

Fourteen trained nurses are employed continually and six other employes are constantly in the building, helping in various ways. Dr. Frank J. Weber is the house physician and Miss Catherine Weber is the superintendent.

George T. Weber, M. D., was born in Ingraham, Clay county, Illinois, September 10, 1868, the son of Benedict and Regina (Schaffer) Weber, the former a native of Germany, who came to the United States when twenty-six years old, and the latter was born in Gibson county, Indiana, of German parents. They were married in Indiana and in 1865 settled in Jasper county, near Ingraham. His father was a carpenter and farmer. The subject of this sketch was reared on a farm in his native township. He received a common school education there and an academic training at Princeton, Indiana, from which institution he graduated, having taught school in the meantime to get money for a higher education. His parents were poor and reared a large family, there being nine children in number, of whom our subject is the oldest son living. He entered Washington University at St. Louis in 1891, taking a medical course and graduating in 1894. He located in his home town and practiced for four years, his success having been instantaneous, especially in surgical cases. He came to Olney in 1898, having purchased a building here and he had some equipment before moving.

Dr. George T. Weber's domestic life began November 28, 1894, when he married Elizabeth Hausner, daughter of Joseph and Gertrude (Nix) Hausner, former residents of

Clay county, a well known and influential family there for many years. Mr. Hausner, who was a cabinet maker, is deceased, as is also his wife. The subject and wife are the parents of nine children, namely: Gertrude, Helen, Pauline; George, Jr., was killed in an accident by colliding with a horse and buggy in 1907, having been knocked from a wheel and receiving a fracture to the skull; Bernard, Elizabeth, Mary, Martha, George, second junior.

In politics our subject is a Democrat, but is not active. However, he takes an interest in whatever relates to the development of his community. Fraternally he is a member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and the Knights of Columbus. He and his family are faithful followers of the Catholic church. He is a member of the American Medical Association, the Illinois State Medical Society, the Southern Illinois State Medical Society, the Richland County Medical Society, being influential and prominent in all. He is a very progressive man, is a student at all times and devotes his entire time to his profession. In 1907 he took a post-graduate course at the Post-Graduate School in Chicago, giving special attention to surgery.

Joseph Cornelius Weber, M. D., was born in Jasper county, Illinois, October 1, 1875, and was reared on the farm, receiving his education in the public schools, the high school at Ingraham and Austin College, Effingham, Illinois. In the fall of 1896 he entered the Missouri Medical College at St. Louis, from which he graduated in 1899. He ranked high in his class and was successful from the

first. He practiced one year at Newton in the place of Doctor Crawley, whose health was impaired. During the following seven years he was at Clay City, Clay county. He then came to Olney and joined his brother in the fall of 1907, becoming a stockholder in the Sanitarium corporation, as already intimated.

The married life of Dr. Joseph C. Weber began in 1900 when he was united in the bonds of matrimony with Zula Kepp, a native of Ingraham, Illinois, the daughter of Cornelius and Mary (Pew) Kepp, natives of Clay county, the former having died there in 1906. Two children have blessed the home of Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Weber, Paul and Frank. In politics he is a Democrat, and a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, also a member of the American Medical Association, the Illinois State Medical Association, the Southern Illinois Medical Association, the Richland and Clay county Medical societies.

Frank J. Weber, M. D., was born on a farm in Jasper county, Illinois, July 23, 1878, where he was reared. He attended the common schools at Ingraham, also Austin College at Effingham. He entered Washington University at St. Louis in 1900, having graduated with honor from the medical department in 1904. He located in Clay City and was there engaged in practice with his brother, Dr. J. C. Weber, for seven months, after which he came to Olney and purchased Doctor Ziliak's interest in the sanitarium and joined his brother, Dr. George T., in the work. When the corporation was formed he became the secretary and treasurer, as already stated,

and the resident physician. He is a member of the Richland County Medical Society, the Illinois State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. He was united in marriage, May 29, 1908, to Gertrude Loftin, a native of Spencer, Indiana, and the daughter of J. C. and Iola (Hoover) Loftin, now residents of Marion, Indiana. Dr. Frank J. Weber is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, No. 926, and in politics he is a Democrat. Like his brothers he is a man of many commendable characteristics and they all make friends easily.

GEORGE S. RAINEY, M. D.

Good intellectual training, thorough professional knowledge and the possession and utilization of the qualities and attributes essential to success, have made the subject of this review eminent in his chosen calling, and he stands today among the enterprising and successful physicians in a community noted for its high order of medical talent, while at the same time he has won the confidence and esteem of the people of Marion and adjoining counties for his upright life and genial disposition.

Dr. George S. Rainey was born in Salem, Illinois, May 18, 1849, and he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rainey, Scotch-Irish people of the best ancestry as far back as it can be traced. The father was a Kentuckian, who came to Illinois as early as 1832, settling in Marion county on a farm

which he transformed from a practically wild tract to a highly improved and productive farm. When the doctor was two years old, his father moved on a farm near Walnut Hill, Marion county. He was a man of many sterling qualities, like those of most pioneers, and he became a man of considerable influence in this county, being known as an honest and worthy citizen in every respect. He was called from his earthly labors in 1868. The subject's mother, a woman of praiseworthy character, was known in her maidenhood as Margaret Cunningham, and was also a native of Kentucky; her father, a man of unusual fortitude and sterling character, moved to Illinois in 1824. Seven children of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rainey died in infancy. Their other children are: Dr. J. K. Rainey, the oldest child, died in Florida; Matthew was a surgeon in the One Hundred and Eleventh Illinois Volunteer Infantry in the Union Army, and was the first soldier from Marion county to fall in the Civil war, having lost his life at the battle of Belmont while a member of the Twenty-second Illinois Volunteer Infantry; Dr. A. H. Rainey, of Centralia, Illinois.

Our subject was a mere lad during the war between the states, but he felt it his duty to sever home ties and offer his services in defense of the flag, consequently he enlisted in the Thirty-ninth Illinois Volunteer Infantry when he lacked two months of being sixteen years old, but his bravery and gallantry were equal to that of the oldest veteran in the regiment. He served in the

campaign around Petersburg, Richmond, and was at the surrender of Lee at Appomattox, thus being in some of the bloodiest engagements of the war. After receiving an honorable discharge he returned home and assisted his father with the farm work, attending the neighboring schools, completing the high school course at Salem, standing in the front rank of his class, for he was a diligent student and made the best use possible of his time. Believing that his talents lay along medical lines he began studying for a career as a physician. He graduated in medicine in 1875 at the Louisville Medical College. He at once began practice in Salem, his success being instantaneous, and he has been here ever since, having always had a very large practice in this vicinity and throughout the county.

Dr. Rainey has taken a post-graduate course in the New York Polyclinic Institute of Physicians and Surgeons, having spent the winter of 1888 in the school just mentioned. Dr. Rainey has also taken special courses in medical colleges in St. Louis and Chicago, consequently he is today and has been for many years at the head of his profession, being so recognized by the eminent practitioners of medicine in other parts of Illinois. He has also been connected with the Baltimore & Ohio and Chicago & Eastern Illinois railroads as surgeon ever since he has been in practice.

The subject has been a member of the United States Pension Board of Salem for twenty-five years. The doctor is at all times patriotic and ever ready to serve his

country, consequently when the war with Spain broke out he offered his services and was commissioned a surgeon in the United States army, but the war terminated before he saw active service.

Doctor Rainey's happy and tranquil domestic life dates from 1878, when he was married to May McMackin, the cultured and accomplished daughter of Col. W. E. McMackin of the Twenty-first Illinois Volunteer Infantry. Colonel McMackin was for many years one of the best known and most influential men in his community.

To doctor and Mrs. Rainey one son has been born, Warren R., who, in 1908, is a student in the medical department of the Northwestern University at Chicago, where he is making an excellent record.

Doctor Rainey is the owner of a large and fine fruit farm which is very valuable, and he takes a great interest in it and horticultural subjects, devoting considerable time to the culture of fine fruits. He has been in general practice ever since his graduation, and as indicated above, not only stands high in his immediate community but also with his fellow practitioners at large, being a member of the County, State and National Medical Association, also of the American Railway Surgeons of America.

Fraternally he is a loyal member of the Masonic Order and carries out its sublime doctrines in his relations with his fellow men. He is a Presbyterian in his religious faith, and in politics he is a staunch advocate of the principles and policies of the Republican party, with which he has always been

affiliated. Though never animated with ambition for political preferment he has ever lent his aid in furthering the party cause, and is well fortified in his political convictions, while he is at all times public-spirited to an extent of loyalty.

EDMUND C. BAUGHMAN.

Agriculture has been the true source of man's dominion on earth ever since the primal existence of labor, and has been the pivotal industry that has controlled for the most part all the fields of action to which his intelligence and energy have been devoted. Among this sturdy element of Richland county whose labors have profited alike themselves and the community in which they live, is the gentleman whose name appears at the head of this sketch.

Edmund C. Baughman, a well known farmer and stockman of Olney, was born in Coshocton county, Ohio, December 27, 1837, the son of Jacob and Matilda M. (Houser) Baughman, the former having been born near Baltimore, Maryland, and the latter on the Potomac river, Virginia. Grandfather Baughman was a native of Maryland and was a contractor in Baltimore for many years, where he also carried an extensive factory for those times in the manufacture of sash and doors, blinds, etc. In an early day in the history of Coshocton county he went there and entered land, having crossed the Alleghany mountains on

horseback, and had bear meat and wild honey on the trip. However, he did not live in Ohio but died in Baltimore, where his wife also died. Jacob Baughman was reared on a farm near Baltimore, and when young went to Coshocton county, Ohio, where he bought land and erected a hewn log cabin in the heavy timber, in which there was all kinds of wild game, deer, wild turkey, bear, etc. He married in Coshocton county, his wife having come to the county from Virginia with her parents who were pioneers. They cleared and improved the land, and there they lived and died. He was a member of the state militia but was never called upon to serve in any war. He died of pneumonia at the age of sixty-eight years, and his wife survived for several years, dying at the advanced age of ninety-two. Eight children were born to them, six of whom are living. Two sons served in the Civil war, George and Zenos, the latter with Sherman's army, both serving until the close of the war, receiving honorable discharges. Zenos suffered from sunstroke from which he never fully recovered. The subject, who was the fourth child in order of birth, was reared on the old homestead in his native county and received a good education, first in the country schools, later at the academy in West Bedford, Ohio. He remained at home until he was twenty years old, assisting with the farm work, finally going to Indiana, where he taught school for awhile, but in the spring of 1860 he came to Richland county, bringing all the earthly possessions he had—a team, wagon, a shepherd

dog, a trunk and less than one hundred dollars in money, having driven the entire distance. After reaching here he located on one hundred and twenty acres of land given him by his father in Madison township, which had previously been entered by his father, on which he went to work and improved it, making an excellent farm, building a house, barn, etc.

Our subject was a good manager and was successful. After he married he purchased six hundred acres in Wayne county, on which he lived for a time, later moving to Olney, where he has recently built a beautiful home, up-to-date in every detail. For many years he has been extensively engaged in stock raising, being an excellent judge of stock and always keeping many good varieties. He is a man of great energy and a hard worker, possessing excellent judgment, conservative in his business transactions. He deserves a great deal of credit for what he has accomplished, for he started with only one hundred and twenty acres of raw land and has gradually increased his holdings until he now owns four thousand acres of valuable land in the Yazoo Valley, Mississippi, also three thousand acres of timber land, together with lands in Texas and the old homestead in Ohio, which he bought from the heirs.

In 1890 Mr. Baughman organized the bank at Tuscola, Illinois, under the name Baughman, Orr & Company, with a capital stock of thirty-five thousand dollars, which was successful from the first, and has continued with increasing prestige ever since.

the stock having been increased, it being one of the soundest institutions in this part of the state. One of the subject's sons is looking after his interests. In 1902 he disposed of his interest in the bank to his partners. Mr. Baughman is still very active but does not handle stock on a very extensive scale at present, which proved to be so profitable during his earlier business career, making a fortune, being easily the richest man in Richland county, and not a dishonest dollar has passed through his hands.

Mr. Baughman was married March 28, 1861, to Gabriella Reeder, who was born in Cincinnati, the daughter of Elijah and Lucinda (Smith) Reeder, who were born near Dayton, Ohio, and who came to Richland county in the fall of 1853, settling on a farm in Madison township. In 1871 they moved to Kansas, later to Missouri, and died in Harrison, Arkansas.

