

himself a native of this country. His parents are John George and Sophia (Steinbach) Ziegler, both from the Fatherland beyond the Rhine. His father was born in Germany in 1810, and came to America when a young man, in 1831. He located at first in Pittsburg, Pa., where he was married in 1835. A blacksmith by trade, he followed that business in Pennsylvania until 1845, when he came to Missouri and settled in Shelby county. Here he ran a shop for many years and also became interested in farming. He died June 19, 1884. His good wife is still living and resides on the homestead in Bethel. They reared a worthy family of 13 children, and of these Heury, the subject of this sketch, was the fifth. He was born at Bethel, in this county, on the 10th day of July, 1845, and was reared in this vicinity. For some years past he has been connected with the Bethel Flouring Mills, and is a partner in the ownership and management of the mill. This, as is well known, is one of the best mills in this part of the county. They do a general custom business, and their flour has a wide and enviable reputation. Mr. Ziegler, a man of industry and enterprise, is already well advanced on the road to substantial success. In 1873 he was married to Miss Clara Miller, a daughter of William Miller, formerly of Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Z. have six children: Eddie W., Frank H., Sammie L., Clara K., Louella G. and Sophia D.

TIGER FORK TOWNSHIP.

JUDGE SYLVANUS I. BRAGG.

(Farmer and Stock-raiser, Post-office, Cherry Dell).

Of an old Virginia family, Mr. Bragg was born in that State, but was reared in Kentucky, and has been a resident of Shelby county, Mo., for 40 years. Judge Bragg's parents were Joel and Mary (Imgraw) Bragg, of Lunenburg county, Va., and he was born there February 11, 1804. In 1812 the family removed to Kentucky, where they resided for nearly 30 years, but pushed on out to Missouri in 1840 and settled in Shelby county, where they lived until their deaths. The father died in 1850, and the mother in 1854. They had a family of five children: Martha, Elizabeth, Sylvanus I., Mary J. and William G. Sylvanus I. Bragg was reared in Kentucky, and was married there to Miss Mary Baldwin in 1831. Nine years later he moved with his family to Missouri in company with his father's family. While in Kentucky he dealt quite extensively in stock, and has been engaged in raising stock in this county, as well as farming, ever since his removal here. He has a fine place of 569 acres. In 1856 he was elected a judge of the county court, and served for four years on the county bench. Judge Bragg's first wife died in March, 1836, and to his present wife he was married in October, 1839. She was a Miss

Mary McGrew. By his first wife Judge Bragg had three children: Samuel B., Mary A. and Charles W., only the first of whom is living. By his second wife there are ten children: Leonard, Eliza J., Martha W., Margaret, Sylvanus, John, Robert, James, Lycurgus and William K. Samuel Bragg married Miss Anna E. Stone; Charles W. married Miss Josephene Stone; Leonard married Miss Fannie Senare; Sylvanus married Miss Mary E. Moore; John married Miss Carrie E. Hendron; James married Miss Mary Gallagher; Lycurgus married Miss Della West; William married Miss Dora Simmons; Martha married Elias Triplett; Margaret married Thomas Deer. Judge and Mrs. Bragg are members of the Christian Church.

ALBERT G. CHAMBERLAIN

(Farmer, Section 23, Post-office, Oak Dale).

With 120 acres of good land, all under fence and otherwise improved, Mr. Chamberlain has a neat farm and comfortable home, and with this start is in a situation to advance with steady strides as a farmer and substantial citizen of the township. Mr. Chamberlain's parents, William Chamberlain and wife, *nee* Mary A. Rager, were early settlers in this region of country. They came here from Kentucky, where the mother was born and reared, but the father was originally from Westmoreland county, Va. They were married in Marion county, Mo. He died here in August, 1873, and the mother followed him to the grave three years later, dying September 30, 1876. Both were members of the Missionary Baptist Church. Albert G. was born on the farm in Marion county, August 31, 1850, and after he grew up was married in January, 1881, to Miss Elizabeth D., a daughter of Magistrate Daniel Carlisle, of Tiger Fork township, but formerly of Maryland. Mr. and Mrs. C. have one child, Cora Lee, born in January, 1882. Mrs. Chamberlain is a member of the Christian Church and Mr. C. of the Missionary Baptist denomination.

