

# BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES.

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## VILLAGE OF NEWTON AND WADE TOWNSHIP.

J. F. ARNOLD, JR., son of Fletcher and Rebecca Jane (Wagle) Arnold, was born April 21, 1851. He was reared on his father's farm and attended school until his twentieth year, when he began teaching in order to obtain sufficient means to pay for a college course. In 1871 he entered McKendree College, near Saint Louis, from which he graduated with honors in 1874, after which he taught five terms of school. In 1877 he was chosen County Superintendent for one year, and was again elected in 1882. In 1876 he married Miss Selah Barton, a native of Kentucky, who has borne him two children—Edward and Eugene.

JOHN M. BELL, editor of the *Times*, at Newton, was born in that town in 1858. He received his earlier education at the common school, and at the age of fourteen went to Washington, Daviess Co., Ind., where he attended school as regularly as his health would permit. The greater part of his education was acquired, however, by hard study at home, he being naturally inclined to literature. He partially served an apprenticeship with his father at tailoring, but in 1872 began to learn printing with A. L. Walker, then editor of the *Press*. In 1879 he went into the *Times* office and worked for E. B. Gorell until June, 1882. In 1883 he formed a partnership in the *Times* with John P. Heap, Mr. Bell assuming the position of senior editor. In 1878 he married Miss Serinda E. Dodd, who has borne him three children—May, Don and Vernon.

W. L. BRIDGES is the sixth son of Absalom and Maria (Laray) Bridges, and was born in Rockingham County, Va., in 1841. At the age of four years he came with his parents to Jasper County, and was here reared to manhood. In 1861 he enlisted in Company K, Twenty-First Illinois Infantry, and was shortly afterward chosen Orderly Sergeant. He served until September 20, 1863, when he was captured at Chickamauga and taken to Richmond, next sent to Danville and then to Andersonville, where he was confined fourteen months. Absalom Bridges, on first coming to Jasper County, taught school, worked as a carpenter, later practiced law, and for some years filled the positions of Probate Judge and County Judge. He was born in Rockingham County, Va., in 1811, and died in this

county in 1860. His brother William, an early settler, helped to lay out Jasper County. W. L. Bridges was married, in 1865, to Miss L. J. Hayes, daughter of William and Elizabeth (Martin) Hayes, natives of Kentucky, and his children are two in number—Anna L. and Charles A.

M. K. BUSICK, son of George H. and Elizabeth (Byerly) Busick, was born in Madison County, Ohio, in 1844, attended school until fifteen years old, then came with his father to this State and settled on a farm near Parkersburgh. At the age of seventeen (1861), he enlisted in the Sixth Illinois Cavalry, and after serving five months was captured by the enemy. He was released March 16, 1863, re-joined his regiment at Memphis, and was appointed Regimental Quartermaster. At the close of the war he returned to Richland County, where his father had located in 1859. In 1864 he married Miss Mary Arnold, who died in 1879, leaving two children—George A. and Anna May. In 1881 Mr. Busick married Miss Clara, daughter of Harrie Edson, and to this marriage was born one child—Harrie (deceased). Mr. Busick is of Scotch descent from his father and Dutch from his mother. His father, George Busick, was born in 1823, and died in Richland County in 1871; his mother, born in 1825, is still living in Parkersburgh. Her father was a native of Pennsylvania and a soldier in 1812. Mr. M. K. Busick is a Knight of Pythias.

J. M. CATT was born in 1838, in Jasper County, Ill.; was reared a farmer, and educated in the common schools. He enlisted, August 2, 1861, in Company K, Thirty-Eighth Illinois Infantry, commanded by William T. Carlin, and served in the Department of the Cumberland in the Atlanta campaign, and fought in the battles of Fredericktown, Mo., Shiloh, Perryville, Ky., Stone River, Murfreesboro, Nolensville, Chickamauga, Mission Ridge, Lookout Mountain, Buzzard's Roost, Resaca, Pine Mountain, where Rebel General Polk was killed; Peach Tree Creek, siege of Atlanta, Bald Knob, Marietta, Jonesboro, Lovejoy Station, Nashville and Franklin (where ten rebel Generals were killed). After a service of four years and seven months he returned home, and in 1868 was joined in marriage with Miss Margaret E. Chambers, daughter of Rev. George and Mary (Perey) Chambers. The result of the union was five children, viz: Milton C., Flora, Jobe W., Martha E., and Jacob M. He is father of two other children by a former marriage—George J. and Joseph A. His father, Job Catt, was of German descent, born in Pennsylvania, and removed to Ohio in an early day, where he mar-

ried Mary Stout, daughter of Joseph Stout. They reared a family of nine children, as follows: Margaret, Mary, John, Charles, Rachel, Catharine, Josiah, Elizabeth, J. M.; four others, not named, died in infancy. He was one of the early pioneers of Jasper County and was here when the Indians were yet numerous.

C. M. DAVIS, editor of the *Mentor*, at Newton, was born in Mechanicsburg, Ohio, in 1847. At the age of seven he came to Illinois, and was reared on a farm in McLean County, until fifteen, when he removed to town and clerked in a store until 1874. He then established the *Enquirer* at Le Roy, conducted that journal seven years, then came to Newton and issued the first number of the *Mentor*, November 3, 1882. It is the only paper of the name in the United States, and has been a success from the start. In 1880, Mr. Davis married Miss Belle Brewer.

A. A. FRANKE, physician and surgeon, is the son of Dr. John G. and Gertrude (Fisher) Franke, and was born in Newton, this county, in 1852. He was educated in the schools of Jasper, and at Teutopolis, in Effingham County; graduating at the age of sixteen. He then served as clerk in his father's drug store in Newton until twenty-three, in the meanwhile studying medicine under his father's tutorage. In 1876, he entered the Louisville Medical College, and subsequently the Kentucky School of Medicine, from which he graduated in 1877, and soon after began practice in his native town, where he has built up a large and lucrative practice. In 1880, he married Miss Lizzie P., daughter of Fuller and Sarah (Harris) Nigh, early settlers of Jasper County. He is the father of one daughter—Clara B. His father, Dr. John G. Franke, was a native of Westphalia, Prussia, was born February 17, 1817, and died in this county, March 15, 1883.

JAMES E. FREEMAN is a native of Ohio. He was born in 1842, in Preble County. While young he went with his parents to Shelby County, Ind., and came soon after to Jasper County, Ill. In 1861, he entered Company K, Thirty-Eighth Illinois Infantry, commanded by Colonel William P. Carlin. After his service he attended school, in 1864, in Indiana; after which he served as railroad agent until the fall of 1865. In 1868, he married Miss Frances Jones, daughter of William Jones, who was one of the first settlers in this county, and for many years County Recorder, Assessor, Justice of the Peace and Supervisor of Wade Township after the township was an organization. Mr. Freeman has four children—Willie E., Guy S., Edna, and Lulu. His father, Gustavius Freeman, was a

native of Culpepper County, Va., where he was born in 1814. While young he removed to Bedford County, that State, and at the age of nineteen to Preble County, Ohio, where he married Miss Sarah Stover, a native of Shenandoah County, Va. He removed to Shelby County, Ind., in an early day, and to Jasper County in 1852, where he entered and bought a tract of land containing some 400 acres. He reared a family of ten children as follows: George W., Esther E., Elizabeth J., Sarah, James E., William H., Joseph C. (who was a soldier in the late war), Francis M., David P., and Mary J. Mr. Freeman owns a farm of 700 acres, and is truly a representative farmer. He is a Knight Templar, and is identified with the Democratic party.

GEORGE K. GOSNELL was born in 1827, in Harrison County, Ky. When a small boy he was taken by his parents to Rush County, Ind., where he was reared to manhood upon his father's farm. He was joined in marriage to Miss Sarah Campbell in 1851; a native of the same county, and born in 1829. A year after marriage they came to Jasper County, Ill., where he entered 320 acres of land, which he improved and on which he now resides. He also owns 240 acres of land in another tract. The result of his marriage was nine children, as follows: Louisa A., William C., Nancy J., Larkin, John, Zelda, Mary, Richard, and Susan. The Gosnells are of German descent; both his paternal grandparents, namely, Benjamin and Susan (King) Gosnell, being natives of Virginia. Mr. Gosnell is the eighth child of his father's family. Mrs. Gosnell's parents, John and Nancy (Townsend) Campbell, were early settlers of Shelby County, Ind., and reared a family of eleven children, Mrs. Gosnell being the youngest. Mr. Gosnell is an enterprising farmer, and a Republican in politics.

HON. JOHN H. HALLEY, Ex-Judge of the Second Illinois Judicial Circuit, is descended from an old Irish family which traces its ancestral line back to the early history of the United Kingdom. His grandparents, on both the maternal and paternal side, were early settlers in Virginia, which State was the place of his parents' birth and his own nativity. Judge Halley was born in Bedford County, July 9, 1828. His early years were spent upon his father's plantation and in the schools of the neighborhood, where he gained the rudiments of his education. At the age of twenty-three he entered Emory and Henry College, a prominent literary institution of Virginia, which graduated him in 1854, with honors. Having adopted the law as his profession, he entered the office of John Good, Esq.,

a prominent attorney of Liberty, as a student. Here the young man brought such ability and industry to the pursuit of his studies that he accomplished in one year the course allotted to three, and was admitted to the practice of law in 1855, soon after which he removed to Lewis County, Mo., where he opened an office and began his life work. Dissatisfied with this location he removed, in 1856, to Putnam County of the same State, where he rapidly achieved an eminent success, building up a large and lucrative practice. In 1858 he was chosen to represent his county in the State Legislature. At the end of his first term the breaking out of the war summoned him to a larger and more active sphere, and he tendered his services to his State as a soldier. He was at once commissioned as Lieutenant-Colonel and assigned to the staff of Gen. John B. Clark, where he served with distinction until a year later, when he was detailed by the Confederate government as a recruiting officer, with the rank of Colonel. He was stationed at Minneapolis, Ala., at Grenada, Miss., at Little Rock, Ark., and in southeast Missouri. In this capacity his abilities had an ample scope, and he rendered efficient aid to the cause he had espoused. He was subsequently called to fill other positions of responsibility, the duties of which he discharged with fidelity and rare ability. After serving to the end of the struggle he came to Jasper County, Ill., and resumed the practice of his profession. Here, in 1874, he was called by the public voice to represent the county in the State Legislature, and was re-elected in 1876. Resigning this position in 1877, he accepted an election to the Judicial bench, a position more congenial to his tastes, discharging the duties with great acceptance and distinguished ability, until an act of the legislature of that year caused a change by re-districting. Judge Halley was first united in marriage to Miss Lucy Thompson, a daughter of John J. and Elizabeth Thompson, of Missouri, by whom he had six children. On July 21, 1883, he was next married to Miss Annie Howard Stuart, of Texas, a daughter of Rev. C. B. Stewart, D. D., of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. Judge Halley occupies an enviable position among the brethren of his profession in southern Illinois; is a leading member of the Jasper County bar. In politics he is devoted to the principles of the Democratic party. He is a Knight Templar.

