

Eaton, Morris, Emma, Belle, Mollie and Grace.

Mr. Goodenough spent his boyhood days in Watertown, New York, where he attended school and received a good education. He went from there to Copenhagen, New York, where he learned the trade of miller, after which he went to Ogdensburg, that state, where he worked for fifteen years with much success attending his efforts. In 1894 he came to Louisville and bought the Louisville Roller Mills, which burned down October 25, 1897. The plant was rebuilt the fall of 1898. His brother, Albert, has been associated with him in all his business. They have an extensive trade and carry on a growing industry, their customers coming from all parts of this locality, both in the flour and lumber business.

Mr. Goodenough was united in marriage February 22, 1883, to Luella Stanford, of Lowville, Lewis county, New York, the representative of a well known family there, and to this union two children have been born; Luella, born April 15, 1894, and Stanford, born December 17, 1898.

Our subject is a director in the Farmers' and Merchants' Bank of Louisville. In his fraternal relations he is a member of the Masons, the Chapter and Knights Templar. In politics he is a Republican and both he and Mrs. Goodenough are members of the Presbyterian church.

Mr. Goodenough is one of the substantial citizens of Clay county. He has persevered in the pursuit of a persistent purpose and gained a most satisfactory reward. His life

is exemplary in many respects, and he has ever supported those interests which have for their object the welfare of the community and the benefit of humanity.

WILFRED W. MERZ.

The career of the subject of this review has been varied and interesting, and the history of Marion county will be more interesting if a record of his activities and achievements are given prominence, and a tribute to his worth and high character as a business man, a public-spirited and enterprising, broad-minded citizen, for although he is yet a young man he has shown by his persistency and eminently worthy career what can be accomplished by the young man who has thrift, energy, tact, force of character and honesty of purpose, and representing as he does one of the best and most highly esteemed families of the country, whose ancestors did so much in the pioneer days to prepare the country for the enjoyment and success of succeeding generations, Mr. Merz is peculiarly entitled to proper mention in this work along with other leading and honorable citizens of Marion county.

Wilfred W. Merz, the popular and efficient agent of the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railroad Company, also of the Wells, Fargo & Company Express, at Salem, Marion county, was born at this place February 13, 1872, being the eldest child of Nicholas Merz, who is a member of the Council of Al-

dermen of the city of Salem, and an influential and highly respected citizen who has lived in Salem practically all his life. Nicholas Merz's parents were born in Germany and migrated to America in early life, and soon established comfortable homes in the new world and lived to a ripe old age.

The mother of our subject was known in her maidenhood as Elizabeth A. Smith. She was born at Decatur, Illinois, and died at Huey, Illinois.

Sarah S. Ritchie, the maternal grandmother of our subject, is a native of Giles county, Virginia, born March 22, 1828, and at present resides near Shattuc, Illinois, in her eightieth year. Her first husband was John H. Smith, who was born September 1, 1831, at Chillicothe, Ohio, and died at Metropolis, Illinois, October 2, 1888. He was the father of nine children (the mother of our subject being the eldest), only one of whom is living, John Lewis Smith, of Carlyle, Illinois.

Nicholas Merz by his first wife is the father of five children, of whom four are living in 1908, and whose births occurred in the following order: Wilfred W., our subject; Nellie, the wife of Richard Ellington, of St. Louis; John L., living in Chicago; Nona died in Chicago, July 8, 1905; Orval Nicholas living in Salem, Illinois. To Nicholas Merz and his second wife one child was born, Mabel, who is living with her parents in Salem.

These children received a fairly good education and are comfortably located, each giving promise of successful careers.

Wilfred W. Merz was reared in Salem, having attended the city schools where he applied himself in a most assiduous manner, outstripping many less ambitious plodders until he graduated from the high school as salutarian with the class of 1900, having made an excellent record for scholarship.

After leaving school Mr. Merz farmed on his father's place for two years, making agriculture a success. He then left the farm and accepted a clerkship with the mercantile firm of Cutler & Hays in Salem in whose employ he remained for one and one-half years, giving entire satisfaction as a salesman and by reason of his adaptability for this line of work and his courteous treatment of customers did much to increase the firm's popularity and trade.

In 1893 Mr. Merz entered the railroad business with the Baltimore & Ohio, and was assistant agent at Salem during 1893 and 1894. On January 16, 1895, he was appointed agent for the Chicago, Paducah & Memphis Railroad Company at Kell, Illinois. This road later passed into the control of the Chicago & Eastern Illinois in 1907, and after about eight months of acceptable service at Kell, Mr. Merz was promoted to the position of agent at Salem for the Chicago & Eastern Illinois road, and he has since been their faithful employe at this important post, with the exception of five months as agent at Tuscola, Illinois, from January to June, 1904, and as assistant cashier of the Salem State Bank from October, 1904, to October, 1905, which position he held with honor and resigned the same to

re-enter the railroad service. He is regarded by the company as one of the most conscientious and reliable agents in their service. Since the division was established at Salem in 1905, this office has become one of the most important along the company's line.

Mr. Merz was happily married August 24, 1897, to Nettie Kell, daughter of J. M. Kell and wife, a well known family of old Foxville. Mrs. Merz is a representative of one of the oldest families of Marion county, and one of a family of nine children, seven of whom are yet living, Maudie and Robert dying in infancy. Her father and mother are still living at the time of this writing, the mother being one of ten sisters all of whom are living in 1908, a most remarkable record. Her father, John M. Kell, was a soldier in the Union ranks during the war between the states and was one of a family of twelve children, one of his brothers being killed in the last skirmish of the Civil war after a service of three years. Mrs. Merz's grandfather, on her maternal side, was Robert Wham, a well-to-do pioneer of Marion county who rendered distinguished services as a soldier in the Mexican war. He had a brother, French L., who died in Andersonville prison. Mr. Wham passed away January 10, 1905, at a very old age.

Mr. and Mrs. Merz are the parents of three bright and interesting children who have added cheer to the cozy, modern and nicely furnished home which is so graciously presided over with rare dignity and grace by the subject's wife, the names of their chil-

dren being as follows: Robert W., born July 6, 1898; Helen Louise, born February 6, 1900; Gladys Roberta, born June 6, 1902. The fact that the birth of these children all occurred on the sixth of the month is a singular coincidence.

Mr. and Mrs. Merz own their own beautiful home on East Main street. Both are members of the Cumberland Presbyterian church, and are known as among the best members of the congregation with which they have always been popular. The subject has spent his entire life in Salem where he is well and favorably known, having gained and retained undivided respect of all as a result of his sober, industrious and honorable career. He is always to be found on the right side of all questions looking to the betterment of his community and may well be said to represent Marion county's best citizenship in every particular.

SNIVELY & MONTGOMERY,
LIVERYMEN.

Though no land is richer in opportunities or offers greater advantages to its citizens than America, success is not to be attained through desire, but must be persistently sought. In this country "labor is king," and the man who resolutely sets to work to accomplish a given purpose is certain of success if he has but the qualities of perseverance, untiring energy and practical common sense. William A. Montgomery, the

well known liveryman of Olney, Illinois, through his diligence and persistent efforts, has attained definite success and has won the respect of all who know him through his fair dealing with the public.

William A. Montgomery was born in Olney, Richland county, October 22, 1860, the son of Thomas and Sarah (Brillhart) Montgomery, natives of Virginia and Pennsylvania, respectively, who came to Richland county in an early day. Thomas came with his parents when a small boy. The family entered land in Edwards county, where Thomas was reared, assisting with the work of improving a farm in the wilderness. When only sixteen years old, he began carrying the mail from Fairfield to Mt. Carmel, and he had charge of the route from Olney to Grayville, for years. He also operated a stage. He later became a prosperous farmer in Richland county.

The Brillharts were pioneers in Richland county and became influential in their community. The parents of the subject of this sketch died in Richland county, the father at the age of seventy-eight and the mother when sixty-eight years old. They were people of many sterling and praiseworthy traits, and were hard workers all their lives.

William A. Montgomery was reared on a farm in Edwards county, and received his education in the country schools of Edwards and Richland counties. He remained at home during the lifetime of his parents, working on the farm until the spring of 1903, when he came to Olney and engaged in the livery business, which he is still con-

ducting with great success, giving the public entire satisfaction and handling an excellent grade of horses and vehicles. The firm is known as Snively & Montgomery. They began business in their present location in 1906, building a modern and convenient brick barn which was completed in June of that year. The building is sixty-eight by one hundred and ten feet and is one of the most complete and best equipped in Olney or any of the surrounding towns. They keep an average of twenty head of driving stock, also a considerable number of boarding stock.

In politics Mr. Montgomery is a Democrat and a member of the Modern Woodmen of America and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, No. 926, of Olney.

