

William Rutherford Brown was born in Scotland on October 4, 1830. He moved with his parents to Marcellus, N. Y., when he was three years old.

As a young man he worked for Robert Rhodes in a woolen mill in Marcellus. On July 11, 1855 he was married to Harriet Cornelia Rhodes, a daughter of his employer. Later Mr. Brown worked in woolen factories in Ostego, Mich., and Marion, Ill. He moved to Shelbina from Ostego, Mich., in 1869 for the purpose of building a woolen mill here.

He purchased 60 acres of ground just west of Shelbina (where Weaver's ice plant stood later and where now the Spicknall Seed Co. operates a buying station) and on this ground dug a lake and built a house. Here he started the woolen mill he had dreamed of owning. He operated this woolen factory west of Shelbina for about three years, until in August 1872 the mill was struck by lightning and burned to the ground. Soon after the fire Mr. and Mrs. Brown moved with their family to Rolla, Mo. Mr. and Mrs. Brown were parents of seven children—Wilton B., George R., Harriet Vair, Grace Estelle, Charles J., Harry Rhodes and Juliet. Mr. Brown died in Shelbina January 18, 1887.

Browne Moore, son of Mrs. Levin B. Moore (Harriet Vair Brown), is a grandson of William B. Brown. Mr. Moore owns and operates the Shelbina Hatchery.

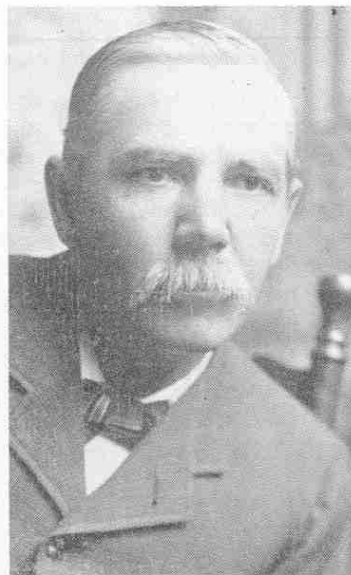
Charles H. Lasley was born in Monroe county, Mo., September 17, 1853. He was the son of William M. and Margaret Gillispie Lasley. The father, William, was originally from Virginia, while the mother was from Kentucky.

After the death of William Lasley, Mrs. Lasley married John S. Gose, a farmer in Monroe county. Charles H. Lasley grew up on the farm in Monroe county. At the age of 14 years he went to Palmyra and attended school for a year. In 1870, at the age of 17, he began clerking in a dry goods store in Shelbina.

In 1875 he entered into a partnership with Mr. Cotton in a dry goods business. The partnership lasted six years.

In 1881 Mr. Lasley and Taylor Thompson entered into a partnership in a dry goods and clothing store. Years later when Mr. Lasley's two older sons had reached manhood, the firm became known as C. H. Lasley & Co.

Mr. Lasley was a stockholder and director in the Old Bank of Shelbina. He served on the school board and was always interested in civic improvements. He was married June 18, 1879 to Miss Anna Downing. They were parents of five chil-



dren—Roy, Russell, Roland, Bess and Kenneth. Mr. Lasley died in 1913.

Three of Mr. Lasley's sons, Russell, Roland and Kenneth, operate the clothing store today.

John Dickerson was a son of Obadiah Dickerson, Shelby county's earliest settler. He was born in Palmyra, Mo., in 1826 and came with his family to Shelby county in 1831. He grew to manhood on their farm and later was sheriff and county collector of Shelby county. In 1849 he went to California during the Gold Rush.

He was married to Catherine Cotton of Baltimore, Md., in 1855. Six children were born to this marriage—Richard C. Chester, Dixie, Georgie, Harry and Lizzie.

Mr. Dickerson and family came to Shelbina in 1872. His first wife died and Mr. Dickerson married Mrs. McDaniel of Shelbina, a widow with one son, William. To this marriage two sons, Obadiah and Batiste, were born. Mr. Dickerson lived in Shelbina until his death in 1880.

Miss Dixie Dean, and Mrs. Omer Gosney (Dorothy Dean), daughters of Lizzie Dickerson Dean, are granddaughters of John Dickerson. Miss Jill Chapman is a great granddaughter. She operates the R. C. Dickerson Dry Goods store in Shelbina.

William T. Dean was born in Marion county, January 22, 1834, and while yet in infancy his parents moved to a farm in Monroe county near Lakenan. He grew to manhood on this farm. At the age of 18 years he began teaching school, continuing this for three years.

In 1855 he engaged in merchandising in Lakenan, building the first business house there. His store suffered terrible losses during the war from bands of outlaws who went through the country robbing and plundering. Mr. Dean closed his store and went back to the farm and continued farming until 1873 when he came to Shelbina.

For a year he engaged in trading stock. The next year he ran a livery stable in Shelbina. In January 1876 he took charge of the Grange Store as agent and manager. In 1882 he became sole proprietor. About three years prior to this, Mr. Dean and A. M. Reveley formed a partnership for handling leaf tobacco. Later the firm was known as Hart, Reveley & Co.'s Tobacco Works.

On August 10, 1859 Mr. Dean was married to Miss Susan C. B. Saunders, daughter of William Saunders, formerly of Virginia. They were parents of five children, Blanche, James M., Jennie N., Kate S. and Willie.

Mr. Dean was the first mayor of Shelbina under the city-of-the-fourth class law and was elected three times consecutively. He was a member of the school board for eight years, of the town board several years and served as secretary for both town and school boards.

Mr. Dean was in the grocery business, associated with his son, Jim Dean, until the former's death in 1887. Several of Mr. Dean's descendants live in Shelbina. His daughter, Mrs. R. C. Dickerson (Kate Dean) retired from the dry goods business here a few years ago. Miss Dixie Dean and Mrs. Omer Gosney (Dorothy Dean), daughters of James M. Dean, are granddaughters of William Dean.

William T. Dobyms was born September 15, 1844 in Marion county. His parents had come from Virginia.

Mr. Dobyms, whose sympathies were with the Confederacy, joined with Col. Porter on Porter's raid through Missouri. He was taken prisoner and was not released until 1864. He farmed with an uncle for several years after his return from the war. In 1873 he came to Shelbina and formed a partnership with Samuel G. Muldrow. They built a stable and engaged in the livery business.

On December 15, 1880 Mr. Dobyms married Miss M. L. Moreman. Four children were born to this marriage—Vivian,