

Bollinger County Biographies:
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John G. Swezea

John G. Swezea, a prominent farmer and native of Wayne Co, MO was born in 1841.

He is the son of James N. and Catherine (Brown) Swezea.

The latter couple came from Hickman Co, TN to MO in 1821, and were among the very earliest settlers of the county.

They were the parents of 5 sons and 3 daughters, Charles is the only one now living.

James N was born in TN in 1817.

He farmed till his death in 1861. Father of 8 (2 living-John G. & James N) Marquois and Mary died after reaching maturity.

The mother died in 1859. In 1861 John G joined Col.

Green's regiment, Marmaduke brigade, served until the close, came home, bought a horse and began farming.

Married in 1862 to Catherine Williams.

The Williams family were old settlers of the county.

Members of the Baptist Church.

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John S. Dunn

John S. Dunn, a native of North Carolina, was born on August 18, 1830, and is the son of Thomas and Eleanor F. (Hamilton) Dunn, also native of North Carolina.

Thomas Dunn was born in 1785. He was a farmer, and in 1835 immigrated to Missouri and located in what is now Bollinger County. He died in 1864.

His wife was born in 1788 and died in 1865. To them were born seven children, only two of whom are now alive.

John S. Dunn was born in Mecklenburg County, N.C., and came to Missouri with his parents, with whom he resided until he reached maturity, and received his education in the common schools.

In 1855 he married Miss Elizabeth E. Hudson, a native of Missouri, born in Cape Girardeau County in 1826.

This union was blessed by the birth of four children, only one of whom is now alive, viz.: William A.

The latter was reared on the farm, and his education, which was begun in the common schools, was finished at the State Normal School, at Cape Girardeau, he having taken an irregular course in that institution.

He is now one of the best educators in the county, and is president of the Farmers' Alliance of his vicinity.

He married Mary B. Linville, also a school teacher, and a native of Wayne County, Mo., born on September 2, 1865.

They have two children: Christa Myrtle and Mamie. Mr. John S. Dunn is one of the oldest settlers of this community.

He owns 120 acres of land in Sections 5 and 6 of Fillmore Township, Bollinger County.

His wife died on April 15, 1880. [p. 827]

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Hon. John I. Ellis

Hon. John I. Ellis, an intelligent and enterprising young citizen of Bollinger County, Mo., is a son of James K.P. and Margaret (Sample) Ellis.

James K.P. Ellis was born in Hawkins County, Tenn., and received a liberal education in the subscription schools.

His wife is a native of Greene County, Tenn.

After his marriage, Mr. Ellis located in his native county, but in 1865 purchased a farm in Bollinger County, Mo., to which he removed his family.

They are the parents of seven children, viz.: William, John I., James F., George F., Mary E., S.E. and Ida M. John I was born in Hawkins County, Tenn., and being but four years of age when his parents moved to Missouri, has been reared in Bollinger County.

His education, which was begun in the public schools, was finished at the Carleton Institute, Farmington, Mo.

In 1886, after finishing his literary education, he began the study of law, which he has since abandoned and chosen the profession of medicine; and accordingly has attended two courses of lectures at the St. Louis College of Physicians and Surgeons.

In politics he is thoroughly Democratic, and cast his first vote for Hancock.

In 1886 he was elected Representative to the Legislature from Bollinger. [p. 827]

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William Fears

William Fears is a son of Pleasant and Elizabeth (Bates) Fears.

The parents were married in Illinois.

Soon after their union and before their first child was born, they separated.

Mrs. Elizabeth Fears was afterward married to Archibald Moore, by whom she was the mother of six children.

William Fears was born in 1834, and was reared on a farm, assisting with the work until he was thirteen years of age, when, with his mother and stepfather, he came to Missouri, and located in what is now Bollinger County.

Here his mother died at the age of forty-seven years.

In 1870 William Fears was united in marriage with Rebecca A. Ladd, a native of Southeast Missouri, born in 1857.

Her parents Elisha and Elizabeth (Kerr) Ladd, were born in 1821 and 1825, respectively. Elisa Ladd was born in Kentucky, but settled in Missouri in early life.

He died December 20, 1871, and his wife died on the 30th of May, 1862.

They were parents of nine children - six girls and three boys.

Mr. Fears owns 320 acres of fertile land, and is one of the leading farmers in Bollinger County.

The family residence is in a romantic place. Surrounding it are mounds supposed to have been erected by Mound-Builders.

Mr. and Mrs. Fears have three children Benjamin F., John Wesley, and Dora Iona.

Mr. Fears has one child by a previous marriage, Wilson P. [p. 828]

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Henry Gaines

Henry Gaines, a prosperous blacksmith and farmer of Bollinger Mills, Mo., was born in Giles County, Tenn., in 1842, and is a son of William H. and Martha Ann (Harnon) Gaines.

William H. Gaines was a native of Virginia, born in 1817. He emigrated from his native State to Tennessee and from thence to Missouri. While in Tennessee he was married, his wife being a native of that State, born in 1826. They have eight children. Henry is the eldest child. He early learned the blacksmith's trade with his father, and has since followed it very successfully. He came to Missouri with his parents, and in 1844 married Sarah Sweazea, a native of Bollinger County, Mo., born in 1842, of German-Irish parentage. During the Civil War Henry Gaines was one of those brave Union men who shouldered arms and risked their lives to save their distressed country. He enlisted in the Third Missouri Volunteers, and remained in the service almost four years, being mustered out at St. Louis. Rejoicing in the preservation of the Union he returned home and has since enjoyed a quiet and peaceful domestic life. For the last three years he has been working at his trade at Bollinger Mills, and as his is the only blacksmith shop in the place he is doing a good business. He also owns a farm of 196 acres which he superintends. Mr. and Mrs. Gaines have five children: Emma, Ella, Andrew, Henry and Martha. In politics Mr. Gaines is a staunch Republican. He and family are consistent members of the General Baptist Church. [p. 829] Goodspeed's History of Southeast Missouri, [p. 829] Contributed by Joe Crim



George E. Gibbs
George E. Gibbs, a farmer of Bollinger County, Mo, was born in Burke County, N.C., in 1838, and is a son of Urban C. and Mary S. (Bowman) Gibbs. Urban C. Gibbs was born in Burke County, N.C., in 1809. He was married in the Old North State in 1837. His wife was born in Caldwell County, N.C., in 1815. Soon after his marriage Mr. Gibbs located on a farm in his native State, but in 1849 he removed to Missouri and entered some land in Scott County on which he located, it being the ground upon which the town of Morley now stands. Mr. Gibbs died soon after coming to Scott County, but his widow lived until 1886. They were the parents of seven children, three of whom, George E., Adolphus L. and Mary J. (now the wife of J.H. Bowman), are living. George E. attended school but little, but secured a fair education by studying at night by the light of a pine knot. He early learned the carpenter's trade, which he still follows at times, but being a natural mechanic, repairs guns, wagons etc., for his neighbors. In 1861 he enlisted in Company A, of Col. Jeffrey's regiment (Confederate), and did duty with the State Guards for six months, after which he was mustered into regular service as a heavy artilleryman and was stationed at Columbus, Ky. In 1862 he went with his command to Island No. 10, where he was taken prisoner and sent to Camp Douglas at Chicago. The next year he was paroled, after which he located at Sparta, Ill., and worked at his trade until 1869, when he returned to Bollinger County. For one year he worked at bridge building for the Iron Mountain Railroad, but in the spring of 1870 he purchased and located on his present farm, since which time he has been engaged in agricultural pursuits. [p. 829-830]



Adolph L. Gibbs

Adolph L. Gibbs, a substantial farmer of Lorance Township, Bollinger Co., Mo., was born in Burke County, N.C., in 1841.