CHARLES L. JOYNER

(Farmer, Post-office, Cherry Dell).

Mr. Joyner is a native of Shelby county, Mo., born March 11, 1839, and a son of Robert and Lucretia (Latimer) Joyner, formerly of Tennessee. They were reared in that State and married in Sumner county in 1820. In 1823 they removed from Tennessee to Marion county, Mo., and 11 years afterwards settled in Shelby county, where they made their permanent home. The father died June 30, 1863. The mother is still living, and finds a welcome and pleasant home with her son, Edwin, on the old homestead. The father was a well-to-do farmer, and Charles L. Joyner was reared on the farm in this county. February 26, 1861, he was married to Miss Nancy V. Watkins. In 1862 he enlisted in the Confederate army and served until the close of the war. In 1868 he bought a farm of about 100 acres, and subsequently traded that for his present place. Here he has a

good homestead of 160 acres. April 19, 1862, Mr. Joyner had the misfortune to lose his first wife by death. Some six years later, March 26, 1868, he was married to Miss Fannie Cochran. He has no children by his first wife. Those by the second are: Andrew, Demmie, Fannie, Anna and James. Mrs. Joyner is a member of the Missionary Baptist Church. Mr. Joyner is an industrious, energetic farmer, and one of the well respected citizens of Tiger Fork township.

JOHN R. LYDICK

(Farmer, Post-office, Tiger Fork).

It was back in 1832 that Mr. Lydick's parents, John Lydick and wife, *nee* Anna Biddle, came to Missouri. They came from Kentucky, where the father, John Lydick, was a successful and enterprising farmer. On coming to this State, he bought the Robertson farm, near Palmyra, a fine place of 360 acres, then one of the best farms in the county. But a generous-hearted man, he became surety for a large amount of money on account of friends, and having this to pay he was broken up and his farm sacrificed. It is now a part of the Marion county poor farm. He saved enough, however, to get along by industry and economy, and died in Marion county in 1865. John R. was reared in that county, and at the age of 19 enlisted in the Southern army in 1861, under Gov. Jackson's first call for troops. He served under Gen. Price until 1863, when his health breaking down he was compelled to come home, but was shortly taken prisoner and made to take the iron-clad oath, which pledged him by all that was good and bad never to take up arms for the South again. In order to keep out of further complications, he went West, and remained in the land of the setting sun until long after the cloud of war had lifted itself from over the country. Returning from California in 1869, he resumed farming, and in October of the same year was married to Miss Martha G. Lake, a daughter of Judge George S. Lake, of Ralls county. In 1879 he came to Shelby county, and a year ago bought his present place, a good farm of 180 acres. Mr. and Mrs. Lydick have six children: Carrie M., Anna M., George W., Fannie W., Lulie G. and Jessie R.

JAMES D. PARSONS

(Farmer and Fine Stock-raiser, Post-office, Tiger Fork).

Mr. Parsons has a stock farm of 700 acres, and makes a specialty of raising fine stock, which he handles on a somewhat extensive scale. At times he has had as many as 150 head on his place. He is one of the more progressive, enterprising farmers and stockmen of this part of the county, and is highly esteemed. Mr. Parsons was reared on the farm where he now resides, where he was born December 28, 1839. His parents, James D. and Elizabeth H. (Cressup) Parsons, came to Missouri in about 1838 and settled on the place where James D. now lives, which his father improved. His father was engaged in farming

and stock-raising here until his death, which occurred on the 14th of April, 1852. He was originally of Virginia, but his wife, James D.'s mother, was born and reared in Maryland. In 1863 James D. Parsons was married to Miss Mary J. Durrett, a daughter of Richard H. and Sarah A. Durrett, of Marion county, but originally of Virginia and Kentucky, respectively. Mr. Parsons' first wife died ten years after their marriage, leaving four children: James D., Ellen C., Hattie E. and Richard S. To his present wife Mr. Parsons was married on the 20th day of September, 1874. There are two children by this union, Elizabeth A. and Perry B. Mrs. Parsons' name before marriage was R. E. Baldwin, but at the time of her marriage to Mr. Parsons she was the widow of J. W. Morrow, who died in 1863. Mr. Parsons' farm is finely improved, and has every advantage for stock-raising, being one of the choice stock farms of the county. Mrs. P. is a member of the M. E. Church South.