Our subject and wife are the parents of eight children who grew to maturity and are still living, as follows: Edmund J. resides in Duncan, Mississippi, where he owns a plantation and also manages that of his father, and is a very successful business man; Lucinda married James Wilson, who resides on a farm in Wayne county, where she died in 1900; Lottie married J. M. Winans, a groceryman of Olney; Harry C. resides in Greenville, Mississippi, where he owns and operates an extensive plantation; William R. resides in Southwestern Texas, being engaged in farming and the land business; Ola married George H. Bainum, who died in Independence, Missouri, in 1904.

leaving one daughter, Ella M., who lives with the subject and wife; Frank graduated from the Olney schools in 1901, then spent three years at the University of Illinois, at Champaign, having stood at the head of his class in chemistry and making an excellent record as a student. During certain experimental work he was poisoned by gases from which he died in February, 1907. Carl R., the subject's youngest child, resides at Richland, Washington, where he is engaged in the fruit industry. These children are industrious and well situated in reference to this world's affairs.

Mr. Baughman is a Republican, but he is not a politician, not having time to devote much attention to the affairs of his party.

He was appointed by Governor John P. Altgeld one of the trustees of the State Normal University at Carbondale, having been on the financial and building committees. He served as Supervisor of Richland county for one term, during which time bonds were refunded to the amount of two hundred thousand dollars, which redeemed the bonds over which there had been litigation to the amount of more than three hundred thousand dollars.

Mr. and Mrs. Baughman are members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Olney, and liberal subscribers to the same, Mr. Baughman having been one of the principal supporters of the new church building recently erected, which would be a credit to cities much larger than Olney.

In business matters Mr. Baughman is prompt, energetic, trustworthy. He has a

good fund of that quality too often lacking in the business world—common sense. Since starting out in life for himself he has been self-reliant and progressive. It is all attributable to the splendid qualities of head and heart of which he is possessed, and which he has most judiciously exercised. And because of his honest and active career no resident in Richland county is more deserving of honorable mention in this volume.

WILLIAM JASPER YOUNG.

The subject of this biographical review is among the pioneer farmers of Iuka township, Marion county, where he has long maintained his home, being one of the native sons of the county who have done so much to develop Marion in all her phases until she ranks with the leading counties of the great Prairie state, and now in the golden evening of his life this venerable citizen is enjoying the fruits of a well spent life and the esteem of a wide circle of friends.

William Jasper Young was born in Marion county, Illinois, June 21, 1826, in Centralia township, the son of Edward and Sarah C. (Duncan) Young, the former a native of Virginia and the latter of Tennessee. Edward Young grew up in Virginia, and when he reached maturity he moved to Kentucky, later came to Indiana and prior to 1826 settled in Marion county, Illinois. He was a plasterer and bricklayer,

and he made his home in several different places after coming to Illinois, among them being Alton, St. Louis, Belleville, Centralia and Salem. Later in life he settled on the farm. Edward Young was born June 8, 1803, and died June 9, 1876. He was a soldier in the Black Hawk war. He was, early in life, a Democrat, and he cut down the first Whig pole ever erected in Salem. However, he later became a Republican. These children were born to Edward Young and wife, as follows: Lysander Franklin, William Jasper, our subject; Julia Ann, deceased; Letta Jane, deceased; James, deceased; Harriet, deceased; Edward, living in Minnesota; Sarah also lives in Minnesota.

Sarah C. Duncan, mother of the subject, was born July 22, 1808, and died November 9, 1886. She was a woman of many beautiful traits of character.

The subject of this sketch worked on his father's farm from the time he was old enough to work, and he has followed farming all his life. In 1852 he came to his present farm in Iuka township, Marion county, having bought a part of it from the government or state. At that time the forests abounded in much wild game, such as deer, wolves, wild turkey. He has seen many a herd of deer from his cabin door. He cleared up the land and now has a model farm and modern farm buildings, all well kept, and his home is nicely and comfortably furnished. A glance over his well tilled and well fenced fields is sufficient to show that he is a man of thrift and rare soundness of judgment. He has in all about

three hundred acres, but he now rents out the land and is practically retired. He handles some good stock of various varieties.

April 13, 1847, Mr. Young was united in marriage with Sarah J. Songer, who was born in Washington county, Indiana, August 7, 1828, the daughter of Frederick and Jane (Helm) Songer, natives of Virginia, but they came to Washington county, Indiana, when young and married there, and in 1828 came to Clay county, Illinois, where they lived for a time. In 1835 they came to Marion county, settling in Omega township, where they farmed and where they died. They were members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Eleven children have been born to the subject and wife, namely: Amanda Elmira died in childhood; Marcus D. married Sarah Bobbett and they have two children, Franklin and Ada; Mary E. is the wife of George Cox, of Salem, Illinois; Emily Elvina is the wife of William Robinson, a farmer living in Iuka township, and she is the mother of two children, Ernest Roy and Flo; Eliza Alice, deceased, was the wife of Perry Cox and she left two children, William Jasper and George; Jennie is the wife of Grant Bumgarner, who lives in Texas; Douglas married Irena Buffington and they have two children, Charles and Ruth; Paul married Martha Criffield; Fred married Elva Wooden and they have three children, Pearl, Winafred and Verl; the tenth and eleventh children of the subject died unnamed.

Our subject has three great-grandchild-

dren. He and his good wife are now both more than eighty years old and are remarkably bright and active people for their years and considering the long years of hard work they both have done. Their happy, prosperous and harmonious wedded life extends over sixty years of time and they have celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. They are among the highly respected and prominent citizens of the county and greatly admired and beloved by everyone who knows them. Our subject is a loyal Democrat. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Iuka. They have always contributed liberally to church work, also have helped out school work and all kinds of public enterprises. Fraternally Mr. Young has belonged to the Masons since 1863.

Mr. Young was one of the brave and patriotic supporters of the Union who offered his services and his life in its defense during the War of the Rebellion, having enlisted in Company E, One Hundred and Eleventh Illinois Volunteer Infantry, August 8, 1862, and served in a most gallant manner until the close of the war. He was mustered in at Salem, Illinois, and mustered out in Washington, District of Columbia, and discharged at Springfield, Illinois. He was in the Second Brigade, Second Division, Fifteenth Army Corps, under General John A. Logan. He first did post duty at Columbus, Ohio, awhile, and then, in 1864, joined Sherman in his campaign about Atlanta, and was in the first battle of Resaca and in

the last battle of Shiloh. He also fought at Dallas, Kenesaw Mountain and Atlanta; in fact, he was in all the fighting around Atlanta. The last hard fight he was in was at Atlanta, Georgia. He was taken prisoner in front of Atlanta July 22, 1864, and after being transferred to various prisons in the South for a period of seven months, was finally paroled and later exchanged at Wilmington, North Carolina.

Mr. Young has always been a man of industry and he has honestly made what he has, having been a hard worker and a good manager. He has led a life of which no one might be ashamed in any way, for it has been one of sobriety and filled with good deeds.

HIRAM ORR.

Now that the summertime of life has ended and the autumn winds of old age have come, the subject of this review can look backward over a career that has been well spent, resulting in good to those whom it touched and has brought comfort to himself.

Hiram Orr was born in Licking county, Ohio, December 16, 1828, the son of Zachariah and Mary (Dusthimer) Orr, early settlers of the Buckeye state, where it is supposed they were born. Zachariah was a farmer, a Democrat, and a member of the Baptist church. He passed away in Licking county, Ohio, in 1891, his wife having died there at an earlier date. Six children

were born to them, namely: Robert, living in Licking county, Ohio; Hiram, our subject; Sarah, deceased; John, who is living in Kansas, a retired farmer; Cyrus, deceased; Eliza, also deceased. Zachariah was married a second time. When he died he had accumulated quite a competency, having been a very successful farmer.

Our subject remained at his parental home, assisting with the work about the place and attending the old pioneer schools in cabins with puncheon floors and seats and windows where greased paper was used for panes, until he was twenty-one years old. He has since added very much to the rudiments of education he gained there by systematic home reading and study, and close observation. When of age Mr. Orr decided to devote his life work to farming and consequently bought a farm in his native county, having managed it in a most successful manner until October 1, 1868, when he moved to Marion county, Illinois, believing that still greater advantages existed here on the less crowded western prairies than in the East and where land was much cheaper, having sold his Ohio farm at good figures.

Mr. Orr purchased two hundred and seventy-four acres of land in Stevenson township on which he continuously lived, bringing it up to a high state of improvement, in fact, making it one of the "show" farms of this locality, the fields being well fenced and well drained and kept in first class productive condition through the careful rotation of crops and the application of home

fertilizers, and on this place may always be found large numbers of all kinds of live stock of the best grade, Mr. Orr having ever taken a great interest in stock of various kinds. A modern, substantial and nicely furnished residence is owned by Mr. Orr and good barns and outbuildings in general are found about the place. Mr. Orr at present rents most of his land, but still oversees it, keeping it up to the high standard of former years.

In 1849 our subject was united in marriage with Mary Basom, who was born in Perry county, Ohio, about 1830, the daughter of Joshua and Elizabeth Emery, natives of New England. Three children were born to this union, namely: Frances, who is the wife of Peter M. Mechling, a farmer living in Perry county, Ohio. They are the parents of four children, namely: Hiram Orvil, Bertha, Frank and Fred, the last two twins; Martha, the second child of our subject, is the wife of Marion Tolliver Stevenson, who is living in Alma township, Marion county, this state, and are the parents of these children, Edgar, Mabel, Orin, Roy, Edna, Claud and Lloyd. Edith, the subject's third child, is the wife of John P. Brubaker, who is also living in Alma township, being the mother of two children, Hazel and Ada.

These children received all the home training possible and were given good educations, each being well situated in life.

Mr. Orr is a staunch Democrat in his political affiliation, although he has never

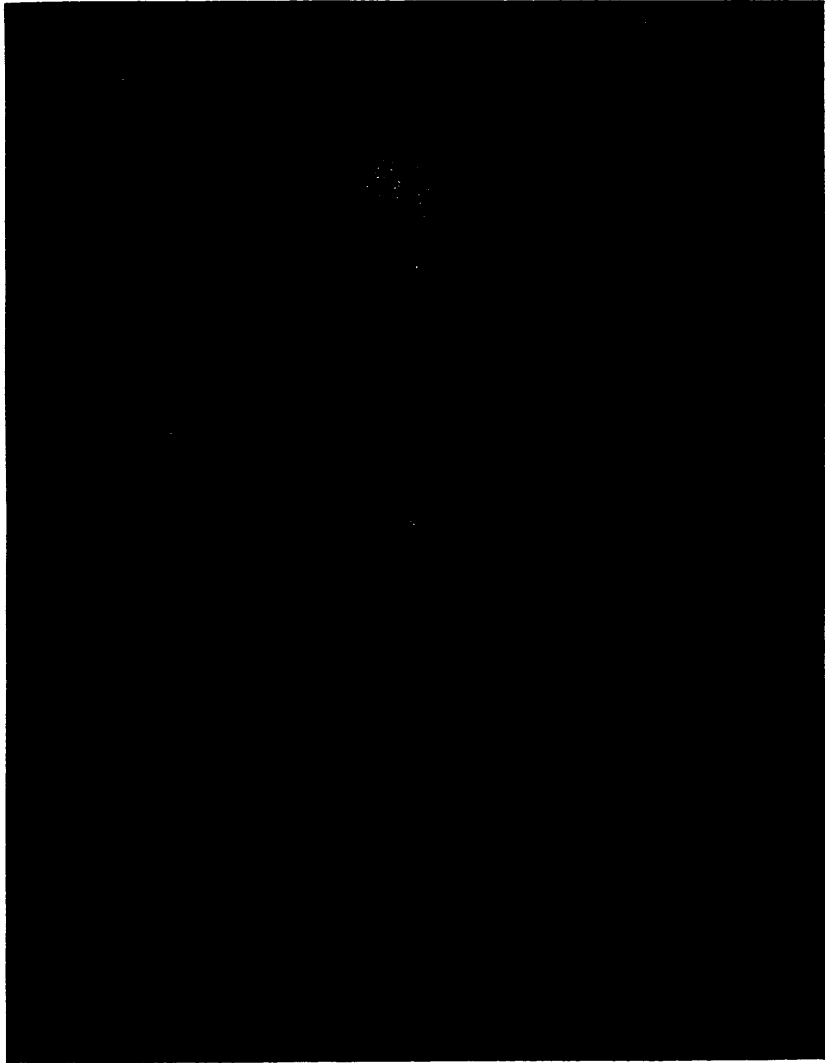
taken a very active part in public affairs. He ably filled the position of School Director and his support is always to be depended upon in any issue having for its object the betterment of the community in any way. The subject and wife are kind, hospitable and good natured, making all who enter their home feel like they were among friends.

