## Daniel Vittitow (c1782-1833)

By Jerry Long, Owensboro, Ky., 1985

August 2, 1985

Dear Mr. Long.

Sometime ago I received from the Owensboro library and the Daviess County Courthouse your name as one who does research in the area of geneology.

I am a novice in research, having had no formal training nor have I attended any seminars.. I have found myself coming to an abrupt halt in my search and I am in need of some help but am not aware of the fee that a professional researcher might ask.

Would you be able to help me in my search for the parents of my grandfather and if so what would be the fee that you might charge? If you are able to assist me and I find that I can afford your help, would it be of any use to you if I would send copies of the few papers that I have found on my grandfather and any background information that I have compiled(some may be hearsay)

I am hoping to hear from you soon. My address is: Mrs. Robert Grace, R.R. #3, Canton, Illinois 61520

Sincerely, Mrs. Robert Grace

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August 13, 1985

Dear Mr. Long,

I received your letter and was pleased to learn that you would be able to help me find the names of my great—grandparents. Enclosed please find \$35. I did not know how much to send. I know that I have spent hours of writing and waiting but then again I am a novice and thought that I would be able to find the records I sought immediately. Little did I know. But honestly, I have had so much enjoyment from the experience—for myself and then sharing with my family the information that I have located—even if it did seem to be disconnected with my grandfather. Just to find someone else with the same surname was a pleasure.

My grandfather's name was George O. (Ogil or Ogle) Vititow. He was born on November 15, 1852 (At least that is the date we have passed on through the family). He had one sister that we know of—Katie (Vititow) Hagen and several brothers. We do not know any of their names.

Grandpa was married three times according to one record that I found in Henderson County. It was the marriage bond and record of George Vititow and Martha Foreman dated on the marriage bond January 25, 1889 and the marriage certificate January 27, 1889. It states his residence is Henderson, Ky. age 35, it is his third marriage, his occupation is a farmer and his birthplace is Daviess County. What was confusing was the age that he gave. It would have meant that he was born in 1853 instead of 1852. We do know that grandfather had two children from a previous marriage a George and an Ella. We do not know the names of either of his former wives. We did not know that he was married three times.

The children by the third marriage to Martha Foreman were Rose who died in infancy, another Rose born in 1893 in Henderson, Walter, Charles and Julia all born in Henderson. William, my father and the youngest was born in East Saint Louis, Illinois in 1900.

I have found two deeds in Henderson County, one dated December 17, 1892, wherein George and Martha Vititow purchased a tract of land from JT Span and Mahala Span and another deed, for it appears the same tract of land, dated October 18, 1893. George and Martha are the Grantors and Eliza J. Mason is the Grantee. Throughout these two deeds Vititow is spelled in various ways and sometimes Grandpa's name is written as George Vititow and George O. Vititow and in another place George 0. W. Vititow. We were not aware that he could have had a third name.

I have no proof of this but a story in the family is that grandpa's farm burned and he moved to Louisville to work in a Jones Furniture store as a furniture repairman. Sometime after 1896 he and his family moved to East Saint Louis, Illinois. I do not know how he was employed there. • Sometime after 1930, after the death of my Grandmother, Grandpa moved to Peoria, Illinois to live with William, his youngest son until his death in November of 1940. His death certificate states that he was a furniture repairman. His parents' names were unknown. My father, William, was the informant for the certificate. He did not know the names of his grandparents.

Some other information that I have located and I don't know if its related or not is the following:

- —a marriage record in Spencer county, Indiana for a George Videtow and a Mary E. Harmon from 1883 No marriage bond was available.
- —the 1850 census for Daviess County Kentucky—District #1 Vititow, Thomas-39 M. Blacksmith, Jane 23 F., William 18 M., John 12 M., Mildred 10 F., Samuel 2 M., James ½ M.
- —two marriage records for a Thomas in Daviess County. I do not know if they are one and the same person. I think that they are though given the age span between Mildred and Samuel listed above.
- 1) January 16, 1831 marriage between Thomas Vittitoe to Deborah P Sharp. John Pinkston MMEC appears to have been the minister. In the Owensboro library it states that Thomas was the son of Daniel.

2) February 19, 1846 marriage between Thomas H. Vitetow and Miss Jane Kasey. Stephen F. Ogden Methodist E Church South was the minister. I have a feeling that these two people are my great—grandparents but I cannot be for certain.

I found no mention of Thomas and Jane on the 1860 Daviess County census. Nor can I find any mention of Thomas anywhere after 1850.

