizens of the county.

F. H. Bornhauser

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

F. H. Bornhauser, a prominent farmer and stockman of Prairie Home Township, is a native son of Cooper County. He was born near Prairie Home, Aug. 27, 1884, and is a son of Benjamin and Caroline (Schwaff) Bornhauser. Benjamin Bornhauser was a native of Germany, and came to America when he was about 20 years of age. He was an early settler in Prairie Home Township, where he now resides at the age of 73 years. His wife died in 1905, aged 54 years. She was a native of Moniteau County. They were the parents of the following children: C. A., who resides in Evansville, Ind.; John, who was killed in an automobile accident in 1915, at the age of 35; F. H., the subject of this sketch; Mary, married James Longan, and resides on the home place; Maud, married J. A. Erhart, and lives in Henry County; and Clara, died in infancy.

F. H. Bornhauser was reared in Cooper County and received his education in the public schools. Since boyhood he has been interested in farming and stock raising. He purchased his present farm from W. F. Johnson in 1910. The place consists of 255 acres of valuable land, and is located 12 miles southeast of Boonville, in Prairie Home Township. It is well improved, and one of the valuable and productive farms of Cooper County. It is an exceptionally well adapted place to stock raising, having an abundant supply of water. Mr. Bornhauser is extensively engaged in raising cattle, hogs and sheep, and has met with unusual success in this line of endeavor.

Mr. Bornhauser was united in marriage in 1911 with Miss Nellie Cochran, a daughter of Dr. O. W. Cochran, of Gooch Mills. A sketch of Dr. Cochran appears in this volume. Mrs. Bornhauser is one of the following children born to her parents: William Owen, deceased; Annie Gray, now Mrs. Emmet Oerly; Samuel Victor; Nellie, wife of F. H. Bornhauser, the subject of this sketch. To Mr. and Mrs. Bornhauser have been born five children as follows: Virginia, Margaret, Bernard Owen, Willie Gray, and Elizabeth.

Mr. Bornhauser is a member of the Woodmen of the World, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. He and Mrs. Bornhauser are members of the Baptist Church, and are reckoned among the leading citizens of Cooper County.

Grover E. Debo

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Grover E. Debo, a successful farmer and stockman of Boonville Township, is a native of this county, and a descendent of one of the honored pioneer families of this section of Missouri. Mr. Debo was born in Boonville

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Township, April 22, 1884, a son of R. P. and Mary (Hippenstall) Debo, both natives of Virginia. R. P. Debo was born in 1832. When the Civil War broke out he cast his lot with his native State and enlisted in the Confederate Army, and served throughout the entire war. He served in General Pickett's Division, and was with that renowned division at the battle of Gettysburg, where he was severely wounded. After the close of the war, in 1866, R. P. Debo came to Missouri and first settled in Howard County. A few years later he moved to Cooper County, settling on a farm east of Boonville. Later he removed to Livingston County, where he remained about nine years, when he returned to Cooper County. Here he spent the remainder of his days. He died April 21, 1911. His wife died July 23, 1889, aged 49 years. She died while on a visit to her old home near Lynchburg, Va.

Grover E. Debo is one of the following children born to his parents: P. L., Mattie, L. C., and Grover E., all of whom reside in Boonville Township, and the following are deceased: Gillie Jane, Julia Mary, Ids Laura, and Pearl. Grover E. Debo attended the public schools in Cooper County, and later took a course in a business college at Columbia, Mo. He has made farming and stock raising his life work, and has met with very satisfactory degree of success. He purchased his present place in Boonville Township in 1909. A part of this place was originally the old G. E. Chambers farm, and a part of it belonged to the Warren MacFarland place. Mr. Debo owns 140 acres, which is one of the well improved and attractive places of Boonville Township. The residence is a modern structure of eight rooms, and was built in 1910, and the place is well equipped with barns, silo and other suitable buildings for carrying on farming and stock raising, according to the most modern and approved methods. Mr. Debo makes a specialty of raising Shorthorn cattle and Duroc Jersey and Hampshire hogs.

Aug. 5, 1908, Grover E. Debo was united in marriage with Miss Hattie MacFarland, a native of Boonville Township, born March 15, 1883. She is a daughter of Warren and Malvina (Wear) MacFarland. Warren MacFarland was born in Boonville Township, Feb. 12, 1841, and died July 21, 1910. He was a soldier in the Union Army during the Civil War, and was a farmer and stockman all his life. Malvina (Wear) MacFarland was born in 1844, and died June 24, 1895. The MacFarland family are numbered among the very early pioneers of Missouri. Reuben MacFarland, grandfather of Mrs. Debo, was a native of North Carolina, and came to Missouri with his father, Jacob MacFarland, in 1816. They settled near St.

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Genevieve, and in 1818 came to Cooper County and entered Government land in Boonville Township. Reuben McFarland spent the remainder of his life in Boonville Township and his remains are buried on the old MacFarland place, and Jacob MacFarland is buried at the same place. Mrs. Debo is one of the following children born to her parents: Mrs. Mary Eunice Mellor, Millerton, Okla.; Mrs. Elizabeth Elmira Debo, Boonville Township; Mrs. Mettie Reed Tellesferro, Ardmore, Okla.; and Hattie M., the wife of Drovers E. Debo, the subject of this sketch.

To Mr. and Mrs. Debo have been born the following children: Mary Malvina, Drovers Glenn and Ethel Louise. Mr. Debo is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Boonville, and the Debo family are members of Bethel Presbyterian Church.

Benjamin Nicholas Smith

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Benjamin Nicholas Smith, president of the Missouri Farm Management Association, a member of the board of directors of the Bunceton Fair Association, proprietor of "Walnut Dale Farm" in Clark's Fork Township, is one of the most progressive farmers and stockmen in Cooper County.

"Walnut Dale Farm," situated six and one-half miles northeast of Bunceton, was bought by Nicholas Smith, grandfather of the subject of this sketch, from the Fryer heirs, in 1866, the original owner, Fryer, having lost his life while returning from California in the days of the gold excitement following the days of '49. The Fryers were slave owners, and besides the big brick house there were three cabins for slaves on the place when Nicholas Smith bought it. The "big house" was erected in 1835, and was constructed from brick burned on the place. Chris. T. Smith had a herd of registered Galloways. At the Panama Pacific Exposition at San Francisco in 1915, Chris T. Smith won the first prize on blue grass taken from the park of 50 acres which marks the approach to the "big house" at "Walnut Dale," this beautiful park being filled with walnut trees of ancient growth, from which the place takes its name. At that same exposition, he also won first on a sheaf of wheat raised at "Walnut Dale" and second on Ben Davis apples taken from the fine orchard there; and in 1913 won the grand championship on single and 10-ears contests at the Missouri State Corn Show at Columbia. At the Louisiana Purchase Exposition at St. Louis a

sample of corn from this farm won (in conjunction with R. B. Johnson and the T. W. McFarland farm) the gold medal on an exhibit of Cartner corn.

Benjamin Nicholas Smith was born on "Walnut Dale Farm," March 2, 1890, son of Christ T. and Ellen Augusta (Brandes) Smith, the latter of

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whom was born in New Zealand. Chris T. Smith was born in the vicinity of Lone Elm, in this county, a son of Nicholas Smith, one of the leading figures of his day in Cooper County, and succeeded his father in the direction of "Walnut Dale Farm," even as his son has now succeeded him, three generations of the family thus having labored to bring the place up to its present high standard. Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Smith are now living retired at Bunceton. They have six children, as follows; Mrs. Herman Langkop, Elston, Mo.; Benjamin N.; Mrs. Arthur Smith, of Clarks Fork Township; Mrs. Edward Fricke, of Lone Elm; Mrs. John Roehrs, of Bunceton; and Esther Marie, living with her parents at Bunceton.

B. N. Smith has from the days of his boyhood devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits, has made a real study of the same, and has thus come to be recognized as one of the most wide-awake and progressive young farmers and stockmen in Missouri. He received his early schooling in the Jefferson School and followed this by a course at the State Agricultural College at Columbia and University of Minnesota, St. Paul. In 1909, he won a scholarship in the county corn judging contest. Upon completing his studies Mr. Smith returned to "Walnut Dale," and has since been engaged in developing the place, which he now owns, and of which he has been in complete charge since his father's retirement. The place covers 100 acres in Clarks Fork Township and is well improved, in addition to having one of the best tenant houses in the county on it, being equipped with two stock barns, an ample hog barn and an Indiana silo, 14x37 in dimensions. Though his father made much of the herd of Galloway cattle which formerly added to the reputation of "Walnut Dale Stock Farm:" Mr. Smith, the present owner, gives his particular attention to registered Shorthorns, and has a fine herd, and is secretary of Cooper County Shorthorn Breeders' Association. He also has a fine lot of registered Duroc Jersey hogs, the start of which he gained by winning a prize of a registered Duroc in a Missouri Farm Management Association contest, prize given by Longview Farm, Kansas City, seeking to ascertain definite information relating to records of farm management in Missouri. The records submitted by Mr. Smith covering his system of farm management won for him second place in the State contest. Mr. Smith is ably and intelligently assisted by his wife in his stock operations, and the latter has a fine flock of Mammoth Bronze turkeys and 125 Brown Leghorn chickens. Mr. Smith also has an excellent herd of registered Shropshire sheep.

Sept. 2, 1916, Benjamin Nicholas Smith was married to Zula Erma Smith, who also was born in this county, daughter of P. F. and Margaret

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Ida (Cordry) Smith, both of whom also were born in Cooper County, members of pioneers families, and who are now living in Lebanon Township. P. F. Smith was born at Otterville, where his mother, Mrs. Nancy Ellen Smith, is still living, being now in the 92nd year of her age. His wife was born near New Lebanon. To them 10 children were born, as follows: Harry Alonzo, deceased; Mrs. T. A. Nelson, Jr., Bunceton; Mrs. W. C. Lewis, St. Louis; Hunter F., who is at home; Homer W., also at home; Mrs. Benjamin N. Smith; Hubert L., Speed; and Mary Augusta, William Herschel], and Harold Vincil, at home. Mrs. B. N. Smith received her early schooling in the public school at West Fork and supplemented this by a literary course at Missouri Valley College at Marshall. She then took a course in the Washington University Art School at St. Louis, where she gave special attention to the details of china painting, and has since done some very handsome work in that line, a number of pieces in her home collection revealing true artistry and

a real delicacy of both conception and touch. Mrs. Smith is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and Mr. Smith is a member of the Lutheran Church.

Milton McGee McCarty
(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Milton McGee McCarty, justice of the peace, a former merchant of Clifton, and a member of the board of directors of the bank there, formerly postmaster at Pleasant Green, and in other ways for many years actively identified with that part of the county, now living retired at Clifton City, is a native son of Cooper County. He was born on what then was known as the W. D. Muir farm, near Boonville, Oct. 6, 1850, son of W. S. and Mary (Ferguson) McCarty, who were among the well known residents of Boonville, and both long since deceased.

W. S. McCarty was born in Kentucky in 1821, son of Dennis McCarty and wife, the former of whom was born in Loudoun County, Va., who came to Missouri with their family in the early days and settled on a farm. Dennis McCarty and wife had six children, three sons and three daughters, the sons being Richard, John and W. S., the first named of whom served as a captain in the Confederate Army during the Civil War. W. S. McCarty grew to manhood here, and after his marriage settled at Boonville, where he engaged in the livery business, and was also for years a mail carrier, having charge of "star" routes out of Boonville to Fayette and other points adjacent. During the progress of the county fair at Boonville in September 1867, he was running a hack line to and from the fair grounds, and on Sept. 26 was known to have had a good bit of money in his possession, the accumulation of fares taken during the day. The last seen of him on the evening of that day was when he bade goodby to

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a party of women friends whom he had treated to ice cream in a Main Street confectionery store. He started home from that point, but did not arrive home, and the next day his body was found in a downtown cellar, the supposition being that he had been murdered for the money he had, though no one ever was brought to justice for the crime. His widow died at South McAlester, Okla., May 6, 1895, she then being 76 years of age. She was born at Palmyra, Mo., and was married to W. S. McCarty on Dec. 19, 1843. To that union were born 10 children, of whom but two are now living, the subject of this sketch having a sister, Mary, wife of J. B. Kline, now living at Clifton, Ariz.