He is a son of Urban C. and Mary S. (Bowman) Gibbs, both also natives of the Old North State, in which their seven children were born and reared.

Their children are George E. (unmarried), William G. (a soldier in the late Civil War never returned, consequently no evidence as to his decease is positive), Adolph L., Julius R. (who died in Scott County, Mo.), Mary J. (Mrs. James H. Bowman), Simpson J. (deceased), and Mary A. (who died in childhood).

The family immigrated to Missouri in 1849 and located in Scott County, where the father passed the remainder of his life.

The last days of the mother were spent beneath the roof of her son, Adolph L. She died in 1886, being seventy-two years of age.

In 1871 the subject of this sketch was united in marriage with Elmira Zimmerman, after which he purchased and located upon a farm of 158 acres.

Since then he has added to his farm and now has 216 acres of well improved land, upon which he has a handsome residence, erected in 1883, which, when completed, will be the best farmhouse in Lorance Township.

By industry and frugality Mr. Gibbs has become an independent farmer. Eight children have been born to him and wife, viz.: Etta, Urban W., Myrtle, Mary C., Grace, Lulu, George H. and Norah.

In 1876 Mr. Gibbs was elected justice of the peace and served four years.

Independent in all things he is allied to no party, but both he and wife are consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal Church South.

At this writing he is president of the Bollinger County Farmers' Alliance and Co-operative Union of American, an organization whose aims and objects are the advancement and elevation of farmers, in the science of economic government and home interest. [p. 830]

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Dean B. Hill

Dean B. Hill, a prominent citizen of Bollinger County, Mo., is a son of John S. and Sarah E. Hill, who were married in 1853.

John S. Hill was reared and educated in West Tennessee, and when a young man learned the printer's trade.

In early life he served as sheriff of Madison County, Tenn., and afterward removed to Trenton, Gibson Co., Tenn., and remained there some time engaged at bookkeeping and writing in the various offices.

He then engaged in the mercantile business at Spring Creek, but in 1869 removed his family to St. Louis, where he was engaged for several years as traveling salesman, first for R.B. Price & Co., hatters; second for Crow & Hill, and next for a drug firm.

From St. Louis he removed to New Orleans and began working at his trade again, since which time he has visited the sanctums of some of the best printing offices in the world.

His wife departed this life on March 11, 1868, at Trenton, Tenn.

She was the mother of four children: Dean B., Emmerson, Mary (who died at the age of seventeen years) and Emma L. (who now resides with her brother, Dean B.).

The subject of this sketch was born in Madison County, Tenn., on June 24, 1855.

He attended the common schools, and Andrew College, Trenton, Tenn., and, after coming to Missouri, the

public schools of Cape Girardeau County.

The family were separated in St. Louis, and Dean B. and Emmerson came to Southeast Missouri and engaged to work for B.F. Cannon, near Jackson.

Remaining with him awhile, they started to Kansas, but their wagon gave out and Dean B. stopped in Bollinger County, and remained four years with George F. Limbaugh, after which he stayed with Robert Drum, engaged in clerking, doing the chores and attending school.

In 1877 he managed Mrs. Mary E. Limbaugh's farm and put in the crop next year, when he married Mrs. Limbaugh.

She was born in 1843, and is a daughter of David and Catherine Smith.

Suffering from heart disease and rheumatism, Mr. Hill went to Southern Montana and remained six months, when he returned home in good health.

Mr. and Mrs. Hill have two children: Mattie L. and John Smith.

In 1872 Mr. Hill united with the Methodist Episcopal Church South, and since then has served as trustee, and as Sunday-school superintendent for six years.

He served as school director one year, and in 1887 was appointed by Gov. Marmaduke associate judge of the county court. [p. 832]

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Randolph James

Randolph James, a well-to-do farmer and stock raiser of Bollinger County, Mo., was born in Tennessee in 1845, and is a son of William and Catherine James [see sketch of Levi B. James].

On August 15, 1861, Randolph James and his father went to Cape Girardeau County, and both father and son joined the Fremont Rangers.

At their disbandment three months later, both joined the Twelfth Missouri Cavalry.

This regiment was, however, afterward consolidated with the Tenth Missouri regiment, forming the Third Missouri Cavalry.

At this time, William James was placed in the quartermaster's department at Cape Girardeau, where he died from spotted fever in 1862.

Randolph served with the company in which he enlisted for three years, when the period of his enlistment expired and he returned to his friends at home; but Southeast Missouri was then the theater of bloodshed and strife.

Soon after his return, his home was attacked by guerrillas.

A fight ensued in which about fifty shots were fired, and one of the enemy was wounded.

Mr. James escaped and immediately went to St. Louis and joined the Federal forces again, enlisting in Company I, Fourteenth Missouri Cavalry, with which he remained two years.

When the Civil War had ended, he went with his regiment under Sheridan to the Southwest to suppress Indian hostilities.

After traveling over most of the Western States and Territories, he was mustered out of service at Fort Leavenworth on November 17, 1866, when he returned home.

Mr. James was with Gen. Grant when he was commissioned brigadier-general, and afterward went with him on his first march - to New Madrid.

Soon after his return from the Indian War he was united in marriage with Nancy A. Gaines, a native of Tennessee, born in 1846. To them have been born seven children: Henry L., William H., Harriet, Mary, Hiram J., Adolph and Martha.

Mrs. James died on February 25, 1880, after which Mr. James married Martha Slinkard, who was born in Indiana in 1855.

Mr. James is Master Workman of the A.O.U.W. lodge at Bollinger Mills, and is commanger of the G.A.R. post, with headquarters in Lutesville. [p. 832-833]



Levi B. James

Levi B. James was born on January 12, 1850, and is the son of William and Cassie (Lawson) James.

William James was of English lineage, and was a farmer by occupation.

In 1859 he removed with this family from Tennessee to Missouri.

He was one of those patriotic Union men whose devotion and bravery preserved the Nation against dismemberment.

He was a volunteer in the Third Missouri Cavalry, and was wounded at Jackson, Mo., soon after which he died.

His first wife, the mother of our subject, was a native of Tennessee, and was the mother of five children, four of whom are living.

After her death, Mr. James married Elizabeth Feasel, also a native of Tennessee.

Levi B. James was born in Tennessee, and came to Missouri with his father.

He received his education in the common schools and in St. Louis.

At the extremely young age of twelve years he volunteered in Company I, Fourteenth Missouri Infantry, with which he remained two months, when he joined Capt. John R. Cochran's Raiders.

In this service, the beardless boy remained through all its trials for two years, when he was mustered out at Perryville, Mo.

Recently the G.A.R. made an investigation to ascertain who was the youngest member of the Union army.

There were several claims asserted and only two found that were younger than Mr. James; but the reason he is not recognized as the youngest in the whole army is, the colonel was killed and he did not receive his discharge from the Missouri Infantry.

