

Tenn. He returned home on a furlough in February, 1864, and was married February 29, to Sarah M. Bresee. She is the daughter of E. D. and F. (Hays) Bresee, of this county. Mr. Beals returned to the army soon after marriage, but was not able for field duty after May, 1863. His discharge dates March 27, 1865. During his sickness he was in Armory Square Hospital. Dr. D. W. Bliss, one of President Garfield's physicians, was the surgeon in charge. His signature is on Mr. Beals' discharge. Later, he returned home and engaged in farming and broom-making, in both of which occupations he has been reasonably successful. He is honored and respected as one of the responsible citizens of the county. To Mr. and Mrs. B. were born five children, viz.: Stella B., Perry, Arthur N., Leonard C., and Erva E. Perry died in infancy. Both parents are members of the C. P. Church. The former has been an elder in the church for several years. He is a member of the Masonic Order, also of the I. O. O. F. In politics he is a Republican.

REUBEN BLOOMFIELD, farmer and merchant, was born July 11, A. D. 1819, in Wayne County, Ind., where his father and mother, Robert Bloomfield and Mary Lewis, were married in 1818. In the spring of 1821 they moved to Crawford County, Ill., which was but sparsely settled with the whites. Living there some six years, they moved to Edgar County. They had two children—Reuben and Mahala. It was here where Reuben got his education, attending school in the log schoolhouse. He gained a fair education and taught school in the neighborhood where he was raised some five years. Reuben was married to Eliza Jane McBride, daughter of Charles McBride, who moved with his family some year or two previous, from Mercer County, Ky., and settled on Big Creek, in Edgar County, Ill. Reuben, after he was married some three or four years, moved to Clark County, Ill., living in Marshall, the county-seat of Clark, where his wife, Eliza Jane, died, October 1, 1852. By her he had six children, only one of whom is living. Martha P. and George D. lived till they grew to be men and women. Reuben, after the death of his wife, went to live with his father and mother, who were then living in Auburn, Clark Co., Ill., where he remained until the October following, when he moved to Greenup, the then county-seat of Cumberland County, where he engaged in the mercantile business, and in the meantime was appointed Postmaster of said place. He then married, for his second wife, Mrs. Charlotte Beck, the widow of William Beck, late of Owen County, Ind., and daughter of Abner Goodwin, who resided and died in Mill Grove, Owen Co.,

Ind. Having a brother, Dr. T. H. Goodwin, who was well and favorably known in this county, living in Greenup, Ill., she was induced, after the death of her husband, to move to this county, and bought land and settled in Cottonwood Township, where Reuben and Charlotte were married, on the 11th of October, 1853. He, with his two children, Martha and George D., and her two, William and Melissa, commenced life anew, with but a small share of this world's goods, but with a determination to succeed. They have had four children, two daughters and a son, viz.: Odessa, their first born, dying in infancy; Nevada, Sonora and Robert G., still living. Nevada is the wife of Thomas Warne, an attorney of Toledo, Ill. Sonora is the wife of Willis R. Clark, all of Cumberland County. Robert G., his youngest child and son, is now twenty-three years of age, and a young man of considerable promise. He is now attending Rush Medical College, Chicago, with a prospect of graduating at the close of the session for 1883-84. William and Melissa Beck are still living. William is living in Washington Territory, single, and in easy circumstances. Robert Scott, and his wife Melissa, are living in this township, and are in good circumstances. Martha, his daughter, married Joseph Scott, and died shortly after she was married. George D., his only child living by his first wife, lives in Toledo, having married Martha A. Ross, of that place. Reuben lived here some three years and a half. During his residence in Greenup, the county-seat agitation took place, which resulted in its removal from Greenup to Prairie City. In this contest Reuben took the stand that the county-seat should remain at Greenup; but after a bitter contest was beaten. Soon after he moved to his farm in Cottonwood Township, where he worked and opened an extensive farm with his own hands. During this time he filled various offices of trust, such as Justice of the Peace and Supervisor of his township. In 1865 he was elected County Judge to fill a vacancy, and at the next election, which took place in November, 1866, was nominated for the same office by the Democratic party and was elected by something over 100 votes. At the close of this term he was re-nominated and re-elected, holding the office for four years, at the close of which he chose to retire to private life. Buying an interest in the drug store of I. & J. H. Yanaway, he engaged in the drug trade, in which business he remained for some three years, being quite successful in business. He dissolved partnership with his partner, Israel Yanaway, and bought out J. H. Morgan, who

was carrying on a general mercantile business in Prairie City, now Toledo, where he remained selling goods some nine or ten years, during which time he did an extensive business. In the fall of 1874 he was nominated by the Independent party for State Senator, without any solicitation on his part, receiving a large and creditable vote. Selling out his store, he again returned to private life. But being of an energetic and industrious nature, he could not remain long idle, so the next spring he again went into business with H. Rhoads, of Toledo, engaging in the hardware trade, in which business he continued for some two years. Not liking the hardware business, he dissolved with his partner and moved back to his farm, in Cottonwood Township, where he has built an extensive store-room, and filled it with such goods as are suitable to the farm, and such as the farmer needs, where he has had a post-office established called Bradbury, of which he is Postmaster. He has built one of the neatest residences for himself that is in the county, where he expects to remain and end his days, now being past sixty-four years of age.

JAMES A. CARRELL, farmer and stock-raiser, was born November 9, 1841 (forty-two years ago this day), in Morgan County, Ind. His parents are John H. and Catherine E. (Laughlin) Carrell, the former a native of Kentucky, the latter of Indiana. The father was a farmer, a member with his wife of the Society of Friends, and in politics a Democrat. He is living at present with his son James; is in a helpless condition; his age, sixty-five. The mother is still living at the age of sixty. These parents had fifteen children, five of whom are now living. James A. made his father's house his home until he was twenty-one. The following five years he spent in traveling; was in Missouri, Nebraska, Iowa, Colorado, Arkansas, etc. He was married in September, 1866, to Sarah A. Heddins, of this county. At this time he owned no land, but farmed near where he now lives. He bought a small farm of twenty acres in 1869, and has been adding since, until he now owns 100 acres of good land. He has been quite successful, all things considered, in his business relations. In 1874 he was elected Collector of this township. He served as Commissioner of Highways the three years following. He is at present Supervisor of his township. All the above offices he filled to the satisfaction of his constituency. He is classed among the responsible, well-to-do farmers of the county. By his first wife he had five children—Thomas C., Luther F., Eleazer O., Parmelia J. and Edwin I. Thomas C. died at the age of nine months, in 1868. Eleazer died in 1875, at the age of four years. Mrs. C. died July 29,

1876, at the age of thirty-four years. Mr. C. married, for his second wife, Hepsy J. Starbuck, of this county. Their children are Letha, who died in infancy; Ross and Horra M. Mr. C. is a member of the K. of H., and in politics a Democrat.

WILLIAM A. DOYAL, retired farmer, was born June 13, 1824, in Crawford County, Ill. His parents are Hugh and Rachel (Eaton) Doyal, the father a native of Kentucky, the mother of South Carolina. The father was a farmer and plasterer, having done the first plastering that was done in Charleston, Coles County, Ill.; also cut the first timber that was cut off the site where that town now stands. He died about the year 1852. The mother is still living, at the advanced age of eighty years. These parents had eighteen children, only seven of whom are now living. Our subject came with his parents from Crawford County to Clark County, where they remained but a short time, and then came to Coles County. The county was very new then, as this was in 1828. The nearest neighbor was three miles, and the next nearest three and one-half miles away. At that time, our subject states, they had no house. They lived in the woods until a cabin was built. The Indians had wigwams within a mile of their cabin. They made frequent visits to Mr. Doyal's cabin, but would leave their weapons on the outside. Our subject's maternal grandfather was killed by the Indians in Crawford County, Ill. After a few years, the father bought an old blind mare, and with her they planted and attended a crop. From her they raised a colt, and then another. The first team he owned came from those colts. In this fast age that would seem a very slow way, but it is a very sure way, as our subject can testify. They made a sled, put on a box, and our subject rode that old mare, she pulling the sled, the box filled with eggs, poultry, butter, and such other commodities as they had to spare, to the nearest market. In this way the family was supported. The mill was so far away that it took three days to go and return with the grist. In winter, many times they would boil the corn and grate it through a grater, improvised by their own hands with tin and an awl punch. It was many years before they had a mill within a few miles. From this mode of procedure, we can learn of the hardships and deprivations endured by the pioneers in the western wilds of the great State of Illinois. Mr. Doyal bought 120 acres, where he now lives, in the fall of 1852. He went to California *via* the overland route, in 1850. The trip lasted from the 18th of March to the 27th of August. There were 103 men started on that trip from Saint Joseph, Mo.