JOHN R. AND JOSEPH E. POPE

(Farmer, Post-office, Pansy).

These brothers, the eldest and the second, respectively, in the family of George H. and Frances (Sutton) Pope, of Marion county, were born on their father's farm in that county, John R., May 5, 1852, and Joseph E., June 24, 1854. Both were reared in Marion county, as was their father who was brought to that county when in infancy by his parents, early immigrants to Missouri from Virginia. The Pope family came to Marion county in 1822. The parents of the subjects of this sketch still reside there, and the father is now in his sixty-third year. John R. Pope was married in August, 1874, to Miss Malinda, a daughter of Amos Walker, formerly of Illinois, but originally of Tennessee; and Joseph E. was married in February, 1877, to Miss Martha A., a daughter of Caleb Evans, formerly of Virginia. Both brothers with their families have become residents of Shelby county and are energetic young farmers of Tiger Fork township. They have 160 acres of good land on which each of them is making a neat home. John R. has three children: Rosana, Emma M. and Iva B. Joseph E. has two children: Claude H. and Joseph W. Up to the present writing the junior subject of the sketch has the honor of having killed the last gray wolf that has yielded its body to the earth again and its spirit to its Maker within the borders of the county. It was weighed by William Kemper — the body and not the spirit — and registered 49 pounds.

JOSEPH RUCKMAN

(Farmer and Blacksmith, Post-office, Pansy).

This energetic, industrious and worthy citizen of Tiger Fork township came to Missouri in 1856, and is a Virginian by nativity. He was born in Hampshire county, June 27, 1832, and was brought up a farmer, but also learned blacksmithing. He remained in his native

State, engaged in farming and blacksmithing, until he removed to Missouri. Prior to locating in his present place he had followed blacksmithing and farming at different points. Where he now resides, Mr. Ruckman has a good shop and is doing an excellent business. He also has 80 acres of land, where he carries on farming. During the war Mr. Ruckman saw some service in the army and participated in the battle of Kirksville under Col. Porter, of the Southern service. December 19, 1854, Mr. Ruckman was married to Miss Sarah Peters, a daughter of Branson Peters, of Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. R. have five children: John H., William J., James W., Ida May and Martha A. John H., the eldest, married Miss Eva Miller, a daughter of 'Squire Miller, and they have one child, Charles W. John is now a mail carrier.

EDMUND RUTTER

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

In the history of the early settlement and the subsequent progress of this State in material and general development, the family of which the subject of this present sketch is a worthy representative, must always receive considerate and prominent mention. Mr. Rutter's father, Hon. Edmund Rutter, was one of the pioneer settlers of this section, and one of its leading representative citizens. Mr. Rutter himself has been an active and worthy citizen of Shelby county for nearly half a century, and of this section of the State even longer still. The Rutter family on this side of the Atlantic, was originally settled in Virginia. From there it removed to Kentucky, in the Daniel Boone days of that State, when Mr. Rutter's father was quite a boy. As Edmund Rutter, Sr., grew up in Kentucky, he obtained quite a liberal education, considering the country and times in which he lived, for his father was a man of culture and comfortable means, whilst the son was a youth of bright, active mind, with a marked taste for study and mental improvement generally. He early became a school teacher in Kentucky, and achieved an enviable reputation in that profession, teaching even then the higher branches of mathematics. May 19, 1799, he was married to Miss Elizabeth Phillips, of Washington county, Ky., where he himself was principally reared. About this time he engaged in merchandising in Washington county, and afterwards acted as sheriff, discharging the duties of this position with credit and efficiency. Edmund Rutter, the subject of this sketch, was born in what was then Washington county, Ky., March 23, 1811, and was the fifth in his parents' family of children. There were afterwards three others, the names of the family of children being: Laura A., Emeline, Eliza, Martha A., Felix, Chambers, Edmund and James J. In 1817 the family removed to Missouri, in the territorial days of this State, and located first at Jackson, in Cape Girardeau county. There the father resumed merchandising, and continued it at that place for nearly six years. While there, he was elected a member of the first Constitutional Convention of this State, and in the convention attracted general attention for his ability, learn-