CAPT. B. W. HARRIS is of Scotch descent. His father, Benjamin Harris, was a native of Albemarle County, Va., and there married Miss Elizabeth Ware. He removed to Ohio about 1834, and to Jasper County, Ill., in 1836, where he entered some 500 acres of

land, on a part of which the town of Newton is now situated. He was widely and favorably known, having served as Justice of the Peace for several years, and built the first court house in Newton. He made a trip to California, and on his return home died in Jasper County, in 1851. His wife died in 1858. His children were as follows: Henrietta, Benjamin, Mary, Elizabeth, William, Samuel, B. W., Sarah and Joseph. Capt. B. W. Harris was born in Virginia, in 1833, and was three years of age when he came to this county, where he was reared, and subsequently married, in 1853, Miss Julia E. Jones, a native of Randolph County, Ill., and born in 1833. The result of the union was three children, namely: Winnie, Frank and Charlie. Her father, Robert Jones, was a native of Kentucky, where he was born January 11, 1800; he also was an early settler of Jasper County, Ill. He married Elizabeth Chastain, who was born in Virginia, October 4, 1797, and died in Jasper County, October 19, 1874. Mr. Jones died in 1875. Capt. Harris entered the service in 1861 as First Lieutenant of Company K, Thirty-Eighth Illinois Infantry, commanded by Col. Carlin, and served until the close of the war, leaving the army with the rank of Captain. He assisted in the organization of the State militia in 1880, and is now Captain of the Newton Guards.

JAMES M. HICKS, son of Ellis and Mary E. (Wilson) Hicks, was born in Jasper County, May 30, 1859. He attended school at the log schoolhouse of his neighborhood until his nineteenth year, and there laid the foundation upon which he has since erected the superstructure of a thorough education. He began teaching a district school at the age of nineteen, and in the meanwhile attended the Normal School at Newton. In 1880 he entered the Circuit Clerk's office as assistant to W. G. Williams. His father, Elias Hicks, was born in Kentucky in 1835, and came to Jasper County in 1850, and here married the daughter of Joseph and Nancy (Watson) Wilson. James M. Hicks is an honored member of the I. O. O. F.

H. S. HINMAN, M. D., was born in Bartholomew County, Ind., in 1847, and is the youngest of eight children born to Hon. T. M. and Emily (Jetter) Hinman, natives respectively of Pennsylvania and South Carolina. At the age of five he was brought by his parents to Richland County, Ill., where, until 1865, he spent his life on a farm with the exception of six months passed in the army during the summer of 1864. He became proficient in music and proved one of the most successful teachers in southern Illinois. In 1867 he married Miss Rose A. McWilliams, who has borne him the following

children—Ulysses G., Rolla P., Hattie B., Pearl T., Ali (deceased Lola and Oris B. In the spring of 1867 he began preparing himself for his profession, teaching in the meanwhile until 1869. In 1870 he removed to Olney, took charge of a school in the vicinity and read medicine under Dr. E. Bowyer. In 1873-74 he taught the Oak Grove school, and in the spring of 1874 took his first course of lectures at the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Keokuk, Iowa, and on his return taught the graded school at Claremont. In January, 1875, he formed a partnership with Dr. Battson. He graduated in 1878, and in the spring of 1879 he removed to Rose Hill, and in 1880 to Newton. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, an active worker in the Sunday-school and a successful practitioner.

THOMAS HUNT, son of John and Elizabeth (Brooks) Hunt, natives of Ohio, was born in Montgomery County, Ohio, December 14, 1827. When a boy he went with his parents to Rush County, Ind., where he remained until the age of twenty-one. He married, in 1849, Miss Louisa Price, a native of Kentucky, and daughter of John and Mary (Cotney) Price, natives of the same State. Soon after the marriage they came to Jasper County, where he entered ninety acres of land, on which he now resides. Mr. Hunt started out in life without a cent, but now owns a farm of 240 acres. He has two children, viz.: John M., and Sarah J., wife of Frank Andre, a prominent young farmer. John Hunt, father of our subject, was born, reared and married in Ohio. He reared the following children, viz.: William, James, Thomas, Jane, Rachel, Amaziah, Milton and Elizabeth. James Hunt, grandfather of Mr. Hunt, was an old Revolutionary soldier under Gen. Washington. He was an Englishman, while the Brooks family are of Welsh origin. They were among the first settlers of Ohio. Mrs. Hunt's parents were natives of Fleming County, Kentucky. They were married in that State, and removed early to Rush County, Ind., when the county was yet a wilderness. They reared eleven children, viz.: Elizabeth, William T., Benjamin, Louisa, Lydia, Elihu, Elisha, Lucinda, Sarah A., Frank and Eliza. Her mother died in 1848; her father in 1875.

HALE JOHNSON, attorney-at-law, was born in 1847 in Tippecanoe County, Ind. He was reared a farmer, receiving his education in the common district school and the academy at Ladoga until eighteen years of age, when he went with his parents to Marion County, where he taught school in the winter season and worked upon the farm in the summer. He began reading law in 1871 with W. Hubbard, of Kin-

mundy, Marion County, Ill., now of Chicago. After reading for three years he was admitted to practice in June, 1875. Soon after his permission to practice he located at Altamont, Effingham County, where he remained two years. He then located in Newton, where he is a member of the law firm of Gibson & Johnson, and Shup & Johnson in the real estate business. He entered the service in 1864 as a private, but was discharged after bearing arms six months. He married, in 1871, Miss Mary E. Loofbourow, a native of Ohio, born in 1848, and daughter of Orlando and Frances (Delaney) Loofbourow, natives of the same State, of which her grandfather was one of the first settlers. The result of this union was five children, viz.: Jesse, Frank, May Bell, Fannie and Ruby. John B. Johnson, father of our subject, was born in 1821. He studied medicine and graduated at two colleges, viz.: the Alepthu and Eclectic. He served as a surgeon in the Seventy-Second Indiana Regiment, and has been in constant practice for thirty-five years. He now resides in White County, Ark. Mr. Johnson has been highly successful professionally, and is conceded to be one of the leading lawyers of Jasper County.

SIMPSON JOHNSON was born in Trimble County, Ky., in 1835, and was married in March, 1856, to Barbara Campbell, daughter of William and Ellen (Pegs) Campbell, and born in Carroll County, Ky., in 1835. Two children were the result of this union, viz.: George W. and Martha. Previous to his marriage he had been a farmer, and for six months a school teacher during the winter; he then opened a furniture and hardware store in Newton, continuing in the business for eight years; he next engaged in the banking and book business, but closed out the banking branch, and is now conducting a book and instrument trade. He built the opera house at Newton—40 feet front and 100 feet deep. Thomas Johnson, father of Simpson, was a native of Kentucky and of Swedish descent. He married Martha Wilson, who bore him the following children: Simpson, John W., Eliza, Susan, Margaret and Emeline.

WILLIAM B. JONES was born, in 1837, in Randolph County, Ill. He came with his parents to Jasper County in 1849, and was reared upon his father's farm, where he yet resides. He married, November 22, 1860, Miss Anne Rogers, daughter of Marcellus and Dicey (Barret) Rogers, natives of Virginia. The fruit of this union was seven children, viz.: Adelaide C., John G., Nellie L., Anna M., Charlie, Harry R. and Curtiss. At the breaking out of the Rebellion in 1861, Mr. Jones entered the service as a private in Company D, Eighth Illinois Infantry, and served in the Department of the Mississippi under



McPherson. During his service he lost a foot by a circular saw while sawing timber to repair a road leading from Vicksburg to Jackson. His father, Slaughter Jones, was a native of Virginia, where he was born in 1802. When young, he left his native State to seek his fortune in the West, and while on his way met Lavina Kelley, in company with her parents, on their way West from Kentucky. He subsequently married her in Randolph County, Ill. He served as a private in the Black Hawk war under his brother Gabriel, who was Colonel of a regiment. After the war he entered land here, from a warrant issued to him for his services. He continued to reside in Jasper County until his death, in 1882, his wife having preceded him in 1873. They reared a family of eleven children, seven boys and four girls. Mrs. Jones' father, Rev. Samuel Barret, preached in Rush County, Ind., for forty-five years. He married Clarissa McComas, daughter of Col. William McComas, who served in the war of 1812, under Harrison. Mr. Jones is a Republican in politics, a Mason, and a member of the Knights of Honor.

C. D. KENDALL, son of Cyrus and Lucy (Aubrey) Kendall, natives of Orange County, Vt., was born in Erie, Penn., where he was educated until seventeen, when he came first to Kane and then to Fayette County, where he taught school during the years 1851, 1859 and 1860; he then moved to Clay County and read law under W. W. Bishop, who afterwards defended John D. Lee, in the Mountain Meadow massacre case, and then wrote a history of Lee's life. Mr. Kendall was admitted to practice, but before his diploma reached him he had enlisted in Company D, Eleventh Missouri Infantry, and rapidly rose to be Second Lieutenant, when he was transferred to Company K, same regiment. In 1864, he was commissioned Captain and afterward detached as Quartermaster on the Staff of General L. F. Hubbard, now Governor of Minnesota. He was wounded at Corinth the night of October 3, 1862, and at Nashville, December 16, 1864. January 22, 1862, he married Miss Rivilla C. Miller, a native of Ohio, and daughter of Thomas and Abby (Sparks) Miller, who died in 1875, the mother of four children—Harry Frederick, Cyrus Don (deceased), Bertie Rivilla (deceased), and Helva Aubrey. In 1878, the Captain married Mrs. Susie Barnes, daughter of Henry and Susan (McCoy) Books, and to this union were born Mary Estella and Claudia Vere. Captain Kendall, on his return from the war, engaged in merchandising a short time at Flora, Ill. In 1865, he was elected County Clerk of Clay County, and served four years. He then engaged in the mercantile trade in Louisville; sold out in

1881, and came to Newton. His grandfather, Frederick Aubrey, was a surgeon in the British navy, from which he was discharged on account of disability, when he came to America and took part in the Revolutionary war. His discharge from the English navy is still in the hands of Captain Kendall.

T. J. MARTIN is a native of Floyd County, Ky., and was born February 8, 1823. At the age of fourteen he went to Missouri and worked in a tobacco factory; during the Mexican war he served as wagon-master in the army; after the war he came to Paris, Edgar Co., Ill., engaged in business, and married Miss Elizabeth Blackburn, daughter of Colonel Blackburn, and to this union were born four children—Henry W., James B., John W., and William. In 1850, Mr. Martin settled in Newton. His second marriage was to Miss Mary E. Chittenden, a descendant from one of the oldest families in Vermont. Her great-grandfather, Thomas Chittenden, was the first Governor of that State, and her grandfather, Martin Chittenden, was elected Governor in 1813, and served several terms. Ireman Chittenden, father of Mrs. Martin, was the eldest son of Governor Martin Chittenden.

