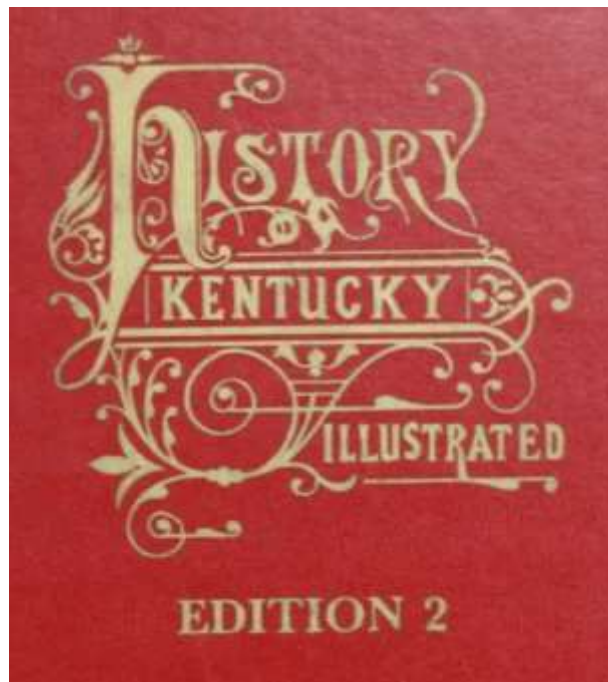
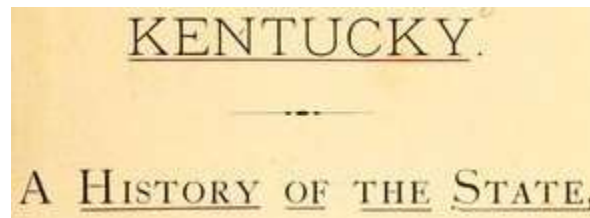


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D. L. ADAIR, Hancock County, is a native of Hardin County, KY., and was born November 26, 1824. His paternal ancestors were Scotch. They came to America in an early day, and settled first in New York and later in North Carolina, from which State subject's great-grandfather emigrated to Ohio about the beginning of the present century. He settled on the present site of Aberdeen, opposite Maysville, Ky., and made the original plat of that town, which he named for his native city in Scotland. Joseph Adair, subject's grandfather, was born in North Carolina. He moved to Montgomery County, Ky., many years ago and subsequently immigrated to Missouri, locating at Independence, of which city he was the original proprietor. Isaac C. Adair, subject's father, was born in Montgomery County, Ky., where he passed his youth and early manhood. He moved in 1820 to Hardin County, which he afterward represented in the legislature, and died in Elizabethtown in 1826. His wife, Milly (Edwards) Adair, our subject's mother, was born in Nelson County, Ky., and died in Hardin County about 1852. They had two children, viz.: D. L., and Mary C. Adair. By a previous marriage Mrs. Adair had a family of five children, two of whom are living. Our subject received a liberal education in his native county, and at the age of eighteen years began the study of law in the office of Morris & Wintersmith, at Hodgenville, La Rue County, under whose instructions he remained for three years. He was admitted to the bar in 1845, and moved to Hawesville the same year, where he engaged in the practice of his profession in the courts of Hancock and adjoining counties. In 1848 he enlisted in the Fourth Kentucky Regiment for the Mexican war, with which he served until the close of that struggle, participating in a number of engagements, in all of which he acquitted himself with distinction. At the close of the war he returned to Hawesville and resumed his practice, which he continued two years, at the end of which time he moved a short distance into the country, and engaged in farming and horticulture, which he has ever since continued. When the public school system of Kentucky, went into successful operation, Mr. Adair was appointed first school commissioner of Hancock County, a position he

held for eight or ten years. He has done more to advance the educational interests of the county than any other individual, and the present efficient school system has been largely brought about by his efforts. He has at different times held other official positions, having been appointed county surveyor shortly after his arrival in Hawesville. He also established the first paper in the county, *The Spirit of Enterprise*, which he edited one year, and which had quite a good local circulation. In 1851 he took editorial charge of the *Pick and Plow*, established that year, and subsequently became editor of the *Rural Record*, which was afterward merged into the *Messenger*. In 1875 he took charge of the *Plain Dealer*, which sheet he edited until 1879, when he established the *Hawesville Ballot*, which was regularly issued for one year. He was for five years associate editor of the *Southern Farmer*, published at Memphis, and also agricultural editor of the *Louisville Ledger* for two years. In addition to his connection with the papers enumerated, Mr. Adair for three years published the *Annals of Bee Culture*, which had a circulation of 5,000 subscribers. Mr. Adair has made bee culture a special study, inventing a number of improvements in bee hives, etc, which have been generally adopted. In 1872 he issued his "Progressive Bee Culture," which is considered authority on that branch of industry, and which has been translated into all the languages of Europe. Mr. Adair has also given considerable attention to geology, and at different times has been employed to make geological surveys and locate mines, etc. He is a man of culture, and in every respect a refined and polished gentleman. He was married December 20, 1849, to Miss Sarah A., daughter of William and Eliza Sterrett, of Breckinridge County. Eight children have been born to this union, six of whom are living: William, John, Isaac, Eliza, Mary and Dood.

J. Q. ADAMS was born in Hancock County, May 31, 1845, and is a son of William and Mary Ann (Bright) Adams. The father was born near Frankfort, Ky., July 22, 1799, his people being natives of Pennsylvania. The grandfather, John Adams, made the journey from Pennsylvania to Frankfort on a raft. In 1808 he came to Hancock County and settled on a farm of 500 acres, which is now owned by his two sons, David and William Adams. The grandfather subsequently served as a soldier in the war of 1812, and resided in the county until a good old age. The father of subject is still living in this county. The mother was born in Madison, Ind., and was an own sister of the famous John Bright of early days. She died in the county in 1850. Our subject is the fourth of a family of eight children, of whom three are now living: Georgette, Jesse and J. Q. The latter received the rudiments of his education in the county. He also attended Notre Dame University and Cecilian College. He began life for himself when twenty-two years old, and first settled on the home place. He remained only there a short time and then came to his present farm, where he now owns about 375 acres with about 225 in cultivation. He also pays considerable attention to stock raising, handling about 150 head per year. Mr. Adams was married in the fall of 1867 to Miss Nancy E. Hawes, a daughter of Benjamin Hawes, of Daviess County, Ky. This lady was also a native of Daviess County, and to her were born two children: Georgetta is the only one living. This lady died in 1872. Subject was next married December 16, 1875, to Miss Margaret J. Crockett, a daughter of Anthony and Susan (Robb) Crockett. This lady was born in Franklin County, June 15, 1850. One child blessed this union – Jesse Crockett.

CAPT. E. K. AYRES, Hancock County, was born in Jefferson County, Ky., March 13, 1839, and is the fourth child of Thomas H. and Sarah E. (Ebbert) Ayres, the father a native of Virginia, and the mother of Kentucky. Mr. Ayres' paternal ancestors were German people; his grandfather moved to Louisville as early as 1802, and died a number of years ago. Thomas H. Ayres was a resident of Louisville from early youth until about 1840, at which time he moved to

Hancock County and settled on the place where his son-in-law, John Hughes, now resides in Hawesville Precinct. He was, by occupations, a brick mason, and worked at his trade until his death, in 1876, at the age of seventy-three years. Sarah E. Ayres was born in Jefferson County, Ky., and departed this life in Hancock County, in 1844. Thomas H. and Sarah E. Ayres reared a family of seven children, four of whom are still living; by a second marriage the father had five children, all living. Subject's parents came to Hancock County when he was but one year old. He received a good practical education in the common schools of the county, and subsequently became a student of St. Mary's College, Marion County, which institution he attended one year. At the age of twenty-three he engaged in farming for himself in Lewisport Precinct, where he resided for three years, at the end of which time he moved to Hawesville Precinct and took possession of the paternal homestead, which he farmed for one year. In 1868 he moved to Lafayette County, where he remained a short time, afterward returning to Hancock County, where he has since continued to reside. In 1872 he purchased his present farm of 170 acres, on the Ohio River, opposite Tell City, which is one of the best cultivated farms in the county. A palatial residence stands a short distance from the river bank, above high water mark, from which a magnificent view up and down the river can be seen. Mr. Ayres is extensively engaged in stock raising and is also owner of the ferry which plies between the Kentucky shore and Tell City, Ind. Our subject was married February 4, 1862, to Miss Mary E. Tinsley, daughter of Willis and Sarah, (Howell) Tinsley, of Shelby County, Ky. Three children have been born to this union: Samuel E., Sarah E., and Phillip. Mr. and Mrs. Ayres are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, belonging to the Lewisport congregation.

