

(wife of Rev. W. P. Ludwig). The entire family are members of the Methodist Church.

Judge Rufus M. Woods was born in Rowan County, N. C., on May 20, 1820. He is the son of James and Jane (McCullom) Woods, the former a native of Virginia, and the latter of North Carolina. They removed to Cape Girardeau County, Mo., in 1829, and located on a farm in Shawnee Township, where they reared their family. The father died January 16, 1858. The parents reared to maturity a family of four sons and two daughters, of whom the Judge and a brother, James A. Woods, of Henry County, Mo., are the only members living. The Judge was reared at his father's home and is entirely self-educated. On October 28, 1847, he was united in marriage with Miss Mary A. Adams, daughter of Elam W. Adams, formerly of North Carolina. Mrs. Woods was born and reared in Cape Girardeau County. After their marriage they settled on the land where they now reside, about six miles northeast of Jackson. They have a farm of 160 acres, with about seventy-five acres in cultivation. Politically, Mr. Woods always held to the principles of the Republican party. He was elected county judge in 1866, and was presiding judge for four out of six years that he served in that capacity. He adopted the plan for the present courthouse at Jackson. He and wife have reared a family of eight children, viz.: Lucinda A. (deceased), Cora C. (Mrs. James E. Wallace), Jane A. (deceased), Lillie L. (Mrs. O. Alexander), John J., George Andrew, Mary C., Rush M. (deceased). Mr. and Mrs. Woods are members of the Presbyterian Church at Pleasant Hill.

BOLLINGER COUNTY.

Patrick Ahern was born in Ireland in 1834, and is a son of James and Catharine (Geary) Ahern. James Ahern was born in Ireland in 1806, and early learned the the cooper's trade, at which he worked until his death in 1874. His wife was also a native of Ireland, born in 1803. She died in her native country in 1878. They were the parents of six children. Patrick was reared at the home of his parents, and attended school until his fourteenth year, when he began learning the cooper's trade under the direction of his father. In 1857 he immigrated to America, after which he worked at his trade in nearly all of the large cities of the United States, and at one time was foreman of Fairbank's cooper shop at St. Louis. In 1862 he enlisted in the Federal army, joining Company C, Ninetieth Illinois Infantry. He participated in the siege of Vicksburg, in the battles of Jackson, Miss., LaGrange, Tenn., Lookout Mountain and the Atlanta campaign. In the assault on Fort McAllister he was wounded through the shoulder. He was with his regiment at the front when Gen. Johnson surrendered to Gen. Sherman, and was discharged at Washington, D. C., in June, 1865. After the war he resumed work at his trade, and in 1872 was united in marriage with Anna Sullivan at Osage Mission, Kas. They located on a farm in Kansas, but in 1879 removed to Bollinger County, Mo., and located on their present farm. Mr. and Mrs. Ahern's marriage has been blessed by the birth of six children, viz.: James, Patrick, Bartholomew, John, Mary and Anna.

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 the 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.

H. B. Baker, a well-to-do farmer of Bollinger County, Mo., is a native of Wayne County, Mo. His parents, John and Susie (Wills) Baker, were both born in Missouri. Their parents were natives of North Carolina, who immigrated to Missouri in the early settlement of this State. Both families entered land and erected cabins in which they lived for several years. John Baker was born near the present site of Glen Allen. The farm upon which he was born is now owned by Mrs. Louisa Myers, one of the Baker girls. H. B. Baker was reared in Bollinger County, and at the breaking out of the Civil War enlisted in the Federal army, and saw active service in the western army with Company C, Second Missouri Volunteers. He was one of the number detailed to carry the United States mail from their quarters on Powder River to Fort Laramie, and, owing to Indian hostilities, were five days making the trip. The command he was with running out of rations, they were compelled for six weeks to live on the flesh of horses and mules shot down in battle or that had died from fatigue; during this time they had no bread or salt. In many of the skirmishes with Indians Mr. Baker took an important part, and, in speaking of his comrades who were killed or wounded and afterward died, says that after burying the bodies at night they would picket the horses over the graves to destroy all traces of the place of interment lest the Indians should disinter the body and mutilate the remains. Mr. Baker's regiment suffered many hardships, and he is now suffering from disease contracted during his term of service. After the war he was united in marriage with his cousin, Mary Baker, and a happy domestic life has followed. They have eight children: Philip, Cora, Francis, Noub, Allie, Adam, Joseph and Henry.

Jacob Barks, one of Bollinger County's oldest native citizens, was born in 1826, one mile from his present home, in Lorraine Township. He is a son of Isaac and Sarah Barks. Isaac was born in Bollinger County, Mo., in 1801, and was a son of Jacob Barks, a native of North Carolina, who came to Bollinger County about 1797, and settled in what is now Lorraine Township. He was one of the first white men who settled within the boundaries of what is now Bollinger County. Isaac Barks died in 1854, and his widow in 1880. She was the mother of ten children, Jacob, the subject of this sketch, being the eldest. He was born and grew to manhood on his father's farm, and has never resided more than one mile from his birthplace. In 1851 he married Sarah Shrum, also a native of Bollinger County, born in 1824. She was the mother of three children, viz.: Eli, Pinkney (residing in California) and Ephraim (who died in December, 1887, at the age of thirty-one years). The latter left two children: Clara Alma (aged six years), and Dora May (aged four). In 1876 Eli married Margaret McJimsey, who was born in Perry County, Mo., in 1843. Their union has been blessed by the birth of two children: Ephraim Edward and Hattie Victoria. Eli owns 240 acres of land, and is an industrious farmer and an enterprising citizen. Jacob Barks lost his wife in 1880, and for the last three years has made his home with his son, Eli, residing in Bollinger County. He has always led a simple and unostentatious life, and has accumulated considerable property, a part of which is a good home. At one time he owned over 600 acres, but being of a kind disposition and benevolent nature has given liberally to his children. Being strictly honest he has always kept his promises faithfully, and is a man of good standing with all of his neighbors. The Barks family is among the oldest of the county, and has aided much in its development. Mr. Barks is a devoted member of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, and is a Democrat in politics.

William Berry, a successful farmer residing four miles north of Marble Hill, was born in 1828, in Bollinger County, Mo., four miles from his present home. He is a son of Hiram and Amelia (Lincoln) Berry. Hiram Berry is of English descent, and was born on April 16, 1784, in Lincoln County, N. C. He married in his native county and in 1816 immigrated to Missouri and located in Bollinger County. In 1827 he removed to Madison County, Mo., and settled near Fredericktown. His wife was also a native of North Carolina, and died in 1874 at the age of ninety-two years. She was the mother of ten children, five of whom are living, viz.: John, William, Hiram, Malinda (widow of William Smith) and Lydia (wife of R. E. Kelley). About 1865 Hiram Berry broke up housekeeping, and has since been living with his children. He is now one hundred and four years old, and is at times quite active, being able to walk over the farm and ride

to Glen Allen, Marble Hill and the adjoining towns. He is, beyond doubt, the oldest man living in the State of Missouri. He is a neat and fine old gentleman, and has lived through every administration since the formation of the Government. Politically he was a Democrat until the late war, and being a strong Union man he has cast his votes since then with the Republican party. For the past sixty years at least, he has been a consistent and devoted member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and has lived a truly Christian life. William Berry was reared on a farm in Madison County, his parents removing there when he was but one year old. In 1842 he was united in marriage with Miss Corentha Whitner, a daughter of Daniel Whitner. She is a native of Madison County, Mo. After his marriage Mr. Berry located ten miles south of Fredericktown, and at the same time established a general store at his home. In 1867 he removed to his present home and established another store at his home. About 1870 he engaged in general merchandising at Glen Allen, and also engaged in the tie and timber business for the Iron Mountain Railroad. He has very successfully continued the mercantile business. His wife died in 1843, leaving one child, William. The following year Mr. Berry married Miss Cynthia Barks, who was born in Bollinger County, Mo., in 1822, and is the daughter of Jacob Barks. Nine children have been born to this union, viz.: Pinkney J., Jacob, John, Martha (Mrs. N. J. Smith), Mary E. (Mrs. Guy Sample), Lydia (Mrs. Miles Whitner), Julia, Dehlia and Caroline. Mr. Berry owns about 700 acres of land, and is one of the substantial citizens of his county. For years he has been one of the leading men of the Democratic party of Bollinger County. About 1860 he was elected justice of the peace, and served four years. He was elected to the Twenty-seventh, Twenty-eighth, Twenty-ninth and Thirty-second General Assemblies of the State of Missouri, thus illustrating the confidence placed in him by his neighbors. He proved a very useful member, always looking carefully and wisely after the interests of his constituents. In 1854 he studied law under Judge David Fox, and although he has never been admitted to the bar, has managed and looked after many important cases and disputes. Having made a profession of religion on March 8, 1875, he united with the Congregational Methodist Church, and in September, 1876, was licensed to preach the gospel, since which time he has been engaged in the good work. In 1887 he had charge of three churches, and this year (1888), has four. He is a consistent Christian gentleman, and a highly esteemed citizen.

Father Francis Bettels, priest of St. John's Church, at Leopold, Bollinger County, Mo., was born in Hildesheim, Germany, in 1853. He received a good education in his native town, and in 1871 immigrated to America. Soon after he entered St. Francis Seminary, St. Francis, Wis., from which institution he graduated at the end of five years. He is a polished scholar, and is thoroughly conversant with the Latin, Greek, German, French and English languages. In June, 1876, he was given charge of St. Henry's Church at Charleston, Mo., and in August, 1878, was removed to his present charge. Father Bettels is a gentleman who is thoroughly imbued with his work, and is highly respected and loved by his parishioners.

Joseph M. Bollinger, a miller of White Water Township, Bollinger Co., Mo., is a son of Moses Bollinger, who was born in Lincoln County, N. C., in 1789. Moses was a descendant of a family of North Carolina Dutch, and received a fair education in German and English. When quite young his parents removed to Cape Girardeau County, Mo., where he was married in 1813 to Miss Elizabeth Statler, a daughter of Peter Statler and wife, both also of German descent, and natives of the Old North State. In his youth Moses Bollinger worked on a farm and learned the tanner's trade, but after his marriage he located on a farm, and followed that vocation until his death in 1854. His wife died in 1838. They were the parents of seven children, viz.: Polly (afterward the wife of Judge Connard), Mathias, Joseph M., Peter, Priscilla (wife of Ephraim Hawn), John, and Francis (wife of Frederick Grouse). Joseph M. was born in 1819, and as facilities were poor received a very limited education. He early began to work on the farm, and when twenty-five years of age was united in marriage with Miss Priscilla Bollinger. He owned eighty of land upon which he located after his marriage, and engaged in farming. Like many others, in 1852 he started to California in search of gold. Making the journey with an ox team he was seven months on the route, after which he mined in different portions of the State, and returned home in 1854, and resumed farming. Knowing something of the milling business, in 1878 he purchased an old

mill, which he remodeled into a good mill, which he now operates, and is doing a good business. His marriage has been blessed by the birth of six children: William A., Eeran L., Moses E., Reuben W., David and Henry. In religious belief Mr. Bollinger is a Presbyterian. He is a member of the Farmers' Alliance. During the war he served six months in the State Militia.

Mrs. Eleanor Bollinger, widow of Daniel Bollinger, was born in Hanover, Germany, in 1821, and is a daughter of Conrad and Dora Fischover, born in 1780 and 1789, respectively. Conrad Fischover was also born in the Kingdom of Hanover, and was a tiller of the soil. He died in 1847, and his widow in 1863. They were the parents of eight children, three of whom are alive. Mrs. Eleanor Bollinger, with her sister and brother-in-law, came to America in 1848, landing at New York, they went to St. Louis, from whence they came to Southeast Missouri and located. In 1858 Eleanor was married to Daniel Bollinger, a native of Bollinger County, born in 1817. He was a farmer by vocation, and, after a life of great usefulness, died in 1869. To him and wife were born three children, one of whom died young; another, a daughter, was married to John Miles, and lived to be twenty-six years of age. She was the mother of two children, one of whom died, and the other is being reared by its grandmother Bollinger. Benjamin H. Bollinger, the only living child, is an industrious and intelligent young man of twenty-three years. He received a good education in the common schools, and has remained on the farm with his mother, to whom he is a great stay in her declining years. Together they own 280 acres of land in Wayne Township, Bollinger Co., Mo. Mrs. Bollinger is a devoted member of the Lutheran Church.

Daniel E. Bollinger, one of the most successful farmers and stock raisers of Bollinger County, Mo., is the fifth child born to David and Elizabeth (Whitener) Bollinger, natives of North Carolina. They were married in their native State, and immigrated to Southeast Missouri before the present county of Bollinger was formed. David Bollinger was born in 1808, and by occupation was a farmer and miller. His wife died in 1861, being the mother of eight children, three of whom are now alive. Daniel E. Bollinger was born in Bollinger County on December 8, 1853. In early life he worked on his father's farm, and attended the primitive common schools of Missouri. On September 30, 1875, his marriage with Miss Rosilla J. Sitzes was celebrated. She was born in Wayne County, Mo., in 1860, and is a daughter of Andrew M. Sitzes, a native of Wayne County, Mo., born in 1830. He was a farmer and blacksmith, and died in 1883. Mrs. Bollinger's mother, Mrs. Andrew (Lutes) Sitzes, was born in 1838, and died in 1880. Mrs. Bollinger is the eldest of eight children, five of whom are living. She is the mother of three children, two of whom, George W. and Daniel F., are alive. Daniel E. Bollinger has a fine farm of 223 acres of land, a great part of which lies in the productive Castor River Valley. In politics Mr. Bollinger is a staunch Democrat. He is a member of the Lutheran Church. His wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Frederick Bramer, an enterprising farmer and carpenter, of Bollinger County, Mo., was born in Holland, in 1831, and is a son of George and Grada (Greathouse) Bramer, both natives of Holland. George Bramer was born in 1800, and was educated in his native country for the priesthood; but, preferring not to enter the ministry, he learned the dyeing trade. In 1840 he came to New Orleans, and the next year removed to St. Louis, where he worked several years as a contractor. In 1860 he located on a farm in Bollinger County, Mo., and resided there until his death in 1866. Mrs. Bramer was born in 1803, and was married in 1822, after which she became the mother of nineteen children, only three of whom are living. She is still living and makes her home with her son, Frederick. The latter was educated in St. Louis, and early learned the carpenter's and trunk-maker's trades. In 1850 he went west and located in Eldorado County, Cal., where, besides working at his trade, he engaged in hotel keeping and mining. In 1857 he was united in marriage with Miss Cynthia Eddie, who was born in Vermont, in 1830. She went to California in 1854, with some friends. In 1870 Mr. Bramer and wife returned to Bollinger County and located on a farm, where they now have a pleasant and comfortable home. They have no children of their own, but have adopted a sister's children. In politics Mr. Bramer's views accord with the principles of the Republican party.

