

army three years. After returning from the war, he engaged with G. Monohon in the mercantile business, for four years, in Greenup. Then he conducted a mercantile business by himself. During the financial crisis of 1873-74, he was compelled to suspend, but he has since settled with all his creditors to their entire satisfaction. He then farmed for two years; then he was a salesman in the store of A. J. Ewart for eighteen months. He was then commissioned Postmaster of Greenup, which position he still holds, and conducts in connection with a notion and confectionery store. He has always been public spirited, contributing largely to the securing of railroads and other enterprises that would benefit the public in general. Mr. Robertson is a social, honorable gentleman, and has the high regard, esteem and confidence of all, who have known him through life, or who have had social or business relations with him. He was married, May 7, 1865, to Miss Susan Talbott, of Greenup. They are the parents of Edward T., Simon, Ida M., Isabella, Araminta D., George G., Susan D., and Dewitt C. Susan and Araminta are now deceased.

ISAAC ROTHROCK, farmer (post-office, Hazel Dell), was born January 31, 1836, in Stark County, Ohio; has always lived on a farm, but received a good education. In 1854, he came to Cumberland County, worked by the month a number of years, saved his earnings and bought the farm where he now lives. The farm consists of eighty acres, and is well improved. He has a large frame residence and commodious out-buildings. He is a radical temperance man and worker. In politics he is a Republican, and has held the office of school director for several terms. On November 6, 1864, he married Sarah Grim, of Crooked Creek Township. Two children have been born to them, Olive A., Mary A. (deceased). Mr. and Mrs. R., are both members in good standing of the United Brethren Church.

FRANK M. SAPP, blacksmith and wagon-maker, was born in Fayette County, Ill., in 1844. At the breaking out of the war, he enlisted in Company H, Eighth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and served four years and eight months. He was in many of the severe battles, and was several times wounded. At the close of the war he went to Vandalia, Ill., and learned his trade; thence to Kane County, Ill., there worked at his trade, and in 1869 came to Greenup, opened a shop which he has since conducted, except a short time when he was with his father-in-law in a grist mill. On July 3, 1870, he married Arabella Talbott. Four children have been the result of this marriage.

JOHN J. SEVERNS, farmer (post-office, Greenup), was born in Coshocton County, Ohio, December 14, 1814, and remained at home

on the farm and attended school until the age of seventeen, when he learned the cabinet-maker's trade. He went with his parents to Knox County, Ohio, where he remained until the year 1835, when he returned to Coshocton County, where he lived twenty years. He then went to Fulton County, Ill., then worked at the carpenter's trade four years. He then came to Cumberland County, Ill., where he has since resided on his farm. He now owns eighty acres of land in Cumberland County, well improved, and 160 acres of timber in Jasper County. Although nearly seventy years old, Mr. S. is able to carry on the farm in person. He is a member of the Masonic Order, and is an ardent temperance man. He is public-spirited and benevolent, and has a high social standing in the community. He has been married twice; his first marriage was to Josephine McDonell, by whom he had three children, viz.: Albina (deceased), Caroline, and George (deceased); his second to Elizabeth Lane, by whom he had four children, viz.: Emma (deceased), Josephine, Eva L., John D. (deceased).

HARLOW O. SHERWOOD, farmer (post-office Greenup), was born in Perry County, Ohio, March 14, 1827. His early life was spent at home on the farm. He has a good education. On January 27, 1853, he married Miss Mary J. Duer, of Perry County, Ohio. He built a house on his father's farm, conducted his father's business, and supported him and his father-in-law until 1860, when he came to Cumberland County, Ill., leased 100 acres of new timber land in Union Township for nine years, putting it under cultivation and making other improvements. Then he bought eighty acres of new land where he now lives, cleared and put it under cultivation; then added to it thirty, then thirteen, then sixty acres, all of which he bought new, and nearly all of which he now has under cultivation. His farm of 183 acres, his spacious residence, his fine young bearing orchard, a barn, etc., are the results of economy, energy and good management. On the temperance question he is a strong Prohibitionist, and was an active leader in the Murphy movement. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Church, in which he is a class leader. Mr. S. has contributed largely to the building of several churches in the neighborhood, and is a strong leader in and supporter of all religious movements. In all of his undertakings, whether social, business or religious, his wife has shared all, and her frugality and consistent Christian life have done much toward establishing his high, social and financial standing. They have nine children, seven of whom are still living.

MARK SPERRY, farmer (post-office, Greenup), was born in New Hampshire, on June 26, 1818. His great-grandfather, Israel, was a tailor by trade, went to the Indian-French wars and never returned. His grandfather was through the Revolutionary war, in General Washington's division, and was at the battle of Bunker Hill. At the close of the war he went on horseback to New Hampshire; made the first settlement in the county, opened a farm from timber, and made improvements. He remained on the farm until his death, in February, 1840. His father was raised on this same farm in New Hampshire, and was a Captain in the war of 1812, but his entire business in life was farming; having lived on the farm first owned and improved by his father. In 1865, he came on a visit to Mark Sperry, in Cumberland County, where, in September of that year, he died. Our subject was raised on his father's farm in New Hampshire, and was given a thorough education. He taught school and farmed until 1824, when he went to Licking County, Ohio. Here he taught school, and was elected principal of an incorporated Academy, which position he held for nine years. He then purchased the stock and continued the school for several years more. For some time he taught a large select school, teaching a class in vocal music at night. At one time he was in the cheese and dairy business in Ohio, and had the largest establishment at that time in the State. While in this business he made a cheese weighing 1,000 pounds, which he sold in Cincinnati for twenty-five cents per pound. In November, 1861, he enlisted as a private in Company K, Seventy-Sixth Ohio Infantry. He was appointed a Sergeant, and subsequently commissioned as Lieutenant of his Company. He participated in the battles of Fort Donelson, Shiloh, etc., and was discharged from the service for disabilities. He was then appointed to a position in the Provost-Marshal's office at Columbus, Ohio, where he remained until 1864, when he came to Cumberland County, Ill., and bought the farm where he now resides. Since coming to Illinois he has taught school, been engaged in farming, and taken a leading and active part in all educational matters in the county. He has a fine residence, and one of the best improved farms in the county, all the result of his own energy and industry. In October, 1843, he was married to Lucy A. Durant, who was born in Springfield, Vt., on December 4, 1821, and who was the eldest of a family of eleven children, ten of whom are now living. Her mother being for many years in feeble health, the care and labor of the household very early fell upon her, and under the eyes of a judicious mother and kind father she became an adept

in all that pertains to the management of the household. The common school gave her the usual facilities for mental culture till about eighteen years of age. Then a few terms at Chester Academy fitted her for teaching, which occupation she followed for some time in Vermont, and also in Ohio. In the autumn of 1842, this whole family went to Ohio in wagons. At the time of her marriage, in 1842, a large expenditure of money for house-keeping was not as imperative as at present, and with very scanty means, Mrs. Sperry was enabled, by her early training, and indomitable industry and energy, to make the inconveniences of a small house and little furniture seem but trifles, and it was not long before her little domicile put on the appearance of home-like simplicity and cheerfulness. The duties of home were first with her in all things, save in sickness or distress, when her sympathies were all awake, and no toil or care seemed too great. No child of want ever appealed to her in vain. In early life Mrs. Sperry became a member of the Baptist Church in North Springfield, Vt., but on her arrival in Ohio she became a member of the Congregational Church, at Hartford, Licking County. When she removed to this county she became a member of the Presbyterian Church, of which she is a member at the present time.

HUBBARD F. SPERRY, farmer (post-office Greenup), was born in Licking County, Ohio, November 7, 1847. In early life he attended the school taught by his father, Mark Sperry (whose sketch is elsewhere given), until the war, when he was placed under the tutelage of others until he was seventeen years old, when his father moved to Illinois. Thus he secured a good education. After coming to Cumberland County, Ill., he worked on his father's farm until he was of age. He then farmed for a short time, then taught school, then engaged for four years in mercantile business in Greenup, during this time being deputy postmaster. He then married Miss Alice Snearly, and after his marriage engaged in farming, his present business. Mr. and Mrs. S. are parents of four children, viz.: Artie B., Gratia M., Beatrice M., Lula E. Mr. S.'s farm consists of eighty acres of land, well improved, and well stocked. He has a fine two-story residence, a large barn and commodious outbuildings. Politically, he is a Republican, and has been Justice of the Peace. He administered the estate of Jacob Snearly; was guardian of minor heirs. He is a member of the I. O. O. F.