Soon after returning home from the war he served as deputy sheriff under Erich Pape, after which he filled the position of deputy United States marshal for several years.

During this time he was also proprietor of a general merchandise store in Marble Hill, and was one of the principal stock dealers and shippers in this section of Southeast Missouri.

Selling his store at Marble Hill, in 1881, he followed agricultural pursuits exclusively for two years, when he became a partner in James & Slagel's general merchandise store at Bollinger Mills, which interest he still owns.

Besides his merchandise business, he owns considerable property in Marble Hill, and 1,200 acres of land in Bollinger County.

After the battle of Pilot Knob Mr. James carried the flag of truce under which the dead were buried and the wounded cared for.

During the siege the women and children had fled to the hills for refuge, and at the cessation of hostilities between the forces, had come to administer to the dying and wounded.

Thus on similar missions, Mr. James met, for the first time, Mina Pape, who afterward became his wife.

Their marriage was celebrated in May, 1875. She is a native of Southeast Missouri, born in 1854.

This union has been blessed by the birth of four children, viz.: Erich, August, Garfield and Otto. [p. 833]



William F. Kinder

William F. Kinder, treasurer of Bollinger County, Mo., was born in Cape Girardeau County, in 1830, and is a son of Jonathan and Sophia (Limbaugh) Kinder.

Jonathan Kinder was of German descent, born in North Carolina in 1800, and when but ten years of age

came with his father, Henry Kinder, to Missouri, and located near Bessville, Bollinger County. At that time this territory belonged to Upper Louisiana, and was an unbroken wilderness, teeming with wild animals and Indians. Henry Kinder spent the remainder of his life here. After Jonathan Kinder's marriage he located near his father's farm, but in a few years bought a farm of 400 acres nine miles east of Marble Hill, and resided there until his death, in 1868. His wife was also of German descent and was born in North Carolina, in 1803. She is still living and is the mother of nine children, eight of whom are living: Alfred, Serelda (wife of John Cofer), Mary, William F., Jefferson, Elizabeth, Evaline (wife of Louis Thomas) and Ellison. William F. grew to manhood on his father's farm, receiving his education in the common schools. In 1858 he married Miss Mary E., daughter of Daniel Clippard, of Cape Girardeau County. Mrs. Kinder was both in that county in 1825. Seven children have been born to them: Edward, Arabella (wife of J.G. Finney, editor of Marble Hill Press), Linus, Mason, Lyman, May and Thurman. After his marriage Mr. Kinder located near his birthplace and engaged in merchandising at Gavel Hill, but in 1859 he removed to Marble Hill. When the war broke out he gave up merchandising and engaged in farming until peace was restored, when he resumed selling goods at his home, and in 1869 returned to Marble Hill, where he continued until 1880, meeting with marked success. He now has an interest in the store of Sample & Kinder, of Lutesville. In 1856 Mr. Kinder was elected assessor of Cape Girardeau County, and held the office two years. In 1874 he was elected treasurer of Bollinger County, and was re-elected in 1876, 1878, 1884 and 1886, the last time having no opponent. It need not be said that he has made an able and efficient officer. Mr. Kinder has been a life-long Democrat, casting his first vote for Franklin Pierce in 1852. he and wife are member of the Presbyterian Church. [p. 834-835] Goodspeed's History of Southeast Missouri, [p. 834-835] Contributed by Joe Crim



Henry Killian

Henry Killian, a farmer of Liberty Township, Bollinger Co., MO., was born in Tennessee in 1830. He is the son of Andrew Killian, who was born in North Carolina. The latter removed from his native State to Tennessee, where he married Pennina Lashater, a native of Tennessee. After his marriage Mr Killian settled in a farm in Tennessee, residing there until his death in 1834. He and his wife were the parents of ten children. After her husband's death, Mrs Killian removed with her children to Graves County, Ky., and located on a farm, but in 1838 removed to a farm in Cape Girardeau County, MO, on which she died in 1842. The subject of this sketch is the only surviving member of that large family. Having to assist his mother on the farm, he received but a limited education. In 1850 he married Margaret J Sweezy, a native of St Francois Co, MO, born in 1831, but at the time of her marriage, a resident of Bollinger Co. After his marriage Mr Killian settled on a farm in Bollinger County. In 1855 he entered forty acres of land, to which he has added other land until he owned 900 acres of improved land. He has given each of his children a good farm, and has left 400 acres upon which are good improvements. To him and wife have been born ten children, viz: John M, Emanuel, Lucretia (Mrs. Henry Bidwell), Catherine (Mrs Jacob Eldridge), Adaline (Mrs Madison Crites), William H, Minerva J (wife of Richard Rowe), Clara B (wife of Henry Schell), Thomas B and James A. Politically Mr Killian is a Republican, and

was a Union man during the Civil War.

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Emanuel Kinder

Emanuel Kinder was born on June 17, 1840, and is the first child born to Israel and Sarah E. (Lincoln) Kinder. Israel was a native of North Carolina, and was a farmer by vocation. When a young man he immigrated to Missouri, after which he was married. His wife was a native of Southeast Missouri, and was the mother of nine children, two of whom are living. Mr. Kinder died, and she married again. Emanuel Kinder worked in a shop with his stepfather until fourteen years of age, when, with his mother and stepfather, he removed to Bollinger County, Mo., where, for the first time, he attended school. August 3, 1861, he was united in marriage with Mrs. Caroline (Cato) Ladd. To them were born two children, who are now dead. The mother also died, after which Mr. Kinder married Matilda E. George, a native of Southeast Missouri, born in 1849. They have four children who are living: James R., Jesse, Luther A. and William F. Having dealt liberally with his family in deeding them land, Mr. Kinder still has 137 acres. He is one of the patriotic Union men who answered the call of his Government by taking up arms to fight in the Civil War for the preservation of the Union. He served in Company A, Seventy-ninth Missouri Cavalry. Mr. Kinder and some of his family are consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. [p. 835]

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Millington N. Kinder

Millington N. Kinder was born in Bollinger County, Mo., July 5, 1842. His parent, Absalom and Louisa (McMinn) Kinder, were married in 1836, and are the parents of two children, who are living. Absalom Kinder was a native of North Carolina, and a farmer, who immigrated to Missouri with his parents. He died in 1847, after which his widow, a native of Southeast Missouri, born in 1818, was married to Solomon Kittrell. She is the mother of two living children by her second marriage, and is still alive, residing in Butler County, Mo. Millington N. Kinder was reared at home, and received his education in the public schools. On April 6, 1871, he was married to Miss Margaret Dickson, a native of Wayne County, Mo., born April 1, 1851. She is a daughter of James and Sarah J. (Welch) Dickson, natives of Tennessee, born in 1813 and 1823, respectively. James Dixon was a farmer, and immigrated to Missouri with his parents when he was a boy. Mrs. Dickson's parents removed to Wayne County, Mo., when she was a child. She is still living, and is the mother of two children, who are alive. Mr. and Mrs. Kinder have six children, viz.: Marvin N., Peter B., Sarah C.L., James A., Francis M.N. and Hattie M. Mr. Kinder has always followed agricultural pursuits. Recently he sold a portion of his large farm, with the intention of entering into the business of raising small fruit. He and his family are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. He is one of the respected citizens of the county, and is a Mason. [p. 835]