Nathan L. Cato, one of the most successful farmers of Bollinger County, Mo., was born in 1840, and is a son of Granderson Cato, a farmer of Bollinger County, born in 1813. The latter married Nancy Taylor, also a native of South-

east Missouri. The grandparents of our subject were among the first settlers of Southeast Missouri. Granderson and Nancy Cato were the parents of three children, of whom Nathan L. is the only one living. He was born in Stoddard County, Mo., and in his young days was instructed in the work of his father's farm, and attended the primitive common schools. Mr. Cato has been three times married; first, to Rebecca Allen, who died leaving him one child, Nancy Caroline; secondly, he married Mary Catherine Ladd, who died after having borne him four children, only one of whom, Virginia Ann, is living; thirdly, he was united with Sarah Jane Kinder who is now thirty-three years of age. To this marriage have been born five children, viz.: Martha J., William G., James V., Ader A. and Nathan W. During the Civil War Mr. Cato served in the Federal army, fighting for the preservation of the Union. He was assigned to Company A, Seventy-ninth Missouri Cavalry, and, when the war was over, was mustered out of service at Bloomfield, Mo. Returning home he resumed work on his farm, and now owns over 500 acres of land. His home is situated in Section 10, Wayne Township, Bollinger County. He and family are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

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 has 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.

Andrew Clippard, a prominent citizen of Bollinger County, Mo., and a general merchant of Ladin, was born in Cape Girardeau County, Mo., in November, 1822. He is a son of Daniel Clippard, who was born in Lincoln County, N. C., in 1794, and when about twenty-two years of age immigrated to Cape Girardeau County, Mo. In 1818 he married Elizabeth Crites, who was born of German parentage, in North Carolina, in 1797. She came to Missouri when but six years old, with her father, Peter Crites, who settled in Cape Girardeau County. Being one of the pioneer settlers of Southeast Missouri, for the first few years Mr. Crites was compelled, on account of the Indians, to seek protection for himself and family in a block-house at Maj. Bollinger's mill. After his marriage Daniel Clippard located on a farm in Cape Girardeau County, where he resided until his death, in July, 1865. His wife died in January, 1875. They were the parents of nine children, who lived to be grown. Six are now living, viz.: John F., Andrew, William, Martha A. (Mrs. John Snider), Christopher C., and Elizabeth (Mrs. William F. Kinder). Andrew grew to manhood on his father's farm, and in 1843 was united in marriage with Miss Mary J., a daughter of James Wilson. She was born in Perry County, Mo., in 1825. To her and Mr. Clippard were born two children, James C. (who resides in Cape Girardeau County, on the old Clippard homestead) and Marzilla J. (deceased wife of Dr. M. Hattler). Mr. Clippard lost his first wife in February, 1849, and in 1874 he wedded Miss Sarah S. Lloyd, a native of Wayne County, Mo., born in 1853. This union has been blessed by eight children: Missouri B., Dora May, Ida E.,

Leonidas, Carrie, Minnie, and Maud and May (twins). Mr. Clippard farmed near his birthplace until 1870, when he removed to Laffin and began merchandising in partnership with his brother-in-law, W. F. Kinder. They were the first merchants in Laffin. After four months Mr. Kinder sold Mr. Clippard his interest, since which time he has been alone in business. In 1870 he erected a house 42x40, and in 1885 erected a brick 22x63 feet, two stories high, and a warehouse 16x63 feet, one story. Being a first class businessman he has met with deserved success. He is one of the largest landholders in Bollinger County, having in all about 2,000 acres. While a resident of Cape Girardeau County he served as justice of the peace for eight years, and in 1854 was elected to the State Legislature, in which assembly he served his constituents ably. In 1871 he was appointed postmaster at Laffin, which position he still holds. In politics he is a liberal Democrat, and has been a Mason since 1854.

George W. Clippard (deceased), a prominent farmer and ex-judge of Bollinger County, was born in 1829 in Cape Girardeau County, Mo. He is the son of Daniel and Elizabeth (Crites) Clippard [see sketch of A. Clippard]. George W. was born and reared to manhood on a farm. In 1854 he married Miss Cordelia M. Snider, a daughter of George Snider. She was born in Bollinger County, Mo., in 1830. Three children were born to them, viz.: Felix G., Martha E. (wife of W. B. Finney) and Mary S. (wife of W. J. Fischer). Mr. Clippard lived in Cape Girardeau County until 1870, when he removed to a farm near Laffin, Bollinger Co. His first wife died in 1861, and in 1867 he married Mrs. Sarah E. Armagost, *nee* Horn, daughter of David and Elizabeth Horn, natives of Chester County, Penn., born in 1805 and 1807, respectively. David Horn died in Cape Girardeau County in 1869, having removed there in 1865. His widow is still living. Mrs. Clippard was born in Clearfield County, Penn., in 1839. She was first married to William K. Armagost, who was born in Clarion County, Penn., in 1836. By this marriage Mrs. Clippard has one child, viz.: Eliza Lorena (wife of Barton S. Snider). George W. Clippard was a substantial citizen, and owned 120 acres of good land. In 1880 he was appointed county judge, and, being elected to the same office in 1882, served in all about six years. For many years he served satisfactorily as justice of the peace of his township. In politics he voted with the Democratic party, and was a member of the Masonic order. He died December 15, 1887. There are two children living by the last marriage, Frank B. and Frederick S.

David Cloninger was born in Gaston County, N. C., in 1848. He is a son of Lewis Cloninger, a native of North Carolina, born in 1813. The latter married Elizabeth Proneharger, also a native of the Old North State, born in 1808. She is still alive and resides in Southeast Missouri. Lewis Cloninger was a farmer and some time after his marriage immigrated to Missouri and located in Madison County. He and wife were the parents of seven children, all of whom are living. David Cloninger came to Missouri with his parents when ten years of age. During his early life he worked on his father's farm, and attended the common schools. In 1872 he was united in marriage with Miss Louisa Bollinger, who was born in Bollinger County, Mo., in 1850. She is of German descent. Mr. and Mrs. Cloninger are the parents of two children who are living, viz.: Daniel L. and Nora N. Mr. Cloninger has a farm of 140 acres in Sections 4 and 5, Wayne Township, Bollinger County, and is one of the thrifty and successful farmers of the county. In politics his views accord with the principles of the Republican party.

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 secur-

ing 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.

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.

David R. Conrad, one of the most prominent citizens of Bollinger County, Mo., was born in Lincoln County, N. C., in 1811, and is a son of Peter and Sarah (Abernathy) Conrad. Peter Conrad was born and reared in Lincoln County, N. C. He was a carpenter by trade, and was married in his native State in 1810. His wife, who was of Scotch extraction, was also a native of the Old North State. In 1830 Peter Conrad removed to Missouri and located in Cape Girardeau County, but in 1833 he removed to Perry County and settled on a farm, which he managed. He also worked at his trade while living in Perry County. He died there in 1842. His widow died in 1844, leaving seven children. David R. Conrad secured his education by studying at night while learning the carpenter's trade. Having worked at his trade a number of years, in 1833 he was united in marriage with Mary Bollinger, of Cape Girardeau County, after which he purchased a farm in Union Township, Bollinger County. For eight years he filled the office of justice of the peace, and was appointed to act as county court justice during the war. Having been made prisoner by the bushwhackers in 1862, he was held for two months, when he was exchanged and allowed to return home. He had three sons, Peter, Jacob and John, in the Union army. In 1868 Judge Conrad was elected for a term of four years to represent Bollinger, Cape Girardeau and Perry Counties in the State Senate. Politically, he is a Republican, and is one of the leading men of his party in the county. His wife was born in 1817, and was the mother of thirteen children, eight of whom, Peter R., Jacob J., Elizabeth, John C., Clara (Mrs. William Heitman), George E., Frances J. and Daniel E., are living. Mrs. Conrad died at her home in 1881. Mr. Conrad is truly "the architect of his own fortune," and has been very successful in business. At one time he owned 1,140 acres of good farming land, and after giving liberally to his children, has a fine farm which is well stocked and improved. He is a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church.

Jacob J. Conrad, an enterprising farmer residing three-fourths of a mile northeast of Marble Hill, Mo., is a native of Bollinger County, Mo., born in 1835. He is a son of David R. and Mary (Bollinger) Conrad [see sketch of David R. Conrad]. Jacob J. remained on the farm with his father until he reached his majority, and received a liberal education in the common schools, after which he taught school at intervals for four years. In May, 1861, he was united in marriage with Miss Emeline, a daughter of James Burnes. She was born in Perry County, Mo., in 1841. Mr. and Mrs. Conrad have six children, Ida, Mettie (wife of D. P. Bailey), Anna, David J., Maude and Rudolph B. In 1864 Mr. Conrad enlisted in the Union army, joining Company C, Forty-seventh Regiment of Missouri Volunteers. He was in the service seven months, receiving his discharge at Benton Barracks, St. Louis. In November, 1866, he was elected clerk of the county court of Bollinger County, and in 1870 was re-elected. Politically he is a Republican. He and wife are members of the Presbyterian Church.

Mahlan Cox, one of the most enterprising and prosperous farmers of Bollinger County, Mo., was born in Lawrence County, Ind., in 1843. He is a son of

Scarlet and Malinda (Sears) Cox, also natives of Indiana, born in 1817 and 1820, respectively. Mrs. Cox was of German descent. Scarlet Cox always followed farming as a vocation, and died in 1849. His wife died in 1874, and was the mother of three children. Mahlan was the second child. His boyhood days were spent on his father's farm, and his education was secured in the common schools of his native State. In 1869 his marriage with Emeline Lewis was celebrated. She is also a native of Indiana, born in 1853. This union has been blessed by the birth of seven children, all of whom are living, viz.: Elsworth, Alexander, Lustetta, Claudius, Arley J., Hettie E. and Zeffie M. Mr. Cox and family immigrated to Missouri in 1879, and located where he still resides. His farm comprises 465 acres, almost all of which is tillable land. Mr. Cox is one of those patriotic Northern men whose love of country caused him to leave home and friends and risk his life for the preservation of the Union. Accordingly, in 1862, he entered the Army of the Cumberland, joining Company G, Fourth Indiana Cavalry, and remained with that army in all its historic defeats and victories until the close of the war. He was mustered out of service at Edgefield, Tenn., after which he returned home.

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 natives 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 3, 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.

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 L., 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 removed 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 County.

Judge Hezekiah Estes, an enterprising citizen and thrifty farmer of Bollinger County, Mo., is a son of Joseph and Catherine (Miller) Estes. Joseph Estes was born in Kentucky in 1783 and was self-educated. When twenty years of age (in 1803) he, with his parents, immigrated to Missouri, and located on Whitewater River, Cape Girardeau County. He afterward removed to Bollinger County, Mo., and resided until his death in 1867. His wife, who was of German descent, was born in Pennsylvania in 1787, and, when quite young, immigrated with her parents to Cape Girardeau County, Mo. She died in 1865, having reared eleven children, viz.: Matilda, Hezekiah, Burzitus, Rilla (now the wife of John Ikerd of Iowa), Malinda, William, Joseph (deceased), Polly (now the

wife of James Cowell), Jefferson, Columbus and Cordelia. Hezekiah was born in Cape Girardeau County, Mo., in 1820, and received a limited education in subscription schools. Possessed of much energy, since arriving at years of maturity he has acquired a good education by private study. In 1842 he was united in marriage with Miss Judia R. Slinkard, a daughter of Daniel and Hannah Slinkard. She was born in what is now Bollinger County in 1824. In 1841 Mr. Estes purchased eighty acres of land, for forty acres of which he paid \$150 in money that he had saved from earnings of 37½ cents per day; the other forty acres he entered at \$1.25 per acre. After his marriage he located on this land, which was in Apple Creek Township, Cape Girardeau County, but soon after sold it with the intention of removing to Texas. However, he did not leave Missouri, but purchased some improvements in Bollinger County for \$50, and entered 160 acres. When the "Bit Land" at 12½ cents per acre came into market he purchased 320 acres, to which he soon added 360 acres. He now has over 500 acres, of which 200 acres are improved. During the war he enlisted under Capt. Wilson and served six months, receiving his discharge at Bloomfield, Mo. Judge Estes is a Democrat of long standing, and served as judge of Bollinger County from 1885 to 1887. He has been a Mason for twenty years, and is a member of the Farmers' Alliance and of the Wheel Association. He and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church South.

