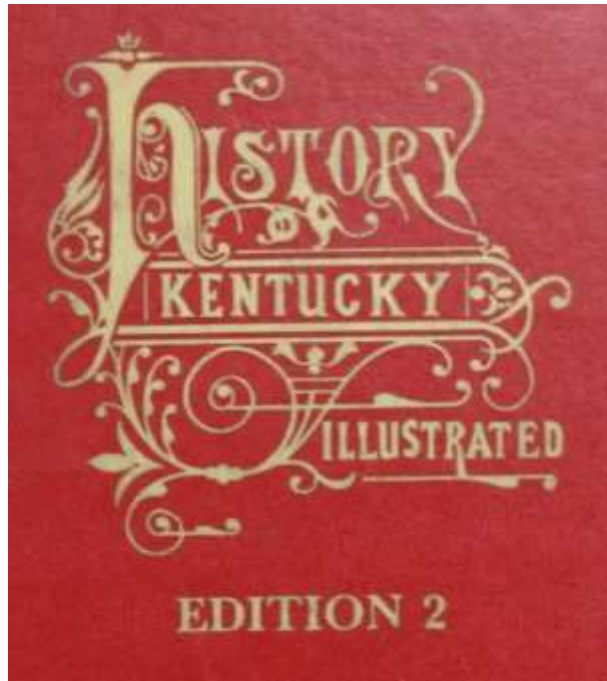
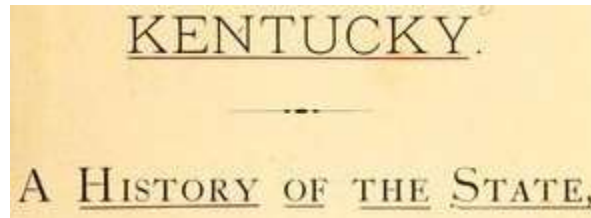


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MARSHALL G. ASHBY, one of the live business men of Beach Grove, McLean County, was born September 16, 1839, in Hopkins, now Webster County, Ky. He is the eldest of six children born to Jesse and Julia (Sellers) Ashby, natives of Nelson and Henderson Counties, respectively. He lived with his parents on a farm until he was twenty-one years old, and attended the common schools, when not employed on the farm. Possessing a patriotic spirit, and believing secession to be wrong, he enlisted in October, 1861, in Company K. Twenty-fifth Kentucky Federal Infantry, and was in the battles of Fort Donelson, Shiloh, Mission Ridge, Altonia Mountain, Dalton, Resaca, Atlanta and Nashville. He went as far south as Jonesboro, returned to Nashville, and was discharged as corporal, February, 1865, when he returned to his home, and Cincinnati-like, again betook himself to the plow until 1869, when he embarked in mercantile business at Wrightsburg. In 1871. he located at Beach Grove, where he has since followed the same business with good success. He also engaged in the milling business for three years. In 1871, he was appointed postmaster at Wrightsburg. which position he held for ten years; in 1883, was appointed at Beach Grove and is the present incumbent. He was married in April, 1871, to Lola McDaniel of McLean County, a daughter of Charles and Bettie (Brown) McDaniel, born and reared in Daviess and Oldham Counties, respectively. Six children bless this union: Osceola (deceased), Sciota, Alpharetta, Othello E., Tullahoma and Nedawah M. Mr. and Mrs. Ashby are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church; he is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and in politics a Republican, but gave his first presidential vote for Bell and Everts in 1860. Mr. Ashby is considered one of the best business men in the county. He has a large stock of goods, also a good mill, and one of the finest residences in the county.

MADISON L. BAIRD, McLean County, was born May 5, 1865, in Daviess County, Ky., and is the fourth of four boys and one girl (all living) born to John H. and Emily Baird, of Daviess County. He was reared on a farm, and attended the common schools when not engaged in the duties incident to pioneer life; attended Lexington College one term. His parents died in the spring of 1881, when he engaged in farming one year, then engaged in the livery business at Sebree, in Webster County, for six months; in November, 1883, he located in Calhoun, and engaged in the livery business. He was married November 13, 1884, to Bell Cox, of McLean County, a daughter of O. M. and Sophronia (Collins) Cox, of Nelson County, Ky. Mrs. Baird is a member of the Baptist Church. He cast his first presidential vote for Cleveland in 1884, good proof that he is a Democrat.