ALEXANDER D. BEAUCHAMP is a native of Hancock County, and is the youngest or fourth son of a family of seven children born to R. C. and Ann (Stowers) Beauchamp. The Beauchamps were of French descent and early settlers of Kentucky, the grandfather of subject, William Beauchamp, dying in Daviess County, near Owensboro, a great many years ago. R. C. Beauchamp was born in Harrison County, in 1800, and eighteen years later moved to Daviess County, settling near Yelvington, where he resided until 1827; in the latter year he became a citizen of Hancock County, locating in Hawesville Precinct on the old home farm now in possession of his son, John W. He was a successful farmer and business man and represented the county in the legislature two terms. He died September 9, 1884 at the advanced age of eighty-four years. Subject's mother, Ann (Stowers) Beauchamp, was born in Jefferson County, Ky., in 1811, and is still living in Hancock County. She is the daughter of John Stowers, an early resident of Hancock County, whose death occurred in 1826. Alexander Beauchamp was reared in Hancock County and to agricultural pursuits. He spent the first twenty-one years of his life with his parents. He received a fair English education at the common schools, and later attended St. Mary's College, Marion County, where he was instructed in the higher branches. He commenced farming for himself in Hawesville Precinct, which has been his home ever since. In 1863 he enlisted in the Third Kentucky Cavalry, Confederate States Army with which he served until the close of the war. His regiment was in the Western Army Corps, under Gens. Breckinridge and Morgan, and saw a great deal of active service, participating in a number of bloody engagements. After the close of the war, Mr. Beauchamp returned to his native county and resumed farming, at which he has been very successful, and has become one of the leading farmers and stock raisers in the precinct where he resides. He was married December 13, 1867, to Miss Marietta, daughter of Enoch and Martha J. Kendall of Daviess County, by whom he has four children: Mary R., Enoch, Katie and Claribel.

DAVID T. BEAUCHAMP, Hancock County, was born in this county, January 26, 1835, and is a son of Robert C. and Sarah A. B. (Stowers) Beauchamp. The father was born in the fort at Georgetown, Harrison Co., Ky., in 1800. His father, William Beauchamp, was a native of Delaware, and the great-grandfather, Jesse Beauchamp, came from France to this country in the time of the French revolution, being driven from that country on account of religious persecution. William Beauchamp was a soldier in the Revolution. He married Miss Sallie Morris, a niece of Robert Morris, of Revolutionary fame, and as early as 1790 came to Kentucky. About that time the father of subject was born, and settled on Elkhorn Creek, in Bourbon County. In that county the grandfather resided until 1818, when he came to Daviess County, and settled near where the present village of Yelvington is now situated, and there he died in about 1830. The father grew to manhood in Daviess County, and in 1826 he was married to Miss Stowers, who was born in Jefferson County, Ky., September 9, 1811. In 1827 he moved to this county, and settled on the farm now owned by his son, John Beauchamp. Here he first bought 160 acres, and at one time owned 5,000 acres in the county. He represented this county in the legislature in 1867 and 1868, 1870 and 1871. He died in this county September, 1884. The mother is still living. Subject is the third of the family of seven children, of whom four are now living: John W., David, Alexander D. and Julia, wife of James C. Robb. The schooling of subject was received in this county and at St. Mary's College, Marion County. He began for himself on the home place and came to his present farm in 1856. He now owns about 1,000 acres, with about 800 acres in cultivation. He pays some attention to stock raising. He was married September 25, 1866, to Miss Anna M. Crockett, a daughter of Anthony and Susan (Robb) Crockett, natives of Kentucky. This lady was born December 22, 1836, and to her were born five children, of whom three are now living, Robert C., Samuel R., and Joe A. This lady died May 11, 1878. Mr. Beauchamp was a soldier in the late war. He enlisted in Company E of the Seventh Kentucky Cavalry, Confederate States army, in June, 1864, and remained out one year. Among the battles in which he participated were Tupelo, Harrisburg, Guntown Hill, and Bull's Gap. At the latter battle he was wounded and confined at Emory Hospital, Virginia, for about six months. He then returned to his regiment and remained with it until its surrender at Christiansburg, Va.

GARLAND D. BLACK, attorney at law, Hancock County, was born August 27, 1847 in Ohio County, Ky., and is the son of Jesse and Louisa (Craig) Black, both natives of Kentucky, the former of Ohio and the latter of Muhlenburgh County. Robert Black, the grandfather of our subject, was a native of North Carolina. He came to Kentucky about 1800, and settled in the northern part of Ohio County, near the village of Hainesville, where his death occurred in 1850. Mr. Black's maternal ancestors were early residents of Muhlenburgh County; his grandfather, James Craig, moving to that part of the State shortly after the Revolutionary war in order to take possession of a large tract of land, which he received from the government for services rendered in said war. Garland D. Craig, son of James Craig, subject's grandfather, was an early resident of Muhlenburgh County. He died near Greenville in 1874. Jesse L. Black was born in 1809, and lived all his life in Ohio County, dying there in the spring of 1878. Louisa Black was born in 1812, and died in 1857. The following are the names of the children born to Jesse L. and Louisa Black: Lutitia A. (deceased), James F., Felix H., Garland D. and Hiram C. Subject of this sketch remained in his native county until thirty years of age, and was reared a farmer. His primary education was received at the common schools and in 1869 he became a student of Leitchfield Academy, Grayson County, which he attended one year. He afterward attended the Cloverport Academy, Breckinridge County, one year, and then commenced teaching, which profession he followed ten years. In 1874 he began

reading law, and later entered the law office of D. R. Murray and J. D. Powers, with whom he remained two years, and afterward prosecuted his legal studies one year under M. A. Mason; was admitted to the bar in 1878, since which time he has been practicing in the courts of Hancock and adjoining counties. He was elected attorney of Hawesville in 1882, serving two years, and in 1884 was called to the office of mayor, which position he fills at the present time. Br. Black was united in marriage, December 15, 1881, with Miss Mary E. Carlton, daughter of Captain J. W. and Antoinette Carlton of Hancock. The result of this union is one child: Nettie Louisa, born October 30, 1882. Mr. and Mrs. Black are active members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

EDWIN BRASHEAR, Hancock County, was born in Breckinridge County, Ky., December 29, 1842, and is a son of R. A. S. and Margaret (Cox) Brashear. The father was born in Breckinridge County about 1812. subject's grandfather, Joseph Brashear, moved from Washington County to Breckinridge County, in 1806. The great-grandfather, William Brashear, came from Maryland, and settled at the old fort at Louisville, in 1782, where he remained until killed by Indians. The father began life for himself as a merchant at Stephensport, and for upward of twenty years was one of the magistrates of the county. He was a member of the Baptist Church, and died in 1859. The mother was also a native of Breckinridge County, having been born there in 1814, and her people were natives of Virginia. She was a member of the Baptist Church, and died in 1874. Subject was the third of a family of eight children, seven of whom are now living: James C.; Mehitable, wife of Richard Robinson, of Jacksonport, Ark.; Edwin; Bettie; Nannie, wife of Wilbir Sills; R. A. and Josie. Subject began farming for himself when fifteen years of age, in Breckinridge County, He moved to Hancock County in 1867, and settled on his present farm, where he owns about 300 acres, with about 250 acres in cultivation. Mr. Brashear was married September 12, 1867, to Miss Jennie, daughter of George Younger, of Hancock County. She was born in Breckinridge County, in 1844, and was the mother of four children, one of whom, Minnie, is now living. This lady died in 1875. Subject was next married, June 7, 1877, to Mrs. Bettie Bowlware, daughter of Joseph Wright, of Daviess County. This marriage has resulted in four children, of whom three are now living: Nannie, Nora and Lummie. Mr. Brashear is a member of the Baptist Church. His wife is a member of the Methodist Church.

CHARLES N. BUCHANAN, jailer, Hancock County, was born in Spottsylvania County, Va., January 20, 1831, son of William and Florinda (Brent) Buchanan, both parents natives of Virginia. His paternal ancestors were English people, and among the early settlers of Virginia, his grandfather coming to America in the war of the Revolution, as a soldier in the British army. At the close of the war, he located in Caroline County, Va., where he lived until his death, in 1824. William Buchanan, subject's father was a farmer. He was a soldier in the war of 1812, holding the commission of lieutenant in the American army, and served with distinction throughout that struggle. His death occurred in 1872. subject's mother died in 1848. William and Florinda Buchanan reared a family of five children, whose names are as follow: Thomas G., William S., Charles N., John L. and Mary A. Charles N. Buchanan was reared a farmer, and remained with his parents until sixteen years of age, attending the common schools for a few months during the winter season, in which he received the mere rudiments of an education. He commenced life for himself as a tradesman, in the town of Gordonville, Va., where he engaged in the cabinet business, which he followed four years, and in which he was reasonably successful. In 1854 he came to Hancock County, Ky., settling at Hawesville, where he engaged in the milling business, which he followed with varied success for a period of twenty years. In 1874, he removed to Pellville

Precinct, and was shortly afterward elected magistrate of that district, a position he held four years, after which he moved to Daviess County, where he followed farming until 1880. In the latter year he returned to Hawesville, and in 1882 was elected jailer of Hancock County, which position he has since filled. Mr. Buchanan was united in marriage, December 13, 1856, to Miss Sarah, daughter of Alexander and Mary Osborne, of Hancock County. They have a family of eight children, namely: Josephine, wife of William L. Sterrett; Belle, wife of Walter Brown; William, Nettie, Florinda, Brentie, Birdie and Griffin. Mr. Buchanan belongs to the Masonic fraternity, and is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church South.

