

GEORGE UTZ

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

From boyhood Mr. Utz has been actively identified with farming, and was exclusively so until 1879, when he bought an interest in the mill which he has since been interested in running. He has a good farm of 165 acres, and is a thorough-going farmer and stock-raiser. He handles horses, cattle, sheep and hogs, and has a considerable number of stock each year for the markets. Very justly he is regarded as one of the prosperous and go-ahead farmers and stock-raisers of Jackson township. Mr. Utz was born and reared in Shelby county, and was the youngest of three children of John and Mary Utz, old and respected residents of this county; his father, now deceased, was originally of Kentucky, his mother was born in Virginia. They were married in Kentucky and came to Missouri in the pioneer days of this State, locating first in Ralls county, but afterwards settling in Shelby county. The father died here, a man who was highly respected by all who knew him. The mother is still living, a most estimable and motherly old lady, much beloved by all who had the pleasure of her acquaintance. She is a worthy member of the Christian Church. Her other son, William, also resides in this county, and her daughter, Emily J., is the wife of W. H. Barker, originally of Pennsylvania, who died in 1880. George Utz, the subject of this sketch, is a worthy member of the A. F. and A. M. at Hunnewell.

TAYLOR TOWNSHIP.

DANIEL A. CARMICHAEL

(Farmer, Post-office, Leonard).

The Carmichael family is well known in Missouri as one of the old and respected families of the State, as is also the Louthan family, of which Mr. Carmichael is a representative on his mother's side. Both families came originally from Virginia and branches of each settled in different parts of this State in an early day. Several members of both families have become prominent and well known in public life and in the professions. Mr. Carmichael's parents, however, were not among the early settlers of Missouri. They were reared in Virginia, where they were married, and afterwards continued to reside until 1866. They then came out to Missouri and located in Shelby county. The father, Robert Carmichael, was an energetic farmer and held offices of trust while living in Virginia and was one of the worthy and respected citizens of the State. Daniel A. was the second of six chil-

dren and was born in Hampshire county, Va., September 26, 1843. Reared in Virginia, in 1861, like the worthy epeblian he was, of the Old Dominion, he bravely enlisted in the Confederate service and fought gallantly under Jackson, the great Christian commander of the Civil War, until that irresistible hero-general of the South went down in conflict and was buried in the soil of his native State he had fought so bravely and well to defend. Young Carmichael was then under J. E. B. Stuart until the battle of Wilderness Church was over. He was then under Gen. Jubal A. Early, and for meritorious conduct at the battle of Gettysburg was made first lieutenant and assigned to Lieut.-Gen. R. S. Hill's staff. In many of the great death-duels of that long and terrible struggle, he bravely bore himself as a true soldier of the South, facing death without a halt or tremor wherever duty called. At the battle of Gettysburg he was severely wounded and left bleeding on the field, but on being cared for and properly attended at the hospital he finally recovered and once more answered the roll-call in the ranks of those who dared to do and to die, if necessary, for the cause they had sworn to defend. The year after the war he came to Missouri with his parents, and the 16th of September, 1869, he was married in this county to Miss Isabella Turner, a daughter of Abel and Mary E. Turner. Mr. and Mrs. Carmichael have four children: Minnie L., Daisy I., Arthur F. and Charles M. He and wife are members of the Baptist Church. Mr. Carmichael, who made a good and true soldier during the war, has made equally as good a citizen and successful farmer in these piping times of peace. He has been industrious, energetic and enterprising, as he still is, and has succeeded admirably well in the accumulation of that which both enriches him and makes the country prosperous indeed. He has a fine farm of 240 acres, all well improved, and annually puts on the markets large quantities of farm products and stock.

JOSEPH F. COCHRANE

(Farmer, Section 1).

Mr. Cochrane was born May 6, 1853, in Knox county, Mo. Here he grew to manhood, and became a farmer. He married, March 25, 1875, Miss Elizabeth Boggs, who was born in Kansas, but reared in Adams county, Ill. They have one child, Carrie L. In 1882 Mr. Cochrane changed his place of residence from Knox to Shelby county, where he now has a fine farm of 120 acres, beautifully situated and splendidly improved. A young man of Mr. Cochrane's mental and moral caliber must be a success in life. Given certain qualities, a certain result must be compassed. If quick intellect, steady habits and unflagging industry and perseverance are necessary, Mr. C. will at no distant date be at the head of those men who, with true wisdom and independence, have chosen agriculture as their occupation in life. He is the son of James Cochrane, a Kentucky farmer, who emigrated to Missouri. He settled in Knox county, and there marrying Miss Elizabeth Shaw, a native of Marion county, he raised a family of

six children, of whom Joseph F. was the fourth. His brothers and sisters were: Virgiline, Lavinia, Violet, Catherine, Emma and Thomas. Mr. and Mrs. Cochrane, Sr., were devout members of the Christian Church.