Ransom B. Estes, a well-to-do farmer of Lorraine Township, Bollinger County, residing four miles north of Marble Hill, was born in 1851, six miles from his present home. He is a son of Hezekiah and Juda Rue (Slinkard) Estes [see sketch of Hezekiah Estes]. Ransom B. remained with his parents until he reached his majority. In January, 1873, he was united in marriage with Miss Sarah J. Barks, who was born in Bollinger County in 1847, and is a daughter of Jacob Barks. After his marriage Mr. Estes located where he now resides. His farm consists of 186 acres, and is well improved. Mr. and Mrs. Estes have seven children living, viz.: Martha J., Cora A., Ransom E., Cynthia Addie and Ruey Ida (twins), Jacob H., and Pinkney C. In politics Mr. Estes' views accord with the principles of the Democratic party, and he cast his first vote for Greeley in 1872.

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. Elisha 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 the parents of nine children—six girls and three boys. Mr. Fears owns 320 acres of fertile land, and is one of the leading farmers of 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.

Dr. John M. Finney, a physician of Laffin, Mo., was born in Johnson County, Ill., in 1852, and is a son of Green P. and Rachel (Latham) Finney. Green P. Finney was born in Johnson County, Ill., about 1820. He was a farmer by vocation, and was one of the influential men of his county. In 1860 he was elected county treasurer, and was re-elected in 1862. He died in office in 1863. He also served as assessor of his county one term. His wife was also a native of Illinois, and died in 1864 at the age of forty-three years. They were the parents of eight children, only two of whom are living, Dr. William N., of Cape Girardeau, and Dr. John M. Being but eleven years old when his father died, and twelve when his mother died, John M. was taken by his uncle, Dr. Samuel C. Latham, of Eldorado, Ill., with whom he lived until he reached his majority. He received his literary education at Ewing College, Franklin Co., Ill., and at the age of seventeen commenced the study of his chosen profession, his uncle, Dr. Latham, who was a graduate of Keokuk Medical College, being his preceptor. Afterward Dr. Finney attended Missouri Medical College two terms.



Dr. J. M. Finney

BOLLINGER COUNTY.

In 1873, with his brother, Dr. William N. Finney, he began practicing his profession in Alexander County, Ill. The next year Dr. John M. went to Marble Hill, Mo., and began practicing with Dr. W. C. Talley, with whom he continued until 1876, when he removed to Luffin and resumed his practice, which he has very successfully continued. In 1888 Dr. Finney and Dr. A. B. Mayfield formed a partnership. Having established a general store in 1884 Dr. Finney has since managed that in connection with his practice. In 1877 he was united in marriage with Miss Mary G. Manning, who was born in Perry County, Mo., in 1855, and is a daughter of George Manning. They have four children, John M., Louisa A., Norman J., and Rachel. Dr. Finney is a Mason and a member of the A. O. U. W. In politics he is a Democrat. Mrs. Finney is a member of the Roman Catholic Church.

Jasper Frymire, probate judge of Bollinger County, Mo., is a native of Vanderburgh County, Ind., born in 1838. He is a son of Jacob and Allie (Foster) Frymire. The former was of German descent, born in Pennsylvania about 1808. His father, William Frymire, was also born in Pennsylvania, and about 1816 removed to Perry County, Ind., and lived on a farm and continued to farm during his natural life, and for years ran a flatboat on the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers to New Orleans every fall. Jacob Frymire remained in Perry County until he reached his majority, then removed to Vanderburgh County. Soon after he was married in Posey County, Ind. His wife was of Scotch descent, born in North Carolina about 1812. In 1856 Mr. Frymire removed to White County, Ill., and in 1865 to Hamilton County, that State, remaining there the rest of his life. He died about 1878, and his wife, in 1872. They were the parents of fifteen children, of whom four are living: George R. (of Chicago), Ella (Mrs. David Allen), Harriet Cunningham, and Jasper. The last named grew to manhood on his father's farm, and was educated in the common schools of Indiana and Carmi, Ill. On March 10, 1861, he was united in marriage with Emma Hudson, a native of White County, Ill., born in 1844. They have two children, Flora Lee and Wendel H. In 1862 Mr. Frymire enlisted in the Federal army, and was assigned to the Eighty-seventh Regiment Illinois Mounted Infantry. He participated in the battle of Vicksburg, Sabine Cross Roads, Red River expedition and various minor skirmishes. After receiving his discharge at Helena, Ark., June 16, 1865, he returned to White County, Ill., and resumed farming. In 1868 he came to Marble Hill, Mo., and worked at the carpenter's trade and various other employments for several years. Elected justice of the peace in 1874 he served six years, and in the meantime served as deputy clerk of the circuit court. In 1880 he was elected sheriff of Bollinger County, and in 1882 declined a second nomination. The next year he made a short trip to Dakota. Elected to his present office in 1886, he is filling it with credit to himself and with satisfaction to his constituents. Politically he is a Democrat. He is a Mason and a member of the I. O. O. F., and A. O. U. W. Mr. and Mrs. Frymire and daughter are members of the Christian Church, the former having served as elder for the past sixteen years.

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 (Hannon) 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 Sweazen, 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.

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.

Adolph L. Gibbs, a substantial farmer of Lorraine 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 1888, which, when completed, will be the best farmhouse in Lorraine 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 America, an organization whose aims and objects are the advancement and elevation of farmers, in the science of economic government and home interest.

Ransom B. Hartle was born in Cape Girardeau County in 1840, and is a son of Jesse and Sarah (Seabaugh) Hartle. Jesse Hartle was born in Cape Girardeau County in 1818 and became a farmer. After his marriage he located on a farm in the woods, but being industrious and energetic he soon had a good home and before his death owned 1,100 acres of good farm land, a part of which his wife helped him clear. He died in 1877, but his widow still survives and is now enjoying good health and the income of her toil in early life. Ransom B. was educated in the common schools of his native county, and early in life began farming. At the age of twenty-one he was united in marriage with Miss Mary E. Welty, also a native of Cape Girardeau County, who was educated in the same school as her husband. She was born in 1850. After his marriage Mr. Hartle located on a farm in Bollinger County, which he had previously purchased. Having been very successful in his vocation he is now one of the most prosperous farmers of this county. In politics he has been a life-long Democrat. To him and wife have been born eight children, of whom six are living.

Jesse Hartle is of German descent, and is a son of Peter and Barbara (Seabaugh) Hartle. Peter was born and reared in Cape Girardeau County, Mo.,

where he afterward lived engaged in farming. Jesse Hartle was born in 1848. He was reared at his parents' home and received a very limited education. Choosing farming as a vocation he located in Bollinger County, Mo., and at the age of twenty years was united in marriage with Miss Priscilla Statler, who bore him three children, two of whom died when quite young. Mary E., the surviving one, still resides with her father. Mrs. Hartle died about sixteen years since, and after her death Mr. Hartle broke up housekeeping. In 1876 he married again, choosing for his wife Miss Matilda Seabaugh, also of German descent. This union has been blessed by the birth of five children, viz.: Robert L., James T., Pearley Edward (deceased), Jesse M. and Rhoad C. Mr. Hartle has a farm of 160 acres of good land in German Township, and has a comfortable home. He is a member of the A. O. U. W., and of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. Politically he supports the principles of the Democratic party, and cast his first vote for President in 1868.

Thomas Hawn, a highly respected citizen and farmer of Bollinger County, Mo., is a native of that county, born in 1832. He is a son of David and Emily (Craddoc) Hawn, of German and English descent, respectively. David Hawn was born in Catawba County, N. C., and was first married to a niece of Maj. Whitener, after which he removed to Madison County, Mo. His wife died soon after, and he returned to North Carolina and remained a short time, when he came back to Madison County and worked for awhile at the carpenter's trade. In 1831 he was united in marriage with Miss Emily Craddoc and removed to Bollinger County, and settled on a farm, where he died in 1843. To this union were born four children: Thomas, Ann, Samuel and Christian. Thomas grew to maturity on his father's farm, and received such education as the schools of those times afforded. In 1854 his marriage with Miss Harriet J. Yount was celebrated. Mrs. Hawn is of Dutch descent, and is the mother of fifteen children, viz.: Emily S. (Mrs. H. Lee), James C., Matilda A., Jessie D., Margaret E. (Mrs. Jacob Wallace), Samuel D., Mary C. (Mrs. John Salyer), Luvare E. (Mrs. James Wallace), William, Charles, Sarah J., Eliza R., Thomas C., Epps M. and Serepta O. During the Civil War Mr. Hawn was in sympathy with the South, but took no part in the contest. Having been conscripted by Col. Green, he was released after paying the commutation tax, but afterward was taken prisoner by the bushwhackers, who held him two days after he had taken the oath of allegiance to the Confederacy, when he was allowed to return home. Mr. and Mrs. Hawn are devoted members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Aaron M. Hawn, a prosperous young farmer of Bollinger County, Mo., is a son of Alfred and Caroline E. (Whitener) Hawn, natives of North Carolina. When but seven years of age Alfred Hawn came with his parents to Cape Girardeau County, Mo. He was married in 1848, after which he located on a farm in Bollinger County; but in 1867 he removed to Madison County, Mo. He and wife were the parents of eleven children, viz.: Nathan G., Aaron M., Martha J. (now the wife of Thomas Albright), Rosa A., Sarah E. (the wife of J. J. Priddy), Josephine (the wife of William A. Mouser), Oliver B., Catherine, Dora, Henry B. and Felix. Aaron M. was born in Bollinger County in 1851, and was reared at the home of his parents, receiving a good education. For twelve years he was engaged in teaching in the public schools during the winter season and working on the farm during the summer. In 1878 he was united in marriage with Miss Nunnie A. Hevvin, who was born in 1861. After his marriage Mr. Hawn located on a farm in Bollinger County, where he has since resided, engaged in tilling the soil. He is an enterprising citizen, and he and wife have a nice family of five children: Otto D., Rochester H., Mettie V., Almer Z. and Ethel C.

Benjamin William Henley, M. D., was born in Virginia in 1850, and is the son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Bowman) Henley, both natives of Virginia. Thomas Henley was born in 1824, and while in the "Old Dominion" served an apprenticeship at the blacksmith's trade. About 1853 he with his family removed to Ohio and resided four years, and in the winter of 1857 came to Missouri and located in Cape Girardeau County. Soon after they removed to Bollinger County and settled on a farm, where Thomas Henley still resides. His wife died in 1859, having borne five children, three of whom are living. Benjamin W. Henley worked at the blacksmith's trade until he was twenty-two years of age, and in the meantime received a good literary education in the common schools. Having a desire to enter the medical profession he began

study under the tutorship of Dr. W. C. Talley, with whom he remained two and one-half years. He then began practicing at Bollinger Mills and continued for a time very successfully, when, in the fall of 1879, he entered the Missouri Medical College at St. Louis. After taking a course of lectures he returned to his previous field of labor and practiced his profession until 1883, when he entered the Louisville Medical College, from which he took his degree of M. D. February 26, 1884. Again returning to Bollinger Mills, he located permanently, and resumed the practice of his profession, and is now the leading physician of that vicinity. In 1876 he was united in marriage with Anna Willic, who was born February 15, 1856. They have four children: Mary, Ida A., Thomas A. and Robert Lee.

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.

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 after 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 Mariba 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 commander of the G. A. R. post, with headquarters at Lutesville.

Levi B. James was born on January 13, 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 his 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 Fensel, 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 headless 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.

Adolph Keehn, M. D., was born in Prussia, on October 26, 1827. He is a son of John and Henrietta Keehn, natives of Germany. John Keehn was an internal revenue officer. He was born in 1784, and died in 1865. His wife was born in 1809, and died in 1854, having borne three children, two of whom are alive. Adolphus Keehn studied medicine in Berlin Medical College, taking his degree from that institution in 1853, after which, according to the custom of the institution, he practiced medicine in the hospital for two years. Thus well equipped for life in his profession he made a tour over a part of Europe, visiting Russia, France and Italy. In 1856 he sailed for America, and after a voyage of four months and a half, in which the ship was disabled, the supplies destroyed, and, as a consequence, the passengers and crew half famished, reached New York on February 1, 1857. Soon after Dr. Keehn came to St. Louis, and first turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, but soon commenced the practice of medicine. Leaving St. Louis, he made a trip West, on a hunting expedition by himself, and his experience is of the most amusing and serious nature. He had thought of returning to Germany, but meeting a physician at Ste. Genevieve, he was persuaded to remain in America. Contemplating a visit to New Orleans to try his skill with yellow fever, he met some fellow countrymen who importuned him to go to Perry County. Yielding to their wishes he located in that county, and remained ten years, after which he removed to Bollinger County and resumed the practice of his profession, which he has successfully continued twenty years. He is also running a general merchandise store, and

owns 225 acres of land, which he manages. In 1863 he wedded Miss Ellen H. Fath, who is a native of Perry County, Mo., born in 1844, of German parentage. They have five children, viz.: Ida (one of the local educators of this section and now in college at Lexington, Ky.), Gustave A. (a student of medicine) Leonard (now in college), Oscar (also in college) and Harry.

Benjamin F. Kern is a son of Noah and Eveline B. (Hurd) Kern. Noah Kern was born in Harrison County, Ind., in 1816, and, after arriving at mature years, located on a farm in Lawrence County, Ind., where he died in 1885. His wife was born in Belmont, Ky., in 1820, and was married in 1837. She still resides on the old homestead in Indiana. To her and husband were born eleven children, five now living. Benjamin F. was born in Lawrence County, Ind., in 1850. He was reared at the home of his parents, and received his education in the common schools. In 1868 he was united in marriage with Julia A. Beever, a native of Lawrence County, Ind., born in 1852, of German parentage. After his marriage Mr. Kern located on a farm in his native county, and having learned the carpenter's trade in early life, worked at his trade in connection with farming till 1881, when he removed to Missouri. Locating on a farm in Liberty Township, Bollinger County, he has since managed it, and continued to work at his trade. He and wife are the parents of seven children, viz.: Levi C., Jessie F., Victor K., Eveline G., Perline S., John R. E. and Julia L. Mrs. Kern died in March, 1885, since which time Mr. Kern has taken care of his children alone. He is an energetic man who stands high in the esteem of his neighbors.

