



A family gathering at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Madison Dean, south of Lakenan in the year 1899.

Included in the picture are Mr. and Mrs. James Madison Dean (parents of Mrs. R. C. Dickerson), Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Dickerson, Mrs. Margaret Gose, Mrs. Jennie Quayle, Dick Quayle, Mrs. W. T. Dean, Jim Henry Sanders, Mrs. Blanche Holmes, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Weaver, Miss Dixie Dean, Harry Dean, Lillian Spalding, Wallace Holmes, Dean Dickerson, Lynn Dickerson, Madge Dickerson Chapman, Jency Quayle Barkley, Paul Dean, Harry Dean, and the Negro boy, Lester Davis. This house was built without a single nail, pegs holding the boards together.

Thomas Augustine, Eleanor and Wilson. Thomas A. (Gus), a son of Wm. T. Dobyms, is the Burlington agent in Shelbina. Mrs. William Gillispie (Eleanor Dobyms) also makes her home in Shelbina.

B. F. Dobyms was born on a farm in Marion county, Mo., September 17, 1837. He was the eldest son of Thomas W. and Ann Durrett Dobyms. Both parents were natives of Richmond, Va., coming to Marion county a few years after their marriage. His early education was in the neighborhood school, later he attended Bethel College at Palmyra. He then followed the farming occupation until the outbreak of the Civil War. As his sympathies were with the South, he became a volunteer from Marion county to help defend Missouri against Northern invasion. He first served with General Price in the State Guard, but when that term of service expired he joined the Confederate army. He served under General Frank



Cockrell most of the war and was engaged in several important battles.

He was wounded twice, his first wound during the siege of Vicksburg, and the second one while resisting Sherman's march to the sea. Mr. Dobyms was taken prisoner three times. After the war Mr. Dobyms returned to Missouri where he taught school in Marion and Shelby counties. While teaching he studied law, and in 1870 was admitted to the bar. In 1871 he opened a law office in Shelbina. In 1872 he moved to Shelbyville where he engaged in the practice of law for the next ten years. He returned to Shelbina in 1882.

In 1872 while residing in Shelbyville he was elected to the office of Prosecuting Attorney of Shelby county. He held this office for two terms, declining the nomination for a third. In 1880 he was elected to the office of State Senator from the 13th Senatorial District of Missouri.

Mr. Dobyms went into the lumber business with D. M. Dulaney of Hannibal. After a few years of partnership Mr. Dobyms became the sole owner. He ran the lumber yard until his death in 1896. Mrs. Dobyms hired a manager to run the lumber yard until their oldest son, Benjamin F. Dobyms, took it over in 1905.

Mr. and Mrs. Dobyms were the parents of six children, Edwin, Mary M., Gertrude, Ida, Benjamin F., Jr., and Lattrell. Two of Mr. Dobyms' children reside in Shelbina, B. F., Sr., who owns and operates the Dobyms Lumber Co., and Miss Gertrude Dobyms, who has a conservatory of music.