Wiley J. Wyant, of Holtville, has been residing at that place for a number of years, and once was engaged in the fur business in this city. Mr. Wyant is a native of Holtville, having been born there in 1814. Married in 1847, Mr. Wyant is the father of five children. In politics, Mr. Wyant is a Democrat, and in religion, a Methodist.

Dr. Samuel L. Saunders, of Holtville, was born in Kentucky in 1812, and is, therefore, seventy-two years old. He graduated in civil engineering at Georgetown, Kentucky, in 1844, but in 1847 commenced the practice of medicine. He is a strong Democrat and a zealous Mason, being also Grand Master of Missouri in 1858 and 1859. Dr. Saunders is the father of six children.

Joseph Meredith, of Pilot Grove, claims the credit of killing the last wild deer ever seen in Cooper county. Mr. M. is a native of Cooper county, and lived here as a farmer at that time. He was married in 1857 to Miss Rachel Leith, and is the father of six children, now living. Mr. Meredith has one hundred acres of fine farming land near the Grove. In religion, he is a Methodist.

Charles C. Neal, of Holtville, is a native of Kentucky, where he was born in 1819, from where he came to Cooper county in 1833. Mr. Neal has resided at his present home ever since that time, with the exception of a few years in California. In religion, he is a Methodist, by occupation a farmer, and in politics a Democrat. He is sixty-eight years old and is the father of five children.

George W. Smith is the oldest settler in Holtville township, having been born in Albemarle county, Virginia. His father served under General Washington. Mr. Smith has been twice married, living with his second wife near Cooper county, in February, 1805, and located at his present home. He has been a blacksmith and farmer. During the late civil war his home was a military headquarters. Politically, Mr. Smith is a Democrat.

John H. Stephens, of Bunker, was born on the nineteenth of June, 1827, in this county, and has resided here since that time. He is known as one of the most prominent and highly respected citizens of the county. He is the father of four children, and owns a large and productive farm near Bunker. In religion, Mr. Stephens is a Cumberland Presbyterian, and, in politics, a Democrat. He is a member of the Masonic order.

Judge J. M. McCutchen, of Pilot Grove, is one of our oldest and most respected citizens. Born in Logan county, Kentucky, in 1811, he received a common school education in that state and in Missouri. He was married in 1837 to Miss Fannie Tutie, and is the father of nine children. Judge McCutchen owns a fine farm near Pilot Grove, well-improved. He has been public administrator, member of the legislature, and county judge, and all these offices he filled creditably. For many years he has been a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian church. Judge McCutchen is sixty-nine years old.