

life until the old flag waved in triumph from the center to the circumference of the whole country. He was in the Eighty-fifth Indiana, and until after the battle of Chickamauga was under Gen. Rosecrans. After this he was in the army of the Cumberland, under Gen. Sherman. The war over, Mr. Wright returned to Indiana, and remained there engaged in farming until 1870, when he came to Missouri, locating in Shelby county. He bought his present farm here in 1882. He has a neat place of 80 acres, comfortably improved. Mr. Wright was born in the State of Mass., March 1, 1826. His father, John C. Wright, removed to Indiana in an early day and settled in Putman county. He was a carpenter by trade, and followed that until his death. At the age of 19 the subject of this sketch started out in life for himself, and for several years was engaged in milling. Meanwhile, in 1856, he was married to Miss Cynthia A., a daughter of John B. and Mary Young. After quitting the milling business Mr. Wright engaged in farming in Indiana, and continued until after the outbreak of the war. Mr. and Mrs. Wright have nine children: Jacob, John H., Mary E., Sarah F., Hester A., Edward, William, Charles, Anna and Frank C. Jacob married Catherine Combs, and Hester married Billy Culpin, the former now of Oregon and the latter of Knox county.

JACKSON TOWNSHIP.

ABSALOM M. BABB

(Farmer, Post-office, Warren).

The 25th day of April, 1832, Mr. Babb first saw the light of day. The family then resided in Virginia, residents of Hampshire county. His father was Archibald Babb, an energetic and well-respected wagon maker. The mother before her marriage was a Miss Margaret Stone. They resided in Virginia until 1847, when they came to Missouri, finally settling on the Samuels' farm, in Marion county, near Hannibal, where they reared their family of children. There were 11 children in the family, most of whom grew to mature years, and became themselves the heads of families. Absalom M. was married March 24, 1857, to Mary A. Shaw, a daughter of 'Squire Henry P. Shaw, formerly of Pennsylvania. He settled near Sharpsburg, in Marion county, in an early day. Mr. Babb in early manhood became a miller by trade and followed milling continuously for some 17 years. He was said to be one of the best millers of the country. From milling Mr. Babb turned his attention to farming, and has since been engaged in that occupation. He has been a resident of Shelby county for years, and is looked upon as one of the worthy and valued citizens of Tiger Fork township. He has a good farm of 115 acres and, besides farming in a general way, raises some hogs for the

markets every year. Mr. and Mrs. Babb have 13 children, namely: Mary, James W., Lewis C., George H., Reese C., Margaret E., Alexander G., Susie M., Catherine E., Sarah J., Jesse T., Charles and John. James is the husband of Miss Dolly Goodwin, a daughter of H. H. Goodwin, being the only one married. Most of the family are members of the Baptist Church.

REASON BAKER

(Farmer and Stock-raiser, Post-office, Oak Dale).

Mr. Baker is a native of Indiana, born in Switzerland county on the 26th day of January, 1822. His parents were Edwin and Sarah Baker, from South Carolina. Reason Baker was reared in Kentucky, and in 1843 was married to Miss Dorinda, a daughter of William and Nancy Dudgeon, of Jessamine county, Ky., and of the same original family of which William A. Dudgeon, of Fayette, in Howard county, Mo., druggist and county treasurer, descends. Mr. Baker came to Missouri in 1853 and settled in Shelby county, where he bought 240 acres of land. Soon afterwards he added 80 acres, making a fine stock farm of 320 acres, on which he has since been engaged in raising grain and stock, the latter including horses, mules, cattle, etc. During the late war he served about four months in the militia. Mr. and Mrs. Baker have eight children: James R., Amanda E., William M., Martha J., George E., Cornelius S., Reason C. and Richard M. Three others died in infancy.

HON. WILLIAM F. BLACKBURN

(Post-office, Hunnewell).

William Francis Blackburn, a native of Kentucky, was born on the 25th of February, 1825, being a son of Thomas R. Blackburn, and grandson of James Blackburn. His mother's maiden name was Elizabeth Francis, a daughter of William Francis, of Scott county, Ky. Both his grandfathers were among the early settlers of the "dark and bloody ground," emigrating to Kentucky between the years 1780 and 1790, and both were originally from Virginia. William F. Blackburn was brought up on his father's farm, and received the chief part of his education in the common schools. Coming to Shelby county, Mo., in 1850, he engaged in farming. In 1851 he married Charlotte Maddex, and in December of that year went back to Kentucky. In 1856, he returned to Shelby county, where he entered into the mercantile business, and in December of the same year proposed to the officers of the Hannibal and St. Joe Railroad Company to purchase the section of land on which Hunnewell is situated, and in that proposition agreed to lay out a town and give depot grounds to the company. This proposition was submitted to the board of directors of that company in February, 1857, together with a plan of the town, and the directors declined to sell the land, but decided to lay out the town for the company and agreed to give Mr. Blackburn

his choice of lots for residence and store-house, and he built on both lots during the spring and summer of 1857, at which time the road was completed to that point. The railroad company not being able to make a good title to the town lots, for the reason that the title to the land grant would not be confirmed to it till the completion of a certain portion of the road, much retarded the growth and prosperity of the town. Mr. Blackburn, with his partners, commenced business with a general stock of merchandise in the fall of 1857, and was appointed station agent and land agent by the railroad company, and did a prosperous and successful business up to the breaking out of the Civil War. He was arrested in his office by Federal troops, the first that entered this part of the State, on the 13th of June, 1861, being the first military prisoner arrested north of the Missouri river. This expedition was commanded by Col. Curtis, afterwards Maj.-Gen. Curtis, who with his own regiment of Iowa Volunteers, and Co. B, of the Illinois Sixteenth Regiment, took formal possession of the Hannibal and St. Joseph Railroad Company, the object being to prevent the people from rallying to Gen. Sterling Price, under the proclamation of Gov. Jackson issued that day. Many citizens were assembled on the depot platform that day to see the Union soldiers, and upon their arrival, by their insulting and threatening manner created great excitement among the people, and when Mr. Blackburn was arrested and the train started to move off, the people demanded his release. At this the train was stopped and Russell W. Moss was arrested and placed on the train, both prisoners being surrounded by excited soldiers with drawn arms, making threats and demonstrations, and it seemed with great difficulty that the officers could protect the prisoners from violence. The citizens becoming alarmed fled in all directions, and were pursued by the soldiers firing upon them. No one, however, was seriously hurt, one rider having his horse struck with a spent ball. Mr. Blackburn was then taken to Brookfield, where he was informed that he would have to take the oath of allegiance to the United States Government or be sent to prison. Much persuasion and many threats were made to induce him to take the oath, but he positively refused to take it, contending that he owed his first allegiance to his own State, the regularly constituted authorities of which were then in direct conflict with the Federal authorities. Finding all persuasion and threats unavailing, they started him to St. Louis, but by the intercession of influential friends was released on simple parole of honor, not to take up arms against the Federal Government, unless regularly exchanged, and he never took an oath in any form during the war. On his return home he found the village almost entirely deserted by its inhabitants, and hastily gathering up a few articles of clothing and household goods, moved his wife to her father's, in Ralls county. Returning to Hunnewell with his family in the fall of 1861, he remained there till the next spring, but being harassed, robbed and threatened, he was advised by his friends to leave the country, and he went with his family to Canada, where he remained till the fall of 1864, when he returned to Quincy, Ill., where he engaged as salesman with a dry goods firm,