Henry Killian, a farmer of Liberty Township, Bollinger Co., Mo., was born in Tennessee, in 1830. He is a 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 East Tennessee. After his marriage Mr. Killian settled on a farm in Tennessee, residing there until his death in 1834. He and 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 County, Mo., born in 1831, but at the time of her marriage, a resident of Bollinger County. 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., Mbuerva 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.

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 Beesville, 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 born 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 Gravel Hill, but in 1859 he removed to Marble Hill. When the war broke out he gave up merchandising and engaged in farm-

ing 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 members of the Presbyterian Church.

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.

Millington N. Kinder was born in Bollinger County, Mo., July 5, 1842. His parents, 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.

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.

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.

John W. King was born in 1864, and is a son of John Allen and Doretta (Pape) King, natives 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.

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.

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 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 gold 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.

John W. Laird is a son of J. M. and Mary A. (Johnson) Laird. The father was born in 1830 in Central Tennessee, and early learned the shoemaker's trade. He was married in 1855 and located on a farm in Randolph County, Ark., and remained until 1863, when he removed to Jackson County, Ill., and resumed farming and working at his trade. In 1866 he returned to Tennessee, and two years later came to Missouri and settled on a farm in Bollinger County, which he afterward managed in connection with working at his trade. In 1862 he served six months in the Confederate army. He died at his home in Bollinger County in 1877. Mrs. Laird was born in Weakley County, Tenn., in 1834, and died the same year as her husband. They were the parents of ten children, five of whom, John W., Lewis D., Alice (now the wife of G. C. Markham), Leuella A. (the wife of E. Ellison) and Fonso Belle are living. John W. Laird was

born in Randolph County, Ark., in 1856, and was reared at the home of his parents receiving his education in the common schools. In early life he learned the shingle-maker's trade, and in 1879 was united in marriage with Martha King. Three children have been born to this union: James L., Margaret A. and Nettie C. In 1881 Mr. Laird located on a farm in Duaklin County, Mo., but soon returned to Bollinger County and purchased a farm on which he still resides. In the spring of 1888 he was elected road commissioner of Liberty Township, of that county. Mr. Laird has traveled considerably, is industrious and well respected, and is one of the rising young men of the county.

Samuel L. Lessley, collector and a prominent citizen of Bollinger County, was born seven miles east of Marble Hill, in 1834. He is a son of James Johnson Lessley, a native of Lincoln County, N. C., born on March 12, 1802. In 1818 he immigrated to what is now Bollinger County with his father, George Lessley, who was of Scotch origin, and a second cousin of Gen. Jackson. George Lessley located seven miles east of Marble Hill, and remained there the rest of his life. James Johnson Lessley married Isabel Wilson, born in Pennsylvania on February 19, 1802. She was the daughter of James Wilson, of English descent, who came to Missouri and located in Scott County. After his marriage Mr. Lessley located on a farm near his old homestead. He died on May 1, 1867, and his widow on November 9, 1870. They were the parents of eight children, six of whom, George F., Tabitha (Mrs. John F. Dellinger), Samuel J., Joseph C., William C. and John H., are living. Samuel J. grew to manhood on his father's farm, and received a limited schooling in the common schools. In 1859 he married Miss Sarah Barks, daughter of Alexander Barks. She was born in Stoddard County. They have four children living: Charles M., Evert B., Cornelia (Mrs. Columbus Kinder) and George C. After marriage Mr. Lessley located on a farm eight miles east of Marble Hill. He lost his wife in 1872, and on July 1, 1886, he wedded Martha Laurence, a daughter of Thomas Laurence. Mrs. Lessley is a native of Tennessee. This union has been blessed by the birth of one child, Leon. In 1874 Mr. Lessley was elected assessor of Bollinger County and was re-elected in 1876. In 1884 he was elected county collector, having no opposition in the general election, and in 1886 he was re-elected with no opposition. Politically he is a Democrat, and cast his first vote for James Buchanan in 1856. He is a member of the A. O. U. W., and a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. His wife is a Presbyterian.

Mrs. Sophia Lutes is a native of Bollinger County, Mo., born in 1808, two miles from her present home at Lutesville, Mo. She is the daughter of John Lorange, born in Lincoln County, N. C., in 1771. When sixteen years of age he immigrated to Southeast Missouri with a man named Daniel Platt. The latter went on farther west, but John Lorange stopped in what is now Bollinger County, and hired to Maj. George Frederick Bollinger, with whom he worked until he married, Maj. Bollinger, in honor of whom Bollinger County and Fredericktown, Madison County, were named, erected the first mill in Bollinger County. After his marriage John Lorange located on the farm now owned by Eli Deck, where he remained until his death in 1825. His wife, Hannah Baker, was also a native of North Carolina. She died about 1822. Lorange Township, Bollinger County, was named for John Lorange. He was the father of seven children. Sophia Lutes is the second child and the only one living. In 1825 she was married to Jacob Lutes, who was born in North Carolina in 1802, and came to Bollinger County, Mo., with his mother, when but two years old. After his marriage he located where the town of Lutesville is now situated, it having derived its name from him. He there erected a water mill and distillery in which he made peach and apple brandy and whisky. He had as many as three distilleries burned on the same ground. He died in 1854. Mrs. Lutes is an active old lady, with a very retentive memory. Grandma Lutes, as she is commonly called, is the mother of fifteen children, eleven of whom grew to maturity, married and reared families. There are eight living at present. She also has ninety-three grandchildren and seventy-four great-grandchildren, which makes the largest family in Bollinger County or Southeast Missouri. Grandma Lutes lives with her daughter, Mrs. Martha King, and is a bright, intelligent old lady. For over sixty years she has been a consistent and devoted member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and is known throughout the county as a lady of many Christian virtues. In the evening of life Grandma Lutes is revered by all, both old and young.

David Lutes is the eldest son of Jacob and Sophia Lutes, who were among

the early settlers of Bollinger County, Mo. [see sketch of Sophia Lutes]. David was born at the old Lutes homestead in Lorraine Township, that county, in 1827, consequently has resided in this township for sixty-one consecutive years. He is a blacksmith by trade, and for more than thirty years the strokes of his hammer made merry music on his anvil. Prosecuting his trade with enterprise, he became one of the best known smiths in Southeast Missouri. During the war, and for some time after, he engaged largely in manufacturing plows, many of which were shipped to Arkansas and other Southern States. Investing his money in land he now owns over 500 acres, and lives in that easy style characteristic of Southern gentlemen. In 1848 he was married to Miss Louvina Baker, who bore him five children, three of whom, Lysander (who married Henrietta A. Clark), Jacob M. (who first married Jane Mayfield and afterward Susan F. McGee) and Riley (who married Sarah J. Santifer), are living. After the death of his first wife Mr. Lutes wedded Catherine Shell, who was born and reared in Bollinger County. To this union were born twelve children, eight of whom are living. Mr. Lutes' third wife was Elizabeth Sitze, who has borne two children, one of whom is living. Mr. Lutes is the father of nineteen children. His house is known as a hospitable mansion, and the family relationship is the largest in Southeast Missouri. In 1866 Mr. Lutes was elected treasurer of his county, and served as an able officer for six years.

Jesse Lutes is the second son of Jacob and Sophia Lutes [see sketch of Sophia Lutes]. Jesse Lutes was born on the old Lutes homestead in 1838. He was reared on the farm, and from a child assisted with the farm work, and there learned his life's occupation. His marriage with Miss Mary Shell was celebrated on October 18, 1849. She is a daughter of David and Sarah (Eaker) Shell, who came to Missouri from Lincoln County, N. C., about the same time as the Lutes family (in 1804), and located in the vicinity of the present town of Lutesville. The fertile valleys of this region were then great canebrakes, full of deer, wolves, panthers and other wild animals. The subject of this sketch was a noted hunter, and tells of killing as many as ten deer in one winter. When building the house in which he now resides he shot two deer from his door. Mr. Lutes began farming in this new country when it was prosecuted in a primitive manner. Plows with wooden mold boards and hoes were in use, grain was cut with a sickle and threshed by driving horses over it. He entered his farm and made all of the improvements. At one time he owned 700 acres, but has sold much to the Ozark Iron Company and the St. Louis Clay Company. He still owns 280 acres of choice bottom land. He is a hale, vigorous man of fifty-nine years, and during his life has had no sickness except three chills. Even at this age few young men can do more farm work than he. Like his ancestry he is a staunch Democrat. Eight children have been born to him and wife, two of whom died in childhood. Those living are William H., who married Mattie Clark; Willie O., wife of Jacob Hahn; Jesse B., who married Albertine Wariner; Frederick M., who married Mary Robins; Sarah L., wife of Henry W. Winters, and Jacob A., who is unmarried and resides with his father. The family are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, in which Mr. Lutes has been one of the officers for twenty years.

Daniel Lutes, a prosperous farmer residing two miles west of Marble Hill, is a native of Bollinger County, born in 1834, where Lutesville is now located. He is the sixth child of fifteen born to Sophia and Jacob Lutes [see sketch of Sophia Lutes]. Daniel grew to manhood on his father's farm, and in 1861 was united in marriage with Miss Adaline Winters, who was born in Bollinger County, Mo., in 1841. Mr. Lutes resided at Lutesville until 1867, when he settled upon his present farm, which consists of 234 acres with good improvements. He has never resided outside of Bollinger County nor more than two miles from his birthplace. During the war he served in the Home Militia three weeks, which was the longest time he was ever out of the county. Politically he is a Democrat. He and wife have eight children, viz.: Jesse H., Wesley L., Melvina E., Jense E., Eddie G., Rosa C., Henry E. and Daniel. Mr. and Mrs. Lutes and three of their children are members of the Missionary Baptist Church. He has been a member eighteen and his wife twenty years.

Eli Lutes, an enterprising and successful farmer of Lutesville, Mo., was born near his present home in 1844, and is the thirteenth child of Sophia and Jacob Lutes [see sketch of Sophia Lutes]. Eli received his education at Marble Hill, and at the Academy of Charleston. He was engaged in farming until 1868, at which time he became interested in a retail liquor store, and soon after

established a grocery store. In 1875 he purchased a general store, and sold goods until 1881, since which time he has been engaged in farming. He was instrumental in securing the location of the town of Lutesville, and donated the ground upon which the depot is built. In 1864 he enlisted in the Federal army, joining Company A, Twenty-ninth Missouri Regiment, Volunteer Cavalry, and was in the service ten months in Missouri and Arkansas. In 1866 he was united in marriage with Miss Hannah Schell, a daughter of Judge Sampson Schell. She was born in Bollinger County, in 1846, and died in July, 1867. In February, 1878, Mr. Lutes wedded Miss Mary D. Virden, who was born in Ohio in 1853. Their union has been blessed by the birth of five children, viz.: Mirtie, Estella, Alice, Pearl and Waldo Eli. Politically Mr. Lutes is a Democrat. He is a Mason, a member of the G. A. R., I. O. O. F., and of the Farmers' Alliance.

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 America 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 Caviness, 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 built 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 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.

Washington A. McMinn was born on March 20, 1833, and is the son of Samuel and Mary B. (Derr) McMinn, natives of North Carolina, born in 1798 and 1790, respectively. Samuel McMinn was of Irish descent, and when a boy served an apprenticeship of three years in a blacksmith shop. He was married in his native State, and in 1819 immigrated with his family to Missouri, and located in Cape Girardeau County, on Whitewater River, where he resided three years, when he purchased a farm on which he located in what is now Bollinger County. He died in 1853, leaving his family a small estate. His wife was of German lineage, and was remarkably active. At the age of seventy-five years she rode on horseback thirty-six miles in one day. She survived her husband several years. They were the parents of three children, two of whom are now alive. Washington A. McMinn was born in Bollinger County, and remembers distinctly the removal of the Cherokee Indians to the west side of the Mississippi River. He mentions a peculiarity which he observed among the passing tribes which is not generally known, or of which note is seldom taken, that the Cherokee tribes had in their possession many African slaves. This ignoble idea they had doubtless gained from their Caucasian brothers, and by it the negro became the slave of the savage. Mr. McMinn received a good education in the common schools. He is enterprising, and has been very successful as a farmer. He owns an immense tract of land comprising 2,770 acres, forty acres of which he entered with a warrant his father received for his services in the War of 1812. For the past thirty years he has been postmaster at Buchanan, and is now erecting a water-power corn and flour mill on the site of the old Bollinger Mill.

Besides his other business he has a half interest in the general merchandise business of McMinn & Slinkard. His son, a bright, sensible boy of eighteen years, clerks in this store. In 1866 Mr. McMinn was united in marriage with Elizabeth Catherine Burk, a native of Southeast Missouri, born on January 5, 1838. She is of German extraction, and is the mother of four children, who are living, viz.: Samuel Joseph, Andrew J., Mary L. and Emma Caroline. Politically Mr. McMinn is a Democrat, and cast his first vote for James Buchanan. He is one of the most highly respected and prominent citizens of Southeast Missouri.