Edmund C. Snively, partner of Mr. Montgomery, was born in Madison township, Richland county, and what has been said of the former regarding untiring persistence and application to business is equally applicable to him, and they make a strong combination in their special line. The date of Mr. Snively's birth was December 26, 1872. He is the son of Amos B. and Sarah E. (Parker) Snively, residents of Madison township. Mr. Snively was reared on a farm and was educated in the country schools and at the Southern Normal at Carbondale for one year. He received a good education for he applied himself well to his books and successfully taught school for one term. He worked on a farm, in a saw-mill and operated a threshing machine for several seasons. In 1904 he came to Olney,

and became a member of Snively & Montgomery, and has continued in the same ever since.

Mr. Snively was united in marriage on June 12, 1907, to Laura D. Yelch, a native of Olney township, the daughter of Daniel and Margaret (Swallen) Yelch, the former now deceased and the latter is a resident of Olney. In politics Mr. Snively is a Democrat, and in his fraternal relations he belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of Olney.

Fair dealing has been the watchword of this firm and as a result they have built up an extensive patronage, which is still growing. Both Messrs. Snively and Montgomery are regarded as among the substantial citizens of Olney, and are well spoken of by all who know them.

GEORGE B. SIMCOX.

The subject stands as the exponent of one of the extensive noteworthy enterprises of the city, where he maintains a real estate business, which is pre-eminent in the honorable bearing and careful methods employed, and in the discriminating delicacy of treatment which the nature of the business renders expedient, and he has thus retained as his own the respect and confidence of the community, even as has his noble father, the latter having likewise assumed a position of priority in the business and social life of

Marion county, where he still resides at an advanced age.

George B. Simcox was born in Kentucky in 1864, the son of W. K. Simcox, now living at Patoka, Illinois, a native of Pennsylvania, who migrated from the old Keystone state to Illinois in 1866, locating at Patoka, where he has since resided. He was in the mercantile business of which he made a success, but he is now living retired, having reached the advanced age of eighty-three, and his good wife that of seventy-eight. They are held in high esteem in their neighborhood where their latter years have been so honorably and happily spent. Twelve children were born to them, seven of whom are still living. They are: Anna M., the widow of Dr. T. N. Livesay, and she makes her home near Patoka; Robert A., of Patoka; John L., also of Patoka; Bettie, the wife of Dr. W. W. Murfin, of Patoka; Mary A., the wife of A. T. Eaglin, of Henton, Oklahoma; Joseph W., of Patoka; George B., whose name appears at the head of this review.

Mr. Simcox spent his boyhood in Patoka, Illinois, where he received a common school education, having applied himself closely to his books. When about eighteen years old he went to railroading and was subsequently in the employ of various roads. Longing for more varied experiences than could be gained at home, he went to the Southwest and his rise in the railroad business was rapid there owing to his natural ability, carefulness and personal address, consequently he soon became conductor on the

Mexican National Railroad in Old Mexico, holding this responsible position to the satisfaction of the superior officials when only twenty-one years old.

After following the railroad business for ten years he returned to Salem, Illinois, in 1895, and has been in Marion county ever since. He first launched in the mercantile business in Patoka, where he was doing nicely and building up an excellent trade, when he lost heavily by fire after two years in this line. Then he went into the real estate and newspaper business at Patoka, in which he made a success and became known as the moulder of public thought and opinion. Being thus able and popular with his fellow voters, he was soon slated for local political offices, and held every township office in that township. He was appointed Deputy Sheriff in 1902 and served with great credit for a period of four years. Indeed, all his duties in an official capacity were attended to with the greatest alacrity and good judgment. He was nominated by the Democrats in 1906 as a candidate for sheriff, but was defeated.

In 1906 Mr. Simcox went into the hardware business in Salem, in which he remained for eight months, when he sold out to C. W. Vensell, and since then he has been interested in the real estate business, making a specialty of city lots and booming special sales, and his efforts have been crowned with gratifying success, for he has the confidence of the public and conducts his business along safe and conservative lines.

Mr. Simcox was united in marriage May 24, 1896, to Florence Wasem, of Patoka, the cultured and refined daughter of Jacob E. Wasem, a well known citizen of Patoka. Two bright and interesting children have been born to this union, namely: Maude Ellen, whose date of birth occurred August 13, 1897, and Minnie May, who was born November 24, 1903.

Our subject in his fraternal relations belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks at Centralia Lodge No. 493; also the Marion Lodge No. 525, Knights of Pythias; also the Modern Woodmen of America No. 761, of Patoka. He also belongs to the Order of Railway Telegraphers.

Our subject has always taken a great interest in political matters and public affairs, and he was chairman of the Democratic Central Committee during two campaigns, and he is now a member of the County Executive Democratic Committee of Marion county. In public office he has been found most loyal to the public good, and in his business affairs he is ever straight-forward and trustworthy.

ROBERT MARTIN.

It is signally consonant that in this work be incorporated at least a brief resume of the life and labors of Mr. Martin, who has long been one of the influential citizens of Marion county, and through whose loyal efforts the city of Salem and surrounding

locality have reaped lasting benefits, for his exceptional administrative capacity has been directed along lines calculated to be for the general good. A man of forceful individuality and marked initiative power, he has been well equipped for leadership, while his probity of character and his genial personality have gained for him uniform esteem and friendship in the city where he has so long made his home, and of which he is regarded by all classes as one of its most distinguished citizens in connection with the business world.

Robert Martin was born in Estilville, now known as Gate City, Scott county, Virginia, April 11, 1839, the son of John S. Martin, also a native of Virginia, and a man of recognized ability, being the representative of a fine old Southern family, noted for its high ideals and unqualified hospitality, his ancestry being Scotch-Irish. John S. Martin was County Clerk for a period of twenty years or more, and he held many other county offices, including a judgeship, and he won universal praise for the able manner in which he discharged his every duty to the public. He was called from his earthly labors in 1865 while living at Alma, this county. The mother of the subject was a Stewart before her marriage, a woman of rare mental equipoise and culture; she passed to her rest soon after the family came to Illinois in 1846.

Our subject spent his early boyhood on his parental farm at Alma, having been only five years old when the family came here. He attended school at Alma and Salem. He

also attended the Southern Illinois Female College at Salem, which institution ceased to exist soon after the war. He gained a liberal education which has stood him in such good hand during his long and eminently active and successful business career.

Our subject was one of those loyal sons of the North, who, when the tocsin of war sounded calling loyal sons to defend the old flag, offered his services, enlisting in Company A, One Hundred and Eleventh Illinois Volunteer Infantry, one of the famous regiments of the state, which was organized at Salem. Mr. Martin was then twenty-one years old. The company left Salem and went to Columbus, Kentucky, and from there to Paducah, that state, later to Pulaski, Tennessee, and from there marched to Chattanooga, where it united with Sherman's army and remained with the same through its historic march to the sea, and also its strenuous campaigns, having participated in the battles at Atlanta and many other notable engagements. After remaining with him until the close of the war, he took part in the grand review at Washington City, after a very commendable service of three years. He was mustered out at Springfield, Illinois, where he came soon after the review in Washington.

After his career in the army, Mr. Martin launched in the grocery business at Salem, in which he remained for one year, when he sold out and went into the more lucrative grain and lumber business, in which he has been engaged for a period of forty-one years during which time an enormous volume of

business has passed through his hands, and he has become widely known as one of the leading men in these lines in Southern Illinois, being recognized by the leading dealers throughout this and adjoining states as well as remote parts of the country as a man of the highest business integrity and acumen. He is still conducting a large lumber yard, and carries on a very extensive and thriving business, numbering his customers by the thousands, not only from Salem and vicinity, but throughout the county and to remote parts of the country. He owns a beautiful, modern and well furnished residence in one of the most desirable portions of Salem.

Our subject was happily married in 1867 to Alice Scott, a native of Vincennes, Indiana, a woman of affable personality and rare refinement, the daughter of a highly respected and influential family. Three children have been born to this union, one of whom has passed away. They are: Mabel Dora, the wife of W. H. Farsons, of Salem; C. C. Martin, of Salem, and John Lewis Martin, formerly of Salem, now deceased.

These children received every possible attention from their parents, being given good educations and careful home training.

Mr. Martin assisted in the organization and became one of the first directors and stockholders in the Salem State Bank. He is also a director of the Salem Building and Loan Association, and his sound judgment and able advice is always carefully weighed by the other members of these organizations in their deliberations, for Mr. Martin has a reputation among local business men for

remarkable foresight into all business propositions. Having always been interested in educational affairs, he served as a member and also as president of the School Board of Salem for several years, but he is not at present connected with the board, but during the time that he was the schools of Salem were greatly strengthened.

In his fraternal relations Mr. Martin is a member of the Knights of Pythias and the Woodmen. He has been a faithful and consistent member of the Methodist church since he was thirteen years old.

CHARLES T. KELL.

This enterprising farmer and representative citizen is a native of Marion county, Illinois, and belongs to one of the old and highly esteemed pioneer families of Haines township, where his parents, Thomas and Mary (Luke) Kell, settled in an early day and bore an active and influential part in the development and growth of the community (see sketch of William Kell). Charles T. was born a short distance west of the village of Kell, September 18, 1854, from which date to the present time his life has been very closely identified with Haines township, and as stated above, he now holds worthy prestige among the leading agriculturists and public spirited men of the section of country honored by his citizenship.