with whom he remained till September, 1865. Then going to Shelby, Mo., he sold dry good there till 1867, when he returned to Hunnewell and re-established his old business as a dealer in general merchandise and real estate agent, which he has diligently pursued with marked success to the present time, and has fully recovered his losses during the war. William F. Blackburn is conservative in business, and in politics and in political faith is a Democrat of the old school, and is the present representative of Shelby county in the State Legislature, and has declined a second nomination. The first wife died February 25, 1859, leaving five children: Elizabeth, William C., Cassius, Martha and Joseph Francis, all of whom are now living. He was married the second time June 5, 1860, to Emily J. Ely, daughter of William S. Ely, of Ralls county, Mo., by whom he has had born to him nine children, eight sons and one daughter, of whom Robert E., Edward L., Hattie, Jasper, Albert and Bruce are now living. Mr. Blackburn has never sought office, is fond of retirement and literary and scientific study, aims to discharge his duty as a parent and a citizen, and enjoys the confidence of the people in a very high degree.

JAMES M. BLACKFORD

(Deceased).

The last 10 or 15 years have been to the early settlers of Shelby county as autumn to the leaves of the trees — so rapidly have they fallen around us. But few of the sturdy old settlers of the '30s and '40s, who laid the foundations of the populous and wealthy county we now have, remain. Among those who have passed away is the subject of the present sketch. Mr. Blackford came to Missouri in 1832 and settled in this county shortly afterwards. He resided here for over forty years and until his death, which occurred in 1874. He was a worthy representative of the early settlers of the county — brave-hearted and true, industrious and the soul of hospitality, a worthy, good man. He was born in Jessamine county, Ky., in 1810, and was reared in that early day of Kentucky, being brought up to know what hard work and pioneer hardships are from boyhood. In about 1831 he was married to Miss Eliza Deadmond, a daughter of John and Margaret Deadmond. The spring following his marriage he came to Missouri and was engaged in farming in this county until his death. His widow and younger children still reside on the place where most of his life was spent. He became a member of the Masonic fraternity at Lexington as far back as 1832, and was a member in good standing the remainder of his life. He and his good wife reared a family of eight children, namely: Ophelia, the wife of Thomas Biggs; Lucy, the wife of Charles Collier, now of Trenton, Grundy county; Mary A., the wife of William Finney; James, who married Mary Givens and resides in this county; Clementine, who married Nicholas Anderson, and after his death J. B. Melson; Susan, the wife of William Fitzpatrick; Jessamine, *femme libre*, and Ben-

jamin G., who married Miss Bettie Geigley and has charge of the old family homestead. He is engaged in farming in a general way and in raising stock. He has one child, Carl. Mrs. Blackford, the mother, the wife of J. M. Blackford, is a member of the Christian Church. Three others of her children died in infancy, and two after they had reached mature years. She is an excellent lady and is much beloved both in her family and by her neighbors.

JOHN V. COX

(Farmer and Stock-raiser, Post-office, Hunnewell).

With a good farm of 450 acres well improved, Mr. Cox may be said to be in comfortable circumstances. His life has been one of industry and frugal, intelligent management, so that he well deserves the competence he has accumulated. The 7th of March, 1819, was the day that he was called into being, and to begin that career in life which, if continued to the end, as it has thus far been run, must ultimately result in a happier and better home beyond the grave than has been his fortune to enjoy in this world, peaceful and contented as it has been. Mr. Cox is a native of Virginia, and was 13 years of age when he was brought to Missouri by his parents, James and Elizabeth (Gills) Cox. They settled in Monroe county, where both lived until their deaths. Mr. Cox, himself, resided in that county until 1843, and then came to Shelby county, in which he has since made his home. In April, 1843, he was married to Miss Martha E. Howell, a daughter of John Howell, of Marion county. Her mother is still living at the advanced age of 89. Mr. and Mrs. Cox have had eight children, seven living: Charles, Ellen, James, Mary, Ida, John and Mattie. Mr. and Mrs. C. are members of the Methodist Church.

GABRIEL DAVIS

(Farmer, Post-office, Hunnewell).

This respected old citizen of Shelby county has been a resident of the county for 54 years, and came originally from Simpson county, Ky., where he was born October 18, 1809. His father, James Davis, was from North Carolina, and his mother, whose maiden name was Mary Davis, was from South Carolina. In 1828 Mr. Davis came to Missouri, stopping 10 years in Marion county, and from there came to Shelby, where he has since resided, leading an industrious, worthy life, and commanding from the first the good opinions of all who know him. His labors have been rewarded with a sufficiency of this world's goods for all the necessities and sober comforts of farm life. He has a good farm of 200 acres, averagely improved. Mr. Davis has been married three times. His first wife was a Miss Cynthia Kincaide, who bore him five children, four of whom are living, John T., Andrew, Wallace and William. The mother of these died in 1846, and afterwards Mr. Davis was married to Miss Martha Harrison, also a native of Kentucky, as was his first wife. At her death she left him

two children, Francis S. and Charles S. His third, nee Matilda Harrison, was a sister to his second wife. Mr. Davis' farm is in section 36, of Jackson township.

ELY C. DAVIS, M. D.

(Physician and Surgeon, Hunnewell).