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Jacob M. Kinder

Jacob M. Kinder, a farmer and stock raiser of Bollinger County, Mo., is a native of that county, born in 1843, and is the fourth child of John and Eliza (Abernathy) Kinder. John Kinder was born in North Carolina February 14, 1801. When a young man he immigrated to Missouri, but in 1836 returned to his native State and married. Mrs. Kinder is of Scotch-Irish descent, born in North Carolina in 1805. She is still alive, and has been a resident of Missouri for fifty years. She is a devoted member of the Lutheran Church. John Kinder died at his home in Bollinger County March 11, 1874. Jacob M. Kinder was reared

on his parents' farm, and, in his boyhood days, attended the common schools. Just as he was preparing to enter college the Civil War broke out, and he was destined to be educated in the severest of schools, the battlefield. In 1861 he enlisted in the Confederate army under Capt. Clarkson, First Arkansas Battery, and during the war was in Claiborne's brigade. He was under Sydney Johnston, and saw him killed at the battle of Shiloh. He also served under Joseph E. Johnston. Besides a hundred lesser engagements he participated in the battles of Shiloh, Perryville, Murfreesboro, Chickamauga and Franklin. He was under fire from Dalton to Jonesboro, Ga., a period of ninety-three days. At the time of the surrender he was at Macon, Ga. In 1875 Mr. Kinder was married to Martha Allbright, a native of Bollinger County, born April 28, 1848. She is of German, Irish and English lineage, and is the mother of two children: Sarah M. and Ureal E. Mr. Kinder owns 200 acres of land, a part of which is as fertile as any in Southeast Missouri. [p. 835-836]

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Adolphus C. King

Adolphus C. King, a prosperous farmer of Bollinger County, Mo., was born in 1858, and is the eldest child of John Allen and Doretta King. [See sketch of John W. King.] Adolphus C. was born in Bollinger County, and when a boy worked on his father's farm and attended the common schools. In 1882 he was united in marriage with Anna Jamison, a native of Indiana. She died one year after her marriage, leaving one child, Minnie E. Some time afterward Mr. King married Miss Kitty McLane, a native of Wayne County, Mo., born in 1865. She was educated in Caledonia College, after which she taught school for one year, when she was married. Mr. King is an energetic young agriculturist, owning a farm of 290 acres of fine land. Besides superintending his farm he holds the position of special timber agent for the Cape Girardeau Southwestern Railway Company. To Mr. and Mrs. King has been born one child, John. [p. 836]

Goodspeed's History of Southeast Missouri, [p. 836]

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John W. King

John W. King was born in 1864, and is a son of John Allen and Doretta (Pape) King, native of Tennessee and Germany, respectively. John Allen King was born in 1834, and was a farmer. When a young man he came to Missouri, after which he was married. He died in 1876. His wife was born in 1844, and died April 15, 1886. They were the parents of eight children, five of whom are living. John W. was the third child, and was born in Missouri. When a boy he worked on his father's farm, and attended the public schools of his county. In 1885 he entered the Mayfield-Smith Academy of Marble Hill, and after spending nearly three years in that institution he returned to his farm, and remained a short time. He taught school for two years, and is now engaged as clerk for the firm of McMinn & Slinkard. Mr. King was a successful teacher, and is one of the rising young men of Southeast Missouri. [p. 836]

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Charley King

Charley King, a young agriculturist of Bollinger County, Mo., is a brother of John W. King, and the seventh child of John Allen and Doretta (Pape) King. He was born in Bollinger County, Mo., in 1868, and was reared on his father's farm, receiving a good education in the common schools. At the death of his parents he inherited a farm of 180 acres of fine land, which he is now managing very successfully. He is a prudent, ambitious young man, and is anxious to finish his education by taking an academic course. [p. 836]



Andrew J. Mayfield

Andrew J. Mayfield, a physician, of Lutesville, Mo., is a native of Bollinger County, born in 1845, and is a son of George W. and Polly Mayfield. George W. Mayfield was born in Cape Girardeau County in 1819, and is a son of Stephen Mayfield, a native of New England, who emigrated to Southeast Missouri in the early part of this century and settled in Cape Girardeau County, but in 1828 removed to what is now Bollinger County. He was a soldier in the Revolutionary War. George W. remained with his father until marriage, when he located on the old homestead, on which he still lives. His wife was born in Cape Girardeau County, Mo., in 1820. She is the mother of eight children, who are living, John J., Dr. Andrew J., Polly A. (Mrs. P.W. Grandstaff), Dr. William H., Dr. Emanuel B., Dr. Stephen A., Randal L., and Dr. Eli B. Dr. Andrew J. was reared on his father's farm, and received his literary education at Millerstown. Desiring to become a physician he began the study of medicine in 1880 under the direction of his brother, Dr. William H. In 1885 he graduated from the College of Physicians and Surgeons at St. Louis, after which he located in Madison County, Mo., and began practicing his profession. In August, 1885, he came to Lutesville, where he has since been located, and is now one of the leading physicians and surgeons of Bollinger County. In 1877 he was united in marriage with Mary C. Sitzer, a daughter of John F. Sitzer. She was born in Madison County, Mo., in 1848. They have four children living, Mary E. (Mrs. J.Q. Ramsey), Caroline Maradie, George Franklin, and Cerrie Boyd. During the war the Doctor was a Union man, and was in the Federal service from April, 1865, until July of the same year. Politically he is a Democrat. He and wife and two children are members of the Missionary Baptist Church, of which he has served as deacon for ten years. Andrew J. has been a Baptist for twenty-two years. In connection with his practice he manages a drug store, and has served as postmaster of Lutesville since January, 1886. The Doctor is a Mason, a member of the A.O.U.W., and of the Temperance Benevolent Association. He was elected to the office of justice of the peace in Madison County, and served eight years and then resigned. [p. 840-841]

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John P. McManus

John P. McManus, a progressive young farmer of Lorance Township, Bollinger County, Mo., was born in Liverpool, England, in 1852, and is a son of Patrick and Ann (Riley) McManus. The family immigrated to American in 1854 and located in Philadelphia, where they resided several years. Patrick McManus was a sailor, and made two trips back to the old country after locating in Philadelphia. The Riley family, to whom he was related, started west to find them a home, and, being wagon makers by trade, would stop at different towns on the route and work at their trade, thus paying their traveling expenses. They stopped at Keokuk, Iowa, where Patrick McManus engaged on a steamer plying between that port and St. Louis. While making one of these trips he was drowned. His family remained in Philadelphia two years after his death, when in the summer of 1859, they came to Missouri. There were four children, three of whom, Charles (who married Alice McGee), Margaret (deceased wife of William Nelson, also deceased) and John P., were born in Liverpool. Mary A., the youngest child, now the wife of Willard Caveness, was born in Philadelphia in 1856. She now resides in Hopkins County, Ky., and her mother makes her home with her. John P. grew to manhood in Cairo, Ill., where for several years he attended school. His brother and the Rileys also made that city their home during the war. In 1867 John P. came back to Bollinger County and farmed a few years on land entered by his mother. His marriage with Miss Mattie Liley was celebrated in 1871. The latter is a daughter of Maston Liley, an old resident of Bollinger County. Soon after his marriage Mr. McManus purchased a tract of woodland, upon which he erected a nice little house

and build commodious out-buildings. He has made it a model farm, one of the prettiest in his vicinity. Everything about it betokens thrift, enterprise and pride. Mr. McManus has a good practical education, and has done a great deal of surveying in his county. For the past eleven years he has served as clerk of Lorance Township. He and his wife have three bright children, Harry, Maggie and Mollie. Mr. McManus has studied medicine for over five years, and has one of the finest libraries in the county. [p. 839]