MARSHALL STEWART, farmer (post-office Greenup), was born in Morgan County, Ind., April 15, 1831, and is a twin brother

of William Stewart, whose sketch is elsewhere given. When our subject was thirteen years old, his father died, since which event he has supported himself. He first worked at \$4 per month on a farm, then, while yet a boy, rented a farm; was very successful, and continued renting for sixteen years. Finally he came to Cumberland County, and bought 240 acres of land where he now lives. There were but ten acres of this cleared, and no improvements or fences, but he now has a finely improved farm, a good residence, barn and outbuildings. The farm is mostly bottom land, which is the most productive soil in the county. He has an orchard of 200 trees, farm all fenced, all under cultivation, and well stocked. He married Matilda Laughlin, of Morgan County, Ind. To them have been born nine children, viz.: Mary J. (deceased), Anderson, Linlan, William B., Calvin (deceased), Harriet, Stella, Dora, and an infant. His financial standing is the result of personal energy and skillful management. He is a member of the Methodist Church, and of the I. O. O. F. He was school director six years.

WILLIAM STEWART, farmer (post-office Greenup), was born April 15, 1831, in Morgan County, Ind. His father died when he was thirteen years old, since when he has supported himself. When twenty-three years old he married Mary C. Stockwell, of Morgan County, Ind. They have had eleven children, three dying when infants. The living are Eb., Marshall, Sarah J., Emeline, Anderson, Viola, Calvin, Minnie. He first rented a farm in Indiana, and gave his attention mainly to stock-raising, in which he was very successful, and thereby obtained a good start in life. He came to Cumberland County, farmed, and then went to Missouri, bought 160 acres of land, remaining there seven years, after which he returned to Cumberland County. He has now 238½ acres in Cumberland County, 130 of which is rich bottom land, also still owns the farm in Missouri; has a good \$1,000 residence, and a fine, large orchard. Mr. Stewart in politics is a Democrat. He is a member in good standing of the Methodist Church. While in Missouri he was three years in the State Militia, on the Federal side. He is now school director, which office he has held several years.

MICHAEL STOCKBARGER, farmer (post-office Greenup), was born in Licking County, Ohio, December 7, 1832. He was reared on the home farm, fairly educated, and supported his parents in their old age. He went with them to Knox County, Ohio, farmed there, and then, in 1858, came with them to Cumberland County and settled on a farm bought two years before. He has since been engaged in farm-

ing, and now owns 140 acres of well improved land, a fine residence which cost \$1,800, and other improvements in accordance. His wife was Philena Osborn, of Wisconsin. They have three children. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., having passed all the chairs. On the temperance question he is a Prohibitionist. He is public-spirited and charitable, and highly esteemed by his associates. Mr. S. gives much attention to stock-raising, having a taste for fine breeds of horses and cattle.

EDWARD TALBOTT, farmer, Greenup, was born in Fairfield County, Ohio, August 3, 1820. He was reared on his father's farm until nineteen years old, and had but a few months schooling, during the coldest winter weather. At the time of leaving home he could only read and write, but after he began life for himself he gave all his extra time to study, attended school for a few months, and qualified himself for teaching. When he left home, he first came to Cumberland County, Ill., and contracted for clearing forty acres of timber land. He remained nine months, and then returned to Ohio and rented his father's farm, which he attended summers, and taught school during winters. In 1844 he married Mrs. Jane Wolf, and came soon after to Cumberland County, and engaged in mercantile business, and then farmed. In 1848 he was elected Sheriff of the county. At the expiration of his term of office he kept hotel and store, until 1851, when he was elected Circuit Clerk for a term of four years. In 1852 he began the building of the Cumberland Mills. He bought the machinery in Warren, Ohio, and shipped it to Terre Haute, Ind., by canal, thence by wagon to Greenup. At the time of building the mill there was but little wheat raised in the county, it being thought that the ground was not adapted to its culture, but largely through the efforts of Mr. T., and the influence of the mill, it is one of the best wheat producing sections in the State. The mill is still in operation, and doing a large business, though in other hands since 1872. In 1858 he was again elected Sheriff, and served one term. In 1859, in addition to his milling and stock-dealing, he again engaged in mercantile business until 1862, when, July 1 of that year, he organized Company B, One Hundred and Twenty-Third Illinois Infantry. Within one week 101 men enlisted under him. He was commissioned Captain, and with the Company entered at once into active service. He was first engaged in the battle of Perryville. Here the Company met their first real experience in fighting. The Regiment opened the engagement, and Company B, under command of Captain T., became involved in an unsupported conflict with greatly superior num-

bers, and it is due to all engaged, to say that the whole command displayed a perfection of discipline and soldierly gallantry worthy of the oldest veterans. The Company took an active part in the battle of Chickamauga, and other severe battles. As an officer and soldier, Captam T. was brave, intrepid and daring, and won distinction for gallant conduct. March 14, 1864, he resigned his commission, owing to disabilities, returned home, and gave his attention to milling and stock-dealing. In 1869 he lost \$5,000 by fire. He sold the mill in 1872, since when he has principally farmed. He contracted for and built several miles of the P., D. & E. R. R., being defrauded out of considerable money. This, with his loss by fire, and other adverse happenings, caused a partial failure, but he has regained rapidly, and now owns a fine farm, and is again in prosperous circumstances. He has always been public-spirited. He gave \$1,000 towards securing the Vandalia R. R. at Greenup, also to securing the P., D. & E. R. R. He now holds the office of Supervisor, this being his seventh year. His wife died in 1857. His second and present wife is Esther Ann Reese.

WILL S. TOBEY, editor of *The Cumberland Times*, son of Allen G. and Lovina M. Tobey, was born at Vincennes, Knox Co., Ind., November 27, 1856. He received a fair education in the various common school grades of his native city, and when seventeen years of age entered the freshman class of Vincennes University. Compelled by feeble health, he withdrew from College after one year's study. Having at intervals, since he was fourteen years old, been connected with various printing establishments in Vincennes, and having a deep-seated love for the work, he soon turned his attention to developing his natural aptitude in this direction, and educating himself in the great typographical and editorial school of this country. There is scarcely a city of any importance in the Mississippi Valley, where he did not engage in the labor of his chosen profession; confines his practice, however, exclusively to the details of job-printing, in which he attained an enviable reputation for skill. His career in newspaper management proper commenced in the spring of 1876, when he located at Bement, Piatt County, Ill., and took a controlling interest in the Bement *Independent*, a weekly publication. Finding Bement and its adjacent territory not likely to yield the support essential to the existence of a live paper, he sold his interest in the *Independent* and removed to Danville, Vermillion Co., Ill., where he accepted a partnership in the *Erie*, one of the six newspaper publications, at that time, in Danville. His next venture was the editorial management of the *Enterprise*, printed at

Lovington, Moultrie Co., Ill., which he assumed in the fall of 1879, and continued until the spring of 1881. At this time being broken down in health, he withdrew, temporarily, from professional work, and repaired to his mother's home near Russellville, Lawrence Co., Ill. On April 15, 1881, he married Miss Elenora M. Gould, an estimable and highly respected lady of Palestine, Crawford Co., Ill., and in the following October, moved to Greenup, Cumberland County and established *The Cumberland Times*, a weekly newspaper, devoted to the general good of the county, and, in a political sense, guarding the interests of the Republican element of the section. In the work of placing his paper upon a firm and lucrative basis, Mr. Tobey unexpectedly encountered the most bitter and unrelenting opposition, not only from his competitors but from many individuals, long residents of the county, who seemed to consider him as an interloper, and stigmatised his journalistic enterprise as an unnecessary factor in the business of the community, and its introduction a matter of youthful, and therefore inexcusable presumption. In addition to this he met with repeated assaults upon his private character which, however, having no foundation in fact, recoiled upon his assailants with redoubled force. *The Cumberland Times*, at first, experienced a severe struggle for life, but by scrupulously observing every principle of honor and good faith, and conducting its publication with a fearless regard for the genuine good of the community it represents, irrespective of personal prejudices or party demands, its owner has broken down and utterly destroyed its early opposition and won for himself and his paper the respect of the entire population in and about Greenup. *The Times* is one of the few country papers in southern Illinois which affords its owner a comfortable and sure living, and, at the same time, maintains a high commercial credit. It is not only the official organ of Cumberland County, but may justly be placed among the leading journals of the Sixteenth Congressional District.