RICHARD J. HOLSTLAW.

Among the best known and highly respected families of Marion county is found the one bearing the name that forms the caption of this article. Richard J. Holstlaw was born in this county on the 3d of April, 1837. He still lives on the farm where he was born and during this span of life he has witnessed most wonderful changes in the progress and development of the country.

Mr. Holstlaw is descended from those hardy pioneers that crossed the mountains into Kentucky and Tennessee, blazing the way through the wilderness, opening up for colonization and occupancy the rich hunting grounds south of the Ohio. This tide of immigrants gradually worked its way westward and northward, crossing the Ohio into Indiana and Illinois and blending here with the settlers coming from Pennsylvania, New York and New England.

Our subject's father, Daniel S. Holstlaw, was born near Glasgow, Kentucky, in 1813, toward the close of the second war with



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England. The treaty at the conclusion of this war stimulated the westward movement and when Daniel was eight years old he came to Paoli, Indiana, with his parents. His mother, Ruth (Middleton) Holstlaw, a native of Tennessee, was the eleventh of fourteen children and came to Marion county, Illinois, in 1833. At the age of nineteen years, Daniel Holstlaw left the Hoosier state and immigrated to Marion county, Illinois. Here he entered a claim and also purchased some land, paying seven dollars per acre. At this time the country was still in its primitive state, and the six children, of whom our subject was the second, became quite familiar with early day methods of getting along.

Among other things that Mr. Holstlaw relates are his school experiences. The expense of paying for an instructor was met on the subscription plan, and all the neighbors joined in to obtain the privilege of a schooling for their children. Wild game of all kinds still abounded in the forests and furnished part of the food for the settlers. One morning Mr. Holstlaw counted thirty-seven deer—after a night when the prairie was on fire, when they could be seen clearly—to say nothing of other game, so abundant then, but so rarely seen now. When we reflect over to the fact that such a span of years has witnessed so great a contrast between the present conditions and those of that day, it seems almost a fiction. Yet one needs but to ponder over the wonderful changes of the last decade to convince him

that we are even now already in the shadow of what will come tomorrow. While now the traction engine pulls the series of breaking plows rapidly through the sod, Mr. Holstlaw recalls the time when he followed the four yoke of patient oxen that composedly drew through the virgin soil the hand-made plow of hickory wood. Today the hay-loader puts the sweet-scented product of the meadow on the wagon and at the driver's feet, while then the dogwood fork, whittled by hand, was the only tool available. Fur and hides were hauled to St. Louis, seventy-five miles away, and court was held in a log structure at the county seat of Salem.

We shall now turn our attention to the domestic relations of our subject. In 1863 he was joined in marriage to Mary (Gagger) Barry. This union, though happy, was destined to be brief, for ere long the young wife was called hence, followed soon after by her infant child. On July 18, 1869, Mr. Holstlaw took as his second wife Rachel Barry, this union resulting in the birth of the following children: Effie I., who became the wife of Louis Barksdale; the son is Forrest D., the second daughter of the family, Carrie A., has become the wife of Walter K. Shook.

In his political affiliations Mr. Holstlaw has adhered to the Democratic party, and he is a devoted member of the Cumberland Presbyterian church. He and his wife are well known in the entire community as exemplary and worthy citizens.

HENRY SPRING.

This biographical memoir has to do with a character of unusual force and eminence, for Henry Spring, whose life chapter has been closed by the fate that awaits us all, was for a long lapse of years one of the prominent citizens of Richland county, having come to this section in pioneer times, and he assisted in every way possible in bringing about the transformation of the county from the wild condition found by the first settlers to its later day progress and improvement. While he carried on a special line of business in such a manner as to gain a comfortable competence for himself, he also belonged to that class of representative citizens who promote the public welfare while advancing individual success. There were in him sterling traits which commanded uniform confidence and regard, and his memory is today honored by all who knew him, and is enshrined in the hearts of his many friends.

Henry Spring was born near Sheffield, England, December 2, 1806, the son of Thomas and Margaret (Bishop) Spring, also natives of England. Thomas Spring was a professional landscape gardener. He was the father of five sons, namely: Sidney, Archibald, Henry, John and George. The family emigrated to America in 1819, the father dying in Pennsylvania on the overland trip to Illinois. The mother and children located on a farm in Edwards county, near Albion, this state. Henry and John remained on the farm during the lifetime

of their mother. Henry Spring, our subject, was thirteen years old when he came to Illinois, and where he received most of his education in the subscription schools. However, he began his education in England. The mother was highly educated and taught at home. Henry was in business a short time near Evansville, Indiana, later returning to Edwards county, where he married in January, 1842. He came to Olney and was the second merchant to engage in business. His store was located in a small room belonging to T. W. Lilley, being a part of his residence. He was a typical pioneer and had a country stock of goods which he bought on credit, which proved to be the foundation of a later fortune. In the fall of 1842 he built a frame building at the corner of Main and Fair streets, with living rooms in the rear. About 1855 he sold out to P. P. Bower. In 1856 he built a brick building at the southwest corner of Main and Boone streets, and about 1859 again engaged in the merchandise business. The ground on which the building stands was bought from the government by T. W. Lilley, transferred to John Allen and then to the subject of this sketch, and is still owned by his family. In 1848 he built a two-story frame building for a residence at the southeast corner of Main and Fair streets, which was very pretentious for those days. In 1866 he retired from the mercantile business and in the store building now owned by his sons, plans for the organization of the First National Bank were consummated in December, 1865, he being one of the instigators and the leading

spirit in the enterprise, and Mr. Spring was made its first president, which position he held with great credit to his ability for a period of twenty years, with the exception of one year. In the same store room in 1883 plans were formulated for the organization of the Olney National Bank, and our subject having severed his connection with the First National Bank, became president and principal stockholder of the new bank, remaining at the head of the same for six years. He became known as a man of the strictest integrity, his word being as good as his bond, and those dealing with him were required as much. His life was devoted to his family, for he avoided society, not caring for any public display, and he belonged to no secret orders and was affiliated with no church, neither had he any political aspirations except to vote the Republican ticket, having originally been a Whig. He was a very successful business man, being conservative, careful and exercised various English traits of character, and he accumulated an honest fortune. He was a patriotic man and served in the Black Hawk war.

After a long, honorable and successful career, Henry Spring was called from his labors August 20, 1890, being nearly eighty-four years old, having been active and in possession of all his faculties up to within a few years prior to his death. He was a man of great strength and vitality in his prime.

Henry Spring was united in marriage December 31, 1841, to Caroline Russell Mount, a native of Nantuckett Island, the

daughter of Freeman Marshall and Mary Ann (Russell) Mount, natives of Massachusetts.

Twelve children were born to the subject and wife, four of whom died in infancy. The eight living children are as follows: Mary, who was the first white child born in what is now the town of Olney, having been born November 22, 1842; she married Thomas W. Scott, who was in partnership with her father in 1865. He is now Attorney General of Illinois. Florence is the second living child, and is the wife of John H. Senseman, cashier of the Olney bank; Edward M., is a business man in Olney; Caroline M. is living at home; Elizabeth is the wife of Medford Powell, of Olney; Laura is a member of the family circle; Harry B. is in business in Olney; Kate L. is the wife of Doctor Watkins, of Olney.

Mrs. Spring, a woman of gracious personality, survived her husband until June 20, 1904, when she passed to her rest, being past eighty-three years of age.

Edward M. Spring, son of our subject, was born in Olney, Illinois, July 30, 1852, being reared in Olney, where he received his education in the public schools. He also attended Asbury College, now DePauw University, but he did not graduate from that institution, however, he made a splendid record for scholarship. When eighteen years of age he went to Kansas, where he spent two years. In 1872 he engaged in the seed and produce business, and has successfully continued in the same ever since, being in the store room formerly built and oc-

cupied by his father. James G. Hollister was his partner for sixteen years, and in 1888 the firm became Spring Brothers, which is still the name of the firm. A very large business has been built up and a good trade is carried on throughout this locality.

Edward M. Spring was united in marriage December 25, 1873, to Kate Radenscroft, a native of New Albany, Indiana, the daughter of William E. and Anna C. (Jackson) Radenscroft, formerly of England, who came to Philadelphia. The father of the subject's wife was formerly a Methodist minister. Both are now deceased. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Spring: Lawrence E., who lives in Owensboro, Kentucky, in the milling business; Ethel is living at home. She was educated at Olney and in Indianapolis, and received a musical education in Cincinnati and Chicago, becoming a proficient musician. She is at this writing (1909) supervisor of music in the public schools of Olney. Mr. Spring is a Republican but not a politician. He served one term as Alderman. He is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Modern Woodmen and the Knights of Pythias. He has a beautiful home and there is a large oak tree in his yard under which John A. Logan made his first speech in behalf of the Republican party, October 12, 1866, as a candidate for Congressman at large. At that time the place of residence of the subject was a part of the splendid grove adjoining the village of Olney, where picnics and rallies were held.

Harry Bishop Spring, son of Henry Spring, our subject, was born in Olney, Illinois, where he was reared and where he received his education in the public schools. He was also a student of the University of Illinois at Champaign. He obtained a good education, and after leaving school spent six or seven years in the South and West, being on the coast for some time. After returning to Olney he engaged in the seed and produce business in 1888, with his brother, under the firm name of Spring Brothers.

Harry B. Spring was united in marriage June 17, 1890, to Victoria Eckenrode, a native of Sumner, Illinois, the daughter of Sylvester J. and Mary Eckenrode, a former business man of Olney. One daughter was born, a winsome little girl named Marjorie. Mrs. Spring was called to her rest January 4, 1905. Harry Spring is a Republican in politics, and is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

The family of our subject has long been recognized as leaders in industrial affairs in Richland county, being people of the highest integrity and worth, for when Henry Spring passed away he left his family the priceless heritage of an untarnished name, to the county the value of good citizenship, and to the young an example well worthy of emulation. Public opinion in passing judgment upon his life work, classed him with the men of honor and worth, and with the pioneers of Richland county his name is forever inscribed, shining out with peculiar luster.

JUDGE JOHN S. STONECIPHER.

No history of Marion county could be consistent with itself were there failure to make specific mention of the honored pioneer family of which the subject of this sketch is a worthy scion, and no better or more significant evidence as to the long identification of the name with the annals of this section of the state can be offered than implied in the simple statement that the record of this interesting and representative family has been one of highest honor for a period of sixty-five years to the time of this writing. The subject has passed his entire life in Marion county, and has ably upheld the high prestige of the honored name which he bears. He is one of the prominent and influential representatives of the legal and industrial world of the county, and it is with much satisfaction that we offer in this work a review of his genealogical and personal history.

Judge John S. Stonecipher, like scores of our best citizens in every line of endeavor, was born on a farm, the old homestead being located about ten miles southeast of Salem, his birth occurring on July 7, 1868. His father was Samuel Stonecipher, a Tennessean who came to Marion county, Illinois, about 1843, having successfully followed agricultural pursuits and became a man of considerable influence in his community. He here erected a primitive dwelling which was the family domicile for a number of years. The tales of the pioneer days have been often told, and it is needless

to here recapitulate the same, for privations, vicissitudes and strenuous labors of the early settlers have been so recorded as to make special mention superfluous, though it is well in such connection to refer to those who lived and labored so earnestly in laying the foundation for the opulent prosperity which marks this favored section of the state at the present time. Samuel Stonecipher was called from his earthly labors in 1898, while living on a farm in Haines township, two and one-half miles east of old Foxville. The mother of our subject was Susan (Ross) Stonecipher, also a native of Tennessee who passed to her rest when Judge Stonecipher was one and one-half years old. Eight children were born to the union of Samuel and Susan Stonecipher, four of whom are living in 1908. These are, besides the subject of this sketch, Alexander, a farmer in Haines township, Marion county; Joseph C., a farmer in southeastern Kansas; M. C., a Presbyterian minister at Troy Grove, Illinois. Samuel Stonecipher, father of the subject, was three times married. His first wife was a Miss Henderson; the second a Miss Ross, mother of the subject; and the third was Mary Chance, who died three months after her husband's death.