Milton R. McCarty completed his schooling in the Allison and Kemper Schools in Boonville, and for one year taught school. He then went to Kansas City, and presently was made constable for Kaw Township (that city), his service being in connection with the routine of the common pleas court. In 1875, he engaged in railroad work in a clerical capacity, and after awhile was made foreman of the railroad yards at Moberly. In 1891, Mr. McCarty left the railroad service and located at Clifton, where he became engaged in the general merchandise business, and for about 20 years conducted a store there; in connection with which, during the Cleveland administration, he served as postmaster at Pleasant Green. He helped to organize the bank at Clifton City, and was a member of the board of directors of the Clifton City Bank, and has property at Clifton, where he is now living retired, having practically given up his various business activities in 1914. Mr. McCarty is a staunch democrat, and for some years has been justice of the peace for his home Township. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and he and his family are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church (South).

On Dec. 28, 1875, Milton M. McCarty was united in marriage to Lulu A. Bridges, who was born near Madison, Ind., and who in 1873 had come to Missouri with her parents, Joseph H. and Sarah A. (Bowman) Bridges, both natives of Indiana, the family locating in Cooper County, where Mr. and Mrs. Bridges spent the remainder of their lives. Joseph H. Bridges was born Nov. 15, 1828, and died on Feb. 21, 1899. His widow survived him until May 23, 1918. She was born on Feb. 22, 1832. Both were members of pioneer families in southern Indiana. To Milton M., and Lulu

A. (Bridges) McCarty seven children have been born, namely: Douglas, Chicago; Minnie, deceased; Mrs. Jennie Cauthen, Independence, Mo.; Joseph M., Ashland, Ore.; Arthur, Kansas City; Clyde, of Ft. Smith, Ark.; and Wilbur S., a telegraph operator for the M., K. & T. at Clifton.

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Wilbur S. McCarty was inducted into the National Army early in 1918 for service in the World War and served for five months, in training at Camp Dodge, Iowa, attached to Company 17, 163rd Depot Brigade, 5th Battalion, receiving his honorable discharge in November, 1918.

H. G. Brandes

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

H. G. Brandes, of Boonville Township, is one of Cooper County's successful farmers and stockmen. He was born in Cooper County, Nov. 24, 1882, a son of Theodore and Mary (Knorp) Brandes. Theodore Brandes was born in Germany and came to America at an early age with his parents, who settled in Clarks Fork Township. He and his wife now reside on the old homestead in Clarks Fork Township, where they have been successfully engaged in farming for many years. To Theodore and Mary (Knorp) Brandes have been born the following children: George, a farmer in Clarks Fork Township; H. C., the subject of this sketch; Emelia, married John Barron, Bunceton; Nora, married John Bornhauser Prairie Home Township; and Stella, married Frank Hale, Prairie Home Township.

Theodore Brandes purchased his home place in Clarks Fork Township from William Pope. He improved this place and bought more land until at one time he was the owner of 583 acres. Later he sold a part of his land and now owns 313 acres.

H. C. Brandes was educated in the Ellis School District, and has always followed farming and stock raising. He bought his present place in Boonville Township in 1914. The place consists of 182 acres of rich, productive land, located on the Jefferson Highway, six miles southeast of Boonville. This land was formerly owned by Berryot Hurt, who sold it to Joseph Rich, who later sold it to Thomas Rich. It was then purchased by Fleming Hurt, who sold it to H. G. Hurt, from whom Mr. Brandes bought it. This place is well adapted to both general farming and stock raising, 150 acres of it being bottom land. It is well watered with one never-failing spring, and Clarks Fork Creek courses its way through the place. Mr. Brandes raises cattle extensively, and also red hogs and Rhode Island Red chickens. He is one of the most successful and practical stockmen of the county.

Nov. 25, 1903, H. C. Brandes was united in marriage with Miss Lula Barron, daughter of Walter and Virginia (Hurt) Barron. To Mr. and Mrs. Brandes have been born three children, as follows: Chlorene Lois, Earl M., and Mary Virginia.

The Brandes family stand high in the community, and Mr. Brandes is one of the most valued citizens of this county.

J. D. Grain

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

J. D. Grain, proprietor of the old Marinus Lonjers farm of 340 acres in Clark's Fork Township, a substantial farmer, was born in Warren County,

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Tenn., Sept. 18, 1863, son of N. C. and Margaret (Lewis) Grain, the farmer born in that State and the latter in Germany. N. C. Grain died in 1899. His wife died in 1893, and both are buried in

Greenwood Cemetery in Warren County, Tenn. They had seven children; N. B. and C. C., of White County, Tenn.; N. C., Oklahoma City; J. D.; B. C., of Princeton, Ky.; Margaret, wife of James Pfeifer, Warren County, Tenn.; Theodosia, wife of Samuel Shockley, Texas; and Elvana, wife of George Simmons, of Van Buren County, Tenn.

Reared in Tennessee, J. D. Grain received his schooling in the public schools of his home county, and took up railroading, which he followed 28 years, and in 1899 came to Cooper County and bought a farm in Saline Township. Here he made his home until 1918, when he sold the place and bought the Lebbing heirs' place, where he now lives, formerly the Herman Lonjers farm. The substantial farm house was erected more than 50 years ago, and is in good condition. Nearby is the grave of Marinus Lonjers, surrounded by an iron fence and neatly kept. The headstone notes that Marinus Lonjers was born March 2, 1827, and died on June 28, 1874. This farm has 270 acres of bottom land, the rest being upland, and has two sets of improvements. There are two fine springs on the farm, providing an inexhaustible supply of water. Mr. Grain raises registered Hampshire hogs.

Mr. Grain has been twice married. In 1878 he was maied to Abitha Moore, of Warren County, Tenn., who died in 1901. To that union were born three sons, John, Arless and Edward, all connected with the Wilson Packing Company at Kansas City, the latter being foreman. Mr. Grain's second wife, Mary Honerbrink, was born in this county. To this marriage has been born two children; Tennis and James. Mrs. Grain is a daughter of Ernest and Barbara Christina Honerbrink, the latter of whom died on April 22, 1914, and is buried in Walnut Grave Cemetery, Boonville. Ernest Honerbrink is living in Saline Township. He and his wife had eight children, of whom Mrs. Grain was the last born, the others being as follows: Fred, of Boonville Township; Henry, of Saline Township; George, of Boonville Township; Ernest, of Saline Township; Anna, wife of Chris Ohlendorf, of Clark's Fork Township; Sophia, wife of Hogan Freeman, and Lucy, who is living in Boonville Township. Mr. Grain is affiliated with the Modern Woodmen of America, and with the Ancient Order of United Workmen.

Andrew Hagan Windsor

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Andrew Hagan Windsor, owner of "Fairview Farm" in Boonville Township, is one of the progressive and enterprising farmers and stockmen of the younger generation in Cooper County. Mr. Windsor was born in Moniteau

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County, Dec. 5, 1883, a son of Alfred M. and Martha Ann (Renfrew) Windsor. Alfred Windsor, the father, was born in Cooper County, and now resides near Overton, Mo. Andrew H. Windsor was the eldest of four children born to his parents, the others being; Charles Owen, James Lawrence, and Virginia Mattenlee, all of whom reside at Over-ton, Mo.

Andrew H. Windsor was reared in Moniteau County, and received his education in the public schools of that county. He is a practical farmer and stockman, having been reared and trained to that business since boyhood. He purchased "Fairview Farm" in March, 1919. This place consists of 448 acres, and was formerly the David Smith farm. It is a well improved and productive place. The farm residence is an imposing brick structure of nine rooms, built by David Smith, five of the rooms of the early day residence being equipped with wood fire-places, which is suggestive of pioneer times. There is a splendid barn on the place which was built in 1918. It is 56x50 feet in dimensions. Mr. Windsor raises a good grade of hogs and cattle, and in the near future he expects to stock hits place with registered Duroc Jersey hogs and Hereford cattle.

Andrew H. Windsor was united in marriage Feb. 19, 1918, with Miss Grace Maud Allen, of Overton, Mo. She is a daughter of Henry and Addie Allen, who now reside at Overton. Mrs. Windsor is one of the following children born to her parents: Mary, married Troy Niel, Boonville;

Norel, married W. B. Lann, Overton; Bessie, married W. M. Drehl, who is now in United States Army in France, and Grace Maud, wife of Andrew H. Windsor, the subject of this sketch.

Mr. Windsor is a member of the Woodmen of the World, and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is one, of Cooper County's substantial young men.

William Lowing

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

William Lowing, a well established young farmer of Clarks Fork Township, and owner of a fine farm, is a native son of Cooper County. He was born in Clarks Fork Township, March 4, 1888, son of August and Laura (Fainter) Lowing, the former of whom is living in Clarks Fork Township.

August Lowing was born in St. Louis County, Aug. 19, 1862, son of William Lowing. William Lowing was a soldier of the Civil War, and died while in service. His widow married again, and is living in St. Louis. August Lowing has been a resident of Cooper County for many years on his farm in Clarks Fork Township. His wife died Feb. 10, 1916, and is buried in the cemetery at Lone Elm. They were the parents of 12 children, all of whom are living, save two, Minnie and Edgar, the others being as follows: Lena, wife of H. H. Fahrenbrink; Fred, in Oklahoma; William,

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the subject of this sketch; Bruno, Clarks Fork Township; Christina, at home with her father; Henry, an assistant to his father; Peter, farming in Clarks Fork Township, and Lizzie, Julia and Emily, at home.

William Lowing has always been a farmer and stock raiser. He received his schooling in the parochial school at Lone Elm and the public school at Bunceton, and in the fall of 1915 began farming on his own account. In 1917, he bought the farm of 154 acres on which he is now living. This farm was formerly owned by Matthew McDowel for 41 years. About 110 acres of it is rich bottom land on the Petite Saline. Mr. Lowing has made a number of improvements, including fencing, and he also drilled a well 100 feet in depth. He has a good bunch of registered Poland China hogs, 35 head of sheep, and contemplates engaging in the raising of live stock on a more extensive scale. His wife has about 300 chickens, and is making a specialty of pure-bred Orpingtons. Mr. and Mrs. Lowing have plans in hand for further improvements on the place, and are bending their energies in that direction.

Nov. 25, 1915, William Lowing was married to Dora Carl, also of that Township, and they have two children, Delphia and Wilbur. Mr. Lowing is a member of the Lutheran Church at Lone Elm, and his wife is a member of the Evangelical Church at Boonville. Mrs. Lowing is a daughter of George W. and Amelia (Witthar) Carl, of "Woodland Farm;" in Clarks Fork Township.

H. M. King

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

H. M. King, a substantial farmer of Clarks Fork Township, was born on his present place, Aug. 5, 1876. He is a son of Jacob and Annie (Nohnberg) King, both natives of Holland. Jacob King, who was one of the pioneers of the community in which he settled after his marriage, bought a quarter of a section of timberland in Clarks Fork Township. His was the first piece of land cleared in that community, and he set out the first orchard in that section of Cooper County. He was a cabinet maker and at nights and odd times while living on the farm followed that trade. Some of the furniture he made for his home use, particularly a "cane" and a writing desk, are still held by his son, H. M. King, and are greatly prized by him and his family. Jacob King and his wife died on that farm and are buried in Clarks Fork Cemetery. They were the parents of five children, as

follows: J. W. King, part owner of the old home place; C. F. King, Clarks Fork Township; H. M.; and Sophia and Anna, deceased.