Reared in close touch with nature in the healthful outdoor life of the farm, he early acquired a vigorous physique and an independence of mind characteristic of the sturdy



MR AND MRS. C. T. KELL.

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son of the soil, and while still quite young he became familiar with the varied duties of agriculture and learned to appreciate the honor and dignity which belong to those who earn their bread by the sweat of the brow. At the proper age he entered the schools of the neighborhood, which he attended at intervals until acquiring a practical knowledge of the subjects taught, the meanwhile assisting his father on the family homestead and contributing his full share to its cultivation.

After remaining with his parents until attaining his majority, Charles T. entered into partnership with his brother, John M. Kell, by purchasing a half interest in a saw and grist mill at Foxville, and during the ensuing ten years devoted his attention to the manufacture of flour and lumber, meeting with encouraging success in the enterprise and becoming widely known as a wide-awake and thoroughly honorable and reliable business man. Disposing of his interest in the mill at the expiration of the period indicated, he located on his present home farm in Haines township, adjoining the town of Kell on the south, having previously become the possessor of another tract consisting of one hundred and twenty acres in another part of the same township, both of which places he has brought to a high state of cultivation and otherwise improved. At the time the railroad was constructed he sold twenty acres, which is now a part of the village of Kell.

As a farmer, Mr. Kell easily ranks with the most enterprising and successful men of his calling in Marion county, being progres-

sive in his methods and using the latest modern implements and machinery and by judicious rotation of crops he seldom fails to realize abundant returns from the time and labor devoted to his fields. He also pays considerable attention to the raising of live stock, which he finds quite profitable, and his domestic animals, including horses, mules, cattle, sheep and hogs, are among the finest breeds obtainable, and from their sale no small share of his liberal income is derived.

Mr. Kell has not been sparing of his means in the matter of improvement, and the beautifying and rendering attractive his home, the large two-story house with its many modern conveniences, being among the most desirable country residences in the township, while his commodious barn, out-buildings, wells, fences and other evidences of prosperity compare favorably with the best in his part of the country. He keeps in close touch with the advancement in agricultural science, and fully abreast of the times in reducing the same to practical tests, being progressive in all the term implies, and believes in the latest and most approved methods of modern farming.

In his political faith Mr. Kell is a Republican, and while interested in the success of his party, he has never been a politician, much less an office seeker or aspirant for leadership. In religion he subscribes to the Missionary Baptist creed, and for a number of years his name has adorned the records of that church, having held the office of deacon five years in the local congregation, to which himself and entire family belong, be-

sides being otherwise interested in religious and benevolent work. He is superintendent of the Sunday school which he attends, has long been an influential leader in this department of religious endeavor, and with his wife has been instrumental in arousing an interest among the young people of the neighborhood and leading not a few of them to the higher life.

Mr. Kell was married in the year 1881 to Rebecca C. Purdue, of Haines township, daughter of Richard and Caroline (Harmon) Purdue, early settlers of Marion county and among the highly respected people of their locality (see history of the Purdue family). Mr. and Mrs. Kell have four children, the oldest of whom, a daughter by the name of Iva May, is the wife of R. A. Jeffries, of Haines township, and the mother of one child, Trevor Jeffries. The other children, two daughters and one son, are still under the parental roof, their names in order of birth being as follows: Myrtle, Ellis and Ethel. Mr. Kell has taken great interest in the rearing and educating of his children and they in turn have responded to his every effort in their behalf. The children all received liberal educational advantages in the public schools and also at Ewing Baptist College at Ewing, Ill. Ethel graduated at the age of seventeen from that institution in instrumental music. The family is one of the best known and most highly esteemed in the county and the name which is an old and honorable one has long been synonymous for noble manhood and womanhood and a high order of citizenship.

HENRY HORD.

Aside from his connections with the civic affairs of Clay county, the subject of this sketch has long been an influential factor in the general business and industrial interests of the county during his entire life, which has been spent here, everything calculated to advance the community, materially or otherwise, receiving his support and hearty co-operation. He is unwavering in his allegiance to what he believes is right, and upholds his honest convictions at the sacrifice, if necessary, of every other interest. Conscientious in the discharge of his duties of citizenship, he is a valued member of the body politic, and his aim has ever been to shape his life according to the highest standard of excellence, therefore he has won the esteem and confidence of all who know him.

Henry Hord, the popular Sheriff of Clay county, is a native of the same, having been born in Blair township, December 8, 1863, the son of Thomas B. Hord, who was a native of Indiana, and who came to Illinois when a boy, being one of the early settlers of Clay county, locating in Blair township, where he now lives and is a prosperous farmer, well known in his township. "Judge" George Hord, grandfather of the subject, was also a native of Indiana and a man of considerable influence in his community.

The subject's mother was known in her maidenhood as Alice Beal, whose people came from Tennessee. She passed to her rest when our subject was two years old. Two children were born to the parents of

our subject, the other child dying in infancy. They gave their son all the advantages possible, wholesome home environment and a fairly good education, and he owes much of his subsequent success to his solicitous parents. He was reared on a farm where he laid the foundations for a hardy manhood, for he devoted the summer months to work in the fields and attended school in the winter in his native township, which was the only schooling he had; but he made good use of his time. After leaving school he continued farm work on the home place until he married when he went to farming for himself in Blair township.

Mr. Hord was united in the bonds of wedlock with Percilla Eytchison, the daughter of J. W. and Charity A. Eytchison, a well known family of Blair township, the date of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Hord being October 18, 1884, and to this union nine children have been born, named in order of birth as follows: Jesse, deceased, having died when about thirteen years old; Lillie, William, Mimmie, Roy, Elbridge, Rella, Everett, the youngest child died in infancy.

In 1906 Mr. Hord was elected Sheriff of Clay county, on the Republican ticket, and he is now serving his term of four years in a manner that elicits praise from everyone having occasion to know of his work, for he is discharging his duties in a most conscientious and able manner, and generally regarded as the best Sheriff the county has ever had. Previously Mr. Hord had faithfully served Blair township as Supervisor

and Assessor. He owns a good farm in Blair township, which he rents. In his fraternal relations he is a Mason.

Mrs. Hord died of typhoid fever September 18, 1906, between the time Mr. Hord was nominated and elected Sheriff. Our subject was married a second time, his last wife being Miss Dora Manifold, a daughter of Reverend Manifold, now deceased. Mrs. Hord formerly resided in St. Louis, and she taught school in Clay county for five years.

In his career Mr. Hord has seen the gathering clouds that threatened disaster, but his rich inheritance of energy and pluck has enabled him to turn defeats into victory and promised failures into success. He enjoys in the fullest measure the public confidence, because of the honorable methods he has ever followed, and is one of the prominent and honored men of Clay county.

WILLIAM C. INGRAM.

Standing in an eminent position among the industrial representatives of Marion county is the subject of this sketch, who is recognized as one of Kinmundy's leading citizens, having for many years been interested in the local flouring mill the reputation of which has spread all over this locality as a result of his able management. In this regard he is controlling an extensive and important industry, for the product of his mill is large and the annual shipment

of flour made to the city markets bring in return a very desirable income to the stockholders of the company. His success has been won entirely along old and time-tried maxims, such as "honesty is the best policy" and "there is no excellence without labor."

William C. Ingram was born in Indiana in 1848, the son of Samuel and Minerva A. (Powers) Ingram. Grandfather Ingram is supposed to have been born in Kentucky and moved to Warrick county, Indiana, where he engaged in farming and where he spent the balance of his days in honest and useful toil; there raising his family and passing from his labors into the great beyond, after reaching a very advanced age. His faithful life companion also lived to an advanced age. They reared a large family, all but one of whom lived to be men and women and reared families of their own. A number of their sons were gallant infantrymen in the Union ranks during the war between the states. The Ingram lineage is from England, and were early settlers in Kentucky, having come there in the brave days of Daniel Boone when the principal tasks of the pioneers were the clearing of the primeval forests and the banishment of the wary red men.

Samuel Ingram, the father of the subject, was reared in Indiana, and was almost wholly without educational advantages. His date of birth is recorded as 1824, consequently his boyhood was during a time when schools had scarcely been established in the Hoosier state. He devoted his life to agricultural pursuits of which he made a suc-

cess being a hard worker. He left Indiana in 1854 and moved to Edwards county, Illinois, but came on to Marion county, landing here April 6, 1857, and bought a farm on which he remained and greatly improved, living there in comfort until 1866, when he moved to Kinmundy, still working his farm; continuing this for ten years when he sold out and retired from active work. He is still hale and active at this writing (1908), having attained the ripe age of eighty-four. As a result of his well spent life his old age is happy, for it is free from want and worry and pervaded with no unpleasant memories or regrets and compunctions over a misspent past, for his life has been one of honor and industry, most worthily lived. There were eight children in his family, six of whom are now living and have families of their own. The mother of the subject, a woman of beautiful Christian character, passed to her rest at the age of seventy-eight years. This fine old couple were always devout Methodists.