N. B. CHAMBERS, Hancock County, was born in Hancock County, Ky., June 19, 1852. He is the son of G. W. and Letticia (Williams) Chambers, the father a native of Virginia, and the mother of Kentucky. Mr. Chambers' paternal ancestors were Virginians, his grandfather emigrating from the old Dominion State in an early day, and settling in Hancock, then Breckinridge County, and were one of the first permanent settlers on Blackford Creek. He was a farmer by occupation and died about 1860, at an advanced age. Subject's maternal grandfather was William Williams. He was an early resident of the southeastern part of Hancock County, and died many years ago. G. W. Chambers, Jr., subject's father, was born in 1814 and came to Kentucky with his parents when quite young. He was a farmer and minister in the Methodist Episcopal Church, and died in Hancock County, 1865. Mrs. Letticia Chambers was born in Breckinridge County, in 1821, and died in 1882. Mr. and Mrs. Chambers were the parents of ten children, the following of whom are living: J. J., F. T., N. B., Mary E., Frances W., Letticia A., Benjamin F. and Anna W. The subject of this sketch was reared on a farm, and brought up to agricultural pursuits. His father died when he was thirteen years of age, after which he remained with his mother, looking after her interests until her death, farming the home place, which he purchased and which he still owns. He remained until thirty years of age, when in 1882 he was elected county clerk of Hancock County, after a very exciting contest, running on the National Greenback ticket. He has proved himself a most efficient official, and is very popular throughout the county, numbering his friends by the hundreds. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to which he has belonged since his twenty-first year, and in politics is a warm adherent of the Greenback party.

M. H. CONNOR, Hancock County, was born in Perry County February 11, 1851 to Davis M. and Maria L. (Prentiss) Connor. The father was born in Perry County, Ind., in 1829, and was a farmer. He enlisted at the commencement of the late war in Company E, Forty-ninth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, United States army, and died at St. Louis while in the hospital in December, 1862. The mother was born in Petersburg, Va., in 1828, and still living at Evansville. Subject was the eldest of a family of six children, of whom three are now living: M. H., James P. and William A. At an early age M. H. Conner learned the shoemaker's trade. He opened a shop for himself at Cannelton, Ind., and remained in the business until 1882, when he also opened a grocery store, which he still continues, carrying a stock of about \$1,500. Mr. Connor was married, in April, 1875, to Miss Virginia, a daughter of Andrew and Elizabeth (Sample) Gregory. The father was of English descent. The mother was born in Pennsylvania. Mrs. Connor was born in Pennsylvania in 1851, and is the mother of three children: James H., William G. and Austin. Mr. Connor and family are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. He is also a Member of Lewisport Lodge, I.O.O.F.

JUDGE ROBERT E. DUNCAN is a native of Daviess County, Ky., and a son of John G. and Sarah (Head) Duncan, both parents born in the same county and State. The Duncan family are of Scotch descent, and were among the first pioneers of Nelson County. Subject's great grandfather, John Duncan, emigrated from Virginia to that part of the State before the present century. The grandfather of our subject was Robert Duncan, a native of Virginia. He came to Kentucky when but a small boy, and resided in Nelson County a number of years, subsequently moving to Daviess County, where his death occurred about the year 1830. John G. Duncan was born in Nelson County in 1802. In early life he was a farmer, but in later years he carried on an extensive merchandising business in Hawesville, and became one of the leading citizens of the place. He died about the year 1878. His wife, the mother of subject, was a daughter of Henry Head, an early resident of Daviess County. She died about 1844 or 1845. John G. and Sarah Duncan reared a family of five children, four of whom are living, viz: Mary J., Thomas K., R. E. and C. T. The subject of this sketch was born January 22, 1846. He received his early education in the common schools, and in 1863 he entered Cecilian College, Hardin County, which institution he attended one year. In the spring of 1864, being then but eighteen years of age, he enlisted in the Thirteenth Kentucky Cavalry of the Confederate army, with which he served for a period of fifteen months. His regiment was attached to Forrest's command, and took part in several engagements in the Kentucky and Tennessee campaigns. At the close of the war Mr. Duncan returned to Hancock County and commenced reading law with E. H. Brown, under whom he prosecuted his legal studies for eighteen months, but did not apply for admission to the bar. In 1870 he was elected county clerk of Hancock County, and re-elected three different times thereafter, filling the office for a period of twelve years. In August, 1882, he was elected county judge, a position he fills at the present time. Mr. Duncan was married, in 1876, to Miss Adelia Hannan, of Cincinnati, Ohio. The fruit of this union is one child, viz.: Genevieve, Born August 22, 1878. Judge Duncan is a member of the Masonic fraternity, K. of H. and belongs to the Methodist Episcopal Church, with which he has been connected since his boyhood.

JAMES FREEMAN, Hancock County, was born in Spencer County, Ky., on January 23, 1842, and is the son of Nathan and Elizabeth (Bennett) Freeman. The father was born also in Spencer County on July 12, 1811. His father was a farmer. In 1849 the father of subject came to Hancock County and settled about two and a half miles from Hawesville, where he is still living. The mother was born in Spencer County in about 1816, and died in Hancock County about 1860. The subject was the fifth of thirteen children, of whom eight are living: Joshua, Amos, James, John R., Marcus, Sarah A., wife of Taylor Chambers; Louisa, wife of Silas Warner and Joseph B. Subject received his schooling in this county. He remained at home until he was about twenty-four years old, and then settled about a mile from where he now resides. He came to his present farm in December, 1875, where he now owns about 153 acres. He pays some attention to stock raising. Mr. Freeman was married December 28, 1865, to Miss Nannie A. Miller, a daughter of William B. Miller. This lady was born December 2, 1842, is the mother of two children, one of whom is now living: Mary M., wife of Harvey L. Myers. Mr. Freeman is a member of the Baptist Church. Mrs. Freeman is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church South.

DR. ISAAC N. GREATHOUSE was born near Bardstown, Ky., about 1792, His father, Harmon Greathouse, was born in Pennsylvania. In an early day, he and his two brothers started for Kentucky in a flat boat, and one of his brothers was killed by Indians while making the journey. The second brother settled in Shelby County, and the third brother, Harmon, settled in Nelson

County. In an early Indian war he was captured by Indians. He remained a prisoner some time, but finally escaping settled in Nelson County, Ky., where he resided until his death. Subject was reared in Nelson County and was there educated. He read medicine with Dr. Goodman of that place. In 1818 he went to Troy, Ind., where he practiced his profession. In the latter part of the same year he returned to Kentucky, and married Miss Elizabeth Lewis. This lady was born in Jefferson County, Ky., in 1799. Her parents were John and Hannah Lewis; the father came to Hancock County with his family in 1799, and settled in a fort which then stood on the banks of Yellow Creek. He was a surveyor by occupation, and in an early day made a plat of the major part of the land lying between the Salt and Green Rivers. In 1812, he had listed for taxation over 199,790 acres. This land was, however, considered very cheap; as, speaking about it in a letter written to people in Virginia in 1788, he said that a tract of 2,000 acres on the Ohio River, in what is now Hancock County, could be bought for fifteen farthings, but he remarked that the land in a few months could be bought for ten farthings. Soon after his marriage Isaac Greathouse settled in this county, on the farm owned by his son William. Here he followed his profession and also paid some attention to farming until his death in 1832. His wife was born in 1799 and died in Hancock County in 1879. To her were born seven children, of whom three are now living: H. B., J. L., and William L. Harmon B. Greathouse was born May 2, 1822, in Troy, Ind., and was the second of a family of seven children. His schooling was received in Hancock County. He began life for himself when twenty-three years of age. He first bought a farm near Lewisport, where he resided about two years. From there he moved two miles below Lewisport, and here farmed for seven years. In 1859 he came to his present farm in Hancock County, where he owns about 173 acres, with about 150 acres in cultivation. Mr. Greathouse was married on February 10, 1840, to Miss Martha R., daughter of James and Catherine (Lewis) Haywood, natives of Henry County. This lady was born in Daviess County, in November, 1827, and was the mother of six children, of whom three are now living: Catherine E., wife of Milton C. Tracy, in Macon, Mo.; Martha H., wife of Thomas L. Henderson; and Isaac N. This lady died September 29, 1862. Mr. G. was next married, December 1, 1868, to Miss Martha E. Haywood, a daughter of George Haywood. This lady was born in Clark County, Mo. (first white female born in that county, in 1830, and to her was born one child, since deceased. She died September, 1878. Subject is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, and has been identified with the Grange fraternity. J. L. Greathouse was born in Hancock County, Ky., March 17, 1828, and was the third of seven children. His education was received in Hancock County. He began life for himself at twenty-five years of age, in Lewisport Precinct. He settled on his present farm in 1864, where he owns 120 acres. In 1864 he erected a saw mill on his farm, and is still running it. Mr. Greathouse was married, January 1, 1855, to Miss S. C. Smith, a daughter of Michael and Sarah (Scott) Smith, natives of Virginia. This lady was born in Henry County, Ky., in 1836. This marriage has resulted in the following children: Nicholas J., Sarah, wife of Stephen Emich; Susan, wife of Rufus Neel; Almenda O., wife of William Roberts; Laura Cooper, Vinson, Clark and Fannie Lou. Mr. Greathouse is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church South; Mrs. Greathouse of the old school Presbyterian Church.