H. M. King was reared on the farm and has always followed farming. He received his schooling in the old Washington School. This district has the honor of being the leading rural school district in Cooper County, it

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having been the first district in the county to win a certificate in Class 1, and much credit for this distinction is due to the efforts of Mr. King and his brother. Upon reaching manhood's estate, Mr. King continued on the home farm. In 1918, he and his brother, J. W. King, bought the home place, H. M. King buying the south portion of 115 acres, on which he has since done much in the way of improvement. Twenty-five acres of the farm is bottom land, the remainder being second bottom and upland, and is well watered for stock purposes by excellent living springs. The buildings are of good construction and include a modern type poultry house, to which latter Mrs. King gives her special attention, having for years been one of the most successful poultry fanciers in that neighborhood, her pure-bred Black Langshans having a high reputation.

Nov. 30, 1904, H. M. King was married to Mary Smith, who also was born in this county, and to this union three children have been born, Josephine and Irving, who are at home, and Mary died in infancy. Mrs. King was born in 1877, daughter of Leonard and Josephine (Kloeckner) Schmidt, the latter of whom died in 1883, and is buried in Clarks Fork Cemetery. Leonard Schmidt is living at Clarks Fork. He was born in Germany and was about seven years of age when he came to this country with his parents, who located in Missouri about the year 1856. Leonard Schmidt has been thrice married. By his union with Josephine Kloeckner he was the father of six children, those besides Mrs. King being Martin and Leonard, who live at Crockett, Texas; Caroline, wife of R. L. Stiegleder; Emma, wife of F. E. Klug, of Denver, Colo.; and Anna, at home. His second wife was Ida Renken, and to that union was born one child, John Smith, Clarks Fork Township. Mr. Schmidt's third wife was Kalie Siegel, and to this union five children have been born, namely: Mrs. Flora Bridges, deceased; Ailene, at home; Elmer, farmer, Clarks Fork Township; Harry, same Township; and Siegel R., deceased. Mr. and Mrs. King are members of the Clark's Fork Lutheran Church.

Homer L. Carpenter

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Homer L. Carpenter, a wide-awake young farmer of Prairie Home Township, and joint owner with his elder brother, Warren E. Carpenter, of "Meadow Brook Farm," a fine place on the Prairie Home-Bunceton road, on which farm the brothers maintain separate establishments, was born in this county. He was born on a farm near Pisgah, May 30, 1888, son of George A. and Mary McCune (McCulloch) Carpenter, the latter of whom died in 1911, and the former of whom is still living, one of Clarks Fork Township's best known and substantial residents.

Homer L. Carpenter received his schooling in the Ellis School District and continued his activities on the home farm until in 1909, when his

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father transferred to him and his brother Warren the valuable tract comprised in "Meadow Brook Farm," which he has since been cultivating, and on which, after his marriage in the spring of 1910, he established his home. All the improvements on that portion of "Meadow Brook" looked after by him have been made since he came into possession, these including a substantial residence, a good barn, granaries, garage and the like, all bespeaking the progressive character of the owner. The place is well drained and has an ample water supply. During the current year (1919) Mr. Carpenter has 120 acres in wheat. The whole farm is under cultivation. Mr. Carpenter

also gives considerable attention to the raising of livestock. His grandfather, Samuel Carpenter, at one time owned 1,300 acres of land in that vicinity and the Carpenters have thus for three generations been carrying on extensive agricultural operations in the neighborhood, the family from pioneer days having been substantial and influential.

May 18, 1910, Homer L. Carpenter was married to Bessie Virginia Hurt, who also was born in this county, and to this union three children have been born, Helen Virginia, Forest Lee and Lucy M. Mrs. Carpenter was born in Clarks Fork Township in 1890, daughter of Boone Hurt, who is now living at Pleasant Green, and was educated in the public schools; she and her husband have known each other since childhood. Mr. Carpenter is a democrat, and he and his wife are members of Pisgah Baptist Church.

Theodore L. Brandes
(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Theodore L. Brandes, who is successfully engaged in farming and stock raising in North Moniteau Township, was born in Clarks Fork Township in 1879. He is a son of Charles and Margaret (Smith) Brandes, both natives of Germany. Charles Brandes was a successful farmer of Cooper County. He died Jan. 22, 1912, aged 68 years, 9 months, 29 days, and his remains are buried at Lone Elm. His widow now resides at the home of her son, A. C. Brandes, in North Moniteau Township.

Theodore L. Brandes is one of 11 children born to his parents. He was reared on a farm and educated in the public and parochial schools of Clarks Fork Township, and has been engaged in farming and stock raising all his life. He bought his present farm in 1911. This is a well improved and productive farm, with a good farm residence and other buildings. The place has a never failing water supply, and is well adapted to both general farming and stock raising. Mr. Brandes raises large numbers of cattle and hogs, with a tendency to specialize in Galloway cattle and Hampshire hogs.

Oct. 16, 1902, Theodore L. Brandes was married to Miss Lizzie Hoerl, a daughter of Martin and Ida (Selck) Hoerl. Martin Hoerl was born in

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Germany in 1849, and immigrated to America when he was about 20 years of age. He has spent his life engaged in farming, and now resides in Clarks Fork Township. His wife was also a native of Germany, born July 6, 1852, and came to America when she was a young girl. She died June 17, 1896, and her remains are buried at Lone Elm. Martin and Ida (Selck) Hoerl were the parents of the following children: Lizzie, the wife of Theodore Brandes, the subject of this sketch; Laura, married John Brandes; Dora, married William Timm; Leonard, resides in Clarks Fork Township; Elmer, resides at Bunceton; and Ida, Martin and Walter are deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Theodore L. Brandes have been born four children, as follows: Arthur M. ; Martin L., died in infancy; Warren E.; and Porter C.

Mr. Brandes is one of Cooper County's successful men. He and Mrs. Brandes are members of the Lutheran Church at Lone Elm.

Col. Caleb C. Jones
(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Col. Caleb C. Jones, auctioneer, farmer and stockman, and one of the best known citizens of Cooper County, proprietor of an excellent farm a mile east of Pilot Grove, was born in this county, a member of one of the real pioneer families of Cooper County. He was born Oct. 28, 1872, son of George C. and Anna (Trent) Jones, the former of whom, one of the large landowners of

Cooper County, is still living. Mrs. Anna Jones died in 1909. She was the mother of six children, those beside the subject of this sketch being Addle M., who married George H. McElroy, and is now deceased; Dr. George C. Jones, a Pilot Grove dentist; Marie, wife of hi. L. Jones, of Blackwater Township; Nancy T., wife of Archibald McGuire, of Blackwater Township; and Woodson T., also of Blackwater Township. George C. Jones is a son of Caleb Jones, the pioneer, who came to this county from Kentucky in 1826, and started a store at Arrow Rock. From that beginning Caleb Jones gradually branched out, as his affairs prospered, becoming merchant, banker, farmer and stockman, and at the time of his death in 1883 was said to be the wealthiest man in Cooper County.

Reared on the farm on which he was born, Caleb C. Jones received his early schooling in the local schools in the neighborhood of his home in Blackwater Township, and supplemented the same by a course in the William F. Johnson school, from which he was graduated. From the days of his boyhood Mr. Jones has given particular attention to the raising of live stock, and has been successful in that line. His first load of stock was shipped from Pilot Grove in 1898. Of late he has been giving spec attention to the breeding of Shorthorn cattle and his place is well equipped for the purpose. He is renting a farm of 212 acres, known as the Mrs. John Lee farm, one mile northeast of Pilot Grove, in the Township of that

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name, and also owns 140 acres of land in Blackwater Township. In 1914, Mr. Jones began crying public sales, both farm and stock, a department of endeavor for which from the start he displayed peculiar aptitude, and his success in that line by the common consent of neighborhood brevity has earned for him the title of "Colonel," by which he is widely known throughout the county. Colonel Jones is a democrat, and fraternally is affiliated with the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons at Pilot Grove. He and his family are members of the Methodist Church.

In October, 1901, Caleb C. Jones was married to Lavinia Burns, who also was born in this county, and to this union have been born five children, Virginia, Caleb C., Jr., Lavinia, Ruth and Robert Burns. Mrs. Jones also is a member of one of the pioneer families of Cooper county. She was born in New Lebanon Township, daughter of Robert and Virginia (Weedin) Burns, the former a native of Kentucky and the latter of Virginia, who had come here with their respective parents in the earlier days. During the Civil War, Robert Burns served as a soldier of the Union, enlisting at Boonville, and was one of the youngest soldiers in the service. He died in 1917, having lived to be past the traditional three score and ten. His widow is now living in Kansas City, and is about 70 Years of age.

Albert Brandes

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Albert Brandes, owner of an excellent farm of 130 acres four miles cast of Bunceton in North Moniteau Township, was born on that farm, March 25, 1884, son of Charles and Margaret (Schmidt) Brandes, both natives of Germany, and the latter of whom is living with her son, Albert, on the place which has been her home for 40 years.

Charles Brandes, who was a veteran of the Civil War, was born on March 23, 1843, and was but a boy when he came to this country with his parents from Germany, the family first locating in Iowa, but presently coming to Missouri and settling on the place now owned by Theodore Brandes, Sr., in Clarks Fork Township, and it was there that Charles Brandes was living when the Civil War broke out. In 1862 he enlisted in the Union Army as a member of Company A, 29th Missouri Volunteer Infantry, attached to the 15th Army Corps, Army of the Tennessee, and With that command served until mustered out at the close of the war. During this three years of service Mr. Brandes participated in some of the most difficult campaigning of the war, and was with Sherman's army on the march to the sea. Among the other commanders under which he served were John A. Logan, F. P. Blair, P. J. Osterhaus and William B. Hazen. At

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the close of the war he returned to his home in this county and resumed farming. He presently married, and in 1879 established his home on the farm now owned by his son, Albert, and there spent the remainder of his life, one of the substantial farmers of that community. He died Jan. 22, 1912. Mr. Brandes was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic at Boonville. Margaret (Schmidt) Brandes was born in 1840, and was 15 years of age when she came from Germany to this country with her parents in 1855, the family locating on the farm now owned by Leonard Schmidt, near Clarks Fork. There, Mrs. Brandes's parents spent the remainder of their days, and are buried in Clarks Fork Cemetery. Mrs. Brandes has been twice married and by her first husband, Christian Fricke, is the mother of two daughters, Mrs. Caroline Alpers and Mrs. Sophia Rasmussen. To her union with Charles Brandes nine children were born, as follows: Christian, a farmer of Moniteau Township; Mrs. Margaret King, of Clarks Fork; Mrs. Josephine Pethan, of Clarks Fork; Mrs. Emma Langkop, of Boonville; Mrs. Elizabeth Brockamp, of Clarks Fork; John A., a farmer of North Moniteau Township; Theodore, North Moniteau Township; Mrs. Dora Fahrenbrink, of Clark's Fork, and Albert. Mrs. Brandes has 41 grandchildren, namely: Carl and Edgar Brandes; Mrs. Clara Martin; Clarence King; Mrs. Stella Toellner; Martin, Myrtle and Carl King; Emile, Lydia, Oscar, Ernest, Edgar and Edna (twins), Cordia and Walter Pethan; Della, Alma, Ada, Lydia and Selma Langkop; Belva, Emelia, Wilbur, Herman, Clara, Bernardine and Leonard Brockamp; Alvin, Lawrence, Ilda, Arthur, Warren and Porter and Norbert Brandes; Margaret, Paul and Carl (twins), and Gertrude Fahrenbrink, and Julius and Helens Dorothy Brandes. This venerable "mother in Israel" also has nine great-grandchildren, namely: Mary Lee, Irma Grey and Lucille Martin, Eleanor Pethan, Norbert Toellner, Ruth Mersey, Leona and Lorine Toellner and Dorsey Rasmussen.

Reared on the farm on which he was born, Albert Brandes received his schooling the local schools, and as a young man continued on the farm, gradually relieving his father of the burden of management, and in 1911, bought the place. Since taking possession of the farm, Mr. Brandes has remodeled the house, built a new barn, installed a local water plant and put up minor farm buildings. He gives considerable attention to the raising of live stock.