Several died on the way. Mr. D. teamed for several months, and then went to mining, with tolerable success; made enough to buy the above farm on his return. He returned in the fall of 1851, by water. They encountered a storm, which was the most impressive sight he ever saw. Some were praying, some drinking, others playing cards and making light of what, to many, was a very serious matter. They tore out the inside of the vessel to make steam, that they might land at Savannah. He "batched" for one year, and raised his first crop. He was married February 20, 1853, to Rebecca McCord, of Coles County. Ezra L., Cordelia, Richard E., an infant, Rachel E., and James H. are their children. Ezra L. married Sallie Clem, of this county; Cordelia was the wife of R. R. Wood, of Moultrie County. Their children are: William C., and an infant, unnamed. Her death occurred at the age of twenty-four. Rachel was the wife of George W. Light, of this county. Her death occurred April 7, 1883, in her twenty-fourth year. James H. died at the age of fifteen, September 7, 1881. Mrs. (McCord) Doyal died August 25, 1874, at the age of about forty-five years. Mr. Doyal was next married on June 23, 1875, to Jane McCord, of this county. He has been quite successful in business. He is nicely located, in Section 28; has a pleasant, happy home, and owns 256 acres of well improved land. He is numbered among the responsible, honest pioneer settlers of this county. He is a member of the Seventh Advent Church, as is also his wife. In politics, he is a Republican.

ALONZO GRAFTON, farmer and teacher, was born October 5, 1839, in Champaign County, Ohio. His parents are Thomas and Mary (Weaver) Grafton, both natives of Ohio. The father is a farmer and carpenter, and is still living, near Olney, Ill. The mother died May 2, 1877, at the age of fifty-two. Both parents were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. They had seven children, three of whom are now living. Our subject had good school advantages. Going to school, farming and working at the carpenter's trade were his youthful employments. He was married February 14, 1861, to Sallie Heath, of Logan County, Ohio. She is the daughter of Henry and Corinda Heath, now of Charleston, Coles County, Ill. He enlisted August 8, 1862, in the Forty-Fifth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. They were for about one year mounted infantry. Mr. G. was on detached duty for about eight months after enlisting. He took part in many battles, first in the siege of Knoxville, at Resaca, Kenesaw Mountain, and all the engagements of the Atlanta campaign. He never missed any; then came with Thomas to Franklin,

which was as hard a fought battle as he ever was in; thence in a two days battle at Nashville, which drove Hood across the Tennessee River; went into winter quarters at Huntsville, thence through East Tennessee, where they were when the war closed. His discharge dates June, 1865. He served three years lacking two months. He never had any sickness, never had a wound worth mentioning. He went in as private, served two years as orderly, and returned Second-Lieutenant. He was with the command all the time except while on detached duty; never was a prisoner; never had a furlough; in short, he was remarkably fortunate. On returning, in 1865, he came to where he now lives, in Section 32, and has been here ever since. He has been engaged in teaching every winter since, save one. Has taught seven terms in his home district. No one in the county, perhaps, has a better record as teacher. He does a good share of other business, such as farming, teaching music, carpentering, etc. To Mr. and Mrs. G. were born six children: Carrie B., Mary C., James T., John K., Musa M., and Harry B. James T. died April 3, 1867, at the age of nine months. Carrie B. is the wife of William Judson, of this county, married December 22, 1881. Mrs. G. is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In politics, Mr. G. is Republican.

JOHN HEDDINS, farmer, was born April 11, 1821, in Delaware County, Ohio. His parents are Isaiah and Siloma Heddins. The father was a farmer, a volunteer in the war of 1812, and the son of a Revolutionary soldier. Isaiah died about the year 1865. He and wife were both members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The mother was born and raised in the edge of New York State, married in Ohio, and is now living, at the age of eighty, in Coles County, Ill. These parents had eleven boys and two girls, four of whom are yet living. John, our subject, was raised on the farm. He had fair schooling for those days. He worked for his father until he was twenty-one, being the oldest of the family; obedient and industrious, he was very serviceable to his father, who was an invalid. He was married April 18, 1842, to Catherine Carpenter, of Delaware County, Ohio. He stayed in Delaware County, and rented for two years, when he bought a good team and wagon, and started for the West. He landed in Cumberland County, September 29, 1844, and has been here ever since. On arriving, \$45, one team and wagon, wife and baby, were all his earthly possessions. The team and wagon, valued at \$130, he traded for eighty acres of land. He has been adding to that until he now owns 250 acres. He has been very

successful in business, and is counted among the best farmers in the county. He is a pioneer resident, and few persons in the county are deserving of more respect than he is. Terre Haute, in those days, was the place of market. In 1845, Mr. H. took five dozen of nice young chickens to market. The first dozen he sold for seventy-five cents. He worked all day selling the other four dozen, dribbling the last twenty-four out at the rate of thirty-seven and one-half cents per dozen. On coming home, he told his wife he was disgusted with the chicken peddling business. He has never been there with a chicken since. His children are: Sarah A., Isaiah, Mary J. and Emeline. The rest died under three years of age. Sarah A. was the wife of James A. Carrell, elsewhere mentioned. Isaiah married Mary A. Fletcher, of this county, December 24, 1876. Their children are: Charles M. and George E. Isaiah, the father, is the only one of his father's children living. He lives with his father on the home place, Section 11, Township 10, Range 9. Mary J. was the wife of Paris G. Carrell, of this county. Her death occurred March 17, 1878, aged twenty-nine years. Her children are: Ida C. and John W. Emeline died at the age of eight years. Thus we see that of a large family, the father and son are all that are left. Mrs. Heddins, the mother, died November 1, 1878, aged fifty-four years. In politics, Mr. H. is a Democrat.

WILLIAM E. LAKE, farmer and teacher, was born in Bennington County, Vt., September 27, 1834. His parents are Elisha and Prudence (Holmes) Lake, the father a native of Rhode Island, the mother of Connecticut. The father was a farmer and teacher, having taught twenty-one years. He died in 1857, aged fifty-three. He was a member of the legislature of his State for two terms, and took an active part in the affairs of the State. In politics, he was a Democrat. The mother is still living, in Lake County, this State, at the advanced age of seventy-seven. She is a member of the Baptist Church. William E. had good school advantages. He landed, with his parents, at Waukegan, Ill., the day he was twelve years of age. He attended school and worked on the farm with his father until he was twelve years of age. He then entered and attended an academy at Wauconda, Ill. He remained in Lake County until 1857, when he packed his trunk and came to this county, in search of a school. His first school was taught near the town of Neoga. He attended school the summer of 1858, and taught again in the winter of 1858-59. He was married June 3, 1860, to Henrietta Kemper, of this county. Teaching was his occupation the

following three years. In 1863, he was elected County Superintendent of Schools of Cumberland County, on the Democratic ticket. He was re-elected in 1865, and again in 1869, his term expiring in 1873, making ten years of continued service as County Superintendent. His majority at each election was very large, one township, Cottonwood, casting its entire vote for him, irrespective of party, at the first election. In this township he had formerly served as Clerk, and was well known to all who favored him with their votes. He continued teaching and farming until 1881, when he was appointed by the Board of Supervisors to fill the vacancy (caused by a change in the State Constitution) of County Superintendent of Schools. This term expired December 1, 1882. It will be seen that he has filled the office of County Superintendent for eleven years, and has had much to do with shaping the educational affairs of his county, which speaks well for the appreciation in which he was held by his constituency. He owns eighty acres of land, well improved, and, as a farmer, is classed among the respectable and responsible. To Mr. and Mrs. Lake have been born eight children, viz.: George M., Ida A., Charles H., Lula, Albert, Warren, Hattie, and William M. Warren died at the age of eight months. Ida A. is engaged in teaching her third term, and gives good satisfaction. The rest of the children are living with their parents. Both parents are members of the Universalist Church. Mr. L. is a member of the Masonic Order, being one of the charter members of Prairie City Lodge, No. 578. In politics, he is a Democrat. Mr. L. is still engaged in teaching. He is now teaching in the same district where he taught twenty-three years ago. He has a very pleasant school, and in all his experience as a teacher he never applied for a school, since his first school in 1857.