J. H. MAXWELL, physician and surgeon, is of Scotch-Irish extraction, and was born in this country December 26, 1835. He was educated in the common schools and the Seminary at Paris, Ill., until sixteen years old, after which he worked on a farm in summer and attended school in winter. He read medicine for three years with Dr. S. York, who was a distinguished surgeon of the Fifty-Fourth Illinois Volunteers, and was assassinated at Charleston in 1864. In 1865, Mr. Maxwell entered the Ohio Medical College, finally graduating in 1871. He entered the army in 1861, as Hospital Steward in the Thirty-Eighth Illinois Volunteers, and was advanced to the position of Assistant Surgeon. In 1864, he was appointed, for meritorious service, surgeon to the Army of the Cumberland, under General Thomas, but declined the office. In 1866, he married Miss Mary Hayes, a daughter of William and Elizabeth (Martin) Hayes, natives of Kentucky.

BENJAMIN MILLER was born in 1814, in the State of New Jersey. When a small boy he went with his parents to Pennsylvania, and soon after to Clermont County, Ohio, and from there to Hancock County, Ind., where he married, at the age of eighteen, Elizabeth Lemay, a native of Virginia, and a daughter of James and Nancy (Huggard) Lemay. The result of this union was fifteen children, born in the following order: Nancy C., born January 26, 1833;

James A., December 14, 1834; Abraham, January 30, 1837; Pollie J., January 20, 1839; William T., May 24, 1840; Susan C., June 3, 1842; Hannah A., February 5, 1844; George P., February 15, 1846; Henry F., September 17, 1848; John Wesley, September 18, 1850; Sarilda E. and Matilda F. (twins), February 13, 1852; Benjamin J., April 27, 1854; Theodore, November 9, 1856, and Henry F., January 5, 1861. Mr. Miller has been twice married; his second marriage being to Mary J. Eagleton, of Terre Haute, Ind., daughter of John Farr, a native of Pennsylvania, and one of the pioneers of Indiana; where both parents died soon after their removal from Pennsylvania. The result of Mr. Miller's last marriage was two children, Lucy and one that died unnamed. Mr. Miller is widely and favorably known throughout the county. He owns a fine, well improved farm, the result of his own labor, he having begun life poor. He is a Republican and sent two of his sons to the army, namely, William and George.

OGDEN MONELL, son of Robert B. and Parmelia (Squires) Monell, was born September 15, 1833, in Chenango County, N. Y. When quite young his parents removed to Hudson, Columbia County, where he spent his youth. He was carefully educated at Hartford, N. Y., and at Stockbridge, Mass., with a view to his entering the legal profession. In 1850, Mr. Monell, being of a somewhat roving disposition, shipped as a sailor on board the ship "Great Britain," bound from New York to China, *via* San Francisco. After a long and tedious voyage around Cape Horn, the vessel arrived in San Francisco Bay, and the gold excitement being at its full height, the whole ship's company deserted, and engaged in the search for the hidden treasure. After an absence of over four years, in which he made several voyages on the Pacific Ocean, he again doubled Cape Horn in the whale ship "Boston," and landed at New Bedford, Mass. After remaining at home a short time he came to Illinois, and from there went to Minnesota, which was then a territory, where he acted as Sub-Indian Agent, at the Crow Wing Agency, and was afterward the first Sheriff of Crow Wing County, that State. In 1858, he returned to Boone County, Ill., where, December 25, 1858, he was united in marriage with Miss Mary E. Pearsall, a daughter of John and Clarinda Pearsall. Two children, George R. and Alber P., were the result of the union. In the spring of 1860, he came to Jasper County, Ill., where, in 1861, he was chosen Supervisor of North Muddy Township, which office he resigned and entered the army as First Lieutenant of Company F, Eleventh Illinois Volun-

teers, and served until the promulgation of President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation, when, on his return home, he was appointed Deputy Sheriff under Harvey N. Love, after whose death he became acting Sheriff. In 1868, he was elected Circuit Clerk and Recorder of the county; was re-elected in 1862.

DANIEL O'DONNELL, Deputy Sheriff, son of Cornelius and Elizabeth (Riley) O'Donnell, natives of Ireland, was born, October, 1846, in Jasper County. He was reared on a farm and educated in the common schools and at Saint Mary's College, at Teutopolis, Effingham County, Ill. After his college course he resumed farming until 1865, when he enlisted in Company B, One Hundred and Fifty-Fifth Illinois Infantry. In 1871, he married Miss Pauline Ponset, daughter of Frank Ponset, natives of Ohio. She died about a year after the anniversary of their wedding, and in 1881, he married Amelia Shoenlab, daughter of Emil Shoenlab, a native of Indiana. They have one child, Alice May. Mr. O'Donnell has served as Deputy Sheriff since 1879. His father was a stone mason, and on coming to this country, first found employment on the Capitol at Washington, D.C. He came to Jasper County in 1842, and entered 120 acres of wild land near Saint Marie, where he continued to reside until his death in January, 1875. Amelia Shoenlab's father, Emil Shoenlab, was a native of Alsace, France. When a young man he came to Newton, and for a while clerked in a store. He now resides at Saint Marie, where he is engaged in the commission business.

H. K. POWELL, son of John and Frances A. (McComas) Powell, natives of Ohio and Virginia, was born in Jasper County, Ill., November 12, 1848, was reared a farmer, and was educated in the schools at Newton. In 1864, he enlisted in the One Hundred and Forty-Third Illinois Infantry, and served until the close of the war. July 11, 1870, he married Miss Dollie A. Thompson, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Sherman) Thompson, natives of Virginia. In November, 1873, Mr. Powell was elected to the office of County Clerk; was re-elected in 1877, and by virtue of an act of the Legislature, he held the office until 1882, when he was again elected. He is the father of four children—Harrie, Julia, Hattie and Robert L.

GILBERT REISNER was born in Jasper County, May 31, 1853. He was reared on a farm and educated in the district school and the high school at Newton. He began teaching at the age of eighteen, and made it his occupation until the death of his father, since which he has been superintending the home farm. He was united in marriage in 1882, to Miss Mary Harrah, daughter of D. B. Harrah. John

C. Reisner, father of Gilbert Reisner, was born in Virginia, December 19, 1828, and was the son of Jacob Reisner, who fought in the wars of Napoleon the Great, crossed the Alps, and was with him at Moscow. He was wounded fourteen times, through the effects of which he was discharged from the service, and afterwards came to America, first settling, it is presumed, in Pennsylvania, from which State he removed to Virginia, where he married Catharine Burtran, a native of Worms, Germany. John C. Reisner was one of the very early settlers of Jasper County, a man of the strictest integrity, and to whom many went for advice and assistance. He took a deep interest in the church and Sunday-school, and educational affairs of the community in which he lived. He was superintendent of the Sabbath-school for many years, and although a member of the Baptist Church, he was instrumental in the organization of the Methodist Episcopal Church in his neighborhood. He joined the Missionary Baptist Church in 1849, and remained a member of the same until the time of his death, February 25, 1883. He married in Jasper County, March 29, 1849, Miss Mariana Stevens, a daughter of Uriah and Mary (Gilbert) Stevens, natives of Vermont, early settlers of Jasper County, and the first to start a farm where the subject of this sketch now resides. She died October 29, 1857, leaving two children, Gilbert, the subject of this sketch, and Mary Ann. January 21, 1871, Mr. R. married Miss Eunice Stevens, sister of his first wife. Mr. Reisner is a member of the State Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows.

FRANK RICHARDSON, farmer and fine stock raiser, of Wade Township, son of Nathan and Rebecca (Ruthby) Richardson, was born in Warren County, Ohio, in 1840. He was reared to farming, and attended the National Normal School at Lebanon, Ohio, where he graduated in 1858. He was educated with a view to the medical profession, but declining health forbade his entering that profession. He was joined in marriage, in 1860, with Miss Esther Weer, daughter of Philip and Sarah (Roberts) Weer, soon after which he enlisted as a private in Company M, Thirteenth Ohio Cavalry. After serving six months, he was chosen First Lieutenant of his Company, in which capacity he served with distinction under General Sheridan until the close of the war. Having a desire to raise fine stock, he came to Jasper County soon after the close of the war, where he engaged in that business. He owns a fine farm of 300 acres in Wade Township. He has had born to him two children—Annie and Jesse.

B. F. ROGERS was born in 1857, in Jasper County, Ill., where he was reared upon his father's farm, and educated in the district

school, and the Normal, at Newton, after which he began teaching. His father, Marcellus Rogers, a native of Clarke County, Ohio, was born in 1817, was early thrown upon his own resources, and at the age of eighteen, he went to Logansport, Ind., where he found employment in a store for three years, after which he worked as an apprentice for one year at the tailors' trade. He then went to Lafayette, Ind., where he remained two years, after which he made a visit to his native State, and later, located at Knightstown, Ind., where, in 1839, he was joined in marriage with Dicey Barret, who was born in Virginia, in 1822. She was the daughter of Rev. Samuel and Clarissa (McComas) Barret. After a residence of nearly twenty years, in Indiana, they came to Jasper County, where he bought 100 acres of land, which he improved, and upon which he now resides. In 1861, he entered the army as Sergeant in the Fifth Illinois Cavalry, and served three years. His father, Henry Rogers, was an early settler of Clarke County, Ohio, where he published the *Western Pioneer*, the first newspaper in that county. He reared eight children, of whom Marcellus Rogers is the only survivor. Mrs. Rogers' father, Rev. Samuel Barret, was one of the settlers of Rush County, as early as 1824. He was the pioneer of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in that locality, where he preached for forty-five years. He died October 2, 1863, lamented by all who knew him in life. The fruit of Mr. Rogers' marriage with Dicey Barret, was eleven children, viz.: Commodore, born in 1840; Mary, in 1843; Ann E., in 1844; Charles H., in 1847; John E., in 1849; Valeria L., in 1851; Clara, in 1853; Marcellus, in 1855; Benjamin F., the subject of this sketch, in 1857; Eliza E., in 1859, and Amelia, in 1861. Both Mr. B. F. Rogers, and father, are active Republicans in politics.

*R* CASPER RUSH was born near New Brunswick, N. J., in 1837. While young, he was taken by his parents to Cincinnati, where he was reared and educated until thirteen years of age, when he was apprenticed to a confectioner. In 1862, he married Miss Antoinette Fluchr, a native of Germany, and born in 1839. The following children have succeeded this union: Rosa, Harry, Ida, Walter and Leonore. Mr. Rush's father, also named Casper, came from Germany about 1830 and bought a farm in New Jersey, but removed to Cincinnati on account of the German society there, and there died when our subject was nine years old. Mr. Rush is one of the foremost business men in Newton. His stock of goods is very large and varied, and his trade is proportionately large, and by his social, pleasing way of dealing, he has won universal esteem. He is a kind

husband, an indulgent father, a gentleman and a much valued citizen.

FRANK L. SHUP, editor of the *Newton Press*, was born July 4, 1854, in Jasper County. He was reared a farmer, and was educated in the district school until twenty years of age. At twenty-two he began to read law with Brown & Gibson, and was admitted to the bar in June, 1880, at Springfield, soon after which he went to Kansas, located at Kingman, and entered into practice with George E. Filley. He severed this connection May 31, 1882, returned to Newton and took charge of the *Press*, which he is successfully conducting.