In 1911, Albert Brandes was married to Emma Fahrenbrink, who also was born in this county, and to this union two children have been born, Julius and Helens Dorothy. Mrs. Brandes is a daughter of Henry and

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Magdalene (Schnack) Fahrenbrink, the former of whom is deceased, and the latter of whom lives with her son, J. J. Fahrenbrink. Mr. and Mrs. Brandes are members of the Lutheran Church.

W H Morris

(Transcribed by Laura Paxton)

W H Morris one of the well known and substantial farmers of North Moniteau Township is a native of Cooper County. He was born on a farm in North Moniteau Township, August 6 1871 son of Hugh B and Juda A (Davis) Morris, the latter of whom also was born in this county and the former in Howard County. Hugh B Morris was born May 16 1825 and was but eight years of age when he came to Cooper County with his parents, Shadrack Morris and wife who settled on a farm one mile east of Vermont. Shadrack Morris was a son of Hammond Morris, a Virginian, who came west in the early days and was the only one of the 10 children of his father's family thus to emigrate. Upon coming here Hammond Morris settled on what is now the John McCulloch farm where he died and is buried. In 1917 Judge Boland of Hillsville VA., a cousin five times removed of W H Morris came to Cooper County on a visit to his kinsfolk here and brought with him a letter written by Hammond Morris from Missouri to his relatives in the East more than 100 years ago, together with other papers of interest concerning the Virginia Morrises. Shadrack Morris spent his

last days in this county and was buried on what is now the John Bear farm. His son, Hugh B Morris grew up here and became a substantial farmer. He died August 6 1908, in his 84th year and is buried in the Baptist Churchyard at Pisgah. Hugh B Morris was twice married, and by his first wife Mary Wiley, was the father of two sons, L A and A W Morris the former of Kelly Township and the latter of Bunceton. Upon the death of the mother of these sons, Hugh B Morris married Juda A Davis, who was born in Kelly Township Oct 18 1833 and to this union were born eight children: J. O. Morris a farmer North Moniteau Township; Mrs. L C Yancey of the same Township; T H Morris, North Moniteau Township; Judge G W Morris, Snode Morris and B L Morris of the same Township; W H and Mrs. J A Hurt, North Moniteau Township. Mrs. Juda Morris died Nov 8 1918 in the 86th year of her life.

W. H. Morris received his schooling in the Pisgah schools, and as a young man continued helping develop the home farm until his marriage at the age of 24years, when he began farming on his own account. In 1906 Mr. Morris bought from N A George the farm of 200 acres where he has since lived and which he has greatly improved, these improvements including a new barn, 50X60 feet, built in 1912. The substantial old farm house on the place was erected in pioneer days by Adam Scott, the original owner,

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and was rebuilt by W R George who lived on the place for 50 years. The farm is well watered, Mr. Morris having two dug wells and a driven well and utilizes his gas engine for pumping power.

Jan 8 1896, W H Morris was married to Nannie L Hunt, who was born in this county a member of one of the real pioneer families and to this union three children have been born, Mary Lee, John H and Leighton, the latter of whom died in infancy. Mrs. Morris is a daughter of William B And Sallie (Boswell)Hunt the latter of whom born in North Carolina died in 1871, her daughter Nannie being then but an infant. William B Hunt was born on a farm near Pisgah the farm now known as the Heysell farm in 1831 son of W B and Nancy(Jones) Hunt, the former a North Carolinian and the latter an Indian, who were married in Kentucky and came to Missouri during the War of 1812, when they were required to take refuge in Cole's Fort against the threats of Indian attack. W B Hunt first settled in Howard County but soon came to Cooper County and entered the land now known as the Hewsell farm, becoming an influential pioneer. He spent the remainder of his life in this county and is buried on the Apperson farm, one mile east of Pisgah. On the farm on which he was born, William B Hunt, son of the pioneer, spent his life. He died August 9 1901, at 70 years of age and was buried on the farm where his wife had been buried years before. William B Hunt and wife were the parents of four children, those besides Mrs. Morris being Mrs. Mollie Clawson and DW Hunt both now deceased and Mrs. J M Pealer of Lawton OKLA. Mr. and Mrs. Morris are members of the Pisgah Baptist Church and take an active interest in the affairs of that organization the church to which their respective parents also were attached. This church will celebrate the centenary of its organization in Sept 1919.

L. C. Yancey

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

L. C. Yancey, proprietor of "Locust Grove Farm," in North Moniteau Township, was born on that farm, Dec. 26, 1851, son of Joel and Rosanna (Gayer) Yancey, both members of pioneer families here. Joel Yancey yeas born in Howard County, in 1828, his father, a Kentuckians, having been one of the original land entrants in that county. When he was 21 years of age, he came to Cooper County and married hosanna Gayer, who was born in Kentucky and came to Missouri with her parents, Williamson Gayer and wife, in the '40s. Williamson Gayer entered several hundred acres of land in Cooper County, including the place on which L. C. Yancey was born and now lives, and on that place he and his wife spent their last days and are buried. Sometime after his marriage, Joel Yancey settled on the farm now owned by J. W. Kinsey and engaged in farming until his

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retirement. He died in 1915, in his 88th year, and is buried at Lamar, Mo. Joel Yancey and wife were the parents of five children, all of whom are still living: L. C., the subject of this sketch; Mrs. Alpha Hurt, living in Barton County, widow of G. W. Hurt; Evan, of Lamar; Alonzo, of Clarksburg, and Rozzell, of Lamar.

L. C. Yancey received his early schooling in what then was known as the Yancey district (now the Greenwood district), the pioneer school house having been built on the Yancey farm and used both for school and church purposes. That was before the days of the public school and the school terms were arranged by private subscription in the neighborhood. For a time in those early days the Yancey school supported two teachers and among these Mr. Yancey recalls, the names of Professor Buck and wife, Will Foreman, A. C. Fisher, Obediah Bailey and others. While in reminiscent mood, Mr. Yancey also recalls the names of persons who were engaged in business at Pisgah more than 60 years ago; Richard Boughsfield, David Jones, Milton Mohan, and John A. Hickman. Joseph Bostwick and John St. John operated a chair factory many years ago, and Mr. and Mrs. Yancey have two chairs that were made at Pisgah 42 years ago. During those days, John L. Jones made wagons and plows at Pisgah, and Leander Reavis operated a carding machine, the motive power of which was a treadmill operated by oxen. Mr. Yancey has followed farming at "Locust Grove Farm" all his life, and has been successful. In 1897, he rebuilt the old farm house along more modern lines, also built a new barn and other farm buildings.

Oct. 22, 1876, L. C. Yancey was married to Mary Jane Morris, who was born in this county, Oct. 6, 1858, daughter of Hugh B. and Juda A. (Davis) Morris, both now deceased, the former dying in 1907, and the latter in 1918. Mrs. Yancey is the fourth in order of birth of the 10 children born to her parents, and all of whom are still living. To Mr. and Mrs. Yancey one child was born, a daughter, Ada L., born on Sept. 29, 1883, married A. L. Rickman, and who died Sept. 8, 1913, and is buried in the Baptist Churchyard at Pisgah.

Jackson Wallace Kimsey

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Jackson Wallace Kimsey, on of the well known and substantial farmers of North Moniteau Township, is a native Missourian, born in Platte County. He was born on March 30, 1870, son of W. D. and Parmelia (Batter) Kimsey, both of whom were also born in Missouri, the former in Platte County, and the latter near Tipton, in Moniteau County.

In 1879, W. D. Kimsey left Platte County with his family and came to Cooper County. Here he bought the farm now owned by his son, J. W.

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Kimsey, and engaged there in farming until his retirement. He died in 1906, at the age of 72 years, and his widow died Feb. 10, 1907, at the age of 65 years. W. D. Kimsey and wife were the parents of 12 children, five of whom grew to maturity: Bettie, who died at the age of 45 years; Walter, farmer, North Moniteau Township; F. M., living in Johnson County; W. N., Lynn, Minn., and Jackson W.

Jackson W. Kimsey was but nine years of age when he came to Cooper County with his parents. Here he grew to manhood, receiving his schooling in the local schools, and was reared on the farm. After his marriage in 1896, he established his home on the place, and in 1904 bought the farm. All the buildings on the farm save the farm house have been built by him, and he has a very well kept farm. Among these buildings is a barn 44x36 feet, with a native walnut frame and a cattle shed with a frontage of 150 feet. He also erected a tenant house in 1906. He raises registered Shorthorn cattle, and generally has on hand 50 or more hogs.

Jackson W. Kimsey has been twice married. In 1896 he was married to Addie Harris, a daughter of W. A. Harris, who died in 1900, leaving two daughters, Miriam, who married R. H. Rucker, O'Keen, Okla.; and Porter, who is at home. Feb. 9, 1902, Mr. Kimsey married Eva Minster, who was born in Missouri, and to this union three children have been born: Michael, Lawrence Lee and Eva Pauline. Mrs. Kimsey is a daughter of Michael and Hester (Sappington) Minster, both now deceased. Michael Minster was born in Germany in 1846, and was nine years of age when he came to Missouri with his parents. He died in 1912 and is buried at Clarksburg. His widow died March 28, 1916, and she also is buried at Clarksburg, where she was born. Michael Minster and wife were the parents of four children, those besides Mrs. Kimsey being S. S., Monroe, La.; G. R., Clarksburg; and Mrs. J. A. Birdsong, Clarksburg. Mr. and Mrs. Kimsey are members of the Baptist Church at Pisgah, and Mr. Kimsey belongs to the Mystic Workers of the World.

Williamson Guyer
(Transcribed by Laura Paxton)

Williamson Guyer, proprietor of a fine farm near Pisgah in North Moniteau Township, was born in this county. He not only is a member of one of the pioneer families of this county, and thus familiar with the traditions of pioneer days, but is one of the old-timers of the community. Mr. Guyer was born on what is now known as the Moore farm, about two miles south of Pisgah February 10 1854, son of Henry Speed and Mary A. (Clauch) Guyer, both members of pioneer families.

Henry Speed Guyer was born in Madison County KY., in 1818, and was 10 or 12 years of age when he came to Cooper county with his

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parents. His father was of German birth, and for some time after coming to this country had lived in Kentucky. The Guyers settled in what is now North Moniteau Township, opening the farm now owned by J W Kimsey at Pisgah and on that place the elder Guyer died and is buried. Henry Speed Guyer grew up there and upon beginning operations on his own account, settled about two miles south on what is now known as the Moore farm. He died while on a visit to his children in Texas and was buried in August 1917, at the age of 92 years. She was born in Pulaski County KY. Henry Speed Guyer and his wife were the parents of nine children: Williamson; Mrs. Nancy Jane Maxey, deceased; Christopher C.; Mrs. Mary Catherine Burris, deceased; Margaret, who died at the age of four years; George w., Clayton, New Mexico; Mrs. Ester Copaz, deceased; Henry S., of Nevada MO; and John R., of Oklahoma City.

Williamson Guyer was reared on the home farm south of Pisgah and received his schooling in the Yancey School, the school building at that time being used both for school and church purposes, and it was there, he says that he got his "Diploma." Trained to farm work as a boy, he has always followed that vocation, and has met the changes in farm conditions with a progressive spirit. The first home his father had was a log cabin, and he thus knows how the pioneers lived. In his boyhood, oxen were used about the farm and he recalls trips by ox-team to the Jewett mill with grist, a trip necessitating his staying overnight at the mill, where his comfort would be assured by the kindly engineer, Wiseman, who would make up a bed for him alongside the engine. In 1901, Mr. Guyer bought the quarter section on which he is now living, formerly known as the "Aunt Peggy" Martin place, near Pisgah, and has since resided there. On this farm, the first circular saw ever seen in Cooper County was operated. The farm is substantially improved, well watered and well drained.