SHELTON L. DODD

(Farmer, Post-office, Leonard).

Mr. Dodd is of an old and respected family of Fauquier county, Va., and his father was born there away back in 1778. Allen Dodd, the father of Shelton L., was reared in Fauquier county, and was married there to Miss Mary Priest, of which union seven children were born, including the subject of this sketch, but only two are living. Shelton L. Dodd was born in Fauquier county January 29, 1819. In 1835 the family came to Missouri, and located in Ralls county, where the parents lived until their deaths, the father becoming a substantial citizen of that county. He died here in 1852. Shelton L. grew up on the farm in Ralls county and remained there until 1855, when he removed to Knox county, where he engaged in farming for 10 years. He then came to Shelby county, and has since been a resident of this county. He has a good farm of 162 acres. January 4, 1846, he was married to Miss Sophronia Jamison and they have been blessed with seven children: William, James, John, Joseph, Anna, Sallie and Ella. He and wife are members of the Baptist Church. Mrs. Dodd was a daughter of William and Anna Jamison, early settlers in Ralls county.

WILLIAM T. GAINES

(Farmer, Sections 1 and 2, Post-office, Leonard).

John B. Gaines, father of William T., was born in Virginia, in 1802. He was a farmer and school teacher. He went from Virginia to Kentucky, where he married Miss Sidney Patterson, a Kentuckian by birth. They then moved to Monroe county, Mo., making it their permanent home. There were born to them seven children, of whom five are living: Samuel P., Lucy A., Mary E., John B. and William T., the subject of this sketch. He was the youngest child, and was born in Monroe county, Mo., August 28, 1842. He grew up in Shelby county, his early training preparing him for the occupation of a farmer, which he embraced upon coming of age. He has 102 acres of land nicely improved and making a comfortable and attractive home. He is energetic and industrious, and, in consequence, prosperous. Mr. Gaines married, January 5, 1881, Miss Mary R. Stuart, born March 4, 1854, in Shelby county, Mo. Heaven has blessed them with six children, four of whom are now living: Clara B., Bertie, Thomas A. and Laura E. Though quite a young man, Mr. Gaines was elected in 1882 to the dignified office of justice of the peace, the duties of which he discharges with much credit to himself and satisfaction to the public.

CHARLES W. GAY

(Farmer, Post-office, Leonard.)

It was in 1836, nearly 50 years ago, when the subject of this sketch was yet a child only about three years of age, that his parents left Kentucky, where they had been reared and made their homes after their marriage, for the then new State of Missouri. They first stopped in Marion county and then removed to Macon county, but in 1849 they came to Shelby county, where they resided for nearly 20 years. However, they returned to Marion county, and the father died there about 13 years afterwards, in the spring of 1881. He, the father, Caleb W. Gay, was born in Fayette county, Ky., in 1802. The mother, whose maiden name was Emily Hall, was born in Scott county, Ky., in 1809. They had three children, William H., Mary E. and Charles W. Charles W. Gay was born in Woodford county, Ky., May 8, 1833. He was principally reared in Missouri, and came with his parents to Shelby county in 1849, or rather with his father and family, for his mother had died the year before. His father subsequently married again, of which union there are five children living. Charles W. was married August 12, 1855. His wife, whose maiden name was Catherine T. Sharp, was also from Woodford county, Ky., a daughter of William Sharp. They have no children living, but two deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Gay are members of the Christian Church. Mr. Gay has made farming his life occupation and has a good place, containing about a quarter of a section of land.

LEWIS H. GILLASPY

(Farmer, Post-office, Leonard.)

This venerable and respected old citizen of the county, one of the fathers of Shelbyville, and a man whose name for nearly half a century, ever since he came to the county, has been a synonym for honest and worthy citizenship, is, like many of the early settlers of the county, a sturdy old Kentuckian by nativity. He was born in Shelby county, Ky., from which Shelby county, Mo., was named, on account of so many of its early settlers being from the former county, on the 6th of July, 1806. His parents, Alexander and Sarah (Griffith) Gillaspy, were from Virginia. Originally, however, the Gillaspy family was from Pennsylvania, where it had been settled from the founding almost of that colony. The Hon. James G. Blaine's mother, a Miss Gillaspy, for which the G. in his name stands, was a representative of the same family. Mr. Gillaspy's father was a farmer and miller by occupation. In 1825 the family came to Missouri and located in Marion county. Eleven years afterwards they settled in Shelby county, where the father died in 1853. Lewis H. was principally reared in Kentucky, but came to Missouri with his father's family. He came to Shelby county the year before they did, and bought the land now a part of

the site of Shelbyville. He was one of the founders of that place, and contributed ten acres of the ground for the town site. He was married the same year he came to Shelby county, his wife having been a Miss Lucinda Manuel, of Fayette county, Ky. She came to Missouri, however, with her parents, Thompson and Catherine Manuel. Mr. and Mrs. Gillaspay have reared three children: Sarah C., John A. and William L. He is still residing on his homestead, where he has lived for many years, an excellent farm of 216 acres.

