

filled various offices during his lifetime, and was an Abolitionist. He and wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and he belonged to the A. F. & A. M., R. A. M., R. & S. M., and K. T. Charles A.'s school advantages were very limited, and were received wholly in the log schoolhouses. Since he attained manhood he has acquired a good business education. On April 16, 1861, Mr. Hinman enlisted in a company recruited for the Eighth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, but the quota being full, he was sent home. July 16, 1861, he again enlisted, this time in Company H, Thirty-Eighth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and served until May 18, 1863, when he was discharged at Jefferson, Mo., on account of a severe wound in the right lung, received at the battle of Stone River. After his return from the war he attempted to follow agricultural pursuits, but was compelled to abandon it and engage in traveling. For the past three years he has been special agent of the Rockford Fire Insurance Company. In 1865 Mr. Hinman was married to Annie Hood, a native of Olney, who has borne him seven children, of whom four, three sons and a daughter, are left with them. The parents are devoted members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and Mr. Hinman has held various positions in that body for eighteen years. He belongs to the Subordinate Lodge of I. O. O. F., and to the K. of P., and in political fields carries the Republican flag.

**HORNER BROTHERS** are the proprietors of the Horner Bros.' Elevator. This structure was erected in about 1869; it has a capacity of about 70,000 bushels, and is one of the finest, as well as the most conveniently arranged elevators in southern Illinois. It cost about \$10,000. In 1882 the Olney National Bank was organized; John N. Horner assisted in its organization, and was then chosen Vice-President, and afterwards re-elected for a second term.

**KINNETH D. HORRALL**, hardware, was born in Daviess County, Ind., June 9, 1838, and is the only child of John and Rebecca (Johnson) Horrall, natives of Vermont and Wabash County, and of English and Scotch descent, respectively. John came to Daviess County, Ind., in an early day, bought a farm and resided upon it until his death in 1840. He was a veteran of the war of 1812, and he and wife belonged to the Methodist Episcopal Church. Kinneth D. received an ordinary education in log schoolhouses, and began to learn the tinner's trade at the age of fourteen, but in about a year returned to farm work. He again adopted his trade, and served in all an apprenticeship of five years. In 1852 he came to Olney, and in 1856, opened a stove and tinware store, which he has carried on to the present time. In 1861 Mr. Horrall added a stock of hardware, and has now the largest stock in southern Illinois, consisting of shelf and heavy hardware, stoves and tinware. In May, 1860, Mr. Horrall married Sarah J. Baird, of this town. Seven children bless this union. The parents belong to the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is an early and prominent settler, and a good business man.

**BENJAMIN F. HUNTER**, farmer, was born in Clinton County, Ohio, March 11, 1829, and was the eldest of ten children born to

James and Harriet N. (Neel) Hunter, the former a native of Clinton County, Ohio, and the latter of Kent County, Md., and of Irish and English descent, respectively. James was educated, reared and followed farming in his native county, continuing in this pursuit until the time of his death, on September 27, 1846, at the age of forty-one years. On February 18, 1874, Mrs. Harriet N. Hunter departed this life at the age of sixty-seven years, having been since girlhood a communicant of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Benjamin F. Hunter received a limited education in log schoolhouses, and was employed in farm work until he attained his twenty-third year. Afterward, he farmed on shares for a time, and then bought a partially improved farm of forty acres, adding to this until he owned a well-improved farm of 110 acres. From 1857 to 1859 he was engaged in the boot and shoe business at Cuba, Clinton Co., Ohio. In August, 1862, Mr. Hunter enrolled as a private in Company C, Seventy-Ninth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and served with the regiment in all its engagements until the close of the war. He participated in the battles of Kenesaw Mountain, Peach Tree Creek, Atlanta, and in the memorable march of Sherman to the sea. After the battle at Peach Tree Creek, he was promoted to Color-Sergeant, and while carrying the colors was wounded, as the surgeon said, mortally. He was placed in an army wagon and carried over rough roads for seven or eight days before he received any attention. On the journey he lost almost all his clothes, and what he wore was stiff with blood. On March 24, he was taken to a temporary hospital at Goldborough, and was afterwards transferred to Newberne, N. C. In the latter part of April, he was taken to David's Island in New York Harbor, where he remained until his discharge, June 12, 1865. On his return home he farmed, but was obliged to hire all the labor done, as he was not able to perform any manual labor himself. For one year Mr. Hunter lived in Blanchester, and then removed to Clarksville, Clinton Co., Ohio, and in October, 1870, traded his farm there for one of 200 acres in Denver Township, in this county. He resided on this farm until 1877, when he rented it and came to Olney, where he has lived since that time. Mr. Hunter was married on July 31, 1851, to Elizabeth J. Moon, a native of Clinton County. They have no children. Mr. and Mrs. Hunter do not belong to the church. In politics he is a Republican, is an enterprising man and a respected citizen of this county.

TIMOTHY W. HUTCHINSON, attorney, was born in Oxford County, Maine, November 21, 1832, and is the younger of two living sons born to Galen and Olive (Flint) Hutchinson, both natives of Maine and of English descent. Galen Hutchinson was educated and married in his native State, where he was engaged in agricultural pursuits for many years. In 1841 he removed to New Hampshire, where he purchased a farm and saw mill, and lived until 1861, when he returned to Oxford County, Maine, where he was engaged in farming until his death, which occurred in 1875. Mr. Hutchinson was a devoted member of the Methodist Episcopal Church ; Timothy

W. received a fair common school education. From his nineteenth until his twenty-ninth year, he was engaged in going to school, teaching and working at the carpenters' trade. He graduated from Urbana University, Ohio, in 1859, and from the Cleveland Law School in 1860, and was admitted to the bar at Van Wert, Ohio, in the same year. In 1863 he went to Louisville, Ill., where he practiced his profession for four years. In 1867 he came to Olney, where he has since practiced with excellent success. In the same year the firm of Wilson & Hutchinson was established, and is now one of the leading law firms of Richland County. Several young men, who have since risen to eminence in the profession, received their first instructions in this office. In about 1869, Mr. Hutchinson was appointed register in bankruptcy, which position he is still holding. He was married in April, 1861, to Anna L. Canby, a native of Logan County, Ohio. They have had four children, three sons and one daughter, given to them. Mr. Hutchinson is not a member of the church, but holds to the doctrine of Swedenborg. In politics he is a Republican, and is one of the prominent attorneys of the place. He is also extensively engaged in agricultural pursuits, attending to his fine, improved farm of some 400 acres.

GEORGE D. JOHNSTONE, confectioner and dealer in musical instruments, was born in Mendota, La Salle Co., Ill., July 22, 1858, and is the eldest of the three children born to Alexander C. and Jane (Truman) Johnstone, natives, respectively, of Aberdeen, Scotland, and of London, England. Alexander received an excellent education in his native city, and began studying law there. When a young man he emigrated to the United States in the interest of a liquor house of Liverpool. After his arrival in this country he went to Chicago, and was employed as book-keeper for a while. In about 1852 or 1853, he went to Mendota, Ill., married and followed the grocery business. In 1859 he went to California in search of gold, and in 1860, returned for his family. He sought his fortune in California, but was unsuccessful. He resides now in Gilpin County, Colorado, and owns some valuable gold and silver mines. Mr. Johnstone belongs to the Presbyterian, and his wife to the Baptist Church. George D. was well educated in the schools of Colorado, and in the spring of 1878 returned to Mendota, graduated in a commercial course, and taught in the institution for a time. He afterwards taught a village school for fifteen months. In 1880 he entered the Union College of Law, at Chicago, and graduated in 1882, when he went to Saint Paul, Minn., and was admitted to the bar, in that State. He practiced in the office of Lorenzo Allis, one of the oldest attorneys there. In 1883 he abandoned the profession on account of ill health, and came to southern Illinois. Here he accepted an agency for the Western Cottage Organ Company, with headquarters at Olney. He is also engaged in the confectionery business with W. A. Startzman, who is also with him in the musical merchandise business. They have one of the finest confectionery stores in southern Illinois, and carry a large stock of musical instruments and mer-

chandise. During the first six months of 1883, they sold over one hundred pianos and organs.

THEO. H. JOHNSON, M. D., was born in Springfield, Ohio, on July 22, 1846, and is the third of the five children born to Seth S. and Sarah (Horner) Johnson, natives of Clark and Hamilton counties, Ohio, and of English and Scotch-Irish descent. The father was left an orphan at the age of nine years, and when a mere boy engaged as employe in the dry goods business, and held situations at various points until 1852 or 1853, when he opened on his own account at South Charleston, Ohio, afterwards conducting stores at Selma, Ohio, and Champaign, Ill., and retiring in 1875. Theo. H. Johnson was reared on a farm and in his father's stores until eighteen years of age, when he began the study of anatomy. He entered the Chicago Medical College in the fall of 1867, and graduated with the class of 1869. In 1868 he had been appointed on the house staff of Mercy Hospital, and served until August, 1869, when he came to Olney where he has since been in successful practice. In July, 1881, he was appointed Surgeon for the Illinois Southern Penitentiary, but soon resigned. He has for several years been Surgeon to a militia regiment, and also United States Pension Examining Surgeon. He was married in 1864, and has one son—Paul, aged six years. He is a K. of P., a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and a Republican.

JOHN B. & JOHN F. JOLLY are hardware dealers. John B. was born at Albion, Edwards Co., Ill., in August, 1824, being the only child of William and Emily (Dunn) Jolly, natives of England. He was well educated, and after his father's death, was employed as a clerk in the County Clerk's office for a time. He then removed to Grayville, Ill., where he still resides. He was engaged for many years in merchandising. In about 1849 Mr. Jolly married Elizabeth Ferriman, a native of the Island of Jamaica, but of English descent. One son blessed this union. About fifteen years ago Mr. Jolly retired from active business. In the spring of 1883 he bought a half interest in a hardware store at Olney, but the business is managed by his son exclusively. Mr. Jolly, Sr., was for several years President of the Board of Trustees, at Grayville. John F. Jolly was born in Grayville, White Co., Ill., December 2, 1851. He received an excellent education, and in 1870, in company with others engaged in the drug business under the firm name of Jolly, Spring & Hollister. He remained in that business about four years. In 1877 he came to Olney and bought an interest in a hardware store with W. T. Prunty, doing business under the firm name of Prunty & Jolly, until the spring of 1883, when Mr. Prunty retired, and our subject's father took his interest, and the business is now carried on under the name of J. B. & J. F. Jolly. They have a fine stock and are doing a good business. Mr. Jolly, Jr., was married, October 20, 1880, to Mary E. Morrison, of this city. He is a Republican, and is an enterprising and prominent business man.

GEORGE KIPP was born on April 13, 1822, in York County,

Penn. His parents moved to Ashland County, Ohio, when he was about seven years old, and he was reared there on their farm. In October, 1852, he came to Olney Township, where he has since resided. He owns 172½ acres of land—about 130 acres of which are under cultivation. These clearings and improvements Mr. Kipp has made since coming here. He has held the office of Commissioner of Highways six years. He was married, in 1847, to Sarah Wolf, who was born November 6, 1825, in Pennsylvania. They have four children—John W., Mary E., Martin L. and William E. They lost Benjamin F. in infancy.

A. L. KENT, school teacher, was born September 21, 1845, in Richland County, Ill.; was reared on his father's farm, attended the district schools, and afterwards attended a select school at Olney; later he attended the high school there. Since the age of twenty he has been engaged in teaching in winters and farming summers. He enlisted, in 1864, in the one hundred days' service, and served about six months. He was married, in 1870, to Nancy J. Roberts, a native of Kentucky. One daughter blesses this union. His father was one of the earliest settlers in this locality, coming here in about 1844, locating in what is now Madison Township. He died in 1879, aged sixty-four years.

NICHOLAS KLINE, Jr., was born in Bavaria, April 23, 1831, and is the youngest of seven children born to Nicholas and Elizabeth A. (Lang) Kline, both natives of Bavaria. Nicholas Kline, Sr., was educated and married in his native land where he was engaged in farming until his death, which occurred December 6, 1851. Nicholas Kline, Jr., the subject, received a fair education in the common schools of his native land. At the age of fourteen he went to learn the tailors' trade, at which he served an apprenticeship of two years. In 1850, he emigrated to the United States, and followed his trade as a journeyman at New York, Philadelphia, Marietta and Cincinnati, for several years. Finally, in 1856, he returned to Marietta, Ohio, where he opened a shop and pursued his trade for about eight years, when he was compelled to abandon it on account of failing health. In 1865, he came to Olney Township, Richland Co., Ill., where he bought a farm and engaged in farming until 1871, when he sold out and came to Olney, where he has ever since resided. At Olney he first engaged in the clothing trade, which he continued for several years. After this he was out of active business for some four years, during which time he returned to Europe on a visit. In the spring of 1883 he engaged in the drug trade, at Olney, at which he is doing a thriving business. He was married, in 1856, to Mary E. Best, a native of Germany. Two children have been born to them, only one of whom, Elizabeth A. (now Mrs. George W. Bower), is living. Mr. Kline is a member of the K. of P. In politics he is independent.