Mr. Guyer has for years regarded the prohibition question, that is the elimination of the saloon, as the most vital issue before the people of this country. He also is ardently in favor of the thorough Americanization of the schools, stoutly maintaining that the English language only should be taught in schools. One country, one flag, one tongue, says he.

November 24 1874, Williamson Guyer was married to Harriet A. Edwards, who was born in this county, member of one of the pioneer families, and to this union seven children have been born, namely: Henry Griffin, died in infancy; Dora, wife of George Turner; William Barton, deceased; Mrs. Mary Harriet Crownhite, Mrs. Bertha Leona Hurt, Mrs. Amanda Florence

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Carpenter (deceased), and Logan, deceased. Mrs. Guyer is a daughter of Griffin and Harriet Edwards, former well known residents of this community, who are buried in the Harris home cemetery. Mr. & Mrs Guyer have 10 grandchildren: Raymond, Ophelia, Sada Leona and Ada Turner; Audrey Lucille and Paul Guyer Crownhite; Alma Ruth and Lucille Hurt; and William Merwin and Florence Lee Guyer.

Curry Schupp

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Curry Schupp, one of the best known farmers in Clear Creek Township, is a native son of Cooper County, and has lived here all his life. He was born on a farm in Clear Creek Township, Nov. 14, 1852, son of Christian and Mary (Masel) Schupp, and was the second in order of birth of the children born to them.

Reared on the home farm, Curry Schupp received his schooling in the local schools, and has devoted his attention to farming, a vocation in which he has been successful, being now the owner of a fine farm of 280 acres, the place where he now lives, in Clear Creek Township, and on which he has made his home for nearly 40 years. At the age of 16 he began working on his own account as a farm hand, working many a day for 50 cents day, and thus continued until his marriage at the age of 25 years, when he rented a farm. A couple of years later, in 1880, he bought the farm on which he is now living, and has there since resided. When Mr. Schupp bought that place, there was an old double house, built of logs, on it, and another small house partly of frame. The place was quite heavily timbered, and it was no small task to clear it, but the new owner was energetic and industrious, and in time had the place cleared and under profitable cultivation. Mr. Schupp is a republican, and for a couple of years some years ago served the public as constable in his home Township.

On March 31, 1878, Curry Schupp was united in marriage with Katherine Muller, who also was born in this county, and to this union 10 children have been born, namely: Chris F., farming in Pilot Grove Township; Lizzie, wife of William Dwyer, of the same Township; Maggie, wife of Joseph Kirkpatrick, Lamonte, Mo.; Flora, wife of George Wolf, also of Lamonte; Rose, wife of E. Holliday, of Blackwater; William, who, during America's participation in the World War, served in the navy, a student of wireless telegraphy; Robert and Frederick (twins), born on Feb. 1, 1893, both of whom also rendered service in the World War, and the former of whom was discharged June, 1919, and is now at home. He served in France, a member of an infantry regiment in the United States Army,

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and the latter of whom served in the navy, a student at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station at Chicago, received his discharge at the close of the war and is now living at Blackwater; Conrad, born in 1897, who also was in France, attached to an infantry regiment of the United States Army, and is now home; and Albert, who is farming in Clear Creels Township. Mrs. Schupp, mother of these children, was born in Clear Creek Township on Feb. 26, 1857, daughter of Frederick and Margaret (Gardner) Muller, both now deceased. Frederick Mailer and his wife were both natives of Germany, and were among the early residents of Clear Creek Township, where they for many years made their home on a farm, and where they reared their family.

W F Apperson
(Transcribed by Laura Paxton)

W F Apperson farmer and horticulturist and a substantial citizen of Cooper county was born on the farm where he is now living and is a member of one of the real pioneer families of Cooper county, the Appersons having been prominently represented here for 100 years. He was born on Sept 8 1848 and has thus lived the tradition "three score and ten years," through his friends assure him he "does not look it," and the vigor with which he continues to carry on his operations certainly belies the date. Mr. Apperson is a son of Gilbert and Martha (Berkley) Apperson.

Gilbert Apperson was born in North Carolina in 1812, a son of Francis Apperson and wife, who not long after his birth moved from North Carolina to Kentucky, whence in 1819 they came with their family over into Missouri Territory and settled on the farm now owned by T M Kirkpatrick in Moniteau Township. Later Francis Apperson moved to the farm which he owned and there spent his last days. He and his wife are buried in the Apperson Cemetery on the Kirkpatrick farm. Gilbert Apperson was but seven years of age when he came to Cooper county with his parents and here he grew to manhood. He developed the farm on which his son W F Apperson now lives and there died in 1888. His wife died in 1886 and both are buried in the Apperson Cemetery. They were the parents of seven children: Mary E., wife of Judge T A Harris; W F , subject; B J died in 1892 at the age of 39 years; R W living on the home farm; "G P and T F who died in infancy; and Nancy P married P S Haycock and died about 1867.

W F Apperson was reared on the farm in the Pisgah neighborhood and received his schooling in the Yancey School and at Pisgah. He has followed farming in this county all his life with the exception of three years when he tried ranching in Idaho. Mr. Apperson has an excellent orchard

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of three acres and has for years taken a special interest in his horticulture. The products of his orchard have something more than local fame. He also raises cattle and hogs.

Sept 19 1895, W F Apperson was married to Lou E York who was born in this county and to this union one child has been born. W R Apperson, who is at home, assisting his father. Mrs. Apperson is a daughter of James and Jane (Hunt) York for years well known residents of Clarks Fork, and has a brother W H Work of Leslie Ark. James York was killed in a runaway accident at Bunceton, June 15 1902 and his widow died March 14 1919. Both are buried at the Apperson Cemetery. Mrs. York had joined the Pisgah Baptist Church in 1849 and at the time of her death was the oldest continuous member of that church, the same having covered the long span of 70 years. Mr. and Mrs. Apperson are members of this church

T. Edgar Hurt
(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

T. Edgar Hurt, blacksmith and general mechanic, and proprietor of a well equipped shop at Pisgah, is reviving the reputation Pisgah enjoyed as a local center of the mechanical trade back in the pioneer days. The old brick building in which he carries on his operations is one of the landmarks of Cooper County, it having been erected for factory purposes by the pioneer Jones in 1835, the bricks entering into it having been burned at a kiln just east of the place. Originally the building was a two-story structure, but the top story long ago was removed. The primary use of the building was as a wagon, carriage and plow factory.

Mr. Hurt learned his trade at Pleasant Green and operated a shop there until the summer of 1915, when he bought his present shop at Pisgah, and moved here, where he ever since has been successfully engaged in business. His shop is equipped with a gas engine for motive power, and his mechanical equipment is sufficient to take care of all ordinary calls for repair work and

such machine-shop work as is required in an agricultural community. He also carries a good line of supplies.

Mr. Hurt was born on a farm in Clarks Fork Township, Feb. 3, 1882, a son of Boone and Melinda (Haley) Hurt, both of whom are living in the Pleasant Green neighborhood. Boone Hurt was born in Clarks Fork Township in 1854, and his wife was born near Jamestown, Mo., their respective parents having been pioneers of this section. Boone Hurt is a substantial farmer, and he and his wife are the parents of 10 children, as follows; T. Edgar; Nannie, wife of Homer Brubaker; Eliza, wife of Archibald Powell; Chester, of Pleasant Green; Bessie, wife of Homer Carpenter; Raymond, of Pleasant Green; Ewing, who is now (spring of 1919) with the

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American Expeditionary Forces in Europe, and Thelma, Huldah and Lewis, at home. Ewing Hurt, the soldier son, enlisted in the United States Army in September, 1917, and after training was sent to France as a member of Company L, 356th Infantry, 89th Division, and spent six months in France and participated in some of the most desperate engagements of the war, and is still held on foreign service, a part of the Army of Occupation in Germany.

T. Edgar Hurt was reared on a farm and received his schooling in the Washington District School. He married when 20 years of age, and for 10 years thereafter continued farming. In the meanwhile, however, he had been cultivating his naturally mechanically-inclined bent, and about six years ago took up the blacksmith trade at Pleasant Green, and was thus engaged at that place until his removal in August, 1915, to Pisgah, where he bought from Clarence Polley the shop he has since been operating. In November, 1917, Mr. Hurt entered upon a contract with Government for the supply of walnut logs for gun stocks, and continued purchasing walnut timber throughout this section of Missouri for more than a year, his contract terminating Jan. 1, 1919. During that time he bought for the Government around 400 carloads of walnut logs, the average value per car being around \$1,000. Mr. Hurt is a republican.

In 1902, T. Edgar Hurt was united in marriage to Anna Howard, who was born in this county, and to this union have been four children: Hallene, Helen, Juanita and T. Edgar, Jr. Mrs. Hurt is a daughter of Thomas and Parmelia (Dale) Howard, both of whom were born in Missouri and are living in North Moniteau Township. Thomas Howard was born near Jamestown, Mo., and his wife was born at Carthage. Both the Howards and the Dales are of pioneer stock. Mrs. Howard's father at one time owned a part of the townsite of Joplin.

Luis Braun

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Luis Braun, one of North Moniteau Township's progressive farmers, is a native son of Cooper County. He was born at Pisgah, May 18, 1867, son of Peter and Harriet (English) Braun. Peter Braun was born in Germany and when 14 years of age came to the United States alone, joining relatives in St. Louis, where he was trained in the trade of wagon-maker. After working there for some time he came to Cooper County, and worked in the old Jones wagon-shop at Pisgah, which he later bought and for some time operated. He died at Pisgah in 1888, and he is buried in the Lutheran Churchyard in Moniteau County. Peter Braun was thrice married. By his first wife, Louisa Kuhle, he was the father of two sons, Edward Braun, of South Moniteau Township, and Charles, deceased. The subject of this

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sketch was the only child born of his marriage to Harriet English. By his later marriage to Rachel Deitzel, he was the father of three children, William T., North Moniteau; Frank, Prairie Home; and Dora, wife of H. W. Williamson, Prairie Home.

Louis Braun received his schooling in the schools at Pisgah and at Fairview School in Moniteau. In 1899, Mr. Braun bought the Fisher farm and has since made his residence there. He has rebuilt the farm house and barns, and has a well improved farm. The place is well watered, and is adapted to live stock raising. Mr. Braun is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, and his wife is a member of the Chapel Methodist Episcopal Church in Moniteau County.

In 1890, Louis Braun was united in marriage to Carolina Haldiman, of Moniteau County, daughter of Jacob and Mary Haldiman, the latter of whom is living at California, Mo. Jacob Haldiman died in 1910, and is buried at California. He and his wife were the parents of 10 children, those besides Mr. Braun being Mrs. Mary Geiger; John, deceased; Mrs. Emma Muri, Godfrey, who is now living in Colorado; Charles, in Oklahoma; Jacob, Moniteau County; Joseph, Moniteau County; Adolph, Kansas City; and William, California, Mo. Mr. and Mrs. Braun have two sons, William and Leslie T., both of whom are now (spring of 1919) in the service of their country, the former in the army and the latter in the navy. William Braun was born Aug. 30, 1892. June 25, 1918, he enlisted for service in the United States Army, and after training was, in August, 1918, sent to France as a member of Company C, 131st Engineers, with which command he was serving at the front when the armistice was signed, and has since remained in Europe, being retained on foreign service. The younger son, Leslie T. Braun, born Oct. 13, 1895, enlisted in the navy May 6, 1917. He was trained at the naval station at Norfolk, and after some preliminary coastwise service down as far as Vera Cruz was attached to the destroyer "Alywin," which afterward rendered valiant service in the waters of the English Channel and other European waters, hunting German submarines, and during that service had some most exciting experiences, the "Alywin" several times coming in contact with the enemy, and having at least one definite "hit" accredited to its score. The "Alywin" also saw service in the Baltic and the marines on board took part in certain actions in Russia.