SAMUEL GREENFIELD

(Farmer, Post-office, Leonard).

The Greenfield family settled in the first instance in Maryland after their immigration to America from England. From there it has dispersed itself over many of the States of the Union, and its representatives are to be found in every section of the country. The family, as far back as it can be traced, comes from the Rev. William Greenfield, an eminent theologian and oriental scholar who flourished from about 1562 to 1630. He was the author of a Comprehensive Bible which gives, or purports to give, the codes of all religions, or all that has been made known by means of letters. Mr. Greenfield's parents, the father and mother of the subject of this sketch, Robert Greenfield and wife, *nee* Anna Austin, were both natives of Maryland, and Mr. G., himself, was born in Talbot county, of that State, July 5, 1812. In about 1820, he then being a lad some eight years of age, the family emigrated West, and settled in Hocking county, O. Later along they removed to La Grange county, Ind., in about 1835. The father died there some years afterwards. Samuel Greenfield was principally reared in Ohio, and was married in La Grange, Ind., in about 1841, to Miss Hannah Michael, formerly of Virginia, and four years his junior. Mr. G. was himself the fifth in a family of eight children, and his wife was the first of eight children of David and Sarah Michael. Three of his father's family are living, and five of her father's. After a residence in Indiana for five years he came to Missouri and settled in Shelby county. He has been living in this county for 45 years, and has been continuously engaged in farming. He has a good farm of 400 acres, and is comfortably situated. On the 4th of December, 1873, Mr. Greenfield had the misfortune to lose his wife. She left him the following children at her death, namely: Sarah Ann Hoffer, George Washington, Deniza Susan Cox, Samuel Austin, Mary Francis Cox and Samuel. D. M. and R. L. Greenfield, were old enough to go in the Federal army, where they lost their lives.

CHARLES L. HARRIS

(Farmer, Section 12, Post-office, Leonard).

Mr. Harris was born March 19, 1827, in Alleghany county, Md. His father, Jesse Harris, a farmer of Loudoun county, Va., was born July 3, 1805. He moved to Maryland and there lost his heart to Miss

Delilah Fry, a native of Alleghany county. They were married in 1826 and a few years afterwards moved to Marion county, Mo., where they reared a family of six children: Mathias F., James B., George W., David S., Lydia H. and Catherine E. Mr. and Mrs. Harris were members of the Christian Church. Charles L. Harris was reared in Marion county and was engaged in farming until he was 22 years of age, when he became a merchant. In 1850 he took a trip to California, mining and trading there for two years. On his return he resumed his agricultural pursuits, with which he has ever since been occupied. His farm contains 115 acres and is well improved. Mr. H. is an intelligent and successful farmer and is an honest and good citizen. He is highly respected by the community and has filled, for the last 16 years, with much ability, the office of justice of the peace in Taylor township. Mr. Harris was married April 1, 1852, in Shelby county, Mo., to Miss Mary E. Gaines, who was born August 3, 1833, in Howard county, Mo. There are six children by this marriage, all living: John W., Lucy E., Sidney P., Mollie M., James B. and Jasper L. Mrs. A. is a member of the Christian Church, and her husband is connected with the Baptist denomination. He also belongs to the Masonic order.

ANDREW J. HILTON

(Farmer, Post-office, Leonard).

The Hilton family settled originally from England in New York State, and from there, some time prior to the Revolution, a branch of it became located in Virginia. The subject of this sketch comes of the Virginia branch of the family. His grandfather removed to Tennessee, where his father was born and reared and was married. Judge Hilton, of New York City, the counsel of the great American merchant prince, A. T. Stewart, is a descendant of the original New York family. Andrew Hilton, the subject of this sketch, a son of Joseph and Catherine (Robinson) Hilton, of Tennessee, was born in Sullivan county, of that State, December 5, 1839. The following year his parents removed to Missouri and settled in Shelby county. The father became a prosperous farmer of this county, and a man of local influence and consideration. He was justice of the peace for a number of years, and died here about the time of the outbreak of the war. His mother survived him for about 15 years. They had a family of six children, but only two of whom are living, Mary L. and Andrew J. Both parents were ardent Methodists in their church connections and sympathies. Andrew Jackson Hilton was reared in Shelby county, and besides learning the practical work of farming, he became a man of good common school education, having taken a course in the district schools of his neighborhood. He has followed farming from boyhood, and has prospered satisfactorily well. He has a good farm of 400 acres, worth at a fair valuation \$10,000 at the least. Mr. Hilton is not married, although now in his forty-fifth year. He is, nevertheless, not a stranger to the divine passion which Cupid, with a

wave of his magic wand, like the mysterious power that was said to issue from the trident of Neptune, inspires in the hearts of men. *Veni, vidi, sed non vici* Mr. Hilton may with all truth say; but, perhaps, *acta hac res non est finaliter*. Any way it is but little to be feared that in the end he will prove a marital maledict.