ing and great zeal for the cause of wise and free government in the formation of the fundamental laws of the State. In February, 1823, being more favorably impressed with the natural advantages of North Missouri than with those of the Cape Girardeau country, he removed to this section of the State, and located in Marion county. In Marion county he laid out the town of Scipio, and built several business and other houses there, where he followed merchandising for a time. While a resident of Marion county he was elected to represent that county in the State Legislature, and as a member of the House took high rank among the leading representatives in that body. While a resident of Scipio, which was probably laid out with the idea that, like Scipio of old, it would overcome its rival, Hannibal, he bought land in Marion county, near the present site of West Ely, where he improved a farm. Later he removed his family to a farm in Shelby county and continued a resident of this county, one of its honored and useful citizens, until his death, which occurred in 1856, in the eighty-second year of his age. His wife died in August, 1857. Meanwhile, Edmund Rutter, Jr., had grown to manhood, and had become, himself, the head of a family. He was married February 9, 1832, to Miss Jane Hollyman, of Marion county. About the time of his marriage he entered land in Marion county, which he subsequently sold, and with the proceeds entered a tract in Ralls county, to which county he removed and there improved a farm. Selling this after a few years' residence, he bought land in Monroe county and improved a farm there, and disposing of this, also, later along, he came to Shelby county, where he entered a part of the place on which he now resides. Here he improved his present farm. He has added to his place, from time to time, until he now has 348 acres of good land, all, save 18 acres, improved. He and wife have had eight children, namely: James, Catherine, Felix G., Elizabeth, Mary F., John H., Laura A. and Nancy G. Elizabeth is the present wife of George G. Morris, of Newark, in Knox county. Her first husband was Albert Hamilton. James is deceased and left a family, but his wife preceded him to the grave. Catherine is the wife of James W. Robey, of Cedar county. Laura A. is the wife of William Moore. Felix G. is married, and resides in Cedar county. Mary F. is the wife of Augustus Akers. Mrs. Rutter's parents were John and Grace Hollyman. Mr. Rutter is a member of the Looney's Creek Primitive Baptist Church, and he has been a member of the church for 50 years. His wife was a member of the same denomination, until her death, the 1st day of February, 1880.

ANTOINE F. SEDELMEIER

(Farmer, Stock-raiser and Stock-feeder, Post-office, Cherry Dell).

Mr. Sedelmeier, who has a good farm of 300 acres in Tiger Fork township, and is one of the respected citizens and energetic farmers of the township, is a native of Germany, born in Baden, on the 6th

day of February, 1849. His parents were Antoine and Caroline (Schneider) Sedelmeier, who were married in 1847, and came to America in 1851. The father was a farmer by occupation and was a Baden soldier in the war of that Duchy against Prussia, serving for two years. He subsequently served four years in this country in the United States army. On coming to the United States with his family he located at Staten Island, where he resided for eight years. From there he removed to Quincy, Ill., and came to Shelby county in 1865. He died in 1883, but his wife died in 1861. Antoine F. Sedelmeier was reared in Quincy, Ill., and came to this county with his parents in 1865. He was married here March 29, 1873, to Miss Jeanette E. Emhoff. Mr. and Mrs. S. have six children: Otto F., Anna D., Maria F. (deceased), Yetta M., George E. and Tonnie E. The mother of these died April 30, 1883. Her parents were Michael and Margaret Emhoff. Mr. S., besides farming in a general way, is quite extensively engaged in feeding and shipping stock.