ADEN KNOPH, President First National Bank of Olney, was born in Lawrenceville, Lawrence Co., Ill., December 18, 1843, and is the only living child of Thompson and Lucinda (Brunson) Knoph,

the former a native of Copenhagen, Denmark, and the latter of Ohio, but of English descent. At the age of ten years Thompson Knoph became a sailor, and advanced through all grades from cabin boy to master of a vessel, and circumnavigated the globe several times. In 1831 or 1832, he came to the United States, first settling in Arkansas, where he resided at the time of the trouble in that Territory on the slavery question. From Arkansas he removed to Cincinnati, Ohio, where he was married, and afterward engaged in mercantile pursuits. He then moved to Evansville, Ind., where he was engaged in the wholesale grocery trade. In 1837 he settled at Lawrenceville, Ill., where he opened a general store, and was also extensively engaged in pork packing at that time. In 1848, he removed to Grayville, Ill., where, in 1852, he met with serious financial reverses, and returned in the same year to Lawrenceville, and in 1859 went to Vincennes, Ind., and in 1861 came to Olney, Ill., where he lived until his death, which occurred in 1867. He and his wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Aden Knoph received only a very limited education, his schooling having ended when he attained his ninth year, at which time he went into his father's store. In January, 1864, he enlisted as a private in Company G, Ninety-Eighth Illinois Mounted Infantry. This regiment was first assigned to the Army of the Cumberland, but afterwards joined a part of the famous Gen. Wilder's brigade. Mr. Knoph served in all the marches and engagements in which the regiment took part, until the close of the war, and was mustered out of the service with the regiment at Nashville, Tenn., in June, 1865. Soon after his enlistment he was appointed Sergeant Major of the regiment, and in December, 1864, was promoted to Adjutant. On the 2d day of April, 1865, he was severely wounded, at Selma, Ala., in the left thigh. On returning from the army Mr. Knoph went again into his father's store, and remained there until the death of the latter, when he found himself with the care of a widowed step-mother and several brothers and sisters devolving upon him, which mission he has faithfully executed. In November, 1868, Mr. Knoph was elected Circuit Clerk of Richland County, Ill., and was re-elected twice to the same office in 1872 and 1876. In 1878, he was the Republican candidate for Clerk of the Supreme Court, for the Southern District of Illinois. In January, 1880, he resigned his position as Circuit Clerk, in consequence of failing health, and accepted one as traveling salesman for a wholesale dry goods house in Cincinnati, continuing in this until his health was regained. In January, 1882, he was elected President of the First National Bank of Olney, which position he still holds. His business qualifications are of the first order, and his efforts in every undertaking have been invariably crowned with success. He was married, January 1, 1869, to Miss Carllette Morehouse, of Richland County. Three children, one son and two daughters, bless this union. Mr. Knoph and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Knoph belongs to four Masonic bodies of Olney, viz.: A. F. & A. M., R. A. M., R. & S. M.

and K. T. He is also a member of the A. O. U. W., and of the G. A. R. In politics he is a Republican.

JACOB KRAMER was born in Palmyra, Penn., February 8, 1811. He moved to Indiana in about 1840, and engaged as contractor, building the macadamized roads from New Albany to Bloomington until the financial crisis in which that State became bankrupt and he lost all. Soon after, he came to Edwards County, Ill. Being a carpenter by trade, he first built a mill for K. Clodfelt. May 31, 1842, he married Miss Abigail Lewis, a native of Clark County, Ind., and born September 15, 1821. She died February 4, 1882, a member of the Methodist Church. After remaining twenty-three years in Edwards County, Mr. Kramer, in 1865, came to Olney where he engaged in the hardware business, in which he continued until compelled to abandon it on account of heart disease, which finally resulted in his death which occurred July 10, 1882. While in Edwards County Mr. K. served as Judge of that county, with distinction. He was also one of the first directors of the First National Bank of Olney, and afterwards became president. The last two years of his life were passed in the capacity as director of public schools of Olney. He was considered one of Olney's most successful financiers. In politics he was a Republican. Louis Kramer, the only living child of Jacob and Abigail (Lewis) Kramer, was born in Edwards County, Ill., March 2, 1860. In 1877, he embarked in the lumber business, the firm being Kramer & Hurn. He bids fair to make a successful financier and business man.

JOHN KUSTER, Deputy Circuit Clerk, was born in Berne, Switzerland, on November 20, 1820, and is the second of the eleven children born to Casper and Barbara (Sterchi) Kuster, natives of Switzerland, and of French and German descent. Casper was a cabinet maker and house joiner. He worked at his trade for a time and then joined the Swiss regular army. In 1833, he emigrated with his wife to the United States, and came to Minerva, Stark Co., Ohio, where he followed his trade for three or four years, and then moved to Carroll County, in the same State, and lived there, following his trade until his death in 1839. He and his wife were members of the German Reformed Church. John received a fair education in his native land, but had no further opportunity for attending school after his parents came to America, but, by his exertions, has improved himself and acquired a great deal of practical knowledge of the English language. He learned both the stone cutters' and carpenters' trades, in early life. After the death of his father the support of his mother and her five younger children devolved upon him. In 1841 they moved to German Township, in this county, settling near Stringtown. They were very poor, as were almost always new settlers. John Kuster engaged here in agricultural pursuits, and in 1846, purchased eighty acres of land, upon which he erected a cabin and improved a farm, adding more land from time to time as he was able to do so, until he owns about 200 acres in all. He has himself erected a good frame dwelling upon this land which is situated in

what is now known as Preston Township. In 1859, he was elected first Township Clerk, of that township, and held that office for nine years. In October, 1863, he was elected Treasurer of Richland County, and soon after removed to Olney, where he has since resided. Mr. Kuster was married, in 1845, to Mary Peebles, a native of Hardin County, Ky. They had two daughters, both of whom are deceased. Mrs. Kuster died June 4, 1879, in the communion of the Methodist Episcopal Church. On April 2, 1882, Mr. Kuster was married to Mrs. Sarah A. (Stewart) Whitaker, a native of New England. Mr. Kuster is a member of Olney Lodge, No. 140, A. F. & A. M., Richland Chapter, No. 38, R. A. M., Olney Council, No. 55, R. & S. M., Gorin Commandery, No. 15, K. T., Peoria Consistory, of Scottish Rite Masons; and in politics is a Democrat. He is one of the old settlers and prominent citizens of the county.

WILLIAM T. LAMPTON, M. D., was born in Breckenridge County, Ky., August 27, 1855, and is the third of four children born to Henry T. and Mary C. (Browne) Lampton, both natives of Kentucky and of English and Scotch-Irish descent, respectively. Henry T. Lampton was educated and married in his native State. At the age of twenty-five he entered the ministry and has continued in that calling ever since. He was one of the pioneer Baptist ministers of Kentucky. In 1876, he removed to Rockport, Spencer Co., Ind., where he still resides. He is also a member of the Masonic Fraternity, having advanced to the Consistory, or thirty-second degree. William T. Lampton, the subject, received a good education at the common schools of his native State, and graduated from the Louisville University, in 1878. Some two years before, however, he had commenced the study of medicine, at Rockport, Ind., reading during his vacations. He graduated from the medical department of the Transylvania University, at Louisville, in 1880. In the same year he commenced the practice of his profession at Olney, Ill., where he has had good success. In politics he is a Democrat, and is one of the enterprising young men of the city.

FREDERICK LANDENBERGER was born in Germany, April 7, 1850, and is the second of six children born to George F. and Mary M. (Streich) Landenberger, both natives of Germany. George F. Landenberger was a turner and cabinet maker by trade. In 1854 he emigrated with his wife and family to the United States, first settling at Circleville, Ohio, where he remained until 1859, when he came to Olney, Ill., where he still resides. Frederick Landenberger, the subject of our sketch, received a good common school education in youth. At the age of thirteen he commenced to learn telegraphy, and was employed at that business until 1868. He was then appointed bill clerk in the office of the O. & M. R. R., at East Saint Louis, where he remained until 1872. He then returned to Olney, Ill., where he went into the grocery and provision trade, at which he has since been doing an extensive business. He is also engaged in buying and shipping all kinds of country produce and grain. His average annual sales amount to from \$40,000 to \$50,000.



He is also extensively engaged in the ice and wood business. Mr. Landenberger now owns real estate, business and residence property, in Olney, and farms in the country, worth from \$25,000 to \$30,000, in addition to personal property. He was married, April 8, 1877, to Lucinda E. Hendershot, a native of Ohio. Three children have blessed their union, all of whom are living. Mrs. Landenberger is a member of the Baptist Church. In politics Mr. Landenberger is independent. He is one of the prominent business men in the city and county.

LEWIS A. LEVERING was born September 28, 1826, in Salem, N. C. He is the son of Charles J. and Ruth M. (Rea) Levering; the former born in Pennsylvania, the latter a native of Ireland. His father had received a thoroughly classical education, and was teacher in the Nathereth Hall, Pennsylvania, several years. After carrying on the merchant tailoring business several years, he removed to Indiana, and held the office of postmaster; he also was engaged in book-keeping, in all about twenty years; he died in 1878, in Hope, Ind., aged eighty-three years. At the age of twenty-one the subject of this sketch removed to Edwards County, Ill., and carried on the carpenter trade about six years; in 1854 he came to Olney, and continued the carpenter trade; two years later he moved his family here, where they have since resided. He continued the carpenter trade till 1864, since which time he has been engaged in gardening on four acres which he owns, and on which he resides. He enlisted in 1862 in Company B, Ninety-Eighth Illinois (Mounted) Infantry, served about seven months, and was honorably discharged on account of physical disability. He was married, in 1848, to Sophia T. Houser; she was born November 17, 1828, in Salem, N. C. Ten children blessed this union, of whom four sons and three daughters are living.

AARON LOESER clothing, was born in Germany, March 28, 1838, and is the fourth in a family of eight children born to Lazarus and Betty (Moses) Loeser, natives of Germany. Lazarus Loeser was reared in his native land, and there married. He was engaged in the grain and live stock business until his death, which took place in 1858. Aaron received a good common school and academic education in Germany. At the age of twenty-eight he engaged in the distilling business, at Frankfort-on-the-Main, and was so employed for sixteen years. In 1880 he emigrated to the United States, and was employed in a clothing store for one year, and in 1881 he came to Olney, and opened a clothing store. Since then he has been doing an extensive business. He carries a large and well-selected stock of clothing, hats, caps and gents' furnishing goods, amounting to some \$10,000. His average annual sales amount to \$16,000 or \$17,000. Mr. Loeser was married in 1865 to Rosette Speier, of Germany. Six children have been born to this union, four of whom are living. Mr. Loeser is very enterprising, and as a general thing succeeds in all his undertakings.

NORMAN A. LOUGH, attorney, was born in Denver Town-

ship, in this county, on October 10, 1852, and is the only surviving child of four who were born to Robert C. and Mary A. (Cortrecht) Lough, natives of the "Old Dominion" and of New York, and of German-Scotch and English-Scotch descent, respectively. Robert C. came to Denver Township, where he entered and bought some 200 acres of wild land, which he improved, and upon which he constructed a log cabin. He still resides upon the place, but has added to the original land until it comprises some 500 or 600 acres, a part of which he has lately sold. From early life he has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and is a member of the Masonic Fraternity. Mrs. Lough died in 1868, a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Norman A. was educated at the common schools of Richland County, and afterwards attended college at Lebanon, Ill., three years, completing the courses in Science and Latin. Until his seventeenth year he was employed most of the time upon the home farm. In 1874 he entered the law office of Judge Horace Hayward, of Olney, and in September, 1876, was admitted to the bar, since which time he has been practicing his profession here. For the past two years Mr. Lough has been engaged in the harness as well as the law business. In 1877 he was elected City Attorney for the city of Olney, and was re-elected in 1879. He was married January 9, 1877, to Allie Conklin. They have been given one son, Clarence R. They belong to the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Lough is a member of the K. of P., is a Republican, and a very enterprising citizen.

GEORGE LUTZ, undertaker, was born in Hesse Darmstadt, Germany, November 16, 1823, and is the youngest of five children born to John and Margaret (Shaffer) Lutz, of German ancestry. John Lutz was educated in Germany, and there chose his wife, Margaret. He was a shoemaker by trade, and followed this for many years. In 1832 he emigrated to the United States, went to Pittsburg, Penn., and followed his vocation for four years. In 1836 he came to Lancaster, Wabash County, in this State, and again followed his trade, farming at the same time. Here his death occurred, in October, 1844. He and his wife belonged to the Lutheran Church. George was educated at the schools of his native land, and also received some instruction in this country. At the age of nine years he went as errand-boy in a store in Pittsburg. When thirteen, his parents took him to Illinois, and here he was employed on his father's farm until his twenty-first year. He then farmed independently for one year, and in 1845 he engaged in the carpenters' trade, at which he was occupied for many years. In August, 1846, Mr. Lutz came to Olney, and in 1856, in company with H. Hayward, erected a furniture factory, under the firm name of Lutz & Hayward. Mr. Lutz did not, however, abandon his trade, but still worked at carpentering to some extent. In the fall of 1865 he gave up both the manufactory and trade, engaging in the undertaking and furniture business until 1876, when he discontinued the trade in furniture, and is engaged now in the picture and undertaking

trade, and is doing a good business. In 1847 or 1848, he was elected on the school board at Olney, and held this position for eight years. He was also Town Trustee for several years, and was elected Alderman immediately after the granting of the town charter. He is now serving his third term as one of the Board of Supervisors, and in 1860 he was the first Republican candidate for Sheriff of Richland County. In November, 1844, he married Winnifred Reynolds, of Wabash County, Ill. To them have been given seven children, but they have lost four of them. Both Mr. Lutz and wife belong to the Methodist Episcopal Church. He belongs to the four Masonic bodies of Olney: A. F. & A. M., R. A. M., R. & S. M. and K. T. In the last named he has been for many years S. B. He is an old settler, and a stanch Republican in politics.