MILTON J. HOLLIDAY, M. D.

(Physician and Surgeon).

One of the most successful of the rising young physicians of the county is Dr. Milton J. Holliday. He was born in Monroe county, Iowa, of George R. and Sarah T. Holliday, both natives of Kentucky. His father was a physician of wide reputation and is still living in Sullivan county, Mo. Of a family of 13 children there are nine living: Benton A., William P., Americus, Joseph, Samuel N., Barnett M., James M., Susan R. and Milton J. The latter grew up in Monroe county, Iowa, and embraced his father's profession. He studied medicine in Kansas City, Keokuk and Chicago and now has a large and lucrative practice, enjoying the full confidence of the entire community. Dr. Holliday has been thrice married. His first wife, whom he married August 1, 1867, was Miss Sarah N. Brown, of Wayne county, Iowa. Four children in rapid succession were laid in the grave, but his first wife is still living. The second Mrs. H., formerly Miss Joseph A. Hughart, of Pike county, Mo., after the birth of one child, which died also, closed her eyes in death and Dr. Holliday chose for his third spouse Miss Henrietta Upchurch, who was born March 14, 1865, in Sullivan county, Mo. Mr. and Mrs. H. have one child, Martha L. They are members, respectively, of the Presbyterian and Christian Churches.

JOHN J. HOLMES

(Farmer, Post-office, Leonard).

Born July 25, 1841, Mr. Holmes is a native of Indiana, and a son of William and Emeline (Hardsock) Holmes, of Pulaski county, that State, but his father was originally of Fairfax county, Va., and his mother from Shelby county, Ky. They were married in Owen county, Ind., and reared a family of five children, one other having died before it reached years of maturity. John J. was the fourth in their family, and was reared in Owen county, where he subsequently studied law, attending the Michigan University. In 1872 he removed to Missouri and located in Audrain county, but two years later he came to Shelby county, where he has since resided. He has a neat farm in Taylor township, and is one of the intelligent, energetic farmers of the community. He was married August 21, 1873, to Miss Carrie Blount, of Will county, Ill. They have three children: Mary J., Howard B. and John G. Mr. Holmes served as justice of the peace in Indiana, and two terms as school commissioner of Shelby county, Mo., and was a man of considerable prominence and influence in his community, as he is at his new home in Shelby county.

JOHN HORN

(Farmer, Sections 1 and 4, Post-office, Cherry Box).

John Horn was born March 20, 1817, in Hampshire county, Va., and is the son of Andrew and Catherine (Emmett) Horn, natives of the same county. Mr. H., Sr., was a prosperous farmer and a devoted member of the M. E. Church South. John Horn, the second child, grew to manhood in Hampshire county, pursuing the occupation of a farmer; he was married March 1, 1840, to Miss Maria Howard, who was born in Frederick county, Va., on the 15th of August, 1816. There was born of this union 10 children, all of whom are living. Their names are respectively Ellen C., Job S., Eliza A., John R., William H., Albert B., Eusebius P., Charles J., Mary E. and Maud H. Mr. Horn owns as the reward of his industry and perseverance a fine farm of 240 acres; his practical and highly intelligent mind has rendered him one of the most skilled agriculturists in the county and the strict conscientiousness with which he fulfills his duties as a citizen has won for him the unbounded respect of the entire community.

ANDREW HORN

(Farmer, Section 3, Post-office, Cherry Box.)

Mr. Horn was born September 3, 1836, in Hampshire county, Va. His mother, Susan Shores, was a native of the same place. His father was a successful farmer in the neighborhood. In 1864 they moved to Shelby county, Mo., where they speedily took their natural place in society. They were much thought of in the Presbyterian Church, to which they were attached. A family of eight children were born to them, of whom but three are living: Mary, Susan and Andrew. Andrew Horn grew up in Hampshire county, Va., and was trained to be a farmer. In 1861 he left his native State and came to Shelby county, Mo. In 1864 he changed his residence to Marion county, but in 1868 he returned to Shelby. He is one of the most reliable and experienced farmers in the township, and has a beautiful farm of 100 acres, whose improvements compare favorably with any in the neighborhood. Mr. Horn is regarded with the highest esteem by all who know him, and is a valuable citizen in every way. Mr. H. was married in September, 1870, in Knox county, Mo., to Miss Delia Barnet, a beautiful and charming young Canadian. They have five children: Minnie, Olga, Berdella, Ray and Evealena. Mr. Horn is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

EUSEBIUS P. HORN, M. D.