BENJAMIN F. TALBOTT AND CHARLES H. CARTER

(Farmers and Stock-raisers, Post-office, Cherry Dell).

These gentlemen, who occupy the relation of father-in-law and son-in-law to each other, are both natives of the Old Dominion, the former born in Fairfax county, November 13, 1813, and the latter in Richmond county, March 19, 1842. Mr. Talbott came to Shelby county, Mo., as early as 1836, but Mr. Carter not until 1870. Mr. Talbott was a son of William and Mary Talbott, but while he was yet quite young he was left an orphan by the death of both parents. His mother died in Virginia when he was but little more than an infant, and his father then removed to Kentucky, where he also died shortly afterwards. Benjamin F. was then apprenticed to the tanner's trade, which he worked at until he was 18 years old. After this he worked at farm labor until he reached his majority. In 1834, being then of age, he returned to Virginia, and out there a year afterwards he was married to Miss Anna E. Balthrope. The next spring after his marriage Mr. Talbott came west to Missouri, and settled in Shelby county, where he has ever since resided. He has lived on his present farm for forty-eight years continuously. His place contains 160 acres of good land and is a comfortable homestead. Mr. and Mrs. Talbott have reared two children: Sarah M. and Mary M. Sarah M. is the wife of Charles H. Carter, one of the subjects of this sketch. Mary M. is a *femme libre* and is still at home. Mr. Talbott is a member of the Concord Christian Church.

Charles H. Carter was a son of John S. and Nancy A. (Morris) Carter, his father being a descendant of that eminent family of Virginia whose name he bore. He died March 25, 1869. The mother died May 1, 1869. They reared a family of seven children, namely: Arthur, John G. (deceased), Virginia A., Franklin L., William T., Ogle, John S. and Charles H. Charles H. Carter was 19 years of age when the war broke out and like the brave son of Virginia that he

was, he promptly enlisted under the Southern standard for the defense of his mother State, and the homes and altars of her people. He was under Stonewall Jackson until the death of that gallant, Christian hero-soldier of the South. He was then under Gen. A. P. Hill until the close of the war. Under these gallant officers he of course participated in many, indeed most of the greatest death-duels of the war. Among others are remembered the battles of the seven-days' engagement around Richmond, Cold Harbor, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Wilderness, Spottsylvania Court House, Petersburg, and the fights preceding the final surrender at Appomattox Court House. He was severely wounded a number of times, but promptly rejoined the ranks as soon as able to shoulder arms again, and bravely did service for the cause he had sworn to defend until he was released by the surrender at Appomattox, when he was paroled. At Cold Harbor on the 27th of June, 1862, he received three wounds — one in the right breast, a second in the right arm and the third in the right side, the latter of which necessitated the extraction of two of his ribs. He lay on the field of battle after he was wounded from 4 o'clock in the afternoon of the 27th until two o'clock of the following day, among the dead and dying, without even the hope of attention, or as much as a drop of water. The night he spent on the battle-field, broken by no sound but the groans of dying friends and foes, and himself suffering the most intense agony, he will never forget. Never expecting to see the sun rise again, for he was literally shot to pieces, he lay weltering in his own life blood with the corpse of a comrade as his pillow, thinking of home and friends and of the sad fate that had overtaken him. But never for a moment did he regret the course he had taken in the war, for he felt that he had done his duty in the defense of his country, and if die he must he was proud to die as a patriot soldier on the red field of battle and in the thickest of the fight. But as by a miracle he survived and the next afternoon was taken to a hospital, where for three months he lay trembling in the balance between life and death. But it was written in the law of Providence that he was to do further service for the cause of the heroic South, and on his recovery he promptly took his place in the ranks again. At Chancellorsville, on the 3d of May, 1863, in less than a year from the time he was first wounded, he received another terrible wound, being shot through the hip, the ball entering one side and going out at the other. For three months more he was in the hospital and was at last nursed back to life again. Like the brave soldier he was, once more he shouldered arms and answered the morning bugle call of his company, in which he continued until the close of the war, surrendering with Lee at Appomattox. Returning to his home in Virginia after the war, he remained there engaged in farming, until 1870, coming thence to Missouri. Locating in Shelby county, battle-scarred and without a dollar, he went to work with the same courage and resolution that he had shown on many a field of battle, to establish himself comfortably in life; and proving by his own example that a faithful and brave