JOHN H. SHUP, son of William and Emily (Coffin) Shup, was born in Hancock County, Ind., in 1852, but when a child, was brought by his parents to Jasper County, where he attended school until seventeen years of age, after which he worked upon his father's farm until twenty-one, when he took a course of study at the Normal School of Newton. In 1876, he was appointed deputy County Clerk, and served three years. From 1879 to 1881, he engaged in the real estate business, and then entered upon his present vocation of insurance agent for the following first-class companies: Burlington, of Iowa, and the Fireman's Fund and the Union, of California, in the counties of Richland, Effingham, Jasper, Crawford, Shelby, Cumberland, Clark, Coles, Edgar, Douglas, Champaign and Vermillion. In 1877, he married Miss Belle Snyder, a native of Indiana, and daughter of David and Sarah (Goodman) Snyder, and to their union have been born two children—Clella and Ethel.

FRANCIS A. STEVENS, druggist, is of Dutch-English extraction, was born October 8, 1852, in Newton, Jasper County, received his early education in the common schools and finished at Champaign, Ill., after which worked upon his father's farm until the age of twenty-one, at which time he entered the drug business at Robinson, Crawford County, Ill., in company with E. B. Barlow. He was joined in marriage in 1878 with Miss Anna Wallace, who was born in this county, and is a daughter of W. H. and Hannah (Moor) Wallace, natives of Pennsylvania. To this union has been born one son—William. Dr. U. G. Stevens, father of our subject, was born August 23, 1812, in Canada. While young, he removed with his parents to Vermont and afterward to Kentucky, where he was reared and educated. He had three sisters and two brothers; the latter grew to manhood and became physicians. In an early day he came to Champaign County, Ill., where, in 1836, he was joined in marriage with Marilla Stanfield, who was born April 8, 1820, in

Pennsylvania. The result of the union was as follows: William, James B., Uriah L., Serena A., Harmon, Alpheus, Gilbert S., Stephen, Francis A., Marilla E., Amelia A. and Charles, all of whom are deceased, except Francis A. (the subject of this sketch), and Amelia and Marilla E. Dr. Stevens died in November, 1881, and his wife in 1877. Mr. Stevens is a Knight Templar, an Odd Fellow, a member of the Knights of Honor and of the Ancient Order of United Workmen.

A. J. STROLE was born in 1827 near the Shenandoah River, Page County, Va., where he was reared to farming until twenty-six years of age, when he moved to Vigo County, Ind., and later to Jasper County and next to Edgar County, where he worked on a farm for three years. He married Miss Nancy Step in 1858, daughter of Michael and Matilda (Yager) Step, natives of Virginia. She died in 1860, leaving one child—Michael. Mr. Strole's second marriage was with Miss Wealthy Lane, who was born in Jefferson County, Tenn., in 1832—daughter of William D. and Lucinda (Cox) Lane, natives of the same State. To them were born seven children, viz.: Lucinda V., Charles P., William D., Hiram P., Thomas J., Isaac R. and Martha. Their family circle is composed of two other children, viz.: Clara and Wealthy J. Dillmore, her orphaned nieces. Jacob Strole, father of our subject, was of German descent. He married, in Virginia, Eva Kibler, daughter of Philip and Catharine (Snyder) Kibler. They reared to maturity fourteen children. William D. Lane, father of Mrs. Strole, was born in Tennessee in 1812, and was the son of Isaac and Rebecca (Scruggs) Lane. They settled in Indiana about 1835, locating in Union County, near Liberty; he removed to Clark County, Ill., in 1865, and to Jasper County in 1879, making his home with Mr. Strole, where he died in 1880. Mrs. Strole was among the first school-teachers in Jasper County, having first taught here at Island Grove, before which she taught in Indiana. Mr. Strole is a successful farmer and business man. On his arrival here his whole stock in trade consisted of an old horse, saddle and bridle, and \$25 in money. He now owns a farm of 280 acres, well improved. He and wife are both members of the Lutheran Church.

WILLIAM TRAINOR, Sheriff of Jasper County, was born in Pittsburgh, Penn., in 1839, and at the age of five years was brought to this county by his father, who died a year after his arrival, leaving a widow and eight children. On the home farm of 200 acres William Trainor was reared, alternating the hardships of a frontier farm life with brief terms at the neighboring schools. In 1864 he



enlisted in Company B, One Hundred and Fifty-Fifth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, served as private one month and was then promoted to the rank of First Lieutenant and as such served until the close of the war. In 1880 he was elected Sheriff, and re-elected in 1882. He was united in marriage to Miss Rebecca Bowen, who has borne him five children, of whom two only are living—Emma and William. John Trainor, father of our subject, was born in Ireland, and came to America when a young man. He married Jane McComas, a daughter of William McComas, and to his marriage were born the following children: Thomas, Philip, Peter, Mary, Amelia, William, George and James, all of whom are deceased excepting Philip and the subject of this sketch. George and James died from the effects of exposure while in the army.

G. V. VANDERHOOF was born February 14, 1840, and is the son of Henry and Mary (Rhodes) Vanderhoof. Henry Vanderhoof was born in Stark County, Ohio, in 1812, and there married the daughter of George Rhodes. Mr. V. came to this county as early as 1839, and here his wife died in 1863. In 1861 G. V. Vanderhoof entered the army as First Sergeant of Company K, Thirty-Eighth Illinois Infantry, and served nearly five years. He afterward learned blacksmithing, which trade he followed until 1879. In 1868 he married Miss Mamie Thomas, daughter of Elihu Thomas, a native of Indiana. Mr. Vanderhoof is one of the heaviest implement dealers in Newton, and has the agency for the celebrated Minneapolis Twine Binder, of which he sells large numbers, as it gives the most general satisfaction.

W. G. WILLIAMS, son of W. G. and Margaret (Knoff) Williams, was born in Coshocton County, Ohio, in 1840, and there received his early education, and afterward, for three years attended the Wesleyan University at Delaware, Ohio, Dr. Thompson being president of the institution and W. G. Williams Professor of Languages. In 1859 he came to Jasper County, taught school during the winter of 1860, and then for eight years practiced dentistry at Vandalia, Ill. In 1870 he bought and shipped grain at Saint Elmo, and then came to Newton and clerked for Fuller Nigh. In 1871 he was appointed deputy, under Sheriff Ogden Monell, and served until 1873, when Thomas Cooper was appointed to office and under him he served three months. In 1874 he was elected Circuit Clerk, was re-elected in 1876, and has served ever since. In 1865 he married Miss Mary, daughter of Ebenezer Copps, one of the first settlers of Illinois, and to his union have been born two children—Claudia M. and Paul. Mr.

Williams is of Scotch and Welsh origin. His father was a nephew of Col. Williams, and was born January 1, 1801, near Wheeling, Va. He was one of the first settlers of Coshocton County, Ohio, and there married Miss Margaret, daughter of John Knoff, and born in Sussex County, N. J., in 1800.

A. J. WOODS was born in 1839, in Gibson County, Ind. At the age of five years he came with his parents to Jasper County, where he was reared on his father's farm until the age of twenty, when he returned to his native State, and at the beginning of the war, in 1861, enlisted in the Twenty-Fourth Indiana Infantry, commanded by Col. Harvey. He served until 1862, when he was discharged on account of disability. On his return he stopped for a while at his old home in Indiana, for medical treatment. He married, in 1862, Miss Adelia Garner, a native of France. The union was blessed with the following children: Andrew F. (deceased), Neoma, Lizzie, Willie (deceased) and Octavia. Mr. Woods' father, Dixon Woods, was born in Tennessee, in 1808, and was one of the first settlers of Jasper County. He first came with his parents to Indiana, where he was reared, and married Miss Margaret Woods, the result of the union being as follows: Jane, James, Maria, Elizabeth, John, Patrick, A. J., Joseph, William and Susan. Dixon Woods was widely and favorably known throughout the county and was familiarly called "Uncle Dickey," by which distinctive name everybody in the county knew him. He was of Irish descent. The Garners came to Ohio about 1837, and to Jasper County about 1839, where they reared a family of five children.



**WILLOW HILL TOWNSHIP.**

M. ALLISON, farmer, was born in Edwards County, Ill., in 1839, and is the second son of John and Sarah J. Allison; the first a native of Kentucky, and the second of Virginia. Our subject remained in the county of Edwards until he was ten years old, at which time he was removed to Willow Hill Township, which was his home until he was nineteen years of age. In August, 1861, he enlisted in the Forty-Third Indiana Volunteers, and was engaged in battle at Fort Donelson, Island No. 10, Fort Pillow, Memphis, Helena, Duvall's Bluff, Little Rock, and others. After returning to this township, he purchased his present farm of 240 acres, now in good cultivation. In 1857 he was wedded to Mary Messenger, a native of Indiana, which marriage was productive of five children,—John C., Sarah J., Mary E., Francis M., and Milton. Mr. Allison is an intelligent and grounded Republican, a member of the I. O. O. F. and of the G. A. R., and an enterprising and worthy citizen.

JOHN AUSPACH, farmer, is a native of Decatur County, Ind., and is the third son of John and Lydia (Bailey) Auspach, both of whom were natives of Ohio. Our subject was born in the year 1834, and when ten years of age removed to Ohio, where he obtained some educational training and remained until he was twenty years old; he then returned to Decatur County; remained about seven years, and purchased his present farm of 220 acres, which is largely improved and well cultivated. The consort of John Auspach was Mary J. Parkison, a native of Indiana, by whom he is the father of two children—George H. and Marion S. In politics he is allied with the Democratic element, and is an enlightened gentleman and a progressive citizen.

H. C. BOLLINGER, physician and surgeon, is a native of Ohio, was born in 1828, and is the eldest son of John and Barbara (Hiser) Bollinger; the former a native of Virginia, the latter of Ohio. Dr. Bollinger was brought up and educated in Licking County, attended Granville College, and studied medicine, chiefly at Hartford, Ind. When a young man he served in the Mexican war, and was stationed on the Rio Grande. His first efforts in medical practice were at Bell Air, Ill., whence, after three years' experience, he removed to Brock-

ville, in this township. In 1859, he bought the Evermond Mound farm, and in 1864, returned to Willow Hill, where, except for seven years in Hunt City, he has been engaged in practice successfully. In 1851, he married Mary J. Page, who died in 1856. In 1857, he married Maria Rodgers, a native of Jasper County, who also died in 1876. His third marriage was with Louise A. Jones, a native of this township, the fruition of which union was the following children—Homer, Frank, Annetta, Martha E., Jeff, Dora, Clinton and Clyde. Dr. Bollinger is a respected citizen and a grounded Democrat.