(Physician and Surgeon, and Druggist, Leonard).

Dr. Horn, a regular graduate of medicine and a young physician of excellent qualifications and superior natural gifts for the profession,

has been engaged in the active practice at Leonard for the last five years, or ever since his graduation. While young men are usually slow in getting a start in the professions after they are prepared for them, on account of what is perhaps a natural distrust, that older men have in the knowledge, care and ability of their juniors, Dr. Horn's experience has been altogether different from this. Almost at the very beginning he was made the recipient of a good practice, being promptly called into some of the best families in the community, as their physician, when medical attendance was required. This confidence so early shown him, time and his own success in the practice have fully justified. Already he is justly classed among the well established representative physicians of this part of the county. In connection with his practice he is also the proprietor of a drug store at Leonard, so that buying his own drugs he is always certain that no inferior quality is used in the compounding of his prescriptions. Dr. Horn is a native of Virginia, born April 24, 1853. He came with his parents (his mother's maiden name was Maria T. Howard) to Missouri when 15 years of age. They settled in Shelby county in 1868. The Doctor is the seventh of 10 in the family of children, and was reared to a farm life. About 1877 he began the study of medicine, and two years later entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons, at Keokuk, Io., where, after a regular course of two terms, he graduated in the spring of 1879. He has since been engaged in the practice of his profession at this place.

JOHN H. KEITH

(Farmer, Section 1).

Mr. Keith was born October 12, 1853, in Marion county, Mo. His father, John H. Keith, was born in Virginia in 1808, and was a farmer by occupation. He emigrated in 1830 to Ralls county, and in 1850 to Marion. In 1865 he came to Shelby, where he married Miss Eliza Pierce, a young lady from Virginia. He was a man of truly Christian character, and a consistent member of the Baptist Church. He has five children: Forge, William, Belinda, Catherine and John H., who was the youngest of the family. He grew up in Marion and Shelby counties, and in time became a farmer. On the 9th of February, 1876, Mr. J. H. Keith was married in Shelby county to Miss Emma E. Turner, a native of that county, by whom he has three children: Ellen, John S. and Kate. Mr. R. is an enterprising and intelligent farmer, and his place of 137 acres is an ornament to the county. He has placed upon it every improvement of modern invention, and in every thing is well up with the times. He and his family are charming additions to the society of the township. Mr. K. is a member of the Christian Church.

JACKSON KING

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

In 1856 Mr. King, then a young man past 19 years of age, was married in Harrison county, Ky., to Miss Ruthie A. Rankins, of that county, and the same year of their marriage they came to Missouri, and settled in Shelby county, arriving here in November, something over a month after their marriage ceremony was performed. They were young and brave and true-hearted, and went to work with a will to establish themselves comfortably in life. The years came and went and they steadily prospered by their industry. The small tract of land which they first began to improve expanded by subsequent additions and improvements into a fine farm of 320 acres, and now they are classed, and for years have been, among the substantial, well-to-do people of the township,—worthy neighbors and valued residents of the county, esteemed and respected by all who know them. Providence has kindly favored them with a worthy family of children, five in number, namely: Bettie, Callie, Hattie, Jack and Paul. Mr. King's father, Paul King, born in Harrison county, Ky., was married three times, and in his three families were 20 children: four in the first, 11 in the second, and five in the third, and 14 are living. Mr. King, the subject of this sketch, was by his father's first marriage, his mother's maiden name having been Miss Mahala Garrett. He was born July 23, 1837, also in Harrison county, Ky., and is the only one of the first family of children living.

JOHN KIRKWOOD

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

Characteristic of the sturdy men of his native country, Mr. Kirkwood, a Scotchman by birth and bringing-up, has become a more than ordinarily successful farmer since he transferred the scene of his industry to the fertile land of Shelby county, Mo. He has a fine farm of 440 acres and is justly classed among the best farmers of Taylor township. All he has he has made by his own industry and intelligence and enterprise. He was born in Scotland, November 2, 1828, and was one in a family of three children of John Kirkwood, Sr., and wife, *nee* Martha Easdale. Reared in his native country, he remained there until 1858 engaged in farming, and then removed to America, and settled in Shelby county, Mo. He was married in Scotland, August 10, 1855, to Miss Elizabeth Lang, who was born in the same county where he was reared, in 1830. Mr. Kirkwood is a man of sterling character, marked intelligence and untiring industry, and is highly esteemed among his neighbors.

WILLIAM McCULLY

(Farmer, Section 16, Post-office, Cherry Box).