Dr. Davis' parents, Judge John Davis and wife, who was a Miss Elizabeth Dick before her marriage, were from South Carolina, and were among the early settlers of Marion county. They removed to that county from South Carolina in 1820. His father entered a large body of land and improved a good farm, on which he lived until his death. He was a man of considerable local prominence, a judge of the county court, and previously a magistrate for a number of years. He died in 1859. Dr. Davis' mother died in 1873. The Doctor was born in Marion county in 1830 and reared on a farm, receiving a good common school education. At the age of 21 he came to Shelby county, and afterwards followed teaching school here in order to get means to prosecute his medical studies. He had already decided to become a physician, and he persevered in this purpose, working his way along by teaching school for his expenses, until he at last triumphed over all obstacles and became a regular licentiate in the medical profession. He received his medical education at the medical department of the State University of Iowa, where he graduated among the first in his class in 1858. He then located at Hunnewell, where he has ever since been engaged in the practice. He has been entirely successful, and has taken the position of one of the leading physicians of this part of the county. He is also the proprietor of a drug store at this place, which has an excellent trade. In 1858 Dr. Davis was married to Miss Susan Day, a daughter of Thomas Day, formerly of Virginia. The Doctor and Mrs. Davis have had 12 children: Adoniram J., who died at the age of 13 years; Lilly J., who is now the wife of Charles Cox; Edward O., who died at the age of 11 months; John T., Mary V., Susie A., Herman C., Myrta E., Ida, Cassie E., who died at three years; Effie and Alice G. Dr. Davis is a member of the A. F. and A. M., and of the I. O. O. F., having filled most of the offices in both orders.

JOHN T. DAVIS

(Farmer and Carpenter, Post-office, Hunnewell).

Born October 22, 1833, in Marion county, Mr. Davis is a son of Gabriel and Cynthia (Kincaide) Davis, originally of Kentucky, and early settlers in Monroe county, removing to this State in 1828. Ten years later they removed to Shelby county, where the father now resides, at the age of 75, and has been married twice since the death of John T.'s mother, having also lost his second wife. By the first marriage there were five children, by his second two, and none by the last marriage, there being six children now living. John T. was

reared in this county, and in 1864 enlisted in Co. F, Thirty-ninth Missouri State Militia, and served until the close of the war. October 7, 1868 he was married to Miss Matilda Davis, a daughter of Francis Davis, formerly of New York. They have two children living, Alvine E. and Lines L. He and wife are members of the Methodist church, and he has 50 acres of good land where he resides. Mr. Davis is a carpenter by trade and is an energetic, skillful workman as well as industrious farmer.

SAMUEL W. DE HAVEN, (DECEASED)

(Bethel).

Among the better class of settlers in Shelby county since the war was the family of the subject of this memoir. The De Haven family is of Swedish origin and came of the nobility in that country. A branch of the family settled in France where they became adherents of Hugo, the French Protestant leader of the sixteenth century, or in other words they became French Huguenots. With the thousands of other French Protestants who fled to America from persecution at home, came several of the De Havens, and the family in this country settled in Pennsylvania. Being people of marked character and intelligence, they soon took a prominent position in affairs at their new home. Hugh De Haven, the father of the subject of this memoir, born and reared at Philadelphia, became a leading citizen of the place. He accumulated a large fortune and was a heavy stockholder in the first United States Bank of Philadelphia, of which he was cashier. He was also an extensive land holder in different parts of the country, including Illinois and Missouri. Among other holdings in this State he owned a section in Shelby county, which is now the homestead of Mrs. De Haven, the widow of his son, Samuel W., the subject of this memoir. Hugh De Haven's wife was a Miss Zippora White, of the well known family of that name in Delaware. They had a family of five children, and both died at Philadelphia at ripe old ages, widely and profoundly mourned, for they held a place among the better people of that city. Samuel W. De Haven was born in Philadelphia, August 3, 1833, and was given an advanced education. After graduating among the first in his class he entered the bank under his father to learn the banking business, for which he was intended. On the 9th of November, 1859, he contracted an appropriate and happy marriage with Miss Emma Thompson, an accomplished young lady of Philadelphia. She was also a graduate and of one of the best families of the city, a daughter of Joseph H. Thompson, a prominent business man of Philadelphia. After his marriage Mr. De Haven engaged in the banking business and stock brokerage on his own account at Philadelphia, and continued it there with success until his removal to Missouri. Meanwhile the close confinement necessary in banking life and the atmosphere of the city seriously affected his health, and he decided to come West and engage in farming on that account. He

accordingly settled on the tract of land in Shelby county which his father had bought years before and became a farmer and stock-raiser of this county. Mr. De Haven resided on his farm in Shelby county until his death, January 9, 1877, or but little more than seven years after his removal to Missouri. He was a man of fine culture and high character, a gentleman by natural instinct not less than by education. It is extremely sad that a citizen whose life would undoubtedly have been of great value to the county had he lived, was taken away so soon after making his home among his new neighbors. But although he was spared for only a short time, he had made a most favorable impression on all around him before his death, and was looked upon as one of the best men of the county, intelligent, public-spirited, a kind and generous neighbor and a useful citizen. Mrs. De Haven resides on the family homestead in this county, and has her family of four children with her, namely: Anabel, Hugh, Sarah and Amy. She and her eldest daughter are members of the Episcopal Church.

RICHARD H. DURRETT

(Farmer and Stock-raiser, Post-office, Oak Dale).

It was in 1870 that Mr. Durrett purchased his present farm, and since that time this place has continued to be his permanent home. It is an excellent farm of 160 acres, and its improvements are above the average, it being one of the choice homesteads of the vicinity. Mr. Durrett, besides being a good farmer in general, is making something of a specialty of stock, in which he is having excellent success. He was the eldest in a family of five children of William A. and Sallie (Gay) Durrett, the latter from Kentucky, but the former came to Missouri from Virginia, in 1825, and settled in Shelby county. Here they reared their family, and the mother died here in the spring of 1861. The father is still living at a venerable age, and has a pleasant home with his daughter, Mrs. Thomas Sharp, in Colorado. Richard H. Durrett saw considerable service in the Confederate army during the war, and bore himself bravely on the field of battle. He was under Col. Porter, the thrilling adventures of whose command would make one of the most readable books of the literature of the war. February 21, 1867, Mr. Durrett was married to Miss Paulina Gupton, daughter of Argentine Gupton, formerly of Kentucky. They have two children, Richard C. and Emma. Mrs. D. is a member of the Baptist Church. Mr. Durrett is a man of marked energy and industry, and occupies a leading position among his neighbors as a farmer and citizen. He is highly esteemed and influential in his vicinity.

REV. HARRISON EATON

(Baptist Minister, and Farmer and Fine Stock-raiser, Post-office, Shelbyville).