Grandfather Stonecipher reached almost the unprecedented age of one hundred and ten years. He was reared in Knox county, Tennessee.

Judge Stonecipher was reared on the parental farm, and after attending the country schools he entered Ewing College in Franklin county, Illinois, where he made

a brilliant record for both scholarship and deportment, taking a two years' general course. He then attended the Southern Illinois Normal School for two years, and began teaching school, which he continued for three successful terms, but believing that his true life work lay in another channel he began reading law with Judge John B. Kagy, of Salem. After reading law for one year he attended the Valparaiso University, law department, for one year, in which he made rapid progress. He was admitted to the bar at Salem in 1891 and began practice soon afterward. His success was instantaneous, and his friends were not mistaken in their prediction that the future held many honors in store for him. He was early in life singled out for political preferment and served as Deputy Sheriff from 1889 to 1890, while reading law. He has ably served two terms as City Attorney of Salem, and was Master in Chancery for four years, from 1896 to 1900, having first been appointed by Judge Burroughs, and later by Judge Dwight. In 1906 our subject had attained such general popularity in the legal world that he was elected Judge of Marion county on the Democratic ticket in which capacity he is still serving in 1908, with entire satisfaction to his constituents and all concerned. He was chairman of the Democratic County Central Committee at the time of his election to the judgeship. He was selected as alternate to the Democratic national convention held in St. Louis in 1904. Having become so well known in the political arena of his native community the judge will

doubtless be honored by many other offices of public trust by his party in the future.

Judge Stonecipher has been equally successful in industrial affairs, being something of a wizard in organizing, promoting and carrying to successful issues various lines of business, and it is due to his clear brain, well grounded judgment and indomitable energy that many of Marion county's successful industrial institutions owe their existence. At present he is vice-president of the Salem State Bank, president of the Salem Box Company, the leading manufacturing enterprise of Salem; he is also trustee of the Sandoval Coal and Mining Company, now bankrupt, a large and important trusteeship. He is also a stockholder in the Salem National Bank and a director of the Salem Building and Loan Association. He was chairman of the building committee that built the new Methodist Episcopal church in Salem, one of the finest in Illinois, and it was largely due to his energy and keen business sagacity that this handsome structure, which will ever be a monument to his memory as well as a pride and splendid advertisement to the city of Salem, assumed definite form.

Fraternally Judge Stonecipher is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias and the Woodmen. He has occupied the chairs in the Odd Fellows, and his daily life would indicate that he believes in carrying out the noble precepts advocated by these praiseworthy orders.

Judge Stonecipher's domestic life dates

from August 17, 1904, when he was happily married to Amy Bachman, the refined and cultured daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Bachman, the latter the well known and influential president of the Salem National Bank. Mrs. Stonecipher received a good education, having applied herself diligently to her educational work and the success of her worthy life companion is due in no small measure to the encouragement and sympathy of this most estimable woman, who presides over her model and harmonious household with grace and dignity.

Two bright and interesting children have blessed the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stonecipher with cheer and sunshine. They are: Frank G., born July 8, 1905, and Maude Louise, born July 24, 1907.

Judge Stonecipher has been very successful in both his business and political life. He is regarded as a man of exceptional soundness of judgment, and when his name is connected with any business institution the public knows that the same is sound and does not hesitate to place its funds at his disposal, whether it be in a banking institution or manufacturing enterprise.

HON. EDWARD S. WILSON.

It will invariably be found, if an examination be made into the life records of self-made men, that untiring industry forms the basis of their success. It is true that many other elements enter in, such as fortitude,

perseverance, keen discernment and honesty of purpose which enables one to recognize business opportunities, but the foundation of all worthy achievements in earnest, persistent labor. The gentlemen whose name forms the caption of this article recognized this fact early in life and did not seek to gain any short or magical method to the goal of prosperity. On the contrary, he began to work earnestly and diligently in order to advance himself along laudable lines and from a humble beginning he has become one of the prominent men of the great Prairie state. As a lawyer, Hon. Edward S. Wilson had few equals in Southern Illinois for upwards of half a century. He was for years a leading member of the bar in Olney and is one of the old and highly esteemed citizens of this place, now living in quiet retirement, enjoying the respite due a long and strenuous career. Finding him in a retrospective and reminiscent mood we quote from an interview with this distinguished character as follows:

“My grandfather, James Wilson, migrated from Hardy county, Virginia, to South Bend, Indiana, in the year 1813, and the next year removed to Palestine, Crawford county, Illinois, bringing with him a numerous family of sons and daughters, among them my father, Isaac N. Wilson, who was born July 21, 1804. On October 13, 1829, he married Hannah H. Decken, who was born December 13, 1810, at the town of Vincennes, Indiana, to which place her father moved from Romney, Virginia, in 1808 or 1809, from whence he soon moved to a farm three miles north of Palestine. There were nine boys and two

daughters born to my father and mother. Three of us still survive. I was born June 25, 1839. I was educated in the common schools of Palestine, and was always of a reading rather than of a studious disposition. Any book of history or romance could attract my attention from more serious study. So my mind is a hotch-potch of useless lumber. I know a great amount of worthless things and nothing well.

"I can distinctly remember the pioneer days of Illinois when the flax and cotton with which we were largely clothed were raised by the farmers of Crawford county, which were spun and woven by the mothers and daughters of the farmers who were entirely from the Southern States, Virginia, North and South Carolina, Kentucky and Tennessee. The wheels of the wagons consisted of sections sawn off a log, usually a sycamore. Oxen were more common than horses.

"The principal amusements in those days were bear basting, horse racing, and last, but not least, fist fighting. Residents of the county would gather at Palestine every Saturday and most of them would fill up on old Monongahela whisky and by noon the fighting would begin. I have seen sixty fights in progress at one time. When the fight was over there was no malice nor desire for revenge, and the victor was the best man until at a later date the fight could be repeated, if the conquered was not satisfied, when frequently the outcome was reversed. I was eighteen years of age before I saw a railroad or a train of cars.

"When about eighteen years old I began the study of law in the office of James C. Al-

len, of Palestine, then a member of Congress from the Tenth District from Illinois. I was admitted to the bar in 1861, and commenced the practice of law at Robinson, Crawford county, Illinois. In 1864, I remove to Olney, Richland county, where I still reside. I practiced in the courts of this and adjoining counties until 1890, at which time I was nominated by the Democratic party for State Treasurer and was elected to that office. For many years my hearing had been defective and it grew worse, and after retiring from the office of State Treasurer I never resumed practice on account of my hearing. Since that time I have lived the life of a farmer and man of leisure, reading much, but only for entertainment. I have pursued no settled line, but have read everything from theology to the flimsiest romance, but I have spent more time on history than any other line and would be a good historian if I had been a student instead of a mere reader.

"On June 17, 1867, I married Ann C. Rowland, daughter of Townsend and Eliza S. Rowland, of Olney, Illinois. To us have been born four sons, three living, and one daughter, who died leaving one son. One son died in infancy. My wife is still living, and divides with me the burden of reading all the latest works, historical and fiction."

Agriculture, horticulture and stock raising have occupied Mr. Wilson's attention of late years. He owns about one thousand acres of valuable land in Richland county, a part of which is devoted to the propagation of fruit for commercial purposes. Part of the farm is in the city limits of Olney where he has a modern and commodious residence, sur-

round by beautiful grounds, extensive and carefully kept. His home is one of the most pretentious in the county. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson are widely known for their hospitality and their home is often the gathering place for their numerous friends and admirers where good cheer is always to be found. For a number of years Mr. Wilson paid considerable attention to the breeding of Clydesdale horses and Shetland ponies, and he produced some fine specimens which were prize winners at state fairs. The subject was largely instrumental in securing the state fair for Olney for two years, 1887 and 1888. Mr. Wilson is the founder and principal stockholder of the ice plant at Olney, where large quantities of artificial ice are manufactured, in connection with a cold storage, packing industry, etc.

Mr. Wilson has always been a staunch Democrat and active politically. He has always been interested in whatever tended to promote the interests of his city and county. For twenty years he was Master in Chancery. Because of his public-spirit, his honesty of purpose, genuine worth and congenial disposition, no man is better or more favorably known in Southern Illinois than he.

J. E. CASTLE.

Those who belong to the respectable middle classes of society, being early taught the necessity of relying upon their own exertions, will be more apt to acquire that information and those business habits which alone can fit them for the discharge of life's

duties, and, indeed, it has long been a noticeable fact that our great men in nearly all walks of life in America spring from this class. The subject of this sketch, whose life history we herewith delineate is a worthy representative of the class from which the true noblemen of the Republic spring.

J. E. Castle was born in Gallipolis, Ohio, in 1845, the son of George W. Castle, also a native of the Buckeye state, where he was born in Zanesville in that conspicuous year in American history, 1812. He came to Illinois with his family in 1861, settling at Salem. By profession he was a contractor and builder, but he was in the drug business while in Salem, and was also interested in farming, however, he did some contracting here, and in all made a success, for he was a man of much business ability. While a resident of Ohio he was for some time a Justice of the Peace, having always taken considerable interest in political and public affairs. He was called from his earthly labors in 1872 after an active and useful life.

George Washington Castle was the subject's grandfather, of Irish ancestry. He was loyal to the American government and was a captain of a company in the War of 1812, having met his death while gallantly leading a battalion of volunteers at Fort Erie in 1812, the same year the father of our subject was born, as already indicated. The original Castle family is related to the Newtons, a prominent and influential family of Cincinnati, Ohio. Grandfather Castle's family consisted of three children, two sons and one daughter.

The mother of our subject was known in

her maidenhood as Eliza Bing, a native of Gallia county, Ohio, her people being natives of the Buckeye state. She was a woman of many praiseworthy traits, and she was united in marriage with George W. Castle about 1832. She was called to her rest in 1858 while living at Gallipolis, Ohio. Six children constituted the family of this couple, of whom our subject is the only survivor. The names of these children follow in order of their birth: Dr. W. H., who died in St. Louis in 1882; Captain George E., who died in Salem, Illinois, in 1887; Eva M., who died at Tonti, Marion county, June 30, 1903; Dr. Charles E., who died at Great Bend, Kansas, in 1897; John E. died at Gallipolis, Ohio, in 1859, when eight years old; J. E., our subject, was the fourth in order of birth.

J. E. Castle spent his boyhood in Gallipolis, Ohio, where he attended the public schools and received in part a good education, for he was always an ambitious lad and applied himself in a commendable manner to his text-books. He came to Salem, Illinois, in 1861, and in the spring of 1862, immediately after the battle of Shiloh, he enlisted in the Union army, believing that it was the duty of loyal citizens of the Republic to sever home ties and do what they could in saving the nation's integrity. He was in the Fifteenth Army Corps under John A. Logan, with General James Stewart Martin in Company H, One Hundred and Eleventh Illinois Volunteer Infantry, having been sergeant of the company of which his brother, George E. Castle, was captain. He

served with distinction in this regiment, the operations of which is given in detail in the sketch of General Martin in this work, until the close of the war, and he passed in the grand review in Washington City before the President and all the generals of the army. He brought home a Confederate flag.

On June 27, 1864, the subject was in the battle of Kenesaw Mountain when the whole of Sherman's army charged the forces of General Johnson entrenched on the mountain.

He took part in two months of continuous fighting about Atlanta, July 22 and 28, 1864, being memorable dates in that city's history. On the first mentioned date, General McPherson was killed and on this date, General James S. Martin, of Salem, was made a brigadier general. On July 28th was fought a desperate battle lasting all day, on which day General Martin's line received seven terrific charges and never moved a foot. On August 3d another hard battle was fought in the siege of Atlanta, when Sherman's army escaped from Hood.