EDWARD GREGORY, Hancock County, was born in Cloverport, Breckinridge County, March 31, 1841, to John A. and Elizabeth (Holder) Gregory. The father was born in Rockcastle County, Va., about 1818. His parents, John and Nancy (Dobson) Gregory, were of Scotch-Irish descent. The grandfather came to Kentucky when the father of subject was but a small boy, settled in Breckinridge County, and there died in the eighty-fifth year of his age. In that county, the father grew to manhood, and is still living at Cloverport. The mother was a native of Breckinridge County

and died about 1845. Subject was the second of a family of four children, of whom two are now living, William H., at Hardinsburg, Breckinridge County, and Edward. The latter received his schooling at Cloverport. He began life for himself as a dry goods clerk in his native town. He handled tobacco for R. R. Pierce for two years. In October, 1861, he enlisted at Bowling Green in Company G, of the Ninth Kentucky Infantry, Col. Thomas Hunt, Confederate States army, and served until Johnston's surrender. Among the battles in which he participated were Shiloh, Vicksburg, Baton Rouge, Murfreesboro, Jackson (Miss.), Dalton (Ga.) campaign, battle of Atlanta, etc. He reached the rank of second lieutenant. After his return he began putting up tobacco at Mason's Landing on Green River; one year later he returned to Cloverport and followed the same business for R. R. Pierce for two years. In January, 1869, he moved to Lewisport, where he put up tobacco for one year for George W. McAdams. He then commenced business for himself, and has since devoted his attention to prizing tobacco. He now handles about 250,000 pounds per year. Mr. Gregory was married October 7, 1868, to Miss Letitia Pate, a daughter of Samuel and Aritta (Thrasher) Pate, natives of Virginia and Maryland, respectively. Mrs. Gregory was born in Hancock County, April 23, 1847, and is the mother of six children, five of whom are living: Myrtle U., John S., James H., Eli E and Cleburne E. Mrs. Gregory is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church South; he is a member of Lewisport Lodge, No. 303, A.F. & A. M. and McIntire Lodge, K. of H.

H. E. HAYNES, Hancock County, was born in Ohio County, Ky., November 8, 1822, to Hardin and Polly (Haynes) Haynes. The father was born in Amherst County, Va., and died in Ohio County, Ky., May 29, 1822. He was a farmer, came to Ohio County when twenty-one, and was a member of the Baptist Church. In 1822 he was married to Miss Haynes, who was born January 13, 1800 and died in February, 1876. Subject was the eldest of a family of four children, all of whom are now living: H. E., Nancy J. (wife of Thomas M. Newman), Elizabeth (wife of Beard Sterett), and Hardin P., in California. Subject received his education in Ohio County. He remained at home until he was twenty-one, and then worked around for eight years. He then settled about a mile from his present farm in Hancock County, where he resided about two years. He then came to his present farm, where he now owns about 192 acres, with about 150 acres in cultivation. M. Haynes was married July 2, 1857, to Miss Margaret C., daughter of Sylvester and Ruth (Thomas) Powers, natives of Marion County. Mrs. Haynes was born in Marion County, August 2, 1836, and is the mother of five children, of whom four are now living: B. H., H. R., Walter and Courtland.

J. J. HOUSE was born in Hancock County, December 20, 1831, and is the son of Benoni and Hannah A. (Lewis) House, natives of Maryland and Kentucky, respectively. William House, grandfather of our subject, was a native of Maryland, which State he left in an early day, immigrating to Hancock County, and settling on the Ohio River, a short distance below the village of Troy. He was a farmer my occupation, and died a number of years ago. The Lewis's were from Virginia, subject's grandfather being among the first permanent residents of that part of Hancock County, which still bears his name. He was a prominent and extensive land owner, having purchased from the government large tracts of land in various parts of the county. Benoni House was born in 1808, and died in 1849. The mother of subject was born in 1811, and died July 31, 1881. The family of Benoni and Hannah House consisted of eight children, only two of whom are now living: Hannah A., wife of William Moredeck, and John J., subject of this sketch. By second marriage, Dr. F. Lewis, the mother had three children, only one of whom is living. John J. House was reared on a farm in Hancock County, two miles from the village of Lewisport, where he

remained until his twentieth year. He received a liberal education in the schools of the country, and commenced life for himself as a salesman in the drug house of Raymond & Patten, Louisville, with whom he remained a short time. He subsequently engaged as a salesman on a store-boat which plied on the Ohio River, selling books, stationery and fancy goods, remaining the greater part of one year. After severing his connection with the enterprise he took service as a clerk with W. P. Haywood, of Lewisport, in the general mercantile business, where he remained for several years, dealing in live stock on his own responsibility in the meantime. In 1857 he engaged in farming on a place he had previously purchased in Yellow Creek Precinct, and on May 25 of the following year he was united in marriage with Mrs. Nancy V. Simpson, daughter of Nathan and Nancy Hukill, of Maysville, Ky. In 1861 he purchased his present farm of 198 acres, on which he has since been living. He owns 300 acres of choice land, and in addition to farming and stock raising is largely engaged in the manufacture and sale of lumber and brick. Mr. House is connected with the I. O. O. F., K. of H. and Masonic order, and is an active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to which he has belonged since 1845. Mr. and Mrs. House have a family of eight children, whose names are as follows: Fannie M. (Simpson), Benoni, Ida B., Anna S., Sazy B., Allie T., David N. and John William.

ALBERT C. HOWE, Hancock County, was born at Hanover, Ind., October 9, 1835, son of Eliakim and Sarah (Dean) Howe. The father was born in New Hampshire in 1786. The mother was born in Virginia, May 20, 1809. The father, when about twenty years of age, removed to New York, where he followed the trade of millwright about fifteen years and then moved to Ohio, remained two years and then moved to Indiana, settling in Jefferson County, remaining until 1844 working at his trade and then came to Kentucky, settling at Lewisport. Here he followed carpentering until his death, which occurred October 16, 1846. He had been identified with the Universalist Church. His widow died May 20, 1876. Subject was the fifth of a family of seven children, of whom three are now living: Andrew J., at Paducah, Ky.; Guy D., at Evansville, Ind., and Albert C. The last named received his schooling in the county. He worked on a farm until twenty years of age, and then began clerking in a store at Lewisport. He followed this business about five years, and next opened a saddle and harness shop at Grandview, Ind., in 1867. In 1869 he returned to Lewisport, Ky., where he followed farming until 1878, when he opened a grocery store. He now handles a stock about \$1,000. He was appointed postmaster at Lewisport in 1876, and is still holding that office. He has also served as village trustee a number of times. Mr. Howe was married in December, 1869, to Miss Martha J., a daughter of Ben E. and Nancy J. (Gabbert) Morgan. The father was born in Indiana; the mother in Kentucky. Mrs. Howe was born in 1854 and to her has been given six children: Alberta R., Mabel M., Jesse, Eliakim B., Oscar and L. Cobb. Mr. and Mrs. Howe are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. He is a member of the Lewisport Lodge, No. 303, A. F. & A. M. Mr. Howe enlisted in Company H, of the Twelfth Kentucky Cavalry, United States army on August 15, 1862, under Capt. W. L. Payne. He remained in service until September, 1865. Most of his army life was spent on the skirmish line in east Tennessee. He was captured at Philadelphia, Tenn., October 20, 1863, and was confined at Belle Island and Richmond, Va., until May 7, 1864. He was then paroled and removed to Camp Chase, Ohio, until January, 1865. He then re-entered service at Camp Nelson, Ky., and remained until the close of the war.

DR. JOHN P. M. JETT, Hancock County, was born in Daviess County, Ky., June 6, 1828, to Richard C. and Susan T. (Miller) Jett. His father was born in Culpeper County, Va., in 1785.

Peter Jett, subject's grandfather, was also a native of Virginia, and was a soldier in the Revolution. Richard C. came to Kentucky when a young man, and first settled in Woodford County. In 1820 he moved to Daviess County, where in 1825 he married Miss Miller, who was born in Virginia in 1801. He was a farmer and was a sheriff of the county for about eight years, and also a magistrate. He died in Hancock County in March, 1862, a member of the Missionary Baptist Church. His widow died in May, 1863. Our subject was the third of a family of twelve children, of whom seven are now living: Thomas, in this county; J. P. M., also in this (Hancock) County; Richard L., in Daviess County; Mary A., wife of L. M. Burnett, in Daviess County; Sallie, wife of W. E. Haynes, of Henderson County; Thaddeus S., in Ohio County and Joe in Ohio County. Subject received his schooling in Daviess County, read medicine about two years with Dr. N. L. Lightfoot, and then attended lectures at the medical department of the Louisville University in 1853 and 1854. He first practiced medicine in Ohio County, and in 1855 he moved to Hancock County. After practicing about two years, he turned his attention to the commission business and to farming. In 1866 he moved to Lewisport and has since devoted himself exclusively to produce and grain buying, and is the only commission merchant in the place. He is also an insurance agent and notary public. September 30, 1857, he married Mrs. Louisa J. Blincoe, nee Daviess, a daughter of John Daviess, one of the early settlers of Daviess County in 1811 and died in this county on July 31, 1874. Subject has served as constable five years and was elected to the office of police judge in 1882, an office which he is still holding. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, and of Lewisport Lodge, No. 303, F. & A. M.