Rev. Mr. Eaton is a younger brother to Rev. John Eaton, whose sketch appears elsewhere, where something of an outline of the family

history has been given. Rev. Harrison Eaton was born after the family removed to Shelby county, at the family homestead in this county, April 4, 1838. Like his brother, he was reared to a farm life, and received a common school education. In 1862 he enlisted in the Union service and served with credit for two years and three months, receiving an honorable discharge. By reason of surgeon's certificate of disability in 1864, he returned home and resumed farming, which he has since followed. Later along he also gave his attention to stock-raising, and finally to dealing, to some extent, in stock. He has a good grade of stock on his farm, which he is steadily improving. Rev. Mr. Eaton has an excellent stock farm of nearly 400 acres. After his return from the army, in 1864, he studied for the ministry, and was licensed to preach in 1865. He was ordained a Baptist minister December 30, 1866, and for five or six years afterwards devoted himself largely to church work. Since then, however, he has principally engaged in farming and stock-raising. In 1870 he was married to Miss Mary, a daughter of William and Eliza Stalcup, formerly of Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. E. have two children, George W. and Anna M.

JOHN FINNEY

(Farmer and Stock-raiser, Post-office, Shelbina).

If one were to judge by the number of people who have left Kentucky, he would conclude that none remained in the State, for nearly every township in Missouri, and indeed, south-west of the Ohio and Mississippi rivers, is settled more largely by Kentuckians than from any other State. Among this class of settlers in Jackson township, of Shelby county, were the parents of the subject of this sketch, Andrew and Lucinda Finney, who came here from Kentucky in 1845. Andrew Finney was a plasterer by trade, and followed that business here for a number of years. He also engaged in farming, in which he had satisfactory success. He died on his farm in this county in 1875. His wife preceded him to the grave in 1874. Both were exemplary members of the Missionary Baptist Church. They had a family of five children, of whom John Finney was the eldest. He was born in Kentucky, on the 26th day of December, 1832. Reared, however, in this county, he was able to obtain only a limited education in the occasional schools of the district. In young manhood he went out to work as a farm hand, and thus made his start in life. In 1862 he was married to Miss Millie McGleaham, of this county, but formerly of Kentucky. Mr. Finney settled on the farm where he now resides in 1870. He has a good place of 180 acres, and is giving most of his attention to raising cattle and hogs for the markets, in which he is meeting encouraging success. Mr. and Mrs. Finney have two children, Joseph and Thomas. During the war Mr. Finney did gallant service in the Confederate army. He first went out under Col. Porter, but was captured on Salt river and taken to Alton prison. From there he was sent to Mississippi for exchange,

after which he resumed his place in the ranks of the Southern army, and served until the close of the war.

ROBERT J. FINNEY

(Farmer, Post-office, Hunnewell).

Five years of age when his parents came to Shelby county, Mr. Finney, born in Jessamine county, Ky., December 10, 1834, was reared in this county, and at the age of 19 went to Randolph county, where he lived for 14 years. Returning then to Shelby county, he has since made this his home. Mr. Finney was reared a farmer and has made that his occupation for life. He has a neat place of 80 acres and has it comfortably improved. Mr. Finney was married March 10, 1857, to Miss Mary E. Jeter, a daughter of Clement Jeter. Mr. and Mrs. F. have four children: Susan M., John C., William B. and James H. He and wife are members of the Christian Church and he is a member of the Masonic order. Mr. Finney was a son of John and Anna (McConnell) Finney, his father a native of Kentucky, but his mother originally of Virginia. She died in Knox county in 1876, but he had preceded her to the grave by 31 years, dying in Shelby county in 1845. They had six children, five of whom are living.

CHARLES G. GILCHRIST

(Deceased).

In 1872 died at his homestead in this county the subject of the present memoir, who for 40 years had been a resident of the county, and one of its worthy farmers and respected citizens. He was a native of Indiana, born in Washington county, on the 11th day of January, 1820. He came to Missouri in about 1842, locating in Shelby county, and on the 6th of November, four years afterwards, he was married in this county to Miss Desira, a daughter of Anthony and Elizabeth Blackford, who came here from Kentucky in about 1832. Mr. Gilchrist first settled about five miles south-east of Shelbyville, where he resided until 1856. He then moved to the present homestead of the family, where he died in 1872, as stated above. He was a worthy member of the A. F. and A. M., and was buried with the honors of that order. His widow still survives him and resides on the farm which is conducted by her sons, Charles and Joseph. It is an excellent place of 320 acres, and her sons are engaged in stock-raising. Except about a year, during which Charles was in Dakota in the timber business, and about a year previous to this in 1871, in Arkansas and Tennessee, both sons have been on the farm continuously from boyhood. They are worthy, energetic young men and deserve no ordinary credit for the energy and enterprise they show in managing the farm. There were three others in the family, James, who married Miss Alice, a daughter of Dr. Elliott; Walter D., who died in 1881; and John G., who married Miss Sarah, a daughter of Samuel Faulk. Mrs. Gilchrist, the mother, is a member of the M. E. Church South.

JAMES GOOCH

(Farmer, Justice of the Peace and Postmaster, Oak Dale).

'Squire Gooch comes of that old and honored Virginia family, whose name is familiar to every one even in the least acquainted with the history of the Old Dominion, a family descended from the best nobility of England, and eminent on both sides of the Atlantic. Sir William Gooch, it will be remembered, was appointed Governor of Virginia by George II. immediately after the accession of the latter, in 1727. Gov. Gooch presided over the destinies of Virginia for 22 years, and was the most popular executive who ever occupied the gubernatorial chair under the British Crown. Several of his family made their permanent home in Virginia, and from these the Goochs of the South and West are descended. Of a noble family in England, Gooch had done distinguished service for his country in the British army, and held the rank of major-general at the time of his appointment to the Governorship of Virginia. 'Squire Gooch now has in his possession an old family heirloom which was the property of Sir William Gooch and brought over to this country by him — a walnut chest hewn out of solid wood and about three and a half feet long by two feet wide and 19 inches deep. The lid is two inches thick. This chest is believed to be more than 150 years old. He also has a History of the Church of Scotland, published in 1689, a relic from Gov. Gooch's library. 'Squire Gooch's branch of the family early settled in Kentucky, and in Jessamine county, of the latter State, he was born August 25, 1817. His parents were James, Sr., and Dezhiah Gooch, who had a family of nine children, of whom James, Jr., was the fourth. In 1832 the family removed to Missouri and located at Palmyra. There the father died June 3, 1833. The following year the mother, Mrs. Gooch, came to what is now known as Shelby county and entered and bought about 200 acres of land, where she resided with her family of children for some 15 years. Meanwhile James Gooch, Jr., had grown up and bought another place, to which the family removed, renting the old homestead, which was adjoining the new place. In 1843, then a young man 26 years of age, James Gooch, Jr., was elected justice of the peace, which office he filled for three years and until he was elected county assessor. The first couple he married while serving as magistrate, and before he himself was married, was James Evans and Callie Owen, and the bride looked so fair and fascinating that several times during the ceremony he came very near substituting his own name for that of the bridegroom. But this of course would not have done, at all. However, he had the exquisite delight of kissing the bride as soon as the ceremony was over, it being the law at that time to place this, his seal, on the contract. From this time on he did a flourishing business in the matrimonial line, and finally got his nerves so highly wrought up that he could not resist the temptation of marrying himself, or, rather,