The great-grandfather Powers of the subject spent most of his life in Indiana, living to an old age. He was a Democrat and a Baptist. Grandmother Powers died in middle age. One of Mrs. Ingram's brothers, John Powers, was a soldier in the Civil war.

William C. Ingram, our subject, was brought to Illinois by his parents when six years old and to Marion county three years later, having been placed at once in the public schools here where he received his education, and in other similar schools of

this state. He worked on his father's farm and for others as a farm hand until he was twenty-one years old, when he rented a farm and worked it on his own account for two years, making a good start in this way. He then purchased a farm of one hundred and fifty acres in this county on which he remained for a few years when he went to carpentry and farming, later purchasing a saw mill which he successfully operated for twenty-five years, which he recently sold. He has also owned two other saw mills, and has been known as one of the leading mill men of this locality for many years. Some time ago he came to Kinmundy and purchased an interest in the Songer flouring mill which has been in operation for forty years, the subject now owning forty shares in this mill and is a director in the same, which has a wide reputation for the excellency of its products, customers not only coming in person from all parts of the county, but many orders are constantly pouring in from adjoining counties and distant cities. The subject's son is also a part owner in the mill. He also owns and controls thirty shares of the capital stock.

Our subject has also been a merchant, and owing to his honesty in business, his natural ability and his discriminating foresight, he has always made a success at whatever he undertook, so that today he is regarded as one of the financially substantial men of the county, every dollar in his possession having been honestly earned by hard work.

Mr. Ingram was united in marriage in

1869 to Mary R. Gray, a native of this county, daughter of James H. and Susanna Jane (Hannah) Gray. They were from Tennessee and lived on a farm. Her father was president of the Farmers & Merchants Bank of Kinmundy at the time of his death, which occurred at the age of seventy-seven years. In their family were ten children, seven of whom lived to maturity, but were short-lived people.

Six children were born to the subject and wife as follows: Jane who was born in 1871, died when two and one-half years old; Charles H., who was born in 1874, is now living in Oklahoma and is the father of six children: Nellie A., who was born in 1876, is the wife of M. E. Huston, who lives at Maroa, Illinois, and is the mother of one child; Isaac D. was born in 1879 and is now associated with his father in the mill, is married and has three children; Robert L., who was born in 1880, is living in the state of Washington, is married and has one child; William G., born in 1882, died at the age of twenty-one years.

The subject's first wife passed away in 1883. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, South. Mr. Ingram was married a second time, the date of his last wedding occurring in 1888. Nancy I. Gray (nee Booth), who was then the mother of two children, was his second choice. W. H. Gray, a sketch of whose life appears in this work, is her son. Her other child is dead. There has been no issue by the subject's last union. Mr. Ingram is a member of the Masonic Fraternity and he attends the Metho-

dist church, of which his wife is a faithful member. In politics he supports the Republican ticket and he takes a keen interest in public affairs, though he has no ambition for the honors or emoluments of public office, preferring to give his attention to his own business affairs.

JOHN F. JOLLY.

The most elaborate history is necessarily an abridgement, the historian being compelled to select his facts and material from a multitude of details. In every life of honor and usefulness there is no dearth of incident, and yet in summing up the career of any man the writer needs touch only those salient points which give the keynote of the character, but eliminating much that is superfluous. Thus in giving the life record of the gentleman whose name initiates this sketch sufficient will be said to show that he is one of the enterprising and progressive citizens of Richland county, being a well known horticulturist and hardware merchant.

John F. Jolly was born at Grayville, White county, Illinois, December 2, 1850, the son of John B. and Elizabeth (Ferri-man) Jolly, the former a native of Edwards county, of English parents, and the latter of Jamaica, who came with her parents to Edwards county when a child, settling in Albion. Stephen Jolly, grandfather of our subject, emigrated to America from Eng-

land, locating at Albion, Edwards county, this state, where he died soon after the birth of J. B. Jolly, who is now eighty-four years old and the oldest resident at Grayville, having removed to the latter place about 1847, where he engaged in merchandising for many years. He accumulated a comfortable competency and is now retired. His wife passed away in 1851. The subject is the only child of his parents, his mother having died when he was an infant. He was reared in Grayville, having been educated in the public schools there, also went to school at Normal, Illinois. He became deputy postmaster at Grayville, which position he held for about four years, when he engaged in the mercantile business under the firm name of Jolly, Spring & Hollister, for about four years. Soon afterward, in 1877, he came to Olney and engaged in the hardware business under the firm name of Prunty & Jolly, in which business he has continued successfully ever since. A few years later the firm name became J. B. & J. F. Jolly. In 1904 the present firm organized as Jolly, Wieland & Richardson. These two men had been with Mr. Jolly as clerks for many years, the former as manager of the store and the latter as manager of the manufacturing department of plumbing, tinning and heating. The change was due to the impairment of Mr. Jolly's health.

They carry an extensive line of hardware, stoves, tinware and in fact a complete and carefully selected stock of such things at all times, and they carry on a very extensive trade throughout the county.

Mr. Jolly was united in marriage in 1880, to Mary Morrison, a native of Olney, the daughter of George D. and Kate (Snyder) Morrison, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of Lawrence county, Illinois. The Morrisons were originally from Virginia, and the Snyders of Kentucky. The mother resides with her daughter, Mrs. Jolly, in Olney. The father died in 1873, at the age of forty-one years. One daughter has been born to our subject and wife, George Elizabeth, who was educated at Olney in the high school and at Wellesley College. She is a winsome and talented young lady and popular in whatever society she enters.

Mr. Jolly is an active Republican. He was chairman of the County Central Committee for twelve years, and was Mayor of Olney from 1895 to 1896, during which time he did many things that will be of permanent benefit to the town, leaving more money in the treasury at the expiration of his term than ever had been and has been since. His was a most excellent business administration.

In his fraternal relations he belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Mrs. Jolly is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and is president of the Ladies' Guild, which has raised more money than any similar organization, being largely responsible for the erection of the new church building.

In 1889, owing to poor health, Mr. Jolly went to California and after many months returned to his home much improved. When he came back to Olney it was with the in-

tention of quitting the confinement of the store and engaging in outdoor pursuits, and he accordingly became interested in horticulture, and in the spring of 1890, planted the second commercial orchard in Richland county of eighty acres adjoining Olney. Since then he has bought adjoining tracts and planted additional acreage until now he owns two hundred acres of fine fruit land, set a well selected variety of trees, nearly all of which are bearing. He has been very active along these lines and is one of the best posted and well known horticulturists in Southern Illinois. His work and practical experience and demonstrations, have contributed much to the interest taken by others in bringing Richland county to the front as one of the leading fruit sections in this part of the state, and he now has one of the finest and best kept orchards in the state, from which in 1902 from one hundred acres he sold the apple crop for ten thousand dollars, it having produced ten thousand barrels. He employs modern methods in his horticultural work, and his farm buildings and equipment are of the latest and most up-to-date in this section of the state. The spraying plant is without doubt the most complete in Southern Illinois, if not in the state. He has tanks for manufacturing spray, and the cooking of the same for four thousand gallons capacity, the cooking being done by steam, and gasoline engines for power in spraying. Being enthusiastic in horticulture, it naturally follows that he is a student and active in societies of this nature. For the past ten years he has been

president of the Richland County Horticultural Society, which was organized about 1888, although its greatest and best work has been accomplished of late years. He has also been a member of the Illinois Horticultural Society, and for more than seven years a member of its advisory committee, which has been of great benefit to horticultural interests of Richland county. The state makes appropriations for experimental work in various parts of Illinois and the money is judiciously expended by the advisory committee at such points wherein their judgment the best results can be obtained.

Mr. Jolly is a public-spirited man, always ready to do what he can in furthering the interests of the county, and he is regarded by all as one of the county's most useful citizens, and numbers his friends by the scores.

W. S. CONANT.

Marion county, Illinois, is characterized by her full share of the honored and faithful element who have done so much for the development and upbuilding of the state and the establishment of the institutions of civilization in this fertile and well favored section. Among these worthy native sons the name of the subject of this sketch is properly installed.

W. S. Conant was born in this county, September 22, 1854, the son of William R., and Fannie (Swift) Conant. Grandfather Conant was a native of Massachusetts, who moved from that state to Georgia and then

to Illinois, settling in Marion county, coming here in an early day and being the first school teacher in the county. He entered land here and farmed for some time, having passed to his rest about 1840, at the age of about fifty years. His wife died within one week of her husband. Grandfather Swift was a native of Tennessee, who moved to this county about 1830, entering land here which he developed into a farm and where he reared his family. He died a short distance from where he first located, having moved to the former place, his death occurring about 1870, when he was about seventy years old. His widow survived him about ten years. She was a Presbyterian. There were five children in this family, all of them living to maturity.

The father of the subject was born in Georgia and came to Illinois with his parents when he was but a boy. His father being a teacher, he received some education, but the father of the subject was a hard-working man and did not take time to properly improve his education. He was always a farmer. He entered land which he later added to by purchase until he had a valuable farm of two hundred acres, which he left at his death. The mother of the subject died when she was two years old, in 1856, his father having died at the age of forty. He was a Democrat in political belief.