NICHOLAS F. TROXEL, farmer (post-office Greenup), was born in Morgan County, Ind., October 15, 1831. His father, Daniel, and mother, Elizabeth (Beckman) Troxel, moved in an early day from Virginia to Kentucky, thence to Tennessee, and thence to Indiana. They were parents of ten children. Our subject came to Cumberland County, Ill., with his parents in 1840, when he was nine years old. Early in life he worked on a farm, and attended school, securing a good business education. He has always followed agricultural pursuits, and now owns a finely improved farm of eighty acres near

Greenup. He has a fine residence, substantial out-buildings, and a good orchard of choice fruits. He has been a member of the I. O. O. F., and is now a member of the Masonic Fraternity; has been a school director for several years. Mr. T.'s wife was Harriet M. McQuiston. To them have been born four children, viz.: William D., Charles E., Margaret E. (deceased), Mary (deceased).

THOMAS C. TUTEWILER was born October 13, 1813, in Fairfield County, Ohio. His father was a native of Rockingham County, Va.; settled in Franklin County, Ohio, in 1801, and entered there a farm, on which he lived until his death. Our subject remained at home working on the farm and assisting his father in maintaining the large family of younger children until of age. On July 2, 1835, he married Esther B. Aleshire, after which he farmed for three years, then came to Cumberland County, Ill., by wagon, in the spring of the year. Here he entered 320 acres of timber land and prairie. He is a pioneer of the county and had to endure all the inconveniences of the early settlers. He lived the first year in a log cabin with a blanket for a door. He owned 600 acres of land, which he put in fine cultivation, and built a residence and out-buildings. He lost heavily by prairie fires and by wolves killing sheep, hogs, and other small stock. He did his trading mostly in Terre Haute, Ind.; having no wheat-flour, he had to go to a horse-mill, a distance of ten miles, to get corn ground. He sold 1,500 pounds of pork in an early day, at \$1.25 per hundred, and bought salt at \$8 per barrel at Terre Haute. His entire life has been given to farming, in which he has been very successful. He has divided a large property among his children, but still retains a large farm; also owns a neat cottage residence in Greenup, where they reside. Mr. and Mrs. T. have been married nearly fifty years, and are parents of four children, viz.: Jacob H., Lydia A., Julia A., and Rebecca J., all living, and in prosperous circumstances. They are members of the Methodist Church. Mrs. T. is charitable and generous, and is ever a friend to the poor and the afflicted.

D. C. UNDERWOOD, druggist, Greenup, was born in Knox County, Ohio, November 19, 1842. His great-grandfather was from Scotland, and settled in Pennsylvania. Jesse, his son, and grandfather of our subject, was born in that State, where he lived and engaged in farming until he was fifty years old, when he went to Knox County, Ohio. His wife was a German lady named Julia Myers; their oldest son, Henry, and father of Mr. U., was born in Pennsylvania, December 24, 1806. He married Eliza Huffort, of Pennsylvania,

and when twenty-eight years old he came to Ohio with his father's family, where he still lives, and is seventy-seven years of age. Our subject remained at home until eighteen years old. He had but fair advantages for an education, but by home study and close application acquired a very thorough education, and fitted himself for teaching. When eighteen years old he enlisted in the ninety days' service—in the late war—in Company F, Third Ohio Infantry. At the expiration of his time he re-enlisted in Company C, Thirty-Second Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and served three years. He first saw active service in Western Virginia, and participated in the battles of Cheat Mountain, Crab Orchard, Winchester, Mooreland Heights, etc. At the battle of Harper's Ferry he was taken prisoner, after being twice wounded, was paroled and sent to Camp Douglas, Chicago, was later exchanged, and was in Grant's army in the Mississippi Valley. He was appointed First Sergeant, and at Vicksburg was Provost-Marshal for two months. He won several promotions, and was assigned to many responsible positions requiring good judgment. At the close of the war he returned to Ohio, gave some time to study, and soon after came to Cumberland County, Ill. Here he taught school in various parts of the county for eleven years, until 1879, when he embarked in the drug business in Greenup, his present occupation. He has a large stock and a good trade. On August 3, 1867, he married Miss Lydia S. Giffin, of Coshocton County, Ohio. They are parents of five children, viz.: James, Henry W. H. (deceased), John C., Eliza M., and Stella J. He is an acceptable member of the I. O. O. F.

SAMUEL WALDEN, farmer (post-office Hazel Dell), is a native of Oldham County Ky., born July 18, 1821. When a boy he was apprenticed to the tanners' trade, which he followed five years. Owing to the father's poverty and large family he had meagre advantages for an education, but by his own efforts, with little instruction, he acquired sufficient knowledge of the common branches to enable him to properly transact business during his subsequent active life. In 1844 he went to Johnson County, Ind., bought and improved eighty acres of land, for which he gave his notes, but met the payments. In 1853 he sold out and came to Cumberland County, Ill., and bought 120 of the 240 acres he now owns and lives on. He has a fine, large residence, and other improvements in keeping with it, and all acquired through his industry. On December 19, 1850, he married Cordelia E. Guyton, of Oldham County, Ky. They have six children living, four of whom are married, and three residing in the neighbor-

hood. He was in the Mexican war nine months, and discharged for disability. In earlier days Mr. Walden was an old line Whig and Abolitionist, but later became, and is now a Republican. He is a strong temperance worker and Prohibitionist. He is an elder in, and member of the Christian Church, to which his wife also belongs.

THORNTON A. WARD, retired farmer (post-office Greenup), was born November 25, 1816, in Virginia. When four years old he went with his parents to Ross County, Ohio, where he was reared on a farm. His education was obtained principally by working away from home doing chores for his board, and attending school; during winter and summer he either worked on the home farm, or out by the month, giving his earnings to his father. When seventeen years old he went to work for an uncle, and remained with him a few years. He then rented a farm, which he continued on eleven years. In 1852 he came to Cumberland County and bought 120 of the 840 acres he now owns and resides on, 160 acres of which are in Jasper County. On June 27, 1848, he married Elizabeth E. Crozier, of Chillicothe, Ohio. They are parents of eight children, viz.: James, John, Allison, Lorenzo, Robert, Franklin, Eva A. and Arminna E., (deceased). His sons are all successful business men, or prosperous farmers, and in good financial circumstances. Eva A. is highly educated, and an accomplished musician; lives in Centralia, Mo., and is teaching music. She is unmarried. Mr. Ward resides in a fine large brick house which cost \$6,000. The brick used were burned from clay on his own farm. The house has ten rooms, with all the conveniences and modern improvements. His large property is the result of industry, economy and skillful management, he having had no assistance from others. He is a strong temperance man and worker, and occupies a high social standing in the community.

JOHN WETHERHOLT, farmer (post-office Greenup), was born in Essex County, N. J., September 12, 1828. When three years old he went with his parents to Franklin County, Ohio, was raised on a farm, now in the city limits of Columbus, Ohio, until he was fifteen years old, when he left home and learned the trade of brick moulder, and made it his principal business for seventeen years. In 1846 he enlisted in Company F, Second Ohio Regiment, and served one year in the Mexican war. His first successful investment was during the late war of the Rebellion, when he bought 200 acres of timber land near Cincinnati, on credit, sold the timber off at high prices, and with the proceeds soon after came to Cumber-

land County, Ill., and invested them in land here. He now owns 665 acres of land, mostly in Cumberland County, 495 of which are in one farm, on which he resides, within one mile of Greenup. His large accumulations are the result of good financiering, great industry and strict economy. In politics he has always been a strong Democrat, and held various positions within the gift of that party, being the first Democratic supervisor elected from his township. In February, 1857, he was married to Miss Mary Peffers. They are the parents of eleven children, all of whom are living, save one. Mr. W. is a generous, public spirited man, a liberal giver to charitable institutions, and much respected by his acquaintances and associates.