MAJOR JAMES T. MCGINNIS was born in Pennsylvania, and is a son of Joseph R. and Elizabeth (Sterling) McGinniss, the former a native of Allegheny County, Penn., the latter a native of New York. In April, 1861, he enlisted in the First Ohio Volunteers, and was called to the defence of Washington, D. C., and was also engaged in the action at Vienna, and the first battle of Bull Run. In June, 1862, he enrolled in the Eighty-Fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, in which he rose to the rank of Sergeant, but was soon after discharged. In September, 1862, he was commissioned Second Lieutenant in the One Hundred and Twenty-Fourth Ohio Infantry, and was sent to Ohio on recruiting duty, afterward he accompanied his regiment to Franklin, Tenn. In April, 1863, he was promoted to First Lieutenant; was engaged in the defence of Franklin, Tenn., the pursuit of the rebel, Gen. Van Dorn, the actions of Thompson's Station and Triune, the advance on Tullahoma, the battle of Chickamauga (where he was twice wounded), the actions of Rossville, the later operations about Chattanooga, and the actions of Bryon's Ferry and Orchard Knob (where he was again wounded). He also participated in the battle of Missionary Ridge, the East Tennessee campaign, the pursuit of Gen. Longstreet into Virginia, the actions of Dalton and Rocky Face Ridge, the battle of Resaca, the actions of Adairsville and Cassville, and the battles of New Hope Church and Dallas, where he was twice wounded. In July, 1864, he was commissioned as Captain and Brevet-Major of United States Volunteers, for gallant and meritorious services at the battles of Chickamauga, Missionary Ridge and Dallas. In October, 1864, he was appointed Recorder of an Examining Board, upon which he served until in December of the same year. After the close of the civil war, he returned to his home with his parents in Olney. In February, 1866, he was commissioned Second Lieutenant of the Thirteenth United States Infantry, and in the same month was promoted to be First Lieutenant in the same regiment, and was stationed at Fort Columbus, New York harbor, till the following June, when he rejoined his regiment at Fort Leavenworth, Kan. In July of the same year, he was appointed Adjutant of the First Battalion of his regiment, serv-

ing as such until December, 1866. In July, 1867, he was appointed Quartermaster of his regiment, and was brevetted Captain of the United States Army; about the same time he was brevetted Captain in the United States Army for gallant and meritorious services at the battle of Chickamauga, and was also brevetted Major in the United States Army for like services at the battle of Missionary Ridge. He served with honor and distinction at various western posts until August 31, 1871, when he was commissioned Captain in the Thirteenth United States Infantry. After this he served at various posts in the West and South, when he was sent to Cleveland, Ohio, on recruiting service; afterwards, he served at Atlanta, New Orleans, and other stations, until March 13, 1878, when he was retired, on account of wounds, as Captain and Brevet-Major in the United States Army, since which time he has made his home with his parents, in Olney.

REV. J. W. MERSCHER, pastor of Saint Joseph's Catholic Church, was born December 4, 1853, in Aviston, Clinton Co., Ill. His father, J. A. Merscher, was born in Hanover, Germany, and was there engaged in farming; in 1844, he came to America, located in Clinton County, where he remained engaged in farming till 1882, when he removed to Nodaway County, Mo., where he now resides. The subject of this sketch commenced a regular course of studies, preparatory for the priesthood, in 1866, with the Franciscan Fathers at Teutopolis, Illinois; in June, 1870, he entered the Saint Francis Seminary, near Milwaukee, and prosecuted his studies there till December, 1876, when he was ordained a priest. In January, 1877, he became pastor of this church, which has a membership of about seventy.

AUGUST F. G. MUENCH & SON are manufacturers of boots and shoes. August F. G., was born in Germany, February 22, 1832, and is one of eight children born to John Frederick and Anna E. (Schulz) Muench, of German nationality. John F. was reared and married in the Fatherland, and followed the vocation of tailoring. He served during the Napoleonic wars in the Prussian army, and was engaged at the famous battle of Waterloo, under the command of Gen. Blucher. He died in 1838, having attained the age of sixty. He and wife were of Lutheran faith. August received a good German education, and at the age sixteen was apprenticed to a shoemaker, served for three years, then was a journeyman for two years, and finally opened a shop at Pyritz, Germany, and remained there for seven years. He then went to Cunow, and in 1874, came to the United States. He came to Olney, and was a journeyman for some two years, and then opened a shop independently, and has succeeded in business ever since. In 1856, Mr. Muench married Anna D. Lemke. They had ten children, all born in the Fatherland. Five only are living. The parents belong to the Evangelical Association. His eldest living son, Bernhard A., is a member of the firm. He was born December 27, 1858, and was married in Olney, January 18, 1882, to Sarah Guyot, a native of Edwards County, and of French-

German descent. One daughter has been born to them—Anna E. The parents belong to the Evangelical Lutheran Association. The youngest son of Mr. A. F. G. Muench is learning the trade with his father and brother.

ELIJAH MURRAY, grocer, was born in Lawrence County, Ind., March 22, 1837, and is the youngest of eight children born to Timothy and Catherine (Finger) Murray, natives, respectively, of North Carolina and Germany; and the father of Scotch-Irish descent. At the age of sixteen years, Timothy removed with the parents to Lawrence County, Ind., which was then a wilderness, scarcely disturbed by white man. Here he attended the common schools, in the log buildings, and also took a wife. Soon after, in 1822, he entered 200 acres of land, erected a log cabin and improved his farm. He lived here until he departed this life on July 13, 1881. He and wife were members of the Baptist Church. Elijah was educated in the rude school-houses of the time, and also assisted in his father's farm work until he attained his majority. In 1858, he came to Noble Township of this county, where he purchased 370 acres, and was employed in agricultural pursuits for fifteen years. In 1873, he came to this city and opened a grocery and provision store. He also ships produce and is carrying a large, well-selected stock in his line, and his business is a thriving one. For some five or six years he was Collector of Noble Township, and is at present a Councilman of this city. On February 14, 1858, Mr. Murray married Lucetta, daughter of Col. John Sheeks, a pioneer of Lawrence County. By this union there have been four children, two daughters and two sons. Mr. and Mrs. Murray are members of the Baptist Church. He is a member of Olney Lodge, No. 140, A. F. & A. M., Richland Chapter, No. 38, R. A. M., Olney Council, No. 55, R. & S. M., and Gorin Commandery, No. 14, K. T. In politics he is a Republican, is a pioneer and one of the most prominent business men and highly respected citizens of Olney.

ELIJAH NELSON, now familiarly known among his old acquaintances as "Uncle Elijah," and earliest living settler in the county, was born on March 15, 1803, and is a native of Abbeville District, S. C. When a child he was taken by his parents to Franklin County, Tenn., where they remained until the autumn of 1816, when they moved to Posey County, Ind., where they lived four years. At the end of this time they moved to Watertown, near Olney, where he followed farming and teaming; also cared for the stage-drivers, fed their team, and kept tavern, this being the first tavern ever kept in the county. He also ran the first stage line from Vincennes, Ind., to Saint Louis, Mo., *via* Vandalia, and while thus engaged, formed the acquaintance of Gen. Winfield Scott, Gen. William H. Harrison, Gen. Zachary Taylor, Gen. Lewis Cass, Hon. Thomas H. Benton, Hon. James Cook, Hon. Zedick Casey, Gov. Bond, Gov. Coles, and many other distinguished men, among whom was the eccentric Lorenzo Dow, who frequently made his house a stopping place. When he came to the county he entered 320 acres

of land, on which stood his tavern. Of this land he had 240 acres improved. On this farm he lived forty-four years, when, selling out in 1864, he moved to Olney, Richland County, and purchased a house and lot. He also purchased 160 acres of land in Section 29, where he now resides. Mr. Nelson was the second County Commissioner of Richland County; he assisted in hauling the timber to build the first jail in Olney, in 1843; also, hauled the hewed logs which built the first school-house in Olney, in 1842. In this schoolhouse were first held the courts of Wabash, Edwards, Lawrence and Richland counties. At that time the Methodists held their services in this house. He was married on September 16, 1830, to Lucy Bunch, of Shelby County, Ky. She was born in 1812, and died on April 1, 1845. Six children were born to them, four of whom are living, viz.: William R., who was a soldier in the Confederate army, now living in Arkansas; James R., who, in 1861, enlisted in the Sixty-Third Illinois Infantry, and served during the war; Isabella (now Mrs. Lanier) and Sarah E. (now Mrs. C. Beakman). He was next married on February 22, 1850, to Mrs. Minerva J. Lanier, of Posey County, Ind., born March 6, 1819. Three children were born to them, viz.: Lafayette, Martha E. (now Mrs. William Fuitz), and Ellen (now Mrs. Mirracle), of Wayne County). Mr. Nelson is a very hospitable, social and kind-hearted pioneer, and is politically a Democrat.

J. D. NELSON was born May 10, 1832, in Richland County, Ill. His father came to this locality in about 1820. Our subject entered forty acres of land where his house now stands; he now owns over 300 acres, mostly improved; he has a very comfortable house, which was built in 1867, and cost about \$1,300; his barn, built in 1875, cost about \$500; his granary cost about \$100—all of this property and improvements he has acquired by his own industry. He was married October 30, 1856, to Mary H. Brothers, of Richland County. She died December 28, 1879, in her fortieth year, leaving three children: Harriet E. (now Mrs. Craig); Stephen A. and John Henry. Mr. Nelson's second marriage was to Maggie Strong; she was born in Ohio, and has borne one daughter, Ruth. Mr. Nelson has held the office of Justice of the Peace, and he is now Township Trustee.

WILLIAM NEWELL, pork packer, and grain, wood and coal dealer, was born in Philadelphia, Penn., December 12, 1817, and is the eldest of three living children born to John and Catherine A. (Donovan) Newell, natives of Philadelphia, and of Irish and English descent respectively. John and his wife were brought up in their native city, and he followed the wholesale grocery and provision business. In about 1830, he went to New York City, and engaged in the same trade the remainder of his life. Mr. and Mrs. Newell died within two years of each other. William was well educated, both in common and academic branches. When he was sixteen years old he entered the store of his uncles, William and Samuel Newell, and remained there some three or four years. In 1840, he went to Vincennes, Ind., and engaged in a grain and produce trade, and shipped down the river to New Orleans. In 1845, he removed to Evansville,

where he was engaged in the dry goods trade for three years, and in 1848, came to Olney and engaged in general merchandise and pork packing combined; also in the grain, coal and wood trade. For many years goods were shipped in a flat boat to New Orleans, by way of the Fox, Little Wabash, Wabash, Ohio and Mississippi rivers. Mr. Newell's business career has been very active and successful. He has been a member of the County Board of Supervisors and one of the city Aldermen. He was married in 1850, to Catherine A. Mackey, a native of Evansville, Ind. Mr. Newell is not a member of the church, but holds to the Presbyterian doctrine. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., and was charter member of both branches in Olney. He is a pioneer and Republican, and is highly respected.

O. C. PALMATEER was born in Guernsey County, Ohio, August 22, 1849, and is the sixth of the seven children born to Benjamin and Phebe (Johnson) Palmateer, natives respectively of New York and Ohio, and of French and English extraction. In 1827, when about seventeen years old, Benjamin Palmateer moved to Guernsey County, and was there married December 1, 1836; he was a carpenter, but for a number of years engaged in flat boating; later he moved to Cumberland, Ohio, was engaged in mercantile pursuits there, was elected Constable, and then began the study of law, which for several years he followed as a profession. In 1851, he moved to Crawford County, Ill., where he worked at carpentering and engaged in farming; in April, 1861, he brought his family to Olney. In Crawford County he was licensed to preach in the Methodist Episcopal Church, and he proclaimed the gospel until his death, December 31, 1873, in his sixty-fourth year. Oris C. Palmateer, in December, 1863, when but fourteen years of age, enlisted in Company F, Forty-Eighth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and served until the close of the war, and took part in the battles at Resaca, Kennesaw Mountain, Atlanta (where he was wounded in the breast), and elsewhere, and also marched with Sherman to the Atlantic. After the war, Mr. Palmateer, was employed in the United States mail service at Saint Louis, for a time. In 1866, he returned to Olney and worked at painting and carpentering in the summer and attended school in the winter, for a number of years; in 1870, he began teaching; in 1875 and 1876, he clerked in Norris City, Ill., and then became local editor of the *Olney News*; in December, 1877, he was appointed Deputy County Clerk; in 1881, he was elected City Clerk, and re-elected in 1883. September 12, 1871, he married Miss Ella L. Shelby, who bore him three daughters, and died September 4, 1882, a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Palmateer is a member of the same church. He is also a member of Parkersburg Lodge, No. 509, F. & A. M.; Oriental Consistory, S. P. R. S., of Chicago, Marmion Lodge, No. 52, K. of P.; Olney Lodge, No. 76, A. O. U. W., Olney Legion, No. 18, S. K. A. O. U. W., and Olney Post, No. 92, G. A. R. In politics he is a Republican, although he is at present local editor on the *Olney Times*, the Democratic organ of Richland County, and is one of the enterprising and prominent citizens of the city and county.