Charles A. Baughman
(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Charles A. Baughman, of North Moniteau Township, is a native of Cooper County, and a descendent of one of the early pioneer families of this section. He was born on a farm about a mile north of Pisgah, Nov. 6, 1864,

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and is a son of Henry and Anna (Briscoe) (Cole) Baughman. Henry Baughman was born near Boonville in 1837, and spent his life in Cooper County, and died in 1913. His wife was born in Palestine Township and died at Bunceton, in 1918, at the age of 74 years. Henry Baughman improved the place, which is now owned by Charles A., and resided here for 50 years.

Henry Baughman was a son of Jacob Baughman, who was one of the earliest pioneer settlers of North Moniteau Township. He was a farmer and spent the remainder of his life in North Moniteau Township, after coming to this county. His wife bore the maiden name of Mary Parks. They are both now deceased, and their remains are buried on the old Baughman home farm.

Of the children born to Henry Baughman and wife the following are living: Charles A., the subject of this sketch; Maggie, the widow of Harve Underwood, Webb City, Mo.; Patience, married Ben Morris, North Moniteau Township; Minnie, married John Morris, Bunceton; Mary, married Rollo Hadley, Glendora, Calif.; Flora, married Charles Edwards, Kelly Township; and Katie, married George Gilbert, Bunceton.

Charles A. Baughman has been engaged in farming and stock raising all his life, and has met with success. His farm consists of 180 acres of well improved land, with two good sets of farm buildings. He was married Nov. 18, 1895, to Miss Ella Dill, a daughter of Henry and Angeline (Hickman) Dill, the former of whom is now deceased, and the mother resides in South Moniteau Township. To Mr. and Mrs. Baughman have been born the following children: Luther Wallace, born Aug. 30, 1897; Jesse Cloud, born Sept. 23, 1900; and Charles Lloyd, born May 21, 1906.

Luther Wallace, the eldest son of Mr. Baughman, has attained a degree of distinction as a specialist in the agricultural world, well worthy of note. He has made a specialty of breeding and developing seed corn, as well as raising some prize corn crops. In 1915, he won the prize for raising the host acre of corn in Cooper County, and also received the second prize in the Boys' Class of the State. His prize acre produced 106 bushels and 10 hounds of corn. He raises corn for seed purposes, which he sells at a good Price. He is also a successful poultry raiser, and has the best strain of Barred Plymouth Rock chickens to be found anywhere. His chickens are frequently exhibited at state and county fairs, and they always win the honors. In 1918, he won 29 ribbons with his poultry exhibits. He has won in all 150 ribbons. He has also taken a number of premiums at the State and other fairs for his exhibition of seed corn.

Charles A. Baughman is a progressive and public spirited citizen, and

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takes a keen interest in local affairs, being a special friend and advocate of good schools. He has served as president of the board of Consolidated School District No. 2. The Baughman family is well and favorably known in Cooper County.

John Kaiser

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

John Kaiser, a leading citizen and prosperous farmer and stockman of North Moniteau Township, was born Sept. 19, 1859. He is a son of George and Henrietta (Smith) Kaiser, both natives of Germany, who came to Cooper County with their respective parents. George Kaiser lived about three miles west of Prairie Home, where he spent his life engaged in farming and stock raising. He was a Civil War veteran, having served in Colonel Pope's regiment, under Captain George. He died in 1903, and his wife departed this life in 1897. They were the parents of the following children: John, the subject of this sketch; Mrs. Mary Shilp, Otterville, Mo.; August Charles, who died at the age of 42; George, deceased; Mrs. Minnie Brokamp, Clarks Fork Township; and Lizzie, who died at the age of 10 years.

John Kaiser received his education in the public schools, attending school in the Henshaw district. He was reared on a farm and has followed farming and stock raising all his life. He bought his present place of 176 acres from Samuel P. Baughman in 1891. This land was entered from the Government by Judge Baughman, father of Samuel P. Mr. Kaiser has improved the place, rebuilt the residence and erected two large barns, and other buildings, until he has one of the well improved and valuable places of the county. He carries on general farming and stock raising.

John Kaiser was united in marriage Jan. 5, 1888, with Carrie Knorp, a daughter of George and Minnie (Schenck) Knorp, natives of Germany. The father was born in 1813, and died July 12, 1886. The mother was born April 26, 1825, and died Jan. 10, 1901. They were the parents of the following children: Henry, Pleasant Grove, Mo.; Mrs. Louise Stock, Sedalia; Charles, Jamestown; Mrs. Minnie Fricke, Clarks Fork Township; Mrs. Mary Brandes, Clarks Fork Township; Carrie, the wife of John Kaiser, the subject of this sketch; John, Pleasant Grove; and Fred, California, Mo.

To Mr. and Mrs. John Kaiser have been born eight children as follows: John, married Lena Carrie Burlison, Dallas, Texas; Ida, married Delbert York, Cotton, Mo.; William was inducted into United States Army, July 26, 1918, trained at Camp Funston, Kan., and after the armistice was signed received his discharge, and is now residing at home; Emma, married Harry Timm, and resides near Pisgah; Lula, resides at home; George, also served in the United States Army during the World War, having entered the service Oct. 21, 1918, and was trained at Camp Stanley, Texas, has also been

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mustered out of service and is now residing at home; Lawrence and Clarence residing at home. Mr. and Mrs. Kaiser have five grandchildren as follows: Wilma Elizabeth; John Burlison; and Doris Marie Kaiser, and Herbert Harrison and Ernia Louise Timm.

The Kaiser family is well known in Cooper County and rank among its best citizens. Mr. Kaiser has served as a member of the local school board for many years.

Luther B. Laws

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Luther B. Laws, a leading farmer and stockman, and a progressive citizen of Prairie Home Township, is a native of Missouri. He was born at Glasgow, April 9, 1874, and is a son of Rev. M. L. and Gertrude A. (Taylor) Laws. Rev. M. L. Laws was a native of Accomac County, Va., born Aug. 2, 1842. He was a minister of the Baptist faith, and died May 4, 1882. To Rev. M. L. and Gertrude A. (Taylor) Laws were born two children: Luther B., the subject of this sketch, and Leslie Temple, who resides in Oklahoma.

After the death of her first husband, Mrs. Gertrude (Taylor) Laws married Rev. B. G. Tutt. He was born near Bunceton, and was a prominent Baptist minister, and for several years was chaplain of the State Prison, Jefferson City. He died at St. Mary's Hospital, Jefferson City, Aug. 4, 1906, aged 69 years. By a former marriage, Rev. B. G. Tutt was the father of the following children: W. P.; George E.; Dr. A. N.; Henry, deceased; Anna, married Reverend Stafford and is now deceased, and Dr. J. M., of Kansas City, Mo.

Mrs. Gertrude A. Tutt, mother of Luther B. Laws, was born at Harrodsburg, Ky., the daughter of Rev. B. T. Taylor, a native of Henderson County, Ky. He was born March 12, 1823, educated in Kentucky, and was a graduate of Georgetown College. He taught school for a number of years and conducted a boarding school at Columbia, Ky. He was married Dec. 25, 1851, to Mary Bell Alexander. They came to Missouri in the '70s, and Reverend Taylor was pastor of the Baptist Church at Columbia, Mo., for several years, when he bought a farm near Aullville, Mo., and for a time supplied the pulpit there and also at Sweet Springs. He also preached in other country churches and later came to Cooper County and bought the farm which is now owned by L. T. Yancey. His wife, Mary Bell Alexander, was a native of Harrodsburg, Ky., born Nov. 15, 1830. She was educated at a Presbyterian school conducted by Dr. Montgomery, and was a well educated and highly accomplished woman. She lived to the advanced age of 82 years. Mrs. Gertrude A. Tutt was educated by private tutors and at private schools in Henderson, Ky., and Urbana, Ohio.

Luther B. Laws was educated in the public schools in Boonville, and has

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resided in Prairie Home Township on his present place since 1890, His home place consists of 160 acres, and he owns 440 acres in Moniteau and Prairie Home Townships. This is one of Cooper County's valuable farms. Mr. Laws is successfully engaged in stock raising, and is also an extensive feeder. He has bought and sold a number of farms in the vicinity where he lives, and is a successful man of affairs. He is one of Cooper County's self made men and has made good.

James T. Jeffress

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

James T. Jeffress, a member of the directorate of the Farmers Stock Bank of Blackwater, and proprietor of "East View" Farm in LaMine Township, this county, is a native son of Cooper

County, and has lived here all his life. He was born on a farm in Palestine Township on June 17, 1859, son of John R. and Isabelle (Lourie) Jeffress, the latter of whom also was born in this county, a member of one of the pioneer families of the Boonville settlement.

John R. Jeffress was born near Huntsville, Ala., Feb. 20, 1830, a son of Richard and Susan (Bruce) Jeffress, Virginians, who in 1840 came to Missouri and settled at Boonville, where John R. Jeffries grew to manhood, later going to Glasgow, Mo., where he became engaged in the shoe business. For some time he drove stage from Glasgow to Boonville, and during the Civil War managed a threshing crew. He later turned his attention to farming, bought a farm in Pilot Grove Township, Cooper County, and on that place spent his last days. He died Nov. 12, 1906. His wife died July 1, 1885. She was born on Feb. 15, 1835. They were the parents of 13 children, three of whom died in infancy, the others being the following: Ann, wife of T. W. Caton, of Blackwater Township; Mary F, now living at Boonville, widow of Joseph Barnhardt; Richard, deceased; John William, of LaMine Township; James T., the subject of this sketch; Sallie E., Washington, D. C., widow of W. H. Cochran; Robert H., of Pilot Grove Township; Susan, wife of H. C. Davis, of Boonville; Charles, of Palestine Township; Jesse Ross, of Boonville Township; and Etson B., of Boonville Township.

James T. Jeffress was reared on the home farm and received his schooling in the schools of that neighborhood. He grew up a practical farmer, and in 1882 bought a farm in Clear Creek Township. Two or three years later he sold this farm and bought another, which he also disposed of, and in 1890 bought "East View," his present fine farm of 165 acres in LaMine Township, where he since has made his home, and where in addition to his extensive farming operations he also has carried on with much success the breeding of Duroc Jersey hogs.

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For years Mr. Jeffress has been a member of the board of directors of the farmers Bank of Blackwater, to the affairs of which well known financial institution he gives his thoughtful attention. He is a democrat, and he and his wife are members of the Presbyterian Church, the congregation of which Mr. Jeffress has for some time served as a member of the session.

Nov. 17, 1881, James T. Jeffress was united in marriage to Amanda Brownfield, who was born in Pilot Grove Township, Oct. 20, 1858, daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (Groves) Brownfield, former well known residents of that Township and representatives of pioneer families hereabout. Thomas Brownfield was born near Richmond, Va., Feb. 5, 1818, and died on Feb. 15, 1889. His wife was born in Indiana in 1823, and died on July 25, 1901. To Mr. and Mrs. Jeffress have been born four children, namely Ivan, a farmer of Blackwater Township; Gertrude, wife of J. W. Davis, also of Blackwater Township; Grace, wife of G. C. Nunn, of Blackwater Township; and James R., of LaMine Township. Mr. and Mrs. Jeffress have 14 grand children.

Arthur Bodamer

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Arthur Bodamer, a successful farmer and stockman, who is well known as a breeder of registered Aberdeen Angus cattle, was born in Prairie Home Township, April 6, 1896. He is a son of Charles H. and Elizabeth (Kuhn) Bodamer, a sketch of whom appears in this volume. Arthur Bodamer was reared and educated in Prairie Home Township, attending school at Hazel Dell district. He has recently purchased 223 acres of land, which was formerly a part of the Gilbreath place. He is also the owner of 10 acres in another tract, which makes his entire holding 263 acres, and this is one of the valuable farms of Prairie Home Township. Mr. Bodamer carries on general farming and stock raising, and for the past two years has given considerable attention to breeding registered Aberdeen Angus cattle, and now has a herd numbering 35 head, headed by "Black Dale," 's which is considered one of the most valuable Aberdeen Angus animals in the State.