- —I did find a marriage record in Hancock County for a Mrs. Jane Videtoe and a John Simpson on August 14, 1868, James Moore was the minister, L.E. Methodist Church. Henry Casey was named as the surety on the marriage bond. On another record it states that Henry was Jane's brother.
- —from the Owensboro library I received the following information Daviess County, Kentucky Court Order Book"D" 1837-1846
- —August 1837 ordered that Sarah Vittitow be allowed the sum of \$25 each for boarding, clothing of Daniel, Rebecca Martha Eliza and Mary Vittitow, 5 orphan children of Daniel Vittitow decd, for one year last past
- —1810 an Ohio County marriage bond and record for a Daniel and Sarah Jones. Daniel signed his name Vititow.
- —an 1870 census report for Daviess County lists a George and Emma. George was born in 1852 I believe though from some correspondence with a Vittitow in Owensboro that George died in the 1920's.
- —an 1870 census report for Clinton County, Kentucky lists a George born in 1852 to a Stephen and Elizabeth.

My grandfather, however, always said that he was born near or in Owensboro. He lived near a river or water. He loved Owensboro.

I may be all wrong but I think that Thomas and Jane (Kasey) Vititow are my great grandparents and that Daniel and Sarah (Jones) Vititow are my great great Grandparents.

I have looked for a will for Thomas and for guardianship papers in Daviess County for the children of Thomas, I have also written to Hancock County. Daviess County suggested that I write to you and Hancock County has not yet responded to my last inquiry.

I have also looked for the will of Daniel but have been unable to locale it either. I wanted to see if he mentioned Thomas on it.

This is as far as I was and maybe I am on the wrong track entirely. I wish that I knew and I do so much hope that you will be able to help me locate the parents of George O. Vititow. Your help would be much appreciated.

Please address your reply to:

Mrs. Robert Grace R.R. #3 Canton, Illinois 61520

Sincerely,

Mrs. Robert (Sarah Vititow) Grace

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20 September 1985

Mrs. Robert Grace R.R. #3 Canton, Ill. 61520

Dear Mrs. Grace,

I am sorry I have taken so long to write you. I was waiting until I had a chance to make a trip to Hancock County. I was able to go this past Monday. The following is a report of what I have found on the Vittitow family from the records of Daviess and Hancock Counties.

The records that I have found together with the records and family information you have I believe clearly affirms that your grandfather, George Vittitow, was the son of Thomas H. Vittitow and Jane Kasey, and the grandson of Daniel Vittitow and Sarah Jones.

Daniel Vittitow was born between 1780-1784, he appears in the 1810 Ohio County, Ky. census, he was single and living alone, and aged 26-45. Later that year (1810) in Ohio County he married on November 5th Sarah Jones, bond on their marriage was by Thomas Jones. Daniel evidently lived in the part of Ohio County that became Daviess County in 1815. He appears in the first tax list of Daviess County in 1815, and is listed in each list through 1831. He is the only Vittitow listed in the Daviess County tax records until his son, Thomas H., appears in the tax list of 1831.

Daniel Vittitow appears in the 1820 and 1830 Daviess County censuses, his is the only Vittitow household listed in each of these censuses. The abstracts of the 1820 and 1830 Daviess County censuses are as follows:

1820Daviess Count	<u>y, Ky. census,</u> page 18a	a:	
Daniel Vittitoe	2 males 0-10	3 females 0-10	1 slave
	1 male 26-45	1 female 26-45	
1830 Daviess Coun	ty, Ky. census, page 19	06:	
Daniel Viditow	1 male 5-10	3 females 0-5	6 slaves
	1 male 10-15	2 females 5-10	
	1 male 15-20	1 female 10-15	
	1 male 40-50	1 female 15-20	
		1 female 30-40	

Daniel Vittitow in February 1828 bought 81 acres at Yellow Banks from the trustees of David Ross and John L. May, who were deceased, for \$486. The deed was recorded in Daviess County deed book B, page 387. The tax records indicate this land bounded the Ohio River. The names on the deed suggest the land was very near the present city of Owensboro. Owensboro in the early days of the county was known as "Yellow Banks", David Ross, a prior owner of the land was a large land owner, early resident and merchant of Yellow Banks. For one year before the town was named "Owensborough" in 1817 it was called "Rossboro" in honor of David Ross.