Richard Masters, a farmer of Crooked Creek Township, Bollinger Co., Mo., was born in Cape Girardeau County, Mo., in 1814. He is a son of Robert Masters, who was born in Pennsylvania. The latter was a cooper and a farmer. A short time before the earthquake of 1811-12 he settled in New Madrid County, Mo. Like a great many other inhabitants of that county he became frightened at the trembling of the earth, and left his farm and removed to Cape Girardeau County, where he located on a farm. In 1812 his first wife died, and in 1813 he wedded Elizabeth (Hawn) Smith, the widow of Daniel Smith. She was born in North Carolina before the war for independence, of which she had a vivid recollection. After her marriage with Daniel Smith she removed to Kentucky, and in 1806 came to Cape Girardeau County, Mo. In 1809 her husband died, and she struggled hard to support a family of young children until her marriage with Robert Masters. In 1815 Mr. Masters removed back to New Madrid County, and remained there engaged at his trade and farming until his death in 1817. Elizabeth Masters was the mother of two children by her second marriage, Richard and Henry. After her husband's death she removed to Cape Girardeau County, and died at the home of her son, Henry Masters, in 1843. Richard received his education in the subscription schools by breaking flax to pay his tuition. In 1841 he was married to Mary C. Baker, after which he settled on her mother's farm in Cape Girardeau County. She died in 1845, leaving three children: an infant, Henry H. (who died in 1881 at Fort Robinson, Neb.) and Louisa C. (now the wife of Daniel Bess). After her death Mr. Masters remained on the farm with his mother-in-law until 1849, when he was married to Nancy C. Lincoln. In 1851 he removed to his present farm, where he enjoys the comfort of a good home. Nancy C. Lincoln was born in Cape Girardeau County in 1832, and is a descendant of one of the Old North State settlers. She is the mother of nine children, viz.: Catherine (Mrs. Solomon Creek), William G., Sarah E. (Mrs. George Welker), David, John F., Ellen J. (Mrs. Columbus Mayfield), Alexander, Andrew J. and Julia E. The three children last named are at home with their parents.

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 his 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 Muradie, George Franklin, and Corrie 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.

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 of 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 country.

George W. Miller, a well-to-do farmer of Bollinger County, Mo., was born in Lincoln County, N. C., in 1832, and is a son of Washington Miller. The latter was born in 1809, and, when ten years of age, was bound out as a millwright's apprentice until he was twenty-one years of age. After finishing his trade he was married in Lincoln County, N. C., to Mary Beal, a native of that county, born in 1810. Mr. Miller then located on a farm in Lincoln County, on which he resided until 1843, when he removed to Cape Girardeau County, Mo. In 1846 he entered land in Bollinger County, Mo., to which he removed his family and on which he afterward resided, engaged in farming and working at his trade. He died in 1877, and his widow the next year. They were the parents of three children—George W., Benjamin F. and Henry M. George W. received a fair common school education, and learned the carpenter's trade under the direction of his father. In 1861 he enlisted in Company B, Second Missouri Regiment (Confederate), but, on account of failing health, was discharged in 1862. Two years after, in 1864, he was captured by the Confederates and taken prisoner to Jefferson City, where he was turned over to Gen. Marmaduke, who released him and gave him a pass to secure him a safe journey home. In 1852 he was united in marriage with Sarah Lamar, who bore him five children: John F., Elmina, Josephine, Joseph M. and Mary E. (now the wife of Daniel B. Beal). His first wife died in 1864, and in 1865 Mr. Miller married Sarah E. Kinder. Four children have been born to this union: Henry B., Sarah E., Matilda and Mary. Since the war Mr. Miller has remained on the farm, and has attended strictly to agricultural pursuits. Politically, he is a Democrat. He and wife are members of the Baptist Church.

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 in 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.

William M. Morgan, circuit court clerk of Bollinger County, was born five

miles east of Marble Hill, December 14, 1840, and is a son of Albert G. Morgan of English parentage, born in Jackson County, Ala., in 1829. When small, the latter, with his father, William Morgan, immigrated to Bollinger County, Mo. In 1847 he married Sarah C. Snider, who was born in 1832 on the farm on which the subject of this sketch was born. She was the daughter of Martin Snider, one of the pioneer settlers of Bollinger County, having come here in 1817 from North Carolina with his father, Barnett Snider. The Sniders are of German extraction. Martin was born in 1809. Albert G. Morgan served through the Mexican War and was in the battle of Vera Cruz. He died in February, 1851, leaving but one child, William M. Mrs. Morgan afterward married James F. Caldwell, who was born in South Carolina in 1832, by whom she had two children, Columbus P. (attorney of Marble Hill), and Lova E. (wife of George W. Wood). William M. Morgan grew to manhood on his grandparents' farm, and received his education in the common schools. In 1875 he entered the teacher's profession, and taught two winters, during which time he became a disciple of Blackstone, studying under the direction of Hon. Alex Barrett, of Marble Hill. In March, 1877, he was admitted to the bar at Marble Hill, and began practicing his profession. In 1880 he was elected prosecuting attorney, and was re-elected in 1882. In 1886 he was elected to his present office, and during his two years' service has proved to be an able and efficient officer. On September 2, 1868, he wedded Miss Jennie C., a daughter of William Miller. She was born in Millersville, Cape Girardeau County, in 1854. Mr. and Mrs. Morgan have five children living: George E., Ura P., Jettie M., Emma B., and William C. Mr. Morgan is a Mason. He and wife are members of the Christian Church.

Emanuel Mouser, a successful farmer of Bollinger County, Mo., was born in Missouri on the site of the present town of Marquand, December 18, 1830. He is the son of David and Holly (Kinder) Mouser. David, it is supposed, was born on Missouri soil, but he and his wife died when the subject of this sketch was about three years of age. They were the parents of five children, viz.: Nancy (deceased wife of Elijah Shelton), Rhue (deceased wife of Peter Eaker), Elisha (deceased), Emanuel, and Savannah (Mrs. Daniel Eaker). The last two are the only members of the family who are living. Emanuel was reared by his uncle, Peter Kinder, until his twelfth year, when he found employment with Caleb Eaker until he was twenty years of age. In his twenty second year he was united in marriage with Miss Aletha J. Francis, who bore him five children, viz.: Fanny J. (Mrs. Joseph Eaker), Troy W., Arminta R. (wife of Smith Gladish), Charles J. and George W. After his marriage Mr. Mouser located upon land which he still owns. He purchased some improvements that had been made and afterward entered the land. All he has, he has made with the work of his own hands, and now owns 369 acres of good land. His first house stood near his present residence, but the former with all its contents was burned, which proved a sad loss to the young couple who had just begun life for themselves. Soon after they erected another house and again were established in their own home, which proved a prosperous and happy one for twenty-three years, when Mrs. Mouser died. On August 9, 1874, Mr. Mouser wedded Miss Susan M. Inman, who was born in Yell County, Ark. She was the daughter of Anthony and Katesy (Shelton) Inman. The mother died when Susan was nine months of age and the father, during the late war, after which Susan became an inmate of her uncle, Elijah Shelton's, home until she was fourteen years of age. In her twenty-first year she became the wife of Mr. Mouser, and has borne him nine children, seven of whom, Aletha J., Noah, Rosewell, Ida B., Holly M., Daniel and Melvin are living. With little scholastic education Mr. Mouser has a practical business one, and is accounted one of the solid and self-made men of his county. For thirty years he has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, and for many years one of the trustees. His wife is almost a life-long member of the same church.

Zachary T. Pierce, a highly respected citizen of Liberty Township, Bollinger Co., Mo., is one of ten children born to Philip C. and Betsie (Burden) Pierce. Philip C. Pierce was born and grew to manhood on a farm in Indiana. He immigrated to Missouri, and altogether bought and entered 260 acres of land in German Township, Bollinger County, in the early settlement of that county. While in Illinois dealing in horses he was taken sick, and, although he lived to get back home, died soon after. His wife was born in Kentucky. She died in 1861, leaving ten children, all of whom are living. Zachary T. Pierce was

born in Indiana in 1846, and came to Missouri with his parents. In 1872 he married Hannah Niseswaner, of Cape Girardeau County, Mo. This union has been blessed by the birth of five children: Sophronia, William G., James F., John W. and Benjamin F. R. L. From 1883 to 1887, Mr. Pierce served as road commissioner of his township. He has a nice farm embracing 200 acres of good land with fair improvements. He is a member of Lodge No. 417, A. F. & A. M., at Laffin Mo.

John W. Revelle, ex-clerk of circuit court and recorder of Bollinger County, Mo., is a native of that county, born in 1849, and is the youngest of seven children of John L. and Susannah (Row) Revelle [see sketch of Rev. Levi W. Revelle, of Madison County]. The subject of this sketch was reared on a farm until he was fifteen years of age, when he went to live or board with his brother, Rev. Levi W. Revelle, of Madison County, and for the following two years he attended school at Fredericktown and near that place. He then entered Arcadia College in Iron County, Mo., and attended two years. In 1869 he was united in marriage with Miss Philas A. Combs, a daughter of Phelan B. Combs, of Fredericktown. The year after their marriage Mrs. Revelle died. Mr. Revelle spent the next two years in school at Charleston, Mo., after which he engaged in teaching school. In the fall of 1872 he was employed as principal of the schools of Marble Hill, and the same year was elected school commissioner of Bollinger County for two years. In 1874 he was elected circuit clerk and recorder of that county, and was re-elected in 1878 and 1882, holding the position with universal satisfaction for twelve years. On September 7, 1874, he was united in marriage with Miss Mary F. Arnold, a daughter of Joseph and Sarah E. Arnold. Mrs. Revelle was born in Greenville, Mo., in 1855. Their union has been blessed by the birth of six children: Vallie, Charles G., Albert C., Mamie, Susannah and Minnie B. Mr. and Mrs. Revelle have been members of the Missionary Baptist Church for eighteen and fifteen years, respectively. He has served as deacon for three years, and as superintendent of the Sunday-school at Marble Hill for five years. In 1884 Mr. Revelle became a partner with George E. Statler, F. M. Wells and Robert Drum in a general store at Lutesville, but in 1887, Mr. Drum and Mr. Wells having sold their interests in the firm, it became Statler, Revelle & Co. The close confinement of store and office work being injurious to Mr. Revelle's health, he sold his interest in the store in 1888 and engaged in farming. Politically he is a Democrat, and is one of Bollinger County's influential men. He is a Mason.

Henry F. Rhodes was born in 1835, on the old homestead of his father, Jacob Rhodes. The latter settled in Bollinger County, Mo., in 1818, coming from Lincoln County, 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 bachelor, 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.

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 Berk 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 at 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 a 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 Klinder), Evaline (Mrs. Frank Kritz), Julia (Mrs. William Propst), Marcella (who married Francis Bridgea), 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.

Prof. J. Monroe Robins, school commissioner of Bollinger County, is a native of that county, born in 1858, and is a son of George W. and Susan (Rhodes) Robins. The father was of French-English descent, and was born in Weakley County, Tenn., in 1832. When a small boy he came to Missouri with his father, John D. Robins, a Baptist minister, who preached throughout Southeast Missouri. He died in Johnson County, Ill., where he spent the last years of his life. George W. was married in 1857. His wife was born in North Carolina in 1832, and came when small to Missouri. During the Civil War Mr. Robins was a member of the Missouri State Militia. He and wife have four children: J. Monroe, Nancy C., Martha S. (Mrs. M. E. Cobb) and Rachel J. Prof. J. Monroe received his early education in the common schools, and at the age of eighteen began teaching, which he continued three years. In 1880 he entered the State Normal School, at Cape Girardeau, and graduated in a classic course in June, 1885, receiving a Normal certificate and a special State certificate. In 1885 he was elected principal of the public schools at Marble Hill, and in 1886 was re-elected to the same position. In 1887 he was elected school commissioner of Bollinger County, which position he has since filled in a very satisfactory manner. Politically he is a Republican, and although in a Democratic county, he was elected over three opponents, with a majority of more than half of all the votes cast. He is an energetic young man with a bright future before him, and is a member of the Masonic order.

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 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.

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. Having little opportunity for an education, he commenced farming when a boy. 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.

Johnson M. Shell was born in Cape Girardeau County in 1838, and is a son of Casper and Milly (Hager) Shell. Casper Shell was born and reared in North Carolina. He removed to Cape Girardeau County, Mo., after which he learned the blacksmith's trade. Soon after his marriage he built a shop on Crooked Creek near Lutesville, and continued to work at his chosen trade until his death in 1848. In 1844 he entered forty acres of land in his son, Johnson's, name. For sixteen years he filled the offices of deputy sheriff and justice of the peace. His wife, who was of German descent, died in 1842, having borne seven children, five of whom survived her. Johnson M. received a limited education in the subscription schools, which has been greatly improved since arriving at years of maturity by much desultory reading. After the death of his father he worked at the blacksmith's trade with his uncle. Anxious to help his distressed country, in 1861 he joined the Fremont Rangers, with whom he served eight months, and was discharged. Soon after he enlisted in Company A, Twelfth Missouri Cavalry, which company in 1863 was transferred to the Third Missouri Cavalry and attached to the artillery corps. He participated in the battles of Pocahontas, and Ponder's Mill, the Perkins' Creek fight, and the engagements at Pilot Knob and Leasburg. The company served on detached duty most of the time, and was discharged in January, 1865, Mr. Shell being one of twenty-four men remaining out of 103 mustered into the service. While home on furlough, in 1864, he married Melissa Howell, who has borne him ten children: Mary A., Ulyssus S., John M., Lucy E., Laura M., Henry W., George H., Joseph B., Bertha A., and Lucretia E. During the war Mr. Shell was robbed of all of his personal property, and when he returned home in 1865 he sold his land near Crooked Creek, and purchased a farm of 160 acres in Liberty Township, Bollinger County, on which he still resides. In 1870 he was elected justice of the peace and served eight years, and in 1882 was elected to the same office, and served four years. Mr. Shell is a member of the G. A. R., and is a Republican in politics.

Michael J. Shetley was born in Lincoln County, N. C., in 1846, and is a son of R. M. Shetley, also a native of Lincoln County, N. C., born March 6, 1816. The latter was a carpenter and farmer, and married Margaret Linebarger. She is also a native of the Old North State, born August 15, 1821. In 1851 the family, comprised of the parents and three children, immigrated to Missouri, and located in Cape Girardeau County. In 1868 they removed to Bollinger County, where R. M. Shetley died March 11, 1879. Michael Shetley came Missouri with his parents, and remained with them until he reached his majority. While a boy he worked on the farm, and attended the common schools in which he received a liberal education. Since reaching his majority he has traveled considerably over the Mississippi Valley. In 1877 he was united in marriage with Miss Jennie Whitener. She is a descendant of one of the oldest families in Southeast Missouri, and was born in Bollinger County. Michael Shetley is one of the most thrifty and substantial farmers of Bollinger County. His farm which comprises 420 acres has 280 acres located in the fertile Castor River Valley. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. In politics he sup-

ports the principles of the Democratic party. He is a Mason, and also a member of the Farmers' Alliance.