On August 31st the subject was in the capture of Atlanta, after which he went with Sherman on his march to the sea. On December 14th, following the battle at Fort McAllister was fought and captured by Hazen's division, which meant virtually the capture of Savannah, as Johnson then evacuated this place. The army then went on to Hitton Head, South Carolina, and then Columbia, South Carolina, was captured. At Fort McAllister our subject and his brother

captured a Confederate flag and many other relics which they brought home.

After his career in the army Mr. Castle returned to Salem and took a course in the high school, after which he went to Wesleyan University at Delaware, Ohio, taking a three years' course in the sciences and making a brilliant record in the same. Upon his return to Salem he went into the hardware business in which he remained until 1878, building up an excellent trade in the meantime. He then traveled for ten years for the Champion Harvesting Machine Company, giving entire satisfaction to this company, the patronage of which he caused to be greatly increased. Then, much to the regret of his employers, he severed his connection with the Champion people and engaged with his brother, Captain George E. Castle, in the cattle business in Southwest Kansas, which enterprise was continued with the most gratifying results up to the time of the latter's death. Since then our subject has been farming. He has an excellent farm property which is kept in a high state of improvement, and which yields a comfortable income from year to year through the skillful management of the subject. On this farm is to be found an excellent orchard of thirty acres, Mr. Castle having been an enthusiastic horticulturist for several years. He has a substantial dwelling house and many convenient out buildings on his farm which he oversees, but does not live on.

The domestic life of Mr. Castle dates from 1897 when he was united in marriage

with Arabella Whittaker, the refined and affable daughter of R. H. Whittaker. The parents of Mrs. Castle were both born in Ireland. They came to Salem, Illinois, in 1852, the father of our subject's wife having been one of the civil engineers that surveyed the route for the Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern Railroad, at that time known as the Ohio & Mississippi Railroad. R. H. Whittaker passed away in June, 1889, at Salem, his life companion having preceded him to the silent land in 1881.

The subject's wife was the only child of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Whittaker. She is a highly accomplished woman, well educated and talented. She is an able and noted teacher of both music and painting, being the only art teacher in Salem. She is regarded by every one who has seen her work as being a finished and accomplished artist and she has a beautiful studio in connection with her home. She reveres the memory of her parents and likes to tell of the happy days when R. H. Whittaker was station agent for the Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern road at Salem, which position he held for several years. He was also fuel agent for many years and had a wide acquaintance among railroad men. He quit railroad business several years before he died, and engaged in the lumber business in Salem, which he was engaged in at the time of his death.

Mr. and Mrs. Castle have no children.

Mr. Castle is a member of the ancient and honorable order of Masons, also the Knights Templar and the Grand Army of the Re-

public. And Mr. and Mrs. Castle are both ardent members of the Episcopal church. Our subject was a member of the building committee that erected the handsome new edifice in Salem, and he takes a special interest in all the affairs of this church.

In the modern, substantial and beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. Castle which stands on Whittaker street in Salem, is to be found many curios and relics, especially of the Civil war. The beautiful art treasures of Mrs. Castle are numerous, the walls being hung with many excellent pictures, the handiwork of Mrs. Castle, and their elegantly furnished home is regarded as a place where hospitality is always unstintingly dispensed.

JAMES. F. HYATT.

“Through struggle to triumph” seems to be the maxim which holds sway for the majority of our citizens, and, though it is undoubtedly true that many fall exhausted in the conflict, a few by their inherent force of character and strong mentality, rise above their environment and all which seems to hinder them, until they reach the plane of affluence toward which their face was set through the long years of struggle that must necessarily precede any accomplishment of great magnitude. Such has been the history of Mr. Hyatt, proprietor of the well known Linden Lawn Dairy, and in his life record many useful lessons may be gleaned.

James F. Hyatt was born in Versailles, Indiana, January 7, 1855, the son of Hiram and Bythynia (Alley) Hyatt, the former a

native of Indiana, and the latter of Kentucky. The subject's father was a stockman and farmer, and for many years carried on a stock business on an extensive scale near Versailles, having died in Clay City, Indiana, in 1905. His widow, a woman of many praiseworthy traits, like those of her husband, is still living at this writing (1908). They were the parents of five children who grew to maturity, and who reside in Indiana, with the exception of the subject, who is the eldest of the family. He was reared in his native county where he received a common school education, having attended the Quaker Academy for two years at Butlerville, Indiana. He decided to become acquainted with the manufacture of woolen goods, and accordingly early in life went to work in a woolen mill, also worked in a flour mill owned by his father, where he remained for several years. When twenty years old he went to what is now Clay City, Indiana, it being a railroad terminus before a post-office was established. A coal mine had been developed there. He secured employment with the coal company as weigh boss, later in a clerical capacity, having given the company entire satisfaction in this work. In 1878 he started a small merchandise business which was successful from the first, and also became interested in coal mining, brick manufacturing, milling and various enterprises which he carried on with his usual successful methods, and operated stores in a number of different places, in fact, he purchased large stocks of goods in various eastern cities, shipping the same to different states and closing them out. His advance-

ment was rapid and most successful. In 1894 to 1896 he sold all his interests in Indiana, having previously got possession of large tracts of land in Arkansas, establishing a colony in northeastern Arkansas, and has been instrumental in locating many families from the northern and eastern states on the same. He still carries on this business with gratifying results. He went to Chicago to live, where he resided until coming to Olney in 1900.

At the time he came to Olney he purchased the Linden Lawn Dairy, which he has since managed in a most successful manner, having made many improvements, increasing the capacity of the dairy, enlarging the barns, improving the fertility of the land, and in many ways making it one of the model dairies of the state. He has one hundred head of dairy stock. There is a great demand for all that his dairy produces in Olney, where all his dairy products are readily disposed of. This business was originally established by the Linden Lawn Farming Company, a corporation organized or promoted by C. S. Mace, now deceased. Mr. Mace conceived the idea of forming a corporation for carrying on farming and dairying on an extensive scale, with the idea of also making it a co-operative institution. All employes invested twenty-five per cent. of wages in stock and received pro rata of profits of the business. It grew to extensive proportions, consisting of farming, horticulture, dairying and stock raising. Modern buildings and equipment were provided. At the time of the death of Mr. Mace, the promoter, in 1900, the stockholders decided to

close the corporation and sell the property. Accordingly in September of that year, James F. Hyatt, our subject, purchased the same and has since carried on the work on a paying basis, assisted by his wife, who is actively connected with the management. The dairy has eighty stalls for milch cows, besides large sheds in close proximity. There is a silo with four hundred tons capacity, which was one of the first built in this county. Linden Lawn consists of one hundred and sixty-three acres, all inside the corporate limits of Olney. Land on part of three sides is platted and partly improved. The land is in a high state of fertility. Sixty-five acres are in bearing order in fine condition. The dwelling is of pressed brick, stone trimmings, slate roof, is commodious, convenient, and has all modern conveniences and appliances, large verandas, stone, brick and concrete walks, large well, beautifully shaded lawn. The building occupies elevated ground, giving a splendid view of the city. The barn is metal roofed and has every modern equipment for furnishing high grade, sanitary milk. The barn has steam and electric power, electric lights, running water, concrete floors, and is in every way up-to-date. The dairy herd is mostly full blood Jersey. In fact, this is without doubt one of the very finest farms in Illinois, and one would be compelled to search long and far to surpass it in any state.

Mr. Hyatt was united in marriage in 1888 to Iva Grim, a native of Coal City, Indiana, the daughter of Henry and Charity (Gray) Grim, natives of Ohio, both now deceased. The father of Mrs. Hyatt was a

farmer and merchant, a civil engineer and surveyor, and a pioneer of Coal City. One son, Frederick, a lad of much business promise, now seventeen years old, has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Hyatt.

In 1902 Mr. Hyatt purchased the opera house block, a three-story brick structure. He remodeled the interior and converted the top floors into a modern opera house, refurnished and entirely overhauled the same. The interior decorations and arrangements compare favorably with the smaller opera houses in the large cities. This splendid, safe and comfortable play-house is greatly appreciated by the citizens of this community and much credit is given the owner for its establishment.

In his political relations Mr. Hyatt is a Republican. He is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Lodge No. 926, at Olney. He is president of the Business Men's Association of Olney. Mrs. Hyatt is a member of the Christian church.

James F. Hyatt is a thoroughly practical business man, which fact, coupled with his undoubted ability as an organizer and promoter, contains the secret of the success of the institution of which he is the head.

WILLIAM L. DRAPAR.

Mr. Drapar has for many years been an honored resident of Marion county, whose interests he has ever had at heart, and who has, while advancing his own welfare done

much toward promulgating the civic, industrial and moral tone of the vicinity. His career has been one of hard work and integrity, consequently he is deserving of the respect in which he is held by everyone.

William L. Drapar was born in Fayette county, Illinois, October 29, 1850, the son of John B. Drapar, a native of Tennessee, who came to Illinois when a mere lad, in the days when the inhabitants wore buckskin breeches and when the forests abounded in wild game and the hills and prairies were overrun by the red men. Grandfather Drapar was also a native of Tennessee, who brought his son, father of our subject, to this state, settling in Fayette county. Grandfather was a well known lawyer in his day and served as Judge of Lafayette county. Vandalia, the county seat, was then the state capital. Judge Drapar, like most pioneer men, was the father of a large family, he and his faithful life companion becoming the parents of fifteen children, three pairs of twins. He was a Jeffersonian Democrat and a soldier in the Mexican war. He subsequently moved to Salem where he was called from his earthly labors at the age of fifty-six years, and he was buried at Xenia, Clay county.

John B. Drapar moved to Salem in 1856. He was a blacksmith of extraordinary skill, and for some time drove a stage-coach on the old Vandalia line. He enlisted in the Union army during the Civil war, but never saw service. He died about 1896.

The mother of the subject of this sketch was known in her maidenhood as Jeanette

Abel, who was born in Bowling Green, Kentucky, the representative of a Southern family of honorable repute. The date of her birth occurred February 16, 1828, and she was summoned to join the "choir invisible" in 1904, while living at the home of our subject in Salem and she is buried in the cemetery here. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. John B. Drapar: Margaret, widow of Elisha Ledgerwood, who is living in the state of Washington; William L., our subject; Edwin, who died when four years old; an infant girl, deceased.

William L. Drapar, the subject of this sketch, was reared in Salem where he received the customary common school education. At an early age he assisted his father in a blacksmith shop. When twenty-one he was thrown on his own resources, but being a youth of indomitable energy and courage, he went to work with a will and has prospered all his subsequent life. He went into the milling business in 1872 at Salem and has been thus engaged since that time, becoming known as one of the leading milling men in this part of the state, having been eminently successful in this enterprise from the first. He worked for E. Hull, father of Senator C. E. Hull, for eighteen years. Since January, 1890, he has been associated with Senator Hull in business, operating the Salem Brick Mill, the style of the firm being Hull & Drapar. The present building which this firm occupies was erected in 1860, but has since been remodeled into a modern and substantial build-

ing. They do a general milling business and their products are known not only throughout Marion county where they have a very extensive trade, but all over this part of the state and to remote sections of this and other states.

Mr. Drapar was united in marriage first in 1872 with Sarah J. Fair, whose parents died when she was two years old and she was reared by a family named Castle who came to Salem from Ohio at the close of the war. She was a woman of many commendable traits of character, and to this union the following interesting family was born: Ira and Louie, twins, born July 11, 1874. The first named is living in Holdenville, Oklahoma, where he is Assistant Cashier of the Second National Bank. He is also City Recorder of Holdenville. He is a graduate of the Salem high school in which he made a splendid record, and he is also a graduate of the Flora Business College. For three years he was manager of a large lumber company in Oklahoma in which state he is very popular. Louie lives in Chicago where he has a responsible position with the Santa Fe Railroad Company, which regards him as one of their most faithful and trusted employes. Leslie, the third child, was born July 28, 1878. He is also a graduate of the Salem high school. He is now living in New Mexico in the employ of the Harvey Dining Service Company. He has been a dining car conductor for years. He had the distinction of serving for one year as superintendent of the dining service at Yale University. He

is an expert at this line of business and has gained wide notoriety among the people of this business. George, the fourth child, was born November 12, 1882. He holds the responsible position as cashier and bookkeeper of the Sherman House in Chicago. Babel, the winsome and accomplished daughter of the subject and wife, was born March 5, 1890, and she is yet a member of the family circle, keeping house for her father.