W. S. Conant, our subject, had the advantage of a common school education, and having applied himself in a diligent manner he became fairly well educated, not leaving

the school room until he was nineteen years old. He worked on his father's farm until he was twenty, when he went to work on his own account. He farmed with his brother-in-law, then rented a farm and so continued for four years. He then bought a farm in 1881 of three hundred and twenty acres. It was unimproved prairie land, but the subject devoted seven years of hard work on the place and developed a fine and well improved farm. He still owns this place. He then bought a residence property, and in time sold that and purchased the farm where he has since resided, which consists of twenty-four acres on which there is a modern and substantial residence together with convenient out-buildings. The subject carries on general farming in a most successful manner, skillfully rotating his crops so as to keep the soil in good productive condition. He also devoted much time to stock-raising, being a good judge of all kinds of live stock, especially cattle and horses. He frequently feeds for the market, but is now selling his stock for other purposes. He raises a good class of horses. For six years he engaged in buying and selling live stock in connection with his farming and made this business a success in every particular.

Our subject was united in marriage in November, 1877, to Agnes I. Morgan, daughter of J. B. and Martha (Doolen) Morgan, who came to this county at an early day. There were two of the Doolen brothers who went through the Civil war, and are living in 1908.

Six children have been born to the subject and wife, as follows: Martha, born in 1880, who died in infancy; Gracie; Florence, who was born in 1881, died when three years old; William, who was born September 22, 1885, died when six years old; George, who was born July 8, 1887, is a farmer, married and has one child; Clarence C. was born July 14, 1894; Lewis was born in 1897, is single and living at home.

The subject is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in his fraternal relations, and also a Modern Woodman; belonging also to the Royal Neighbors, having filled all the chairs in an able manner in the Woodmen. In his religious affiliations he subscribes to the Methodist Episcopal church, South, as does also his wife. Mr. Conant is a loyal Democrat although he does not find much time to devote to political matters.

GEORGE D. MORRISON.

The biographer is glad to herein set forth the salient facts in the eminently successful and honorable career of the well remembered and highly esteemed citizen of Richland county whose name appears above, the last chapter in whose life record has been closed by the hand of death, and the seal set thereon forever, but whose influence still pervades the lives of those with whom he came in contact. For many years he was closely identified with the industrial develop-

ment of the county, and aided in every way possible in promoting the general good of the community.

George D. Morrison was born at Zanesville, Ohio, April 1, 1832, the son of George W. and Rebecca (Potter) Morrison, the former a native of Loudoun county, Virginia, the latter of Maryland. During his earlier years, the subject's father was a freighter, keeping numerous teams and transporting merchandise from Boston and other Eastern markets to the interior before the days of railroads. He was a soldier in the War of 1812, and was severely wounded, suffering from the wound for a number of years, rendering finally the amputation of his limb a necessity. After his marriage he moved to Ohio and for several years engaged in the hotel business. Later he came to Richland county, and died in Olney when about eighty years of age, his wife having died a few months previous at a ripe old age. They were the parents of twelve children. Four of their sons were soldiers in the Civil war, and five of their sons were ministers of the Gospel. One of their sons started east from Ohio in the early days with a load of supplies but was never heard from afterwards. The six horse team and wagon of supplies all mysteriously disappeared in the wilderness. Foul play by bandits or the Indians was suspected. Our subject was the ninth in order of birth. He was reared in Ohio where he received a good common school education, and after removing to Illinois attended an advanced school at Evanston, Illinois. He became clerk in a store. About 1855 he came to Olney and followed clerk-

ing for a time. He later established a dry goods store just before the outbreak of the Civil war. His health beginning to fail he sold out and served one term as Circuit Clerk of Richland county, giving entire satisfaction in this capacity. He was elected County Treasurer and died during his incumbency of this office in 1873, at the age of forty-one years. He was married in 1860 to Kate Snyder, a native of Lawrence county, Illinois, the daughter of John and Clarissa (Spencer) Snyder. They were natives of Kentucky, where they were reared and where they were married, and in an early day emigrated to Lawrence county, Illinois. Soon afterward in 1838, they came to what is now Richland county, and located on a farm in Claremont township, for years known as Hickory Point. This farm was entered from the government by the father of John Snyder, who was among the first settlers of what is now Richland county. Samuel Snyder was the subject's grandfather. He was a native of Pennsylvania, was reared in Kentucky and moved from Rockport, Indiana, to Illinois. One of his sons, Maurice B. Snyder, was Circuit Clerk after the organization of Richland county, for a number of years. Grandfather Spencer was a native of Virginia, and he moved to Kentucky in an early day. Both the subject's grandfathers served in the War of 1812. Three of grandfather Spencer's sons were in the War of 1812, also in the Black Hawk war. Spencer county, Indiana, was named in honor of this family.

John Snyder, father of Mrs. Morrison, was a farmer during his lifetime and im-

proved a fine farm in Claremont township, where he died at the age of fifty-seven years in 1861. His wife survived several years and died at the home of her daughter at Poplar Bluff, Missouri, at the advanced age of eighty-three years. She was the mother of five children, four of whom are still living. Her only son, John Snyder, was a soldier in the Civil war, having enlisted as soon as old enough, in the Seventh Illinois Cavalry. He was in many engagements, and his health was impaired while in the service. He now lives in Douglas county, Missouri.

Mrs. Morrison is the mother of three children; Mary, the wife of J. F. Jolly, of Olney; Mattie, wife of J. L. Clevlen, of Poplar Bluff, Missouri; Kate, the wife of E. A. Powers, of Olney. Mrs. Morrison makes her home with her children, spending most of her time in Olney. She is one of the oldest residents of the county now living. Her life has been one of the usual hardship and pleasure, of victory and defeat, but lived in such a manner as to result in no harm to others, as was also that of her worthy husband, both being faultless in honor, fearless in conduct and stainless in reputation, commanding the uniform regard and esteem of their many friends.

SAMUEL D. GRAHAM.

The enterprising citizen whose name heads this article needs no introduction to the people of Marion county. He has been

for some time prominently identified with the financial and industrial interests of the community where he resides and always manifesting an active interest in the public welfare. His long life has been a most active and useful one in every respect, and has resulted in the accumulation of an ample competence for his closing years as well as in much good to his fellow men and the community at large, where he has many warm friends.

Samuel D. Graham was born in Rush county, Indiana, in April, 1836, the son of Hezekiah and Sarah (Smith) Graham. Grandfather Graham was born in Scotland and came to Pennsylvania in the seventeenth century. Both he and his brother, Isaac, came from Scotland and both fought in the Revolutionary war. Grandfather was a captain and he had his eyes burned by the explosion of a gun in the hands of one of his own soldiers and eventually lost his eyesight from the effects of it, having been blind for twenty years before his death. He never drew his pension although it was allowed. It is in the hands of the government yet. He was about eighty years old when he died, leaving eight children living out of a family of nine, all of whom lived to maturity, five of whom moved to Ohio, where they made homes and reared families and where they died. Grandfather was deacon in the Baptist church for forty years, and he and Grandmother Graham were Baptists and always lived the Christian life.

Grandfather Smith was a native of Pennsylvania, who moved from there to Butler

county, Ohio, after the death of his first wife. He and our subject's father were married by the same minister and with the same ceremony. In Grandfather Smith's family there were seven children, who lived to maturity. The youngest daughter by this marriage, Rebecca McClelland, was the mother of Gen. George B. McClelland. There was no issue from the second marriage. Grandfather Smith lived to be well advanced in years. After his remains had been buried twelve years, they were taken up for removal and it was found that his body was petrified. Grandfather Smith was a Revolutionary soldier and one of his sons-in-law, Oren Davis, was with him as a soldier, and his son, Charles was in the Black Hawk war.

The father of the subject left Pennsylvania when twenty years old. He did not have early school advantages, but in time became educated and a well read man through his own persistent efforts, being particularly well informed on historical matters and events. He settled in Butler county, Ohio, buying timbered land which he cleared and developed into a good farm, living there for about twelve years, when he moved to Rush county, Indiana, in 1831, remaining there until his death, which occurred at the age of seventy-two years, his date of birth having occurred on August 6, 1799. His wife was born in October, 1800. He was twice married, his first wife being the mother of our subject. She died at the age of thirty-seven years, having given birth to eleven children, seven of whom

lived to maturity. The father was married again, there being born to the last union ten children, all of whom lived to maturity. The father and mother were Baptists. The former spent his entire life on a farm, leaving a farm and a goodly share of money to his heirs, and also left land in Iowa, all of which shows that he was a thrifty and prudent man of affairs.

Hezekiah Graham, father of the subject, in addition to his own family of eighteen children took four orphan boys and one girl and kept them until they reached maturity and in addition to these he was always hunting and finding homes for other orphan children, and his own smoke-house and granary were always open to the poor and needy. He believed with the great philosopher, Henry Drummond, that "The greatest thing a man can do for his Heavenly Father is to be kind to some of His children."