S. B. BOWMAN, farmer, was born in Montgomery County, Ind., in 1844, and is the youngest son of John and Sarah (Loop) Bowman, both natives of Virginia. Our subject was reared and educated in Montgomery County. On his twenty-first birthday his father died, and he assumed care of the family. In 1863, he enlisted in the Forty-Second Indiana Infantry, was sent to Sherman's command, and was through many skirmishes and battles, including Savannah, Goldsboro and Fort Fisher; he was twice wounded, and promoted to be Major. In 1875, he came to this township and purchased a half interest in the Hunt City farm, of which he took charge for three years; afterward, he purchased 200 acres near Hunt City, with timber and improvements. He is a member of the A. F. and A. M., of the I. O. O. F., and the G. A. R. He was vice-President of the Council of Montgomery County for two years, and President of the Jasper County Agricultural Association; he has also been representative of many lodges; is a liberal Democrat and a leading citizen. In 1866, he married Rebecca A. Mills, a native of Indiana; this union was productive of five children—Minnie B., Charles M., Cora M., Nellie and Washington L.

WILLIAM J. CHITTENDEN, physician and druggist, was born in Shelbyville, Ind., February 13, 1841, and is the eldest living son of Lyman and Nancy A. (Castator) Chittenden; the former a native of Virginia, the latter of Kentucky. When Dr. Chittenden was five years old his father abandoned his trade of millwright, commenced farming, and later moved to Hazel Dell, Ill., where our subject was educated, and whence he enlisted in 1861, in the Thirty-Eighth Illinois Volunteers. From Camp Butler they went to Pilot Knob, Mo., and in 1862, to Pittsburg Landing—a march of 212 miles in nine days; then followed the siege of Corinth and the battles of Perryville, and Stone River. In 1863, he was discharged, owing to an injury to his eyes. In 1864, he recruited a company for guard duty at Memphis and Helena, with which he served as Lieutenant.

After the war he taught some time; read medicine, formed a partnership with Dr. West, and began practicing. After two years he came to Willow Hill, which he has since made his home and where he built up a good practice; this, however, owing to his ailing vision, he was obliged to relinquish, and now devotes his time to his drug trade, having a fine store and a full stock. In 1870, he married Sarah J. McCray, of Henry County, Ind., which union was favored with four children—Ora, May, Estelle and Bertram. Dr. Chittenden is a Freemason, and Junior Warden of his Lodge; he is also post-commander in the G. A. R.; a Republican, and was chairman of the Township Republican Convention and of the Senatorial Convention in 1882. The Doctor once obtained a prize in a county penmanship contest.

EPHRAIM COTTRELL, restaurateur and boarding-house keeper, was born in Wills County, Ill., in 1840, and is the fifth son of John and Catherine (Arnold) Cottrell, natives respectively of Kentucky and Ohio. When Ephraim was ten years old the family removed to Livingston County, where he was reared and educated. After his father's death he remained with his mother until 1873, when he came to this township, and purchased ninety-seven acres, which tract is now largely cultivated. Three years later he exchanged his land for an interest in the store of Curtis & Mason, but soon after he resumed farming. In 1881, he commenced his present business; he is adjacent to the depot, and is a successful caterer. Mr. Cottrell is a member of the A. F. and A. M., and the I. O. O. F., also of the United Brethren Church, and the Democratic party. In 1870, he married Matilda Lord, a native of England. They are the parents, by adoption, of one child—Letha. Mr. Cottrell is a worthy man and an esteemed citizen.

ISAAC DEBOW, junior member of the firm of Jones & Debow, owners of the Hunt City Mills, was born in Jasper County, Ill., in 1847, and is the second son of Robert and Naomi (Gosnold) Debow, natives of New Jersey and Pennsylvania, respectively. Grandville Township was the location of our subject's rearing and education, where he remained until 1866, when the family purchased 117 acres in this township, ninety-seven of which are cultivated; here he lived until 1869, since which he has made several exchanges of land. In 1883, in company with Mr. Jones, he built the Hunt City Mills, and since they opened their business, in June last, the same has steadily increased and promises gloriously. They have three "run" of buhrs, and expect to improve and add to their ma-

chinery. In 1866, he married Cerilda Chapman, a native of Jasper County, who died in 1870. He next married Sarah M. Parr, a native of Marion County, Ind., and is the parent of two children—Emily A. and Calvin W. Mr. Debow is a Democrat, and an influential citizen. The firm of Jones & Debow are also grain dealers, having charge of the grain house at Hunt City.

JEREMIAH DOTY, farmer, was born at Willow Hill in 1846, and is the youngest son of Daniel and Isabel (Ritter) Doty; the former a native of Kentucky, the latter of North Carolina. Daniel Doty entered the land now owned by his son, in the early days of Illinois. Jeremiah Doty was reared, educated and has done business in Willow Hill. Part of his farm has been platted as town lots, known as "Doty's Addition," said farm now containing seventy-five acres, all improved and under good cultivation. In 1865, he married Elizabeth Dickey, a native of Indiana, who died within one year, and in 1867 he wedded Martha J. Smith, likewise of Indiana, which union gave issue to six children—Samuel O., Martha E., George F., James N., Daniel H., and William N. Mr. Doty is a lifelong Democrat, a member of the Predestinarian Baptist Church, and a much esteemed citizen.

W. H. EIDSON, M. D., postmaster at Willow Hill, was born in Preble County, Ohio, in 1816, and is the youngest son of Henry and Nancy (Bunch) Eidson, natives of Virginia, where they died in 1846 and 1854, respectively. When about twenty-two, Dr. Eidson began to study medicine, under Drs. Lynaweaver & Helfenstine, and began practice at twenty-five. Soon after he removed to Indiana, and afterward to Marshall, Ill., where he practiced dentistry, and later moved to Willow Hill, being the second physician in the township, where he soon had a successful practice. At the time of war he enlisted in the Thirty-Second Illinois Volunteers, serving at Fort Henry, Donelson and Shiloh, and afterward as enrolling officer. He then resumed practice, but from enfeebled health, retired in 1880, and gave the business to his son, devoting his time to post-office duties, having served about one-half of twenty-nine years as postmaster. Dr. Eidson is a Knight Templar in the Masonic Order, and he has been Master of the local Lodge; he is also a member of the G. A. R., the Methodist Episcopal Church, and was Secretary and Director of the D., O. & O. R. R. R. He was for three years County Commissioner, Justice, four years, later Township Treasurer, and has been President of Town Trustees for several years. He was a Democrat, after 1860 a Republican, and is now an Independ-

ent. In 1846, he married Catherine Coffman, of Maryland, with a result of three children—Henry A., Catherine E. and Laura J.

HENRY A. EIDSON, M. D., was born November 9, 1846, at Mexico, Ind., and is a son of Dr. W. H. Eidson. He was reared and educated at Willow Hill, also taught two terms before becoming of age, served as clerk, assisted in the survey of the D., O. & O. R. R. R., and afterward engaged in mercantile business and as agent for the railroad company. Having previously read medicine with his father, he attended and graduated from Rush Medical College in 1880, and succeeded to his father's practice, to which he has added considerably. He belongs to Cooper Lodge, A. F. & A. M., Newton Chapter and Gloria Commandery. He is now Master of Cooper Lodge, and Vice Grand in the I. O. O. F. He is independent in politics and an influential citizen. Dr. Eidson was married the day after his graduation to Anna F. Radcliff, of Ohio, who died December 28, of same year. In 1882, he married Miss Mary J. McCartney, of Neoga, Ill.

JOB FITHIAN, farmer, is a native of this county, was born September 7, 1840, and is the eldest son of Glover and Mary (Catt) Fithian, the former a native of Ohio, the latter of Indiana. Job Fithian was reared near Brockville, and there remained until his twenty-first year. In 1861, he enlisted in the Thirty-Eighth Illinois Infantry, and was engaged at Pilot Knob, Shiloh, siege of Corinth, Perryville, Stone River and Chickamauga, where he was wounded in the right arm. He afterward re-enlisted, and was in the battles of Franklin and Nashville, and after passing through Louisiana and Texas, was discharged at Victoria. In 1867, he married Eveline Dickey, a native of Indiana, by which nuptials he became the father to five children—Albert, Lizzie, George, Davy and an infant girl. Mr. Fithian has several times been possessor of the old homestead, and now has a farm on Section 30 west, consisting of ninety-six acres, all well improved and being cultivated. Mr. Fithian has long been a Democrat, but is liberal and intelligent, and stands in the foremost rank of citizenship. He is a member of the G. A. R., and has held several township offices.

E. C. FLINN, attorney-at-law, was born in the year 1818, in the State of North Carolina, being the third son of Josiah and Catherine (Mozer) Flinn, both natives of the "Old North State." When our subject was nine years of age the family moved to Greene County, Ind., where he attended an old-fashioned subscription school for thirty days. In 1855, he was admitted to the bar of Greene County, under Judge McDonald. In 1861, he removed to Jasper County,

Ill., and in 1880, after a State examination, was admitted to the bar of that county, where he has since practiced his profession most successfully. Mr. Flinn, in 1844, married Phebe Christenburg, a native of Indiana, with a result of one child, Amanda Holt. He has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church several years, and was Justice of the Peace for fourteen years in Indiana, and has been a Republican since the administration of Buchanan. Mr. Flinn is wholly a self-made man, and a valued and deserving citizen.

M. L. GETTINGER, M. D., is a native of Darke County, Ohio, was born in 1858, and is the third son of Henry and Mary (Buff) Gettinger, natives respectively of Maryland and Ohio, who moved to Sullivan County, Ind., when the Doctor was about six years of age, and where he was reared. He was educated at the Union Christian College, at Merom, and subsequently became a student of the Eclectic Medical Institute of Cincinnati, but graduated at the American Medical College of Saint Louis. His first location was at Annapolis, Ill., but soon after came to Hunt City, where he has since been engaged in a successful practice, and has grounded a flattering reputation. In 1880, he married Caroline Hoskins, a native of Indiana, which union has given birth to one child, Mary J. Dr. Gettinger is a member of the I. O. O. F. He has always been a Republican, and is an influential and respected citizen.

W. H. HIGGINS, deceased farmer and stock-dealer, was a native of Boone County, Ky., having been born in 1835. He was the third son of William and Nancy Higgins, supposed to have been natives of Kentucky. Our subject was reared in Kentucky until he attained his majority, when he emigrated to this township and settled on the estate now the property of his heirs. It contained originally 160 acres of improved land, of which his widow now owns the home and 100 acres. October 14, 1875, he married Mary I. Ireland, a native of Illinois, with an issue of one child, James W. By a former wife, Margaret Ireland, he was the father of six children, viz.: Dora B. (Ping), Harvey A., Julius W., Mary F., Orlando A. and John I. Mr. Higgins died April 29, 1880. He was a member of the Masonic Order, in politics a Democrat, a prominent farmer and a highly respected citizen.