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FLETCHER T. PHILLIPS, druggist, was born in Preston Township, in this county, March 3, 1853, and is the third of eight children born to Thomas G. and Margaret (McWilliams) Phillips, natives respectively of White County, Tenn., and of Ohio, and of Welsh and Irish ancestry. Of the family, six children are living. Thomas G. came with his parents at ten years of age, in 1825, to Calhoun Prairie, in territory which is now Richland County, Ill., then an unbroken wilderness. At that time, ten or twelve families were all who lived in the present county. He was educated in rude log schoolhouses, and assisted on his father's farm until twenty-one years of age. In 1842, he entered 200 acres of land in Preston Township, and erected a log cabin and improved a farm upon which he still resides. In about 1849 or 1850, he built the first frame house in the township, the weather-boarding for which was split with a froe, there being no saw mills in the country. Both he and wife are devoted members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Fletcher T. received a good common education at the schools of his native county, and worked at farming until the age of twenty, when he taught awhile, and afterward attended McKendree College, Lebanon, Ill. He passed the examinations of the Freshman and Sophomore, beginning at the Junior year. His education was acquired by his own industry alone. After leaving college, Mr. Phillips taught school in this county four winters, reading medicine at his leisure hours, and during the summer following agriculture. In the spring of 1880, he purchased the half interest in a drug store at Olney, in company with Mr. Herron; the business being carried on under the firm name of Herron & Phillips. In January, 1882, Mr. Herron retired; since which time Mr. Phillips has conducted the business alone, and the place is known as the "City Drug Store." He has also dealt in musical instruments for the past nine years, and has been very successful, having sold some sixty organs and pianos during the first six months of 1883. On June 1, 1876, Mr. Phillips was joined in matrimony to Jennette, daughter of John Elliot, of Olney. They have been given two daughters—Margaret G. and Anna M. Mr. Phillips does not belong to the church. He is a member of the K. of P., of the I. O. O. F., and is a Republican. He is an enterprising and prominent business man.

FINNEY D. PRESTON, County Judge of Richland County, was born in Wabash County, Ill., August 12, 1820. His father, Joseph Preston, a native of Pennsylvania, settled in Ohio, near Cincinnati, in 1811, but in the fall of 1815 removed with his family to Illinois and located on the farm where our subject was afterward born. His mother was Abigail Finney, daughter of E. W. Finney, who came from near Albany, N. Y., and settled with his family seven miles north of Cincinnati, in 1800. The former died in 1830 and the latter in 1847. Finney D. Preston worked on a farm until 1839, then served a time at blacksmithing, at Mount Carmel; subsequently he taught school; in 1844, he was elected Engrossing and Enrolling Clerk of the Illinois House of Representatives; in 1846, he was



chosen Clerk of the Senate; in 1848, he was elected Clerk of the Supreme Court of the Southern District of Illinois; he then read law and was admitted to practice in the spring of 1853. That year he resigned his office and came to Olney, where he still resides. From this county he has twice been elected to the Lower House of the Legislature, and has since served as Secretary to the Senate; in 1857, he was appointed Mail Agent for the Northwestern States, and filled the office two years; he next served as Secretary of the State Senate, and then filled the post of State's Attorney continuously until 1876, excepting from September, 1862, until July, 1865, when he was in the Federal army, on the staff of Gen. Wilder. He then practiced law for several years, at Olney. In 1846, he married Phebe, daughter of Samuel Mundy. In 1878, he was elected County Judge, which position he now holds.

DOUGLASS A. PRESTON, State's Attorney, was born in Olney, Ill., December 19, 1856. In early life he received a good education, and in January, 1876, went into his father's law office for the purpose of preparing for the profession. Douglass A. remained in the office until the month of January, 1878, when he was admitted to practice by the Supreme Court of Illinois. Being of an independent spirit, on his return home, he opened a law office on his own account. Soon after the establishment of his office, in 1880, Mr. Preston became a candidate for State's Attorney, before the Democratic primary election, and was nominated over his opponent, G. M. Longenecker, and was elected by over 600 majority. On March 24, 1880, Mr. Preston was married to Florence B. Rhode. He is a popular lawyer and a rising young man of whom the county may well be proud.

CAPTAIN WILLIAM T. PRUNTY was born near Bardstown, Nelson Co., Ky., August 17, 1838, and is the eldest of seven children born to Robert M. and Ann (Heavenhill) Prunty, Kentuckians, of Irish and German-Irish descent, respectively. Robert M. was educated and married in Kentucky, learned the wheelwright trade and followed it there until his death in 1855. He belonged to the Masonic Fraternity. William T. received a fair education, and from twelve to sixteen years dwelt with his grandfather on a farm. He then accompanied an uncle to Mississippi, where he followed the stock business two years. In 1857 Mr. Prunty came to Grayville, Ill., and was salesman for some six years. In August, 1862 he assisted in recruiting Company B, Eighty-Seventh Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and was commissioned First Lieutenant of the company. Lieut. Prunty was made Captain in December, 1863, and served until the close of the war, being mustered out with the regiment at Helena, Ark., June 16, 1865. From June, 1864, until February, 1865, Capt. Prunty acted as Assistant Inspector General on the staff of Gen. E. J. Davis. After the war our subject was traveling salesman for a wholesale Cincinnati house, until February, 1877, at which period he came to Olney, and engaged in the retail hardware trade with a partner, under the firm name of Prunty & Jolly, until February, 1883, when he abandoned the business on account of

failing health. He has recently received an appointment in the United States Marshal's office, at Springfield, Ill. He has been City Clerk at Grayville for two or three years, and Mayor of Olney from April, 1881, to April, 1883. He belongs to the society of the Army of the Tennessee, and to Olney Post, No. 92, G. A. R., and has just represented his Post in the Department Encampment at Decatur, Ill. He is a Republican.

THOMAS RATCLIFF was born in Kent County, England, April 8, 1824, and is the seventh of thirteen children born to William and Mary A. (Miller) Ratcliff, both natives of England. William Ratcliff received an ordinary common school education in his native land, where he was also married, and where he engaged in agricultural pursuits for many years. In 1830 he emigrated to the United States with his family, first settling at Buffalo, N. Y., where he was employed at plastering for two years. In 1833, he removed to Richland County, Ohio, where he bought a farm, and was engaged in farming, in connection with his trade of plastering, for about four years. In 1837 he came to what is now Olney Township, Richland Co., Ill., where he entered 160 acres of land upon which he erected a log house, which he subsequently improved, and upon which he resided until his death, which occurred November 9, 1868. Thomas Ratcliff, our subject, received a common school education in youth and was employed on his father's farm until he was eighteen years old, when he went to learn the blacksmiths' trade, serving an apprenticeship of three years. He then went into partnership with the man with whom he learned his trade, at Olney, Ill., and after one year bought him out. He continued to follow the trade in connection with the manufacture of wagons and plows and general repairing, for some twenty-five years. He then engaged in the sale of wagons, agricultural machinery and implements at Olney, and at which he has since been doing an extensive business. Mr. Ratcliff has been a member of the Board of County Supervisors for several terms; has also held the office of Alderman of the city, and director of the city schools, and is at present one of the directors of the First National Bank of Olney, having been a stockholder in that corporation ever since its organization. He was married on September 19, 1844, to Catharine H. Ranstead, a native of Vigo County, Ind. Nine children have been born to them, eight of whom are living. Mrs. Ratcliff is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In politics Mr. Ratcliff is a Republican, and is one of the early settlers and prominent business men of the city and county.

ALBERT RATCLIFF was born in Olney, Richland Co., Ill., August 7, 1845, and is the oldest of nine children born to Thomas and Catharine H. (Ranstead) Ratcliff. Albert Ratcliff, the subject, received a good education at the common and select schools of Olney. February 26, 1864 he enlisted in Company B, Ninety-Eighth Illinois (Mounted) Infantry, which formed a part of the famous Gen. Wilder's Brigade. He served with his regiment in all its marches and engagements until the close of the war, being mustered out with the

regiment at Nashville, Tenn., September 8, 1865. He participated in the battles of Resaca, Kennesaw Mountain, Atlanta, Selma, Ala., as well as many other lesser engagements. After his return from the army he attended school for a time, and then learned the blacksmiths' trade, which he has followed ever since. In 1878 he engaged in the manufacture of mill-picks, at Olney, Ill., in connection with following his trade. At this he is and has been doing an extensive business. In 1879 he discovered a new process of working and tempering steel, which gave him a decided advantage over other pick manufacturers. His pick became very popular with mill men generally, and finds a market in almost every State and Territory in the Union. Mr. Ratcliff was married October 28, 1866, to Emma Flowers, a native of New Richmond, Clermont Co., Ohio. Eight children have blessed their union, six of whom are yet living. Mrs. Ratcliff died March 25, 1883. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church; Mr. Ratcliff is also a member of the same church. He is also a member of the I. O. M. A., and of the G. A. R. In politics he is a Republican, and is one of the old settlers and prominent business men of the city and county.

LLOYD RAWLINGS (deceased) was born in Ohio on June 10, 1803, and died on September 26, 1883. At an early day he came to Lawrence County, Ill., which at that time comprehended the eastern portion of Richland County. On August 20, 1828, he was married to Matilda Ruark, who was born December 30, 1813, in Indiana. To them were born twelve children, nine of whom survive, viz.: Mary J. (now Mrs. Johnson); Shadrach, farmer; Elizabeth (now Mrs. James Callon); Melinda (now Mrs. W. Proctor); Maria (now Mrs. K. Egger); Samuel, now a practicing physician at New Harmony, Ind.; George, farmer; Joseph, in Colorado, mining; Levi, living at the homestead and managing the farm. Their sons, John, George, and Shadrach served in the army during the late war. John died on November 27, 1867. Mr. Rawlings' married life extended over the space of fifty-five years, two months and ten days. His widow still survives him. Since 1839 he had been a worthy and consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church; was an affectionate husband, a kind father, and honest and upright in all his dealings. The first sermon preached in this section of the country was listened to in his log cabin on Calhoun Prairie. In April, 1849, Mr. Rawlings, with eleven others, from Richland County, went the overland route to California. While there, and while he and a companion were deer-hunting, he, being temporarily separated from his companion, was attacked by a full-grown, savage grizzly bear. The bear came upon him so suddenly that he knocked his gun out of his hand with his paw, and seizing Mr. Rawlings' head in his mouth, proceeded unceremoniously to reduce it to a pulp. With Mr. Rawlings it was a life and death struggle. In the meantime he was calling for help from his absent companion, who, hearing his cry of distress, rushed upon the scene, killed the bear, and saved him. Mr. Rawlings carried the marks of this struggle to the grave, but out-lived his rescuer by twenty years.

SHADRACH RAWLINGS was born January 3, 1835, in Olney Township, and is the eldest son of the late Lloyd Rawlings, who was one of the earliest settlers of this county. Shadrach enlisted in 1862 in Company H, One Hundred and Thirtieth Illinois Infantry, and served to the end of the war. He participated in the battles of Vicksburg, Champion Hill, and Magnolia Hills; he was taken prisoner at Mansfield, La., was confined in prison at Tyler, Texas, fourteen months, was then paroled, and returned home, having been promoted to Corporal. He has since been engaged in farming. He was married, May 8, 1856, to Rachel E. Bell, a native of Guernsey County, Ohio. She died in 1869, aged thirty-five years, leaving four children—Sarah C. (now Mrs. Berry); Mary M. (now Mrs. Whitmer); Eva B. and Charles E. Rose Ida, wife of Mr. Newton, died in February, 1882, aged eighteen years; John A. died in infancy. His second marriage, in 1870, was to Mary J. Miszer, of Stark County, Ohio. They have two children—Jonathan R. and Mary J. Mr. Rawlings has been school director since his return from the army.

CAPTAIN WILLIAM RHODE, clothing, was born in Germany, December 6, 1834, and is the fifth of six children born to Conrad and Anna C. (Yackel) Rhode, natives of Germany. Conrad was born January 10, 1796; was educated and married in Germany, and followed the wagon-makers' trade until he died, on May 19, 1866. At the age of sixteen he entered the Prussian army, and served for eight years, which included the wars with Napoleon I. He was with those who occupied Paris in 1813. He served as Tax Collector and President of the Council of the village. These offices have never gone out of the family since, and are now held by his eldest son, Christian H. He and wife belonged to the Lutheran Church, for which body he had filled various official positions. William received a good education in the Fatherland, and at the age of sixteen, in 1851, emigrated to the United States, going first to Sandusky, Ohio. He learned the trade of cabinet making, and then went to Tiffin County, where he worked as salesman for three years; then was employed in the grocery and provision business in the same place for one year. October 15, 1861, he received a commission as Second Lieutenant in and helped recruit Company D, Fifty-Eighth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and served until his discharge, at Columbus, Ohio, January 15, 1865. In October, 1862, he was promoted First Lieutenant and Adjutant of the regiment, and in June, 1864, was made Captain, and assigned to detached service at Vicksburg, Miss. In April, 1864, he received a gold medal of honor for meritorious service, on which were inscribed Fort Donelson, Shiloh, Chickasaw Bayou, Arkansas Post, and Vicksburg, by order of Major-General McPherson. In 1865 he came to Olney, followed the hardware business until 1877, and in 1878 engaged in the clothing business, also carrying a stock of hats, caps, boots and shoes, as well as gents' furnishing goods. He has been a Supervisor of Richland County, and for thirteen years past has been one of the Directors of Olney public schools. He married, in February, 1861, Caroline J.