On 8 August 1835 Thomas H. Vittitow and Deborah his wife sold his right to his father, Daniel Vittitow's estate, to Sarah Vittitow, the widow of Daniel, recorded Daviess County Deed book F, page 67. According to this deed Daniel Vittitow died in 1833, leaving the following heirs, his widow Sarah, and children: Thomas H., Sarah, Nancy Ann, Stephen T., Elizabeth, Samuel T., Mary, Eliza, Martha, Rebecca, and Daniel. At the time of his death Daniel Vittitow owned 300 acres and 5 slaves.

On 10 August 1838 Sarah Vittitow, of Daviess County, possessed of a dower of 100 acres and two slaves, and "being about to leave and move from Daviess County and State, to the State of Missouri", appointed James W. Johnson her attorney, to sell land and slaves for her (deed book F, page 1). Also Power of Attorney was granted to the same James W. Johnson by Stephen T Vittitow and Nancy Ann Vittitow on the same day for the same reason. This was Sarah Jones Vittitow, the widow of Daniel. Sarah Vittitow appears in the Daviess County tax records after the death of her husband, she first appears in 1833. She paid taxes on 100 acres on the Ohio River and two slaves. She disappears from the Daviess County tax records after 1838. Evidently in 1838 or in early 1839 she and her family, except for her oldest son Thomas H., left Daviess County and moved to Missouri.

In Daviess County Commissioners deed book A-B, page 112 a deed was recorded on 8 April 1839 whereby a 305 acre tract of land belonging to the estate of Daniel Vittitow, deceased, was sold. In the transaction Thomas H. Vittitow, Thomas Norris and Sarah L. his wife, Nancy Ann, Stephen T., Eliza, Elizabeth, Samuel T., Rebecca, Martha, Mary, and Daniel, the heirs of Daniel Vittitow, were represented by a court appointed commissioner, John S. McFarland. The land was auctioned at the courthouse door on 14 January 1839 and Isaac Kennedy was the highest bidder. On 29 January 1839 Sarah Vittitow, relicit of Daniel Vittitow, deceased, by her attorney, James W. Johnson, sold her dower of 100 acres from the estate to Isaac Kennedy for \$475 (deed book F, page 62).

The deeds regarding the estate of Daniel Vittitow indicate he had 11 children. At the time of the 1830 Daviess County census Daniel had 10 children in his household, suggesting one more was born after 1830 and before his death in 1833. Of Daniel's children only the oldest, Thomas H., remained in Daviess County. All of the other children disappear from Daviess County about the same time their mother did, suggesting they all went with their mother when she went to Missouri about 1838. Sarah (Sally) Vittitow, daughter of Daniel Vittitow and Sarah Jones, married in Daviess County Thomas Norris on 23 May 1837. On the original marriage license she is clearly referred to as "Miss". She is referred to by her married name in the Commissioners Deed of 1839. In the 1840 Daviess County census no Thomas Norris appears

and no Thomas Norris appears in the tax records after 1838, indicating she and her husband must have left Daviess County at about the same time her mother did.

After Thomas H. the next two oldest children must have been Stephen T. and Nancy Ann, born between 1810 and 1817. In October 1838 when their mother granted Power of Attorney to James W. Johnson they did also which would indicate they had reached the legal age of 21, all of the other children did not do so because they were all still minors and had to be represented by their guardian.

Thomas H. Vittitow was the oldest child of Daniel Vittitow and Sarah Jones. Several records concur that he was born in 1811 and his parents married in November 1810. When Thomas married Deborah P. Sharp, 15 January 1831, he was at that time still under 21, for his father, Daniel Vittitow, had to grant consent for him to marry. Thomas first appears in the Daviess County tax records in 1831, but in that list the column white males over 21 was left blank suggesting he was near 21 but had not yet reached the age of 21 in the following lists he is listed as over 21. The 1850 Daviess County census lists his age as 39 which also indicates his birth as being in 1811.

Thomas H. Vittitow appears in the Daviess County tax records throughout the 1830's and 1840's, down through the year of 1854, after that he disappears from the records of Daviess County. During that time span no other Vittitows resided in Daviess County. Thomas H. appears in the 1840 and 1850 Daviess County censuses, he is the only Vittitow listed in each of those censuses. The abstracts of these census listings are as follows:

<u>1840 Daviess</u>	County,	Ky.	census,	page	196:

Thomas Viditow	1 male 0-5	1 female 20-30
	1 male 5-10	
	1 male 20-30	

## 1850 Daviess County, Ky. census, #1040:

Vititow, Thomas	39	m	Blacksmith	Ky.
Jane	23	f		Ky.
William	18	m		Ky.
John	12	m		Ky.
Mildred	10	f		Ky.
Samue	2	m		Ky.
James	1/12	m		Ky.