One of the most influential and prosperous farmers in the township is the subject of this sketch. His parents, John and Sarah (White) McCully, were both natives of Tennessee, and moved first to Illinois. In 1820 they again moved to Randolph county, Mo., where Mr. McCully became a man of weight and prominence. He took a great interest in public affairs, and was made collector of the county. William was one of eight children: Valentine, John, Isaac L. and Mary. Two are deceased. His mother died when still quite young, and his father married, in 1846, Miss Lucy Brainer, from Kentucky. By this marriage also there were eight children, of whom six are still living: Martha, Belle, Manty, Thomas, Lee and Frank. William, who was the third child of the first union, was reared in Randolph county, Mo., and became a farmer. In that county, on the 21st of March, 1850, he was united in the bonds of holy wedlock to Miss Frances C. Yates, a native of Kentucky. Ten years after his marriage Mr. McCully moved to Shelby county, where he is now one of the leading men. He owns a farm of 920 acres, all in the best condition, and contributes largely to the general prosperity. Mr. and Mrs. McC. have seven children: John M., William C., Sarah C., George E., Thomas M., Lucy, Virginia and Mary E. Most of his family are members of the Presbyterian Church.

ROBERT D. MAGRUDER

(Farmer and Merchant, Post-office, Cherry Box).

Thomas G. Magruder, the father of Robert D., was born in February, 1811, in Frederick county, Va. He was a farmer by occupation. He moved to Marion county in 1838 and the following year to Shelby county, Mo., where, for a number of years, he filled with much ability the office of justice of the peace. He was a highly respected citizen and a prominent Mason. His wife to whom he was married in 1836, in Shelby county, Ky., was formerly Miss Martha J. Rucker, born in 1818, in Woodford county, Ky. There were nine children in the family, of whom six are living: Thomas E., Frank W., Mary S., Vasie E., Martha A. and Robert D. The last named was the third child and first saw the light in Shelby county, Mo., on the 22d of March, 1843. His youth was spent partly in Kentucky, partly in Missouri. Upon reaching manhood he became a farmer but has also been extensively engaged in merchandising at Cherry Box, a thriving village which sprang to life in 1880, and which gives fair promise of great future prosperity. Mr. Magruder is one of the stanchest and most reliable merchants in the place. His sterling integrity makes it a safe thing and his obliging manners a most pleasant thing to deal with him. He richly deserves the extensive patronage he enjoys.

He carries on a farm at the same time, showing rare business capacity. His place contains 371 acres and is one of the best conducted in the township. Mr. M. married December 12, 1866, Miss Laura W. Gartrell, born April 24, 1840, in Shelby county, Mo. They have three living children: Harriet B., Robert S. and William B. Mr. and Mrs. Magruder are consistent members of the M. E. Church South.

THEODORE P. MANUEL

(Dealer in General Merchandise, etc., etc., Leonard).

Mr. Manuel engaged in his present business at Leonard in the spring of 1884, and has met with satisfactory success. He brought on a good stock of goods and started out with the determination to please the people, both as to prices and quality of goods, if possible. Nor has he been disappointed in the realization of this object. He has securely established himself as one of the popular and prosperous business men of this part of the county. He is accommodating and deals fairly with every one, so that no complaint is heard against him. Mr. Manuel was born and reared in Shelby county, his primal birthday being the 19th of January, 1859. His parents were from Kentucky, early settlers in this section of the State. His father, Preston Manuel, was from Frankfort, Ky., and his mother, Adeline McAfee, was also from Kentucky, or rather her parents were. Theodore P. was the third in their family of four children. His mother died when he was only six years old, leaving him under the watchful care of a kind father who was called to his long home in 1876. Thus an orphan at the early age of 11, he was reared on the farm in this county and educated in the common schools. Several years before completing his youth or epebiage, however, he commenced to teach school and continued to teach for some five years. Since then he has been engaged in merchandising at Leonard. On the 20th of February, 1879, Mr. Manuel was married to Miss Ella Harrison, a daughter of Richard and Laura W. Harrison. Mr. Manuel and wife are members of the Christian Church. He has a comfortable residence at Leonard in addition to his business interests.

BENJAMIN T. PERRY

(Farmer, Post-office, Cherry Box).

Mr. Perry's parents, or, rather, his father, Ambrose B. Perry, was from Jessamine county, Ky. He came to Shelby county while yet a young man and was married to Miss Elizabeth H. Baker, of an early family in this part of the State. His father followed farming as his permanent calling, and led a well-to-do and comfortable life. There were 12 children in the family, eight of whom are living. Benjamin T. was born December 3, 1846, and was reared on his father's farm. On the 30th of November, 1882, he was married to Miss Malinda A. Evans. They have one child, James W. Mr.

Perry has a neat farm of 90 acres, the result of his own industry and good management; he is steadily accumulating property around him and coming to the front as a substantial citizen of the township. His wife is a member of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. P. belongs to the Christian Church.