Nov. 7, 1917, Arthur Bodamer was united in marriage with Miss Lucile Gilbreath, a daughter of Newton A. and Myra E. (Boswell) Gilbreath Newton A. Gilbreath was a native of Cooper County, born in Prairie Home Township, and spent his entire life in this Township. He died in October, 1910, at the age of 75 years, and at the time of his death owned 435 acres of land. He was a son of Hugh Gilbreath, a native of Kentucky, who was a very early Cooper County pioneer. Myra E. (Boswell)

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Gilbreath was born in Pleasant Home Township, on the farm now owned by Benjamin Meyers, and now resides in Cooper County.

Hugh Gilbreath, brother of Mrs. Bodamer, was born Aug. 10, 1890. He was educated at the Bunceton schools and the Missouri Valley College at Marshall, Mo. In October, 1917, he enlisted in U. S. Army and was first sent to Camp Funston, and later to Fort Sill, Okla., where he was trained, and in May, 1918, he went to France, a member of 130th Field Artillery, 35th Division. He participated in much of the severe fighting during the summer and fall of 1918. He was at the battle of Argonne Forest and other engagements. At the close of the war he was discharged and returned to his Cooper County farm. He owns 285 acres known as "Glenwood Farm:"

Arthur Bodamer is a member of the Masonic Lodge, No. 503, Prairie Home, and he and Mrs. Bodamer are members of the Eastern Star.

T. J. Burros

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

T. J. Burros & Sons, proprietors of the "Champion Oxford Down Sheep Farm," rank among the leading sheep breeders of the country. They have lived up to the standard of the business motto, "The best is none too good," Purebred sheep from this farm have been among the leading prize winners of stock shows and State fairs throughout the country since 1907. They have won prizes at the Missouri State Fair, the Chicago International Stock Show, the Fort Worth (Texas) Fat Stock Show, and the Denver (Colorado) Fat Stock Show. The winnings of the stock from the Champion Oxford Sheep Farm include 21 champion ribbons, 96 first premium ribbons, and 60 second premium ribbons.

T. J. Burros began breeding purebred Oxford sheep in 1899, and made his first exhibit in 1907 at the Missouri State Fair, and has exhibited there every year to the present time. He exhibited at the Chicago International Stock Show in 1918; at Ft. Worth, Texas, in 1918; and Denver, Colo. in 1918. Among some of his most valuable animals is "Burros Lady," No. 388, ewe which has won champion ribbons at the Missouri State Fair, and "McKerrow's Bampton X, 69148," one of the most valuable rams in the country, has been exhibited at 12 different State fairs and won first and champion premiums each time. The Burros flock of sheep are rich in the strains of J. T. Hobbs, Horlick, Stilgoe, White and Treverkee, all famous English breeders. Mr. Burros is also interested in breeding purebred Buff Orpington chickens and Mammoth Bronze turkeys, all of which rank high in the poultry world. Mr. Burros purchased his present farm in 1907, and has added most of the improvements himself. It is one of the

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well improved farms of the county, with a good residence and other farm buildings, including a large barn, 50x56 feet.

J. T. Burros is a native son of Cooper County, born on the Lovell farm in Prairie Home Township, April 15, 1870, He is a son of John M. and Amanda F. (Lovell) Burros. J. T. Burros was educated in the public schools of Prairie Home Township and at Pilot Grove. He has been interested in

farming and stock raising since boyhood, specializing in sheep raising as above stated, of which he has made a decided success.

Mr. Burros was married Sept. 4, 1895, in California, Mo., to Miss Alpha McDow, a daughter of J. M. and Kiziar (Kirkpatrick) McDow, both of whom are now deceased. The mother died in 1879, and the father departed this life Feb. 24, 1897. They were the parents of the following children: Joe E. Versailles, Mo.; T. J., Barnett, Mo.; C. E., Deming, N. M.; Tolby Alpha, the wife of T. J. Burros, the subject of this sketch, and Bird, who is now a sergeant in the U. S. Army, stationed at Camp Lewis, Wash. He is a veteran of the Spanish-American War, having served in Cuba and the Philippine Island, He also served in the army in Alaska, and has been in the U. S. Army for the past 25 years.

To T. J. Burros and wife have been born the following children: Bernice, married L. B. Morris; John M.; Porter; Emile; Charles; Mary Margaret; and Joe Mack, all of whom reside at home with their parents.

Nicholas John Blank
(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Nicholas John Blank, a well known farmer and stockman of North Moniteau Township, was born on the place where he now resides, March 28, 1862. He is a son of John Jacob and Margaret (Lanbolt) Blank, both natives of Bavaria, Germany. The father first came to Cooper County in the '40s, and later returned to his native land, where he was married, and after remaining there a few years came to Cooper County again in 1852. He purchased 130 acres of land from Dr. Alexander Apperson, located in North Moniteau and Prairie Home Townships. This farm is the present home of Nicholas John Blank. The deed of this farm was recorded Feb. 19, 1852. John Jacob Blank spent the remainder of his life on this place, and died at the age of 76 years. His wife died at the age of 80, and their remains are buried in the Moniteau Evangelical Church Cemetery. When John J. Blank purchased this place there was a log house on it which was built by Dr. Apperson. It has been remodeled and is still standing in a fair state of preservation. It is probably 100 years old.

Nicholas John Blank was one of five children born to his parents, the others being as follows; Mrs. Mary Heyssell, North Moniteau Township;

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Mrs. Catherine Wolfram, California, Mo.; Mrs. Annie Kossman, California, Mo.; and Mrs. Margaret Bloch, California, Mo.

Nicholas J. Blank was reared on the home farm and attended such schools as the neighborhood afforded. His school district is Felder district, but when he attended school it was known as the "Dirt Dauber School," owing to the fact that it was a log cabin and the cracks between the logs were daubed with mud. The seats were made of split logs, and the building was about 10x20 feet in dimension. Mr. Blank says that the old building was usually pretty well filled with children from the neighborhood. He recalls among the early teachers at this school, Squire Elliot, Mrs. Chilton, and a Mr. Bruzan. The old school building stood on the farm now known as the Nelson place.

Mr. Blank has followed general farming all his life, and has met with a very satisfactory degree of success. He owns 170 acres of land, which is a fertile and productive farm. The place has a good supply of water, which is procured from a well, and, besides, Pisgah Creek courses its way across the place. Mr. Blank has rented his place for the past year; however, he still makes his home here.

Mr. Blank has some interesting relics of bygone days, among which is a walnut log 12 feet long and 2 1/2 feet in diameter, which his father hewed and hollowed out in 1855, and used it for a

receptacle, in place of a barrel, in which to pack and cure pork. Mr. Blank still uses this odd and unusual pork barrel for its original purpose. He is one of the substantial citizens of Moniteau Township.

John William Jeffress
(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

John William Jeffress, proprietor of a well-improved farm in LaMine Township, one of the successful farmers of Cooper County, was born in this county. He was born April 11, 1857, son of John Richard and Elizabeth (Lourie) Jeffress, of who further mention is made in this volume.

Reared on the farm, John W. Jeffress received his schooling in the district schools, and from boyhood has given attention to farming. When a young man he engaged in farming on his own account. In 1881, he bought a farm in Saline County, and looked after the same until 1887, when he sold the place and for four years operated the home farm on a rental basis. In 1891, he bought the farm on which he is now living, and has here since made his residence. Mr. Jeffress has 300 acres in his home farm, and since coming into possession of the same has made extensive improvements, which are in keeping with his progressive methods of farming. Mr. Jeffries has been successful, and is a stockholder in the

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Bank of Blackwater. He is a democrat, but has not been a seeker after public office.

Nov. 19, 1887, John W. Jeffress was united in marriage to Rhoda E. Hazell, and to this union were born three children, Pearl, John and Berny. Mrs. Jeffress also was born in Cooper County, of pioneer parentage, and all her life was spent here. She was born on May 21, 1855, and died on Dec. 19, 1918. Her parents, Edward and Sallie (Yarnell) Hazell, were both of pioneer stock in Missouri, the Yarnells having been the fourth settlers in Cooper County.

Col. N. D. Patrick
(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Col. N. D. Patrick, a well known and successful auctioneer of Prairie Home, is a native son of Cooper County. He was born in South Moniteau Township, April 12, 1891, and is a son of Benjamin and Emma (Wingate) Patrick, both natives of Missouri, the former born in Howard County, and the latter in Moniteau County. Benjamin Patrick was reared in Howard County, where his father was a large land owner in the early days. He came to Cooper County in 1869, and spent the remainder of his life here. He died in 1899, and his widow now resides at California, Mo. They were the parents of the following children: Mona, married Rev. T. J. Deakins, Osceola, Mo.; Martha, married L. F. Overboy, and died Nov. 20, 1918; Amanda, married Len Ritchey; Col. N. D., the subject of this sketch. By a former marriage Benjamin Patrick had one child, C. B. Patrick, who now lives at Elliot Station, Cooper County.

Col. N. D. Patrick was reared in Cooper County and educated in public schools at Clarksburg. He began life as a farmer and stock raiser, and at an early age began auctioneering in a local way. In 1917, he took a course in the Kansas City School of Auctioneering and was graduated from that institution, and since that time has devoted practically his entire attention to that work. His field of activity is by no means confined to Cooper County, as he cries sales not only in this county, but in adjoining counties as well, and has won a reputation of being one of the most capable auctioneers in this section of the State.

Colonel Patrick was married Feb. 22, 1911, to Miss Beulah Edwards, a daughter of Ryley T. and Margaret Edwards of Prairie Home Township. To Mr. and Mrs. Patrick have been born two children, Ryley Dennis and Emma Marguerite.

Colonel Patrick has recently moved to Prairie Home, where he purchased the place of Dr. H. A. McDonald, and has a pleasant home. He is a progressive young man and one of Cooper County's valued citizens.

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Findlay A. Collins
(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Findlay A. Collins, proprietor of a fine farm adjoining the townsite of Prairie Home, and recognized as one of the most progressive young farmers of that section of Cooper County, was born at Warrensburg, Mo., in 1891, son of Noah Thomas and Mary Ellen (Miller) Collins, both of whom are living in Lafayette County. Noah Thomas Collins was born in Lafayette County in 1838, a son of Thomas Collins, who had settled there upon coming to Missouri from Kentucky in the early days, and was an extensive land-owner and slave-holder at the time of the breaking out of the Civil War, being the owner of 1,800 acres of land and 100 slaves, a part of his land being the townsite of Higginsville. During the Civil War, Noah Thomas Collins served the cause of the Confederacy under Gen. Sterling Price, and the day before the battle of Lexington was encamped with that command on the Collins farm. This veteran of the Confederacy is still living one mile west of the old home of his father in Lafayette County, he now being 81 years of age. His wife is 62 years of age. Noah Thomas Collins has been twice married, and by his first marriage was the father of three children, Gertrude, wife of Samuel Boone, of Lafayette County; Robert, deceased; and Virginia Lee, wife of James E. Weaver, of Coburg, Mont. To his union with Mary Ellen (Miller) Lilleston one child was born, the subject of this sketch. By her prior marriage to William B. Lilleston, Mrs. Collins is the mother of four children, namely: Florence, wife of B. F. Warden, of Higginsville; Louie M., wife of Edward Blakesley, of Lincoln; Norma, wife of J. R. Brand, of Oil Hill, Kan.; and William B. Lilleston, of Odessa, Mo. Mrs. Collins also is of pioneer stock, her grandfather Miller having been one of the early settlers of Lafayette County, coming here from Virginia and locating two and one-half miles north of Odessa, where he spent his last days. He was an extensive landowner and slave-holder and proprietor of a hemp-breaker in the days before the war. Hemp bales taken from his mills and soaked in the waters of the Missouri were used for the construction of breastworks at the time of the battle of Lexington. Mrs. Collins's mother was a daughter of Judge John A. Ryland, one of the foremost figures in the early civic life of Lafayette County.