marrying a young lady, whom he had learned to greatly love and dream about. 'Squire Gooch and Miss Louisa J. Wood were married in 1849. She was an accomplished daughter of Dr. Adolphus E. Wood, formerly of St. Jago, in the island of Cuba. He came to Shelby county with his family in 1834. 'Squire Gooch continued farming in this county, and with excellent success. He has a fine farm of 352 acres and is comfortably situated in life. His married life has been one of great happiness and has been blessed with six children: Mary V., now the wife of James A. Martin, a railroad man; Caroline L., now the wife of William E. Wiley, mercantile traveler, of Iowa; Charles W., Matilda C., married John Hopewell, a farmer from Virginia, living on the adjoining farm; James A. and Belle L. The 'Squire and Mrs. G. are members of the Christian Church, and he is a member of the A. F. and A. M. He is the second oldest living settler in Shelby county. He is at present justice of the peace and has held that office for a number of years; he is also postmaster at Oak Dale. The 'Squire has the Justice's Docket of 'Squire George Trimble (who is long since deceased), dated in 1822. He also has a hymn-book published in 1804. Another souvenir of "Auld Lang Syne" is one of Pike's Written Arithmetics, now 76 years old; he also has a price list of corn for the year Gov. Gooch first administered the affairs in Virginia, in 1727; he likewise has a cane that has been in the family since the beginning of the present century, and a Scotch magazine published at Edinburgh in 1775, as well as a French Dictionary dated in 1812. The 'Squire is one of the sterling citizens of the county, a man of strong mind and character, and of wide and varied information. He is highly and universally respected by all who know him.

RICHARD D. GOODWIN

(Manager of the H. H. Goodwin Stock Farm, Post-office, Warren).

The Goodwin family were early settlers in this vicinity. Mr. Goodwin's father and mother, H. H. and Mary E. Goodwin, were originally of Bath county, Va. On coming to Missouri the father improved a farm here and engaged in farming and stock-raising, which he followed with success until his retirement from active labor on account of advancing years. Richard D. is now managing the farm and inherits much of the energy and enterprise that characterized the career of his father. He is one of the most active and thorough-going farmers and stock-raisers in this vicinity. The farm contains nearly 300 acres and is well improved and well stocked. Mr. Goodwin, Jr., makes a specialty of raising and handling stock, including mules, cattle and hogs, and ships large numbers annually to the wholesale markets. His father is still living and is spending his days in ease and retirement on the farm, although he takes marked interest in the affairs of the place and sometimes takes a hand in helping the work along. The mother has been dead a number of years. They had a family of eight children,

namely: Judith T., Richard D., Robert W., William O., Virginia B., Mary E., Harriet H. and Sarah R. Richard D., the second in the family, was born November 19, 1846, and was reared on the farm. He is still unmarried, but often feels that he ought to have a wife to make brighter and more attractive his pathway in life. Of course he enjoys the flowers on either side, but none are his, for he has never yet chosen a posy from among them. It is believed, however, that in the midst of all the fair ones around him he will not much longer deny himself the exquisite beatitude of claiming one for his own.

JAMES A. McAFEE

(Farmer, Post-office, Oak Dale).

One hundred and twenty acres constitute the farm of the subject of the present sketch. It is a neat place and is well managed, Mr. McAfee being one of the energetic, intelligent farmers of Jackson township. He was the fourth in a family of seven children of Albert C. McAfee and wife, *nee* Eliza T. Martin, and was born February 16, 1838. His parents came to Missouri in 1831, and resided for about eight years in Marion county, where James A. was born. When he was about a year old they removed to Shelby county, where the father improved the present place. He died here May 12, 1869, but the mother survived until September 8, 1874. But four of their family of children are now living, two older than James A. and one younger, namely, Lutitia A., now Mrs. Vaughn; Jennie E., now Mrs. Kenning; and George W. Both parents are members of the Missionary Baptist Church. In 1867 James A. McAfee was married to Miss Paulina, a daughter of ex-magistrate David Kenning, who came to Missouri from Indiana in about 1857, and settled in Shelby county. Mr. and Mrs. McAfee have four children: Alma T., James D., John C. and Emma C. Mrs. McA. is a member of the Christian Church.

THOMAS P. MEGLASSON

(Farmer, Post-office, Oak Dale).

Born in Mason county, Ky., January 24, 1839, Mr. Meglasson was principally reared in that county, being brought up on a farm. In 1852, however, when he was 13 years of age, the family removed to Missouri, and located first in Marion county, settling in Shelby county 11 years afterwards. The father, Wilson T. Meglasson, died here April 29, 1824; but the mother, whose maiden name was Carolina L. Anderson, is still living, and makes her home with her children, of whom there are seven, namely: John D., Phœbe A., Thomas P., Eliza G., George B., Martha W. and Charles P. In 1861 Thomas P. enlisted in the Southern army, under Col. Green, afterwards Gen. Green. Later along in the war he was under Gen. John Morgan, of Kentucky, and was present when the latter was killed, and saw Dougherty capture the Confederate flag at Mt. Sterling, at that time. He was not in the service during all the war, however, on account of

the loss of his health. In 1867 he was married to Miss Susan R. Ryan, a daughter of Thompson Ryan, of Kentucky. The year before he had settled on the place where he now resides. Mr. and Mrs. M. are members of the Baptist Church. They have seven children: Sarah E., James M., Elizabeth F., Martha C., Eliza G., Thomas S. and Rachel W.

JAMES W. MARTIN

(Farmer, Post-office, Hunnewell).