Goodspeed's History of Southeast Missouri, [p. 839]

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Mrs. Mary Miller

Mrs. Mary Miller, widow of Benjamin F. Miller, is of German lineage, and was born in 1832. Her parents were born in Illinois. Her father followed farming as a vocation and died about twenty years ago. Her mother, though born in 1802, is alive and strong and active for one her age. She resides in Bollinger County, Mo. Mrs. Miller was married on January 4, 1854, to Benjamin F. Miller, after which they located on a farm in Bollinger County. Mr. Miller was engaged in agricultural pursuits until his death in October, 1885. To them were born ten children, four of whom, Marshall, Eva Josephine (now the wife of J.P. Walker), Charles and Delia Jane, are living. The family live in good circumstances on 218 acres of land. Most of this farm is in Castor River Valley, and is very productive. It lies in Bollinger and Wayne Counties. The family residence, however, is in Bollinger County, and Mrs. Miller and children are among the most respected citizens of their section of the county. [p. 841]

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John A. Miller

John A. Miller, an enterprising citizen of Bollinger County, Mo., was born in Canada in 1838.

He is a son of David and Sarah (McCalaughan) Miller, both natives of Canada, born in 1806 and 1807, respectively.

They were married in 1827, and located on a farm in their native country, where they now live.

To them were born twelve children. John A. was reared on his parents' farm, and his education, which was begun in the public schools, was finished at the Toronto University.

After leaving school he came to the United States and located in Pennsylvania and engaged in work at the mines.

In 1861 he enlisted in the Federal army, and was assigned to Company E, Thirteenth Pennsylvania Cavalry, a part of the Army of the Potomac.

He participated in the battle of Gettysburg, Sheridan's raid up the Shenandoah, and was at Winchester and saw the General's horse drop at the end of his famous ride.

At the battle of Deep Bottom in August, 1864, Mr. Miller was wounded, and was discharged in January, 1865, after which he returned to Canada.

In 1867 he located on a farm in Minnesota, and in 1869 was united in marriage with Anna C. Conway, who was born in New York City in 1841.

Two years after their marriage they removed to Porter County, Ind., and settled on a farm, but in 1873 went to Arkansas.

In 1876 Mr. Miller went to Texas, and was engaged in herding stock until he removed to Linn County, Mo.

In 1879 he located on his present farm in Liberty Township, Bollinger Co., Mo., where he has since resided with the exception of two years (1886-87) spent in St. Louis to give his children the advantages of the schools of that city.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller have three children: Sarah Ellen, David C. and Mary J. Mr. Miller is a member of the A.F.&A.M. [p. 841]

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J.W. Wilson

J.W. Wilson was born in Wayne County, in 1824, and is the son of Josiah and Sarah McBride Wilson. The parents came to this state in 1812, locating at the head of Black River.

The father was in the War of 1812-15, but was fortunate to escape without a wound.

He died in 1850 in Wayne County, leaving three children: Madison, Mary and John W.

The latter remained with his father until he was grown to manhood, receiving a very fair education at the country schools.

He married in 1852, and had seven children, two living Nathaniel G and Martha A.

At his marriage he received, with his wife, forty acres of land, their present home.

He has since added to it at different times about 140 acres.

He owns a half interest in another ninety-two acres.

He is an Oddfellow.

He has been a member of the Baptist Church forty-one years.

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Henry F. Rhodes

Henry F. Rhodes was born in 1835, on the old homestead of his father, Jacob Rhodes.

The latter settle in Bollinger County, Mo., in 1818, coming from Lincoln Co, N.C.

He came in company with three of his brothers.

They all married in Missouri, and, with the exception of Jacob, removed to Madison County, Mo., where they lived and died.

Jacob entered 600 acres of land in Lorance Township, Bollinger County, upon which he built a cabin, and soon after married Nancy Lincoln, who bore six children: J.L. (deceased), Elizabeth (the widow of Eli Deck), Lucinda E. (deceased), Nancy C. (the widow of Thomas Myrick), Henry F. and Caleb W. (who first married Isabel Martin and afterward Mrs. Clementine Taylor).

Jacob Rhodes was a man of enterprise and note in his county, and for more than a quarter of a century served as justice of the peace, and was county judge for a long time.

He was deservedly popular, and in the early days of Southeast Missouri his selection of land brought him considerable wealth.

The site of the village of Glen Allen was selected from the original entry made by him, and the subject of this sketch is yet selling lots in the village.

His first wife having died, a short time before his death he wedded Mrs. Mary Lorance.

He and she both died during the late war.

Henry F. and Caleb W. own the ancestral farm; the former, having added to his portion 200 acres purchased of the railroad company, now owns 500 acres.

During the latter part of the war Henry F. was a member of the State Militia.

He also manufactured many spinning wheels during the war.

He is a scholar, and for fifty-three years has remained on the old homestead, and we desire to preserve his name in history as being one of two sons living of a man who was a pioneer in fact. [p. 843]

Goodspeed's History of Southeast Missouri, [p. 843]

Contributed by Joe Crim



Dr. William W. Roberts

Dr. William W. Roberts, a prominent physician of Sedgewickville, Bollinger Co., Mo., is a son of Caswell C. and Nancy (Pigg) Roberts.

Caswell C. Roberts was born in North Carolina, in 1804, and was a son of Reuben and Emily (Eshore) Roberts.

Reuben was born in Lancashire, England, in 1742, and lived to be one hundred and six years of age. He immigrated to America, and, during the war for independence, held the office of first duty sergeant in the American army, and stood guard at the time the constitution was framed.

Emily Eshore was born in France, and came to America with La Fayette when she was eighteen years of age.

Landing in Maryland, she went from there to North Carolina.

Caswell C. Roberts was educated in Tennessee, and was a farmer.

His wife was also a native of the Old North State.

To them were born four children, viz.: James L. Ann (Mrs. A.P. Crawford, of Tennessee), and William W.

The subject of this sketch was born in Warren County, Tenn., in 1839, and received his literary education in Burk College, that State, graduating in 1857.

In 1867 he came to Bollinger County, Mo., and taught school one year, when he went to Dent County, Mo., and remained one year, engaged in teaching.

In 1869 he went to Denver City and began the study of medicine under the direction of Dr. John Higher.

Returning to Madison County, in 1871, he resumed his study with Dr. John Dannell, of Fredericktown, and remained until 1876, when he entered the University of Nashville, Tenn., from which institution he graduated, in 1879.

Locating in Columbus, Ky., he practiced his profession until 1884, when he came to Bollinger County, where he has since resided.

In 1877 he was united in marriage with Mary E. Presnell, of Perry County, Mo.

She is daughter of Stephen and Elizabeth (Hudson) Presnell, natives of North Carolina and Virginia, respectively.