Rauch, of Tiffin County. Five children were born to them, of whom two sons and one daughter survive. In May, 1883, Mr. Rhode visited his native land, returning in August of the same year. While he was there the medal alluded to served him as a passport to all parts of the German Empire. He belongs to the A. O. U. W., I. O. M. A., and the G. A. R.; is a Democrat in politics, and quite prominent here.

JAMES I. RICHEY, live stock dealer, is a native of Blount County, Tenn., and was born May 5, 1847; a son of James H. and Matilda (Adams) Richey, Tennesseans, of Scotch and English descent respectively. James H. was educated and married in his native State, and farmed until 1851, when he went to Crawford County, Ill. In 1865 he came to Denver Township, in this county, and lived there till his death, on November 13, 1876. He and wife were Presbyterians, and he was an elder for over thirty years in that body, and belonged to the I. O. O. F. His wife died August 27, 1879. Her father, Isom Adams, was cousin of John Q. Adams. James I. received a limited education, but by his exertions acquired a good business education. He worked upon his father's farm until his thirtieth year, and in 1878 was elected Sheriff of this county, and was re-elected in 1880, serving in all four years. Since 1882 he has been engaged in agricultural pursuits, in which he is succeeding. He is also dealing in live stock in this county. On August 8, 1878, Mr. Richey was married to Emma E. Younge, a native of Indiana, and a member of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Richey belongs to the several Masonic bodies of Olney, viz.: A. F. & A. M., R. A. M., R. & S. M., K. T., and K. of P. In politics he is a firm Democrat.

EDMUND W. RIDGWAY, M. D., was born in Harrisburg, Penn., September 29, 1812, and is the second of ten children born to Richard and Sarah (Cowall) Ridgway, natives of New Jersey and Pennsylvania, and of English and Welsh descent respectively. Richard's great-grandfather was among the Quaker colonists who landed with William Penn in 1682. He settled at Egg Harbor. Richard, father of our subject, was well educated and brought up on a farm. He went to Philadelphia, and was employed as a salesman. After a time he removed to Bradford County, there married, and ran a grist mill, in company with his brother. In 1810 he came to Harrisburg, Penn., and took a contract for manufacturing the bricks for the Pennsylvania State House. He followed brick making for many years. In 1820 he moved to Mansfield, this county, and was engaged in the same business for eighteen years. In 1838 he went to Wabash County, Ill., and bought a farm. His wife died there in 1850, and his death occurred in 1855. Edmund W. received a good education, and, when a boy, was bound out to a saddler, where he learned that trade. When his time had expired he began studying medicine in Mansfield, Ohio, and completed the course. In 1844 he attended medical lectures at Willoughby, Ohio, and in 1846 came to Olney, and practiced here with excellent success until January, 1883, when he retired from active practice. In 1872 he received the hon-

orary degree at the Louisville Medical College. Dr. Ridgway stands high in his profession, and his ability is acknowledged by the profession. He was married in March, 1835, to Mary Carrothers, of Mansfield, Ohio. Ten children blessed this union, only four of whom, two sons and two daughters, survive. Mrs. Ridgway died May 18, 1880, a devoted member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to which the Doctor belongs. He is a member of Richland Lodge, No. 180, I. O. O. F. In politics he is a Republican, and very prominent in the circles in which he has moved so long.

TOWNSEND H. ROWLAND was born in Long Island, N. Y., September 6, 1805, and was the second in a family of five children born to Tredwell H. and Susan (Arthur) Rowland, natives of Long Island, and of French-Irish and English-German descent, respectively. Tredwell H. was educated and married in his native town, and followed the carpenters' trade in New York City until his death, which occurred in 1825. During the war of 1812 he was a Lieutenant in a company of New York militia. Townsend H. received a poor education, and at sixteen years of age was apprenticed to the tailors' trade in New York City, serving for three years, and afterward following that trade until 1832, when he was obliged to find some other employment, owing to failing health. He followed teaming, marketing and farming in the vicinity of the metropolis for six or eight years, and then moved, in 1840, to Lawrence County, in this State, farming for two years. In 1842 Mr. Rowland went to Bonpas Township, this county, and settled on 240 acres of wild land. He erected a cabin, improved the farm, and resided there until 1865, after which he rented it and came to Olney, since which time he has not been engaged in active business. In 1826 Mr. Rowland was united in marriage to Eliza Sands, of Long Island. She has borne her husband eleven children, of whom four sons and six daughters are living. In politics he is a Democrat, and is one of our respected pioneers and valued citizens. Mr. Rowland does not belong to the church, and is very liberal in his views.

HON. ELBERT ROWLAND, M. D., was born in New York City, April 28, 1832, and is eldest of eleven children born to Townsend H. and Eliza (Sands) Rowland, a sketch of whom will be found elsewhere. Elbert was educated in a log cabin in this county, as his father moved here in 1840. Our subject, by close application, has acquired a practical education since he reached manhood; and he is an extensive reader and well posted in history, as well as the current literature of the day. In 1855, he began studying medicine, with Dr. J. L. Flanders, of Olive, Lawrence Co., Ill. After two years here, in 1857, he attended the New York Medical College, graduating from the Department of Chemistry in 1858, and from the Medical Department one year later. Dr. Rowland then began practicing in New York City, where he remained until 1861, when he was appointed Assistant Surgeon of the One Hundred and Twenty-Seventh Regiment New York Volunteer Infantry. He remained until 1864, when he resigned his position in the army and came to

Olney. During the last year of his service in the army he was Acting Surgeon. Since 1864 he has lived in Olney, and has enjoyed an extensive practice. The Doctor was married, January 23, 1862, to Kate D. Mallery, a native of New York City. Five children, two sons and three daughters, bless this marriage. Dr. Rowland is not a member of the church; he belongs to Olney Lodge, No. 140, A. F. & A. M., Richland Chapter, No. 38, R. A. M., Olney Council, No. 55, R. & S. M., Gorin Commandery, No. 14, K. T., and the G. A. R., Olney Post, No. 92, of which he is at present Surgeon. He is a Democrat; was chairman of the Central Committee, of this county, for seventeen years, and in 1882 was elected to the lower branch of the State Legislature, receiving a clear majority of 1,219 votes. The Doctor is a member of the Board of Censors, of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, at Evansville, Ind., is Health Officer for this city, President of the Board of Examining Surgeons for the Pension Department, and in 1880 was on the committee to examine candidates for West Point cadetship. He is an excellent debater, clear, precise and forcible. The Doctor is a pioneer of Richland County, ranks high in his profession, and is respected by all his acquaintances.

JOHN C. RUSH was born in Hastings, Barry Co., Mich., June 28, 1838, and is the younger of two children born to Henry H. and Christina (Snell) Rush, the former a native of Hamilton and the latter of Darke County, Ohio, and of German descent. Henry H. Rush received his early education in his native county, where in early life he learned the gunsmith and blacksmith trades. In 1837 he removed to Hastings, Mich., where he followed his trade for a short time, and in 1839 he went to Darke County, Ohio, where he edited a Whig paper for several years. In 1865 he came to Olney, Ill., where he has since lived a retired life. He is a member of the Baptist Church, in which church he has been a minister for over forty years. He is also a member of the Masonic Fraternity. John C. Rush, the subject, received a fair common school education in his youth. At the age of eighteen he went to learn the bakers' trade, serving an apprenticeship of four years. In April, 1861, he enlisted in Company F, Eighth Indiana Infantry, for the three months service, and served with that regiment until the expiration of its term of service. In the spring of 1862, he again enlisted in Company A, Fifth Indiana Cavalry, and was appointed Sergeant at the organization of his Company. With this regiment he served in all its marches and engagements until July 30, 1864, when he was taken prisoner, being surrendered by Gen. Stoneman. He was confined in the Andersonville prison until the spring of 1865, when he was removed to Florence, S. C., thence, with others, further north, with the hope of keeping them out of the way of Gen. Sherman's army. Finally, they were paroled at Goldsborough, N. C. He was then a mere skeleton, weighing only from sixty-five to seventy pounds, and unable to walk. When he reached home his parents did not recognize him. He was mustered out with his regiment at Indianapolis,

in July, 1865. In the following fall he came to Olney, Ill., where he bought and operated a bakery, until the spring of 1881, when he retired from active business on account of failing health. He was married, in 1867, to Mattie Clark, a native of Richland County, Ill. Six children blessed their union, five of whom are still living. He and his wife are members of the Presbyterian Church. He is also a member of Olney Post, No. 92, G. A. R. In politics he is a Republican.

MATTHEW M. ST. JOHN, farmer, was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, December 25, 1826, and is the second of the six children born to Samuel and Sophia (Snell-McClain) St. John, natives of Orange County, N. Y., and of French and Scotch-English descent respectively. The ancestors of both were early Puritan colonists at Boston, Mass., and some of them were hearty participants in the Revolutionary war. One branch settled in Pennsylvania and were nearly exterminated at the Wyoming massacre. Samuel was educated in his native State, and in 1816, removed to Brookville, Franklin Co., Ind., descending the Alleghany and Ohio rivers on a raft. He married here, and in about 1825 removed to Cincinnati. In 1827 he returned to Franklin County, bought a tract of wild land, built a cabin, and finally sold his farm, in 1832, went to Brookville one year and in 1833 moved to Marion Township. Here he was engaged in agricultural pursuits. In 1837, he went to Johnson County, Ind., and lived upon a farm until 1848, then removed to Olney and lived here until his death, on July 19, 1855. Mrs. St. John died June 28, 1851. Matthew M. was poorly educated, in the log schoolhouses of Indiana, and worked on his father's farm until his nineteenth year, when he went to the West on horseback and alone. He arrived here in 1846, and has lived in this place ever since. He worked for his board and schooling, then engaged in stock-raising and trapping. In 1848 he leased eighty acres, on a part of which the Olney Driving Park is now situated, and afterward bought the same. He has lived upon this place ever since, but has added more land from time to time until his farm consists of 1,200 acres, in Jasper and this county. He also owns valuable residence property in this city. From 1854 to 1861, he was traveling purchasing agent for the American Fur Company, in Southern Illinois. From 1859 to 1868, he was engaged in butchering, and also in shipping stock, and for the past six years in the pump business. He has served two years as Sheriff of the county, having been elected in 1868, and was Marshal of the city. He also followed the livery business. Mr. St. John has been married three times. On March 21, 1847, he married Phenicia Cobleigh, of Vermont. To this union succeeded one daughter, Emeline (now Mrs. George Glossbrenner), Mrs. St. John died August 25, 1855, and Mr. St. John married, on October 23, 1856, Emeline D. Cralle, of Posey County, Ind. Three children were born to them, of whom one, Mary (Fleming), is living. Mrs. St. John died May 27, 1863. For his third wife Mr. St. John married Mariah L. Cralle, also of Posey County, on April 10, 1864. Five children bless the last



union. He is a member of all the Masonic bodies in Olney, viz.: A. F. & A. M., R. A. M., R. & S. M., and K. T. Our subject is a brother of Gov. J. P. St. John, of Kansas, and his mother was second cousin to John Q. Adams. Mr. St. John is a Republican, an old settler, and a respected citizen of the county.

HENRY C. SANDS, breeder and trainer of trotting and pacing horses, and owner of "Meadow Brook" stock and training farm, near Olney, was born in Lawrence County, Ill., October 31, 1848, and is the elder of two living children born to Elbert and Susan A. (Gadd) Sands, natives of Long Island, N. Y., and Maryland, respectively, and of Scotch and English descent. Elbert and his brother were showmen when very young, being acrobats and wire-walkers, and Elbert was engaged in various companies for more than twenty years. Mr. Sands was the first bareback rider in the United States. He retired in 1843, and was engaged in farming until 1860, then went to New York City, and followed the real estate business. In 1865 he came to Olney, and followed the same until 1880, at which time he retired from business, but still lives here. Henry C. graduated from the New York Academy, in 1866. In 1863 he was employed in the United States secret service for two or three months, and was stationed then at Richmond, Va. During the last of his academic course Mr. Sands read law with Judge Cardja and J. J. Morrin, of New York City. In 1866 he came to Olney, studied for a time, and in 1869 was admitted to practice law. He practiced here until 1875, when he began his present business, and breeds fine horses very extensively. In 1879 he bought the "Meadow Brook" stock and training farm, and now owns some thirty or more of the finest bred Hambletonian and Mambrino trotters in southern Illinois. Mr. Sands married, in 1875, Amelia T. Hoover, of Olney, Ill. They have had four children, of whom three, two sons and a daughter, survive. Mr. Sands belongs to the K. of P., the I. O. O. F. and the Democratic party.