WILLIAM C. WILLSON was born in Hampshire County, Va., March 31, 1807, and is of English descent. His grandfather was one of the English nobility. His father was born in London, and came with his parents to the United States when he was eight years old. He was a merchant, principally, but late in life came to Carroll County, Ohio, and farmed, and there died. He was married to Nancy Heritedge. They have had nine children. Our subject, who was the third child, remained at home until of age, when he went to New York State, and there farmed and drove stage for eighteen months. Then he returned to Ohio and drove stage for five years, from Columbus, on the National road. In 1837 he came to Illinois and entered 160 acres of land. He then returned to Ohio, remained five years driving stage, then came again to Illinois, sold his land for \$300 and went back to Ohio. In 1842 he came to Cumberland County and bought eighty acres of land, which he owned until 1860, when he bought his present home residence in Greenup, where he has since resided. He has always been a strong temperance man, and an advocate of temperance principles. Mr. W. has always been industrious, economical and saved his earnings. For the last number of years his business has been that of loaning money. He was never married.

HENRY WINSLOW, lumber and grain dealer, Greenup, was born in Guilford County, N. C., January 24, 1826. All his ancestors on the paternal side were from the same county, as far back as can be traced. When three years old, he came with his parents to Indiana; they settled in Rush County. His father cleared and put under cultivation the first farm of eighty acres in that county. When our subject was fourteen years old, his father died. With the help of a brother, he maintained the family, and paid off a large debt owed by

his father at the time of his death. After leaving home, he learned the carpenters' trade, and engaged in contracting and building. He was thus employed until September 4, 1852, when he married Mary E. Brooks, of Rush County, Ind., and then went to farming, leasing for three years. He then went in debt for \$3,300, for a farm and threshing machine, but paid it up in full within six years. He gave twenty-six years to farming in Indiana, both before and after marriage, and, in 1872, came to Cumberland County, Ill., with a saw-mill, locating four miles north of Greenup, and went to cutting walnut lumber. In 1873, during the general financial reverses, owing to dishonest practices of his partners in business, he failed; but he paid every cent of his indebtedness, paying one debt of \$6,500 in cash. Since that event, he has been engaged in his present business of buying grain, lumber, hoop-poles, staves, etc. Although he has not regained a large property, yet such is his reputation for honesty and fair dealing, that he has a good credit. He is a strict temperance man, and a member of the Friends' Church. Mr. and Mrs. W. have six children, viz.: Mary E., Jessie B., Sarah A., Heber M., John, and Anna J.; all deceased but Heber and Anna J. The latter is now away attending school and learning music.

WILLIAM WYLDE, real estate and insurance agent, Greenup, was born December 31, 1840, in Leicestershire, England. His father, Samuel, was a farmer, emigrated to the United States in 1844, and settled near Columbus, Ohio. He then worked for Sullivan, the great Illinois farmer, until 1852, then moved to Madison County, Ohio. In 1858, he came to Cumberland County, Ill., and bought a farm near Toledo, where he died the following year. Our subject received a thorough education in early life, and graduated from the Indianapolis Commercial College in 1856. In 1853, he attended a Normal School, and fitted himself for teaching. Then, for three years, he bought and sold cattle during summer, and taught school winter seasons. Upon his return from Indianapolis, he married Laurinda Vandyke, of Toledo, Ill. They have had two children, viz.: Nettie and Daisy (now deceased.) In 1867, he engaged in farming, near Greenup, for one year; then returned to Toledo, remaining there a year; thence to Greenup, where he has resided ever since. He has been engaged in teaching school, in civil engineering, and is now in the real estate, loan and insurance business. He is a member of the I. O. O. F.

CROOKED CREEK TOWNSHIP.

CHARLES J. ALLEN, farmer (post-office Greenup), was born in Cumberland (then Coles) County, Ill., September 22, 1836. His early life was spent in arduous farm labor, and until he was thirty years old he supported his parents, brothers and sisters. In 1862, he enlisted in Company B, Ninety-Seventh Illinois Infantry, and served until the close of the late war, he participating in the siege of Vicksburg and many hard-fought battles, winning an enviable reputation as a soldier, and being several times promoted for heroic services. At the close of the late war he engaged in his present vocation of farming. He is now one of the "solid" men of the county, and his high financial standing he has attained through his own exertions. He was married to Rachel Whorton, October 3, 1865. To them have been born nine children—Eva M., Mary S., Thomas W., Nancy J., Laura C., Charles L., Nora M., Minnie (deceased), and Gertie O.

SAMUEL ALLENBAUGH, son of Peter and Mary E. (Haupt) Allenbaugh, was born in Cheat River Valley, Maryland, March 2, 1807. His father dying when he was five years old he went to live with an uncle; a few years later, while yet a boy, he started in life for himself, first working on a farm by the month, then learning the shoemaker's trade. He early saw the advantage of self-culture, and, while working at his trade, saved sufficient means to pay tuition and other expenses necessarily incurred in his efforts to obtain an education, and by close application and home study, with a few terms at school, he acquired a fair literary education, which qualified him to teach school, and pursue a course of study in Theology. He was ordained a minister in the United Brethren Church, but later united with the Evangelical Lutheran Church, and was pastor for three years over a church in Madison County, Va., where his devout Christian life, and ability were instrumental in doing much good, and won for him the respect and esteem of all. In 1849, he came to Cumberland County, Ill., and settled where he now resides. He now owns 256 acres of land, and his farm is among the finest and best improved in the county. This fine property is the result of industry, economy, and skillful management. His wife was Miss Ann M. Gossard, of Franklin County, Penn., to whom he was married August 4, 1829. To the influence of her Christian example, and frugal assistance, he largely attributes his present social and financial standing. They

are the parents of thirteen children, only six of whom are living, viz.: John W., Victoria P. (now Mrs. Sedgwick, of Greenup), William, Samuel S., James M., and Francis M. Mr. and Mrs. Allenbaugh are living in their ripe old age to see the prosperity and usefulness of their children.

SAMUEL F. ARNOLD (deceased), was born and reared in Ohio. His principal business in life was farming, in which he was always very successful. When of age he married Sarah Hocker, of Pennsylvania. In 1864, he came to Illinois and first settled in Crawford County; farmed two years, then located in Cumberland County, Ill., and soon after died. Since his death, Mrs. Arnold has managed the farm, transacting all the business, with the assistance of her two sons—her only surviving children—Harvey A., and Francis C. In life Mr. A. was a member of the German Baptist Church, and contributed largely to the building up and maintaining of all religious institutions, and was a strong supporter of the public schools. His well-improved farm, large fine residence, and other improvements, are the result of his own industry and skillful management. Mrs. A. is a member of the German Baptist Church, and is highly respected for her many amiable qualities.

MARTIN BARKLEY, farmer, was born in Decatur County, Ind., March 28, 1840, came to Cumberland County, Ill., when young, with his parents, was raised on a farm, and had but poor advantages for an education. He, however, improved his opportunities, and acquired a good business education. At the age of twenty-one years he enlisted in Company E, One Hundred and Twenty-Third Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and served until the close of the war. He never missed a battle in which the regiment participated, or a day's service, from sickness or other cause. He was always at his post of duty. At the close of the war he leased land for several years, but by saving and economizing has made himself the owner of a farm of 100 acres of well improved land, with a good house, barn and out-buildings, and an orchard of select fruit. Mr. B. never was married. He early espoused the cause of equal rights to all men, and united with the Republican party at its organization. The family are all Democrats.