WILLIAM R. McCANDLISH, farmer and tile manufacturer, was born April 8, 1847, in Perry County, Ohio. His parents are William B. and Rebecca (Ross) McCandlish, both natives of Ohio. The father was farmer and the cabinet-maker of the county. His death occurred in 1849. He and wife were members of the Presbyterian Church. In politics he was a Democrat. The mother died in 1875, at the age of fifty-five. These parents had five children: Jane, James A., Nancy, George and William. They are all living. James A. was the first Republican Sheriff ever elected in this county. He served three terms. William R. was engaged in his youthful days attending school in the winter and working on the farm in the summer. He came West in 1866. He followed shipping poultry at first. Later, shipping stock East engaged his attention. He began farming twelve



years ago, and it has been attended with very fair success. He now owns 130 acres, 120 of which is improved land. He is classed among the responsible, well-to-do farmers of the county. April, 1883, he engaged in the tile business. He now owns one of the three tile factories in the county. He has a lot of good, first-class tile ready for sale. His business outlook is very flattering. He was married April 8, 1873, to Emma Holsapple, of this county, a native of Indiana. Their children are, Le Roy, Minnie B., Owen R., Luke A. and Edna C. Le Roy died December 1, 1876, aged two years. Mrs. McCandlish is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. McCandlish is a member of the Masonic Order, and politically a Republican.

BAXTER W. McPHERSON was born in Allegheny County, Penn., June 21, 1851. His parents are Wright and Catherine McPherson, the former a native of Pennsylvania, the latter of Delaware. These parents had eight children, all of whom are now living and married. They celebrated their golden wedding, October 28, 1883. These parents are now living in Neoga Township, this county, and are having as good health as could be expected in those of their age. The father is a farmer. His sons Isaac and George served in the late war. The mother is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Baxter W. came with his parents to this county in 1865, and helped his father improve a farm of 156 acres. He met with an accident at the age of eighteen, by which he lost his leg. He was cutting corn in Montgomery County, and cut his knee with the corn-knife. It began bleeding about eight hours after, and great pain was caused therefrom. He came on the train the next day with his brother-in-law, J. F. Smith, to Mattoon, and remained there a week under care of Dr. Morris. He then came home and was suffering terribly. He was attended then by Dr. Richardson and brother; later, Drs. Mason and Byers were called in. Twenty days after the accident, November 10, 1869, his right leg was amputated six inches below the body. They began at six o'clock in the evening to give him chloroform, and it was near eleven o'clock the next day before the work was completed. He was so reduced in flesh, and so weak, they had to use the greatest care. He began going about, the middle of the following January. He sat up in bed on New Year's day, at the infirm of his brother Isaac. In the spring he bought a team, hired a hand, and farmed thirty acres of corn and twenty of oats. He has farmed several seasons since that, by himself, using the sulky plow. He was very successful in farming. He attended school, and later the Normal School, and has taught every winter and three summers, from 1871 until 1881. He attended the

Normal School and academy several terms during that time. He had good success as a teacher, as hundreds who are his pupils and patrons can testify. His services as teacher are in good demand even yet. He has been engaged in the insurance business the past five years, and has had very good success at that also. Mr. McPherson, notwithstanding his crippled condition, is a man of wonderful activity, and has the eternal grit and gimp to make a success of any business he undertakes. He is reckoned among the good, responsible, and well-to-do citizens of the county. He represents the following first-class insurance companies, viz.: The Phoenix, of Brooklyn, The Rockford, of Rockford, The American, of Chicago, The Boston Underwriters', and the Fire Association of London. He does a good business, and is worthy of the patronage of his community, being in every way responsible. He was married February 20, 1876, to Annette Jones, of this county. Two children, Clara and Mercy, have blessed this union. Clara died October 1, 1882, aged six years. She was a most promising child, being able to read intelligently in the advance readers. Both parents are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. McPherson is a member of the I. O. O. F., and in politics a Democrat.

DAVID MICHAEL, farmer, was born January 8, 1818, in Davie County, N. C. His parents are David and Eva B. (Shut) Michael, both natives of North Carolina, and of German descent. The father was a farmer and died in 1862, at the age of seventy-two. He was a private in the war of 1812. Both parents were members of the Baptist Church. The mother died in 1866, at the age of seventy-six. They came from North Carolina to Tennessee; there they remained several years, thence to Indiana, later to Illinois, where they arrived nearly sixty years ago. They landed in Coles, and later moved to Cumberland County. They were among the early settlers of Coles County. In politics he was a Whig, later a Republican who favored a vigorous prosecution of the war. They had eleven children, only seven of whom are now living. David, the fifth of the children, came with his parents to Illinois at the age of ten years. Schools were of the subscription kind in those days, and his father being a poor man, it is easy to see that his school advantages were what would be called very poor in these days of free schools. On arriving, his father had one dollar in money, one cart, a yoke of small cattle, and bed clothing as much as could be carried under a man's arm. His father on arriving, worked for one half bushel of corn a day, and his son received a peck. David has cradled grain all day for thirty-seven and a half cents, and at other times has bound after a cradle an entire day for

the same amount. The father bought forty acres of land and paid for it largely in making rails at twenty cents per hundred. He entered forty acres in Cumberland after selling his forty acres in Coles County. David, our subject, was married in 1842, to Lucy Alexander, of Kentucky. They had twenty children, only six of whom are now living, viz.: David A., Barbara E., Charles W., Martha J., Isaac A. and Mary L. The mother died November 9, 1876, at the age of fifty. She was a member of the Baptist Church. Mr. M.'s second marriage was to Mary Oakley, of Kentucky. She had five children by a former husband, Pleasant Oakley. She died April 27, 1879. His third marriage occurred December 27, 1879, to Jane Hays, of this county, but a native of Ohio. She had two children by a former husband, William Hays. James M. and Catharine F. are their names. Mr. M. has been reasonably successful in business, having raised a large family, and now owning 320 acres of land, the most of which is well-improved. He is classed among the wealthy, substantial and responsible farmers of the county. Politically he is a Republican.

FRANCIS MILLER, farmer, was born December 12, 1827, in Greene County, Ind. His parents are Wyatt and Mary (Bland) Miller, the father a native of Kentucky, the mother of North Carolina. The father died in 1876, aged about sixty. He was a farmer, a member of the Baptist Church, and politically a Whig, later a Republican. The mother died in 1846, aged forty-six. They had seven children, six now living. Our subject attended school some in the log cabin of other days, by going several miles. He was married in 1851 to Nancy Mock, of Greene County, Ind. Her parents are David and Elizabeth Mock, natives of North Carolina. David's father was Captain in the Revolutionary war. Mr. M. and wife remained in Indiana until 1853, when they came to the farm on which they now live in Section 9, Township 10, Range 8. He bought eighty acres on coming, and has been adding until he now owns 260 acres, all of which is improved land except what is in timber. He has been very successful in business; has a nice home and surroundings which indicate taste, prosperity and happiness. He is classed among the best farmers of his county. To Mr. and Mrs. Miller are born five children; William D., John L., Calvin C., Cedorah and Owen C. William D. died in 1857, aged about six years. John L. died in 1881, aged 25 years. He was married January, 1878, to Casandra Gillman, of this county. He left two children, Ada and Lewis. Calvin C. died about the year 1859, aged two years. Mrs. M. is a member of the Baptist, Mr. M. of the Universalist Church. He is a member of the Masonic order, also of the Republican party.

DAVID F. RANDOLPH, farmer, was born January 30, 1830, in Shelby County, Ind. His parents are Samuel and Nancy (Hill) Randolph, both natives of Virginia. The father was farmer, doctor and minister. Both parents were members of the Baptist Church. In medicine he was a regular practitioner of the Botanic School. He died in 1865, at the age of seventy years. In politics he was a Democrat. The mother died in 1852, at the age of about fifty-seven. These parents had twelve children, only four of whom are now living. David F., our subject, had moderately good school advantages. He averaged about a month at school during the winter, and worked on the farm during the summer. At the age of twenty-two he went with his parents from Shelby to Owen County, Ind., and settled on a farm. He worked for his father until his marriage, which occurred September 22, 1853, to Martha A. Vaughn, of Owen County, Ind. These parents have had eleven children—Isabel, Rebecca A., Mary A., John, Thomas, Samuel, Uriah, Elizabeth M., Nancy, Louisa and Lucinda. Samuel died June 25, 1870, at the age of seven. Mary A. died in April, 1878, at the age of twenty-two. She was the wife of John Pritchett, of this county. Her child's name is Martha A. Isabel is the wife of Abraham Icenogle, of this county. Their children are Joseph D., John C., James T., and William W. Rebecca A. is the wife of John Sparks. Martha J., their child, died in infancy. Mr. R. came to this county in 1856, and settled on the farm where he now resides. When he came he brought \$1,000, which was largely invested in land. He now owns more than 300 acres, after having given more than 100 to the children. It will be seen that Mr. R. has raised a large family, and has been very successful in business. He is beautifully situated in a large brick house, two miles southwest from Johnstown. His surroundings indicate prosperity and a comfortable, happy home. In politics Mr. R. is a Greenbacker.