Samuel D. Graham, our subject, had but little opportunity to attend school, having spent altogether less than six months in the school room. He worked on his father's farm until he was twenty-six years old, then hired out as a farm hand for ten years, during which time he saved his earnings and bought a farm in Fayette county, Indiana. He lived there for ten years, then sold out and bought another farm in Union county, Indiana, and sold this at the end of two years, when he moved to Illinois, settling in Marion county, buying a farm of one hundred and eighty-five acres of improved land, near Kinmundy in 1882. In 1903 he

bought his splendid modern residence and two acres of ground in Kinmundy, where he has since resided. He sold his farm here and bought a farm in Butler county, Missouri, consisting of one hundred and sixty acres of improved bottom land on which his son resides and successfully manages. Since coming to Kinmundy our subject has lived in peaceful and honorable retirement, conscious of a well spent life, which has been a very active one and has resulted in success in an eminent degree. He always benefited himself in his land deals and was an unusually good farmer, keeping his farms well improved and in a high state of cultivation.

Our subject was married in 1870 to Mrs. Rhoda E. Prichard, nee Patterson, a native of Union county, Indiana. Her father, Alexander Patterson, was born December 7, 1815, and came to Ohio when fifteen years of age, later to Union county, Indiana, where his father had purchased an eighty-acre farm. He lived and died on that farm. Mrs. Graham became the mother of three children by her first marriage, all of whom are deceased. One of the oldest brothers, James M. Patterson, was a soldier during the Civil war from Indiana, and was killed at Winchester, Virginia, in the battle of September 19, 1864. Her people were of Scotch-German descent. Her grandparents on her father's side were married September 6, 1798. Grandfather Patterson was born April 14, 1769, and Grandmother Patterson was born July 29, 1776.

The following children have been born

to Mr. and Mrs. Graham: Harvey McClelland, born August 23, 1871, was accidentally killed in 1904; William H., was born in 1873, is living on a farm in Missouri, is married, but has no children living; Tillie Alma, who was born December 15, 1878, died January 28, 1879; Katie L., born May 6, 1880, is the wife of Melvin Hamilton, and is living in Indiana. They have two children living.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Graham are active members of the Baptist church. Our subject is a loyal Democrat, but seldom takes much interest in political affairs, however, his support is always for the good of the community in all questions.

Our subject has been a great reader, having read the Bible through not less than six or seven times, besides scores of other good books and much pure literary matter. He relates that he has been acquainted with not less than five hundred of the Grahams and that he never knew or heard of one of them who ever used intoxicants of any kind or character, and but few of them who ever used tobacco., and about one-half of them are church people.

ERASTUS D. TELFORD.

Only those who come in personal contact with the gentleman whose name appears above, the popular and well known City Attorney of Salem, Illinois, can understand how thoroughly nature and training, habits

of thought and action, have enabled him to accomplish his life work and made him a fit representative of the enterprising class of professional people to which he belongs. He is a fine type of the sturdy, conscientious American of today—a man who unites a high order of ability with courage, patriotism, clean morality and sound common sense, doing thoroughly and well the work that he finds to do and asking praise of no man for the performance of what he conceives to be his simple duty.

Erastus D. Telford was born in Raccoon township, Marion county, April 23, 1874. J. D. Telford, whose life history is embodied in another part of this volume, who has long been a well known and influential character about Salem, is the father of our subject. Samuel G. Telford, who lives in Haines township, and who was born in 1827 in this county, and who is still making his home two and one-half miles west of where he was born, is the subject's grandfather. His great-grandfather was James Telford, a native of South Carolina, who settled in Marion county in 1822, died in 1856. Our subject's father was the first Republican Sheriff of Marion county, having been elected in 1882. The mother of the subject was known in her maidenhood as Ann Wyatt, a native of Tennessee and the representative of a fine old southern family. Her father sold all his possessions in that state and came to Illinois in 1860, settling on the farm now owned by J. D. Telford, father of the subject of this sketch, to whom and his worthy and faithful life companion

seven children were born, all living at this writing, named in order of birth as follows: Dr. A. T., of Olney, Illinois; Erastus D., our subject; Ula, of the United States Life Saving Station of Chicago; Omer, who lives on a farm three miles west of Salem; Oran is living at home; Erma, who is still a member of the family circle; J. D., Jr. These children were reared in a wholesome home atmosphere and were given every advantage possible by their parents.

E. D. Telford has lived in Salem for twenty-six years, or since his father moved here. He worked on the parental farm until he was twenty-one years old, where he received valuable training in the out door life of the country, not the least advantage of which was the acquisition of a robust constitution which is a necessary prerequisite for the battle of life in any field of endeavor. He attended the public schools in his neighborhood and later graduated in 1890 from the Salem high schools where he made a splendid record, for our subject early determined to secure a good education and fit himself as best he possibly could for life's ardent duties.

After leaving school he decided to teach and consequently followed this line of work with marked success for a few years, during which time he became widely known throughout the county as an able instructor. But not being satisfied with the education he already possessed, and with the routine and somewhat obscure work of the teacher, he gave up his work and entered McKendree College, a denominational school at

Lebanon, Illinois, from which institution he graduated with high honors in 1897, with the degree Bachelor of Science. Having decided to make the profession of law his life work, Mr. Telford in the fall of 1898 went to Washington City and entered the law department of Georgetown University, where he made a brilliant record and from which institution he graduated in 1900. In the meantime he had been appointed to a position in the United States Treasury department, his unusual talents having attracted the attention of authorities in this department. Mr. Telford remained in the Treasury department, where he gave the greatest satisfaction to the higher officials and where his work was very creditably and faithfully performed until April 1, 1906, when he resigned and returned to Salem, Illinois, for the purpose of engaging in the practice of law, and, useless to say that his success was instantaneous, and he at once had a large clientele, his office being sought by clients with a wide range of cases, and his fame soon overspread Marion county, extending to other fields, consequently he was frequently called to other localities on important cases and his cool, careful, determined manner in presenting his arguments before a jury seldom failed in bringing a verdict in his favor.

Mr. Telford was soon slated for political preferment, leaders in his party being quick to detect unusual ability as a public official in him, consequently in April, 1907, he was elected City Attorney of Salem, which position he now very creditably fills to the satisfaction of the entire community. At the

primaries in August, 1908, he was nominated by the Republicans for State Attorney for Marion county.

Mr. Telford's domestic life dates from November 1, 1900, when he was united in marriage with Coral M. Wright, the accomplished daughter of William Wright, a well known and influential citizen of Lincoln, Nebraska. The following bright and interesting children have come into the cozy and pleasant home of Mr. and Mrs. Telford, bringing additional sunshine: Elbridge Wright Telford, whose day of birth occurred September 29, 1901; Dorothy Margaret, who first saw the light of day on August 18, 1905.

Mr. Telford has been a careful business man as well as a successful attorney, and he has accumulated rapidly, now being a stockholder in the Salem National Bank, also the Salem Building and Loan Association. He is the owner of a modern, substantial and beautiful residence on North Broadway.

In his fraternal relations, our subject is a member of the ancient and honorable order of Masons, the Blue Lodge and the Royal Arch Chapter; also a Modern Woodman. And both he and his wife are consistent and faithful members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Telford is one of the substantial and popular men of Marion county, and his home which is presided over with rare grace and dignity by Mrs. Telford, is the center of a genial hospitality. He is liberal in his support of all religious and charitable movements, and no one takes a greater pride in the progress of his community.