AMBROSE SCHNEIDER, book-keeper, was born in German Township, Richland Co., Ill., January 12, 1851, and is the second of six living children born to Joseph and Theresa Schneider, of German ancestry. Joseph was reared and married in Germany, and followed agriculture. In about 1847 or 1848 he came to the United States, settling at the place of our subject's birth. In 1853 he went to Saint Marie, Jasper County, and followed the brewery business until 1878, when Ambrose took charge of the brewery for two years. Joseph, the father, was in mercantile trade and saloon. In August, 1882, he visited Germany, and returned in March, 1883, to Saint Marie, and is now a grocer. He is a member of the Catholic Church. Ambrose received a good common school and academic education, and in 1874 he engaged in the saloon business at Saint Marie for one year. He then came to Olney, and was railroading for a time. In February, 1877, he was engaged by Scott & Brockman as salesman, and then as book-keeper, which position he still holds. Mr. Schneider was a tax-collector three terms in Jas-

per County and two in Richland. He was married in October, 1874, to Anna B. Brockman, who died on January 16, 1876, leaving one child—Edith L., and departing in the Catholic faith. In October, 1878, Mr. Schneider married Caroline Brockman, sister of his first wife. Two children bless this union—Anna and Caroline. Mr. and Mrs. Schneider are faithful communicants of the Catholic Church. He belongs to Olney Branch, No. 173, C. K. of A., being one of the first members. He belonged originally to Branch No. 50, at Trenton, Ill.

G. SCHNEPPER was born in Baden-Baden, Germany, March 26, 1836. He served in the war in 1848–49, in his native country, and was in many of the hardest-fought battles. In 1854 he came to America, and first settled at Evansville, Ind., where he remained two years. In 1858 he moved to Clay County, Ill., where he began farming, and by hard work he has come in possession of a fine farm of 200 acres in that county, and forty acres in Jasper County, although he has at times worked for wages as low as thirty cents per day. He married, in his native country, Anna A. Martin, born in 1838; she died at Lanesville, Ind., in 1860; she was the mother of four children—Frederick, John, Elizabeth and Gottfried (deceased). He next married, in 1862, Margaret Rhuppert, born in Germany, in 1838. By this union there were born six children—Charles, Barbara, Louis, Henry, Lena and Maggie. Mr. Schnepfer is a member of the I. O. O. F., Lodge 162, at Noble; also of Olney Lodge, 141, of Masonry, and in politics he is a Democrat.

JOHN SCHWEBEL, farmer, was born August 28, 1838, in Prussia, and there he followed teaming; in 1858 he came to New Jersey, there worked at the blacksmiths' trade, and in 1861 he moved to Olney, following his trade about four years, and then opened a grocery, and, with the exception of six years, continued this business till 1883, when he sold out and moved to a farm which he owns, consisting of seventy-four acres, which joins the corporation. He also owns two store buildings in Olney. He was married, in 1861, to Minnie Bohren, who was born in Switzerland, and at the age of eleven she came with her parents to Richland County.

DAVID SCOTT, Mayor of Olney, was born in County Armagh, Ireland, February 7, 1833, and is one of nine children born to James and Jane (Lyster) Scott, both natives of Ireland. James Scott was educated and married in his native land, where he learned the carriage makers' trade, and followed the same until 1847, when he emigrated to the United States, first settling in New York City, where he was employed at his trade until the fall of 1850, when he removed to Terre Haute, Ind. Here he continued to follow his trade until his death, which occurred in 1857. He was a member of the Congregational Church, and was also a prominent member of the Masonic Fraternity, having advanced to the degree of Knight Templar. David Scott received a fair education in Ireland. Soon after the arrival of the family in the United States, he clerked in a

dry goods store in New York City, where he remained for three years, when he was employed in a store at Terre Haute for a time. In 1881 he went to Newton, Ill., where he worked in the same capacity in a store there for some five years, when he opened a general store for himself at the same place, and remained there until the spring of 1862, when he went into the army. He was a sutler, and served as such until the close of the war. In May, 1866, he came to Olney, and engaged again in the general mercantile business, which he has continued with excellent success ever since. For a time the firm name was D. Scott & Co., but since 1875 the firm name has been Scott & Brockman. Mr. Scott was married, April 16, 1856, to Mary E. Harris, a native of Jasper County, Ill. To this union were born six children, two of whom are yet living. Mrs. Scott died January 31, 1868. Mr. Scott next married, January 4, 1881, Mrs. Lizzie (Clubb) McLean, a native of this county. She is a member of the Congregational Church. In April, 1883, Mr. Scott was elected Mayor of the City of Olney, and still holds that office. He is a member of Olney Lodge, No. 140, A. F. & A. M., and also of Olney Lodge, A. O. U. W.

AARON SHAW, of Olney, was born in Orange County, N. Y., in 1811; he was educated at Montgomery Academy, New York, and subsequently studied law with Judge Morrell at Goshen. In 1833 he removed to Lawrence County, Ill. He was a delegate to the first Internal Improvement Convention of Illinois; was elected State's Attorney by the Legislature of Illinois; was three times a member of the Illinois State Legislature; was elected Circuit Judge of the Fourth Judicial District of Illinois, and served six years; was elected to the Thirty-Fifth Congress, and was elected to the Forty-Eighth Congress, as a Democrat, receiving 14,557 votes against 13,689 votes for Green, Republican, 471 votes for Turney, Prohibitionist, and 129 scattering. The Sixteenth Congressional District of Illinois, of which he is the present Representative, consists of the counties of Clark, Clay, Crawford, Cumberland, Edwards, Jasper, Lawrence, Richland, Wabash and Wayne.

PARMENAS SHAW, jeweler, was born in Alleghany County, Md., on June 22, 1822, being one of the ten children born to John and Charity (Ricketts) Shaw, natives of Maryland, and of English and Scotch descent respectively. John was brought up in Maryland, there married, and there farmed until 1832, in which year he came to Knox County, Ohio. Here he was engaged in farming for some time, but during the last year of his life kept a hotel at Danville. He died on August 2, 1842. He was Justice of the Peace for more than forty years, and was a soldier of 1812. Parmenas' education was not very thorough, and at sixteen he began learning the tailors' trade, at which he worked for twelve years. In 1850 he opened a jewelry store at Sarahsville, Noble Co., Ohio, and has been engaged in that business since that time. In 1852 Mr. Shaw came to Olney, and opened the first jewelry store here, for several years combining the book trade with it. On August 29, 1843, he

married, in Loudoun County, Va., Nancy Morrison, of English-German descent. Mr. Shaw and his wife have been for more than forty years consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and Mr. Shaw is highly esteemed and respected.

JOHN T. SHAW, grocer, was born in Alleghany County, Md., May 18, 1832, and is the youngest of ten children born to John and Charity (Ricketts) Shaw, both natives of Maryland, and of English descent. John Shaw was educated and married in his native State, where he was engaged in agricultural pursuits for several years. In 1833, he removed to Knox County, Ohio, where he bought a farm, upon which he resided until 1839, when he sold the farm and removed to Danville, Ohio, where he was engaged in the hotel business until his death, which occurred August 28, 1842. Both he and his wife were members of the Christian Church. For several years he was a Justice of the Peace, in Knox County, Ohio. John T. Shaw, the subject, received his early education in the primitive log schoolhouse of the early day. At the age of fifteen, he went to learn the harness-makers' trade, serving an apprenticeship of three years, after which he followed the trade at various places in Ohio for about four years. After this he was employed in his brother's boot, shoe and clothing store, at Coshocton, Ohio, until 1857, when he removed to Olney, Ill., where he opened a clothing store, but sold the same about one year afterward, and engaged in the boot and shoe trade. In 1860, he entered a dry goods store as a salesman, where he remained about seventeen years. He then removed to Casey, Ill., where he had the management of a general store for two years. In the spring of 1880, he returned to Olney, where he was employed for a time in a dry goods store. In December, 1881, he opened a grocery and provision store at Olney, where he has since been doing a good business. Mr. Shaw was married January 10, 1858, to Clara Beck, daughter of Aaron Beck, one of the pioneers of southern Illinois. To Mr. and Mrs. Shaw, seven children have been born, only two of whom are living. Mr. Shaw and wife are consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which church he has held various official positions. He is also a member of I. O. M. A., and the I. O. G. T. In politics, he is a Republican, and is one of the enterprising business men of the county.

JOHN H. SHEPHERD, City Marshal, was born in Mercer County, Ohio, July 23, 1843, and is third of ten children born to Henry L. and Catherine (Perry) Shepherd, natives of Maryland and Ohio, and of English and Irish descent, respectively. Henry L. was educated in Ohio, and when a young man moved to Mercer County, where he afterward married. In 1844, he went to Warren County, Ind., settling near Walnut Grove, where he entered and bought 120 acres of wild land, and improved a farm. He lived there until the fall of 1852; then sold his property, came to Preston Township, this county, and bought a farm of 160 acres, known as the Dickey Phillip's farm. In the spring of 1862, Mr. Shepherd enlisted in Company A, Sixty-Third Illinois Volunteer Infantry and was soon after

appointed Commissary of the regiment. After the siege of Vicksburg, in which he took part, he received leave of absence, but died on the way home, at Memphis, September 19, 1863. John H. was fairly educated, and was employed on the home farm until he attained the age of twenty-two years. After the death of his father, the care of the family devolved upon him, and in 1865, he commenced farming for himself on shares in this county. In 1867, he removed to Olney, and engaged in the butcher business for nine years, when he followed the stock business until the winter of 1882. In April, 1880, he was elected Constable, and in April, 1883, was made Marshal of the city of Olney, which office he now fills. He was married on June 15, 1865, to Sarah McWilliams, of this county. They have had six children, of whom five survive. Mr. Shepherd is a member of Olney Lodge, No. 76, A. O. U. W., in which he has held the office of Overseer two terms. He has been Trustee one term and is now Receiver. In politics he is a Republican, an early pioneer, an enterprising and valued citizen of the city.

CHARLES SHULTZ was born in Prussia, June 28, 1838, and is the youngest of ten children born to Christian and Dorothea (Housel) Shultz, both natives of Prussia. Christian Shultz was a soldier in the Prussian army during the latter part of the Napoleonic wars, participating in the battle of Waterloo, and in the occupation of Paris, in 1813. In 1852, he emigrated with his family to the United States, landing at New Orleans. He died of cholera, near Memphis, Tenn. Charles Shultz, our subject, received a fair common school education in his native land. After his father's death, the family settled at Evansville, Ind. In 1853, our subject came to Olney, Ill., where he was employed for two years on a railroad. In the fall of 1861, he went South, in the capacity of sutler, with the Thirty-Eighth Illinois Infantry, remaining until the fall of 1863, when his stock was captured by Gen. Wheeler's command, he being at home at the time. By this he sustained a loss of \$11,000. In 1864, he came back to Olney, erected a store building, and put in a stock of groceries and provisions in company with Mr. A. Klinsworth, under the firm name of Shultz & Klinsworth. Nine months later the firm was dissolved. Mr. Shultz then engaged in the dry goods trade, at which he has since been doing a good business. He carries a large and well selected stock in his line, amounting to from \$10,000 to

Shultz was a soldier in the German army three years. In 1852, he emigrated to the United States, first settling at Evansville, Ind., and afterward bought 160 acres of wild land in Edwards County, Ill. This he commenced to improve, but soon sold out and bought a farm in Olney Township, Richland Co., Ill., where he has since resided. His wife died May 16, 1858. Herman H. Shultz, the subject, received a good common school education in youth. At the age of seventeen he left home and was employed as a laborer on a farm in the northern part of Illinois for three years. He then returned to Olney, and was employed as a salesman in a dry goods store for some eighteen months. He then farmed on shares in the northern part of the State, for two years, when he again returned to Olney and clerked in the same store for six months. In April, 1883, he opened a grocery and provision store, at Olney, where he is doing a flourishing business. He was married, October 16, 1879, to Lizzie E. Black, a native of Pennsylvania. Two children have blessed their union. Mr. Shultz is a member of the Lutheran, and Mrs. Shultz of the Presbyterian Church. In politics he is a Democrat.

MAJOR HARRISON M. SPAIN, real estate and war claim agent, was born in Gibson County, Ind., December 24, 1834, and is the sixth of the ten children born to Archibald and Sarah (Garwood) Spain, natives respectively of Virginia and Kentucky. At the age of fifteen, in 1813, Archibald Spain moved with his parents to North Carolina, and two years later to Indiana Territory, settling near Vincennes. He was married in 1819, and soon after removed to Gibson County, entered land and resided thereon until 1867, when he moved to Patoka, same county, where he died, October 3, 1869, in his seventy-second year. Harrison M. Spain remained on the home farm until July, 1862, when he recruited part of a company for the Sixty-Fifth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and afterward Company E, Eightieth Indiana Infantry, of which he was commissioned Captain. In April, 1864, he was appointed Provost-Marshal of the Second Division (same corps), under Gen. H. M. Judah, and served as such until the close of the war. May 1, 1865, he was promoted Major, and under that title was mustered out in June, 1865, at Salisbury, N. C. During his service, he took part in the battle of Perryville, Ky., Burnside's East Tennessee campaign, the Atlanta campaign, the battles of Franklin and Nashville, Tenn., and many other lesser engagements. At the battle of Franklin the Major captured Capt. W. Wirt Thompson, of a Mississippi regiment, who reluctantly gave up his sword, saying that he would rather leave his dead body on the field than surrender it, as it was a present from his company and had never been dishonored. The Major generously promised that if both lived until the close of the war he would return the sword. In 1874, Capt. Thompson, having been elected a member of the Mississippi Legislature, wrote the Adjutant-General of Indiana for Major Spain's address. A correspondence ensued, and in February or March, 1874, the promise made on the battle field was fulfilled. Just before he was mustered out the editor of the Salisbury *Banner* gave the Major a very

high compliment. After his return from the army, the Major engaged in the drug trade at Princeton, Gibson Co., Ind. In 1873, he retired from the drug business and has since been engaged as a real estate and war claim agent. In March, 1882, he came to Olney, Ill., where he still resides. The Major was married in December, 1866, to Mary A. Wallace, a native of Gibson County, Ind. Three children have been left to them, one son and two daughters. Major Spain is a member of Olney Post, No. 92, G. A. R.; he is a Republican, and is one of the enterprising business men and respected citizens of the city and county.