The parents were married at Giles Courthouse, Va., and removed to Perry County, Mo., in 1816.

They were the parents of seven children, viz.: Mary E. (Mrs. W.W. Roberts), Susan (Mrs. Joseph Limbaugh) Sarah (Mrs. Van Kinder), Evaline (Mrs. Frank Kritz), Julia (Mrs. William Propst), Marcella (who married Francis Bridges), and Charles, (now attending the College of Physicians and Surgeons in St. Louis).

During the war Dr. Roberts was a member of the Twentieth Army Corps of Illinois, was on detached business all the time, and reported to the Forty-eighth Illinois Regiment.

He was discharged at Chicago in 1865.

Five children have been born to the Doctor and wife: Sarah E. Minnie M., Eustacia Eve, Nancy Ann and Edna Pearl. Politically Dr. Roberts is a Democrat.

He is a consistent member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, and of the A.O.U.W. [p. 843-844]

Goodspeed's History of Southeast Missouri, [p. 843-844]

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Joseph Seabaugh

Joseph Seabaugh, a substantial farmer of German Township, Bollinger Co., Mo., is a son of Henry and Matilda (Hahn) Seabaugh.

Henry Seabaugh was born and reared in Cape Girardeau County.

The subject of this sketch was born in 1848, and was reared at the home of his parents.

He received a very poor education, as the Civil War began when he was about twelve years of age, after which the facilities for education were very poor.

In 1870 he started a store on Whitewater River, near Molineaux Mills, and three years later was united in marriage with Miss Polly Ann Crites, a daughter of John and Elizabeth Crites, descendants of North Carolina Dutch.

John Crites died in 1858 and his widow in 1867.

Mrs. Seabaugh also received a limited education in the common schools.

After his marriage Mr. Seabaugh began farming on his father's farm, but in 1878 purchased 108 acres in Cape Girardeau County, to which he removed.

In 1884 he sold that farm and purchased 107 acres in Bollinger County, on which he now resides.

He is a member of the Farmers' Alliance and the Wheeler Association.

Being a Republican, he voted for the first time for Gen. Grant in 1874.

To Mr. and Mrs. Seabaugh have been born six children, viz.: Matilda, Benjamin F., Monroe J., Burney R., Reva R.E. and Edward R. [p. 844-845]

Goodspeed's History of Southeast Missouri, [p. 844-845]

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Allen Seabaugh

Allen Seabaugh, a well-to-do farmer of German Township, Bollinger Co., Mo., is a son of Allen Seabaugh, Sr., who was born in Bollinger County., Mo., in 1811.

The latter, in early life, chose farming as a vocation, and assisted his father on the home farm.

After reaching maturity he wedded Barbara Statler, and began making a home for himself.

He became the owner of a fine farm of 200 acres on which he resided until his death in 1871.

His wife has also been dead a number of years.

To them were born eleven children, six of whom are still alive.

Allen Seabaugh, Jr., was born in Bollinger County, Mo, in 1852.

In 1875 his marriage with Miss Amanda Bollinger was celebrated.

She was born in 1857, in Bollinger County, and is the daughter of John and Amanda Bollinger.

After his marriage Mr. Seabaugh located on a part of his old homestead, on which he has since resided.

To Mr. and Mrs. Seabaugh have been born six children, viz.: Henry A., Tara, Robert W., Meradia, Mary A. and John D.

In politics Mr. Seabaugh is a Democrat, having cast his first vote for Samuel J. Tilden. [p. 845]

Goodspeed's History of Southeast Missouri, [p. 845]

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George W. Smith

George W. Smith, a prominent citizen of Bollinger County, Mo., was born in Cape Girardeau County, in 1829.

He is a son of Reuben and Catherine (Slinkard) Smith.

Reuben Smith was born in North Carolina in 1802, and came to Cape Girardeau County, Mo., with his parents in 1820.

He received a fair education by studying at home after his day's work was done. In 1824 he located on a farm in what is now Union Township, Bollinger County.

For eight years he served as judge of Cape Girardeau County, and represented Bollinger County in the Legislature in 1854 and 1866.

From 1856 to 1860 he served as judge of Bollinger County. During the Civil War he was not in either army, but, in 1861, was arrested by the Confederates and taken to Bloomfield.

However, he soon made his escape, and returned home, where he was allowed to remain, but was robbed a number of times by bushwhackers.

He died in 1870. His wife was born in Cape Girardeau County in 1806, and was the mother of ten children, four of whom are living.

The subject of this sketch was reared on a farm, and received a common school education.

He remained with his parents until 1851, when he was united in marriage with Isabella Bess, after which he located on the farm on which he now lives in Union Township, Bollinger Co., Mo.

In 1862 he was enrolled in the State militia, and entered the regular Federal service in 1864, joining Company C, Forty-seventh Missouri Infantry, and served as duty sergeant. He served as first lieutenant of the militia company. Receiving his discharge in 1865, he returned to his farm, and has since made a good home for himself and family.

He is considered one of the most enterprising farmers of the county.

For about fifteen years after the war he was engaged in the stock business in partnership with two other men.

His wife, who is of German extraction, was born in Perry County, Mo., in 1832.

She is the mother of eight children Albert J., Charlotte P. (Mrs. Isaac Doggott), John B., James H., Levi A., Emily J. (Mrs. Peter Welker), George W. and Mary I.

But two children are at home; the others are all comfortably situated on farms given to them by their father.

In politics Mr. Smith is a Republican, as are all his sons. [p. 846-847]

Goodspeed's History of Southeast Missouri, [p. 846-847]

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Andrew J. Smith

Andrew J. Smith, a substantial farmer of Bollinger County, Mo., is a native of that county, born in 1838.

He is a son of Reuben and Catherine (Slinkard) Smith [see sketch of George W. Smith]. Andrew J. remained on his father's farm until he reached his majority, and received a liberal education in the common schools.

In 1858 he was united in marriage with Charlotte Bess, a lady of German descent, who was born in Perry County, Mo., in 1837.

After his marriage Mr. Smith located on a farm near Patton, Bollinger County.

In 1864 he enlisted in the Union army, joining Company I, Eighth Missouri Calvary, and participated in the battles of Miller's Lane and Augusta, Ark.

While on picket duty at Duvall's Bluff, Ark., on May 16, 1864, he was wounded in the left hand, which caused the loss of three fingers.

Receiving his discharge at Little Rock, Ark., in June 1865, he returned to his farm.

From 1865 to 1875 he was engaged in teaching school in connection with farming, teaching in Crooked Creek and Union Townships, Bollinger County.

Since 1875 he has attended strictly to farming. In 1870 he was elected for a term of six years as county court justice, but was legislated out of office in 1874.

He served as notary public from 1875 to 1883.

To him and his wife were born six children, Parzett (now the wife of Jesse Cheek), Rosamore, Amanda C. (wife of Abraham Fadler), Fletcher, Canzada (wife of George Yount), and Reuben A.

Mr. Smith has owned a great deal of land, but has given his children all except 120 acres.

He is a member of the A.O.U.W., and a consistent member of the Baptist Church.

His wife died in 1883, and his children are all married except Reuben A., who is at home. [p. 847]

Goodspeed's History of Southeast Missouri, [p. 847]

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Jacob Speer

Jacob Speer, a substantial farmer of Bollinger County, Mo., was born in Lawrence County, Ind., January 1, 1824.