G. R. HOPPER, farmer, is a native of Hancock County, Ind., was born in 1845, and is the eldest child of James and Verlinda (Walker) Hopper. Our subject was brought to manhood and educated in this township, and afterward bought the farm of his father, who now resides at Oblong. This farm comprises 134 acres, all im-



proved and well cultivated, situated in this township, and forty acres in Crawford. In 1865, he enlisted in the Thirty-Second Illinois Volunteers, and served six months. In political matters he has always been identified with the Republican party, and is a member of the G. A. R. and of the Missionary Baptist Church. In 1866, he married Martha J. Hurt, a native of Virginia, who died in 1879. He next married Elvira J. Meritt, a native of Indiana. Mr. Hopper is the parent of six children, viz.: James H., Albert W., Francis M., Estella V., George W. and Roy A. He is also a valuable and worthy citizen.

GEORGE W. JONES, senior member of the firm of Jones & Debow, proprietors of the Hunt City Mills, was born in Johnson County, Ind., in 1831, and is the third son of Abraham and Mary (Parr) Jones, natives respectively of Virginia and Tennessee. Mr. Jones was educated at Greenwood, reared in his native county, and there remained until twenty years old, at which period he came to this county and purchased land in Brockville settlement. He has been a resident of Willow Hill ever since, and has been owner of various farms, in extent from 40 to 380 acres, and now is owner of two farms of 140 and 120 acres respectively, which in the main are improved and well situated. Mr. Jones taught school for ten winters, and managed a saw-mill for five years. He is a member of the Baptist Church, was for four years Justice of the Peace, and has held other township offices. He is a Democrat, and one of Willow Hill's best citizens. July 11, 1851, he married Rachel Stretcher, a native of Ohio. Their family consists of seven children, viz.: John E., Sylman, Tylman W., William, Otis, Allen and Lillie.

J. B. McNAIR, carpenter, was born in 1839 in Rush County, Ind., and is the third son of Thomas and Pruda (Keeler) McNair, natives of New York and Indiana, who came to this township when our subject was ten years old, and entered over 300 acres of land. When J. B. McNair was twenty-two years of age he enlisted in the Thirty-Second Illinois Volunteers, and served at Forts Henry and Donelson, the battles of Shiloh, Corinth, LaGrange, Bolivar, siege of Vicksburg, and others. At Natchez he re-enlisted, after which he was sent up the Ohio and Tennessee rivers, then joined Gen. Sherman's march, appearing in the grand review at Washington, and thence going to Leavenworth, where he was discharged, having risen to be Second Lieutenant. He was wounded while on march, the minie-ball being yet lodged in his face, and from long and arduous service his health is permanently broken. In 1864, on the 7th of

April, he married Tempa, daughter of Dr. W. H. Eidson, and native of Ohio; they have one child, Daisy K. Mr. McNair is a Past Master and Chapter Mason, an Odd Fellow, and a member of the G. A. R. He is a liberal Republican, and an esteemed citizen.

W. F. MASON, is a native of Livingston County, Ill., and was born November 20, 1851. His ancestors were Virginians; his parents resided in Marshall, Ill., for four years and afterward moved to Willow Hill about 1856, where our subject was reared and educated. When sixteen years old he began clerking with Haynie, Eidson & Co., at which he continued seven years. In 1874, with Henry Curtis, he began business for himself, having a stock of about \$2,800, and has built up a good and increasing business. Mr. Curtis sold his interest, in 1877, to Mr. Cottrell, who in 1878 sold to Mr. Mason, who has since managed the business and has a well-selected stock valued at perhaps \$6,500. In June, last, he purchased the stock of Stewart Bros., invoiced at \$4,088, exclusive of the building. Mr. Mason's business has been a steady, growing one, and his career has been prosperous, with no untoward current except a safe burglary, on March 14, 1883. Mr. Mason is a Republican, a rising merchant, and an esteemed citizen.

J. A. MERRICK, farmer, stock and grain dealer, was born August 19, 1825, in Petersburg, Ind., where he was reared, educated and where he remained until the age of twenty-five years, at which period he commenced the dry goods trade at Hutsonville, Ill. In 1868 he came to Willow Hill and purchased 500 acres; he also has 280 acres of timber in Indiana and 280 in addition to his farming land in this county, besides a partnership in other land. In 1854 he married Belle G. Huston, a native of Illinois, who died in 1856. His second wife is Lizzie Moore, also a native of Illinois, and he is the parent of four children—William J., Henry L., George M. and Ira A. Mr. Merrick has dealt very largely in stock and in grain since he came to this county. When the Whig party became defunct he joined the Republican ranks. For four years he was a director of the D., O. & O. R. Railroad, and he is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Merrick is a leading and influential citizen.

JOHN MILLER, farmer, is the third son of James and Nancy (Kennedy) Miller, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of Kentucky. Our subject was born in Crawford County, Ill., in the year 1831 and reared in this township, whither his father came in the early days. When twenty-four years of age John Miller married Lucy A. Ping, a native of Vigo County, Ind., who died in 1863, and in 1865

he married his present wife, Elizabeth A. Gold, a native of Tennessee. Mr. Miller is the father of five children—William, Elisha, James E., Mack A. and Redmond. Mr. Miller has bought and exchanged a quantity of farms since he entered his first land. His present farm comprises 120 acres, the major portion of which is arable and productive. Mr. Miller is a member of that most honorable of organizations—Freemasonry; he is a member of the Republican party, once having been a Whig, and is a communicant of the Baptist Church and an enlightened and liberal citizen.

CAPT. T. K. MILLER, farmer, stock and grain dealer, was born July 26, 1826, in Crawford County, Ill., and is the eldest son of James and Nancy (Kennedy) Miller, natives of Pennsylvania and Kentucky respectively. The father of Mrs. Miller was a judge of Crawford County for more than twenty years. The father of our subject came to Indiana, then a territory, in 1816. When Captain Miller was twenty years of age his father died, leaving the family in his care, and in 1849 he entered 120 of the 600 acres that he now owns, 300 of which are improved, the land being about equally prairie and timber, containing, also, stone and stonecoal. For the last twenty years he has been engaged in stock dealing, and has likewise dealt somewhat in grain. In 1850 he married Mary A. Gould, of East Tennessee, which union produced seven children; Rachel Murphy, Columbus C., Sherman, Kimball, John, Gilbert and May. In 1861 Mr. Miller enlisted in the Fifty-Fourth Illinois Volunteers, of which he was made Lieutenant, and afterward Captain. They fought Forrest in Tennessee, at the siege of Vicksburg, drove Price out of service, and remained in that department until 1865, when he resigned, having served three years. In politics he has been Whig, Abolitionist and Republican. He is a member of the Baptist Church and of the G. A. R.

WILLIAM H. MUCHMORE, farmer, is a native of Hamilton County, Ohio, was born in 1836, and is the eldest son of Benjamin P. and Louise (Robison) Muchmore, both natives of Ohio. The parents of our subject removed to Indiana when he was young, and in that State he received his rearing and education. After he was fourteen years of age he removed to Crawford County, Ill., where he remained until he was of age, and purchased ninety acres of land, which contains some improvements, and sixty of which are under good cultivation. In 1857 he married Eliza Ireland, a native of Jasper County, which marriage gave being to six children—James, William, Leonard, Alvia, Savana and Lillie. Mr. Muchmore is a

member of the Masonic Fraternity and of the G. A. R. He is also a grounded Republican, from which principles he never deviates except in county elections, and he is a valuable citizen.

WILLIAM C. PARKS, hotel and boarding-house keeper, was born July 1, 1837, in Breckinridge County, Ky., and is the third son of Seth and Mary (McCoy) Parks, natives respectively of New York and Virginia. He was reared and educated in Kentucky, remaining there until about twenty-four years of age, and worked at farming. There he attended Eldorado Seminary and taught two terms of school. In 1863 he enlisted in the Thirty-Fifth Kentucky (Mounted) Infantry, which was employed in protecting citizens from guerilla raids; he was Orderly Sergeant, and discharged in 1864. In April, 1865, he removed to Willow Hill Township and purchased 120 acres. May 27 1866, he married Amanda Layman, a native of Kentucky. She died May 2, 1883, leaving three children—Ada, Lorena and Bertha. In November, 1881, he came to Hunt City, and built his present place of business, which is now a first-class hotel, of which Mr. Parks is the genial host and liberal caterer. He is a member of the Masonic Order, of the G. A. R. and of the Presbyterian Church. He is politically a Republican, and has held various township offices.

E. W. PARKS, railroad and express agent, also dealer in grain, was born in Kentucky, in 1845, and is the youngest son of Seth and Mary (McCoy) Parks. E. W. Parks was reared until his twentieth year, in Breckinridge County, Ky. He then purchased a farm in this township, which he managed eleven years; it contained 120 acres, all cultivated and improved. This he exchanged for a store in Hunt City, having a \$3,000 stock, in which he continued until 1881, when he lost, by fire, everything except an insurance of \$2,000, after which he built the building now occupied by T. H. Week. November 26, 1868, he married Miss Elizabeth Clemens, a native of Kentucky, with a result of two children—Jesse E. and Claude. Mr. Parks thereafter engaged in the grain trade, in which he has since been an operator. Since the establishment of the D. & O. R. R. he has been its ticket and express agent, and his son, Jesse E., a telegraph operator. Mr. Parks is a member of the I. O. O. F., of the Presbyterian Church, and was postmaster of Hunt City from the time he entered business until July, 1883. In politics he is independent, with a leaning toward the Democrats, and an enterprising and valuable citizen.

I. B. PARR, farmer, is a native of Shelby County, Ind., and was born in 1830. He is the youngest son of Matthias and Sarah C. (Kim-

ball) Parr, the first a native of North Carolina, and the latter of Tennessee. Our subject was reared, educated, and found a home in Johnson County, Ind., until he was twenty-three years of age, and at this period he purchased his farm of 250 acres. In 1849, he married Mary A. Stretcher, a native of Ohio, and his second wife was Mrs. Sarah Stretcher, a native of Virginia. He is the parent of six children—John E., Sarah M., Matthias B., Armilda J., Thomas J. and Willet L. Mr. Parr has taught in all twenty terms, and has held several township offices. He is politically a Democrat, religiously a member of the Predestinarian Baptist Church, and socially an upright and deserving citizen.

M. H. PERRIN, carpenter and Justice of the Peace, was born in 1838, in Breckinridge County, Ky., and is the youngest son of William and Sally D. (Hardin) Perrin, natives of Virginia and Kentucky. William Perrin lived to be nearly eighty-five years of age. M. H. Perrin remained at his home in Breckinridge County, Ky., until 1864, when, having learned the carpenters' trade, he came to Willow Hill, where, except for a period of two years at Mattoon, he has remained and pursued his calling. In addition to the trade, he has contracted successfully, and employs constantly from one to six men. He is the only contractor in the place, and has increased his trade from year to year. In 1866, he married Missouri Cooper, a native of Ohio (who was so named by the editor of the Cincinnati *Enquirer*; her sister was also named by the said party, Virginia), with an issue of three children—Ida, Washington McL. and Henry K. Mr. Perrin is a member of the Masonic and Odd Fellow fraternities, in which he has held the chief offices. He is also a member of the Mutual Aid Association of Galesburg, and the Good Templars. He is a firm Democrat, and acted as Justice for two years.