James A. Slagle, of the firm of James & Slagle, general merchants, was born in Bollinger County, Mo., in 1860. He is the son of Henry and Mary (Bennett) Slagle. Henry Slagle was of German descent, and was a farmer by vocation. He was one among that class of Union men who served their country so nobly in her hour of peril, and in the midst of that terrible struggle he sickened and died. His wife had died previously. This young couple left an only child, the subject of this sketch. He was reared until sixteen years of age among relatives, and received good educational advantages. Beginning his education at Marble Hill, Mo., it was finished by a course at the State University at Columbia, Mo. Upon leaving school he engaged in educational work, after which he began commercial life as a clerk in a store. In April, 1885, he purchased a half interest in his present business, since which time he has remained at the town now called Zalma. Mr. Slagle is a young man of energy and good business qualifications, and has before him a desirable future.

Jacob V. Slinkard, a merchant at Bollinger Mills, was born in Cape Girardeau County, Mo., in 1839. He is a son of Daniel and Eva Slinkard. Daniel Slinkard was a native of North Carolina, who immigrated to Missouri and located in Cape Girardeau County. He there married Mrs. Eva (Helderman) Morrison, by whom he had three children, two of them living at present. Mrs. Slinkard was the mother of four children by her first marriage. Mr. Slinkard died, after which she married Miles Doyle. Jacob V. Slinkard was reared on his father's farm, and was educated in the common schools. In 1868 he entered commercial life by purchasing a share in a general merchandise store at Lowndes, Wayne Co., Mo. Remaining there a short time he sold his stock and came to Bollinger Mills and purchased a half interest in a store, Daniel Bollinger owning the other half. He afterward sold his interest in this store and purchased a farm near Lowndes, where for fourteen years he followed agricultural pursuits. In 1884, in partnership with William Alexander McMinn, he purchased the stock and store at Bollinger Mills, since which time he has had sole charge of the business. He carries a full line of general merchandise, and does a thriving business. In 1870 Mr. Slinkard wedded Sarah Jane Hopkins, a native of Wayne County, Mo. She died in 1877, having borne him four children. In 1887 he was married to Lizzie Shetley, a native of Madison County, Mo., born in 1854. In the fall of 1861, responsive to a call of Gov. Claiborne F. Jackson, he entered the service under Jeff. Thompson, and remained until the troops were disbanded. While participating in the battle of Fredericktown he was wounded. Mr. Slinkard is one of the enterprising business men of Southeast Missouri. Besides his mercantile interests he owns 183 acres of fine land. In politics he casts his vote with the Democratic party.

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 after 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 them by their father. In politics Mr. Smith is a Republican, as are all his sons.

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 Cavalry, 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 wife were born six children, Parzett (now the wife of Jesse Cheek), Rosamore, Amanda C. (wife of Abraham Fidler), 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.

Francis M. Snider, a prosperous farmer of Liberty Township, Bollinger Co., Mo., was born in 1833 in Cape Girardeau County, Mo., and is a son of John and Nellie (Wilson) Snider. John Snider was born in Lincoln County, N. C., in 1805, and came to Bollinger County, Mo., in 1825, soon after which he entered a farm. In 1855 he entered 700 acres in Welch Township, Cape Girardeau County. He was married to the mother of our subject in 1827. She was of German descent, and died in 1840, having borne eight children. After her death Mr. Snider married Mrs. Stroder. John Snider served as justice of the peace in both Welch Township, Cape Girardeau County, and Lorraine Township, Bollinger County, for a number of years. At the breaking out of the Civil War he owned 640 acres of land, two slaves and considerable stock. He gave each of his sons a piece of land, and, when he died in 1865, left all his family in good circumstances. As the schools of those days afforded opportunity for but a limited education, Francis M. Snider secured a liberal education by studying at home. In 1854 he was united in marriage with Lucinda Proffer, of Cape Girardeau County, born in 1835. She died in 1862, leaving no children. The next December Mr. Snider married Clarissa Barks, who was born in Cape Girardeau County, of German parentage, in 1846. After his first marriage Mr. Snider located on a farm in Cape Girardeau County, and he had charge of the Grange store at the cross roads in that county from 1876 to 1882. He still owns 130 acres in his native county. The farm on which he resides in Bollinger County consists of 300 acres of fine land with good improvements. He and wife have three children: Wilson, Laura J. and Dora C., to all of whom the parents are giving the advantages of a good education. Mr. and Mrs. Snider are consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. In politics he is a Democrat.

John W. Snider, a substantial farmer of Liberty Township, Bollinger County, was born in Cape Girardeau County in 1836, and is a son of John and Nellie (Wallace) Snider. He was reared and educated in his native county, and in 1859 was married to Sarah E. Cargell, of Bollinger County. She was born in 1839. After his marriage Mr. Snider located on a farm, and in 1868 removed to his present farm, which at that time consisted of but forty acres. He has since added to it until now he has a well improved farm of 320 acres. In 1862 he enlisted in the Confederate army, joining a regiment of Missouri cavalry. He served on detached duty two years in Texas, driving and herding cattle, and saw but little hard fighting during the war. He was taken prisoner at Cape Girardeau in 1862, but, after about two months, was allowed to return to his

command, with which he remained until the surrender at Shreveport, La., in 1865. Returning to his farm he found it completely stripped of everything. To him and wife have been born four children: Thomas, William H., George L. and John O. For a number of years Mr. Snider has served as school director in his district.

Jonas Marion Snider, who is a native of Bollinger County, Mo., was born March 13, 1837. He is a son of Martin and Margaret (Eaker) Snider. The Sniders are of German descent. Martin was born in Lincoln County, N. C., March 26, 1808, and was a son of Barnett and Sarah (Fish) Snider, who were also natives of North Carolina, and were born, respectively, August 15, 1773, and April 9, 1773. Martin immigrated with his family to Southeast Missouri in 1815, and located on Crooked Creek near the present town of Laffin. His father was one of the pioneers of Cape Girardeau (now Bollinger) County, and served as justice of the peace for a number of years. Martin remained on his father's farm until he was married, when he located near by. He afterward became the owner of about 1,000 acres of land, and also owned several slaves, and was one of the substantial citizens of the county. He died October 22, 1883. His wife was also of German descent, and was born on March 13, 1811. She came from North Carolina with her parents, Christian and Jane (Wilson) Eaker, who also settled on Crooked Creek, Cape Girardeau (now Bollinger) County. Mrs. Snider died on September 22, 1880, having borne twelve children, five of whom are now living: Jonas M., Surrilda E. (Mrs. B. F. Stevens), Thomas A., Mary A. (Mrs. Oliver A. Slagle) and Oliver M. Jonas M. spent his youth on his father's farm, and received his education at the common schools, studying considerably at home. On December 27, 1855, he married Sarah M. Stephens, a daughter of Josiah and Abigail Y. (Mederis) Stephens. She was born in Gibson County, Tenn., December 27, 1832. In August, 1860, he was elected assessor of Bollinger County, began the assessment in the following March, and had very nearly completed it when the war began, when he enlisted in the Confederate army, and served as captain and lieutenant until April, 1863, when he was captured by the Federal forces, was taken to St. Louis prison, was paroled in a short time, came home and remained until August, 1864, when he was enrolled in the Missouri State Militia, served six months, and returned home and remained on his farm until 1878, when he was again elected assessor, and was re-elected in 1880. In 1882 he was elected clerk of the county court, and was re-elected in 1886, which position he now holds, and has served his constituents faithfully, and is highly esteemed by his many friends of Bollinger County. In politics he has been a life long Democrat. He and wife have three children now living: Riva-rious E., Alice J. (Mrs. Henry L. Formway), and Geneva L. (Mrs. D. L. Baker). The family are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. Mr. Snider is a Mason and a member of the A. O. U. W.

Barton S. Snider, a substantial farmer and stock raiser of Bollinger County, residing six miles southeast of Marble Hill, is the youngest and only surviving child of a family of eight born to the union of Andrew Snider and Mary Miller. Andrew Snider was of German descent, and was born in Lincoln County, N. C., in 1803. About 1815 he immigrated to Southeast Missouri with his father, George Snider, who settled one-half mile east of Laffin, Bollinger County. Here Andrew grew to manhood, and after his marriage he located south of Laffin about one mile, where he passed the remainder of his life. He owned over 600 acres of land. He died in 1874. His wife was born in Cape Girardeau County, Mo., about 1820, and died in 1850. Barton S. was born in 1848, and was therefore but two years of age when his mother died. He was reared on his father's farm and received a liberal education at the district schools. In 1879 he was united in wedlock with Eliza Lorena Armagost, who was born in Clearfield County, Penn., in 1860. In 1879 Mr. Snider located where he now resides. His farm consists of 500 acres, 200 of which are in fine bottom land. He is an energetic farmer and is esteemed highly by all who know him. Politically his views accord with the principles of the Democratic party. His wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church South.

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.

Henry M. Statler, a prosperous farmer of Bollinger County, Mo., is a son of Conrad and Sarah (Yount) Statler, both descendants of North Carolina Dutch, and natives of Bollinger County, Mo. Conrad Statler was born in 1808, and was a farmer and miller. He died in 1882, and his wife died in 1880. The subject of this sketch was born in Bollinger County in 1838, and was reared at the home of his parents. He received a limited education in subscription schools, which has been greatly improved by much desultory reading since arriving at mature years. In 1862 he wedded Miss Lavina Hartle, who was born and reared in the same neighborhood. She was one of nine children born to Jefferson and Christiancy Hartle. After his marriage Mr. Statler settled on a farm and engaged some in the tannery business. He has continued farming as a vocation, and now owns 280 acres of land with good improvements. He is a member of the A. O. U. W. The family are members of the Lutheran Church. Mr. Statler's political opinions are in sympathy with the Democratic party.

George E. Statler, dealer in general merchandise, Lutesville, Mo., was born in Cape Girardeau County, Mo., in 1845, and is a son of Wiley Statler, of German descent, who was born in 1811, in what is now Bollinger County. The latter's father, Christopher Statler, was born in Lincoln County, N. C., but immigrated to Southeast Missouri in its early settlement. Wiley grew to manhood in Bollinger County, and about 1833 married Mary Hart, *nee* Steel, immediately after which he removed to Cape Girardeau County and located near Millersville. In 1853 he removed to Oak Ridge where he has since resided. He has never held any office, but is one of the influential men of his section. His wife was born in Sumner County, Tenn., in 1812, and died in 1886. She was the mother of eight children, one by the first and seven by the second marriage. The son by the first marriage died on the day she was buried. There are five children living: James C. (of Texas), Robert F., Elizabeth (Mrs. Nicholas Day), George E. and Gilbert D. George E. grew to manhood on his father's farm, and at the age of eighteen entered a store as salesman. When twenty-two years old he taught one school. In 1869 he went into partnership with W. F. Kinder, at Burfordville, in which he remained one year, and spent the winter of 1870-71 in Texas. Returning to Marble Hill he remained one year, and in March, 1873, engaged in the family grocery business at Lutesville. The next fall W. F. Kinder again became his partner, and they added a general stock of merchandise, and continued in business seven years, when they took a third partner, W. W. Sample. After eighteen months Mr. Sample sold to W. T. Wilson, and in eighteen months Mr. Statler sold to Mr. Sample, and in the fall of 1883 he made a trip west. Returning in three months he went into business at Marquand with G. L. Fowler, but after twelve months came to Lutesville, and went into partnership with F. M. Wells, Robert Drum and J. W. Revelle, erecting a brick building at a cost of \$5,000, and established a general store. In February, 1888, the firm dissolved, since which time Mr. Statler has been alone in business. In October, 1873, he was united in marriage with Mary A. Gordon, born on the shore of Lake Ontario, N. Y., in 1848. To them were born four children: Ernest W., Gordon G., William K. and Charles C. The mother died in 1883. In December, 1886, Mr. Statler married Miss Mary B. Rhodes, daughter of Samuel Rhodes. She was born in Bollinger County, Mo., in 1866. They have one child, Grover R. Politically Mr. Statler is a Democrat. He is a Mason and a member of the A. O. U. W. He and wife are members of the Missionary Baptist Church.