His father, Richard Speer, was born in England, January 28, 1762.

While a single man he came to America, and was one of the heroes of the Revolutionary War.

He served in the American army.

He was a farmer by vocation, and married Delpha Bivins, a native of North Carolina.

Richard Speer died in 1846.

To him and wife were born nine children, of whom Jacob is the seventh.

The latter was born in Indiana and was reared on his parents' farm.

When thirty-five years of age he learned the stone-mason's trade, which he pursued, at intervals, for several years.

On February 13, 1849, he was united in marriage with Miss Jane Fields, a native of Indiana, born in 1836. They have nine children, viz.: William R., Sarah D., Mahala, Louisa, John, George W., Alonzo, Ollie and Henry.

In 1879 Mr. Speer and family immigrated to Missouri and located in Bollinger County, where he purchased 200 acres of land.

With the assistance of his strong and industrious family he has since made many improvements.

Continuing neutral during the Civil War, he remained at home, tilled the soil, and attended to his domestic affairs.

Politically, he is a Democrat, and cast his first vote for James K. Polk.

He and family are consistent members of the General Baptist Church. [p. 848-849]

Goodspeed's History of Southeast Missouri, [p. 848-849]

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Elias Wells, Esq.

Elias Wells, Esq., a thrifty farmer of Bollinger County, Mo., was born in Tennessee May 9, 1848, and is a son of Eli and Mary Ann (Brandon) Wells, natives of Virginia and Tennessee, respectively.

Eli Wells was born October 25, 1811, and was reared in his native State.

He removed to Tennessee, where, when he was twenty-five years of age, he was married.

In 1856 he removed his family to Missouri, and located on Castor River, in Stoddard County, where he died in 1863.

His widow, who was born in 1820, is still alive, and resides in Marble Hill.

They were the parents of seventeen children, four of whom are living.

Elias Wells came to Missouri with his parents.

When the Civil War broke out he went to Cape Girardeau and enlisted in the Federal army to fight for the preservation of the Union, joining Company C, Second Missouri Light Artillery, with which he remained until the close of the war.

He was mustered out of service at Fort Leavenworth, Kas., and received his discharge at St. Louis, after which he returned home.

In 1868 he was united in marriage with Sarah George, a native of Georgia, born September 11, 1848.

After the war Mr. Wells engaged in agricultural pursuits, which he has continued.

After disposing of a portion of his land, he still owns 160 acres.

He is a member of the Farmers' Alliance, also of the Agricultural Wheel.

He and wife have had ten children, only eight living, viz.: Mary Jane (wife of U.S. Jamison), Martha Ann, Sarah Caroline, Matilda, Josephine, Lucretia E., George A., Effie Etta and Jessie K.

Mr. Wells has served as justice of the peace of Wayne Township, Bollinger County, for five years.

Politically he is a Republican, and is sergeant-major of Erich Pape Post No. 184, G.A.R., Department of Missouri.

He is also a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Masonic lodge. [p. 855]

Goodspeed's History of Southeast Missouri, [p. 855]

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Elvis F. Williams

Elvis F. Williams, a farmer of German Township, Bollinger Co., Mo., is a son of William A. and Elizabeth (Watson) Williams.

William A. Williams was born in East Tennessee in 1810, and in 1820 came with his parents to Southeast Missouri and located on a farm in Cape Girardeau County.

He was married in that county and reared ten children, of whom Elvis F. is the eldest.

William A. Williams died in 1877.

The subject of this sketch was born in Bollinger County, Mo., in 1830.

He was reared in the home of his parents, and in 1853 was united in marriage with Miss Surrilda J. Mayfield, who was born in Bollinger County, Mo., in 1829.

She is a daughter of Elisha and Susan (Houk) Mayfield, the latter of whom died when Sarah E. was but two years of age.

After his marriage Mr. Williams settled on a farm in his native county, and has since been engaged in agricultural pursuits.

In 1875 he was broken down with disease, and has not been able to do a day's work since.

During 1864 and 1865 he served his country in the Union army with Capt. Cochran's company, in the Seventy-ninth Regiment Missouri Volunteers.

He has been a member of the Missionary Baptist Church for years. [p. 855]

Goodspeed's History of Southeast Missouri, [p. 855]

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Judge Nathan M. Zimmerman

Judge Nathan M. Zimmerman is a son of Michael and Phoebe (Houk) Zimmerman, both of whom were natives of North Carolina.

They were married in their native State, and all of their children, five in number, were born and reared there.

Being wise parents they influenced their sons to learn trades, and Nathan M. became a first-class carpenter, and worked at his trade for many years.

Michael Zimmerman and wife moved to Missouri in 1848, and located in Bollinger County, where they spend the remainder of their lives.

Nathan M. was born in the Old North State in November, 1821, and was married there in 1846 to Sarah E. Bowman.

On December 23, 1848, they removed to Bollinger County, Mo., and after a residence of fifteen years removed to Randolph County, Ill., where they remained until 1870, when they returned to their farm in Bollinger County.

Before removing to Illinois Mr. Zimmerman was elected coroner and magistrate, and while filling those offices began the study of law.

In 1874 he was elected judge of Bollinger County, and was re-elected in 1886.

His official acts have always been recognized by the people as most praiseworthy, and in him, both as a private citizen and an officer, they have the fullest confidence.

Being a progressive agriculturist, he has done his part toward the improvement of the country of his adoption.

His wife died in 1885; she was a devoted wife, mother and a consistent Christian, and was a member of the Methodist Church.

Nine children graced the union of Mr. and Mrs. Zimmerman, viz.:

James M. (who married Emily McKelvey),

Mary E. (wife of H.A. Sanders),

Daniel C. (who married Mrs. Mary E. McKelvey),

Deck, Elvira (deceased, was the wife of William Rhodes), Nathan A. (who married Pink Tucker),

George B. (who wedded, first Cassie A. the daughter of Judge David Stevens, and after her death, Miss Emeline Watts),
Susan (Mrs. Reuben Watts),
John (who married Lizzie Kelley)
and Cicero.

The last named is a classic graduate, and, for several years has been engaged in teaching school.

He was married to Miss Lottie Miller, of Cape Girardeau County, Mo., June 3, 1888. [p. 857]

Goodspeed's History of Southeast Missouri, [p. 857]

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W.B. Wilson

W.B. Wilson was born in what is now Cape Girardeau County, MO, June 1, 1830.

He is a son of John and Jane McDowell Wilson, natives of North Carolina, and early immigrants to Missouri. Of their ten children, three are living at the present time: Sarah (Mrs Philip Schell), William B and Pressia M. The father was a farmer by occupation.

W.B. Wilson was seven years of age when his father died.

He remained with his mother until about twenty-six years of age, and in 1851 went to Southern California, where he mined for about a year, but owing to ill health was compelled to give up that work.

He remained about four years longer, engaged in farming, and then came home.

He followed farming and merchandising until 1864, when he joined Company G, Forty-seventh Missouri Volunteers, and was commissioned captain, and served until peace was declared.

In 1866 he moved to Wayne County, and located on the St Francois River, about fifteen miles from where he now lived.