SAMUEL P. REED, farmer, was born March 18, 1824, in Fayette County, Ind. His parents are Samuel and Hannah (Long) Reed, both natives of Virginia. The father died August 11, 1872, at the age of about seventy-eight. The mother died in 1855. She was a member of the Baptist Church. These parents had nine children, four of whom are now living. Samuel P., our subject, was raised on the farm, had poor school advantages, came with his parents to Illinois in 1836, and has been living on the farm where he now resides ever since; is consequently one of the old, respected and responsible early settlers of the county. Few men are better known for honesty and fair dealing than is Mr. Reed. He has been very successful in bus-

ness, now owning nearly 800 acres of land. He was married October 30, 1853, to Emily Gill, of this State. Their children are James M., elsewhere mentioned, Commodore P., Thomas J., Ada D., William F., Varina D., Rosa C., Sterling P., Minnie Z. and Rono R. Rosa C. died in 1879, aged eleven years. Minnie Z. died in 1878, aged three months. The other members of the family live with their parents on the home farm.

JAMES M. REED, farmer, was born April 6, 1855, in Cumberland County, Ill. His parents were Samuel P. and Emily Reed, elsewhere mentioned. His minor years were spent at home on his father's farm. He attended school in winter and worked on the farm in summer, and later attended Stockton Academy, in Coles County. He thus procured an education which fitted him for teaching. He attended school under the instruction of Supt. W. E. Lake, elsewhere mentioned. Owing to an immense amount of work at home he never taught. He is very handy with carpenter tools, and makes a good hand at rough carpentering. He began working for himself on arriving at his majority. His residence is a nice one, which he put up himself, in the suburbs of Janesville. He has been engaged at spare times during the past five years in studying veterinary surgery, and has attained a fair proficiency in that science, and has calls quite frequently which bring his acquired knowledge and skill into useful and profitable practice. He has the nucleus of a fine library, treating largely on the diseases and handling of stock, and other important topics. He farms extensively, and at present has some forty acres of wheat which bids fair to give a plentiful yield. He has been elected one of the three directors in district No. 6, the public school of which is located in Janesville, and the new building now in the process of erection speaks well for the good taste, intelligence and public spirit of the Board, the people of Janesville and all concerned. Mr. R. was elected Commissioner of Highways more than three years ago. He is one of six who is negotiating for a bridge across the Embarrass River, between Cottonwood and Union townships. This enterprise will be a great convenience to both townships. In the latter as in the former enterprise he is acknowledged to be the right man in the right place. No man of his years in either township, perhaps, has a better record for filling his positions of trust and responsibility than has Mr. R. He was married in March, 1880, to Rosa L. Johnston, of this county. Her father was from Scotland, and died about the year 1860. Her mother is still living in Effingham, the wife of Lorenzo Gloyd. To Mr. and

Mrs. R. has been born one child—Harry Earl. The mother is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The father, like his grandfather, belongs to the “do rights.” In politics he is a Democrat.

CARSON P. R. RODGERS, merchant, farmer and postmaster, was born November 1, 1840, in Coles County, Ill. His parents are Isaac W. and Susannah (Porter) Rodgers, the former a native of Tennessee, the latter of North Carolina. Both parents were members of the C. P. Church. The father was a farmer. He died in 1870, at the age of sixty. In politics he was an Abolitionist, belonging to that party when it only numbered three or four in the county. He was a Republican, after the organization of that party. The mother died in 1846, at the age of thirty-three. These parents had four children. Carson and Anna E. (now the wife of J. W. Carr, of Neoga Township), are the only children living. Carson had such school advantages as were to be found in the public schools of the country districts. Farming has been his occupation almost all his life. He taught four schools with fair success and satisfaction to his employers. He was married, October 30, 1866, to Catharine W. Richie, of Coles County, Ill., though a native of Kentucky. Her father was Alexander Richie, a merchant of Charleston, Ill., well and favorably known in that community. To Mr. and Mrs. Rodgers were born two children, Henry M. and Violet, both of whom died in infancy. The mother died April 14, 1869. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Rodgers was next married to Martha J. Veatch, of Cumberland County, Ill. Their marriage occurred March 8, 1874. Their children are Isaac W., Kate W., Florence L., who was the first child born in the town of Janesville, Ill. Her birth dates February 22, 1880. Her death occurred April 18, 1882. Mr. R. began for himself in 1866, when he was first married. Until his marriage he had worked in the interests of his father. He continued in the farming business as a specialty until 1877, when he began merchandising in a general store at Farmington, Ill. The stock was removed to Janesville in 1879, the firm being C. P. Rodgers & Co., and W. M. and R. H. Osborn made partners. Later the firm name was changed to W. M. & C. P. Rodgers, the latter being Postmaster of Janesville as well. This was the first store in the town. They now carry the largest stock of dry goods and groceries, perhaps, of any firm in this part of the two counties. The indications are they are doing a safe and increasing business, which is gained largely by strict attention to business and fair dealing. Mr. R. is numbered among the responsible, well-to-do citizens of the

county. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and in politics, a Republican. His wife, Mrs. M. J. Rodgers, is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

WALLACE M. RODGERS, merchant, Janesville, Ill., was born March 1, 1847, in Coles County, Ill. His parents are John W. and Lovisa (Balch) Rodgers. His father was a native of Kentucky, was a good, honest, well-to-do farmer; in politics a Whig, later a Republican. His death occurred May 8, 1864, aged sixty-six years. The mother died December 15, 1879, aged seventy-two. Both parents were members of the C. P. Church. They had nine children, five of whom are now living. Wallace M. worked on the farm, clerked and taught school until he was about the age of twenty-five. As a teacher he was quite successful, having an increase of wages every new term, which may be considered substantial evidence of good success. He clerked with several different parties, and entered as partner with the last,—R. H. Osborn, of Campbell, Ill. The store was at Johnstown, Ill., Mr. O. leaving the entire business with his partner, Mr. R., which speaks well for the confidence placed in the honesty and integrity of the latter. This partnership lasted more than ten years, the firm name being W. M. Rodgers & Co. Mr. R. built the house and engaged in the store in which he is now partner, styled W. M. & C. P. Rodgers, elsewhere mentioned. Mr. R. has been very successful in business and is classed among the responsible and respected citizens of the county. Mr. Rodgers sold the first goods in this town. He was married August 30, 1873, to Mary E. D. Bovell, born June 18, 1851; daughter of James G. and Eliza (Dryden) Bovell, of Coles County, both being natives of Tennessee. The father of the latter was one of the first settlers in this country. Three children are born to Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Rodgers: Gertrude L., Laurence B., and Edith C. Gertrude L. died August 7, 1882, at the age of five years. Laurence B. died August 29, 1881, at the age of fourteen months. Edith C. is living, at the age of eight months. Politically, Mr. R. is a Republican.

JONATHAN WILSON SHULL, physician, farmer and postmaster, Johnstown, Ill., was born in Muskingum County, Ohio, July 12, 1833. His parents are Michael and Margaret (Wilson) Shull, both natives of Virginia. His father formerly owned slaves, as did also the mother, and on their marriage they freed them. One owned by the father was valued at \$2,000. Another owned by the mother was valued at \$1,000. They were opposed to slavery—would not take any money for the slaves, but gave them all their freedom.