This old and respected citizen of Tiger Fork township was born and reared in the Old Dominion, where he resided for many years afterwards, and until 1869, when he came West in order that his children might have better opportunities to establish themselves in life than were available in their native State. Mr. Martin was born in Rockbridge county, Va., November 26, 1814, and was married March 26, 1839, to Miss Mary C. Greer, born in the same county June 22, 1822. He was engaged in farming and trading in stock in Virginia until his removal to Missouri, in 1869, when he settled in Shelby county. He bought his present place in 1877, and has since made this his permanent home. Mr. Martin is afflicted with rheumatism, and has been for a year or two past. He and his good wife have reared 12 children: William, Alexander, Reuben, Sarah E., James H., Charles B., Mary F., John M., Samuel M., Gilford L., Alfred A. and Emmett Lee. Mr. Martin had three sons in the Confederate army who went clear through the war from the beginning to the close, all without a wound, except one, who was shot through the body while on picket duty, but recovered. One of his sons died in 1869, from the effects of an accident received on a boat while coming to Missouri. He fell through the hatch of the boat, and died about 12 hours afterwards. He was brought, however, to Hunnewell for interment. Mr. and Mrs. Martin are members of the Baptist Church.

ROBERT K. AND JAMES C. MAYES

(Farmers and Stock-raisers, Post-office, Hunnewell).

Robert K. Mayes, the father of James C., was born in Bath county, Va., July 5, 1800, and was a son of James and Mary Mayes; his mother was of Pennsylvania birth. In an early day they removed to Kentucky and settled in Simpson county, where Robert K. was reared, and where he was married in June, 1823, to Miss Drusillia Davis, a daughter of Gabriel Davis, one of the forefathers of his country. Ten years after his marriage Mr. Mayes removed to Missouri and located in Marion county, but the year following he settled in Shelby county, where he still resides. They were both members of the Baptist Church. His wife died here in March, 1879, and had borne him 10 children, seven of whom are living: James C., Mary A., John G., William T., Lucretia A., Joseph B. and W. E. Mr. Mayes has followed farming from boyhood, and though commencing for himself

when a young man without a dollar, he has come to be one of the substantial men of the township. He has about 500 acres of land with nearly 300 in cultivation, which is his homestead, upon which there is no incumbrance.

James C. Mayes, his father's eldest son, was born in Simpson county, Ky., June 14, 1826, but was principally reared in Shelby county. In 1849 he was married in this county to Miss Lucretia Howe, a daughter of Richard Howe. They have three children: James A., Alice and August. Mr. Mayes, following the example of his father, has been a farmer all his life, or from the time he was able to work on the farm. He has been quite successful and has a fine farm of 480 acres. He and wife are members of the Baptist Church, of which his mother was a member before her death, and his father is still a member.

ELIJAH ORR

(Farmer and Stock-raiser, Post-office, Hunnewell).

Among the more energetic, progressive and well-to-do citizens of Jackson township, the subject of the present sketch occupies an enviable position. Early in life a successful school-teacher, and afterwards an enterprising merchant for many years, his education and experience in affairs have been such as to mark him as a man far above the average in intelligence and information. Through a long and varied experience he has shown the energy and business ability to get along successfully in the world and to accumulate a comfortable estate, a competency for himself and those dependent upon him in his later years of life. Mr. Orr has been a resident of Shelby county for the last 12 years, and has taken the position in Jackson township as one of its worthiest and best citizens. He has a fine farm of 480 acres and good improvements and in excellent condition. He was born in Harrison county, Ky., July 9, 1814. His father, James Orr, came from Pennsylvania, where he was born in 1777, and was a weaver and farmer by occupation. Mr. Elijah Orr's mother was a Miss Catherine Williams, of Pendleton county, Ky. She was born in Virginia in 1777, and came to Kentucky in an early day, and lived there until her marriage, in 1804. James Orr was a gallant soldier in the War of 1812, and was a man of sterling character and reasonably successful in the affairs of life. He had a family of nine children, and four are still living. Elijah was the fifth in his parents' family of children and received a good education as he grew up on his father's farm. He afterwards taught school, then engaged in merchandising, which he followed at different points in Kentucky for a number of years. He was also interested in buying and raising stock in that State. In 1872 he came from Anderson county, Ky., where he had resided for the previous 27 years, to Shelby county, Mo. He was married in Woodford county, Ky., November 24, 1839, to Miss Elizabeth A. Utterback, a daughter of Henry J. Utterback, of that county. Mr. and Mrs. Orr have had nine children, five living: Martha S., Davis,

James H., John E. and William S. Orr. Mrs. Orr is a member of the Christian Church, as is also Mr. Orr and the daughter and sons.

WILLIAM D. PARKER

(Farmer, Post-office, Oak Dale).

When Mr. Parker's father, George Parker, settled in Shelby county with his family in 1831, there were but two houses in the present limits of the county. Mr. Parker can, therefore, claim with truth to be of one of the pioneer families of the county. He was then in infancy, or about two years of age, having been born April 18, 1829. His mother was a Miss Ann Vandiver before her marriage, and he was the sixth in the family of nine children. Both parents were Virginians, and came from that State direct to Shelby county. The parents died here, the mother in 1843 and the father in 1852. William D. Parker was reared a farmer, and on the 7th of April, 1853, was married to Miss Rebecca Buchanan, a daughter of George and Margaret Buchanan. Mr. and Mrs. P. have four children: Maggie B., Mary E., Robert B. and Lewis F. There are two deceased, the second and third, Virginia and Charles W. Mary E. is the wife of Jerome Broughton and Maggie E. is now Mrs. James Elliott. Mr. Parker has been fairly successful as a farmer and has a place of over a quarter section of land substantially improved. He is one of the well respected citizens of the township.

GEORGE J. PARKER

(Farmer and Stock-raiser, Contractor and Builder, Post-office, Shelbina).