J. R. REESE, farmer, was born in Pennsylvania, in 1843, and is the second son of Elias and Mary (Harding) Reese, natives of Pennsylvania. Excepting an absence of three years in Virginia, our subject was reared and educated in Lycoming County, Penn., from which point he emigrated to this State and purchased the Evermond Mound Farm, on which he has since resided. This property is peculiar and superior, lying high, and commanding a fine view of the surrounding landscape. The base of the land is red and white sand, covered with a stratum of fine walnut loam. It embraces between 100 and 200 acres, and is nearly all improved and cultivated. In 1862, Mr. Reese enlisted in the One Hundred and Thirty-Second Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers, and at once moved to Arlington Heights, thence

to Fredericksburg, South Mountain, Harper's Ferry, Warrenton and Chancellorsville, where he was captured, confined at Belle Isle, and later, exchanged and discharged. In 1868, he married Mary J. Moore, of Hutsonville, Ill., which marriage was productive of three children—George L., Maggie B. and Ralph I. Mr. Reese is a firm Republican, a member of the G. A. R., and of the Methodist Episcopal Church. His father was once owner of a farm adjoining the battle-field of Bull Run.

HUGH F. SANDERS, farmer, was born in Orange County, Ind., in the year 1850, and is the fifth child in the family of Wright and Elizabeth (Ashcraft) Sanders, the former a native of Indiana, and the latter of Kentucky. Our subject found a home, education and training, in Orange County, until he attained the age of seventeen, whereupon he came to this township, and in 1876, purchased his present farm of 116 acres, partly improved and cultivated. In 1870, he married Mary E. Downey, a native of Indiana, who died in 1876. His second marriage was with Susan E. Shafer, a native of Illinois. He is the parent of two children—Lydia M. and Daisy A. Mr. Sanders is a grounded Democrat, a consistent member of the Baptist Church, an esteemed member of the I. O. O. F., and one of Willow Hill's reliable and efficient citizens.

G. M. SELBY, farmer, is a native of Rush County, Ind., was born in 1830, and is the eldest living son of Hasty and Rachel (Johnson) Selby, the former a native of Maryland, the latter of Kentucky. Mr. Selby was reared at home until his majority, when he went to Clinton County for three years, after which he returned to Willow Hill, and one year later purchased his present farm, which contains 150 acres, the greater portion of which is well cultivated and improved. In 1851, he married Hester A. Baker, a native of Indiana, who left the world in 1858. He afterward married Elizabeth Stewart, a native of Shelby County, Ind. Mr. Selby is the parent of five children—Viola, Ann E. and John (twins), and Alvin and Calvin (twins). In politics Mr. Selby has always voted with the Democratic party, and has held several township offices. He is a member of the Odd Fellows fraternity, and is among the township's leading citizens.

FREDERICK A. SEMPSROTT, farmer, is a native of Germany, was born in the year 1829, and is the eldest son of Diedrich and Anna Sempstrott, likewise natives of Germany. Frederick received his schooling and home training in Germany, where he remained until he was seventeen years of age, at which period he removed to America, settled in the commonwealth of Indiana, and lived there

five or six years. In 1862, he removed to his present location, which embraces 215 acres of land, well improved and mostly cultivated. In 1842, he was joined in matrimony to Anna Steinforth, a native of Germany; this union has given being to seven children, viz.: Charles, Henry, Carrie, Lizzie, Anna,\* William and John. Mr. Sempstrott is and has been long identified with the principles of the Republican party, and is a useful and respected citizen.

MILTON SIMS, farmer, was born in Kentucky in 1823, and is the second son of Thomas and Lucinda (Hudson) Sims, both natives of Kentucky. Milton was a resident of the commonwealth of Kentucky until his eighteenth year, when the family moved to Rush County, Ind., and about seven years later he entered his present farm of 240 acres, nearly all of which is in good cultivation, and with commodious buildings. In 1849, he married Priscilla Harlen, of Jasper County, who died in 1859, leaving eight children, viz.: Martha A. (Johnson), William, Marion, Richard, Ida, Georgia A., Norah L. and Docia L. Mr. Sims afterward married Sarah (Ireland) Mitchell, a native of Indiana. Mr. Sims was in former times a Whig, but since the decline of that party has been identified with the Democrats. He has been Supervisor, and held other offices in the township; he is an enterprising citizen, and a member of the Baptist Church.

S. C. STEWART, proprietor of Willow Hill Mills, is a native of Ohio and was born in February, 1825. His parents, John and Mary Stewart, have traced their lineage backward for about 200 years; they descended from the Anneke Jans, Bogardus and Weber families; the last of the Webers having been supposed to be a grand-daughter of King William IV. Mr. Stewart has a complete chart of these families. The father of our subject lived for a period in Pennsylvania, Ohio and Kentucky. S. C. Stewart passed his life until his thirtieth year in Shelby County, Ind., working as a farmer and in a saw-mill. In 1877, he purchased the Willow Hill Mills, at that time the only mills existing in the township; he has two run of buhrs, and does a large business. In 1862, he married Mary East, a native of Washington County, Ill., who died thirteen years subsequently. In 1878, he married Elizabeth Stewart, of Indiana. He is the parent of two children, James R. and Lewis C. Mr. Stewart is a Democrat, a member of the Baptist Church, and a reliable, respected citizen.

HENRY STEWART, senior of the firm of Stewart Bros., Hunt City, was born in this township in 1855, being the eldest son

of James and Elizabeth (Jones) Stewart, both natives of Shelby County, Ind., where our subject was reared and educated, and worked until of age, at which time he, in alliance with his brother, bought the Willow Hill Mills, and afterward had a store which was broken up by burglars, who took from them \$1,800, and thus compelled them to sell their stock. Not discouraged, however, they pressed forward and have now a fine store and large stock, valued at \$3,000, besides a building worth \$1,500, with a steadily growing trade. Mr. Stewart is a member of the Masonic and Odd Fellow fraternities. He is a Democrat, and a very promising young man.

ISALAH STEWART, junior of the firm of Stewart Bros., was also born in this township in 1857, where he was reared and educated until the age of eighteen, when he began business with his brother at Willow Hill. Mr. Stewart is a member of the A. F. & A. M. and I. O. O. F. He has been Township Collector and Clerk, the former of which offices he is now filling, and the money taken by the above related burglary being the funds of the township. In July last, he was made postmaster at Hunt City, and has always been identified with the Democratic party. Mr. Isaiah Stewart is a young gentleman having a strongly hopeful prospect; he is chorister of the Willow Hill Sunday-school, and prominent in good example.

W. J. SWOPE, grain and stock dealer, was born in Greenfield, Ind., in the year 1846, and is the only son of Maun and Eliza J. (Chamberlain) Swope, the former a native of Pennsylvania, the latter of Kentucky. In 1858, after his father's death, the family moved to Prairie City, Ill., where he obtained schooling and remained until of age, when he began the grocery, later the livery business, and some time after was in the merchandise trade at Grandville for four years. When the railroad was through to Willow Hill he commenced stock buying and grain dealing, and this has since engaged his attention. Mr. Swope, in 1866, married Emma J. Dare, a native of Shelby County, Ind., the result of which union was six children, viz.: Luna, Lee, Nellie, Lady, Birdie and an infant. Mr. Swope is a member of the A. F. & A. M., also of the I. O. O. F., of which he has taken all the degrees, and has been representative and deputy of the lodge, and was its first Noble Grand. He is a Democrat, has been Justice of the Peace for the last six years, and is one of Willow Hill's most prominent citizens.

A. C. TERHUNE, civil engineer of the T., T. & R. G. Railway, is a native of Dearborn County, Ind., was born in 1850, and is the eldest son of John S. and Mary A. (Cheek) Terhune, the former a



native of Kentucky, and the latter of Indiana. John S. Terhune was an old settler and carpenter, and a soldier of the Thirty-Second Illinois Regiment. He received an injury from a gunboat at Pittsburg Landing; was thereby disabled and sent to hospitals at Vincennes and Evansville, from which he was discharged. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, as are all of the family. He died in 1877, and his widow and two daughters are residing on the place. A. C. Terhune was brought to Willow Hill when seven years of age, and here he received his education and training. He commenced railroading in 1872, with the D., O. & O. R., then on the S., E. & S. E. (now the I. & I. S. G.), and is now with the T., T. & R. G. Railway. Mr. Terhune is a member of the A., F. & A. M., and in politics is a thorough Republican, as well as an enterprising and well-regarded citizen.

P. A. TERHUNE, merchant, was born in Decatur County, Ind., in 1844, and is the eldest son of James B. and Martha M. (Coff) Terhune, the former a native of Kentucky, the latter of Indiana. When our subject was about fourteen years of age, his parents moved to Willow Hill Township, where he was reared and educated. Except one year's traveling in Kansas and Missouri, he was at home, and worked on the farm until his twenty-seventh year. In association with his brother, he bought John Watt's stock of goods, which he sold afterwards to a younger brother. He then farmed for about a year, after which he bought a \$525 stock of goods at Newton, but soon moved therewith to his present building, where his stock has increased, and his business has prospered, the former aggregating \$4,000, and the latter being one of the best of the neighborhood. He also handles grain. Mr. Terhune is a Royal Arch Mason, and has been Master of Cooper Lodge. He is also a member of the I. O. O. F. In 1876, he was a candidate for Circuit Clerk by the Republicans, to which party he has always been allied, and is one of the most enterprising and popular citizens. In 1872, Mr. Terhune married Cyrena Dearnies, a native of Mount Pleasant, Ohio—a union graced by two children—Guy, and James A.

WILLIAM T. WATT is a native of Bowling Green, Ky., was born in the year 1844, and is the eldest son of Fideler N., and Henrietta Watt, both natives of Kentucky. William T. Watt left his native town of Bowling Green, when eighteen years of age. He then traveled through the South as far as Galveston, and upward as far as Lakes Superior and Michigan, on a tour of pleasure. In 1876, he married Aley K. Jared, a widow, and a native of Kentucky, who

had two children by her former husband—Cordelia and Wilbert. Mr. Watt, our subject, has but one child—Bernice. His present farm and home, comprise in area eighty-one and a half acres, all of which are under cultivation and fair improvement. He is a member of the great Masonic Fraternity, of the I. O. O. F., of the Grange, and of the Presbyterian Church. Politically, he is a staunch and intelligent Republican, and one of the most enterprising and valued citizens.

JESSE WAY is a native of Orange County, Ind., was born in 1838, and is the eldest son of Anderson and Lenna (Voriss) Way, the former a native of North Carolina, and the latter of Indiana. Jesse was reared in his native county, and there remained until he reached his majority, when he began, and continued farming for himself until 1874, and then came to this township and purchased his present farm of 150 acres. In 1858, he married Fanny Sanders, a native of Orange County, a union sanctified by six children—Amanda C. (Holt), Eliza F. (Price), Wilson L., John A., Rosa B. and William H. Mr. Way is a member of the Masonic Fraternity, also of the Odd Fellows and of the Baptist Church. He has held several township offices. Mr. Way is a constant and conscientious Democrat, and is to be regarded as one of the foremost citizens of the township of Willow Hill.