James W. Stepp, a prosperous farmer, of Bollinger County, Mo., was born in 1837. He is a son of James and Elizabeth (Dunlap) Stepp, natives of North Carolina and Tennessee, respectively. James Stepp, Sr., came to Missouri when

a young man. After the death of his first wife he made a visit to Tennessee, where he married the mother of the subject of this sketch. She came with him to Missouri and resided until her death. To them were born eight children, three of whom are now alive. James W. Stepp was her sixth child. He was born in what is now Bollinger County, and in early life worked on a farm. He has been married four times. First, to Mrs. Rilda (Virgin) Crites, who died, leaving one child who died soon after its mother; second, to Angeline Virgin, who died leaving one child, James R.; third, to Nancy Elizabeth Gaines, who died after having borne four children, three of whom are living, viz.: Mary, William T. S. and Tumis Elvira; fourth, to Sarah Arnold, who is still living. This union has been blessed by the birth of seven children, viz.: Green W. D., Henry A., Dolly Varden, Louisa V., Laura, David A. and Columbus R. James W. Stepp is one of the most successful farmers in Southeast Missouri, and is a large land owner. He deals largely in stock, and is also proprietor of a saw mill. During the Civil War he was a Union man, and served in the Federal army under Fremont. Later he joined the State Militia. Mr. Stepp is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Judge David Stevens was born in Bollinger County, Mo., on February 9, 1828, and is the son of John and Sarah (Ramsey) Stevens. John Stevens was the first postmaster in Bollinger County, and the first one west of Jackson, Mo. When the county was organized he was appointed county judge and relinquished his position as postmaster and the postoffice was removed to Marble Hill. After serving four years as county judge Mr. Stevens retired to his farm where he spent the remainder of his life. He was appointed to locate Poplar Bluff, the county seat of Butler County, which was his last official act. He and wife were the parents of eight children: William, Riley, David, James A., Harry (deceased), Benjamin F., Garrett and Rebecca (Mrs. James Rodgers). [For additional sketch of parents see sketch of Benjamin F. Stevens]. In 1850 Judge David Stevens was married to Mary E. Kinder, and their domestic life was begun on the farm where he yet resides. Here they lived happily for thirty-two years when she died, having borne him five daughters and two sons, viz.: Sarah (the widow of Daniel M. Bollinger), Cynthia C. (wife of Charles Snyder), Cassie A. (wife of George B. Zimmerman), Albert P. (who married Arminta Bloom), John Q. (who married Cornelia Sidze), Cerilda (married Robert Berryman) and Ella (wife of Oliver J. Snider). All these children were born and reared on the old homestead, and each one has become a citizen of high respectability. In the autumn of 1886 Mr. Stevens was elected judge of the county court, and took his seat in 1887, since which time his official acts have been approved by the public.

Benjamin F. Stevens, a substantial farmer and stock raiser of Bollinger County, Mo., whose residence is five miles east of Marble Hill, was born in 1834, two miles from his present home. He is a son of John and Sarah (Ramsey) Stevens. The father was of Irish descent, born in South Carolina in 1793. He was a farmer, and at the age of fifteen years immigrated to Southeast Missouri with his father, John Stevens, who settled in Bollinger County. In the fall of 1834 John Stevens, Jr., located on what is now the county farm. He was one of the first county judges of his county, having been appointed by the Legislature. He died in 1859. His wife was also of Irish origin, and was born in North Carolina in 1801. She was the daughter of David Ramsey, who came to Bollinger County about the same time as the Stevens family (in 1808). She died in 1861 and was the mother of nine children, four of whom are living: David, Benjamin F., Garrett and Rebecca (wife of James Rodgers), of Marlette, Mich. Benjamin F. was reared on a farm and resided on the old home place until 1865, when he removed on his present farm. It consists of 420 acres of fine land upon which, in 1885, he erected a large frame residence at a cost of \$1,800. In 1856 he was united in marriage with Miss Serilda Snider, who was born on the farm on which she now resides in 1841, and is a daughter of Martin Snider. Mr. and Mrs. Stevens have had seven children: Eliza A. (Mrs. William Norman), Oliver F., Mary E. (Mrs. J. M. Cover), Charles (died in 1873, at the age of six years), Cora (died in 1880, at the age of seven years), Thomas H. and Raymond. In August, 1862, Mr. Stevens enlisted in Company A, Col. Jeffrey's Regiment (Confederate), and participated in the battles of Big Blue, Jenkins' Ferry, and some minor skirmishes. The regiment surrendered at Shreveport, La., in June, 1865. Mr. Stevens has been a life-long Democrat, and is one of the leading men of his party in Bollinger County. In 1874 he was elected clerk of the county court, and was re-elected in 1878, and left the office after eight years' service without a

stain against his record. He and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. He is a Mason.

John W. Swan, one of the most intelligent farmers of Bollinger County, Mo., was born in 1853, and is a son of Abraham and Elizabeth C. (Barber) Swan, natives of Perry County, Mo. Abraham Swan was a prosperous farmer. He and wife were the parents of three children, of whom the subject of this sketch is the eldest. Mrs. Abraham Swan died in 1882. John W. Swan was reared in Wayne County, Mo. In early life he attended the common schools, and graduated from Chambers' Commercial College, Cape Girardeau, when he was twenty-two years of age. Having received a good education he has become one of the most enterprising and thrifty farmers of Bollinger County. Upon leaving school he returned to his home in Perry County and remained there a few years engaged in tilling the soil. In 1878 he removed to Bollinger County and soon afterward married Miss Sophia C. Sides, who was born in 1861. Mr. Swan has a good farm of 500 acres, the most of which is located in the fertile and productive Castor River Valley. Politically he favors the principles of the Democratic party. He and wife have three children: Charles A., Marvin C. and Claude S. The family are consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal Church South.

William C. Talley, M. D., of Marble Hill, Mo., was born in North Carolina in 1828. He is a son of Willis H. and Nancy (Carver) Talley. The Talleys immigrated to the United States from England and settled in Virginia. Willis H. was born in 1797, in Halifax County, Va. He was reared in his native county, but he was married in Person County, N. C., where he afterward located. His first wife was born in Person County, N. C., in 1800. She died in 1854 having borne fourteen children, seven of whom are now living: J. R. (a physician in Cape Girardeau County, Mo.), William C., Mary (widow of Charles M. Turner), Nancy A. (Mrs. William A. Fugate), Charles L., Barton W. and Sarah (Mrs. John Simpson, of Hamilton County, Tenn.). In 1832 Willis H. Talley removed to Hamilton County, Tenn., and remained until 1864, when he went to Allen County, Ky. In 1867 he removed to Sumner County, Tenn., and spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring in 1880. His second wife Martha (Cates) Rector, was born in Hamilton County, Tenn., in 1826. She died in 1875 having borne eight children, four of whom are living: David, G. K., Willis E. and Lou. Dr. William C. received his literary education in Tennessee, and at the age of eighteen entered upon the profession of teaching school and going to school, which he very successfully continued for over ten years. In 1856 he married Miss Sarah E. Erwin, a native of Hamilton County, Tenn., born in 1834. In 1858 the Doctor commenced studying medicine, and two years later came to Perry County, Mo., but a few weeks later removed to Bollinger County, and resumed the study of his profession. In 1862 he moved to Millersville, Cape Girardeau County, and began practicing his profession, however, continuing his studies under the direction of his brother, Dr. J. R. Talley. In 1866 he removed to Marble Hill and resumed his practice, and in 1868 graduated from the St. Louis Medical College. Dr. Talley is the oldest physician and surgeon of Bollinger County and commands a large practice. He has the confidence of the people to a high degree and is an estimable gentleman. Politically he is quite independent. In 1867 he was elected school commissioner of Bollinger County and was re-elected in 1883 and in 1885. He and wife have four children living: Dr. Jesse R., William F., Urannah A. and Joan Parlee. The family are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. The Doctor is a member of the Masonic order.

Rev. H. F. Tong was born on November 6, 1836, and is the only child of Henry D. and Virginia (Alin) Tong. Henry D. Tong was of German-Welch descent, and was born in Kentucky, on January 29, 1813. He came with his parents to Missouri when about seven years old, they settling at St. Michael, now Fredericktown, Madison County, where he was brought up. When about twenty-two years of age he was married to his first wife, a native of this State. She died in 1836, leaving her only child, the subject of this sketch, then but three weeks old. He afterward married Miss Elizabeth Woods, of St. Francois County, Mo. To them were born ten children, three of whom are now living. Mrs. Tong is now residing in St. Louis in her seventy-first year. Henry D. Tong was a typical pioneer, and visited different places in Southeast Missouri. He died in Ripley County, Mo., in 1865. His father, William Tong, was a native of Maryland, who lived there under the administration of Lord Baltimore, and

immigrated to Missouri in 1820. He was the father of twenty-six children—thirteen boys and the same number of girls—all of whom grew to manhood and womanhood. William Tong served in the Revolutionary War under Gen. Washington, and was in the battle of Brandywine. His, for many years, was one of the leading families of Southeast Missouri. He was a shoemaker by trade, and died in 1848 at the ripe age of ninety-six years. Rev. H. F. Tong was born in Madison County, Mo., and in early life labored on a farm. He received his education in the common schools and Methodist Seminary at Arcadia, Mo. He began his ministerial work in 1855, and has been a Baptist minister in Southeast Missouri for twenty years. So far as pastoral and missionary work is concerned, his labors have been principally confined to the counties of Madison, Bollinger, Cape Girardeau and Scott; but while laboring as general financial agent of the Baptist denominational school known as Mayfield-Smith Academy, at Marble Hill, Mo., and also as general missionary and colporteur for the Baptist publishing house of St. Louis, his work has embraced Southeast Missouri at large. During the period of pastoral services he established the following churches, all of which occupy respectable houses of worship: Mount Zion (known as New Salem), Mount Carmel, Little Whitewater and Bethel, all in Bollinger County, and served as pastor of Castor (now known as the First Baptist Church of Marquand, Mo.), Shady Grove, Big Creek, Marble Hill, Trace Creek and Morley. Doubtless, he has officiated in the ordination of more ministers and deacons in the last twenty-one years than any other man in Southeast Missouri. In the years of 1885 and 1886, the closing years of his long extended labors, he sought the material, compiled and wrote what is known as the "Southeast Missouri Baptist History," an invaluable acquisition to the Baptist history of the State, as well as an aid to all students of history. In 1858 Rev. Tong was united in marriage with Christiana H. Jones, of his native county. To them have been born two children, Mrs. Carry Stuart (now living in California) and Mrs. Sausah Heward (who with her family resides with her parents on their little farm in Crooked Creek Township, Bollinger Co., Mo.).

Ferdinand P. Trautwein, a citizen of Lutesville, Bollinger Co., Mo., and proprietor of Snider Custom Flouring Mills, Cape Girardeau County, is a native of Missouri, born in Gasconade County, July 29, 1841. He is a son of Frederick Trautwein, a native of Germany, who came to the United States when a young man. Soon after his arrival in New York City, he married Amelia Gulden, after which he removed to Pennsylvania, and being a mechanic was there engaged in manufacturing pianos. About 1837 he removed to Missouri and settled in Gasconade County, where he bought a farm upon which he resided about five years, until the fall of 1841, when he met with an accident which caused his death. Ferdinand P. remained on his father's farm until he was twenty-three years of age, when he and an older brother began managing a small mill, which their father had previously started to build. In 1860 they began operating a regular custom water mill, but three years later they put in steam power. In 1865 they removed their machinery to Medora, Osage County, where they started a steam mill. In December, 1866, Ferdinand P. Trautwein went to Fulton and purchased what was known as Bluff Mill, which he managed about six years. On July 4, 1867, he was married in Gasconade County, to Amelia H. Gentner, a native of that county. Mr. Trautwein removed to Osage County in 1872, and located at Chamois, whither the old mill from Medora had been moved. For about two years he was engaged in the millwright business in that vicinity, and in the fall of 1875 removed to St. Louis, where he resided about three years, engaged in mechanical work. In the summer of 1878 he removed to Lutesville, Bollinger County, and built a small flouring mill, which he still operates in connection with the Snider Mills, which he purchased in 1885. The last named mill has three run of buhrs, with a capacity of about 200 bushels per day. Mr. Trautwein has made valuable improvements in both building and machinery, and is doing a good business. He and wife have six children: Emma J., Rosa L., Amanda H., Katie, Ada and Edward. Mr. Trautwein is a member of the A. O. U. W., and Select Knights, and is a Wheeler.

Dr. James A. Turner, a physician and surgeon of Sedgewickville, Bollinger Co., Mo., is a son of John R. and Ann (Shannon) Turner. John R. Turner was born in Iredell County, N. C., in 1834, of Scotch-Irish parentage. He was reared in his native State, and received his education in the subscription schools. With his mother he immigrated to Madison County, Mo., and engaged in farming. In 1849 he went to California by the overland route with an ox-team, and

was six months making the trip. Landing at Housner's Bay, he began mining for gold, and remained four years in search of the precious metal, of which he found a quantity. Returning home he purchased a farm in Madison County, and the next year (1854) was married. His wife was a daughter of Dr. Robert M. Shannon, judge and surveyor of Madison County for a number of years. To them were born four children. Mrs. Turner died in 1867. Mr. Turner was a prominent man of his county, which he represented in the Legislature in 1878. Dr. James A. was born at the home of his parents in Madison County, and received a good education in the common schools and the Fredericktown High School. In 1875 he began reading medicine, and in 1882 graduated from the Louisville Medical College. Locating at Cold Water, Wayne Co., Mo., he began practicing his profession, and was united in marriage with Miss Anna Rasor, who was born in Madison County, Mo., in 1864, and is a daughter of Peter and Emily Rasor of that county. In 1886 Dr. Turner removed to Sedgewickville, and resumed his practice, which is rapidly increasing. He and wife have two children: Edgar and Daisy. Dr. Turner is also a notary public, and a member of the I. O. O. F. and A. O. U. W. Politically he is a Democrat.

Robert Vangennip, a well-to-do farmer of Liberty Township, Bollinger Co., Mo., was born in Holland, in 1846, and is a son of John and Catherine (Vandener) Vangennip, both natives of Holland. John Vangennip was educated in France, after which he was engaged in the mercantile business as a traveling salesman, and traveled through France, England and Germany. In 1852 he came with his family to America and located in Cincinnati, where he entered the carpet business. During that year he, his wife and nine out of a family of eleven children died with the cholera. Robert, the subject of this sketch, and Rosena, now the wife of A. Pickett, are the only members of the family who survived. Robert was reared and educated by Father Vanlightner, of St. Louis Rock Church. At the age of sixteen years he went to live with John Esling, of Loranca Township, Bollinger Co., Mo. In 1868 he entered 120 acres of land in Liberty Township, of Bollinger County, and the next year was married to Rosa Chavann, of that county. She was born in Holland, in 1850. To them have been born eight children, viz.: Rosa, Anna, Robert, Alfred, Lewis, Joseph, John and Clara. In 1882 Mr. Vangennip purchased 120 acres of land near his first farm, making a farm of 240 acres of well improved land. Mr. Vangennip and family are members of the Catholic Church.