The neighbors of Thomas Vittitow in the 1850 census indicate he was living in the area just west of Owensboro. Thomas's occupation in the 1850 census was listed as blacksmith. I would guess that he was residing in or near the community of Bon Harbor, which was a prospering suburb of Owensboro which would have had the population and need for the services of a blacksmith. Several coal mines were in operation at Bon Harbor and many of the neighbors of Thomas were miners. A near neighbor of Thomas was Samuel D. Kennedy (#1065) who lived on the western edge of Owensboro and who was a son of Isaac Kennedy (died 1844) who had purchased the Daniel Vittitow estate (1839) it is possible Thomas was still living in the

immediate area where his father's farm had been located. The fact that Thomas was a blacksmith helps to explain why he never owned any land of his own. In the tax records he never paid taxes or any land and no deeds were ever recorded in Daviess County whereby he bought or sold land.

Thomas H. Vittitow married twice both times in Daviess County, to Deborah P. Sharp, 15 January 1831, and to Jane Kasey, 19 February 1846. Deborah P. Sharp was the daughter of William T. Sharp, who was a representative to the Kentucky State Legislature from Daviess County in 1834, and jailer of Daviess County in 1846. In deed book P, page 411, a deed was recorded 7 September 1859 involving the heirs of William T Sharp, deceased. As the result of an equity suit involving his heirs a lot owned by William T. Sharp was ordered to be sold and proceeds divided among his heirs. Clinton McClarty was appointed commissioner to represent the heirs, and the lot was sold to Daniel M. Griffith The heirs of William T. Sharp named in .this deed were: Orpha Sharp, Eliza W. Wright, Eli Sharp, Cloe Fletcher, Woodson Fletcher, Frances Sharp, John Sharp, Mildred Vittito, William Vittito, and John Vittito.

Orpha Sharp the widow of William T. Sharp appears in the 1850 Daviess County census, the listing appears as follows:

1850 Daviess County, Ky. census, #98, city of Owensboro:

Sharp. Orpha	52	f	Ky.
Frances S.	19	f	Ky.
John P.	15	m	Ky.
Wright, Eliza W.	25	f	Ky.

William T. Sharp had the following children:

- 1. Deborah P., born 1810-1820, married Thomas H. Vittitow, 15 January 1831, and had three children:. William (born c1832), John R. (born c1838, married Sarah Imes, 20 August 1868 Daviess County, Ky., died 10 May 1871 Owensboro, Daviess County, Ky.) and Mildred (born c1840). Deborah Sharp Vittitow died between 1840-1845, and her three children were listed in the household of her husband and his second wife, Jane Kasey, in the 1850 Daviess County census.
- 2. Eli, born c1819, married Chloe Dodson, 8 October 1843.
- 3. Chloe A., born c1822, married Woodson Fletcher.
- 4. Eliza W., born .c1825, married Edward Wright, 17 September 1847
- 5. Frances, born c1831.
- 6. John R., born c1835, married Mary E. Jones, 14 Feruary 1861.

Thomas H. Vittitow disappears from the Daviess County tax records after 1854. He is not in the 1860 or any later census of Daviess County. No Vittitows appear in the Daviess County tax records from 1855 through 1859.

In 1860 another Vittitow family moved to Daviess County – that of a William B. Vittitow, who was born 1814 in Ky. He is not of the immediate family of Thomas H. Vittitow, Thomas according to the deeds regarding his father's estate had no brothers named William. William B. Vittetow's wife was Mary Eliza Vowels., and info on their family appears in the

book, Heirs of John Hill Vowels and Sarah. Ellen Howard, by Tillie Whelan Onischak (1977, a copy of which is at the Owensboro library (note the parents or any information on the origin of William B. Vittetow is not given in this book). William B. Vittetow was a resident of Union County, Ky. prior to moving to Daviess County, He had three children, two girls who died young and a son, Green Thomas Vittetow, born1841, who married in Daviess County, Ann E. Merriman, 15 April 1865. William B. and Eliza and their son Green T. Vittetow appear in the 1860, 1870, and 1880 Daviess County censuses.. They resided at Curdsville. Shortly after the 1880 census the family of Green T. Vittetow moved across the county line into Henderson County. A copy of a page from the above cited book with info on this Vittetow family is enclosed.