T. A. MacGREGOR, M.D., Hancock County, was born in New Orleans, La., December 16, 1840, and is the son of George and Jane (Christian) MacGregor, both parents natives of Scotland. His grandfather, Thomas MacGregor, was a lawyer of considerable ability in Scotland, and died in Edinburgh about 1862 or 1863, at an advanced age. His maternal grandfather was Thomas Christian, a native of Ireland. He was a lawyer by profession, and died in the city of Dublin, 1857. George MacGregor, was born in Dinwall, Scotland, about 1809. He was graduated in law at the University of Edinburgh, and practiced the legal profession in his native city for several years. About 1830 he came to America and settled in Nashville, Tenn., where he engaged in merchandising for ten years, at the end of which time, 1840, he moved to New Orleans, where his death occurred in 1860. The subject of this sketch has had quite an eventful life, a mere outline of which is only attempted in this brief sketch. The first four years of his life were spent in his native State, after which he was sent to Nashville where for eight years he attended the schools of that city. He next went to Louisville, Ky., where he attended a boarding school for about four years, making rapid progress in his studies in the meantime, so at the age of sixteen he had a very liberal education. In 1856 he went to Europe, and for four years attended school at Vevay, Switzerland, and Paris, France, where he acquired a thorough knowledge of the German and French languages. He returned to America in 1859, and began the study of medicine in New Orleans, attending one course of lectures in the Louisiana University of 1859 and in 1860. In the latter year, he entered the medical department of Louisville University, and attended two full courses, then graduating in the class of 1861-62. After graduating, Dr. MacGregor commenced the practice of his profession in the city of Louisville, where he remained until 1874, at which time he moved to Kansas and located at Leavenworth, in the drug business, which he carried on in connection with his practice for one year. In 1875 he returned to Kentucky, settling at Hawesville, where he has since resided. Shortly after locating at that point, he retired from the active practice of his profession, and formed a copartnership with Z. H. Shelley in the milling business, which he

still carries on. Dr. MacGregor was married January, 1871, to Miss Judelle Trabue, of Frankfort, Ky. They have a family of two children, viz.: Chasteen and Matilde, both living. Dr. and Mrs. MacGregor are members of the Episcopal Church, belonging to a congregation in Louisville.

J. H. MARSHALL (deceased), Hancock County, was born in Breckinridge County, April 10, 1828, and was a son of Alexander and Elizabeth (Hicks) Marshall, natives of Virginia, and probably of English descent. Subject was the second of a family of ten children. His education was received in his native county, and at the age of nineteen he commenced for himself. In 1866 he moved to Hancock County, and settled on the farm now owned by his widow. Besides the home estate he had landed interests in Hancock County, and farms in Mississippi and Indiana. He served at one time as magistrate of Hancock County, was identified with the Methodist Episcopal Church and was a member of Hardinsburg Masonic Lodge. He was twice married; first in 1849 to Miss Sarah, daughter of Charles and Elizabeth McKinney, of Mercer County, Ky. Four children blessed this union, of whom two are now living: Bettie D. and Taylor. J. H. Marshall died April 30, 1881, and was buried by the Knights of Honor in the Hawesville Cemetery. His lady died in 1856. Mr. Marshall was next married January 6, 1859, to Miss Lucy Tate, a daughter of David and Lucy (Seaton) Tate, natives of Breckinridge County, their ancestors being early settlers from Virginia. Mrs. Marshall was born in Perry County, Ind., October 28, 1840, and is the mother of four children: David A., Lunie L., Maude D. and Humphrey H. The widow, assisted by her eldest son, is at present carrying on the home farm.

E. P. McADAMS was born in Hawesville, Hancock County, Ky., July 23, 1847. His parents were G. W. and Dorcas (Comstock) McAdams, natives of Harrison County, Ind., and Ohio County, Ky., respectively. His ancestors on the father's side were of German descent, and early residents of Kentucky, Nelson County. G. W. McAdams was born in 1817. He came to Kentucky in his early manhood and resided in Jefferson County a number of years. He subsequently moved to Hancock, where he married, and where he lived until 1882, at which time he went to Louisville, his present home. His wife, subject's mother, died in 1861, aged about forty-seven or forty-eight years. The family of G. W. and Dorcas McAdams consisted of seven children, four of whom are now living; Josephine, Hester, E. P. and S. L. E. P. McAdams was reared in Hawesville. His early education was received in the school of the town. At the age of sixteen, he entered Notre Dame College, South Bend, Ind., which he attended one year and subsequently became a student in Washington and Lee College at Lexington, which he attended the same length of time. After quitting school, he returned to Hawesville, and engaged in the tobacco business as superintendent for his father, who was one of the most extensive and successful tobacco dealers on the river. He remained in the above capacity until 1874, at which time he was elected circuit clerk of Hancock County, which office he still holds, having been re-elected in 1880. Mr. McAdams was married December 19, 1869, to Miss Mary L., daughter of John and Theresa Pope, of Arkansas, and granddaughter of ex-Gov. John Pope of that State. Seven children have been born to this union, viz: Marie Louise, George W., John P., Lena B., Samuel L., Robert T. and Albert E. Mr. McAdams is a member of the I. O. O. F., K. of . and independent in politics.

G. A. MCGILL, Hancock County, was born in New Haven, Nelson Co., Ky., March 10, 1839, to B. J. and Mary Ann (Green) McGill. The father was born near Bardstown, Nelson County, in about 1820, and his people were natives of Maryland, and of Scotch extraction. The mother was also born in Nelson County. Subject was the only child, and his mother dying when he was but

seven months old, he was accordingly reared by his aunt, Mrs. Vawter. This lady came to Hancock County in 1850, with her husband, and here subject received his education. When twelve years old, he began clerking for his uncle. In 1863 he embarked for himself in general business in connection with W. B. Thorne, speculating in tobacco and produce. This partnership lasted about four years, and then subject carried on the business by himself. After about four years he also quit the business. Since that time, he has served in the following capacities at Lewisport: Agent for Louisville & Henderson Packet Company; agent of Adams Express Company, mail carrier, deputy clerk, notary public and insurance agent. Mr. McGill was married November 20, 1862, to Miss Lavinia, daughter of Judge Kincheloe and Lucy A. (Lewis) Patterson, natives of Jefferson County, Ky., but now residents of Lewisport. This lady bore seven children: Ben J., head clerk on Steamer "James Guthrie," Annie C., Lucy, Zulu, Kincheloe P., Mary A. and Samuel T. This lady died and subject was next married to Miss Mary Patterson, a sister of his first wife. He is identified with the Catholic Church and is a member of Lewisport Lodge, K. of H. Mrs. McGill is a member of the Baptist Church.

JOHN C. MERCER, Hancock County, was born in Wayne County, Ky., June 16, 1827, to Nathaniel and Mary (Castillo) Mercer. The father was born in North Carolina, near the northern boundary, in 1794. Nicholas Mercer, subject's grandfather, came from Ireland. When the father of our subject was but four years of age his father came to Kentucky and settled in Wayne County, about ten miles from Monticello. The grandfather was a farmer, and died about 1812. The father was a soldier in the war of 1812, and was engaged in the battle of the Thames under Col. Whitley. Returning to Wayne County, he was married in 1822 to Miss Castillo, who was born in Richmond, Va., in 1795. Her father, Matthew Castillo, was a native of Ireland and a tailor by trade. In 1839 Nathaniel Mercer settled in Breckinridge County, where he farmed until his death, December 13, 1839. The mother was the third of a family of seven children, all of whom are now living: Lageraldo, wife of Ezra Davis; Michael J.; John C.; Margaret, wife John Litsey; Joseph, in Roberson, Colo.; Nicholas, county judge of Breckinridge County; and Jane O., wife of Dr. John N. Moorman of Ohio County. Subject remained at home until twenty-two years of age, and then commenced farming for himself in Breckinridge County. In 1860 he bought tobacco and also sold goods on his farm. In 1864 he sold out there and moved to Cloversport, where he speculated in tobacco, merchandised and ran a livery stable in connection with his brother, Joe K. Mercer. He remained in business at that point six years, then returned to farming in that county six years, and then moved to Hancock County. From 1877 he lived two years in Hawesville, and then leased Dr. Green Sterett's farm, where he now lives. Mr. Mercer was married April 14, 1874, to Miss Emily, daughter of John L. and Catharine (Chamblins) Marlowe. This lady was born in Ohio County, June 10, 1851, and to her have been born four children, two of whom are now living: Mary C. and John L. Mr. and Mrs. Mercer are members of the Methodist Episcopal South. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity.

W. B. MILLER, Hancock County, was born in Rockbridge County, Va., March 15, 1815, to Joseph and Mary (Booker) Miller. The father was born in Virginia in 1793, his father, John Miller, being a native of Germany. The father was a millwright by trade, and was a soldier in the war of 1812. In 1822 he came to Kentucky, and settled in Shelby County, where he followed stilling for three years. He next moved to Daviess County, where he joined the Methodist Church and subsequently became a preacher. In 1860 he removed to Ohio County, where he died in 1874. The mother was also born in Rockbridge County, Va., in 1792, and died in this State in the spring

of 1855. Our subject is the second of a family of nine children, of whom two are now living: Joseph S., in Ohio County, and William B. The latter began life for himself at the age of twenty-five at farming in Daviess County. In the winter of 1854 he moved to Hancock County and settled at Lewisport, where he remained three years. He then erected a mill in Hancock County, opposite Tell City on the Ohio, but remained there only one year. In 1879 he settled on his present farm, where he now owns about 108 acres. Mr. Miller was married January 11, 1841, to Miss Rosa E. daughter of Capt. Ben and Nancy (Graham) Duncan, natives of Nelson County. Mrs. Miller was born in Daviess County, Ky., November 5, 1824. To her have been born three children of whom two are now living: Nannie, wife of James Freeman, and Cynthia, wife of John A. Freeman. Mr. and Mrs. Miller are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. Subject served as assessor in Daviess County three years; in 1861 and 1862 he served as sheriff of Hancock County, and from 1876 to 1880 he served as assessor.