Though born at Warrensburg, Johnson County, Findlay A. Collins was reared in Lafayette County, and grew up familiar with the details of farm life. Upon completing the course in the public schools of his home district he spent three and one-half years as a student at the Missouri State Normal School at Warrensburg. He then resumed farming in Lafayette

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County, and was thus engaged for two years, when he engaged in the grocery business at Warrensburg. In the spring of 1916 he married, and in September following came to Cooper County, and has since been engaged in farming on his present farm. Besides the 118 acres of his home farm, Mr. Collins is farming 122 acres adjoining, belonging to his father-in-law, C. H. Muri. He feeds two or three carloads of cattle a year. On the Collins farm, about 200 yards south of the residence, was the site of the historic old Prairie Home College, which had much fame as an educational institution in its day. The Collins residence, an attractive seven-room bungalow, was erected in 1917. The barn, built in 1916, is 36x50 feet, with metal roof and sides, and with a Gothic roof, the first of this type erected in Cooper County, and one of the finest barns in the county. Other buildings and the general equipment of Mr. Collins's farm plant are in keeping.

April 22, 1916, Findlay A. Collins was married to Alice Muri, who had been graduated in that same year from the State Normal School at Warrensburg. She was born in Moniteau County, and

was graduated from the California High School in 1913, winning second honors of her class. Thus equipped she entered the State Normal School, took the four-years course in three years, and was graduated from that institution with the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1916. Mrs. Collins is a daughter of C. H. and Amanda J. (Gentzsch) Muri, both of whom were born in Moniteau ('aunty, the former in 1857, and the latter in 1872, and who are now living at Sandy Hook. C. H. Muri is the owner of 380 acres of land in Moniteau ('aunty, where he lives, and 120 acres in Prairie Home Township, this county. He and his wife have two children, Mrs. Collins having a brother, Homer T. Muri, who is at home assisting in the management of his father's place.

Albert Brengarth
(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Albert Brengarth, of Saline Township, is a progressive and successful farmer and stockman, and one of the most extensive land-owners in Cooper (:aunty. At 17 he was making his own way, at 19 he was the owner of a team of horses and possessed a stout heart, willing hands, a clear head, and a realizing sense of farm values. At 21, in association with his mother, Frank, he made his first investment in farm lands, he and his mother buying 80 acres in Saline Township. That was in 1898. Two years later they sold that place, and in partnership bought 253 acres a mile north of Gooch's Mill. That place Frank Brengarth now owns, having bought his brother's interest in it in 1914. The brothers in the mean

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time had bought and sold other farms and in the rising market had done well. In 1914 Albert Brengarth bought from T. L. Jones the latter's farm of 125 acres, which he sold in 1916, and then bought 225 acres of the place he now owns at the edge of Overton. The next year he bought the balance of the place, 305 acres, and thus has in that tract 530 acres. Not long ago he bought from W. H. Swanstone 465 acres, also in Saline Township, the place being better known as the George Conner farm, and is cultivating and improving them along modern lines, and also carrying on extensive live stock operation. Since taking possession of his place, just at the east side of Overton in 1916, Mr. Brengarth has improved it greatly, and is developing there one of the most up-to-date farms in Cooper County. He is a member of the Woodmen of the World and the Woodmen's Circle at Gooch's Mill.

Mr. Brengarth is a native son of Cooper County. He was born on a farm in Prairie Home Township, May 2, 1877, son of Frank I. and Catherine (Schneider) Brengarth, the latter of whom is living at Boonville. Mrs. Brengarth was born in Germany, and was but a child when she came to this county with her parents, the family locating in this part of Missouri, and it was here that she married Frank I. Brengarth, who had come to America when a young man, and also had settled in this county. Frank I. Brengarth was born in Alsace-Lorraine, then a province of France, in 1831. There he remained until he had attained his majority, when, about 1852, he came to this country. For several years after coming to Cooper County, he worked by the month on the Edmond Elliott farm near Boonville, later buying a farm in Prairie Home Township. On that place he lived until his retirement from the farm in 1904, when he sold the place and moved to Boonville, where he spent the remainder of his life. He died Oct. 25, 1917. His widow is still living. Mr. Brengarth was buried in the Catholic Cemetery at Boonville.

To Frank I. and Catherine (Schneider) Brengarth were born 12 children, all of whom are still living, namely: Catherine, wife of J. B. Felton, of Boonville; Frank, is a well-to-do farmer and stockman in Saline Township; Anna, wife of Charles Tritzell, of Jefferson City; Taritha, wife of William Walterscheid, of Boonville Township; Albert, the subject of this sketch; Mary, wife of David Diehl, of Boonville; Philip, now living in Kansas City; Margaret, who is living with her brother Frank in Saline Township; Rose, wife of E. A. Bacon, of St. Louis; Henry, who is now with the American Expeditionary Forces in Europe; Augusta, who is living at Boonville;

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and John, who is with the American Expeditionary Forces in Europe. Henry Brengarth, the elder of the two soldier sons, has been in the service of the United States Army since May, 1918; was at the front at the time the armistice was signed, and is now (spring of 1919) with the Army of Occupation at Coblenz, attached to the 89th Pioneer Infantry Regiment. John Brengarth, the other soldier son, enlisted for service in the World War in November, 1917, and has now (spring of 1919) been in France for more than 18 months, attached to the Aviation Corps, a member of the 222nd Aero Squadron, and during this long period of service has been a participant in some exceedingly spectacular and thrilling actions. The Brengarth children received their schooling in the New Salem School in Prairie Home Township, and though the members of the family are now widely scattered, as is the way of families, that community ever will be regarded by them as "back home."

Ernest H. Ambrose

(Transcribed by Laura Paxton)

Ernest H Ambrose - proprietor of the "Ambrose Missouri River Valley Farm," at the north edge of the town of Overton in Saline Township, and recognized as one of the most progressive and energetic young farmers of that section of Cooper county is a native of this county. He was born Oct. 15 1881 son of JT and Elizabeth (Bell) Ambrose. J T Ambrose was born in Howard County in 1845 and though but 16 years of age when the Civil War broke out, he enlisted at Boonville in the cause of the Confederacy as a member of Company B, 14th Infantry, and served for three years, or until the close of the war, and was at Shreveport LA., with the army when the war ended. Mr. Ambrose then engaged in farming, and so continued the rest of his active life. He died in March 1916 he then being 71 years of age, and is buried in the Sulphur Springs Churchyard in Howard County. His widow is still living, a resident of Lloyd Station. She and her husband were the parents of five children all of whom are still living; Margaret, wife of Daniel Stewart, of Columbia MO; Thomas, near Rocheport, Boone County; Ernest H; Fannie, wife of Edgar McVee, near Pierson Spur in Howard County and Grover M., who is living with his mother at Lloyd Station.

Ernest H Ambrose has always followed farming pursuits. He received his schooling in the public schools, and early began farming on his own account. In the spring of 1913 he bought 100 acres of the farm on which he is now living, just north of Overton, and since then has added to this by purchase from Mont Cooper of an adjoining strip of eight acres, having now 108 acres, as rich a tract of land as lies in the whole Missouri

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Valley. During the past few years, Mr. Ambrose has made some very substantial improvements on his place. Included in these improvements is a modern new seven-room house, a barn 30X48 feet, a machine shed 20X50, a garage, an up-to-date poultry house in which Mrs. Ambrose has 300 Plymouth Rock chickens. The farm has an excellent orchard of 50 or more trees. During the current year (1919) Mr. Ambrose had raised 15 acres of alfalfa, 35 acres of wheat, one acre of potatoes and the balance in corn.

November 20 1907, Ernest H Ambrose was married to Bessie Groom, who was born in this county, and to this union two children have been born, Hazel and George. Mrs. Ambrose is a daughter of Colby C and Emma (Klickashear) Groom, the latter of whom born in Cooper County in 1864, is still living on the Groom home farm a mile and a half east of Overton. Colby C Groom was born in Virginia and came to Cooper County when 23 years of age. Here he married and became engaged in farming, a vocation which he followed the rest of his life. He died in 1913, and is buried in the Clayton Cemetery. To him and his wife were born four children, Mrs. Ambrose having three brothers, Hurt, Clay and Colby Groom all residing at Overton. Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose are members of the Highland Cumberland Presbyterian Church and both are teachers

in the Sunday School of that church. Mr. Ambrose also gives his thoughtful attention to local educational matters and has served as director of the Overton School District.

John Emil Derendinger
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John Emil Derendinger, a substantial farmer of Prairie Home Township, was born in Switzerland, March 2, 1864, son of Rudolph and Louisa (Bucher) Derendinger, both natives of that same country, who came to America in 1887 and spent their their last days in Cooper County. Rudolph Derendinger and his wife first located in Moniteau County, but about five years later moved to Prairie Home Township, this county, with their son Fred, and here spent the remainder of their lives. Mr. Derendinger died in 1913, and his wife in 1915. They were members of the Evangelical Church at Pleasant Grove, and are buried in the cemetery there. Of the seven children born to them, John Emil was the eldest, the others being: E. F. Derendinger, deceased; Mrs. Louisa Hosman, also deceased; Rudolph, of Sandy Hook; Eliza, wife of Louis Hersick, Hamburg, Germany; and J. F., Gooch's Mill.

J. E. Derendinger came to this country in 1881 and in 1887 he sent for his parents and the younger members of the family to join him here

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in Missouri, and in the summer of that same year he married. In 1888 he bought 200 acres of the farm on which he is now living in Prairie Home Township, established his home there and has ever since resided there. In 1916 Mr. Derendinger added to his acreage there by the purchase of 120 acres, and now has an excellent farm of 320 acres, in the management of which he is ably assisted by his second son, Louis Derendinger, who is married and makes his home in a house nearby the family residence. Since taking possession of that farm Mr. Derendinger has made numerous substantial improvements on the place.

August 12, 1887, John E. Derendinger was married to Wilhelmina Schilb, who was born in this county, and to this union five children have been born: Margaret, wife of Waller Neiderwimmer, of Sedalia; E. F. married Laura Friederich, now living at Kansas City; Louis, married Nannie Friederich, and is living on the home farm, assisting his father; J. C., engaged in the mercantile business at Gooch's Mill, and Meta Berths, at home with her parents. J. C. Derendinger married Berths Reglin, who died leaving two children, Cecil R, and Marjorie Elene, who are being reared by their grandparents. Mr. and Mrs. Derendinger have three other grandchildren, Herbert and Harold Neiderwimmer and William Derendinger. Mrs. Derendinger was born in Saline Township, Oct. 15, 1864, daughter of Jacob and Barbara (Kesseling) Schilb, who had settled there in 1847 and there spent the remainder of their lives. Mrs. Schilb died in 1894, and her husband died in 1908. They were charter members of the Pleasant Grove Evangelical Church, and are buried in the churchyard there. Mr. and Mrs. Derendinger are members of this church and have reared their children in the faith of the church.

St. Peter's Evangelical Church at Pleasant Grove was the first church organized by the German-speaking people of Cooper County, and was organized in 1849 under the ministry of the Reverend Kewing, who for some time remained as pastor, being succeeded in turn by the following pastors: The Reverends Rauschenbusch, Hoffmeister, Lunge, Streit, Von Teobel, Dellwo, Kraft, Woelfle, Moore, Leutwein, Klingeberger, Alber, Egger, Rasche, Jennerich, Lehman, Bredehoeft, Leibner and Beisenherc, the latter of whom was installed as pastor in the fall of 1917, and is now serving the congregation. The first meeting house erected by the congregation of St. Peter's was a little log church building. The present building was erected in 1877. The charter members of St. Peter's Evangelical Church were the following: Adam and Jacob Schilb, Nicholas Blank, George

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Knorp, Fred Stock, J. A. Spieler, J. G. Spieler, William Baker, F. Schenck, T. Miller, E. Kirschman, Jacob Schilb, Jr., Henry Meier, H. J. Meier, A. Kaempfer and William Hobrecht.

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