Besides the above Vittitow family one other Vittitow appears in the 1860 Daviess County census. A John R. Vilitoe, age 21, single was living in the town of Owensboro in the household of. W. B. and Sarah McCrocklin (p.966, #1052). I believe this is the son of Thomas H. Vittitow and Deborah P. Sharp, who was listed as age 12 in the 1850 Daviess County census. On 20 August 1868 in Daviess County John Vittitow married Sarah Imes, on the marriage bond he gave the following information, he was age 23, 1st marriage, born Daviess County, resident of Owensboro, and bond on the marriage was by John R. Sharp. If he was born in Daviess County he would have to be the son of Thomas H. and Deborah Sharp Vittitow, since theirs was the only Vittitow family living here at that time The John R Sharp who paid the marriage bond was a son of William T. Sharp, a brother of Deborah Sharp Vittitow, and thus an uncle of John R. Vittitow, John R. Vittitow does not appear in the 1870 or any later census of Daviess County. In the book, History of Daviess County, Kentucky (Interstate Publishing Co., Chicago, 1883, p.423), in a chronology of events in the city of Owensboro, the following appears: "May 10, 1871, J. Villito killed by a sawhead". This was most likely John R. Vittitow since no other J. Vittitow appears in the records of Daviess County at this time and since John F. was a resident of Owensboro three years before this when he married,

Thomas H. Vittitow and his family evidently moved, from Daviess County in 1854 or 1855. From that time until the marriage of his wife, Jane Kasey Vittitow, on 14 August 1868 in Hancock County. Ky. to John Simpson, I have not yet found any clue as to their whereabouts. No Vittitow appears in any Hancock County census prior to the 1868 date or in any of that county's tax lists before then.

In the 1870 Hancock County census John and Jane Simpson appear, living with them were five Vittitow children. The census listing is as follows:

1870 Hancock County, Ky. census, Lewisport Voting Precinct, page 210, #111:

Simpson, John	56	m	Vt.
Jane	46	f	Ky.
Vittetto, J	19	m	Ky.
George	17	m	Ky.
Sarah	13	f	Ky.
Catharine	10	f	Ky.
Frances	6	f	Ky.

It would seem likely that Thomas H. Vittitow died sometime after the birth of Frances, c1863, and before the remarriage of his wife, Jane Kasey Vittitow in 1868. I do not believe he died in either Daviess or Hancock County. He does not appear in the tax records of either county during that time period. Also in both counties I checked the court order books, wills, administrator bonds, and guardian bonds and found no reference to him.

Probably shortly after her husband's death, Jane Kasey Vittitow went to live near her brother, Henry Kasey (?Casey), who lived rear Lewisport in Hancock County, Henry Kasey paid the bond on her marriage in 1868, and or the original marriage record it is stated he was the brother of Jane. Henry Casey appears in the 1860 Hancock County census, he was age 40 born Ky., his wife was Nancy age 30 born Md., and they had two children, Bud (age 4 born Ky.) and S. (a female, age 1 born Ky.) I checked for Henry Kasey (Casey) before and after the 1860 census and he does not appear in either the 1850 or 1870 censuses of Daviess or Hancock County.

The J. Vittitow age 19 in the 1870 Hancock County census is James Vittitow, who was listed as age 'one month in the 1850 Daviess County census. Two years later in 1872 when he reached the age of 21 "James" Vittitow appears in the Hancock County tax records. Before 1872 no Vittitows appear in any of the tax lists of Hancock County. In the following year of 1873 no Vittitows are in the tax list of Hancock County, in 1874 Diana Vitatow appears (no male over 21 is listed with her), and in 1875 George W. Vittetow appears. The Owensboro library has the Hancock County tax lists down through 1875 but does not have any after that date, thus I could not check any further. I have not yet gotten an opportunity to check the 1880 Hancock County census to see if any of the Vittitows were still there. I checked the marriages of Hancock County and found no other Vittitows listed.

The 1870 Hancock County census and 1875 Hancock County tax list clearly establishes that Thomas H. Vittitow and Jane Kasey had a son, George W. Vittitow, who was born in 1852-1853. On the marriage bond of your grandfather he reported he was born in Daviess County and your grandfather later by his own words said he was born at or near Owensboro. The only Vittitows living in Daviess County at this time were Thomas H. and Jane Vittitow, which leaves no doubt that your grandfather was their son and was the some George W. Vittitow who was in Hancock Couty.

I wished I could have found when and where Thomas H. Vittitow died. Would you like me to keep your name on an active research list. If so in the future when I get access to new records (such as 1860 censuses of other local counties) I will check for the Vittitow name. I cannot promise when or if I will find any more, but only that I will keep your family in mind.