ADOLPHUS E. SINGLETON

(Farmer, Post-office, Leonard).

Mr. Singleton's father came from Rappahannock county, Va., in 1881, and first located in Marion county. From there he crossed over into Shelby county, and there he met and married Miss Susan C. Vandiver, also originally from Virginia. Eleven children are the fruits of their union, eight of whom are living. The parents still reside in this county and are both members of the church, the father, William Singleton, of the Baptist Church, and the mother of the Methodist Church. Adolphus E. is the fourth of their family of children and was reared on the farm. He was married February 20, 1879, to Miss Allie E. Magruder, a daughter of Thomas J. Magruder. Mr. Singleton has a good farm of 183 acres, and is one of the enterprising young farmers of the township. On the 22d of next November he will be 30 years of age, and is therefore still comparatively a young man. Mr. and Mrs. Singleton have one child, Walter T. Mrs. S., an estimable lady, is a member of the Baptist Church.

JOSEPH M. STUART

(Farmer, Section 11, Post-office, Leonard).

Mr. Stuart was born December 25, 1823, in Harrison county, Ky. His father, William Stuart, was born in Pennsylvania, but moved at an early age to Kentucky, where he in time became a farmer. He married in Harrison county, Miss Catherine Hounier, a native of the same county, and in 1837 moved to Ohio. They had a family of 10 children, of whom but four reached years of maturity: William R., Catherine, Isabel and Joseph M. The old people were members respectively of the Presbyterian and Methodist Churches. Joseph M. was reared in Harrison county, Ky., and accompanied his parents to Ohio. In 1844, he removed to Shelby county, Mo., where he now lives. He owns 120 acres of land, which he has beautified by every improvement that could be desired. He is thrifty and hard-working, and having a pleasant manner and kind heart, he is deservedly popular among his neighbors. He was married August 9, 1844, to Miss Elizabeth Garnett, who was born in 1827, in Harrison county, Ky. Of this union were born 12 children, of whom 11 are still living: Martin L., George A., Nancy, James L., Rebecca, Virginia A., David T., William H., Lahulda, Joseph S. and Maret E. Losing his first wife, Mr. Stuart married a second time, the bride being Miss Nancy Dunbar, who was born December 18, 1837, in Madison county, Ky. There are by this marriage three children: Willard C., Abben

T. and Arthur M. Mr. Stuart and family belong to the Christian Church.

MARTIN L. STUART

(Dealer in General Merchandise, and Justice of the Peace, Leonard).

'Squire Stuart is a native of Shelby county and has made it his home from the time the light of heaven first streamed into his being through the windows of his soul, or in other words, from the time of his birth. He, too, is of an old family of this county, which came to this State from Kentucky, but was originally from the Old Dominion. The 'Squire was the eldest of 14 in the family, 13 of whom are living. His father, Joseph Stuart, was from Harrison county, Ky., and his mother, who was, previous to her marriage, a Miss Sarah E. Garnett, was from the same State. They were married in Shelby county. 'Squire Stuart was born on his father's farm in Shelby county, November 11, 1845. He was brought up a farmer and followed that occupation after he grew to manhood until about seven years ago. March 8, 1869, he was married to Miss Harriet E. McWilliams. They have one child, a daughter, Pearl. In 1877, 'Squire Stuart and his brother, George A., formed a partnership in the mercantile business at Leonard, and have since been engaged in the business at this place. They carry a good stock of goods in their line and have an increasing trade. In 1878 he was elected to his present office, justice of the peace, and is still holding this position.

JAMES L. VANDIVER

(Farmer, Post-office, Cherry Box).

Mr. Vandiver was the ninth in the family of 17 children of Samuel and Ann (Crane) Vandiver, (her father being a captain in the Revolutionary War), of Hampshire county, Va. The father, who was 33 years of age at the time of his marriage, lived to see the youngest of his children married and comfortably settled in life. He died in the eighty-sixth year of his age. He was a farmer by occupation, and a sturdy, industrious, thrifty tiller of the soil, and a worthy, well respected citizen. James L. was born on his father's homestead, in that county, January 16, 1822. At the age of 18, in 1840, the family removed to Shelby county, Mo., and James L. came with them. On the 16th of July, six years afterwards, he was married to Miss Frances E. Elgin, formerly of Frederick county, Va. After his marriage, and indeed, before, Mr. Vandiver had started out in life as a farmer for himself. He has continued farming from that time to this, and has met with good success, or, rather, by his industry, energy and good judgment, has achieved success. He has one of the largest and best farms in the county. His place contains 1,400 acres, and is well improved. Such a result as this shows the advantage of being in a country so greatly favored with all the elements for successful agriculture as is this section of Missouri, particularly Shelby county.