Their marriage occurred in 1826, when they moved to Ohio. They had ten children, all of whom are now living; are married and have families. Two of the boys served in the same command, and returned at the close of the late war. They raised two other children, after raising their own. They are now married and have families. The father was a member of the Universalist Church, was a Mason and I. O. O. F., and in politics a Republican of the Lovejoy type. He is still living in this county at the advanced age of seventy-eight years. The mother died March, 1871, at the age of seventy years. Jonathan W. had good school advantages for those days. He came with his parents to Illinois in 1851, and settled on a farm in the south part of this county. He worked on the farm in summer and taught school in the winter. He taught four winters in this county, and attended Normal School at Paris, three months. He studied medicine under U. N. Mallett, of Effingham, one year, then under Dr. Ewart, of this county, for one year, then began practice with him at Greenup in 1860. He was married, December 27, 1860, to Mary A. Cook, of this county. He then settled in Greenup, bought property and began housekeeping. He taught two terms of school near Greenup during the winters of 1860-61, still attending to his practice. He enlisted in Company B, Ninety-Seventh Illinois Infantry, July 19, 1862, went into camp in September, when he was detailed as hospital steward, in which he served until October 19, when he was ordered to join his command in Kentucky. He went to Memphis, thence to Chickasaw Bluff, where the regiment was engaged in a battle, and "terribly bluffed;" thence to Arkansas Post, where the Union troops were victorious; thence to Vicksburg, where he was on detached service, in Young's Point General Hospital. Here he nursed a Captain of the Chicago Mercantile Battery, through a case of the small-pox, but did not take the disease himself. This hospital was transferred to Van Buren, seven miles up the river. Prescribing steward was his position here. He did good service there, as many who are now living can testify. Chronic diarrhea was the prevailing disease. They were dying in that hospital from six to eight a day. The treatment formerly given was calomel, opium, camphor and quinine. Dr. S. being opposed to that treatment, changed it, using but little medicine, but attending to the diet. The result of that change was most salutary. In three weeks, his ward returned to duty. From Van Buren hospital he was transferred to Island 102, among the contrabands. While at the Van Buren hospital he was put in charge of the pest hospital, at Milligan's Bend,



two miles up the river, where he took the confluent small-pox, was disabled about a month, but recovered and remained at the hospital until all recovered. While among the contrabands he went to Vicksburg to draw rations for them every ten days. Recruiting officers were there, after negroes to fill State quotas. They offered the Doctor as high as \$50 for every negro he would induce to enlist for them and bring to Vicksburg. This he promptly refused to do. His father's example was scrupulously observed, not to traffic in human flesh. The Doctor ranked as hospital steward. He remained here about six months; thence to the contraband hospital at Young's Point. While there he was ordered back into the country about ten miles, to a cotton-gin, to get a cupboard and lumber to enlarge the hospital; and while there he was attacked by a Company of twenty-five independent scouts, who were under command of Captain Dishroom, of Mississippi. He would have been shot dead, as was a comrade by his side, had he not given the hailing sign of distress, which was respected—Captain D. being a Mason. He was taken to Falmouth, La., and there incarcerated in the county-jail, with promise of exchange in a few days. He stayed there about a week, then went to Shreveport, as a prisoner of war, where he stayed about four months; thence to Rebel prison at Camp Ford, near Tyler, Texas. Here the Rebs put him in charge of the Union sick soldiers. He was treated with the utmost deference. They gave him entire care of the sick and allowed him to go a radius of five miles in the country. Here he remained two months, at the end of which time the war closed. He joined his command at Mobile, Ala., and at Galveston, Texas, he was mustered out. He then returned to Greenup, being the first time he was home since he enlisted. He found the pill-bags in the identical spot where he had left them three years before. Not a bottle was moved, and everything had been scrupulously cared for by his faithful wife. He resumed practice then, in which he has been engaged ever since, with good success. He moved to Johnstown, April 5, 1872. He has a good home of twenty acres where he lives. He has an increasing practice, and is classed among the best physicians and responsible citizens of the county. His children are Kate M., James W., Margaret A., Ulysses G., Edna M., Dora, and Ethel E. Ulysses G. died in infancy. Kate M. is the wife of Allison Fleming, of this county, married September 18, 1881. Carrie M. is their child. Dr. and Mrs. S. are both members of the Universalist Church. In politics, he is a Republican, with Greenback tendencies.

JOHN W. SNODGRASS, farmer and lumber-dealer, was born December 17, 1837, in Hendricks County, Ind. His parents are John and Minerva (Douglass) Snodgrass, both natives of Kentucky. The father was a farmer, and a Democrat politically. Both parents died in 1878, the former at about the age of fifty-four, the latter at about the age of fifty; she was a member of the Missionary Baptist Church. They had six children, five of whom are now living. John W. came with his parents to Cumberland County in 1857, arriving October 17, and settling within a mile of where he now resides. His father bought a part of the farm on which J. W. now resides, and began opening out a farm. Mr. S. has been working for himself since he was about twenty years of age. He was married in December, 1859, to Sarah J. Fairbanks, a native of this county. She is the daughter of Samuel and Fanny Fairbanks, natives of Ohio. The mother is still living in this county, being seventy-four years of age. Her father died in September, 1876, at the age of seventy-one years. To Mr. and Mrs. Snodgrass were born three children. The oldest died in infancy; Mary Frances and Nettie Ann, the other two, are living at home. Mr. S. had for a start \$5 in money and two colts. He now owns 114 acres of land, all of which is under fair cultivation. He also owns a steam grist-mill, saw-mill and thresher, all of which are run by the same engine. Mr. S. is doing a good business in his various occupations, and is numbered among the prosperous, responsible and worthy farmers of the county. Mr. S. is a member of Toledo Lodge, No. 355, I. O. O. F. Politically he is a Democrat. Mr. S. is a good neighbor, as kind to the poor perhaps as any person in the county, and is regarded by all as a first-class man.

GARRISON TATE, farmer, was born January 20, 1831, in Monroe County, Ind. His parents are John and Susannah (Carey) Tate, both natives of Tennessee. The father helped cut the timber from the ground where Bloomington now stands. He was a well-to-do farmer, and died September 7, 1864, in his seventy-first year, on his farm southeast of Bloomington. The mother died February, 1876, at the age of eighty-three. She was a member of the Old School Baptist Church. The parents had eight children, two boys and two girls still living. Garrison came to Illinois, March, 1854, and settled on a farm in Cottonwood Township, Section 35, and has remained here ever since. He is one of the old settlers of the county, and has been quite successful in business, now owning 247 acres of well improved land. He is well-known and highly respected as one of the good citizens of the county. He was married May 26,

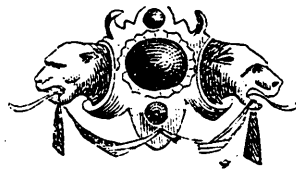
1852, to Jennette Adams, of Monroe County, Ind., by whom he had six children, viz.: John A., Mary J., Susan, David J., Joseph R., and Francis M. Mrs. Jennette Tate died March 26, 1875. She was a member of the Missionary Baptist Church. She was a thorough bible-student, seldom reading any other book, and always reading her Testament through three times yearly. John A. and Susan died in infancy. Joseph R. died September 17, 1873, in his fourteenth year. Mary J. died October 10, 1879, aged twenty-five years. Mr. Tate was married a second time, September 29, 1875, to Mrs. Elizabeth McCartney, a native of Kentucky. Her children by her former husband are Ida M., Henrietta and Alice. To Mr. and Mrs. (McCartney) Tate are born Hattie E., Martha E., and a third which died in infancy. Mary J., is the wife of Perry Thompson and the mother of four children—Viola, Cora, Nora and Joseph G. The latter died in infancy. Nora died at two years of age. David was married July 18, 1883, to Minnie Bishop, of this county. Francis M. was married March, 1879, to Mary White, of this county. This union is blessed with two children. Mr. Tate and wife are both members of the Missionary Baptist Church. The former has held the office of County Supervisor, and has been Assessor for several terms. He is now serving his second term as Township Commissioner. In politics he is a Democrat of the Jacksonian type.