M. M. MORTON, Hancock County, was born in Richmond, Va., on April 26, 1817, to Mathias and Peggy (Cox) Morton. The parents were born in Pennsylvania about 1769 and in 1789, respectively. In 1820 the father came to Kentucky and settled about eight miles from Lewisport, Hancock County. About 1845 he moved to Union County, Ky.; he remained there three years and then moved to Alexander County, Ill., where he died about 1854. Subject was the fourth of a family of fourteen children, of whom but two are now living: Matilda (widow of Allan Pate, in Louisville, Ky.) and Marshall M. The latter received his schooling in this county. He remained at home until twenty-two, in the meantime learning the trade of a souse carpenter from his father, and then commencing life for himself followed his trade in Hancock County. In 1845 he went to Arkansas, remained about twelve months, then returned to Union County, where his father was then living. There he remained two years, and then came back to Hancock County. After following his trade two years, he bought a tract of 175 acres, and has been engaged in farming ever since. He also pays considerable attention to trading and stock dealing. Mr. Morton was married, in October, 1842, to Miss Mary, a daughter of James and Lucy (Baugh) Prentiss, natives of Virginia. This lady was born in Petersburg, Va., about 1819, and was the mother of six children, of whom two are now living: Nettie, and Jennie (wife of Clinton Hancock). This lady died in 1857; subject was next married, in October, 1858, to Miss Annie, daughter of Harry White, a native of England. This lady was born in New York about 1839, and to her have been born seven children: Alice (wife of Mr. E. B. Hackett), Marshall, James, Annie, Henry, James and Wallace. Mrs. Morton is a member of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. M. has been identified with the Masonic fraternity, and has served as deputy sheriff.

THOMAS M. NEWMAN, Hancock County, was born in Breckinridge County, Ky., December 17, 1819, to Thomas B. and Mary (McQuiddy) Newman. The father was born in Breckinridge County, January 18, 1795 and his people were natives of Virginia; the grandfather, Edmund Newman, was a soldier in the Revolution, and first immigrated to the fort at Louisville, but after a short time moved to Breckinridge County in the early part of the year 1795, settling near Cloverport. In 1826 he moved to Hancock County, and settled about four miles south of Hawesville, where he resided until his death in the fall of 1856. The father moved to Hancock County about the time his father did. He was a tanner by trade, and also followed farming. He died May 27, 1857. He was a member of the Baptist Church. The mother was born in Virginia in March, 1818, and her people were natives of Scotland. She died in October, 1835. Subject was the eldest of a family of six children, four of whom are now living: T. M., Eveline (wife of Dr. R. Lightfoot,

of Carbondale, Ill.), Sarah E. (wife of Thomas Pate) and John (in Kansas). Subject learned the trade of tanner from his father and followed it for several years. He commenced farming in Breckinridge, but in 1844 he moved to Hancock County. In 1850 he settled on his present farm, where he owns about thirty-three acres. Mr. Newman was married, December 31, 1840, to Mrs. Nancy J. Haynes, a daughter of Hardin Haynes. This union resulted in eleven children, of whom seven are living: Henry, Charles, George, Mary (wife of Lewis Burke), Sarah, Elizabeth (wife of C. Brunet), and Nannie (wife of Taylor Marshall). Mr. Newman and his family are members of the Baptist Church.

CHARLES C. NORMAN, M.D., was born July 15, 1842, in Henderson County, Ky. He is the son of Rev. Joseph C. and Virginia Norman; the former a native of North Carolina and the latter of Hopkins County, Ky. Dr. Norman's grandfather, Wesley Norman, was a native of North Carolina and a descendant of an old Huguenot family. He came to Kentucky about 1824, and settled in Henderson County, near the city of Henderson. He was a farmer and miller, and a very successful business man. His death occurred in 1845. Rev. Joseph C. Norman was born in 1819 in Caswell County, N.C., and came to Kentucky with his parents when but five years old. He was a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and sustained the reputation of being one of the most successful and popular pulpit orators of that denomination in northern Kentucky. He was in the active work of the ministry for twenty-five years, and died at Hawesville, November 21, 1878. He was married in 1841 to Miss Virginia Brooks, daughter of Col. William Brooks. Col. Brooks was a native of Prince Edward's County, Va., and of Irish descent, his father coming from the old country at an early day. Mrs. Norman was born in Hopkins County, Ky., in 1820, and is still living with the subject of this sketch in Hawesville. Joseph and Virginia Norman reared a family of eight children, seven of whom are living: Charles C., George W., Nancy V., Joseph C., L. A., Benjamin H., and Mary R. The subject of this sketch remained in his native county until his twentieth year, receiving a good education in the common schools and under the instruction of his father, who was a very brilliant scholar. In 1862 he commenced studying medicine with Dr. R. Linthicum, and the same year entered the Confederate service, enlisting in Col. Adam Johnson's regiment at Madisonville, with which he served three months. He remained with his preceptor about one year, and at the end of that time, in 1863, he entered the Medical University of Louisville, which he attended one session. The following year he prosecuted his studies in Brooklyn, N.Y., attending the Long Island Medical Hospital, from which he graduated in 1864. After graduation the Doctor located in Henderson County, and commenced the practice of his profession at Long's Landing, opposite Mr. Vernon, Ind., where he remained until 1866. In the latter year he went to New York City, and attended the Bellevue Hospital one session, after which he returned to his native county, and resumed the practice in the town of Corydon, where he remained five years, meeting with flattering success in the meantime. In 1871 he went to the State of Mississippi, and located at Friar's Point, where he practiced his profession one year, returning to Henderson County in 1872. He practiced medicine in partnership with his brother, Dr. G. W. Norman, for three years, at Smith's Mills, Ky., and in 1878 he located at Hawesville, where he has since resided. He was elected county physician of Hancock County in 1879, and held the position two years. In 1883 he was appointed a member of the State board of health, a position which he still retains. The Doctor is a close student, a most competent and trustworthy physician, and a refined and polished gentleman. He has never been married and is living with his mother, seeing after her interests.

J. H. PARKER was born November 11, 1830, in Woodford County, Ky., to Thomas and Elizabeth (Floyd) Parker. The father was born in King and Queen County, Va., in August 19, 1800. Subject's grandfather was also born in Virginia, and was of Irish and Dutch descent. His grandfather and father were both soldiers in the war of 1812, the latter being quite young. Thomas Parker came to Kentucky when eighteen years of age, went into the fort which stood where Harrodsburg now is, and remained there about two years with his father. Both then settled in Anderson County, near Lawrenceburg; the grandfather purchasing a farm of 600 acres for a rifle. In 1820 the father married Miss Floyd, of Anderson County. This lady was born in Stanford, Lincoln Co., Va., in 1803. Soon after his marriage he settled in Woodford County. Here he followed farming and also engaged in stilling until a short time before the war, and then moved to Shelby County. At the breaking out of the war he equipped a company, of which his son was captain, and also assisted the Confederate cause in other ways. He was finally compelled to leave the country and emigrated to Texas. There he died in 1881. The mother died in 1859; she was a member of the Christian Church. The father was a member of No. 41, Landmark Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Versailles. Our subject was the second of six children, of whom four are now living: William W., James H., Mary, wife of John Satterwhite, and John. Subject was educated at St. Joseph College, at Bardstown, also attended the University at Lexington and the college at Georgetown. When eighteen he was made deputy clerk at Williamstown, Grant County, served about three years and then went to Alexandria, Campbell County, and served as deputy under county clerk Benjamin Bell. At the end of three years the office was made elective, and he was elected three consecutive terms. He then removed to New Liberty, Owen County, where he engaged in the manufacture of woolen goods, and also practiced law. At the breaking out of the war he quit the practice of law and devoted his attention to the mill for three years, as superintendent, under Col. A. P. Grover; then went to Carrollton, Carroll County, and engaged as traveling salesman for John Howe & Son, for about eleven years. In 1879 he removed to New Albany and traveled for Dunham, Buckley & Co., New York. In 1880 he came to Hancock County, and settled on the farm where he now resides. Mr. Parker was married in 1852 to Miss Caroline, daughter of Edmund Arnold. Three children blessed this union, all of whom have since died. This lady died in 1861. Mr. Parker was next married, in 1863, to Miss Abel L. Miner, a daughter of Edmund Miner, of Virginia. This union has resulted in two children: William and Lucy. This lady died in 1871. Subject's third marriage was May 11, 1874, to Miss Sallie E., daughter of Winston and Louisiana M. (Helm) Lowry. The father was born near Fredericksburg, Va., in 1797, and when sixteen years of age, with his father, came to Breckinridge County, Ky. In 1856 he settled in Hancock County on the farm now owned by Mr. Parker. Here he died in 1863. Mrs. Lowry was descended from the famous Helm family, all of the most noted in the early history of Kentucky. Her father was John Helm. The ancestors of this family came to Virginia, from England, with Lords Baltimore and Fairfax, in the early settlement of the early dominion. John Helm was born in Prince William County, Va., November 29, 1761, and was the eldest son of Thomas Helm, a soldier in the Revolution. The latter landed at the Falls of Ohio in 1780. This was then known as Paul's settlement, and his family, together with the Roberts and Floyd families, founded the present city of Louisville. Thomas Helm resided there only about a year, and then made a settlement near where Elizabethtown now stands. Here he built a fort, which was called Helm's Fort, where he resided until his death. The farm was inherited by his eldest son, George. There Gov. Helm, a grandson of the latter, lived and died. John Helm came to Kentucky when he was nineteen years of age. He was well educated and followed the profession of surveyor, traveling over Kentucky from the mouth of the Salt River to the mouth of Green River. While making one survey, his party