EDWARD BAUMGARDNER, retired farmer, Hazel Dell, was born October 2, 1814, in Lawrence County, Ohio. His ancestors were all natives of Virginia—served in the Revolutionary war—and were pensioned by special act of congress for meritorious service. When our subject was sixteen years old he came with his parents to

Shelby County, Ind., and there engaged in farming. He made several trips into Missouri and Louisiana with cattle. He was the oldest child in a large family, and his father being in straitened circumstances, he remained at home assisting in the management of affairs until he was twenty-two years of age. In 1836 he contracted for building a portion of the Cincinnati & Indianapolis Railroad, and drove the first spike in its construction. He then successively bought and improved several farms in Indiana, until 1853, when he came to Cumberland County, Ill., and bought a part of his present farm, then unimproved. He has now 375 acres of land, good farm residence, a large barn and out-buildings, and an orchard of choice fruit. He also owns a fine new residence in Hazel Dell, where he is now living a retired life. Politically, Mr. B. is a strong Democrat and a party leader, and was elected Sheriff one term, discharging the duties of the office with credit. He is a man of strong convictions and fixed principles, and highly respected by his neighbors.

PETER BURNETT, farmer, is a native of Durhamshire, England, born February 14, 1841. In the same year his parents, Thomas and Isabella (Watson) Burnett, emigrated to America, settled in Jefferson County, Ohio, where they remained twelve years, and then located in Cumberland County, Ill. The early life of our subject was spent in farm work and attending country schools, thus laying the foundation for a life of usefulness. He enlisted in the late war of the Rebellion, at the age of twenty years, in Company F, Fifty-Ninth Illinois Volunteer Infantry and served thirty-six months, participating in the following severe battles and skirmishes, viz.: Pea Ridge, Perryville, Nolansville, Stone River, Lookout Mountain, Missionary Ridge, Buzzard's Roost, in Sherman's campaign in Georgia, in the summer of 1864, and Liberty Gap. He was complimented for bravery at Pea Ridge, Ark., by Col. Jeff C. Davis. At the close of the war he went to Kansas, but soon returned to Cumberland County, bought and improved a farm of 140 acres, and built a fine residence valued at \$2,000. His life has been mainly devoted to farming, in which he has been eminently successful. He has always been a generous supporter of charitable and educational measures. In agricultural, intellectual and religious matters, his actions have always been characterized by energy and integrity. On August 28, 1866, he was married to Miss Jane Trees, of Hazel Dell. They have had four children born to them, viz.: Celia, William, Anna (deceased), and an infant.

CRAVEN COPELAND, farmer, was born in Virginia, December 13, 1824. While quite young, his parents removed to Indiana,

and while residing there, he attended school for eleven years. When of age he commenced life for himself. He engaged in farming in Indiana, where he remained until 1856, when he came to Cumberland County and bought a part of the farm where he now lives. He now owns a farm of 310 acres of well improved prairie land, which is entirely the result of his own financiering and industry. He is also heir to sixty-seven acres of land in Indiana, valued at \$100 per acre. On April 7, 1847, he married Fanny Ribble, of Brown County, Ind. She died June 21, 1873, leaving a family of nine children, all of whom, through the influence of her pure, consistent Christian life and teachings, have united with the Christian Church.

WILLIAM H. DEBORD, farmer, was born in Decatur County, Ind., October 1, 1834. His ancestors were all from Virginia. His great-grandfather came to America with La Fayette, and served under him as a Colonel in the Revolutionary war. Our subject came with his parents to Jasper County, Ill., in 1852, and assisted in the improvement of a new farm of 240 acres. He remained principally at home until of age. He was afforded fair advantages for an education, and by close application to study, and by improving his opportunities, he prepared himself for teaching, and for ably conducting the responsible positions he occupied in after life. When he commenced life for himself, he first taught school one year, then engaged in mercantile business for two years. At the death of his father in August, 1858, he returned home and supported the family. On August 6, 1861, he enlisted as private in Company H, Thirty-Eighth Illinois Infantry, served three years and twenty-seven days in the war, and participated in the battles of Perryville, Stone River, Chickamauga, and other severe engagements, having been twice wounded. He was successively promoted to Corporal, Sergeant and Lieutenant, and was chosen one of the "Legion of Honor," a select company organized for special, hazardous service. While in command of Company G, at Chickamauga, he was taken prisoner, and endured the hardships of Scott's, Libby and Danville prisons. He made several attempts to escape, one of which was successful, but after many adventures and much suffering, was re-taken, thrown into a dungeon, and there confined until he was exchanged, when he returned to his regiment. After the close of the war, he came to Hazel Dell, and engaged in mercantile business with M. Sanford, then moved on his fine farm in Crooked Creek Township, and has since followed farming and stock-raising. Being a strong advocate of Republican principles, he was elected from a Democratic district to the Thirty-Third General Assembly, where

by his vote he gave the organization of the House to the Republicans. He was appointed on several committees, among which were Militia, Drainage, Fish and Game, and the more important Committee on Executive Department, of which he was a leading member. As a legislator he was punctual, quick-sighted, and effective, for which he was complimented by Gov. Hamilton and United States Senator Culom. To his efforts is greatly due the present Compulsory Education and High-license Liquor laws. He has always been public-spirited, and a generous supporter of all matters pertaining to the general good. On June 4, 1865, he married Miss Eliza Sanford, of Hazel Dell. She died May 9, 1878, leaving two children, Mary and Nellie. He was next married, October 26, 1882, to Miss Elizabeth Yelton. To them have been born one child, Thomas.

ALBERT G. DORSEY, a young and prosperous farmer, came to Cumberland County, Ill., from Ohio, in 1866. A year later he bought the farm on which he now lives. It was then unimproved, but hard and constant labor and good management have placed it nearly all under good cultivation. He has built a comfortable residence, a fine barn, and added other conveniences and improvements. When seventeen years old he enlisted in Company D, Twelfth Ohio Cavalry, as a private, but for effective service was promoted from the ranks. He remained in the service two years, or until discharged for disability received during a charge. On December 26, 1869, he married Mary E. Cole, of Cumberland County, formerly from Ohio. Having no family of their own, they have adopted an infant to raise.

JONATHAN S. FINNEY, farmer, born in Butler County, Ohio, February 26, 1819, commenced life on his own account at ten years of age, by working on a farm, where he remained two years, then worked as a day laborer until he was twenty-three years of age, when he married Rachel E. White, of Union County, Ind., and the same year came to Cumberland County, Ill., settled, and farmed on the site where the town of Hazel Dell now stands. He has owned and worked several farms in various parts of Crooked Creek Township, but in 1865 moved on the farm where he now resides. In 1862 he enlisted in Company F, Fifty-Ninth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, as private, but won the promotions of Corporal and Sergeant. Mr. Finney has held various public offices, among which were School Director, Supervisor and Justice of the Peace. He has been a member of the Missionary Baptist Church for thirty years. His wife is also a member. In early days he was a strong anti-slavery man, and is now a Prohibitionist and temperance worker. To Mr. and Mrs. F.

have been born eight children, viz.: Josiah (deceased), Alexander, Mary E., Frances J., Milton D., Susan E., Anna and Emily.

JOHN FREELAND, farmer, was born in Hardin County, Ohio, April 18, 1842. He came with his parents to Crawford County, Ill., and remained on his father's farm until fifteen years of age, when he left home and assisted in driving cattle through to Kansas. Pleased with the West, he remained there ten years, employed in teaming, herding cattle, and for some time was in charge of a large wagon-train on the plains. He endured many hardships in his frontier life, among which were several sanguine contests with the Indians. In 1867 he returned on a visit to Crawford County, Ill., when he renewed a former acquaintance with Mary B. Jenuine, to whom he was married November 17, 1868. They are the parents of five children, viz.: Kate, Ora, Etta, Blanche and Frankie. After his marriage he moved to Cumberland County, Ill., and gave his attention to farming, first renting then buying the splendid farm of 160 acres he now owns. He is a man of much physical as well as mental power; social, free-hearted and energetic; has many friends, and is eminently successful in all his undertakings.