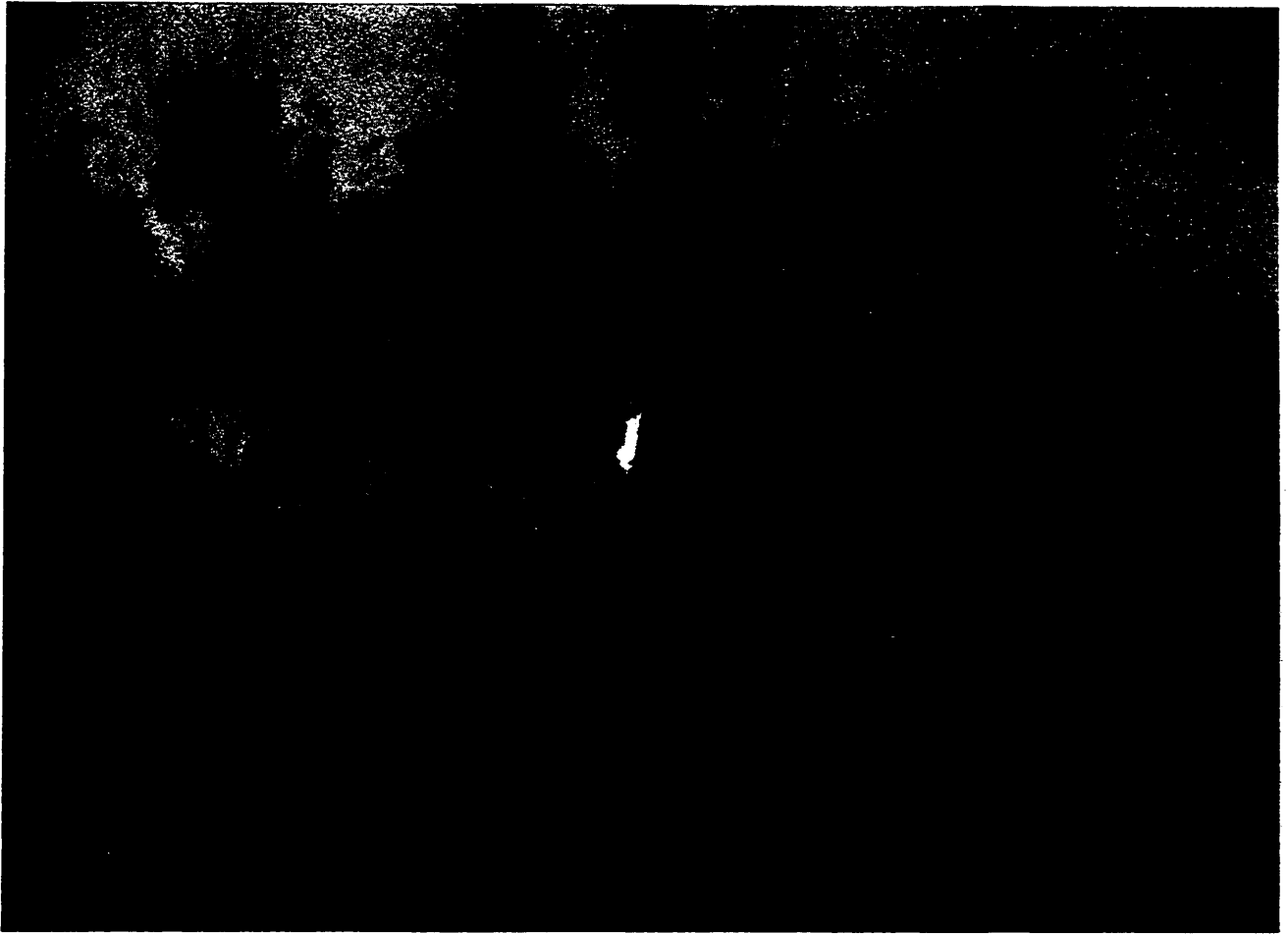
WILLIAM T. STORMENT.

The gentleman whose name introduces this sketch is one of the leading farmers and fruit growers of Marion county, and also enjoys the distinction of being a representative of two of the old and highly esteemed pioneer families of the township in which he lives. John Storment, his grandfather, a South Carolinian by birth, moved to Marion county about the year 1838, and purchased a large tract of government land, principally in what is now Haines township, the patents for which bearing the signature of President Van Buren are now in the possession of the subject of this review. John Storment became a prosperous farmer and representative citizen and wielded a strong influence among the early settlers of Haines township, having been a man of great force of character and determination of purpose. He did much to promote the interests of agriculture and will long be remembered as one of the sterling yeomen to whose labors and influence the present flourishing condition of Haines township is largely due.

William K. Storment, son of John Storment and father of William T., was a native of Marion county and for many years one of the progressive farmers and enterprising citizens of the township of Haines. He, too, was public spirited and a natural leader among his fellow men, stood high in the esteem of all with whom he came into contact and belonged to that large and eminently respectable class who in a quiet but forceful

way do so much for the material progress of the country and give moral tone to the body politic. At the breaking out of the late Civil war he enlisted in the One Hundred and Eleventh Illinois Infantry and devoted three of the best years of his life to the service of his country, participating in all the campaigns and battles in which his regiment was engaged and earning an honorable record as a brave and gallant defender of the Union.

When a young man William K. Storment married Miss Martha I. Wham, of Marion county, and in due time became the father of five children, namely: Elmer (deceased); Minnie (deceased); John R., a farmer and fruit grower of Mississippi; William T., of this review, and one that died in infancy. The parents of these children were esteemed members of the United Presbyterian church and spared no pains to impress upon their young minds and hearts the principles of religion and the beauty and value of a living Christian faith. William K. Storment was not only an influential man in the affairs of his church, but was also a local politician of considerable note, having been one of the leading Republicans of his township, though never a partisan, much less a seeker after the honors and emoluments of public office. He died some years ago on the home farm in Haines township, lamented by all who knew him, leaving to his descendants the memory of an honored name, which they value as a priceless heritage. Mrs. Storment is the daughter of William Wham, one of the early settlers of Marion county and an



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influential factor of the pioneer period. She is still living and enjoys the acquaintance of a large circle of friends, who hold her in the highest personal regard.

William T. Storment, to a brief review of whose career the following lines are devoted, was born in Haines township on the farm one mile north of Kell, which he now owns and occupies, September 10, 1867. Like the majority of country lads, he was reared to habits of industry, early became familiar with the various duties of farm life and in the public schools, which he attended at intervals during his minority, received his educational training. Manifesting a decided taste for mechanical pursuits while still young, he turned his abilities in this direction to practical use by learning carpentry, at which he acquired more than ordinary proficiency and which he followed for some years in his own and neighboring localities, a number of residences and other edifices bearing witness to his ability and skill as a builder. After a time, however, he discontinued his trade and purchasing the home farm, has since given his attention to agriculture and fruit growing, meeting with most encouraging success and achieving much more than local repute as a progressive and up-to-date tiller of the soil. In the meantime he has made many valuable improvements on the place, remodeling the house and converting it into a first class modern dwelling with all the latest conveniences, including among others a heating plant that adds greatly to the comfort of the home, besides lessening in no small degree the ex-

pense of providing fuel. The barn, which is one of the largest and most conveniently arranged buildings of the kind in the neighborhood, is a model of architectural and mechanical skill, while all the other improvements are in keeping therewith, the farm consisting of one hundred and twenty-five acres of highly improved land, being one of the most valuable as well as one of the most desirable places of its area in Marion county.

Mr. Storment takes a pardonable pride in his home and has spared neither pains nor expense in making it beautiful and attractive and it is now conceded to be one of the finest country seats not only in Marion county, but in the southern part of the state. Believing this section of Illinois to possess the necessary characteristics for successful fruit growing, Mr. Storment some years ago planted a part of his farm in choice apple, pear and peach trees, the results in due time more than realizing his highest expectations. Encouraged by the success of the venture, he continued planting from time to time, until he now has one hundred and ten acres in fruit, the income from which far surpasses what he ever received from the raising of grain. He makes horticulture not only his chief business, but pursues it with the enthusiasm and delight of a pastime. He devotes much time to the study of the subject, reduces his researches to practical tests, and in this way has made the business very remunerative. By employing scientific methods, such as proper fertilizing, spraying, pruning, etc., he never fails to realize abundant crops of the finest fruits raised in this

part of the state, and that, too, when other orchards fail entirely or at least bear but a scanty supply and of a poor and inferior quality. Among the improvements of which he makes use is a portable gas engine for the purpose of spraying, the value of which in the saving of time as well as of insuring full yields is many hundred fold in excess of the amount the contrivance cost.

Mr. Storment is not only the leading horticulturist in Marion county, but as a farmer he also occupies a place in the front rank. making use of modern implements and machinery and employing only the most approved methods in the cultivation of the soil. He is essentially progressive in his ideas, believes that satisfactory results can only be obtained from the exercise of sound judgment and wise discretion and possessing the ability to foresee with remarkable accuracy the future outcome of present action, he is seldom if ever disappointed in any of his plans or undertakings. A man of strong character and inflexible integrity, he stands high as a citizen, takes an active interest in public matters both general and local and all measures and enterprises for the material progress of the country and the social and moral advancement of the people are sure to enlist his hearty co-operation and support. His political views are in harmony with the principles and traditions of the Republican party, and while firm in his convictions and earnest and fearless in maintaining the soundness of his opinions, he cannot be called a partisan, nor has he ever disturbed the even tenor of his life by aspiring to of-

fice or leadership. He is first of all a creditable representative of the ancient and honorable calling of agriculture and as such he ranks among the most enterprising and successful men in the state, this, with the simple title of citizen, being sufficient to make him contented with his lot, as well as an example to his fellow men in correct living.

The domestic life of Mr. Storment dates from 1892, in which year he was united in marriage with Esta Davis, of Marion county, daughter of Bloom P. and Mariah (Albert) Davis, both natives of Illinois, the father of Jefferson county, the mother of the county of Marion. Mr. and Mrs. Storment are esteemed members of the United Presbyterian church, belonging to what is known as the Romine Prairie congregation and active in all lines of religious and charitable work under the auspices of the same. Socially they are numbered among the best people of the community in which they reside and their popularity is limited only by the circle of their acquaintance. The Davis family, to which Mrs. Storment belongs, has long occupied a conspicuous place in the confidence and respect of the people of Marion county and its reputation for honorable manhood and womanhood is second to that of no other family in this part of the state. For many years the name has been identified with the Christian church of Marion and neighboring counties, Mr. Davis and his wife having been prominent members of that body and influential in religious work in their own and other localities. Mrs. Storment is the oldest of a family of four children, three sisters and

a brother, namely: Maggie, who married Ernest Kell, of Marion county; Anderson, who lives on the home farm, and Minnie, who is unmarried and also a member of the home circle.