Mr. Parker, who is one of the leading agriculturists of Jackson township, and as a contractor and builder in former years has erected several well known public buildings, is by nativity a Marylander, and was born in Wicomico county, March 3, 1830. His father was Dr. Daniel Parker, a successful physician of that county, and his mother, before her marriage, was a Miss Margaret Wallop. She was of Virginia and they were married in Virginia in 1820. They made their permanent home, however, in Dr. Parker's native State, Maryland. He died there in 1834 and she two years before. George J. was the third in their family of four children, and was reared in Wicomico county. His education was received in the local schools, and before he was 16 years old he went to Philadelphia and learned the carpenter's trade. In May, 1851, he came West and located at Hannibal. In 1856 he removed to Fayette, Howard county, and engaged in erecting the Central College building, and in 1858, in connection with Joseph McGraw, built the Howard county court-house. He removed to Shelby county in 1860 and located on a farm. In 1866 he removed to Shelbina and was engaged in the lumber business there two years; then returning to his farm until 1871, he bought a half interest in the Shelbina flouring mills, which he sold in the fall of 1874, and in the fall of 1875 he, in connection with others, organized

the Farmers' Tobacco Association. This enterprise was a success until he severed his connection with it, which he did in the fall of 1876. In 1878 he again returned to his farm where he now resides. Mr. Parker has a fine farm of 533 acres — one of the best farms in Jackson township. On the 29th of October, 1858, he was married to Miss Emrette Faulkner, a daughter of Jephtha and Ann Faulkner, of Orange county, N. Y. Mrs. P. received her early education there and graduated at Charlotteville College in her native State. Mr. and Mrs. Parker have five children.

JUDGE JOHN T. PERRY

(Farmer and Judge of the County Court, Post-office, Oak Dale).

In 1880 Judge Perry, then but 30 years of age, was elected to his present office, one of the most important and responsible official positions in the county. This was a compliment of no ordinary significance and was as well deserved as it was worthily bestowed. Nor has the sober second thought of the people disapproved of the choice they first made, for in 1882 he was re-elected by an increased majority and he is now nominated by the majority party in the county for a third election to the same office. Thus it is seen that he has fully met the expectations of the public and has given entire and general satisfaction as an upright, capable judge and worthy, faithful official. Judge Perry has been a resident of Shelby county only since 1871, and came to this county from Kentucky, being at that time barely 21 years of age. He was born and reared in Anderson county, Ky., and is a son of Berry Perry, now of this county, and wife, *nee* Polly Searcy, who were married in 1849, and resided in Anderson county until 1852, then removing to Clay county, Mo. But on account of the bad health of his wife and loss of their second son, he removed in 1855 to Anderson county, Ky., thence to Washington county, Ky., in the year 1858. There they resided till 1863, when they returned to Anderson county, Ky. Mr. Perry, the Judge's father, is now one of the worthy and respected citizens of Jackson township, Shelby county, Mo., and a substantial farmer. He was a gallant soldier in the Mexican war and fought at Beuna Vista under Taylor, where he was severely wounded. Judge Perry, who was the eldest in a family of 12 children, obtained a good, common English education as he grew up, and when quite a young man became a school teacher, an occupation he has followed, though not continuously in late years, for about 17 years. In 1861 he was elected captain of the militia of his township of Washington, Ky., resigning in September of the same year. His company, under the leadership of a new captain, thence marched South to quench the Rebellion; but for his outspoken opposition to the war and for his Democratic declarations, he was incarcerated in prison at Lebanon, Ky., then at Louisville, and subsequently at St. Louis and Chicago, from whence he was released in March, 1863, upon taking the oath of allegiance. On the 4th of September, 1873, he was married in this county to Miss Rosa A. Snyder, a

daughter of John H. and Sarah Snyder, and a most estimable lady. Their happy union has been blessed with four children: Mamie May, Maggie Maud, Edna Bell and John O. Since his marriage Judge Perry has been engaged in farming and he has an excellent place of 100 acres in sections 16 and 17, township 57, range 9, of the municipal township of Jackson. The Judge is justly esteemed one of the influential men of the county. A man of high character and marked intelligence, he is naturally regarded as a leading man of the community. He takes a deep interest in the welfare of the county and has the name of having made one of the best judges the county ever had.

JONATHAN RODGERS

(Farmer and Stock-raiser, Post-office, Hunnewell).

Mr. Rodgers is a native of Pennsylvania, born March 27, 1813, and a son of Col. George Rodgers, a prominent citizen of North Hampton county, that State, and a gallant officer in the War of 1812. Col. Rodgers was from the north of Ireland, and a man of fine education and high character. He was surveyor of Northampton county in Pennsylvania, and held other positions of local prominence and influence. He was a leading member of the Masonic Order, and was noted as a man of great public spirit and a leader among those around him. His wife was a Miss Catherine Grover before her marriage, a young lady of Pennsylvania birth. They have nine children, four of whom are living. Both were members of the Presbyterian Church. Jonathan Rodgers, the subject of this sketch, was reared in Pennsylvania and became a skillful millwright, which he followed in that State and also bridge building, besides running a farm and raising stock. In 1862, however, he bravely enlisted in the war for the defense of the Union, becoming a member of Co. H, Missouri Volunteer Infantry, serving until after the close of the war. In 1836 Mr. Rodgers came to Missouri, and settled in Shelby county, where he has since been engaged in farming. He has a place of 200 acres, and is comfortably situated. February 13, 1844, he was married to Miss Ellen E. Davis, formerly of Kentucky. Seven children are the fruits of their union: Lucy C., Elizabeth S., Martha J., Maggie, Ellen L., Willie C. and Robert.

PHILIP RUTH

(Farmer and Stock-raiser, Post-office, Oak Dale).

Mr. Ruth came to Shelby county in 1865, and was then comparatively a young man, and just beginning to get a start in life. He was industrious and economical, and going to work as a farmer on the fertile soil of this county, he, of course, was bound to succeed. He rented land for five years, and was then able to buy a place of his own. He bought 160 acres in section 26, near Oak Dale, where he has one of the valuable and well improved farms of the vicinity. He is steadily increasing in stock and worldly possessions, and, no

doubt, before the shadows of old age begin to fall around him he will be in easy circumstances. He is a law-abiding, good citizen, and contributes his full share as a farmer to the prosperity of the community. Mr. Ruth has been twice married. His first wife, who was a Miss Hattie Smith, of Ohio, died two years after their marriage. His present wife, *nee* Miss Mary A. Kennel, was originally of Pennsylvania, a daughter of Joseph and Sarah Kennel, who moved to Ohio, then to Missouri in 1876, returning, however, to Ohio the following year, where he died in 1882, and the mother a year afterwards. Mr. and Mrs. Ruth have five children: Hiram B., Emma E., Mary A., Sarah R. and Joseph A. Mr. R. is a native of Germany, born March 30, 1837, and came to America in 1855, settling in Ohio. Thence he came to Missouri ten years afterwards.

HENRY SCHILLING

(Farmer, Post-office, Oak Dale).