Mrs. Drapar passed to her eternal rest on August 15, 1894, after a useful and beautiful life. Mr. Drapar was again married on June 14, 1899, to Isabel Bell, daughter of Philo Bell, of Sumner, Illinois. Mr. Bell was a stage driver on the old Vincennes & St. Louis line before the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad was built. This wife died without issue May 3, 1907, of a paralytic stroke. She was a woman of strong character and had many faithful friends.

Mr. Drapar has always taken considerable interest in political affairs. He served as City Alderman for six years in a most creditable manner. He was school director for five years, during which time the local schools felt a great impetus. He was tax collector for one year, refusing to serve longer, much to the regret of every one concerned.

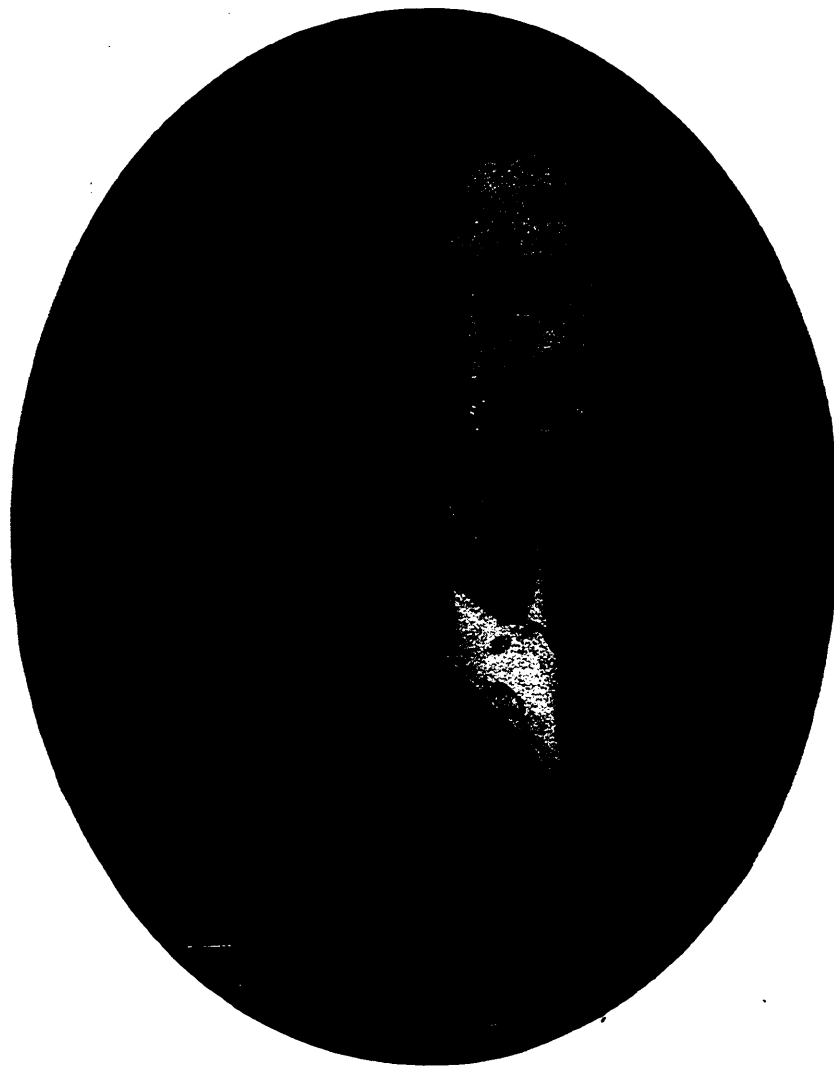
Fraternally, Mr. Drapar has been a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows since 1874, occupying all the chairs, both Subordinate and Encampment. He has attended the Grand Lodges regularly for twenty-two years. He met with the

Sovereign Grand Lodge at St. Louis several years ago. Mr. Drapar has been a member of the Presbyterian church since a boy. He belongs to that class of citizens who by their support of the moral, political and social status for the general good, promote the real welfare of their respective communities.

A. M. PEDDICORD.

It is interesting to study the life record of such a man as the gentleman whose name appears above owing to the fact that he began life under no favorable auspices and has had to battle his own way through the world, but he has succeeded remarkably well and has shown how a man can "go it alone" when once his face is set in the right direction and he has the courage of his convictions. Therefore, for this and many other reasons, not the least of which is the fact that he is one of the brave veterans of the great war of the Rebellion, efficiently serving his country during its dark days, we take pleasure in giving him a place in this work.

A. M. Peddicord was born in Bracken county, Kentucky, June 4, 1841, and he was about fourteen years old when he came to Marion county, Illinois, and spent most of the time since then in Carrigan township. He is the son of Nelson and Rebecca Peddicord, the subject's parents having been cousins. The father died when the subject was very young and he has but little recol-



A. M. PEDDICORD.

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lection of him. The subject's mother was born in Mason county, Kentucky, and died about fifteen years ago. There were six children in the family of Nelson Peddicord and wife, namely: Emanuel J., who first married Hester Lawrence, and they became the parents of three children; his second wife was Sallie Hooker and they became the parents of five or six children; Emanuel's third wife was Nancy Roberts; A. E., the second child of Nelson and Rebecca Peddicord, served in the Union army in the One Hundred and Eleventh Illinois Volunteer Infantry, having remained single, and he died soon after the close of the war; F. M. married a Miss Faggin and they are the parents of five children; A. M., our subject, was the fourth child in order of birth; Sarah M. was twice married; Priscilla died when young.

The subject of this sketch was compelled to make his own way after he was fourteen years old and he has succeeded admirably well. When he reached maturity he was married to Eliza Britt in August, 1869, in Marion county. She was the daughter of Samuel and Abigail (Roderick) Britt. Her parents lived in Pennsylvania, Ohio and Indiana and finally settled in Marion county, Illinois, and they died here. Mr. Britt was a farmer. The subject's wife was the ninth of a family of ten children.

The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Peddicord: Francis M., who is forty-one years old in 1908, married Mary E. Foltz and they are the parents of seven children; Mary E. died when four-

teen months old; Sarah E., who is now thirty-nine years, married Thomas P. Walker, and they have three children living and two dead.

As already intimated Mr. Peddicord was a soldier in the Union army during the Civil war, having enlisted in Company K, Thirty-first Illinois Volunteer Infantry, on August 10, 1861, under the command of Gen. John A. Logan. He served in a most gallant manner for a period of four years. He was taken prisoner on the march to the sea at Meridian, Mississippi. He was in the battle of Fort Donelson, was in the siege of Vicksburg and Champion's Hill. He was in Andersonville prison for a period of six months, later being moved to Florence. He contracted the scurvy while in prison, having been in prison when peace was declared.

Our subject has an excellent farm consisting of two hundred and sixty acres of valuable land in section 34, seventy-seven acres of which are in timber. The subject has made most of the improvements of his farm which now holds high rank with Marion county's best farms. It shows good management and is well stocked. He has a comfortable residence which is well furnished.

Mr. Peddicord was Road Commissioner for two terms and gave entire satisfaction. He is a loyal Democrat. Mr. and Mrs. Peddicord are faithful members of the Baptist church. Our subject deserves much credit for what he has accomplished, for he had little chance to attend school in his youth. The only school-house in his com-

munity was built of logs, and the terms of school were very short. But he has been a hard worker and has succeeded despite early disadvantages, until today he is one of the county's most representative agriculturists and has many friends throughout the same.

RICHARD LEWIS.

Energy, sound judgment and persistency of effort, properly applied, will always win the goal sought in the sphere of human endeavor, no matter what the environment may be or what obstacles are met with, for they who are endowed with such characteristics, make stepping-stones of their adversities to higher things. These reflections are suggested by the career of Mr. Lewis, who has forged his way to the front ranks, and stands today among the representative men of Richland county.

Richard Lewis, the well known proprietor of the Metropole Hotel in Olney, Illinois, was born in Breckenridge county, Kentucky, August 17, 1844, the son of Thomas and Sarah (Mattingly) Lewis, the former having been born near Harper's Ferry, Virginia, and the latter in Kentucky. The father was reared in his native state and came to Kentucky with his parents when young, where he married and became a farmer. James Mattingly, grandfather of the subject, was a planter and a slave owner in Kentucky where he lived and died. Thomas Lewis removed to Illinois with his family in 1846 and set-

tled at Pond Grove, near St. Marie, Jasper county. Soon afterward he changed his place of residence to another part of Jasper county. He was one of the pioneers of that section and improved a good farm, consisting of one hundred and twenty acres six miles south of Newton, which in late years he gave to his youngest son. He died at the home of the subject in Olney in 1883, at the age of seventy-three years. His wife had previously died at the age of sixty-three years. Their family consisted of six children, three boys and three girls, two of the youngest daughters being deceased. The subject is the fifth in order of birth. He was two years old when the family located in Jasper county. His parents being poor, his early education was very limited on account of his having to work hard to help support the family, working on the farm early and late. There were only a few schools in the county which was new at that time, so he was enabled to attend school only about six months; later he did a great deal of home reading and by practical experience became generally educated and is today a well informed man.

During his youth the family was so poor, according to our subject, that it took all their money at one time to buy one hoe, which was turned over to an older brother, William, for use. He, however, was not satisfied to do all the work and made a wooden hoe which he insisted on our subject using to help. Dick says he accordingly put in many days of hard work with a wooden hoe, which has probably been the experience of but few people now living in Illinois. The family lived

in a log house for a number of years without windows, but the father finally sawed out a small place for one window, in which they lived until the house was destroyed by fire. The nearest neighbor was three miles away. Wild game of all kinds was plentiful, including deer, bear, wild turkey, and wolves were numerous and sometimes troublesome. The father was compelled to get up at night many times for the purpose of driving them out of the dooryard and away from the sheep and hogs. The father was a shoemaker and made all the shoes and boots for the family. Richard was allowed one pair of shoes per year, being compelled to go barefoot from early spring until snow fell in the late fall.

Mr. Lewis was one of the supporters of the national government during the trouble in the sixties, having enlisted in 1861, but not being old enough and being opposed by his family, he did not go to the front. He then took charge of the home place and for a few years was very successful. He sold hogs at Olney during the war for twelve dollars per one hundred pounds. In 1865 he enlisted in Company B, One Hundred and Fifty-fifth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and immediately went into the field. He was first sent to Louisville and then to Nashville, also to Tullahoma, Tennessee, returning to Murfreesboro, where he remained until he was mustered out. After the war he came back home and located on a farm of forty acres, which he had bought with two wagon-loads of hogs prior to enlisting. In the meantime his father bought forty acres more with the money the subject had sent him, mak-

ing him eighty acres in all, with which to start life. In 1866 and 1867 he raised crops of wheat and sold wheat the latter year for two dollars per bushel. On one occasion he took thirty bushels to Olney for which he received sixty dollars. Meeting an old comrade, Jim Clark, son of "Old Sam Clark," after the war, the young men repaired to a place for social refreshment and being looked upon by the proprietor of the place as young and unsophisticated, were induced to try their luck at a game. It was the subject's lucky day and he made fifteen dollars very easily. It became a puzzle to his father how the son could come home with so much money for thirty bushels of wheat. During those days Mr. Lewis was on his way to the polls at St. Marie to vote and passed a place where a young lady was breaking flax with a flail and casually made the remark, "That is the girl for me." He did not know her, but afterward met her quite unexpectedly and it is a coincidence worth recording here that she is his wife today.

After the marriage of Mr. Lewis he continued on the farm and was prosperous for several years, buying more land until he had a splendid place, consisting of one hundred and twenty acres. He was ambitious to get ahead and bought a threshing machine outfit, going in debt on his credit, which was unquestioned. The panic of 1873 came on and it was impossible to get money, so he lost all. After he had turned over all his property except a homestead interest which he traded for two houses and lots in Olney, he found judgment still hanging over him.

He paid one judgment of six hundred dollars by disposing of one house and lot and went to work at whatever he could find to do for several years.