JONAS SPANGLER, farmer, was born May 25, 1817, in Mifflin County, Penn. When two years of age his parents moved to Wayne County, Ohio, and there he was reared on his father's farm. His father died in 1844, aged sixty-seven years. In 1839 the subject of this sketch came to Lawrence (now Richland) County. When in Ohio he learned the carpenters' trade; this business he continued here about twenty years; he then removed to his present farm of seventy-one acres, located within the city limits; he also owns 440 acres of land in Preston Township; all of this property he has acquired by hard work and strict attention to business. He was married, in 1841, to Philora E. Barney, a native of Vermont, by whom he has had five children, of whom there are living one son and two daughters. His son, Nelson, enlisted, in 1863, in the Sixteenth Illinois Cavalry, was soon after taken prisoner, and confined in Andersonville prison, where he died.

ARCHIBALD SPRING, Sheriff of Richland County, Ill., was born in Edwards County, October 28, 1839, and is the eighth in a family of nine children born to Sydney and Hannah (Prichard) Spring, both of English nativity. Sydney was well educated. In 1820 he came to the United States, and settled at Albion, Edwards Co., Ill. He was the first naturalized in this State. He soon after married, and afterwards started a nursery; the first in the State. He was Surveyor of Edwards County, and held office for many years. He was Justice of the Peace also for years. Mr. Spring died in 1879, at the age of eighty years, in the communion of the Episcopal Church. His wife also belonged to the Church. Archibald received an ordinary education, and at the age of fourteen went into a drug store at Grayville, Ill., remaining one year, also clerking in a dry goods store two years. In 1858 he came to Olney, clerked for three years, and in April, 1861, enlisted in Company D, Eighth Illinois Infantry. Mr. Spring served for three months, then returned home, and in August, 1862, re-enlisted in Company B, Eighty-Seventh Illinois Infantry, and was made Second Lieutenant, and in August, 1863, was promoted to First Lieutenant. He had command of his company, however, during most of the war. He participated in many engagements, and was mustered out at Springfield, Ill., July 4, 1865. He was engaged for one year, here, at the dry goods business, and in 1866 was elected Sheriff of Richland County. Mr. Spring again engaged in the dry goods trade, which

he followed for eight years, and in 1875 went into the livery business. He was made Sheriff again in 1882, and is filling that office now. He also breeds fine stock, and owns Norman English draft and thoroughbred horses and Alderney cattle, beside owning the white mare "Maggie Webb," a noted and beautiful animal. Mr. Spring was married on November 23, 1871, to Lillie Kleinworth, of Albion, Edwards Co., Ill. They have had four children, but only two are living—Clyde and Ella. Mr. Spring is a member of the A. O. U. W., of the G. A. R., and in politics is Republican.

WILLIAM A. STARTSMAN, confectioner, was born in Olney, Ill., on September 7, 1862, and is the oldest of three children born to Luther M. and Sarah R. (McWilliams) Startzman, the former a native of Maryland, and the latter of Ohio. They were of German and Scotch-English descent respectively. When a young man Luther M. Startzman came to Olney, Richland Co., Ill., where he was married, and where he was engaged in the manufacture of furniture for many years. At the breaking out of the late civil war he recruited Company D, Eighth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, of which company he was chosen Captain. He served with his regiment in all its marches and engagements until the fall of 1864, when he resigned on account of failing health. After his return from the army he resumed the furniture business at Olney, continuing the same until 1869, when he removed to Missouri, and from thence to Kansas, where he resided until his death, which occurred in October, 1873. William A. Startzman, the subject, received a fair education at the common and graded schools of his native city. At the age of fourteen he went into a drugstore, at Olney, as a salesman, remaining two and a half years. After this he was employed as book-keeper in an agricultural store for about one year. In 1880 he accepted a position as traveling salesman for a wholesale notion and gents' furnishing house in Saint Paul, Minn., and continued in that business for two years. In January, 1883, he returned to Olney, and engaged in the music business, but continued it only a few months. In June, 1883, he opened a confectionery and ice cream parlor, on Main Street, in company with George D. Johnstone and George F. Wisshach, under the firm name of Johnstone & Co. Theirs is one of the finest establishments of the kind in southern Illinois, and they are doing a flourishing business. They are also extensively engaged in the sale of all kinds of musical instruments. During the first eight months of 1883 they sold over one hundred pianos and organs.

WILLIAM STEWARD was born February 8, 1813, in Gibson County, Ind., and at the age of ten, came with his parents to Lawrence (now Richland) County, and settled two miles east of Olney; there he lived on his father's farm till his marriage in 1834, to Priscilla Bullard, also born in Gibson County, Ind.; they then moved to their present farm of 130 acres, where they have ever since lived, and which place is one of the old landmarks of this locality. They have a family of three children—Mary M., Lucinda, and James C.



THOMAS L. STEWARD was born in Gibson County, Ind., December 18, 1818. At the age of six he moved with his parents to Lawrence (now Richland County). They first entered eighty-three acres of land where his house is now situated, and were among the earliest settlers of the county, and now own 206 acres, which are well improved, with a comfortable house, barn and other out-buildings. Mr. Steward has held many important offices, both county and local; he was one of the first Constables after this county was divided from Lawrence, and served about twelve years; also part of this time was Deputy Sheriff. He held the office of County Treasurer one term, and ex-officio Assessor. He was afterwards elected Sheriff, holding this office four years, and has held the office of Justice of the Peace almost constantly. He married, January 26, 1843, Catharine Stites, of Tennessee; she died February 14, 1858, aged thirty-two, the mother of these children—Alfred J., Enoch J., Levi M., George W., Melvina D., Susan C., William T. (died September 4, 1879, aged thirty-two). July 15, 1858, Mr. Steward married Mary A. Smalley, of Ohio. She died in March, 1860, aged forty years. She bore him one son—Solomon P. His third marriage, November 6, 1860, was to Martha Finley, of Ohio, born June 22, 1822. They have three children—Eli F., Jonathan P., Addie J., and lost Violet by death, in infancy. His sons, Alfred J., Enoch J., and William T., served in the late war.

A. J. STEWARD was born November 27, 1843, in Olney Township, and here reared till the breaking out of the war; he then enlisted in Company E, Sixth Illinois Cavalry, as private, was promoted to Commissary Sergeant, and was honorably discharged November 5, 1865. He participated in the battles of Grierson's raid, siege of Port Hudson, battles of Franklin, Tenn., Nashville, Tenn., and others. He then returned and worked on his father's farm till 1867, when he bought a farm of seventy acres; he now owns 140 acres, mostly improved. He was married November 1, 1866, to Emily Craig, who was born in Lawrence County, Ill. They have four children—William C., Edgar N., Agnes G. and Arthur R. Mr. Steward is a member of the A. O. U. W.

ROBERT N. STOTLER, Superintendent of the County Schools and cashier of the First National Bank, was born in Clinton County, Ohio, April 22, 1850, and is the fifth of a family of nine children born to Isaac and Mary A. (Skimming) Stotler, natives of Alleghany County, Md., and of Scotland, and of German and Scotch descent, respectively. Isaac Stotler was reared and married in his native State. Soon after his marriage, in 1836, he moved to Clinton County, Ohio, where he was engaged in agricultural pursuits until 1858, when he came to Preston Township, in this county, and bought a farm, where he resided until his death, in 1877. He was not a member of the church, but was an earnest temperance man. Robert N. received a good education at common schools, at the State Normal School of Illinois, and the National Normal of Lebanon, Ohio. He was engaged from 1869 until 1881 in teaching most of the time,

in this and Jasper County. In 1881 he was appointed Deputy Circuit Clerk at Olney, and held this position until May, 1883, since which time he has been cashier of the First National Bank at this place. In 1877 he was the Democratic candidate for Superintendent of Schools in this county, but was defeated. In 1882 he again ran for the same office, was successful, and still holds that position. Mr. Stotler is a member of Marmion Lodge, No. 52. K. of P., in politics he is a Democrat, and is one of the rising young men of Richland County.

HON. HENRY STUDER, retired, was born in Switzerland, March 1, 1823, and is the youngest of eight children of Peter and Margaret (Ruby) Studer, natives of Switzerland. Peter lived in his native land during his lifetime and there was engaged in agricultural pursuits. He died in April, 1843. He was in the French army for two years, being one of the Swiss recruits, in the army of Napoleon I, and during the famous Russian Campaign in Germany, he was a sharp-shooter, and the rifle used by him at that time is still in the possession of his son. He and wife belonged to the German Reformed Church. Henry received a fair education and during his youth was engaged in agriculture and teaming; he was for a while a guide for tourists among the mountains, and in December, 1849, came across the Atlantic to New Orleans. He then came directly to what is now German Township, in this county, and farmed on shares for a time, then went to Madison County, and was there foreman in a stave and cooper shop until 1855. Mr. Studer then worked at the cooper's trade, at butchering, and was in a drug store and grocery as clerk, continuing in the grocery and drug business for four years. In 1861 he enlisted as a member of J. C. Fremont's body guard, as First Lieutenant. When Gen. Hunter succeeded in command, he was mustered out, and was appointed Deputy Provost-Marshal of the Thirteenth District of Illinois. He also at the same time was engaged in the wholesale grocery trade at Olney, and built some seven or eight residences in the city. In 1878 he was appointed one of the Commissioners to the Vienna Exposition by Governor Beverage. He has lived retired since. He was for two years Street Commissioner, a member of the Board of County Supervisors; City Marshal for six years; and also Deputy Sheriff and City Collector. In 1882 he was elected to the Lower House of the State Legislature from the Forty-Fourth District, consisting of Richland, Clay, Edwards and Wayne counties, then receiving a large majority over other candidates. In 1847 Mr. Studer was married to Elizabeth Von Almen, of Swiss descent. They belong to the German Reformed Church. He belongs to the A. F. & A. M., R. A. M., R. & S. M., K. T., and of Peoria Consistory S. P. R. S. He is a staunch Republican and helped organize that party in 1856.

HENRY SWALLEN, JR., was born in the Canton Berne, Switzerland, October 16, 1813, and is the oldest of three children born to Henry and Anna (Saylor) Swallen, both natives of Switzerland. Henry Swallen, Sr., was educated and married in his native

land, where in early life he learned the cabinet makers' trade, which he followed for several years. For some twelve years he was an officer in the Swiss army. In 1829 he emigrated with his wife and family to the United States, and settled in Stark County, Ohio. Here he bought unimproved land and subsequently improved a farm, upon which he resided until 1866, after which he made his home with his children until his death, which occurred in 1870. Henry Swallen, Jr., the subject, received an ordinary education in the common schools of his native land. He was employed on his father's farm until he was twenty-one years old, then on various public works in Ohio and Pennsylvania for five or six years. In 1839 he came to what is now Preston Township, Richland Co. Ill., where he entered 120 acres of land, erected a log cabin, and subsequently improved a farm. In 1845 he sold this farm and bought another in the same township, where he resided until April, 1860, when he rented the place and came to Olney. Here he was engaged in teaming for some seven years. He then engaged in the coal trade, and has continued that business ever since. In 1881 he formed a partnership with William Newal, under the firm name of Swallen & Co. They are the most extensive coal, wood, and grain dealers in the city. He has held the office of Alderman and Street Commissioner of the city, and was also a member of the County Board of Supervisors. Mr. Swallen was married in April, 1838, to Mary Mufley, a native of Pennsylvania. Eleven children were born to them, only six of whom are living. Both Mr. Swallen and wife are members of the Evangelical Association, or Albright Church. He is also a member of Olney Lodge, No. 180, I. O. O. F. In politics he is a Republican, and is one of the old pioneers of Richland County.

WILLIAM A. THOMPSON, M. D., was born in New Haven, Conn., April 8, 1845, and is the ninth of ten children born to William S. and Nancy J. (Eaton) Thompson, the former a native of New Jersey, and the latter of New York. They were of English-Scotch and Holland-French descent, respectively. William S. Thompson, was educated and married in his native State, where he was engaged for many years in the manufacture of malleable iron and hardware, at Newark. In about 1840, he removed to New Haven, Conn., where he was engaged in the same line of business, for many years. In 1879, he came to Olney, Ill., and has since made his home with his son, the subject of our sketch. William A. Thompson, the subject, received a good education at the common schools and at Russell's Commercial and Collegiate Institute, and Military Academy, of his native town, which is a preparatory department of Yale College. At the age of twenty he went into his father's factory as superintendent of the pattern-making department, where he remained several years. In the meantime he commenced the study of medicine with Dr. J. T. Halderman, of Columbus, Ohio, and in 1867, attended a course of lectures at the Starling Medical College. He still continued the hardware business for several years. In 1874, he came to Olney, Ill., which has been his home ever since. In 1878, he

graduated from the Ohio Medical College, of Cincinnati, after a course of three years. Since that time he has practiced his profession at Olney with signal success. The Doctor was married, 1869, to Mary L., daughter of Rev. Jesse B. Locke, of Bourbon County, Ky. To this union was born one daughter, viz.: Lula J. Mrs. Thompson died in 1870. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The Doctor was next married in 1874, to Mary L. Ridway, a native of Olney. Two children have blessed this union, viz.; Edna R. and Sarah B. Both the Doctor and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is also a member of the Masonic Fraternity, the I. O. O. F., K. of P. and I. O. M. A. In politics he is a Republican and one of the prominent professional men of the city.