was attacked by the Indians, and he was the only one who escaped. In 1791 he went out with Gen St. Clair under Col. Oldham, serving as staff officer under the latter. A sword carried by him during this conflict is still in possession of his grand-daughter – Mrs. Parker. Returning from the war, Mr. Helm engaged in surveying, being associated with John Lewis, another surveyor of that day. He received a large amount of land as his fees in his and other counties. A part of this land is now owned by Mr. Parker. His death occurred April 3, 1840, at Elizabethtown; Mrs. Parker was born March 30, 1834. She is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Subject is a member of the Masonic fraternity, being identified with the Blue Lodge at Williamstown, Royal Arch Degree at Newport, and Commandery at Covington.

Since the above was placed in type the following notice has been received: J. H. Parker died at his home, the Loury place, September 1, 1885, of typhoid flux. He was a splendid historian, both sacred and profane. An appointment was ready for him at Washington when his death was heard of at that city.

JO. C. PELL, Hancock County, was born in Bracken County, Ky., June 5, 1822, to S. B. and Elizabeth (Curtis) Pell. The father was born in Virginia about 1796. According to the family legend there were four brothers of the Pell family in England, and many years prior to the revolution; three of them came to the United States; one settled on Long Island, the second in New York City, and the third on the banks of the Potomac River in Virginia. From this last, William Pell, the grandfather of the subject, was descended. He was a soldier in the Revolution, served as one of Washington's body guard, and participated in the battles of Cowpens, Brandywine, the surrender of Cornwallis, and elsewhere. In 1796 he came to Kentucky and settled in what is now Bracken County. He settled on a patent from Virginia. He died at Harrison County, Ind., at a good old age. S. B. Pell grew to manhood in Bracken County, and in 1814 was married to Miss Curtis, who was born in the State of New Jersey in 1796, and was of Welsh descent. Her father was a Quaker, and a civil engineer. During the Revolution, although his religion would not permit him to take any active part in the conflict, yet through his profession he was able to render considerable assistance in their construction work. After his marriage, S. B. Pell turned his attention to boating, but in 1839 settled in Lewisport. He afterward served as sheriff of Hancock County for fourteen years, and also represented this county in the legislature in 1855 and 1856. He died in 1864 while still holding the office of sheriff. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. His wife died in 1844. Subject was the third of a family of nine children, of whom two are now living: Nancy Schoofield, of Spencer County, Ind.; and Jo. C. (our subject). The latter received his education in Trimble County. At his majority he began life for himself by boating, which he followed some ten years, and then began merchandising at Lewisport with his brother, W. C., since deceased. He is about the oldest merchant in Lewisport, and now carries a stock of about \$18,000, and also has a farm of about 200 acres. Mr. Pell was married June 7, 1848, to Miss A. C., daughter of B. B. and Louisa J. (Daviess) Blincoe. Her father was from Virginia, her mother was a niece of Col Joe. Daviess, from whom Daviess County was named. Mrs. Pell was born in Daviess County, July 18, 1832, and has borne ten children, of whom six are now living: Louise J., wife of Dr. C. W. Brown; T. B., Ida C., J. C., Jr.; Edwin D. and Clara A. Mr. Pell and family are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church South.

DR. W. T. PRENTIS, Hancock County, was born in Petersburg, Va., November 18, 1820, to James and Lucy W. (Baugh) Prentis. The father was born in Virginia, in about 1796. Subject's grandfather, William Prentis, was born in London, England; he was a printer by trade and edited

the *Virginia Gazette and Petersburg Intelligencer*, one of the first papers ever published in the colonies. He was at one time mayor of the city of Petersburg. The father grew to manhood in Virginia, and was educated for the law, being a graduate of William and Mary's College, but never followed his profession. In 1845 he came to Kentucky and settled in Hancock County, owning at one time about 650 acres, and half of the lots in the original plat of the village of Lewisport. He was also magistrate in the county for some years, and in connection with some of his children, engaged in mercantile pursuits for a short time. He died April 15, 1874. The mother was also born in Petersburg, Va., in 1800, and died in this county, August 28, 1865. Subject was the eldest in a family of ten children, of whom four are now living: W. T., A. B., in Petersburg, Va.; Robert C., in Lewisport; and Margaret J. Our subject received his schooling at Petersburg, Va.; read medicine with Dr. Walter F. Jones for one year and then attended lectures at the Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia, graduating in the class of 1844. In December of that year he came to Lewisport, Ky., and entered upon the practice of his profession. He remained at that point until 1849, and then moved to Yelvington, Daviess County, remained one year and then returning to Lewisport, he remained five years. His next move was to Bloomfield, Nelson County, where he practiced two years and then again returned to Lewisport. In 1862 he removed to Grayville, White Co., Ill., and there practiced for five years. He next moved to Folsomville, Ind. In 1870 he again came back to Lewisport and remained until 1873, and then moved again to Yelvington, Ky. After practicing a short time he came back to Hancock County and practiced until 1877, when he again moved to Lewisport, where he has since remained. Dr. Prentis was married, in 1846, to Miss Maria, daughter of Joseph Stephens, of Bullitt County, Ky. This lady was born in Bullitt County, Ky., and died at Yelvington, in 1850. Subject was next married, in 1855, to Miss Sallie, daughter of George and Nancy (Connelley) Duncan. This lady died in 1857. The third marriage of Dr. Prentis was in December, 1859, to Miss Anne, daughter of Caleb and Lucy W. (Payne) Butler. Mrs. Prentis was born in Albion, Edwards Co., Ill., in March, 1836, and to her have been born six children: Earnest, at Golconda, Ill.; Halleck, Boisseau, William, Lucy and Robert B. Mr. and Mrs. Prentis are members of the Baptist Church. He has been a member of the S. of T. and G. T. fraternities and has also served a school examiner for Hancock County for a number of years.

C. E. PRICE, Hancock County, Ky., was born in Nelson County, Ky., December 3, 1825, to Francis and Elizabeth (Hansford) Price. The father was born in Germany in 1782. The grandfather, Edmund, came to this country when the father of subject was but a child and settled near Bloomfield, Nelson County. There the grandfather died. The father grew to manhood in that county, and subsequently followed the trade of a blacksmith near Bardstown Ky. He died of cholera, April 16, 1834. The mother died in Hancock County, December 6, 1850. Subject was the youngest of a family of eight children of whom but two are living: Mary J., wife of Nathaniel Gist, of Hancock County, and C. E. The latter received his schooling in Nelson County. He remained at home until the age of nineteen years, and then commenced life for himself as a teacher in Spencer County, Ind. In 1849 he moved to Hancock County, Ky., and began teaching a school there. He continued this profession off and on for twenty-five years; teaching almost entirely in Hancock County, and both public and private schools. Soon after his arrival in Hancock County he also turned his attention to farming. He resided on a rented place first and in 1854 he purchased a farm. He continued farming until 1876; when he turned his attention to merchandising, and now carries a stock of about \$2,000. Mr. Price was married March 10, 1849, to Miss Catherine M., daughter of John and Winifred (Crawford) Richey, natives of Breckinridge County, Ky. This lady was born May 23, 1827, and to her were born two children, both of whom have since died. She July 18,

1852. December 25, 1853, Mr. Price married Miss Margaret J. Richey, as sister of his first wife. Mrs. Price was born August 19, 1833. The result of this marriage has been nine children, of whom five are living: Charles M. in Henderson County; Catherine A., wife of William Black; Ella, wife of Charles Matingly, of Henderson County; George M. and U. G. Mrs. Price is a member of the Baptist Church. Mr. Price has served as Magistrate of Hancock County.