One other item before I close. Before Daniel Vittitow (born 1780-1784, died 1833) came to the Daviess County area he may have lived in Nelson County, Ky. There were several Vittitow families who were early pioneer settlers in Nelson County before Kentucky became a state. Among the Nelson County Vittitow families the name of Daniel was common. One Daniel Vittitow was born 15 March 1792 in Nelson County and died there in 1869. He was of about the same generation as the Daniel of Daviess County, and may have been a cousin. The Daniel Vittitow (born 1792) of Nelson County was the son of a Daniel Vittitow; a biography of his son

also named Daniel Vittitow, of Laure County, appeared in the book <u>Kentucky: A History Of The State</u> (J. H. Battle, W. H. Perrin & G. C. Kniffin, 1885), a copy of this biography is enclosed. I would suggest in your future research to keep Nelson County in mind as a possible residence of your Vittitow ancestors.

Bye for now. If you have any questions regarding any of the information I have enclosed please feel free to ask about it. I would enjoy hearing any comments you may have.

Yours truly, Jerry Long

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<u>Kentucky Family Records</u>, Volume 22, West-Central Kentucky Family Research Association, Owensboro, Ky., 1998, "History in Early Depositions, Ohio and Daviess Counties, Kentucky", pp.39-40):

## THE DEPOSITION OF DANIEL VIYITI'OE

The deposition of Daniel Vittitoe taken at the same time & place & to be read as evidence in the same suitQuestion by May & Eppes Will you state what you know of a draft of men being made in this country some time in the year 1808 or 1809 - and of a volunteer company being raised by Col Joseph H. Daveis about the same time

Answer a draft took place at the Yellow Banks in the now county of Daviess then a part of Ohio county - I think in the latter part of the year 1808 or the beginning of the year 1809 – and Col Joseph I-I Daviess attended to the draft I was drafted myself & afterwards volunteered in a Horse company that Col Daviess raised & I think He mustered them on the first day of the Ohio circuit court when Smothers was tried but I did not muster myself as I had no horse then I afterwards Joined them where the company rendezvoused at Hardinsburg Joined them there We had been before ordered to rendezvous at Hardinsburg & I went up with Cot Daviess from his plantation where He then lived about two miles above the Yellow Banks to Hardinsburg - and when we were dismissed I think we were ordered to hold ourselves in readiness to march upon a campaighin when ever called upon - Daniel Vittitoe

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<u>The History of Jasper County, Missouri,</u> Des Moines, Iowa: Mills & Company, 1883, pp.714-715:

STEPHEN T. VITITOW, farmer (retired), post-office Saicoxie, was born in Davis county, Ky., Dec 29, 1816. His parents, Daniel and Sarah V. (Jones) Vititow, were also of Kentucky. Subject was raised on a farm and educated in the subscription schools of his native state, came to Missouri in 1837, locating in this county near the present town of Reeds Took a

claim, but because the land was yet unsurseyed could not enter it until the year 1840. He engaged in farming for a time, then opened a general store, and for three years sold goods at Sarcoxie, he then returned to his farm, but two years later commenced clerking for Messrs. Tilton & Sanders of Sarcoxie. In 1852 he sold his farm near Reeds, moved to Round Prairie and farmed for a half decade. Came to his present location in the summer of 1861. Mr. Vititow was married in Jasper county, Mo., March 12, 1847, to Miss Sarah T., daughter of James and Elizabeth Scott of this county, but formerly of Virginia. Mrs. V. was born Feb. 7, 1827. From this union there have been thirteen children: Sarah E., born Dec. 28, 1847, now the wife of John Forsyth of Lawrence county; James P., born June 19; 1849; Ellen A., born Nov. 15, 1850, now wife of Newton Forsyth of Lawrence county; Kate, born March 1, 1852, now wife of Joshua Vineyard of this county; one died in infancy; William T., born Dee. 28, 1854; Fannie J., born Nov. 25, 1856, died Sept. 5,1861; Stephen K., born July 21, 1858; Samuel W., born Sept. 11, 1860, died Nov. H, 1861; Fannie, born April 21, 1862, now wife of Chas. Duncan of Sarcoxie; U. S., born Aug. 29, 1864; Frank, born July 18, 1866, died Oct. 13, 1873; and Addis, born Feb. 8, 1869. Mr. V. is a member of the Masonic fraternity. He has a good farm on the road leading from Sarcoxie to Bower's Mills, and. although retired from active work has it under his personal supervision.