soldier makes a good and useful citizen, he is rapidly coming to the front as one of the substantial farmers and best citizens of the north-western part of the county. He already has a good farm of nearly a quarter section of land, bought and paid for by his own honest toil. He is also turning his attention to stock-raising, which is one of the most promising fields of agricultural industry for the present and future. January 28, 1874, Mr. Carter was married to Miss Sarah M. Talbott, a daughter of Benjamin F. Talbott, one of the subjects of this sketch. They have five children: Viola B., Benjamin T., Thomas N., Wade Hampton and William C.

NICHOLAS WATKINS

(Deceased).

On the 27th of July, 1880, breathed his last Nicholas Watkins, one of the old and respected citizens of this county. He was in the seventy-second year of his age at the time of his death, having been born December 18, 1808. His life had been one of unremitting industry, and from its opening till its close was without the reproach of a wrong act. Substantially successful as a farmer, which he followed from boyhood, he left his family a comfortable estate at his death, all the fruit of his own honest toil. To have lived such a life as he did is not to have lived in vain; he has left behind a name and memory worthy of all cherishment by his loved ones and all good people who knew him. Mr. Watkins was a Marylander by birth. When a young man 22 years of age he came to Missouri and located in Monroe county. Subsequently he removed to Shelby county, and made this his home until his death. However, he came to this State from Kentucky, where his parents had removed when he was quite young, and where he was reared, and subsequently married to Miss Martha A. Sage, a daughter of an early settler of Marion county. Of this union four children are now living: Lucy C., William W., Nicholas J. and Maggie M. Mrs. Watkins still survives her husband and resides on the old family homestead in Tiger Fork township; her two sons, worthy and energetic young men, are engaged in carrying on the farm.

GRIFFITH T. WILLIAMS

(Of Riverview Fine Stock Farm, and Veterinary Surgeon, Post-office, Pansy).

Mr. Williams, a regularly trained and experienced fine stockman and an educated veterinary surgeon of long practice and established reputation, makes the handling and raising of fine stock a specialty, and is regularly employed from year to year in this line of business. He now has charge of the Riverview fine stock farm of Frederick & Sons, of this county, a handsome place of 1,100 acres, on which there are about 300 head of choice stock, including fine representatives of the Hereford breed of cattle, pure blooded Clydesdale horses and the best class of Cotswold sheep. Mr. Williams has been in this business for years, and in his time has had charge of some of the finest stock in