J. C. ROBB, farmer and stock raiser, residence three miles northeast of Hawesville, Hancock County, was born in Jessamine County, Ky., October 23, 1826, son of Frederick and Mary (Neet) Robb. Mr. Robb's paternal ancestors were among the early pioneers of Jessamine County, settling about five miles off Nicholasville, where the grandfather died a great many years ago. Frederick Robb was born in the State of Maryland, but was taken to Kentucky when a mere boy, and resided in Jessamine County until 1827, at which time he moved to Frankfort, where his death occurred in 1861. Subject's maternal ancestors were of German descent and among the early settlers of Maryland. Mary Neet was born in the latter State: she was married to Frederick Robb in Jessamine County, Ky., and died about 1858 or 1859. The subject of this sketch is the third of a family of eleven children, eight of whom are living. He was reared a farmer and received his education in the schools of Franklin County, where he resided until 1867. In 1861 he entered the Confederate army, enlisting in Company K, Ninth Kentucky Regiment, under command of Col. Thomas Hunt, with which he served until 1864. He participated in a number of hard fought battles, among which were Missionary Ridge, Jonesboro, Murfreesboro, Chickamauga and others. In 1864 he was transferred to the Fifth Kentucky, with which he served until the latter part of the same year, when he was mustered out of service. After leaving the army he returned to Franklin County, Ky., where he remained until 1867, at which time he moved to Hancock County, and in February, of the same year was married to Mrs. Julia A. Barr, daughter of Robert C. and Ann Beauchamp. The following children have been born to this union: William, Martha, James, Anna B., and Katie (deceased). Mr. Robb is one of the leading farmers of Hancock County, and one of its most substantial citizens. He belongs to the I. O. O. F., and is an active member of the Presbyterian and his wife of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

W. S. ROBERTS, attorney-at-law, was born in Hawesville, July 7, 1851. His father was George H. Roberts, a native of Breckinridge County and a descendant of an old and highly respected Virginia family. George Roberts was for many years a successful coal trader, operating extensive mines in Hancock County, but later in life engaged in farming, which vocation he followed until his death, which occurred May 16, 1863. Subject's mother was Elvira Roberts, daughter of Thomas Patterson, one of the early residents of Hancock County. She was born in the State of Missouri, and died in Hancock County in 1861. W. S. is the eldest of a family of five children. He received his early education in the common schools of the county and Cloverport Academy, and later attended several terms at Cecilian College, Hardin County. After quitting school he engaged in farming, which he followed until twenty years of age, when he commenced reading law with G. W. Williams, Esq., of Owensboro, remaining in the city for one year. He then came to Hawesville and entered the office of E. E. Pate, with whom he prosecuted his legal studies until 1872, in which year he was admitted to the bar, receiving a license to practice from Judges Cofer and Stites. He at once took front rank as a practitioner, and at the present time is one of the most successful attorneys in Hawesville, having a large and lucrative practice in Hancock and adjoining counties. He was elected county attorney in 1874, which position he held two years, acquitting himself with the almost universal declaration that he made one of the best officials

Hancock County ever had. He was reelected to the same office in 1878, but refused to serve, and since that time he has been actively engaged in the practice of his profession. He belongs to the I. O. O. F., and is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, belonging to the Hawesville congregation. Mr. Roberts was married September 16, 1878, to Miss Mattie Miller, daughter of John A. and B. A. Miller, of Missouri. One child is the fruit of this union, Ruth, born December 6, 1881.

Z. H. SHELLEY, Hancock County, miller and merchant, is the first son of a family of seven children, one older and five younger. He was born April 23, 1827, in Gibson County, Tenn., on the father's of English descent and on the mother's of German parentage. This paternal grandfather was Thomas A. Shelley, an early resident of Gibson County, Tenn., and a hatter by trade. His father, Jacob Shelley, was born in Overton County, Tenn., and resided in that State until 1837, at which time he moved to Gibson County, Tenn., and afterward settled at Mills Point, Ky., now Hickman, where his death occurred many years ago. Subject's mother was Mary Cooch Shelley. She was born in Tennessee, and was the step-daughter of John Hardridge, an early settler of Madison County, that State, whose death occurred in 1838. Mrs. Shelley died in Fulton County, Ky., when subject was in his early manhood. Z. H. Shelley grew up a farmer's boy on his father's farm, attending such schools as the county afforded, and between the years of ten and nineteen received the sum total of his education. His youthful days were given to that ceaseless round of toil which attends farm life, having but few playmates or associates except his brothers and sisters. He grew up to the fullest requirement of that command, which says "man shall earn his bread by the sweat of his brow." He remained with his father until eighteen years of age, when, becoming tired of tilling the soil, he went to Hickman and learned the carpenter's trade, working in that city until attaining his majority, after which he located at Cannelton, Ind., where he followed his occupation one year. In 1852 he came to Hawesville, where he worked at his trade for eight years, at the end of which time (1860) he engaged in the manufacture of shingles and the distillery business, in both of which he was reasonably successful. After operating his factory and distillery about six years, he closed out and built the large steam flouring-mill near the river, which he owns at the present time, and which he runs in partnership with Dr. T. A. MacGregor. This is the largest mill in the county, and represents a capital of over \$10,000. Mr. Shelley was married December 22, 1852, to Miss Rose Ann Davidson, formerly of Perry County, Ind. This union has been blessed with twelve children, the following of whom are living: Mary G. (wife of Dr. R.B. Oliver), Annie T. (wife of John P. Knasel), Hattie, Estelle and Hiram L. Mr. Shelley is a member of Hancock Lodge, No. 115, A. F. & A. M., and in politics votes with the Republican party.

BAIRD STERETT, Hancock County, was born in Hardinsburg, Ky., January 31, 1819, to John and Sallie (DeHaven) Sterett. The father was born in Pennsylvania, October 11, 1779, and was of Irish extraction. When quite young he moved to east Tennessee with his parents. When sixteen years of age he moved to Breckinridge County, and settled where the town of Hardinsburg now stands. A fort had been erected there which was called Georgetown. A few years later he settled nine miles from Hardinsburg, but subsequently returned to Hardinsburg and under the old constitution, purchased the office of sheriff from the senior magistrate, and held the office for eighteen years, buying out the office as the different magistrates came in. In 1811 he went to the legislature from Breckinridge County, and in a subsequent session was the means of having Hancock made a separate county. Between 1811 and 1825 he represented this county and Breckinridge in the legislature some six or seven terms. In 1820 he moved to Hancock County,

and purchased a part of the farm now owned by subject. Here he at one time owned about 5,000 acres, but before his death, April 4, 1885, he had sold and given away all but 450 acres, which fell to his son (our subject). When Hancock was given a separate representation in 1844 he was the first man to be sent from this county to the legislature. At one time he merchandised at Hawesville for three years, but aside from that he devoted himself to agriculture almost exclusively. He was a member of the Baptist Church. The mother was born in Maryland in 1781 and died September 27, 1843. Our subject was the youngest of seven children, of whom five are now living: Rebecca P., widow of Charles V. Landser; Dr. Green B., of Hawesville; Eliza, wife of David Adams; Margaret, widow of A. J. Ashby, and Baird. The last named received his education in the public schools at Hardinsburg. He remained at home until he was twenty-nine years of age, and then settled on his present farm where he owns 450 acres. Mr. Sterett was married March 2, 1848, to Miss Elizabeth, daughter of Harden Haynes, of Ohio County. Mrs. Sterett was born in Ohio County, April 10, 1827, and to her have been born ten children, of whom seven are now living: John H., Sallie D., wife of Dr. Jesse Moorman, of Adairville, Logan County; Artelia F., wife of John C. Jarboe; William T., Frank F., Clarence G., and Baird, Jr. Mr. Sterett and family are members of the Missionary Baptist Church. He has been indentified with the Masonic fraternity, and has served as magistrate two terms.

W. W. TABER, one of the leading merchants of Hawesville, was born in Hancock County, June 6, 1838. His ancestors were natives of Virginia; his grandfather William Taber, coming from that State many years ago, and settling near Hardinsburgh, Ky., where he died in 1840. J. R. Taber, father of W. W., was a native of Breckinridge County, having been born there about the year 1800. He was a farmer by occupation and died in 1852. The maiden name of subject's mother was Eliza Nichols. She was a daughter of Shadrach Nichols, one of the early pioneers of Hancock County, and was born about 1805. Her death occurred about 1848. J. R. and Eliza Taber were the parents of seven children, only two of whom are living, viz.: W. W. and C. T. both residents of Hawesville. W. W. Taber spent the first sixteen years of his life on a farm, his father having been a successful farmer in Hancock County. Subject received a good education in the common schools and the Hawesville High School, the latter of which he attended for three years. At the age of eighteen he commenced clerking in the mercantile house of Uriah Martin & Bro., in Hawesville, with whom he remained five years, at the end of which time, in 1862, he opened a general grocery business of his own, which he continued for four years. He subsequently opened a general merchandise house which he has since carried on, and at the present time has the largest stock of goods in the city, representing a capital of over \$10,000. Mr. Taber has built up his large business unaided, as he commenced life with a dollar, as a clerk. He was married April 7, 1862, to Miss Elizabeth Prescott, daughter of William and Mary Prescott of Hancock County. Three children have been born to this union, viz.: Allie E., Clarence, and Houston (deceased.) In 1880 Mr. Taber was elected to represent Hancock County in the State legislature, holding the position one term. He is a Mason, K. of H., and a Democrat. He and wife are members of the Hawesville Methodist Episcopal Church.

R. UNSEL, Hancock County, was born in Nelson County, Ky., near Bardstown, August 8, 1851, and is the son of William and Mary (Davis) Unsel. The father was born in Nelson County about 1820 and died in Meade County in 1866. He was a farmer by occupation, and a member of the Baptist Church. The mother was also a native of Nelson County and died there in 1856. Subject is the second of a family of six children, of whom four are now living: D. C., Raish, Napoleon and Charles. Subject received his education in Meade County. He began life for himself at thirteen

years of age, and worked around for different farmers in Daviess County. For five years he was foreman in a tobacco stemmery at Owensboro. In February, 1884, he settled in Hancock County, and in connection with D. C. Wright is farming a tract of land of 150 acres. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church South.



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