IZATUS WHITACRE, merchant, was born December 11, 1845, in Frederick County, Va. His parents are Asbury and Emeline (McKee) Whitacre, both natives of Virginia. The father died December, 1881, at the age of fifty-eight years. He was a farmer and carpenter; in politics a Democrat, taking an active part in the affairs of the county. The mother died in March, 1876, at the age of fifty years. Both were members of the Baptist Church. They had ten children, seven of whom are now living. Izatus came with his parents to Coles County in 1857. His school advantages were good for those days. He prepared himself and taught in the public schools of Illinois fourteen winters, with an interval of two years. As a teacher he was eminently successful, giving good satisfaction to parents, employers, pupils and all concerned. Aside from teaching, he has worked on the farm, and in business he has been quite successful. Since March, 1883, he has been in the mercantile business in Janesville, under the firm name of Brashares & Whitacre. The firm carry the heaviest stock of dry-goods and groceries, perhaps, of any firm of the kind in this portion of the two counties. The firm manages the grain business of the town, also—an enterprise which bids

fair to increase in importance. Mr. Whitacre was married April 2, 1871, to Harriet A. Phipps, of Coles County, Ill. Six children have blessed this union, viz: Finnis A., John R., Melva O., the next a daughter unnamed who died in infancy, Duley J. and James O. Melva O., died September 28, 1876, aged one year. The rest are living with their parents. Mr. and Mrs. W. are both members of the C. P. Church. Mr. W. is a member of the Masonic Order, Muddy Point, No. 396. In politics he is a Democrat. Mr. and Mrs. Whitacre spent one year on a farm in Miami County, Kan. They returned to Coles County in February, 1880.

HENRY WILLIAMS, retired farmer, was born November 5, 1811, in Bradford County, Penn. At the age of four years he went with his parents to Hardin County, Ky. His parents are Zabin and Lucy (Needham) Williams, the father a nephew to the Williams, founder of Williams' College. He was a mechanic and the father of six children, only one of whom is now living. The mother died at La-Porte, Ind., in 1837. Henry had no school advantages. He worked on the farm, in the still-house, in the saw and grist-mill, and at the carpenter's trade. At the age of seventeen he came to Harrison County, Ind. He worked on the farm and on the canal near Louisville, and later in a brick-yard, and on the jail at Corydon, Ind., just after the removal of the capital to Indianapolis. He then engaged in whipsawing timber for boats for some time. He was married, March 1, 1830, to Lucretia Beals, of Crawford County, Ind., but a native of Bradford County, Pennsylvania. Her grandfather, Oliver Hays, served the entire time in the Revolutionary war, coming home only one week to get married. In 1830, Mr. and Mrs. W. came to Cumberland County, Ind. There were no county borders then. They settled one-half mile due east from Trilla, and have been living within two miles of that point ever since, over fifty-three years. That neighborhood to this day is called Beals' neighborhood. Beals' church, and Beals' graveyard are still there. That family and their connections occupy that territory, the most of them owning their own homes. There was no house in the township when they came. Mr. W. is the oldest settler in the township. Mrs. W. has not been farther from home than fourteen miles in fifty-three years. She is a good wife and mother, and her husband's success in life is largely due her untiring zeal and earnestness. They have had eleven children, eight of whom lived to mature years, viz.: Mary J., Henry W., David C., David B., Lucy E., Mahala R., Jesse M., Lorinda C., Wm. F., Zabin M., and Oliver H. David C. and

Mahala died in infancy; Zabin died at four years of age, and Oliver at twelve years. Lucy E. died October, 1865. She was the wife of Wm. Vincent. Mary J. is the wife of Josiah Goodwin; Henry W. married Nancy J. Stone. After her death he married Amanda Kelley. David B. married Phebe Landers; Jesse M. married Eliza Hagey; Lorinda C. married John T. Jones; William F. was married March 8, 1868, to Minerva J. Landers, of this county, a native of Crawford County, Ind. These parents have children—John E., Essie B., and Mary A. Wm. F. lives in Section 33, and is a well-to-do farmer. Mr. W. is a member of the Baptist and Mrs. W. of the C. P. Church. He has been very successful in business. He now owns 175 acres of land. When they started from Indiana, they supplied themselves with a bed and bedding and clothes enough to last them a year. Their money consisted of \$1.50. On the way seventy-five cents was expended for ammunition. So they landed at their new home with “nary a dollar.” His taxes were six and one-fourth cents the first year; since that they have been as high as \$80 a year. At that time deer and turkey could be killed almost from the door of his cabin. Coons—eighteen, full-grown—have been “taken in” in one-third as many hours. Since that time things have changed. The keen edge of the hard times has been turned, and the desert has been made to blossom as the rose. The old sickle now lays rusting in the smoky loft, and the automatic binder, drawn by horses, has taken its place. His sons rent his farm. Their corn, sorghum and wheat prospects are good for this year. Mother Williams is a member of the C. P. Church. She is one of the original members of the C. P. Church, of “the good prospect congregation,” organized forty-four years ago. She is one of the only two still living. Mr. W. had three sons and two sons-in-law in the army. In politics, the entire Williams family are Republicans.



**NEOGA TOWNSHIP.**

G. W. ALBIN, M. D., was born in Lawrence County, Ind., December 17, 1822, the son of Joseph and Eliza (Marsh) Albin, daughter of William Marsh, an officer in the war of the Revolution, and is of English-Irish extraction. His father was a native of Kentucky, and his mother was born near Philadelphia, Penn. His father emigrated to Indiana in 1816, and settled in Harrison County. He died in Putnam County, Ind., in 1863, and his mother in Lawrence County, in 1823. His father was a soldier in the war of 1812. In 1843 the subject of this mention began reading medicine at Cloverdale, Ind. In the winter of 1846-7 he attended lectures at the Indianapolis State Medical College, which was then located at LaPorte. He practiced his profession for a time at Delphi, Ind., then went to North Arm, Edgar Co., Ill.; here practiced one year; then went to Coles County, Ill.; there remained four years. In the winter of 1851-52, he attended Rush Medical College, at Chicago; graduated February 19, 1852. In March, 1853, he came to Cumberland County, and settled four miles east of Neoga. In 1856 he removed to Neoga, and here has since lived and been in active practice. Dr. Albin erected the first dwelling house in Neoga. He was married January 10, 1854, to Miss Cynthia C. Dryden. Mrs. Albin was born in Bedford County, Tenn. They have had five children, viz.: an infant that died unnamed; Mary C., Oscar W. C., May and William C. W. He is a Republican. He enlisted in the One Hundred and Forty-Third Regiment Illinois Infantry, in 1864, and was discharged September 26, 1864; was commissioned First Assistant Surgeon. He is a member of the Masonic Fraternity, I. O. O. F.; A. L. of H., and G. A. R. Dr. and Mrs. Albin are members of the Presbyterian Church. He is the second graduate of medicine that ever practiced in Cumberland County. He is now the oldest practicing physician in the county. As a physician he has been very successful. He is one of the pioneers of Cumberland County, and a most influential citizen. A man is known by the work of his life.

JAMES M. ALBIN, a leading agriculturist and brother of Dr. G. W. Albin, of Neoga, was born in Putnam County, Ind., July 26, 1841, son of Joseph and Rosana (Sheeks) Albin, and is the twelfth in a family of fifteen children. He was married September 4, 1862, to Miss Mary J. Goddard. Mrs. Albin is a native of Virginia. They

have four children, viz.: Joseph L., Charles M., Florence R. and Eugene C. Mr. Albin came to Cumberland County in March, 1871, and settled four miles east of Neoga. Here he has since lived, and has a well improved farm of 198 acres. He is one of the best farmers in Neoga Township. He is a thorough Republican. Mr. and Mrs. Albin are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is a prominent and an honorable man, and one of the most successful farmers in Neoga Township.

JAMES CLARK, farmer and stock-dealer, is a native of West Virginia, born September 20, 1840, the son of Cornelius and Abigail (Wright) Clark, and is of English descent. The parents of Mr. Clark were natives of Massachusetts; and born near Boston. In 1856 they emigrated to Illinois and settled in Coles County, and here his father died the following year. In 1880 his mother was deceased in Decatur, Ill. On the 28th of November, 1866, occurred the marriage of Mr. Clark to Miss Lucinda Buchanan. Mrs. Clark is a native of Indiana. To this union have been born seven children, viz.: Mary, Rose, Carrie A., John J., George, Charles and Robert. Mr. Clark came to Cumberland County in 1859, and three years later he removed to where he now resides, and where he owns 430 acres of well improved land. The farm has many fine advantages as a stock farm, and is well improved. As a farmer and trader Mr. Clark has been successful. For a number of years he has been interested in Shorthorn cattle, and he has the finest herd of that stock in the county. Mr. Clark has a partner in the stock business. He is a Republican, Mason, and an upright citizen. Mr. and Mrs. Clark are members of the Presbyterian Church. He has been an elder in that church for many years.