HENRY N. P. FRITTS (deceased), of German descent, was born in New Jersey, July 6, 1824, and remained at home working on the farm and attending school until of age, when he went to Clermont County, Ohio, and there married Hannah Kellogg. After his marriage he engaged in farming, first renting, then buying a farm which he cultivated until 1855, when he sold out and came to Cumberland County, Ill., and bought 103 acres of new prairie land. He improved this, then sold out and bought 260 acres. This he improved, placed in a high state of cultivation, and built a large, fine residence. He again sold out and bought 180 acres, the present homestead. He built a splendid residence, and otherwise improved his farm; gave his attention to raising fine breeds of horses and cattle. His large estate was the result of energy and economy. He was a strong, active temperance man, a consistent member of the Christian Church, charitable and benevolent, and esteemed by all who knew him. He passed away leaving a widow and eight children.

TIMOTHY KELLY, farmer, was born in County Carey, Ireland, March 15, 1830, where his early life was spent in farming. In 1852 he emigrated to the United States, landing in New Orleans, La. There were thirty-two deaths from cholera on board the vessel in which he came, and owing to severe storms and quarantine, he

was over two months *en route*. He was first employed in railroad construction work, in Louisiana, but, unable to collect his wages, he returned to New Orleans and loaded ships. In March, 1851, he went to Dayton, Ohio, and there worked on the railroad one year, then went to Decatur County, Ind., and hired out at farming for \$180 per year. He worked eighteen months, saved all his earnings and then went to Putnam County, Ill., remained six months and then returned to Decatur County, Ind. He came to Cumberland County in about 1862. Mr. Kelly has been married twice, his first wife being Mary Griffith, his second, Nancy Lawson, both of Decatur County, Ind., the first wife being deceased. He is the father of nine children, all living but two. He now owns 220 acres of land, well improved, one half mile from Hazel Dell. He also deals largely in stock.

JOHN A. KELLY, farmer, was born November 28, 1842, in Decatur County, Ind. He came with his parents in an early day to Cumberland County, Ill. He was given poor advantages for education, but when a young man, and even after returning from the war, he attended school one year, thus securing a good business education. When nineteen years old he enlisted in Company F, Fifty-Ninth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, being offered several promotions, but always declining. He participated in eighteen general battles, and was wounded in the battle of Stone River. On April 27, 1865, he married Mary B. McCash, of Cumberland County. They have four children, viz.: Charlie, Clark M., Milton D., Nettie I. They have also raised one child, Sarah M. Harris. At the close of the war he engaged in farming until 1870, when he run a grist-mill for two years, in Hazel Dell, then returned to farming, which he has since followed. His deceased father left him a good farm, but he has since improved and added to until he now owns 430 acres of land. His system of farming is based upon scientific principles, and he has all the latest improved farm implements. His land is divided into farms, each having all necessary improvements, a good house, out-buildings, etc. In politics he is a Republican, also a member of the G. A. R. He and his wife are both members of the Christian Church. His high social standing in the community is the result of his kind and generous disposition, strict integrity and sterling worth.

MICHAEL KELLY, of the firm of Mitchell & Kelly, merchants and general stock, Hazel Dell, is a native of County Carey, Ireland, where he was reared and educated. In October, 1849, he emigrated to the United States on the "Judy Tower," having been

forty-three days on the water, and landed at New Orleans, La. He was first employed two years on railroad construction work, in Alabama, then went to Indiana and worked on farms by the month, in Rush and Decatur Counties, for about five years. He then, on December 31, 1856, married Nancy J. McPherson, of Decatur County. A year after his marriage he rented his mother-in-law's farm of forty acres, which he conducted until 1861, when he came to Cumberland County, Ill., and bought and opened eighty acres. He now owns a farm of 200 acres, all fine prairie land, one-half mile from Hazel Dell; he has a large barn, three acres of orchard and a \$1,000 house. His farm is mostly hedged. In 1881 he bought five acres of land in Hazel Dell, and built a fine, spacious residence, at a cost of \$2,000, and moved into town. Two years prior to this, he, with his son-in-law, Mitchell, built a store, their present business location, a building 18x65 feet. They carry a stock of \$8,000, and do a flourishing business. Mr. Mitchell, his partner, is Postmaster. Mr. Kelly is out of debt, and worth about \$25,000. He is a Catholic in religion, and contributed largely to the building of a Catholic Church in Ireland. He has always been public spirited and charitable. Mr. Kelly landed in the United States with only an English shilling in money, in his pocket, no friends, or even acquaintances. He has had no financial assistance from any one, and accumulated his present wealth by his own skillful management and his industry and economy. To Mr. and Mrs. Kelly have been born eight children, viz.: John, Lizzie (now Mrs. G. M. Mitchell, business partner of Mr. Kelly); Mary, William, Frank (deceased), Eddie (deceased), Maggie (deceased), Olive (deceased). John and William now manage the farm and live at home.

JAMES McBRIDE was born in Lancaster County, Penn., December 17, 1824. His father, James, Sr., was of Scotch-Irish descent, and came to the United States when a boy. When our subject was but ten years old he was hired out to a farmer, by his father, who took his earnings. Upon the death of his father, Mr. Mc. returned home and assumed the support of the family and management of his father's business, until he was twenty-eight years of age. On September 12, 1850, he married Elizabeth Zimmerman, who has borne her husband nine children, viz.: John (deceased), William I., James H., Barbara A., Samuel V., Andrew R., Sarah J., Emma E., and Mary E. In 1853, with a few dollars earned as a day laborer, he came to Cumberland County, Ill., and bought 110 acres of new prairie land, going for the most part in debt for it.

He now has 441 acres of land, 110 of which are timber. His farm is well improved, with a good, substantial cottage residence, with a fine barn, a peach and three acres of apple orchard, entirely his own earnings. He was one of the first to raise wheat when it was thought the prairie soil would not produce it, and during one year raised thirty bushels to the acre. He has also obtained fifty bushels of timothy seed from nine acres—the best yield ever known in the township. He has always been a strong supporter of religious and educational institutions. He is a deacon in the Dunkard Brethern Church; his wife is also a member of that denomination. He is a Republican in politics, and was always opposed to slavery.

ANDREW J. McCASH is a native of Hamilton County, Ohio, was born November 30, 1843, and came in an early day to Cumberland County, Ill. He served in the late war in Company B, Second Illinois Artillery for three years and eleven months, being twice promoted for meritorious conduct. Saving all his earnings, at the close of the war he bought forty acres of land, has since added to it, and now owns a good farm with many valuable improvements. On April 30, 1868, he married Miss Frances J. Finney, of Hazel Dell. To them have been born these children, viz.: Leota, Mylon O., Estella (deceased), Donald F., Eleanor, and Samuel J. Mr. McCash has always taken a deep interest in religious matters, having been for three years a minister of the Christian Church, and now having charge of four congregations. He is able and consistent in his teachings and conduct, and is a power for good in the community in which he lives. By his many friends and acquaintances he is much respected.

ADAM RADER (deceased) was born January 8, 1829; came to Cumberland County, Ill., in 1851, and engaged in farming, but, in 1874, retired, moved to Hazel Dell, and lived mostly a quiet life up to the time of his death, which occurred May 5, 1883. He left a well-cultivated and improved farm, and a large estate, valued at \$18,000, all of which was acquired by indefatigable labor and rigid economy. He was a member of the Christian Church, and contributed liberally to its support, and was charitable and public spirited. February 19, 1852, he married Nancy Sarter, of Cumberland County, who still survives, living in Hazel Dell, with no family, and uses liberally her ample means in contributing to all charitable and benevolent movements. She is a consistent member of the Christian Church. Mr. Rader was a member in good standing of the Masonic Fraternity, and on May 6, 1883, Hazel Dell Lodge, No. 580, A. F. & A. M., passed resolutions

of respect for the memory of the deceased, and of sympathy for the bereaved widow.