JUDGE THEODORE AUGUSTUS
FRITCHEY.

When it is stated that the subject of this sketch has served as postmaster of Olney for three terms, or since 1897, the significance is so patent that nothing further need be said as indicating the confidence and esteem in which he is held by the people of Richland county. As an able official and representative and popular citizen, we are pleased to record in this work a sketch of the life of Mr. Fritchey, who is one of the best known men in the county, and who for many years was among the most prominent members of the bar and bench in this locality, and who, during his long residence here has done so much for the material, civic, educational and moral advancement of the county, ever having its interests at heart and losing no opportunity to help others in the work of progress while advancing his own interests.

Theodore Augustus Fritchey was born in Montgomery county, Ohio, near Dayton, April 24, 1855, the son of Benjamin and Elizabeth (McQueeney) Fritchey, natives of Pennsylvania where they were reared and where they married, later moving to Montgomery county, Ohio, locating in Baltimore,

where the father engaged in merchandising. In 1870 he came to Olney where he continued in the mercantile business until his death in 1876, at the age of seventy years. His worthy life companion passed to her rest in 1900, at the age of seventy-five years. They were people of many praiseworthy traits and honorable at all times. They were the parents of eight children, all deceased except the subject of this sketch and one daughter, Mrs. J. I. Moutray, of Kokomo, Indiana, the subject having been the fifth in order of birth. He was reared in Ohio and Illinois, receiving a public school education. He was an ambitious lad and when twenty years old began the study of law with Wilson and Hutchinson, for years the leading law firm of Southern Illinois. He made rapid progress and was admitted to the bar in 1879. He then formed a partnership with Judge J. C. Allen, which continued until 1907. They did an immense business, the combination being one of peculiar power and their clients came from all parts of the county and surrounding counties, it being generally recognized as one of the best firms in the locality. The subject became prosperous through his successful practice and since the date mentioned has been practically retired, having given up all legal practice, preferring to devote all his time to the post-office and his business interests in Richland and adjoining counties. He has large interests in oil.

In his political relations our subject is a Republican, always loyal to his party's principles and always active. When he was twenty-one years old he was elected City

Clerk by a majority of one, and he so faithfully did his work that he was re-elected to serve four years in all. In 1881 he was elected City Attorney for one term of two years. Then for two terms of four years as County Judge. He made a splendid record both as City Attorney and as Judge, disposing of many important cases in a manner that stamped him as an able and learned jurist and well versed in the law. In 1897 he was appointed postmaster of Olney by President McKinley and is now (1909) serving his third term with entire satisfaction.

Judge Fritchey's happy domestic life began in 1889, when he was united in marriage with Mary Eliza Bucher, a native of Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, the daughter of John E. and Mary E. (Eby) Bucher, also natives of Pennsylvania. They moved to Ohio, where her father became the head of graded and high schools and where he died. Mrs. Bucher lives with her daughter, wife of our subject.

Mr. and Mrs. Fritchey are the parents of two children, both giving promise of successful futures, and who are receiving every care and attention from their fond parents. They bear the names Paul B. and Theodore A., Jr.

In his fraternal relations Judge Fritchey belongs to the ancient and honored Masonic Order, Knights Templar, also the Shrine. He is a charter member of Olney lodge No. 926, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Mr. and Mrs. Fritchey are faithful and consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal church. They have a beautiful

home in which is a fine library of choice volumes, where the judge spends many hours in reading and reflection, and they are known as people of kindness, integrity and culture.

Judge Fritchey stands admittedly in the front ranks of Richland county's distinguished citizens, possessing a thorough knowledge of law and keeping in close touch with the trend of modern thought. He has ever maintained his high standing, never descending beneath the dignity of his profession nor compromising his usefulness by countenancing any but legitimate practice.

LEANDER C. MATTHEWS.

The subject has spent his entire life in this county and he has always had deeply at heart the well-being and improvement of the county, using his influence whenever possible for the promotion of enterprises calculated to be of lasting benefit to his fellow men, besides taking a leading part in all movements for the advancement of the community along social, intellectual and moral lines.

Leander C. Matthews was born South of Salem, in the edge of Jefferson county, May 25, 1848, the son of Andrew J. and Hulda (Swafford) Matthews, natives of Tennessee and Illinois, respectively, and both representatives of honorable and well known families in their own communities.

Our subject remained under his parental roof until he reached man's estate and at-

tended the district schools in his native community and in Centralia, where he applied himself in a careful manner and received a good education.

Mr. Matthews early decided to devote his life to a business career and he has bent every effort to this end with gratifying results.

He commenced a general business in 1883 at Fairman, Marion county, Illinois, where he remained ten years with much success attending his efforts. He is at this writing engaged in the hay, grain and implement business in Kinmundy, this county, and is conducting a thriving business, his trade extending to all parts of the county and penetrating to adjoining counties, in fact he is one of the best known dealers in these lines in this part of the state and the able manner in which he conducts his business and his courteous treatment with those with whom he deals insure him a liberal income from year to year.

Mr. Matthews was united in marriage October 8, 1873, to S. Elizabeth Lydick, who was born near Odin, this county, December 24, 1854, the refined and affable daughter of Isaac and Sarah (Sugg) Lydick, a well known family of that locality.

The following family has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Matthews: Lillian, Baby, Hallie, Hulda, Carl. They have all gone to their rest except Hulda, who is the wife of Albert C. Dunlap, of Champaign, Illinois.

In his fraternal relations Mr. Matthews is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Kinmundy, also of the Knights

of Pythias of this place. In politics he is a loyal Democrat and takes a vital interest in his party's affairs, however, he has never aspired to positions of public trust. Both he and his wife are members of the Christian church, and our subject is regarded as one of the substantial church workers of Kinmundy, and he has long taken an active part in all religious affairs. He is a man of large public spirit and enterprise, and personally is of the genial and sunny type, pleasant to meet and makes friends readily. He likes a good story and enjoys a good joke, and because of these qualities of commendation and genuine worth Mr. Matthews has won a host of warm friends which he retains, being popular with all classes in his community where he maintains a home that is comfortable, substantial and pleasant in all its appointments and which is regarded as a place of generous hospitality and good cheer.

THE OLNEY SANITARIUM.

One of the important institutions of Richland county, Illinois, in fact, one of the best known in the southern part of the state, is the Olney Sanitarium. Its phenomenal growth in a short time from a modest beginning to a prominent place, has been due to the untiring efforts and extraordinary surgical and business ability of the founder, Dr. George T. Weber. Fourteen years ago, 1894, he had just received his degree of Doctor of Medicine and had begun practice as a young

man without means; however, he was always ambitious and an assiduous worker and made a good record in school, and it was predicted by his instructors and friends that the future held great things in store for him. His first practice was in the village of Ingraham, Clay county, near his birthplace, where he remained for four years with growing popularity and success, during which time his work in surgery and special cases had attracted more than ordinary attention and had suggested to him the necessity and desirability of a central point, where patients could be cared for better than at their homes. Accordingly in 1898 he came to Olney and purchased the old Arlington hotel building, a three-story brick structure which was duly remodeled and equipped for hospital purposes.

The hospital was thrown open for the reception of patients in the fall of 1898 and from the first the success of the undertaking was assured. It soon became necessary to employ assistants and in due time Doctor Ziliak became a partner. During the years 1900 and 1901, a three-story addition, which now constitutes the main part of the structure, was erected, making possible the care of twenty-four additional patients in as many rooms. In the latter part of 1905, a brother of the founder, F. J. Weber, who had recently graduated from a medical college, bought the interest of Doctor Ziliak, since which time the business has been owned and conducted by Webers. In 1907, another brother, J. C. Weber, also a physician and surgeon, became interested in the sanitarium, also two sisters, Catherine and Philomena Weber,

both of whom are graduated and very proficient nurses. A stock company was accordingly formed and incorporated March 5, 1907, with a capital stock of forty thousand dollars and the following officers were elected which continue to serve at this writing: George T. Weber, president; Frank J. Weber, secretary and treasurer. The stockholders include the above and Joseph C., Catherine and Philomena Weber.

No institution of a similar nature ever had a more rapid growth and it is today regarded as one of the best in the state. The business of the sanitarium is devoted principally to surgical and special cases, also chronic cases and some mild forms of nervous diseases. Hundreds of operations are annually performed here and are uniformly successful.

The Olney Sanitarium is a three-story brick structure, with a basement underneath the entire building with accommodations for thirty-six patients. It is operated at the limit of its capacity all the time and plans are being considered for further enlarging the building, the numerous application of patients all over the country rendering more room a necessity. The basement is used for a drug department, storage purposes and the keeping of fruits, vegetables, etc. The first floor is devoted to reception rooms, offices, consultation rooms, dining room and kitchen, rooms and verandas for convalescents, etc. The upper floors are devoted to wards for patients. The operating room is on the second floor. It is sixteen by sixteen feet and contains everything in modern equipment usually found in institutions of like character.