DAVID A. CALDWELL, farmer, was born in eastern Tennessee, May 16, 1831, is the son of Robert W. and Sibby (Russell) Caldwell, the second in a family of eight children, and is of Irish lineage. His parents were also natives of Tennessee. In 1837 they emigrated to Boone County, Ind. They died in that county. The subject of our mention was married April 25, 1860, to Miss Ann E. Mount, daughter of Atwell and Lucinda Mount. Mrs. Caldwell was born in Montgomery County, Ind. They have nine children, viz.: William A., Frederick A., Robert W., Mary C., James C., Carrie R., Sibba E., Frank R. and Horace M. In the fall of 1861, Mr. Caldwell came to Neoga Township, Cumberland County, Ill., and made settlement four and one half miles northeast of Neoga, and there has since resided, and has 200 acres of well improved land. He is a

Republican, and advocates the continued success of the Republican party. Mr. and Mrs. Caldwell are members of the Presbyterian Church. They are taking great interest in the education of their children. He is a prominent citizen and a most pleasant gentleman. The family is praised by all who know it. Frederick A. Caldwell, a son of the subject of this sketch, is one of the leading school teachers of the county, and an affable young man. He has commenced a course in Wabash College, at Crawfordsville, Ind. Mr. Caldwell comprehends the necessity of a finished education.

L. M. CASSTEVENS, farmer, was born in Lincoln County, Tenn., January 21, 1831, and is the son of Thomas and Hester (Massey) Casstevens. He is of Welsh extraction and the second in a family of nine children. Mr. Casstevens is one of the early settlers of Cumberland County, coming here and making settlement in 1844, in Neoga Township, and here he has since resided. The plat on which he settled is situated four and one-half miles northeast of Neoga. He was one of the first in all that region of country to begin improvements. The marriage of Mr. Casstevens took place in October, 1854, to Miss Amanda McCartney, a native of Indiana. To this marriage has been born seven children, of which only two are living, viz.: Andrew T. and Joseph W. In 1866 he moved to the site of the present residence. His farm consists of 280 acres of good land, and which Mr. Casstevens has splendidly improved. The success that attends him has come up through the avenues of industry and economy. Mr. and Mrs. Casstevens are members of the Baptist Church. He is a well-to-do farmer and a Democrat.

MRS. MARY E. COLE, wife of William J. Cole, deceased, was born in Ohio County, Ind., May 20, 1847, is the daughter of John B. and Rebecca Baker, is the fourth in a family of six children, and is of German descent. Mrs. Cole was married February 20, 1866, to William J. Cole, a native of Indiana. In October, 1866, they came to Coles County, Ill., and there remained two years, and then came to Cumberland County. To this union were born two children, viz.: Fannie R. and Wilburn A. Mr. Cole died July 9, 1872. He was a soldier in the late war; a member of Company C, Thirty-Seventh Indiana Volunteers; served three and one-half years. He was a Republican and an honorable citizen. Since the death of Mr. Cole she has spent seven years at her native home in the Hoosier State. She now resides in Mattoon, Ill. She owns 110 acres of well improved land in Neoga Township, Cumberland County, Ill. Mrs. Cole is a most amiable woman, and one of the leading ladies in Mattoon.



P. L. DEVORE, farmer, was born in Brown County, Ohio, September 8, 1843, is the son of Peter M. and Sarah (Day) DeVore, the fifth in a family of eight children, and is of Scotch-German descent. His parents were also natives of Brown County, Ohio. His father died in that county in 1876, and his mother in 1878. The subject of our notice enlisted in the United States Army, September 20, 1861, in Company B, First Ohio Zouaves, Thirty-Fourth Regiment, as a private, but was discharged as a sergeant, March 30, 1865. He was wounded at the battle of Bunker Hill, Virginia, and was taken prisoner October, 1864. He saw the scenes and withstood the hardships of Libby Prison for five months. Mr. DeVore was married December, 1867, to Miss Sallie E. Parks. Mrs. DeVore is a native of Cumberland County, Ill. To this union have been born six children, viz.: Alfred L., Flora, John W., Emma, Thomas W., and Frank. In September, 1880, Mr. DeVore removed from Brown County, Ohio, to Cumberland County, Ill., and has since resided one mile southwest of Neoga, on a farm that he purchased of his brother in 1878. The farm contains 137 acres, and is one of the best stock farms in Cumberland County; also one of the best improved farms in the county. He is a thorough Republican; cast his first Presidential vote for "Old Abe." Mr. DeVore was a splendid soldier, is one of the most prominent men in Neoga Township, and an honorable citizen. Mrs. DeVore is a member of the Christian Church. He is a member of the G. A. R.

MORTON DOW, tile manufacturer, was born in Switzerland County, Ind., March 20, 1839, is the son of Joseph and Augustine (Ichibaud) Dow, the second in a family of five children, and is of Scotch-French extraction. His father was born in Scotland, and his mother in France. They came to America about 1836, and settled in Switzerland County, Ind., and there they were both deceased, father in 1862, and mother in 1881. The early life of Mr. Dow was spent on the farm. He was married, December 25, 1862, to Miss A. M. Gale, daughter of A. E. Gale, formerly of Jefferson County, Ind., but who now resides in Cumberland County, Illinois. They have three children, viz.: Cora C., Charles M., and Edmond E. The subject of our notice came to Cumberland County, Ill., in April, 1865. He has lived in Neoga since 1867, save one year. Mr. Dow first engaged in the lumber business, then changed to general merchandising, in partnership with C. D. Green. For a number of years he was in the employ of Tracy Kingman. In January, 1882, he bought a one-fourth interest in the Neoga Mill, and sold the same in January,

1883. In February, 1883, he formed a partnership, in the manufacture of drainage tile, with W. B. Phillips. He is the junior member of the firm known as Phillips & Dow. He is a Republican. He has long been identified with the business interests of Neoga, and is loyal to all causes that are for the bettering of general humanity and the country.

G. F. DOUGHERTY, M. D., was born in Lawrence County, Ind., September 24, 1855; son of Isaiah and Sarah (Harsey) Dougherty. His parents were born in Indiana. He is the second in a family of three children, and is of Irish-English descent. His paternal grandfather was a soldier in the war of 1812. His parents came to Cumberland County, Ill., in 1877, and settled in Neoga; came in March, and his father died here the September following. His mother now resides in Neoga. The literary education of Mr. Dougherty was confined to the common schools of Indiana and the Shoals Academy, at Shoals, Ind. In 1876, he began reading medicine, at Shoals, Ind., in the office of Dr. D. Gaddis; remained there only a short time, and then came to Neoga, and continued the work under the instruction of Dr. L. H. Mason. In the winter of 1878-79, he attended lectures at the American Medical College, at Saint Louis; also, the winter of 1879-80, and graduated, June 1, 1880, from that institution. Since that time, he has been practicing his profession in Neoga. In 1882, he formed a partnership with Dr. F. M. Richardson, which still continues. He was married, October 15, 1878, to Gilla Sawyer. They have had three children, viz.: Edina, Kittie, and Clyde. Kittie is deceased. He is a Democrat; is a member of the I. O. O. F. As a physician, he has been successful. He is one of the prominent young physicians of eastern Illinois, and his future as a practitioner indicates much.

JAMES EWING, pioneer, was born in Tennessee, November 3, 1804, the son of James and Mary (Thompson) Ewing, is the fourth in a family of six children, and is of Scotch-Irish extraction. The father of Mr. Ewing was a native of Virginia, and his mother of North Carolina. His parents were deceased in Tennessee. His father had attained to the advanced age of more than ninety years. The year 1827 dates the coming of the subject of this sketch to Edgar County, Ill. There he resided until 1854, when he came to Cumberland County. He is one of the few men yet living that served as a soldier in the Black Hawk War. In 1833, he was united in marriage to Miss Rachel Ewing, an own cousin of his. Mrs. Ewing died in November of the year following, and he was next married, three

years later, to Miss Mary Alexander, and to them were born four sons and four daughters, viz.: Milton A., Sirius K., George F., Josiah A., Martha V., Flora E., Linda J., and Emma C. Mrs. Ewing died in May, 1864, since which time Mr. Ewing has remained a widower. In 1874, he quit the farm and became a resident of Neoga, but still owns a farm, which is moderately well improved, and is located two miles east of Neoga. Mr. Ewing has long been a thorough advocate of the principles of Republicanism. He is one of the men who cast their ballots in what was known as the Wabash Precinct. The Ewing family has a long line of ancestors, and was known in America many years before the war between the United States and Great Britain. Mr. Ewing is one of the first settlers of Illinois, and is one of its representative men.