Nature has been indeed generous in bestowing upon this fair land the advantages which fit it for the homes of a prosperous, enlightened community. Where could soil and climate, and most other natural conditions be found more favorable? Nor have the accidents of population and artificial advantages been less fortunate. An intelligent, sturdy race of men from Virginia, the mother State of all the North-west, from west of Ohio to the plains, and practically also of the South-west — indeed, of the fairest, and greatest and best section of the Imperial Republic — came into this part of North Missouri, as they also spread themselves over all other sections of the Union, not fenced in by New England exclusiveness and bigotry, and made the whole land blossom in the beauty of an advanced civilization. Men of Virginia, and of her daughter States, Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, came; they also came from Tennessee, North Carolina and the other Southern States; some, likewise, came from Pennsylvania and the Middle States — a few from New England — all came to unite their brain and muscle in the great work of developing this magnificent region, for which Nature has done so much. Hence, it is not surprising to see the sons of the sturdy pioneers who opened the way into this fruitful land, now among the most prosperous, well-to-do, substantial and worthy citizens of all the country. Their fathers, in possessing themselves of broad acres of fertile land, have fixed the fortunes of their families on a sure foundation, as the ancestors of the wealthy landholders of England did centuries ago. Families of wealth and consideration are now being established in this country, and have been established, by this system of investment in real estate, which will preserve their identity for generations and generations to come. Mr. Vandiver, already a large land holder, is steadily adding to his possessions, and he is impressing upon his son the great lesson which all experience and all history teach, that land is the safest, surest and best property which one can have — which can not run away, nor be carried away, which is not affected appreciably by stock fluctuations, but is *idem citu*, in the same place, to-day, to-morrow, and forever; and by good husbandry will ever bring forth abundant harvests

“ Until the moon grows old,
And the sun grows cold,
And the leaves of the Judgment Book unfold.”

In 1880 Mr. Vandiver had the misfortune to lose his first wife. She was a most excellent lady, greatly esteemed by all her neighbors and acquaintances, and one of the most affectionate of wives, one whose whole life seemed to be an unbroken effort to make her home bright and happy. After a lonely, sad life of some years, his home desolate and almost broken up, Mr. Vandiver was again married to a most amiable lady and true-hearted, good woman, one who has proved in every way worthy of his affection. She was a widow lady at the time of her marriage to him, a Mrs. Mary E. Allen, formerly Miss Creek-mur, of Kentucky. This union has been blessed with a son, James

L., the only one Mr. Vandiver has to inherit his good name and his comfortable estate, and who is a bright youth of estimable character and excellent promise, well fitted by nature and the manner of his bringing up to succeed his honored father. Mr. and Mrs. Vandiver are members of the church, the father of the Methodist denomination and the mother of the Christian communion.

JOSEPH VAN VACTER

(Farmer, Post-office, Leonard).

Mr. Van Vacter's farm contains 140 acres and is comfortably improved. He has been engaged in farming from boyhood and owes his success, that is, what he has accumulated, almost alone to his own industry and good management. He is one of the worthy farmers and respected citizens of Taylor township. Mr. VanVacter was a son of Benjamin and Anna (Smith) VanVacter, his father originally of Virginia and a descendant of Holland ancestry, but his mother a native of Ireland. So, in the veins of the subject of this sketch courses the blood of two nationalities, one noted for its mirth and wit and love of country, and the other, sturdy Teutonic stock, for its solid, sterling worth, its industry and thrift, and its steady, even habits of life. The family came to Missouri, or rather the father did, in an early day, and he was married here, where he made his permanent home. He died in Shelby county, February 18, 1867. The mother, aged 67, is still living. Three of their family of five children are also living. Joseph H. was brought up on the farm to be a farmer and stock-raiser, which he has ever since followed, and with the success noted above. August 26, 1868, he was married to Miss Mary, a daughter of Alexander and Elizabeth Lorentz, formerly of Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. V. have three children of the six born to them, namely: Nora E., Addie B. and Annie E. Mr. and Mrs. V. are members of the Christian Church.

PRESTON A. WRIGHT

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

Among the more thorough-going farmers and intelligent, progressive citizens of Taylor township is the subject of the present sketch, Mr. Wright. His parents were early settlers in Boone county, Mo., and subsequently removed to Monroe county, where the mother died in 1877, and his father the year following. His father, Andrew H. Wright, who was born July 12, 1796, in Bourbon county, Ky., came out from Virginia to Kentucky with his parents in an early day, where he afterwards met and married Miss Elizabeth Harris, of Bourbon county. They had a family of 14 children. He died at his home in Monroe county, eight miles north of Paris, November 30, 1878; he had lived in Monroe county 47 years, all that time on the farm where he died. After leaving Kentucky he lived about one year in Boone county, this State, before coming to Monroe. He had been a

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