T. H. WECK, merchant, was born in the State of Ohio, and in the year 1851. He is the eldest son of Michael and Julia A. (Booser) Weck, both natives of Maryland, who came to Crawford County when the subject of this sketch was six years old, which location continued to be his home until he was about twenty-three years old, when his father died, and he took the management of the farm until January, 1883, when he bought his present stock of dry goods, groceries, boots and shoes, grain, fowls, etc. His storeroom is one of the best in the township, and he has a well-chosen stock and a fast-growing trade. In the grain trade Mr. E. W. Parks is associated with him as partner. Mr. Weck, in 1874, married Tempa Wright, a native of Jasper County, with an issue of three children—Maggie, Ida and Susie. Mr. Weck is a long-standing Republican, a good business man, a worthy citizen, and a member of the New Light Church.

THOMAS J. WISEMAN was born at Cincinnati in 1824, and is the eldest son of Judge John A., and Mary (Harrison) Wiseman, natives of Philadelphia and Cincinnati respectively. Judge John A. Wiseman was once Mayor of Cincinnati, and, with his father, was one of the first settlers of that city. Mrs. Wiseman was a relative of General Harrison. Thomas J. was reared and schooled in Cincinnati, where, at the age of fourteen he commenced the carpenters'

trade, and after his apprenticeship began business for himself, which he continued until 1850, when he was appointed auction inspector, remaining such until the office was abolished, three years later, whereupon he was given a clerkship in the Legislature, and afterward made editor of the Democratic organ, *Tagesblatt*. He afterward farmed until 1865, when he purchased his place in this township, consisting of 300 acres, nearly all of which is cultivated and improved. In 1848, he married Mary Remlinger, a native of Cheviot, Ohio. They are the parents of seven children, viz., John, Emma, George, William L., Lotta, Edward and Harry. Mr. Wiseman is a man of broad and independent thought, as well as intelligent action. He is a liberal Democrat and prominent citizen.



## CROOKED CREEK TOWNSHIP.

ADRIAN F. ATEN, son of Aaron M. and Margaret (Demott) Aten, was born in Preble County, Ohio, on May 25, 1820. The parents were born in Henry County, Ky., and were very early settlers of Preble County, Ohio, but in 1839 the father sold his land and bought a farm in Johnson County, Ind., to which he soon after moved. Our subject attended school in the pioneer schoolhouse and worked on his father's farm during his early youth. He remained on the farm until 1857. On December 25, 1845, he married Catharine, daughter of Henry Byers, of Johnson County, Ind. Ten children were born to them, nine of whom are living, viz.: Aaron M., Elizabeth, Henry B. S., Margaret, Florence, William D., Orion C., J. Franklin and Theodore. In 1857 he sold out and came to Crooked Creek Township, Jasper County, and purchased and settled on 328 acres in Section 6, with some improvements. He has now 540 acres in this township, nearly all of which is under cultivation. In 1870 he built a fine frame house. He is a general farmer, and raises some stock. In politics he is a Republican, and he and his wife are both members of the Presbyterian Church. The couple have just returned from the sixty-seventh anniversary of the marriage of the wife's brother, who resides in Johnson County, Ind. On this occasion there were gathered together more than 500 of the family connections.

AMOS BARTLEY, son of John P. and Charity (Lawson) Bartley, was born in Adams County, Ohio, on May 16, 1825, and at four years of age moved with his father to Shelby County, Ind., where he worked on a farm. He went to school about three months in the year and labored on a farm the remainder of each year, until, in 1850, he went by the overland route to California, being six months on the road. While there he worked at farming and mining, but in 1853 he returned East and settled in Jasper County, Ill., locating on 160 acres of land in Willow Hill Township, which his father had entered in an early day. While there he was married to Nancy, daughter of Aaron Harlan, of Jasper County. Three children, all deceased, were born to them. His wife also died, in 1861. He was next married on February 3, 1864, to Melinda, daughter of Harris and Margaret (Thompson) Tyner. Mrs. B. has borne her husband three children, two of whom are living, viz.: Annie and Benjamin F. After his

marriage he located for a short time on his farm near Newton, and, in 1865, he sold out and moved to Crooked Creek Township and purchased 200 acres in Section 26, which farm he has well improved and on which he now resides. In politics he is a Democrat of liberal views. He and his wife are members of the Baptist Church.

GEORGE D. BRIGGS, son of James H. and Elizabeth (Huddleston) Briggs, was born in North Carolina, April 10, 1837. At the age of two years he was taken by his parents to Tennessee, where he attended school and worked in a tobacco factory until 1852, when his parents died. He then found his way to Coles County, Ill., where he learned carpentering, at which he worked until 1859; he next peddled dry goods until December, 1861, when he enlisted in Company K, Sixty-Third Illinois Volunteer Infantry. While out foraging he accidentally broke his leg, which led to his discharge in August, 1862, on account of disability. After recovery he worked on a farm until 1864, then came to Jasper County and engaged in the manufacture of tobacco. May 1, 1866, he married Rhua C., daughter of John Rice, of this county. He has seven children living—Charles H., Laura, Bessie, Bert and Pearl (twins), Harrie and Alta. Mr. Briggs built the first house at Hidalgo, of which town his wife was appointed postmistress, September 1, 1879. He is a Republican in politics, and a member of the Rose Hill Post, No. 158, G. A. R.

NATHAN BROOKS, son of Isaac and Patience (Spencer) Brooks, was born in Rush County, Ind., in August, 1833, and when about six years of age was brought to this township by his father. Here he attended school and worked on the home farm until the breaking out of the war, when he enlisted, August 14, 1861, in Company H, Thirty-Eighth Illinois Volunteer Infantry. Soon after enlistment he was taken ill, and on that account was discharged in 1862, when he returned home, and after his recovery again went to work on the home farm. January 13, 1867, he married Mary E. Cummins, the daughter of John and Eliza (Kibler) Cummins, who came to Crooked Creek Township in 1838. There have been five children born to this union—Emma E., Ida, Laura, John W. and William Daniel. Mr. Brooks owns 120 acres on Section 20, and is a general farmer. In politics he is a Republican.

ROBERT H. BROWN, son of John D. and Elizabeth (Brown) Brown, was born in Shelby County, Ind., September 13, 1844. John D. Brown was a farmer and wagon-maker, and when not at school Robert H. worked on the farm or in the shop. The father died in

1861, and the support of the mother fell to a great extent upon our subject. But the war broke out and he enlisted, October 21, 1862, in the Twenty-Second Indiana Volunteer Battery. He was at Kenesaw Mountain, in front of Atlanta, at Franklin and Nashville, and in all the engagements in which his battery took part. He was discharged July 8, 1865, and returned to the support of his mother. In 1872 he came to this county, farmed about eight years, and then bought out a general stock of merchandise at Harrisburg, this township, and traded until 1880, when he sold out to take a needed rest. He is still unmarried, and devotes his time and means to the care of his mother. He is a charter member of Rose Hill Post, No. 158, G. A. R., and his mother is a member of the Baptist Church, which he also attends.

MITCHELL T. BRUSTER was born in Grayson County, Ky., March 1, 1829, and is the son of Thomas and Martha (Jeffers) Bruster, natives of Virginia. About 1835 the family moved to Coles County, Ill., where our subject attended a pioneer school, and assisted on the home farm until the spring of 1847, when he enlisted in Company G, Eighth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, for the war with Mexico, and served three years. Next he passed about seven years in and about the lead mines at Mineral Point, Wis., and elsewhere, and then returned to his father's farm. May 1, 1857, he married Eliza J. Baker, who was born in Virginia, December 15, 1833, and came with her parents, Jacob and Mary (Edmon) Baker, to Coles County, this State, in 1852. To their marriage five children were born—Jerome, John W., Martha J., Jacob C. and George C. Of these Martha J. and George C. alone survive. Mr. Bruster remained in Coles County, working at saw-milling, until 1868, when he came to this township and purchased eighty acres of land on Section 32, to which he has since added forty acres; he resides in the village of Rose Hill, is the only survivor of Company G, and is thought to be the only survivor of the Mexican War in the county. His grandfather Jeffers was killed in the Revolutionary War, as was his wife's grand uncle, Samuel Edmon. Mr. Bruster is a Democrat, and he and wife are members of the United Brethren Church, in which he has served as Steward, Trustee and Sunday-school superintendent.

AMOS P. CALDWELL, son of Andrew and Sena (Sharp) Caldwell, natives of Virginia and North Carolina, was born November 26, 1839, in Clark County, Ill. Three days after his birth his mother died, and at the age of five years he lost his father. He then lived

with an aunt, Jane Lowell, who sent him to school until he was sixteen years of age, when she died. He then went to live with his aunt Rebecca Goodman, in Vigo County, Ind., where he worked on a farm until the breaking out of the war, when he enlisted in Company H, Eleventh Indiana, three months' service, and fought at Romney, Va. After his discharge he immediately joined Company L, Fifth Illinois Cavalry, for three years' service. He fought at Pilot Knob, Batesville and Helena, Ark., and at Vicksburg. At the last place, he was captured by the enemy, and confined in Libby Prison eight months, when he was exchanged. He was then with Sherman from Vicksburg to Meridian, and was discharged in 1864. He worked at various points awhile and then settled on forty acres, well improved, in this township. May 2, 1867, he married Rebecca J. Hendricks, the daughter of Isaac H. and Nancy (Connor) Hendricks. They have had four children—Albert H., Edwin H., Lula (deceased) and Charles. Mr. Caldwell is a Mason and a member of the G. A. R. Isaac H. Hendricks is the son of Samuel and Mary (Taylor) Hendricks, was born in Belmont County, Ohio, February 22, 1823, married Nancy Connor January 30, 1845, and came to this township in 1857; his wife died September 19, 1881, since when Mr. and Mrs. Caldwell have resided at his house.

JOSEPH COAD, son of Joseph and Mary Coad, was born in England in 1813, was reared on the home farm, and at the death of his father, in 1841, came to America, located in Montgomery County, Ohio, worked in a distillery three years, then went to Greenville Falls, Miami County, and followed the same business. April 5, 1847, he married Mary A. Reisner, born in Augusta County, Va., in 1824, and daughter of John J. and Mary C. Reisner, natives of Germany. In 1850, Mr. Coad brought his family to this township, bought forty acres of wild land, which he afterward increased to 110 acres, and put all under a state of high cultivation. Mrs. Coad was the first to bring currants and other small fruits to this township. Mr. and Mrs. Coad had nine children born to them, viz.: Jane, Emma (deceased), James (deceased), Adie, George (deceased), Freddie, Kattie (deceased), George and Eliza. Both parents are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

WILLIAM CONNER, son of Daniel and Rebecca (Smith) Conner, was born in Fayette County, Ind., on October 31, 1814. His educational advantages were limited. In 1830, he moved with his father to Rush County, Ind., where he attended school in the log schoolhouse during three months in the year, and working the rest