Joseph Waldrup was born in Fentress County, Tenn., in 1822. His parents, William and Lucy (Smith) Waldrup, were natives of Virginia, who removed to Tennessee after their marriage and followed farming in Fentress County. They were the parents of six children: Rebecca, Polly, Thomas, Joseph, John and William. Joseph was the fourth child. He was reared in his native county, but had no opportunity to receive an education. In 1845 he was united in marriage with Miss Nancy Tackett, a daughter of William and Betsy Tackett, the former of whom died in 1878 and the latter in 1880. Mrs. Waldrup was born in 1826. When but a boy Mr. Waldrup began farming, and after his marriage he located on his father's farm and remained until 1853, when he removed to Cape Girardeau County, Mo. He afterward purchased eighty acres, for which he paid \$300, in Bollinger County. This with 128 acres of good farm land that he entered comprises his present farm. To him and wife have been born two children, Sarah (the wife of Moses Jones) and Joseph, (who lives with his parents). In religious belief, the family are Lutherans. Mr. Waldrup is a Democrat, having cast his first vote for James K. Polk.

William M. Welch, ex-probate judge of Bollinger County, was born in that county in 1820, and is a son of Thomas and Margaret (Young) Welch. Thomas Welch was born in Tennessee or North Carolina, and when a boy came to Southeast Missouri with his father, William Welch, who located on Crooked Creek near the present site of Laffin, he being one of the first white settlers of that region. Thomas died in 1829. His wife was born in Kentucky. Her father, Morris Young, came to Cape Girardeau County, Mo., in 1804, but afterward located in Bollinger County. Mrs. Welch died in 1845, having borne four children of whom two, Elizabeth E. (widow of Lawson Huffsteler, of Stoddard County, Mo.) and Judge William M., are living. William M. grew to manhood on the farm on which he now resides, his father having settled on the place when he was an infant. The farm is situated about five miles east of Marble Hill and consists of 190 acres of good land. The Judge was born about five miles south of his present home. He has been married three times; the first time in

1842 to Cinderella J. Snider, who was born in Bollinger County, Mo., in 1828, and was a daughter of Martin Snider. She died in 1854, leaving four children: Richard J. Missouri E. (Mrs. Joseph C. Lessley) Thomas M. and Franklin P. In 1856 Judge Welch married Miss Keziah J. Stevens, a daughter of Josiah Stevens. She was born in Tennessee, and was the mother of five children, viz.: Josiah B., John R., Edward H., Margaret A. (Mrs. William H. Caldwell) and Miles M. She died in 1883, and in November of that year Judge Welch wedded Grace E. Sheppard, *nee* Caldwell. Mrs. Welch was born in South Carolina in 1833 and came to Bollinger County, Mo., with her parents in 1839. Both the Judge and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. He has been a life-long Democrat, having cast his first vote for James K. Polk, and is now one of the leading men of his party in the county. He has been honored with various offices, was constable for four years and justice of the peace for the same length of time. In 1852 he was elected county judge and served four years. In 1872 he was elected probate judge, and was re-elected three times, serving in all a little over fourteen years, thus forcibly illustrating his ability as an efficient officer. He is a member of the Masonic order.

John W. Hahn and Franklin P. Welch, enterprising merchants of Leopold, Bollinger County, Mo., established their business on October 13, 1886. Mr. Welch was born in 1852, in Bollinger County, Mo., and is a son of Judge William M. Welch and Catherine (Snider) Welch. He was reared on a farm, and in 1879 was united in marriage with Mrs. Eliza Snider, *nee* Slagle. She was born in Bollinger County, Mo., in 1847, and is the daughter of John Slagel. She was first married to Alfred A. Hahn, and after his death, to J. M. Snider. Mrs. Welch is the mother of two children by her first marriage, John W. and Flora I., the latter of whom died when an infant. John W., who is the partner of his stepfather, Mr. Welch, was born in Cape Girardeau County, Mo., July 4, 1865. His parents moved to Bollinger County while he was an infant, and he has resided there ever since. He completed his education in Jones Commercial College, at St. Louis, Mo., and in 1885 was joined in wedlock to Henrietta Buechner, who was born in Cape Girardeau County, Mo., in 1868, and is a daughter of George Buechner. To Mr. and Mrs. Hahn have been born two children, viz.: Clara and John D. Mrs. Hahn is a member of the Lutheran Church. Mr. Hahn is a member of the Masonic order and the A. O. U. W. Mr. and Mrs. Welch have two children living by their marriage: William F. and Emmerson F. Mr. Welch is a member of the Masonic order and the A. O. U. W. He and his wife are consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. Both members of the firm are Democrats. On August 23, 1887, Mr. Hahn was appointed postmaster of Leopold, and is the present incumbent. Messrs. Hahn & Welch are good citizens, and are highly respected gentlemen.

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 (Brandou) 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.

John Q. D. Whitener, an energetic farmer of Bollinger County, Mo., was born in Madison County, Mo., in 1845. He is a son of Elijah and Patience E. (Kinder) Whitener. Elijah Whitener was of German descent, and was born in Madison County, Mo., in 1821. Remaining with his parents until his marriage, in 1843, he then located on a farm in his native county. In 1850 he removed to Bollinger County, and continued tilling the soil until his death, in 1879. His wife, who was also of German extraction, was born in 1824. She was the mother of eight children; Henry D., John Q. D., Caroline L. (now the wife of Hiram Berry), Daniel M., Barbara (wife of J. W. Snyder), Andrew L., Joseph H. and Miles B. John Q. D. was reared at the home of his parents, and received a common school education. In 1866 he married Miss Matilda Berry, after which he located on a farm. In 1874 he engaged in merchandising, which he continued until 1884, when he returned to his farm, it being the one on which he now resides. His wife was born in Madison County, Mo., in 1844, of German parentage. Two children have blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Whitener, viz.: Columbus L. and Mattie E. Politically Mr. Whitener is a Democrat. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Turner G. Whitener, a substantial farmer and stock raiser of Bollinger County, Mo., was born in 1858. He is the son of Henry M. and Lucy E. Whitener. Henry M. Whitener, a native of Bollinger County, was a farmer by vocation. He was born in October, 1822, and died in February, 1885. Mrs. Whitener was born in January, 1821, and died in 1883. They were the parents of five children, four of whom are alive. In early life Turner G. worked on his father's farm, and attended the common schools. His marriage with Miss Amanda Jane Teeters was celebrated in November, 1880. She is of German-Irish descent, and was born on May 17, 1857. Her father, Isham Teeters, was born in 1834, in Alabama, and immigrated to Missouri in 1856. He first married Martha E. Tripp, a native of Tennessee, who bore him five children. Mr. Teeters afterward married Miss Alzena Webb. Turner G. Whitener and lady are among the most highly respected people of their section of the country. They own eighty-eight acres of the rich alluvial land of Castor River Valley, one of the best tracts of land in Bollinger County. Mr. and Mrs. Whitener have three children: Eva May, Martha Elvira and Lola Beatrice. The family belong to the Methodist Episcopal Church South.

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 at 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.

Benjamin F. Winters a farmer, whose residence is one mile southeast of Laffin, Mo., is a native of Clay County, Ind., and was born in 1847. He is a son of Daniel Winters, who was born in Pennsylvania. When young the latter immigrated to Indiana, where he married Martha J. Pringle, a native of that State. In 1852 he immigrated to Missouri, and located in Bollinger County. His wife died in 1854, and the next year he removed to Jackson, Cape Girardeau County, and erected a shoe shop, he being a shoemaker by trade. He there married Mrs. Mary (Crain) Self, who is still living. Mr. Winters died in 1864. He was the father of two children by his first marriage, and three by his second. The subject of this sketch was the only one living by his first marriage. Being but seven years old when his mother died, Benjamin F. was cared for by his grandparents on his mother's side. His grandfather, William Pringle, died in 1862, after which Benjamin lived with his grandmother, and cared for her until the close of the war, when her son returned home. On March 14, 1867, Mr. Winters married Miss Sarah F. Huffman, a daughter of Alex. Huffman. She was born

in Bollinger County, Mo., in 1844. Four children are the fruits of this union, Laura J., Mary C., John P. and Daisy B. In 1873 Mr. Winters purchased ninety-four acres of land, upon which he still resides. Although he commenced life without means, by economy, close attention to business, and good management, he has made for himself and family a good home. In politics he votes with the Democratic party, and in 1878 was elected coroner of his county, and was re-elected in 1880. In 1883 he was appointed justice of the peace to fill an unexpired term. In 1884 he was elected to the same office and was re-elected in 1886, and has since adjusted his neighbors' difficulties with judicial fairness. He is a member of the Masonic order, and he and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church South.

James G. Woodfin, ex-county judge of Bollinger County, was born in Cape Girardeau County in 1830, and is a son of George Woodfin, who was born in Henrico County, Va., in 1801. In 1825 the latter went to Mississippi as an overseer, and the next year located on a farm near Jackson, Cape Girardeau County, Mo. In 1829 he was united in marriage with Maria Green, who was born in Cape Girardeau County in 1810. In 1833 he removed to Stoddard County, but remained only two years, when he returned to Cape Girardeau County. He served as coroner of that county one term and died in 1849. His wife died in 1877. To them were born six children, three of whom, James G., Columbus and Virginia A. (Mrs. James Cox), are living. James G. Woodfin received such education as the common schools of his time afforded, and in 1854 went to California. During his stay in the west he engaged in mining in the winter seasons and in teaming in summer. He met with fair success and returned home in 1859 with money to buy a farm. Soon after he purchased the land in Liberty Township, Bollinger County, on which he now resides. His farm now consists of 500 acres with good improvements. In 1860 he wedded Caroline N. Summers, of Cape Girardeau County. She is a native of that county, born in 1832, of Scotch descent. To this union have been born four children, all deceased. Mr. Woodfin is a Democrat, and has filled several official positions. He was justice of the peace in 1863 and 1864, was appointed assistant assessor in 1864, appointed county court justice in 1866, and elected to the same office in 1868, and again in 1878 and 1880.

John S. Yount, a substantial farmer of German Township, Bollinger County, Mo., was born in Cape Girardeau County, and is a son of John and Mary (Hahn) Yount, both of whom were natives of North Carolina. John Yount was born in 1782, of German parentage, and received an ordinary education in English and German. His wife was born in 1788. They were married in the Old North State, and removed to Cape Girardeau County, Mo., in 1803, just too late to take up land under the Spanish land grant. However, they settled on a piece of heavy timbered land, which is now in Bollinger County, and cleared eighty acres on which they resided until their deaths. John Yount died in 1858, and his wife in 1867. They were the parents of ten children, of whom John S. is the sixth. He received his education in the subscription schools of his county, and, when but a boy, learned the blacksmith's trade with his father. When nineteen years of age he left his father, and went to Dubuque, Iowa (in 1838), and remained there two years, mining for lead, but not succeeding he engaged to work in a saw mill. In 1840 he entered a still house and learned the stilling business, when he returned home. In 1841 he was united in marriage with Miss Anna Shell, and the same year purchased a farm from his father, on which he settled and remained four years, when he traded with Philip B. Shell for the farm on which he (Mr. Yount) now resides. Having contracted the gold fever, in 1850, he started for the El Dorado of the West by the overland route, which required seven months, during which time ten of the company died. Meeting with many difficulties, they removed from one diggings to another until they were at last successful. From the gold fields Mr. Yount went to Napa Valley to visit his uncle, George Yount, and returned home in 1850. Soon after he purchased an ox-team, and in 1851 was back in the mines again. After digging more of the precious metal and working at his trade, at which he made good wages, he boarded the steamer, "Old Winfield Scott," and started for New Orleans. On the way the vessel was stranded on a reef of rocks and went to pieces; however, the passengers were all saved and in seven days they were rescued by the steamer "California," which landed them and their gold safe in Panama, from whence they went to New Orleans. After his return home Mr. Yount engaged in merchandising with A. A. Miller,

the latter attending to the store and the former managing his farm and blacksmith shop. In 1858 Mr. Yount purchased Mr. Miller's interest, and continued in the business until the war, when he lost all. He served five months in the Union army, receiving his discharge at Marble Hill in 1865. Since the war he has cleared over 100 acres of land. His wife was born in Cape Girardeau County in 1820, and was also educated in the subscription schools. She died in 1883, being the mother of ten children. Politically Mr. Yount is a Democrat.

John A. Yount is a son of John S. and Anna (Shell) Yount [see sketch of John S. Yount]. John A. was born in Bollinger County, August 8, 1854, and received a fair education in the common schools. When but a boy he commenced farming, which has been his life vocation. On March 26, 1878, he was united in marriage with Miss Mariah E. Hartle, a daughter of Jesse and Sarah Hartle. Mariah E. was born in Cape Girardeau County in 1843, and was educated in the common schools. After his marriage Mr. Yount settled on one of the best farms in German Township, Bollinger Co., Mo. It consists of 387 acres of fine land, upon which are good improvements. Mr. and Mrs. Yount's marriage has been blessed by the birth of three children—two girls and one boy. In politics Mr. Yount's views accord with those of the Democratic party, he having cast his first vote for Samuel J. Tilden.

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 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 removed to Missouri in 1848, and located in Bollinger County, where they spent 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.

MADISON COUNTY.

Napoleon B. Allen, judge of the probate court of Madison County, Mo., is a native of Murfreesboro, Tenn., born in 1822, his parents being John and Elizabeth (Harrison) Allen, who were born in Virginia and South Carolina, respectively. They both died the same year, 1834. The former was born in 1797 and was taken to Tennessee in his youth. About 1832 he came to Missouri, where he passed the remainder of his life. He was a farmer and served as captain in the War of 1812, being at the battle of New Orleans. He was the father of seven children, four of whom are living: Damascus T., Vermont, N. B., and Musedore E. (wife of R. L. Wood). Judge Allen's early educational