In the fall of the same year he moved to his present farm, which consists of 1,500 acres of land. March 19, 1857 he married Margaret Whybark, who died in 1862, leaving one child, Nevada.

April 12, 1863, he wedded Elizabeth Harrison and by her became the father of five children, four of whom are living; Monroe, George, Jane and Lucy.

This wife died September 16, 1879, and August 1, 1880, he was united in marriage to Martha Sebastian Thompson, and by her has two children, Florence and John. Mr Wilson is a mason, and is one of the substantial and intelligent men of the county.

He was elected county treasurer at one time without his consent, but would not serve.

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James William Back

James William Back, an intelligent young citizen of Bollinger County, Mo., was born in 1863, and is a son of William H. and Mary (Wells) Back, natives of South Carolina and Southeast Missouri, respectively.

William H. Back was born in 1825, and when eighteen years of age immigrated to Missouri and located in Stoddard County, where he was married.

He always followed farming as an occupation, and died in 1886. His wife was born in 1839 and died in 1875.

They were parents of nine children, only one of whom is dead. James W. Back is their second child.

He was born in Stoddard County, Mo., and received his education in the Mayfield-Smith Academy, Marble Hill, Mo. After finishing his education he taught very successfully in the public schools.

For some time he was in the employ of the Northwestern Railroad Company.

In 1885 he was united in marriage with Miss Ella King, a native of Bollinger County, Mo., born in 1871.

The next year after his marriage Mr. Back located on a farm and engaged in agricultural pursuits, at which he has a good prospect for success.

He and wife are the happy parents of one child, Cora." [p. 820-821]
Goodspeed's History of Southeast Missouri, [p. 820-821]
Contributed by Joe Crim



William G. Kitchen

William G. Kitchen was born in Roane County, Tenn., in 1832, and is a son of Thomas Kitchen, also a native of Roane County, Tenn., born in 1804.

The latter was reared in his native State, and married Nancy Ingram, who was born in 1806. She died in Bollinger County, Mo., in 1834, leaving two children: Sarah (afterward the wife of Farmer Harper) and William G.

In 1847 Thomas Kitchen removed to Missouri, and located on a farm in Stoddard County. Two years later he removed to Cape Girardeau County, where he died in the spring of 1850. William G. was reared on his father's farm, and came with him to Stoddard County., Mo. He received a liberal education in the common schools.

In 1855 he went to California in search of gold and remained there, engaged in mining and farming, until 1865, when he returned home on a visit, but soon went back to the fold fields, and resumed his former occupations until 1869.

He visited home often, making in all seven trips to California and back.

In 1886 he returned to Missouri to locate, and the next year settled on a farm in Bollinger County, where he has since resided, very successfully engaged in tilling the soil. In 1887 he was married to Miss Sarah Zimmerman, of German descent, born in 1850.

Mr. Kitchen's political views accord with the principles of the Democratic party.

Mrs. Kitchen is a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church South." [p. 836]

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Contributed by Joe Crim



George E. Clark

George E. Clark, hardware merchant of Lutesville, Bollinger County, Mo., was born in Norfolk County, Mass., in 1834, and is one of two children born to the union of Abijah Clark and Ann Calista Sayles.

The former is of Scotch-English descent, and was born in Norfolk County, Mass, in 1806.

He is a machinist and carpenter by trade, and is yet living in his native State at the ripe old age of eighty-two years.

His wife was of English origin, and was also born in Norfolk County, Mass., in 1810. She died in 1881.

Their other child is Addie Augusta. George E. received a good education in the common schools, and in 1862 enlisted in the Federal army, joining Company B, Forty-second Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry for nine months.

At the battle of Brashear City he was wounded by a gun shot in the left leg, and was taken prisoner.

After being retained four weeks at Brashear City, La., he was released, after which he returned home.

In 1865 he went west, and locating at Cobden, Union Co., Ill., engaged in stove and tinware merchandising.

In 1867 he was united in marriage with Miss Eliza J. Walker, who was born in Union County, Ill., in 1842.

She was the daughter of Charles T. Walker, of that county.

Their union has been blessed by the birth of three children who are living: Herbert Abijah, Nellie Augusta, and Addie Calista.

In 1868 Mr. Clark removed to Bollinger County, Mo., and locating at Marble Hill, established a general hardware store, but in 1872 he removed to Lutesville and engaged in his present business.

He carries a first-class stock of stoves and tinware, etc., having the largest line of general hardware in Bollinger County.

Mrs. Clark died in 1884. Politically Mr. Clark's views accord with the principles of the Republican party. He served as treasurer of Lutesville for the past three years, and as secretary of the school board for seven years.

He is a member of the Congregational Church, I.O.O.F. and of the G.A.R. [p.824]

Goodspeed's History of Southeast Missouri, [p.824]

Contributed by Joe Crim



Thomas Clubb

Thomas Clubb was born in Cape Girardeau County, Mo., in 1832, and is a son of John and Jane (Frizel) Clubb.

John Clubb was born in South Carolina, and came to Southeast Missouri with his parents when but three years of age.

After his marriage he located on a farm in what is now Bollinger County, and remained until his death.

His wife was born in Madison County.

She was the mother of six children.

Both parents died when the subject of this sketch was twelve years of age, after which the latter made his home with Mr. Hamilton Winters until he reached his majority.

In 1857 he was married to Elizabeth Dennis, and located on the home farm, buying out the heirs as they became of age.

He has added to this land until he has 330 acres of good farm land which is well improved.

His wife was born in Wayne County, Mo., in 1835.

To them have been born five children: Malinda (Mrs. Henry Fowler), Nancy J. (Mrs. Jacob May), Rebecca A. (Mrs. Frank Fowler), Parley F. (Mrs. William Dellaner) and Thomas C.

While the Civil War was in progress Mr. Clubb was robbed several times of all his movable property.

Although his opportunity for securing an education was limited, he has given his children the advantages of good educations, and is giving each of them financial aid as he starts out in life.

Mr. and Mrs. Clubb are members of the Missionary Baptist Church.

Politically Mr. Clubb supports the Democratic party. [p. 825-826]

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Mrs. Ader Ann Clubb

Mrs. Ader Ann Clubb, widow of William D. Clubb, was born in Middle Tennessee, in 1855.

She is a daughter of Thomas and Lucinda (Ray) Baker, both natives of Tennessee, born in 1831 and 1827, respectively.

They were married in their native State, and resided on a farm.

In 1857 they sought a home in Southeast Missouri. Here, amid all the hardships of frontier life, by energy and industry they established a comfortable home.

In 1873, after a life of great usefulness, Thomas Baker died.

His widow, the companion of his manhood, still survives, and at the age of sixty-one years is reasonably strong.

She and three of her children reside three miles south of Lutesville.

Mr. and Mrs. Clubb were married in 1874, and after twelve years of married life he died on October 21, 1886.

Mr. Clubb was a farmer, and by industry and frugality had just gained sufficient wealth to live in comfort, when he was called to give up a pleasant home and enter into the happiness of that more blessed land beyond.

Mrs. Clubb has four bright, intelligent children, viz.: Cora E., Ermina Lee, William M. and Bertha Ann.

The family still reside on the home farm.

Mrs. Clubb is a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church South.

Her husband was also a member of the same church. [p. 826]

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