MARTIN J. RUFFNER, farmer, was born in Fairfield County, Ohio, November 27, 1842, and is of German descent. His great-grandfather was a very early settler of Fairfield County, Ohio, and was there killed by the Indians during the Indian troubles of 1812. His father, Walter N., was born in Fairfield County, Ohio, August 3, 1810, and during his growth to manhood endured all the hardships of pioneer life. He lived in various parts of Ohio, and married Alvira Kelley, on April 24, 1836, in Fairfield County. They had seven children, five of whom are living. In 1843, he came to Cumberland County, Ill., and bought 600 acres of land, where he now resides. He still owns 180 acres, after giving to each of his children sixty-six acres. Our subject was reared a farmer, which has always been his business in life. When of age, he enlisted in Company B, One Hundred and Twenty-Third Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and was with his regiment in all the battles in which it was engaged. He was married, in 1865, to Lutecia Fox, of Coles County. She died in 1866. His second marriage was to Helen V. Waters, of Cumberland County. They have had six children, viz.: Charles N. (deceased), Hugh K., Hiram B., Maggie M., Maud N., and Effie A. Mr. R. now owns a farm of 146 acres, eighty of which he purchased after his return from the army, with money he had saved from his pay while in the service. He has his farm under a high state of cultivation, with all the necessary improvements. Mr. R. and wife are both members of the Methodist Church, and contributed liberally in money towards erecting the church edifice on their farm, besides donating the land which it occupies. Mr. R. is an active temperance man, and a faithful laborer for the cause. At one time he was Worthy Chief and Past Grand Master of the Good Templars.

DAVID H. SANFORD, merchant, was born March 2, 1838, in Decatur County, Ind. His father, Joseph, and mother, Levinah (Barlow), were both natives of New York, the father being a farmer and stock dealer. Our subject was given a fair literary and good business education, and remained at home until of age, when he came to Crooked Creek Township, Cumberland County, Ill., and began the improvement of 120 acres of new prairie land. He first erected a small frame house, but he has since built a good residence and otherwise improved the farm. He is now a grain dealer, and has dealt largely in stock. On May 2, 1861, he married Hulda Barkley, of Decatur County, Ind. They have had one child, Joseph E., a very

intelligent young gentleman, now telegraph operator and station agent for the D., O. & O. R. R. R., at Hazel Dell. Mrs. S. died April 9, 1869. His next marriage was October 2, 1871, to Frances B. Baumgardner, of Crooked Creek Township. To them have been born four children, viz.: Winnie, Maud, Lulu (deceased), and Frank H. On December 16, 1869, Mr. S. moved to Hazel Dell, and engaged in the mercantile business, carrying a general stock, valued at \$8,000, and is express agent. The combination of telegraph office, express office, with his large trade, gives to his place of business an air of life and thrift seldom seen in larger mercantile houses. He is now Treasurer of the Masonic Order. He is an active, working Republican leader in politics, and a strong Prohibitionist; has been Justice of the Peace and held various township offices, and was an organizer in the Grange movement; is a member of the Methodist Church.

GEORGE W. SARTER, farmer and stock-dealer, was born October 1, 1824, in Knox County, Ind., and was reared on a farm and given a fair education. At twenty-one years of age he left home and rented a farm, but two years later, upon the death of his father, and he being the oldest child, he returned home and managed his father's business, and supported the family. In 1852, he moved to Crooked Creek Township, Cumberland County, Ill., and settled on a farm of 160 acres, and now owns 253 acres, forty of which are timber, all the result of his own labor and economy. In March, 1853, he married Nancy J. Rader, of Cumberland County. She died June 19, 1855, leaving two children, viz.: Clara B. and an infant (deceased). For his second wife, on March 12, 1857, he married Sarah A. Reeds. She died August 29, 1881. To them were born twelve children, six of whom are deceased. Mr. S. resides in Hazel Dell, in a fine house, with tastefully decorated yard and seventeen acres of land. He is actively engaged, with F. M. Masey, of Jasper County, in grain and stock dealing. He has always been public spirited and generous, and during the war contributed largely to the general fund for the maintenance of widows and orphans. Though an active business man, he never had a lawsuit.

JONATHAN J. SMITH, farmer, was born November 1, 1837, in Licking County, Ohio. In early life he worked on his father's farm, and was given a good education. When of age he left home, worked out by the month until he was twenty-four years old, when he married Harriet Spring, of Licking County, Ohio. They have but one child—Charles H., now a promising young man, attending school at Carbondale, Ill. After his marriage, he engaged in teach-

ing school, in which he continued for three years, in Ohio; then went to Tennessee two years, where he farmed and taught school; then returned to Ohio, where he remained one year, coming then to Cumberland County, Ill., and locating on the farm where he now resides. Since coming to Illinois, both he and his wife have taught school in the neighborhood for many years—he farming in the summer, and teaching school in the winter seasons. He owns a fine farm, which is well improved. He is public spirited, a liberal giver to all charitable and benevolent institutions, and is highly esteemed by the community in which he resides.

SOLOMON SMITH, farmer, came with his parents, when thirteen years old, from Ohio to Clark County, Ill., in 1840, where the family remained five years, and then settled in Cumberland County, Ill. His early life was spent in hard routine farm labor until of age, when he enlisted in the One Hundred and Twenty-Third Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and was with his regiment in all its battles. He was esteemed by officers and comrades for his courage and daring, being frequently detailed to perform special, responsible duty, which required great risk and good judgment. At the close of the war he returned home and gave his attention to farming, in which he has been very successful. He first rented for six years, but now owns 150 acres of finely improved land, and a beautiful residence, the result of his own energy and financiering. Mr. Smith is social and generous, and in consequence has many friends, and commands the respect of all who know him. On January 12, 1871, he married Miss Eliza Carson. They are the parents of two bright, promising little girls—Bertha and Ethel.

JONATHAN O. SPOHN, farmer, was born in Perry County, Ohio, May 16, 1827. In 1840 his father came to Cumberland County and entered 160 acres of land. Our subject, the oldest of nine children, was the main dependence of his father in the toils and hardships incident to pioneer life, and when eighteen years of age, upon his father becoming blind, the burden of supporting the family, caring for an afflicted parent, and the management of the farm devolved upon him, which duties he faithfully performed until the death of his father, and consequent separation of the family. He served three years in the late war of the Rebellion, was twice wounded, and twice promoted for valiant service. On September 11, 1851, he was married to Catharine [Shivler, of Ohio. To them have been born six children, viz.: Franklin, Bianca (now Mrs. George Bartee), Samuel (deceased), Amanda (deceased), Alcina (deceased), and an infant (deceased).

CAPT. JAMES W. TRAVIS, farmer, was born in Decatur County, Ind., January 22, 1841. He came with his parents to Cumberland County, Ill., where he was reared on a farm. In 1861, he enlisted in Company H, Thirty-Eighth Illinois Infantry, and served in the war four years and eight months. At the battle of Liberty Gap, Tenn., after many ineffectual attempts had been made, and several lives lost, in trying to supply an engaged regiment with ammunition, he with one comrade successfully carried it through an open field, under a galling fire directed at them, and distributed it among the soldiers; thus saving the day. He was a member of the "Legion of Honor," and elected by his company to the successive ranks of Sergeant, Lieutenant and Captain. As an officer, soldier and companion, he was brave, intrepid, social, and was highly esteemed by both officers and men, and still enjoys the confidence and respect of his few surviving comrades, who are now his neighbors and associates. After the war he engaged in farming, which business he is still following. He has a fine farm of 120 acres of prairie land, and a large, fine residence. His possessions are entirely the result of his own industry and good management. On April 26, 1866, he married Miss Frances A. Rue, of Jasper County. They have five children, viz.: Albert A., William C., James C., Bertha M. and an infant.

JOHN WADE was born May 2, 1827. His first independent undertaking in life was at eighteen years of age, when he attended eight acres of land for one year. Then he bought on credit sixty of the 200 acres of land he now owns, and resides on. This well tilled farm, his fine residence, and the many improvements, have all been accumulated from active, arduous labor, and the frugal, judicious use of money. Mr. W. has acquired a fair literary education, entirely by home study. He devoted several years to the study of Theology, and was ordained a minister in the Christian Church, in which calling he has been actively engaged up to a year since, when he retired owing to illness in his family. Such have been the benefits of his teaching and example, that their influence for good will live after him. On May 20, 1847, he married Martha Featheringill, of Cumberland County. They are parents of ten children, only five of whom are living, viz.: John H., Levina (now Mrs. DeVall), Delitta H., Mary E., and Hattie.