In September, 1897, he bought a hotel business opposite the Illinois Central depot in Olney, which he conducted for about a year. He then conducted a similar business on West Main street for two years, after which he took charge of the old Commercial House, which he christened the New Olney House, and conducted the same for three years. He then sold out and leased the Metropole hotel, which he soon after sold. After a trip to St. Louis he returned to Olney and again engaged in the hotel business on West Main street for about a year. Selling out, he again took charge of the Metropole hotel, which he has since conducted successfully. It is the leading hotel in this part of the country and would be a credit to larger cities, being carefully conducted and managed in such a manner as to constantly gain prestige with the traveling public. It is a three-story brick structure, modern in every detail, with thirty-six rooms, electric lights, steam heat, hot and cold water, and all other equipment that can be found in an up-to-date hotel. Its cuisine is excellent and courteous treatment is always accorded guests, so that the place is popular with the traveling public. Its genial and pleasant proprietor is familiarly known as "Old Dick Lewis."

Mr. Lewis was married December 26, 1867, to Sarah Anderson, a native of near Madison, Indiana, the daughter of Felix and Martha (Underwood) Anderson, both of

whom died in Jasper county, Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis are the parents of eight children, two of whom are living. Anna is the wife of Victor Bolmar, who resides in Mattoon, Illinois; May is the other daughter.

In politics Mr. Lewis was formerly a Democrat, but in later years he has voted the Republican ticket. He is a member of the Eli Boyer Post, No. 92, Grand Army of the Republic. He has held many positions in the same, being at present quartermaster. He is also a member of Olney Lodge, No. 926, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He and his family are members of the Catholic church.

NATHANIEL G. HUFF.

The subject of this sketch has long been identified with the progress and advancement of this favored section of the great Prairie state, where he has maintained his home for more than the Psalmist's allotted three score years, having been born within her borders, having spent his long, active and useful life here and where he has attained gratifying success in connection with the development of its resources, being one of the representative farmers and stock growers in Stevenson township and having one of the most productive landed estates in this part of the county.

Nathaniel G. Huff was born in Stevenson township, this county, February 6, 1841, the son of William H., Sr., and Mary A.

(Crane) Huff, the former a native of Virginia and the latter of Kentucky. The subject's grandfather was Samuel Huff, also a native of Virginia who later removed to Tennessee and finally came to Marion county, Illinois, settling among the pioneers on government land on what is now Racoon township. He later moved to Haines township, where he cleared land and made a comfortable home, spending the rest of his days there. Leonard Huff was the great-grandfather of the subject. He was born in Germany and came to America in a very early day, settling in Pennsylvania where he spent his life and where he died.

Mary A. Crane, our subject's mother, was the daughter of William Crane, who was a native of Virginia, having lived and died in Kentucky. William Huff, father of our subject, was raised in Tennessee and spent several years in Mississippi and Alabama. About April 22, 1840, he came to Marion county, Illinois, where he married and where he purchased four hundred acres of wild land in what is now Stevenson township, spending the remainder of his useful and very busy life here, dying March 10, 1863. His widow, a much beloved old lady of fine Christian character, is still living. William Huff was regarded as a successful farmer. He joined the Christian church sometime prior to his death. He was twice married, his first wife having been Nancy Dukes, whom he married in Mississippi. She died leaving one child, William H., Jr. He married Mary Crane April 22, 1840. Eleven children were born to this union,

namely: Nathaniel G., our subject; Benjamin F., deceased; Andrew J., deceased; James K. and George M. Dallis, twins, are both living; Joshua is living in this state at Jacksonville; Marj J. is the wife of William Brasel; Henderson P. lives in Stevenson township; Harriet C. is the wife of William Porter Gaston; Virginia is the wife of John B. Brasel; Steven A. is deceased.

The subject of this sketch spent his youth on his father's farm, having remained under the parental roof-tree until he reached manhood. He was educated in the old subscription schools and having applied himself in a diligent manner received a fairly good education. His father gave him a piece of land in this township which he at once set about improving, but which he sold in 1868 and bought his present fine farm of one hundred and seventy-eight acres, which lies in section 30, Stevenson township, and section 25, Salem township. It was almost all in the woods when he took possession of it, but he has been a hard worker and has improved the place up to its present high state of efficiency, having been enabled from year to year to reap bounteous harvests from the same through his skillful manipulation of crops. He did most of the work in connection with his place himself, and also on his buildings, having an excellent and well furnished house and a good barn. Every thing about the place shows thrift and prosperity and his farm is regarded as one of the most desirable in Stevenson township.

Our subject's first marriage was in 1862 to Julia A. Hill, a native of Marion county,

and eight children were born to this union, namely: Thomas, who lives in Stevenson township, married Orela Cutchin; Viola is living at Jacksonville, Illinois; William married Frankie Evans and resides in Salem township; Seymour, who is living in Salem township, married Elizabeth Guth; Mary A. is deceased; Laura is single and resides in Jacksonville; Osceola, who is living in Flora, this state, married Maggie Babb; Augustus L. married May Stone and lives in Eureka, Illinois, being a minister of the Christian church.

The subject's second marriage was solemnized November 8, 1885, to Martha E. Mercer, a native of Marion county and the daughter of Silas and Rebecca Mercer, early settlers in Marion county. The subject has sixteen grandchildren and five children dead. He has two great-grandchildren. The subject and wife are members of the Christian church at old Mt. Maria, the first church organized in Marion county. The subject is a Jeffersonian Democrat, but is not a Bryan Democrat, believing that the old school democracy is preferable to the new. He filled the office of Justice of the Peace in a most able manner for a period of eighteen years.

Mr. Huff has in his possession an old squirrel rifle over one hundred years old which belonged to his father. It has killed over one hundred deer and bear. He also has the old powder-horn and shot pouch which his father carried. Mr. Huff has a note made in payment for a clock which was given him by his father-in-law. He

also still has the clock. He has among other relics of the past a spinning-wheel and a Southern dagger, which was discovered in a layer of cane.

SAMUEL C. WILSON.

The dominating spirit of self-help is what has conserved the distinctive business success and prestige of the gentleman whose career we now take under consideration, who stands at the head of one of the leading industrial enterprises of Richland county, where from modest inception, he has built up one of the leading flouring mills in this part of the state, controlling a trade which ramifies throughout a wide area of country, and having the high reputation which is ever significant of personal integrity and honorable methods.

Samuel C. Wilson, of S. C. Wilson & Company, proprietors of the Butler Street Flour Mills at Olney, Illinois, was born near Maryville, Tennessee, March 17, 1844, the son of Joseph and Ann (Gault) Wilson, natives of Virginia, where they were reared. They married after coming to Tennessee. The subject's father was a farmer and a man of influence in his community. In April, 1852, the family moved to Crawford county, Illinois, where they settled on a farm. The same year Mr. Wilson bought a farm in Denver township, Richland county, which was developed into valuable property. Joseph Wilson died at the age of sixty-nine

years, his wife having passed away at the age of fifty-four years. Mr. Wilson was twice married. Eight children were born of the first union and two of the second, the subject of this sketch being the youngest of the first marriage.

Samuel C. Wilson came with his parents to Richland county in 1852. He was reared on a farm, and his education in those early days was very limited, but by home reading and study he gained a fairly good foundation for later learning, which he has received by contact with the world and general study. He remained under his parental roof until he was twenty-two years old, at which time he inherited a part of the old homestead, which he conducted in a very successful manner until 1876, having in the meantime bought additional land. He has been prosperous owing to his conservative methods, his careful business principles. He at one time owned six hundred and forty acres. In 1876 our subject came to Olney and bought a mill, the main part of the present building having been erected in 1861. When he purchased this property it was of the old burr system, with a capacity of fifty barrels per day. Since then the progress of the business has been constant, reaching its present proportions, large building and modern equipment, consisting of fourteen sets of rollers, with a capacity of two hundred barrels per day. Mr. Wilson has been very prosperous and he does a general milling business, handling large quantities of flour and feed. He manufactures the famous brand known as "Our Daily Bread"; this special grade of flour

having long ago become known throughout this locality, and it took first premium at the state fair at Springfield, Illinois, 1908.

The firm consists of Samuel C. Wilson and John C. Page, under the name of S. C. Wilson & Company, and they employ considerable help, are always busy, and constantly adding new territory to their list.

The domestic life of Mr. Wilson dates from October, 1865, when he was first married to Emily J. Welty, a native of Hillsboro, Ohio, the daughter of Isaac and Mary A. (Barker) Welty, natives of Ohio. Seven children were born to the subject and wife, all of whom are now living, namely: Mary A., Martha A., Isaac N., William E., Charles F., Edwin O., and Thomas C. Mrs. Wilson passed to her rest March 3, 1901, and the subject married Jennie (Bradshaw) Lough, a native of Wayne county, Illinois.

Mr. Wilson in his political relations is a Democrat, having long been active in his party's affairs. In 1890 he was elected Treasurer of Richland county, and ably served one term of four years. In 1899 he was elected Mayor of Olney, serving one term of two years, being the first anti-saloon candidate ever elected Mayor of this city. His administration was regarded by the community as one of the best the town ever had and numerous improvements were inaugurated. After their license had expired all saloons were closed during the remainder of his administration. In the spring of 1908 Mr. Wilson was elected a member of the City Council. In his fraternal relations he is a member of the Masons and the

Knight Templars. In religious matters he is a faithful attendant of the Presbyterian church, being one of the oldest elders in the church.

Mr. Wilson is a man of marked business enterprise and capability, and he carries forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes. The subject has long been an important factor in business circles and his popularity is well deserved, as in him are embraced the characteristics of an unabating energy, unbending integrity and industry that never flags.

DANIEL S. HOLSTLAW.

It is with a degree of satisfaction that the biographer has an opportunity at this juncture to write the following biographical memoir of the well remembered citizen, whose name appears above, now deceased, who was for many years prominent in the affairs of Marion county, for the readers of this book will doubtless gain inspiration from perusing these paragraphs to lead more industrious, kindlier and worthier lives, seeing what the life of the subject accomplished not only individually but generically, affecting the whole community in an uplifting manner. He came to this section of the state in pioneer times and he assisted in bringing about the transformation of the county in the wild condition in which it was found at the time of his arrival to its later-day progress and improvement.

Daniel S. Holstlaw was born in Barren county, Kentucky, November 15, 1813, the son of Richard and Mary (Smith) Holstlaw, the former a native of Virginia, who came in an early day to Indiana, settling in Orange county and later came to Marion county, Illinois, in 1830. Richard Holstlaw took up government land and set about making a farm of his holdings with very flattering prospects ahead of him, but his life was brought to a close August 18, 1834, at the age of forty-six years. Mary, his wife, continued to live on the farm where she reared the children and made a comfortable living, being a woman of many sterling traits and of indomitable courage. Their children were eight in number, seven of whom grew to maturity and named in order of birth as follows: Henry E., Daniel S., our subject; Lucinda, John Andrew, Elizabeth Ann, Malinda H., and Richard V. All of these children have now joined their parents in the eternal sleep of the just.

Daniel S. Holstlaw was sixteen years of age when he came to Illinois and located in what is now known as Stevenson township, where he spent the remainder of his long, busy and useful life, having been called to his reward by the Shepherd who giveth his beloved sleep, on December 2, 1905, conscious of the fact that his life had not been lived in vain; that he had fought a good fight and kept the faith, as did the great Apostle, Saint Paul, in the days of our Saviour, and that there was laid up for him a reward in the Father's house which was not made with hands.

Mr. Holstlaw upon coming to this county bought a claim, having that rare foresight and sagacity that penetrated into the future years, bringing them within his horoscope, and which enabled him to see the great possibilities that lie ahead. This first purchase was added to from time to time until he owned a large tract of land, which, under his able management was developed into one of the best, most productive and most highly improved farms in this locality. He was a hard worker, and, believing that it was his duty as well as his privilege to eat his bread by the sweat of his brow, never ignored any task that he found awaiting disposition at his hands. He split the rails that fenced his land and also put up a log house, and, in fact, did the usual work of the pioneer. But having prospered by reason of his indomitable energy and good management he was soon enabled to erect a more substantial nine room house, which was comfortable, cozy and well arranged, and in which the family now resides.

The subject was a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal church and a liberal supporter of the same; he and his worthy life companion both having professed religion the same night at a camp meeting held on Tennessee Prairie. In 1862, when the local Methodist church with which they were affiliated was divided upon the question which precipitated the Civil war this intensely religious couple united with the Cumberland Presbyterian church in which the subject remained an active and faithful member until his death.