the country, being specially employed by fine stock men for that purpose of national reputation. Some of the stock raised by him have brought the highest prices in the country. In 1876 he conducted a large sale at Dexter Park, Chicago, where 40 head of short-horn cattle sold by him averaged a per capita price of \$600. One heifer, two years old, and raised in Shelby county, brought \$3,600; a calf heifer, eight weeks old, brought \$1,600; and a cow 12 years of age sold for \$1,025. Col. Simms, of Kentucky, bought all three. In 1877 he effected another sale of 46 head, and which averaged \$250 per capita, all sold to one man, a resident of Lincoln, Neb. Mr. Williams is a native of Wales, born January 1, 1833, but came over to this country with his parents when 12 years of age, and was reared in the State of New York. His father, Thomas Williams, was a Presbyterian minister, both in Wales and New York, and devoted his whole life to the work of the Gospel, preaching 35 years, and most of his time at Rome, N. Y. He was a man of fine education and great piety, and an able and eloquent minister. He died in New York in about 1871, at the age of 75. His wife, the mother of Griffith T., and whose maiden name was Grace Ellis, died in that State at the age of 74. Griffith T. was educated in New York and Connecticut, and took a special course in veterinary surgery. Becoming a regular licentiate in that profession, he followed the practice in New York and also the handling of fine stock up to 1866, when he came to Missouri. In this State he located at Brookfield, where he resided until 1872. He then came to Shelby county and took charge of the Highland Fine Stock Farm, the property of L. W. Thorne, president of the Ft. Scott and Gulf Railroad. It was for Col. Thorne that the sales above referred to were made. From the Highland farm he came to the Riverview farm later. However, before coming to Riverview he was engaged in farming for himself for a time, having bought a neat place near Clarence. Subsequently Mr. Williams was married to Miss Mary Hughes, a daughter of John Hughes of Collinsville, N. Y., but originally of Wales. Mr. and Mrs. W. have reared four children: Miss Grace and Thomas, now both of Kansas, the former of Topeka and the latter of Leavenworth; and Maria and John, the first at home and the second in Brookfield. The mother of these died May 13, 1877, and two years afterwards Mr. Williams was married to Miss Sarah L., a daughter of James H. C. Phillips, of Clarence, formerly of Marion county, but a native of Lebanon. Miss Hughes' (his former wife's) mother, came to this country with her parents in an early day. They were on the ocean three months, having been in a sail vessel, and all would have been starved had it not been for some gold her grandfather had, with which he bought hard tack from a vessel passing by. They had given up all hope of ever landing, but finally landed at Quebec. There was much joy when it was found that Mr. William Griffith had the gold, which up to this time had been concealed around his waist in a belt made for that purpose.

EPHRAIM B. WOOD

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

Mr. Wood's life has been one of more than ordinary activity, and now he is settled down in Tiger Fork township on a comfortable place to spend the remainder of his days free from the annoyances of business life. He is a native of Kentucky, born in Mercer county, October 9, 1819, and was the eldest son of Dr. Gideon Wood and wife, his mother's maiden name having been Miss Mary Boyce. Mr. Wood grew up in that county, receiving a good common English education, and in 1834 came to St. Louis, where, for the next six or seven years, he was engaged in different pursuits. In 1871 he began boating on the Mississippi, which he followed for several years and with success. He then became a wholesale liquor merchant and a wholesaler in groceries, in both of which lines he continued until after the outbreak of the Mexican War, continuing also his boating interests. During the war with Mexico he joined Illinois troops and marched off to the music of the Union for the sun-scorched land of the Cactus Republic. He returned by way of Louisiana, but stopped for three years in that State. Coming back from Louisiana, he now resumed the grocery trade in St. Louis. In 1858 he went South, but returned in 1866, having been superintendent of a brick-yard in Louisiana. He was in this same line of industry for two years in St. Louis after his return. He then removed to St. Charles county, where he engaged in farming. Mr. Wood came to Shelby county in 1881 and bought his present farm. He has a good place of 155 acres and is turning his attention to stock-raising. He is a man of sterling intelligence and untiring energy, and is of course bound to succeed as a farmer and stock-raiser at his new home. In 1845 Mr. Wood was married to Miss Carolina A., a daughter of James and Anna Humphrey, formerly of Birmingham, England, but at the time of his marriage, of St. Louis. Mr. and Mrs. Wood have five children: George J., who married Miss Lizzie White, and now in the furniture business at St. Louis; Francis G., who married Miss Brooks, and now in the furniture business in Colorado; Thomas J., who married Miss Emma Buford, of this county; and James A., of Jefferson county. Mrs. Wood is a member of the Baptist Church, and he is a member of the A. F. and A. M.

JOHN WRIGHT

(Farmer, Post-office, Oak Dale).

Of Massachusetts ancestry, Mr. Wright was reared in Indiana, and, therefore, by family antecedents, birth and education, was identified with the North, and its ideas of the government of the country. Hence, when the war broke out between the North and the South, in 1861, he felt it his duty to fight for the interests of his section. Enlisting in the Union army early in the war, he followed the standard of the Union through all the vicissitudes and hardships of a soldier's

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