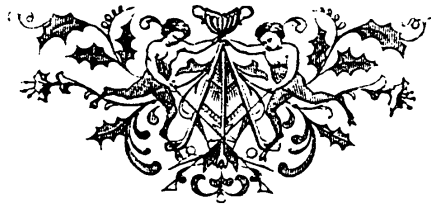
SAMUEL WELKER, farmer, was born in Stark County, Ohio, May 14, 1835. When nine years old he came with his parents to Cumberland County, Ill., in 1844. His father opened a farm of 160 acres. At the time of his settlement there were no neighbors within

two miles, and our subject walked four miles to school for three winters. Church services were held at residences; assisted in building the first church erected in the township, at Hazel Dell, in 1862. The first school he attended in the county was in a rude log-structure without a nail in it, with greased paper for windows and slabs for seats. With these meagre advantages and home study, and close application, he acquired a good business education, as well as qualifying himself as a teacher. He taught school when eighteen years old, one term; then farmed until he was of age, when he went to carpentering which he followed for twelve years. He had no such conveniences for fine work as are now possessed by the trade; used wooden pins in lieu of nails; went forty-five miles for building material, tools, etc. In domestic needs they also endured the hardships and privations incident to pioneer life—having wheat bread but once a year, and until horse-mills were introduced, had to grate corn for meal to make the bread. He first broke prairie with five yoke of oxen and a wood plow faced with steel. His father introduced the first steel plow in the township, and owned the first saw-mill. In 1861, our subject gave his attention to farming, located on and improved the farm on which he now resides. He was an early Abolitionist and Old-line Whig, and now a Republican in politics. He is now Tax-Collector, and has been School Trustee and Overseer of the Poor; is an ardent temperance worker, and a member of the Christian Church. On January 1, 1861, he married Matilda DeVall. To them have been born three children, viz.: Mary (deceased), Willie (deceased), and Emma, now seventeen years old, well educated and highly accomplished in music. They are also raising a bright little girl—Rose Hosier.

WILLIAM WELKER was born in Stark County, Ohio, May 10, 1840. He came with his parents to Cumberland County, Ill., in 1844; secured a good business education by close application in home study. He lived on a farm until he was sixteen years of age, when he commenced life for himself. He first worked two years as a day laborer; then learned the carpenters' trade with his brother Samuel (whose sketch is elsewhere given), and followed that trade for several years, until 1861, when he went to McLean County, Ill., but returned the same year, and enlisted in Company F, Fifty-Ninth Illinois Volunteer Infantry. For valiant conduct at Pea Ridge, Ark., he won promotion to First Sergeant, at which battle he was wounded. He participated in the battles of Stone River, Liberty Gap, Perryville, Pea Ridge, Chickamauga, and many others. He was a member

of and with the brigade that fought "above the clouds" at Look-out Mountain. He was mustered out December 8, 1865; returned to Cumberland County, Ill., and bought his present farm of eighty acres, which is well improved, with a good house, a fine orchard, etc., his accumulations by personal effort. On April 8, 1868, he married Annie Yates, of Crooked Creek Township, a very intelligent and amiable young lady. Three children, Leslie L., Zadie (deceased), and Laura E., have been born to them. Mr. and Mrs. W. are members of the Universalist Church, are generous and charitable, and held in high esteem by their neighbors and associates.

ROBERT YELTON, farmer, was born in Covington, Ky., March 28, 1827. He began life for himself at the age of twenty-one years, and on March 21, 1850, was married to Jeannette Jerhard, of Shelby County, Ind. She has borne her husband eight children, viz.: Elias (deceased), Mahala, Jeannette, Jacob (deceased), Alexander (deceased), Susan (now Mrs. Toney), John (deceased), Hannah (now Mrs. Stevens). In 1851, they moved to Jasper County, Ill., where he engaged in farming for thirteen years, when they came to Cumberland County, and bought the farm where they now reside. His entire property—his farm of 220 acres of productive prairie land; his brick residence, and the many surrounding improvements—have been accumulated and built up by a life of indefatigable energy and frugality, both of himself and wife. In all his business relations, active and industrious, yet honorable, he has won the esteem of all who know him.



COTTONWOOD TOWNSHIP.

DAVID BEALS, farmer, was born October 6, 1846, in Cumberland County, Ill. He enlisted August 1, 1862, in One Hundred and Twenty-Third Illinois Volunteer Infantry. He took part the battle of Perryville, and received a shot which took off the first joint of the great finger of the left hand. He continued with his command notwithstanding his wound. He was under Gen. Buell, and consequently traversed the entire State of Kentucky. From Perryville they went to Munfordville, thence to Glasco, thence to Castalian Springs, Tenn. The regiment proved itself very serviceable at all these points. At the latter place, on Christmas day, 1862, the regiment took the noted "rabbit hunt." The regiment would surround forty acres and then close in, sometimes encircling several hundred of the little animals. They returned in the evening with more than 1,700 rabbits, and it was not a very good day for rabbits either. From there to Horse Shoe Cave, Ky., thence to Murfreesboro, Tenn., where they were mounted, and then they scouted the State of Tennessee. In June, 1863, while making his horse jump a ditch, his gun was discharged into his foot. He never returned to the regiment. For fifteen months he never touched that foot to the ground. He now draws a pension, owing to that wound. His discharge dates June 30, 1865. He was married, December 14, 1865, to Mary E. Coleman, of Coles County. These parents have nine children, viz.: Sarah C., Minnie L., Lorin E., Philynce, Ida B., William A., Eddie A., Simon N., and Viola. Sarah C. died July 13, 1870, in her fifth year; Minnie L. died December 13, 1870, in her second year; Eddie A. died August 23, 1869, in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. B. have both been members of the C. P. Church for more than eighteen years. Mr. B. is a member of the I. O. O. F., and in politics he is a Republican. He is numbered among the first-class men of the county.

SIMON O. BEALS, farmer and broom-maker, was born January 16, 1844, in Coles (now Cumberland) County, Ill. He was born and raised in the same house. His parents are Levi and Catharine A. Beals, the former from Ohio, the latter from Kentucky. The father was minister, farmer, teacher and shoemaker. He was a regularly ordained minister of the C. P. Church, and preached in the Beals neighborhood at the following

places: Goose Nest, Pleasantville, Cottonwood, Woodbury, Paradise and Diona. He owned 200 acres of land when he died, and was a well-to-do farmer. He taught subscription schools in a number of places in different neighborhoods. He was very successful as a teacher. He was considered an expert in those days in making a good, neat fitting boot or shoe. His death occurred September 10, 1854, in the thirty-ninth year of his age. His wife is still living on the same farm to which they came after their marriage, forty-seven years ago. These parents had eight children, six of whom are now living. Susan, the oldest, died a few days before the father, at the age of seventeen. Matilda J. died in 1846, at the age of four years. His widow married Rev. Samuel Landers, by whom she had two children. He has been a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, and was a missionary preaching to the slaves in Kentucky. Later, he joined the C. P. Church, and preached about twenty-six years. He died in 1880. He was a private in the war of 1812. His widow now draws a pension for services he rendered in that war. Simon O., the fourth of the children, and our subject, attended school with a good degree of punctuality until his father's death. At the age of eight years he made two pairs of shoes from scraps. They were neat and nice. One pair exactly fitted the lady who is now his wife, and the other pair a younger brother. The remuneration for the two pair of shoes was four and one half pounds of sugar, which was exactly the price asked. From his twelfth to his eighteenth year he worked at carpentering and farming. He enlisted August 6, 1862, in the One Hundred and Twenty-Third Illinois Volunteer Infantry. He took part in the battle of Perryville, was charging on the Rebs when a flinder of shell struck him on the head, knocking him senseless. He fell and lay, he does not know how long. When he was restored to consciousness he was confronted by a Texan Ranger, demanding that he "march." This was a physical impossibility, and so thought the T. R. The latter dismounted, threw him on his horse behind the saddle, then mounting himself, they were soon moving to the rear at full speed. After reaching the rear, for three days and nights they gave him no food. He was then at the court house at Harrodsburg, Ky.; at the end of that time they compelled him to march thirty miles, which he did before receiving any food. He was then transferred to Benton Barracks Parole Camp, at Saint Louis. He was absent from the command about five months, and at home about four months of this time. He then returned to his command. The next engagement in which he took part was at Milton,