Mr. Schilling is a thrifty, energetic German-American farmer, who came out to Missouri from New York in 1879 and settled in Jackson township, where he now resides. He had started to Kansas, and, indeed, had purchased tickets to that State, but was so pleased with the appearance and evident fertility of the lands of Shelby county he decided to stop here. He accordingly bought a farm, on which he has since resided, having made his permanent home in Shelby county. He has a good place of 160 acres and is prospering quite up to his expectations. November 19, 1859, Mr. Schilling was married to Miss Katrina, a daughter of Bernhardt and Jacobina Eitelmann, formerly of Germany, but then of Columbia county, N. Y. Mr. and Mrs. Schilling have five children: Heinrich August, Christian F., Bernhardt E., Peter A. and John C. Mr. and Mrs. Schilling are members of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Schilling was born in Bavaria, August 31, 1829, and was a son of John and Susan (Stauerwaldt) Schilling, both of old and respected German families. Mr. S. was 22 years of age when he came to America. He settled at Canaan, in Columbia county, N. Y., where he resided until he came to Missouri in 1879.

JEPHTHA R. SMITH

(Farmer and Stock-raiser, Post-office, Warren).

Prominent among the substantial and leading farmers of this township must be mentioned the subject of the present sketch, Mr. Smith. A man of marked character and intelligence himself, and a worthy representative of the best citizenship of the township, he is also related to several well known and excellent families. Mr. Smith is a native Missourian, born in Marion county, December 24, 1840. His parents came to that county from Kentucky in about 1879. His father, Elijah Smith, was a man of singular courage and enterprise, and, withal, a man of most estimable character. For a number of years he was a

thorough-going, progressive farmer, but when the California gold excitement broke out, possessing the spirit he did, he of course was drawn into the stream of emigrants that flowed westward to the Pac-tolian coast of the Pacific seas. He spent about four years engaged in mining in California, and then returned to the bosom of his family at his old home in Marion county, where he lived a worthy and respected life until the summons came for him to depart in peace. His memory is cherished as that of one of the good men of Marion county. He was for many years a consistent member of the Primitive Baptist Church, as was his wife, who was a Miss Eliza Mildred Huch before her marriage. They reared a family of six children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the fourth. Reared in Marion county, and of the Southern family he was, Jephtha R. Smith, when the blast of war sounded in 1861, gallantly went to the front in the defense of Southern rights and institutions. He enlisted under Capt. Priest, of Col. Green's regiment, and bravely kept step to the music of the Confederate drum until it was silenced to be heard no more. He was in several of the hardest fought battles of the war and now bears two honorable scars in proof of the unfaltering part he took in the great struggle between the Southern and Northern States. At the battle of Corinth, October 3, 1862, he received a terrible wound, his recovery from which seemed almost a miracle. He was shot through the body from his right to his left side, just under the arms, an ounce ball passing in at one side and out at the other. Notwithstanding the severity of his wound, however, he soon recovered and bravely resumed his place in the ranks with his comrades. A cause that rallied to its defense the hundreds of thousands of brave and true men who fought in the ranks of the South, many of them to the death, deserved better fate than that which befell it.

"Ah! never shall the land forget
How gushed the life-blood of her brave,
Gushed, warm with hope and courage yet,
Upon the soil they fought to save."

After the war Mr. Smith did not return immediately to Missouri, for while campaigning in the sunny Southern Southland he had met and come to love one to him dearer than the earth. He accordingly lingered under Southern skies until he made her his bride, which was the 11th of October, 1865. Returning then to Missouri, though not laurel-crowned with victory from the tented field, but smiling amid orange blossoms from the hymenial alter, he now went to work with a light heart and resolute purpose to establish himself in life. A few years afterwards he came to Shelby county, where he has since resided. Having made a brave soldier during the war, since its close he has been an industrious, successful and useful citizen. He has several hundred acres of fine land, the fruit of his own industry, and his farm, containing 180 acres, is one of the best in the township. Mr. Smith is handling stock to a considerable extent and with good success. He and his excellent wife have two worthy children, Lucretia V. and

Rufus I. Mrs. Smith, whose maiden name was Miss Martha V. Patterson, was a daughter of Major Ira Patterson, a wealthy planter of Alabama, but originally of North Carolina. Her father is now deceased, but her mother still resides on the old family plantation in Alabama.

JAMES O. STRIBLING

(Farmer and Carpenter, Post-office, Lakenan).

Born in Monroe county, October 8, 1840, Mr. Stribling was a son of Taliaferro and Jane C. (Bogg) Stribling, his father from Kentucky, but his mother originally from Pennsylvania. The father died in 1847, but the mother survived until 1872, when she died in this county. They had a family of three children, and of these James O. was the eldest. He came to Shelby county in 1864, but previously he had served in the Confederate army, enlisting under Gen. Price in 1862. Mr. Stribling was married April 28, 1868, when Miss Susan D. Hamilton became his bride. She was a daughter of C. A. Hamilton, originally from Kentucky. Mr. and Mrs. Stribling have been blessed with six children, five of whom are living, namely: Jane O., Harry L., Anna A., Clement and James O., Jr. Mr. S. has a neat farm of 80 acres. His wife is an exemplary member of the Catholic Church.

JAMES W. TURNER

(Farmer, Stock-raiser, and Tobacco Grower, Post-office, Warren).

Mr. Turner has been a resident of Shelby county since 1866, and has been engaged in farming pursuits during all this time. He has a place of 1860 acres, and, considering the size of his farm, is doing quite an extensive business in the stock line. He has a good grade of horses, mules, cattle, sheep, hogs, etc. However, Mr. T. makes a specialty of raising tobacco, which he finds one of the most profitable crops he can grow. Like most of the residents of Jackson township, he is a native Kentuckian, born in Garrard county in 1839. The following year his parents came to Missouri and settled in Marion county. James W. was reared in that county, and remained there until his removal to Shelby. During the years 1862 and '63 he was engaged in carrying the U. S. mail between Warren and Palmyra. In 1865 Mr. Turner was married to Miss Martha, a daughter of Paschal W. and Caroline McGleason, of Shelby county, but formerly of Kentucky. Mr. and Mrs. Turner have four children: Emmet L., Laura B., Alice V., and Sterling J.; Carrie died in infancy. He and wife are members of the Baptist Church. Mr. Turner's father, Thomas W. Turner, died in Marion county. His mother, whose maiden name was Margaret W. Tucker, is still living. They had a family of 11 children, of whom James W. was the eldest.

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