JAMES M. EWING, farmer, was born in Vigo County, Ind., July 31, 1825; son of Alexander and Margaret L. (McColloch) Ewing, and is of Scotch-Irish extraction. The parents of Mr. Ewing were natives of East Tennessee. In 1824, they emigrated to Vigo County, Ind., and there remained two years; then removed to Edgar County, Ill., and here his father died in 1851. His mother died in Cumberland County, in 1866. In 1854, the subject of our notice came to Cumberland County, Ill., and settled three miles east of Neoga, in Neoga Township, and here he has since resided. His marriage took place February 12, 1861, to Miss Prudentia T. Stone. Mrs. Ewing was born in Livingston County, N. Y. They have three children, viz.: Whitney L., Norton E., and James T. He is a thorough Republican. In 1877, Mr. Ewing was elected Supervisor of Neoga Township, and served three terms. He is a Royal Arch Mason; made a Mason in 1860. He is one of the best and most successful farmers in Neoga Township; owns 239 acres of good land. He is a prominent citizen and a most honorable man. Mr. and Mrs. Ewing are members of the Presbyterian Church. He is one of the early settlers of the county.

C. D. GREENE, general merchant, is a native of Gallia County, Ohio; born March 13, 1838, is the son of C. D. and Sarah E. (Porter) Greene, the third in a family of ten children, and is of Scotch-English extraction. His father was born in Vermont, and his mother in Ohio. In 1857, his parents emigrated to Cumberland County, Ill. Here his father died in 1868. His mother now resides in Indianapolis. Mr. Greene's paternal grandfather was a soldier in the war of the Revolution. The schooling of the subject of this mention was confined to the common schools of the Buckeye State. He enlisted

first in the three months service at the beginning of the war; was in the first regiment that went to the service from Illinois. He re-enlisted in Company B, Seventh Illinois Volunteer Infantry, January 2, 1862, for three years, and was honorably discharged January 6, 1865, at Savannah, Ga. He was at the battles of Shiloh, Corinth, Atlanta, Fort Donelson, etc. He was married October 22, 1865, to Sarah E. Bell. Mrs. Greene is a native of Indiana. To this union have been born four children, viz.: Conie B., James B., C. W., and Charles A. The first two are dead. After his marriage, he began farming. In May, 1866, he engaged in the mercantile business in Neoga, and in this has since continued. In 1882, he built the brick block he now occupies. The same is 40 x 80 feet, and is the best constructed and most conveniently arranged business house in Cumberland County. He is a thorough Republican. Mr. and Mrs. Greene are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is one of the principal merchants in eastern Illinois; his stock excels anything in Cumberland County. He is a man of many fine qualities, and a most amiable citizen.

THOMAS R. HANCOCK, editor and proprietor of the *Neoga Weekly News*, was born near Greenup, Cumberland County, Ill., December 30, 1843, and when about one year of age he removed with his parents to Licking County, Ohio, where he and they remained until Thomas was about sixteen years old, when all returned to Cumberland County, and where he has since resided. The early life of Mr. Hancock was divided between attending school and working on the farm. Three years of his life were given to the service for the protection of the American flag, enlisting July 26, 1862, as a private in Company B, Ninety-Seventh Illinois Infantry. He was soon promoted to the office of Corporal, and then to Sergeant. He was in thirteen hard-fought battles. After returning from the service, he taught school for a time. His time for a number of years was divided by various occupations, viz.: farming, clerking in a store, and school teaching, until he purchased the Neoga printing office of J. L. & W. H. Allison. For five years, he has had complete control of the paper, and has been instrumental in elevating the standard of the *News* and greatly increasing its circulation and influence, until it now stands second to none as a local paper in southern Illinois. The marriage of Mr. Hancock took place November 1, 1869, to Miss Vinia E. Graham, of Vigo County, Indiana. Mrs. Hancock is an intelligent and most amiable woman. He is a thorough Republican, and an influential newspaper man.

WILLIAM H. HANCOCK, salesman for C. D. Greene and brother of Thomas R. Hancock, editor of the *Neoga News*, was born at Hebron, Ohio, December 3, 1847, is the son of Thomas and Leah (Wiseley) Hancock, and comes of English-Irish blood. When the subject of our notice was eleven years of age he emigrated from Ohio to Cumberland County, Ill., and made settlement near the town of Neoga, in Neoga Township. The early life of Mr. Hancock was spent on the farm. When eighteen years of age he began the painting business, which he carried on during the summer and clerked in a store in the winter. In this way his time was divided for about four years. Since 1872 he has been a dry goods salesman, and has been clerking in the store of C. D. Greene for seven years. December 22, 1868, he was united by the marriage vows to Miss Huldah J. Shore, daughter of John N. Shore, of Clay County, Ind. To this union have been born six children, viz.: Cora E., Gertrude L., Ora B., Mary A., Charles B. and William R. Ora B. and William R. are deceased. The principles of the Republican party are closely adhered to and supported by Mr. Hancock. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Hancock is one of the self-made and self-informed men of Cumberland County, and one of its most thorough and enterprising representatives. On the general topics of the day he is always well informed. Mr. Hancock is taking much interest in the education of his children. As a salesman he is unexcelled by any man in Cumberland County. He is a true and highly respected gentleman.

WESLEY HICKERNELL, boot and shoe dealer, was born in Lisburn, Cumberland Co., Penn., June 10, 1832, is the son of Jacob and Sarah (Myers) Hickernell, the second in a family of three children, and is of German descent. While the subject of this notice was yet in his infancy his father was deceased, and at nine years of age he began supporting himself and making his own way in life. He worked on a farm until sixteen years of age, and then began a three years' apprenticeship at the shoemakers' trade, after which time he and an older brother opened a shoe-shop at Andersonstown, Penn. In 1852 our subject came to Ohio and settled in Madison County, and here he was married March 17, 1853, to Miss J. E. Woods. Mrs. Hickernell was born in Madison County, Ohio. They have had six children, viz.: Hettia, Ora, L. W., Frank M., Dollie and Delia. In 1854 he removed to Wisconsin, and there remained two years, and then came to Cumberland County, Ill., and settled on a farm east of Neoga and there lived until 1873, when he came to Neoga and

engaged in his present occupation. He now has a good stock of boots and shoes. He has Democratic proclivities; cast his first Presidential vote for James Buchanan. He has taken an active part in politics. He is a Mason. Mr. H. owns 130 acres of well improved land, and one of the best boot and shoe stores in Cumberland County. He has made his own way through life, and has much pioneer experience that he loves to relate. He struggled against poverty for several years, but is now in comfortable circumstances. They are prominent members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is one of the prominent men of Neoga.

ROBERT M. HUNTER, old settler and farmer, was born in what was Morgan, but now Noble County, Ohio, January 21, 1830, son of James and Martha (Marshall) Hunter, is the third in a family of seven children, and is of Irish descent. His parents were born in Pennsylvania, and came to Ohio at a very early day. They died in that State. The marriage of the subject of our notice occurred May 13, 1857, to Miss Sarah C. Bailey. Mrs. Hunter was born in Washington County, Ohio. They have six children, viz.: Carrie K., Lucy L., Nellie, Howard B., Sarah E. and Anna S. Mr. Hunter came to Illinois in 1858, and settled in Neoga Township, where he still lives, and owns 200 acres of well improved land, located three and one half miles northeast of Neoga. He is a Democrat; cast his first Presidential vote for Buchanan. Mr. Hunter has been Road Commissioner in Neoga Township six years. They are members of the Presbyterian Church. He is a leading farmer and an influential citizen. When he came to Cumberland County he made settlement on the wild prairie, and has improved the same.

JOHN K. KELLY, farmer, was born in Clark County, Ind., October 19, 1817, the son of William and Margaret (Kelly) Kelly, the youngest in a family of thirteen children, and is of Irish lineage. His father was born in "Old Kaintuck," and his mother in Tennessee. About the year 1805, his parents emigrated from Kentucky and settled in Clark County, Ind. His father was an 1812 soldier, and one of the first settlers of Indiana. The marriage of the subject of this notice took place in May, 1850, to Miss Mary A. Manaugh. To this union were born four children, viz.: Margaret J., Otis M., John H. and Mary C. Mrs. Kelly died September 12, 1856. Mr. Kelly was next married, January, 1860, to Mrs. Mary Neal (formerly McLain). They have three children, viz.: Martha E., William J., and Lena. Mr. Kelly came to Cumberland County, Ill., in the fall of 1864, and settled in Neoga Township, three miles northeast of