THOMAS TIPPIT, Circuit Clerk, was born in this county on June 6, 1851, and is the sixth of seven children born to Matthew L. and Sarah (Ellingsworth) Tippit, natives, respectively, of Tennessee and Ohio. When three years old, in 1820, Matthew L. was carried by his parents to what is now Edwards County, Ill., then an unbroken wilderness. He received only two weeks of schooling in one of the primitive log buildings of the frontier. When he was four or five years old, his father died, and a few years later his mother moved to Richland County. He afterward married here, and here he entered some 1,000 acres at different times, a part of which land he finally sold. He erected a log cabin and made improvements on the farm, and resided in the same place until his death, which occurred September 13, 1871. At this time he owned about 600 or 700 acres, in well-improved farms. Thomas received a good education and was employed on his father's farm until he reached the age of twenty-one, when he began farming for himself on a small farm of fifty-seven acres, which his father had left him. This farm is in Olney Township, and to this he has added from time to time, until he has 140 acres in the limits of the city of Olney. In 1876, Mr. Tippet was the Democratic candidate for Circuit Clerk of Richland County, but was defeated. In the following year he was elected a member of the Board of Supervisors. In January, 1880, Mr. Tippit was appointed Circuit Clerk to fill a vacancy, and in the fall of the same year was elected to the office, and still holds that position. Mr. Tippit was married on March 15, 1877, to Eva Leaf, a native of Richland County. Three children bless this marriage, viz.: George M., Mabel A. and Albert. Mr. Tippit is a member of Olney Lodge, No. 140, A. F. & A. M., Richland Chapter, No. 38, R. A. M., and Olney Council, No. 55, R. & S. M. In politics he is a Democrat, and a prominent citizen of the county.

GUSTAVE H. B. TOLLE, special agent for the Masonic Benevolent Association of Illinois, was born in Hanover, Germany, October 26, 1840, and is the youngest of six children born to George H. W. and Louise (Veerkamp) Tolle, natives of Germany. The father was in the civil service of the government of Hanover, and advanced until he became Director of Civil and Hydraulic Engineering for the

district of the Kingdom. He died in 1859, in his sixty-sixth year, in the communion of the Lutheran Church, and his wife died in that of the Roman Catholic Church. Mr. Tolle was a Mason for over forty years. Gustave H. B. was well educated in the land of his birth, graduating from the College Georgianum at Hanover, in 1858. In the same year he entered the Hanoverian army, and after three months' service was commissioned Second Lieutenant and assigned to the First Regiment of Infantry, or Body Guard of the late King George V. In September, 1863, he resigned his commission, and after a short stay in Amsterdam, returned to Germany, and in the latter part of the year came to the United States. He came immediately to Terre Haute, Ind., and was employed for a short time as shipping clerk in a wholesale grocery store. He then went to Vincennes, and was again engaged as salesman. In 1869, Mr. Tolle came to Olney and opened a leather store, under the firm name of William Baker & Company. In 1879, he closed out this business, and accepted a position as traveling salesman for a wholesale leather house in Cincinnati, continuing in this until the spring of 1883, when he was appointed Special Agent for the Masonic Benevolent Association of Illinois. In September, 1875, he married Hattie R., daughter of the late Hon. Horace Heyward, of Olney. They have two sons, George H. W. and Gustave H. A. Mr. Tolle is a Lutheran, and his wife a Congregationalist. He belongs to the A. F. & A. M., R. A. M., R. & S. M., and K. T., Olney Masonic bodies, of the Ohio Grand Consistory, of Cincinnati, S. P. R. S. 32d deg.; belongs to both branches of the I. O. O. F., and of A. O. U. W. He was W. M., of his Lodge in 1877, D. D. G. M., in 1878 and 1883, H. P. of his Chapter from 1879 to 1883, G. M. of his Council from 1878 until the present time. Since 1880, he has been G. C. of the Grand Council of Illinois, and from 1878 to 1881, was E. C. of his Commandery; in political fields, he is under the Republican colors, and is a prominent citizen of the county.

**BERNHARD E. VOIGT**, merchant tailor, was born in Prussia, April 27, 1857, and is the eighth of ten children born to Carl and Frederike (Muench) Voigt, Prussians. He was a shoemaker by trade. In 1874, he emigrated to the United States, coming to Olney. He soon purchased a farm near the city, and he and his wife reside here and are adherents of the Evangelical Association. Bernhard E. received a good education in Prussia. At fourteen years of age he was apprenticed to the tailors' vocation, and served three years. He was then a journeyman in Illinois, Missouri, Iowa and Kansas. After the arrival of the family to this country, he was employed by a firm in Olney for a period of three years. In 1880, Mr. Voigt returned to Olney, and went into business for himself. He is proprietor of the only merchant tailoring establishment in this place, and his trade is excellent. He was married, April 27, 1880, to Adeline A. Fessel, of Wabash County. Two daughters bless his marriage, Clara P. and Olga A. He is a Republican, and a rising man in every respect.

**WILLIAM VON ALLMEN & SON**, boarding house and saloon. William was born in Switzerland, March 31, 1823, and is third child in a family of eight children born to John and Elizabeth (Balmer) Von Allmen, natives of Switzerland. John was educated in his native land, learned the shoemaker's trade, and followed it to some extent through life. He was engaged some in farming, and during the wars of Napoleon I. was a soldier in the Swiss army. In 1851, he came to the United States, settling in German Township, in this county, where he lived until death claimed him, October, 1872. He and wife were members of the German Reformed Church. William Von Allmen received a fair education in his native land, and was apprenticed to the carpenters' trade, and in 1846 came to the United States in company with his employer. They worked for a month in New Orleans, and finally, William came up the river to Louisville, Ky., landing with only \$1.25 in money. He worked for some months in a dairy, then went to Terre Haute, Ind., was employed on a canal and in a slaughter house. He was then employed in various ways at Cincinnati, Ohio, and at Terre Haute, Ind., until in 1857, when he came to German Township, farmed for five years, then came to Olney, and engaged in the saloon and boarding house business. He was married, in 1855, to Margaret Rue, a native of New Albany, Ind. Ten children were given them, seven of whom, three sons and four daughters, are living. The family belongs to the German Reformed Church. Henry Von Allmen is oldest of the ten children born to William Von Allmen, and was born June 11, 1856. He received an excellent education. At the age of eighteen he was apprenticed to the gunsmiths' trade. He served for two years with his brother-in-law, Henry Goedeke, and then followed the trade at Fairfield and Olney for some three years. He then entered the saloon business with his father, remaining there some three years. In 1882, in company with C. Egglar, he engaged in the same business, and since then has continued in the position. He is a member of the German Reformed Church, of the A. O. U. W., and is very highly esteemed by his associates.

**J. C. VON ALMEN**, dealer in lumber, doors, sash and blinds, Olney, was born June 4, 1843, in Switzerland. His father followed the stone-mason trade till 1847, when he emigrated to America and located in Preston Township, where he now lives, engaged in farming pursuits. The subject of this sketch was reared on the farm, and at the age of twenty he commenced to learn the coopers' trade; this he worked at about eighteen months. He enlisted, in 1864, in Company G, One Hundred and Thirty-Sixth Illinois Infantry, served about six months and returned home. He then continued the coopers' trade during that winter; the following spring he engaged in farming; this he continued four years. In the spring of 1869, he removed to Olney and followed the carpenters' trade several years; in 1879, his present business was established, which has since been rapidly increasing, the transactions running from \$18,000 to \$20,000 a year. He was married, in 1868, to Mary Yelch, who was born in Clark

County, Ill. This union has been blessed with three sons and one daughter.

**GOTTLIEB WEISS**, brick-maker, was born January 6, 1857, in Olney. He is the son of Gottlieb Weiss, who was born in Switzerland and there learned the carpenters' trade; in 1848, he emigrated to America, and located in Olney; here he died, January 17, 1880, aged fifty-three years. On coming here he followed the carpenters' trade; but his last twenty years he was engaged in the manufacture of brick. Gottlieb, the subject of this sketch, has worked at this business since a boy, and his yard turns out about 600,000 in a season. He was married April 5, 1883, to Rosa Weiland, who was born in Jefferson City, Mo.

**GEORGE F. WISSHACK**, confectioner, was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, June 17, 1863, and is the oldest of four living children born to Adolph G. and Matilda (Bagley) Wisshack, the former a native of Wurtemberg, Germany, and the latter of West Virginia, but of English descent. Adolph G. Wisshack was educated in his native land, and while yet a young man he emigrated to the United States, first settling at Cincinnati, then removing to Wheeling, W. Va., where he was married. He soon returned to Cincinnati, then opened a grocery store at Covington, Ky., but in 1880 went back to Wheeling, W. Va., where he still resides. George F. Wisshack, our subject, received a good common school and academic education and also took a commercial course at Los Angeles, Cal. At the age of eight years he went into a stationery and confectionery store at Covington, Ky., as an errand boy, and at the same time went to school. In 1877, he came to Olney, Ill., where he was employed part of the time in his uncle's confectionery store, and at the same time attended school for four years. In 1881 he went to Los Angeles, Cal., where he was employed in a confectionery for eight months, taking his commercial course at night. In the fall of 1882 he returned to Olney and went into a drug store as a salesman, remaining until June, 1883, when he, in company with George D. Johnstone and William A. Startzman, bought the confectionery store of his uncle, where they are doing an excellent business.

**JOHN M. WILSON** was the first official of Richland County, being appointed Clerk of the Circuit Court June 17, 1841, whilst the other officials were not elected until the first Monday in August following; he was born in Prince William County, Virginia, within two miles of Thoroughfare Gap, at the old Bull Run church, on March 13, 1811. His father, Jacob Wilson, of Scotch-Irish descent, was a Pennsylvanian by birth. His grandfather Wilson fought in the Revolutionary war, and was wounded and taken prisoner at the massacre of Paoli. His uncle Silas fought and was wounded at the battle of Brandywine. His father, J. Wilson, was at Harper's Ferry in 1798, under Col. William Washington; in the war of 1812 served at the White House, in the neighborhood of Washington and Baltimore. His mother, Margaret King, a most exemplary woman, was, by her mother's side, a Kearney, and a relation of Gen. Phil Kear-

ney, who was a second cousin. The subject of this sketch was one of ten children, and until the age of twelve remained at the place of his birth and for six years went to an old field school. His family, in 1824, moved to Jefferson County, Va., within eight miles of Harper's Ferry, where they farmed. On October 27, 1828, they left Virginia for Illinois, and on the 17th of December following, by steady traveling in a four-horse wagon reached their destination, White County, and at the home of Chief Justice William Wilson, a cousin, where they passed the winter. In the spring of 1829, removing to the Skillit Fork, eight miles northwest of Carmi, where they engaged in stock-raising and farming, the nearest neighbor being three mile distant; being dense woods; wolves plenty, with deer and turkeys by the hundred, and a few bear and panthers. On more than one occasion John M. was treed by wolves. In 1832, being then twenty-one years of age, John volunteered in service as Second Sergeant in the Black Hawk campaign, in Captain Thomas' company; Colonel Eubank's regiment of White County volunteers, forming part of General Posey's brigade. He served through the campaign and was mustered out of service at Rock River. Returning home he resumed the occupation of farming, and continued that occupation—except at short intervals—after the death of his elder brother, William; with his brother, James, purchased a one-half section farm southwest of Carmi, where, with his parents, two brothers and three sisters, he resided until 1839, when he surrendered his interest in the farm and stock to his family and studied law at Carmi with E. B. Webb; was admitted to the bar in 1848, and in the first great Whig demonstration at Carmi in the opening of the celebrated Harrison campaign in 1840, acted as one of the Marshals of the day. Being appointed Circuit Clerk of Richland County, at the age of thirty, on the 5th day of July, he came to the County of Richland where Olney now stands. On the 31st of March he was married to Harriet A. Powers, whose family had, the preceding fall, moved from Vermont. Mr. Wilson soon became prominent as a lawyer and a Whig leader, and so continued until the disorganization of the Whig party; when he took a like position in the Democratic party until 1860, when he took sides with the Republican party, with which he has ever since acted on party questions. In 1847 he resigned his position as Clerk, and devoted his attention to the practice of law, in which he was thought invincible. In 1849 he bought of Daniel Cox his newspaper office; an old Ramage press—the first used in Vincennes—and on which the first paper in Olney (the *News*) was printed. For several years he published a paper and during the first year of the Rebellion published two—one in Vincennes, and one, the first, in Flora. He also published a paper in Salem (the *Gazette*) where, for a short period, he resided. Mr. Wilson suggested the incorporation of Olney as a village in 1848, and drew up the ordinances. During the Rebellion he took a most active part, and by a suggestion in his paper at Vincennes advising volunteers on furlough to practice pistol firing at the butternut breast-pins of the rebel sympathizers in that city,