Our subject was a staunch Democrat and took considerable interest in political affairs, having had the interest of his community at heart and lending his support at all times to whatever proposition that presented itself looking to the betterment of the community whether in a political, educational, religious or moral sense. He was school director at one time and materially aided the local public school through his advice, counsel and influence.

Mr. Holstlaw was united in marriage with Ruth W. Middleton on June 9, 1836. She was a native of what later became Campbell county, Tennessee, and the representative of an influential old family, the date of her birth falling on January 23, 1819, the daughter of William and Sarah J. (Harris) Middleton, the former a native of Virginia and the latter of South Carolina. After their marriage they moved to Tennessee and in 1831 came to Marion county, Illinois, locating three miles east of Iuka, in what is now Iuka township. They were sterling pioneers and made a most comfortable living in the new country where they became known as honest, hard-working people. Their family consisted of fourteen children, named in order of birth, as follows: Thomas L., Lydia P., Harvey, William H., Elizabeth, John B., Joel, Martha, Jane, Sarah, James A., Josephus W., Ruth W., the wife of our subject; Lucy and Dicy E.

Mr. Middleton was a local preacher in the Methodist Episcopal church, having become well known as an able expounder of

the Gospel and doing a vast amount of good in his work here. His wife was also a faithful worker in this church.

To our subject and wife eleven children were born, six sons and five daughters, named in order of birth as follows: Richard J., who was first married to Mary A. Jagger, and later to Rachel Berry; John H., who married Lucy Downing; Thomas, who married Aleatha E. Hite; Hattie, who is living at home; Mary is also a member of the home circle at this writing, 1908; Sarah became the wife of Omer Squibb; Daniel W., married Clara Stevenson; Joel W., married Lucretia Stevenson; Ruth Emma is the wife of Daniel Crayton Stevenson; Marion C. married Lelian Brubaker; Martha A. is single and living at home; the last two children named are twins.

The widow of our subject, a gracious old lady of beautiful Christian character and praiseworthy attributes, is living on the old homestead, being idolized by her children, and much admired and loved by a host of friends. Many are the homes in the surrounding country where she has nursed the sick and brought sunshine and happiness. She takes a great interest in the lives of her children, her eighteen grandchildren and eighteen great-grandchildren. On the old home place, which is still well kept and in an excellent productive state, live three of the daughters with their beloved mother, the family being well known in Stevenson township and highly respected by all. In this home are to be found many old and in-

teresting relics of the pioneer days, such as spinning wheels and machines for spinning flax, and many similar things.

THOMAS A. HARDMAN.

When the business interests of a town or city are in the hands of worthy, capable and enterprising men, an important step has been taken toward the growth and development of the place. Had her merchants, men of business in general, been less worthy, capable and enterprising than they were, Chicago would lack much of being the city that it is today. Cities, like persons, have a distinct individuality. One may be sluggish, plodding, shiftless, while its neighbor only a few miles distant, may be alert, energetic, progressive. It is the inhabitants who give character to a town or city; if they are drones the place can not disclose either development or progress. To the merchants, contractors and business men in general, most of the credit is due for the desirable condition of affairs in Olney, Illinois, today, and among this class none hold a more worthy place nor has done more for the advancement of the city than the subject of this sketch.

Thomas A. Hardman, the well known contractor, of Olney, Richland county, was born near Manchester, England, July 14, 1847, the son of Alfred and Elizabeth (Bishop) Hardman, the former a native of England and the latter of Scotland. The subject's father was a machinist. Both he

and his wife died when our subject was a child. When eight years old Thomas A. Hardman was brought to the United States by an aunt, who located in Franklin county, Indiana. He had a limited chance to attend school only a few months during the winter. He was bound out to a farmer when twelve years old and when sixteen ran away and started in life for himself. He worked on a farm during the summer months and went to school in the winter. When eighteen years old he began teaching, having acquired a good education by close application to his studies. He taught in the winter and worked on a farm in the summer. He also attended school at Lebanon, Ohio, having saved money enough to defray his expenses there, finally securing a liberal education.

When twenty-four years old Mr. Hardman was elected county Surveyor of Franklin county, Indiana, his certificate being signed by Governor Hendricks. He served in a most faithful and capable manner for nearly two years when he resigned to accept a position with the Smith Bridge Company, of Toledo, Ohio, with whom he remained two years as engineer. He proved to be an excellent office man and all his time was devoted to draughting. But the confinement was too much for him and he resigned on account of failing health. He returned to Franklin county, Indiana, and was appointed by the County Commissioners as County Engineer to look after bridge work at a time when many bridges were being built, several costing from twenty-five thousand to forty-thousand dollars. While engaged in this

work he began contracting, his first work of this nature being for the county over which and southern Indiana, he built many bridges. Then he began railroad work and in 1883 built eighteen bridges on one railroad, most of them being in the Southern States. His bridges were considered of the most modern and careful construction, always satisfactory in every detail. He continued that line of work until 1890, when he came to Olney and since which time he has been engaged in contracting water works plants and engineering and improvement work in general. For a number of years he has done engineer work for the city of Olney, particularly the street grades. He has put in the majority of the sewer systems.

Mr. Hardman's work extends all over Illinois and into adjoining states; also to the Southern States. He built the water works at Olney which are high grade in every respect and would be a credit to any city. He has built the water works for many of the towns and cities of this state and Indiana. He has been uniformly successful and his name has gone all over the country, synonymous with high class work in this line of contracting. He constructs everything of good material and is scrupulously honest in all his business transactions, so that the results of his contracting are always satisfactory to all concerned.

Mr. Hardman was united in marriage in 1876 to Julia St. John, a native of Franklin county, Indiana, daughter of D. H. and Kate (Lefforge) St. John, natives of Franklin county, Indiana, and at present residents

of Olney. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Hardman, namely: Catherine, the wife of J. Q. Davis, a grocer of Olney; Thomas Thornley, who is living at home; the eldest, Alfred, was killed while on a vacation to visit his father in South Carolina, at the age of thirteen years.

In his fraternal relations our subject is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks at Olney; and in politics he is a Democrat. He is a man of fine personality, and in every respect merits the high regard of his fellow citizens which they freely accord wherever he is known.

JACOB BRUBAKER.

It is not the intention of the biographer to give in this connection a detailed history of the subject's life, but rather to note incidentally his connection with the various enterprises with which his name has been linked and to show the marked influence he wielded in advancing the interests of Stevenson township, Marion county.

Jacob Brubaker was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, in 1825, the son of Abraham Brubaker, a native of the Buckeye state as was also his wife who was known in her maidenhood as Elizabeth Myers. They came to Marion county, Illinois, in 1842 and took up government land and remained here the balance of their lives. Abraham was a man of influence in his community. He passed away March 10, 1854, and his faithful life companion joined him Febru-

ary 3, 1867. The number of children born to them was six.

Jacob Brubaker, our subject, came to Illinois with his parents when he was sixteen years of age and received his education in the pioneer schools where the advantages were very limited and the terms lasted only a few months out of each year, but he applied himself as best he could and laid the foundation for a good mental development which he later received by home reading and personal observation.

Mr. Brubaker was united in marriage to Jane Davis, who was born in Virginia. She was taken to Pennsylvania when two years of age and reared there, later coming to Illinois when she had reached maturity, remaining in this state until her earthly labors closed in 1895. She was a good woman, kind and gentle of disposition, and in her religious affiliations was a member of the Presbyterian church. Ten children were born to Jacob and Jane Brubaker, named in order of their birth as follows: Clifford, who lives in Stevenson township on a farm; Lillie is the wife of M. C. Holstlaw, a farmer of Stevenson township; Ella is single; John is a farmer living in Alma township, this county; Walter, who was born February 7, 1864, lives on a farm in Stevenson township. He was reared on a farm and in 1887 went to Colorado, but returned to this county and married Laura Rodgers, a native of Marion county. He has one hundred and forty acres of good land and he is regarded as an excellent farmer and neighbor. He is the father of one child, Blanche. Frank is the name of

the sixth child of our subject, who is living on a farm in Stevenson township; Anna is the wife of Charles Craig, a farmer on the old Brubaker homestead; Herman is a farmer in Iuka township; the ninth and tenth child died in infancy.

Jacob Brubaker, after an eminently useful and active life, passed to his rest on June 30, 1908, lamented by a host of friends who regarded him as one of the leading men of the community and who will greatly miss him. In politics he was a Democrat and he served as school director of Stevenson township. He was known as a loyal citizen and a good man.

JOHN F. EDDINGS.

The climate, soil and general conditions prevalent in southern Illinois are well adapted to the purposes of general farming and stock raising. One of the men who has shown by their success that they were masters of the art of farming in Iuka township, Marion county, is the subject of this biography. However, he is at present engaged in other business, having given up his former life work.

John F. Eddings was born in Iuka township, Marion county, Illinois, February 22, 1844, the son of James B. and Rhoda Ann (West) Eddings, both natives of North Carolina. They emigrated to Kentucky and Tennessee when very young, arriving in the latter state in 1842. They later came to Marion county, Illinois, and set-

tled in Iuka township, where they remained a short time and then returned to Tennessee, but returned to Marion county in 1855, settling again in Iuka township, where they remained during the rest of their lives on a farm. The death of the subject's father occurred February 28, 1901, and his wife died January 19, 1902. The former was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and after the Civil war he voted the Republican ticket. He was justice of the peace for two terms. There were nine children in the family of Mr. and Mrs. James Eddings, namely: Nancy, who lives in Iuka, is the wife of William Nicks; John F., our subject, was second in order of birth; Mary E., deceased, was the wife of L. L. Jones; Minerva H. is the wife of William Milburn, living in Iuka; James T. is a farmer living in Iuka township; Jesse J. lives in St. Louis; Martha Ann is the wife of William Morgan, living in Alma; William L. is deceased; Sarah, step-daughter of the subject's father, is deceased.

John F. Eddings was reared on the home farm and educated in the common schools of the county, remaining under the parental roof until he was seventeen years of age, when he showed his patriotism by enlisting in Company I, Fortieth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, serving four years in a most gallant manner. So efficient was his service that he was promoted to corporal, and then to first lieutenant. He served with Sherman's army, having been in all his campaigns, with the exception of when he was wounded at Shiloh, hav-

ing been shot through the shoulder in that great battle. His throat was also pierced by a bullet. He remained in the general hospital for one and one-half months, after which he received a furlough home of from forty to fifty days at the expiration of which he rejoined his regiment and served until the end of the war. After his return from the army, he farmed a while. Selling out, he came to Iuka and engaged in the real estate and insurance business, also as pension attorney which he has since been following with marked success.

Mr. Eddings is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, Picket Post, having been commander, adjutant and quartermaster of the same.

Fraternally he is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, having passed all the chairs and he has attended the grand lodge four times. He has been secretary of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, lodge No. 694, for eighteen years. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Useless to add that in politics Mr. Eddings is a loyal Republican. He is in 1908 Supervisor of Iuka township, having been first appointed in December, 1903, to fill out an expired term, taking the place made vacant by the death of William Gray. Mr. Eddings was elected in 1907 for a period of two years. Our subject has long been interested in public affairs and always did his part in furthering the interests of his community in any way he could.

GEORGE A. MCGAHEY.

The life of the subject of this review has been such as to bear aloft the high standard which has been maintained by his father, who was one of the early residents of this section of the Prairie state, and whose life was signally noble, upright and useful, one over which falls no shadow of wrong in thought, word or deed. Such was the type of men who laid the foundation and aided in the development of this state, and to their memories will ever be paid a tribute of reverence and gratitude by those who have profited by their well-directed endeavors and appreciated the lessons of their lives.

George A. McGahey, one of the leading grocers of Olney, Illinois, was born in this city, October 28, 1868, and decided to direct his life work along channels here, rather than seek uncertain advantages in other fields. He is the son of David Herman and Sarah E. (Swaim) McGahey, the former having been born near Palestine, Illinois, and the latter in Hamilton county, Ohio. The mother moved with her parents to Illinois when thirteen years old, settling near Olney on a farm in Richland county, where she grew to maturity. The father of the subject lived in Jasper county for a number of years, where he improved a farm. He later moved to Richland county where he married and bought a farm in Preston township, being among the early settlers here. About 1862 he moved to Olney where he lived until his death in 1897, at the age of sixty-two years. His wife, a woman of