MARCUS L. BOARD, McLean County, was born January 14, 1833, in Breckinridge County, Ky., and is a son of Jubal and Sally (Dent) Board, native of Virginia; the former was a son of William Board, who married Miss Maize, and who came to Kentucky and settled in Breckinridge County, about the year 1810; the latter was a daughter of William Dent, a native of Virginia, who came to Kentucky and settled in the north end of Breckinridge County in a very early day. He owned a large number of slaves, and was one of the wealthy farmers of the county. Marcus L. was brought up on a farm, and had only such advantages for mental culture as were afforded by the common schools of his native county. He remained with his parents until he was twenty-four years of age. In March, 1857, he married America Vickers, a daughter of John Vickers, who married a Miss Landers. They had one child: John W. Board. Mr. Board upon his marriage located in McLean County, near Sacramento, and engaged in farming, which he continued for eight years. He then went into the insurance business and after trying other branches of business and making a trip to Texas, he settled down to the drug business in 1874, in Sacramento, a business

in which he is still engaged. Mrs. Board was a member of the Baptist Church; she died in May 1865. He is a Mason and politically a Democrat.

DR. WILLIAM H. BOSTON, McLean County, is a native of Jefferson County, Ky., was born August 30, 1831, and is the eldest of twelve children born to William and Virginia (Oglesby) Boston, who were natives of that county. The grandfather was James Boston, who married Anna Finley, and settled in Jefferson County, in an early day — about the time Louisville was first settled. The Finley family came to Kentucky about the time of Daniel Boone, or very soon after — James Finley being associated with Boone in pioneer days. Dr. Boston's mother was the daughter of Micajah Oglesby, who married Catherine Philips, and were early settlers in Oldham County, Ky. Dr. Boston was reared on the farm, receiving but a common school education. He came with his parents in 1846, to this county, where his father purchased 400 acres of woodland and opened and improved a farm. At the age of twenty-five years, the Doctor engaged in farming for himself; he commenced the study of medicine in 1860, and five years later began practice, which he has continued ever since. He owns 100 acres of good land, well improved. In October, 1861. he enlisted in Company H, Seventeenth Kentucky (Federal) Infantry, and was in the battle of Shiloh, and in August, 1862, was discharged on account of disability. He was married November 5, 1856, to Elvira Green, of Daviess County, by whom he had three children: Olive K. (Bohannen), Lilly J. (Thomas) and Ellen (Williams). Mrs. Boston died in September, 1864, and October 7, 1868, the Doctor married Louisa M. Davis, of Henderson County, a daughter of John and Marj (Overten) Davis, natives of Virginia. The result of this second marriage is six children: Inda, Elizabeth B., Charles H., Virginia, Carrie B. and Myrtle. Dr. and Mrs. Boston are members of the Christian Church. He is a member of the A. F. & A. M., and was a member of the Grange. He is a Democrat, but in 1880, voted for Weaver for president.

JOHN W. BOYD, McLean County, is the eldest of two children, and is the son of James and Senora (Sharp) Boyd, and born May 2, 1843. in Ohio County, Ky. He was but two years old when his father died; his mother afterward married George Dodson, by whom she had six children. After her second husband's death she married Dr. George Chapman. John W. Boyd received a limited education, and in August, 1862, at Hartford, enlisted in Company E, Twelfth Kentucky (Federal) Cavalry, and participated in all the engagements of the regiment during his term of service; he was discharged in one year as brevet second lieutenant. He afterward re-enlisted in the Seventeenth Kentucky Mounted Infantry, at Owensboro, and served until September, 1865, when he was discharged at Louisville, Ky. He then returned home, and engaged in farming, and in 1867 located where he now resides, on 114 acres of land, which he has improved; he now owns 187 acres of good land. He was married in February, 1869, to Fannie Waltrip, of this county, a daughter of William and Susan (Hoover) Waltrip, natives of Breckinridge and Ohio Counties. They have had five children, four of whom are living, as follows: Valeria, William L., Lonada, Daisy P.; James R. is dead. Mr. and Mrs. Boyd are members of the Cumberland Presbyterian and Baptist Churches, respectively; he is a Democrat in his political sentiments, but gave his first presidential vote in 1864, for Abraham Lincoln.

BENJAMIN BRACKETT, McLean County, was born November 29, 1833, and is the youngest of two children born to John and Sallie (Keith) Brackett, who were born respectively in Muhlenburgh and McLean Counties, Ky. John Brackett was a son of Thomas Brackett of Irish descent, and one of the early settlers of Muhlenburgh County. The family came originally from

Virginia. Benjamin Brackett was reared on a farm, and received a common school education; has taught penmanship to a considerable extent. His mother died in 1834, and his father married Nancy Roark of Muhlenburgh County, a daughter of John Roark, by whom he had two children. By his third wife, Minerva Hambly, he has one child. His fourth wife was a Miss Fireline. Benjamin Brackett was married in January, 1855, to Elizabeth France, of McLean County, a daughter of Samuel and Rachel (Landers) France, who were born in Muhlenburgh County, Ky. Five children were born to this union: Rachel F. (Browning) Anna K. (Phillipps), Samuel R., John A. and Sallie. Mr. and Mrs. Brackett are members of the Baptist Church. Mr. Brackett enlisted in October, 1861, in Company F, Third Kentucky Federal Cavalry, under Col. Jackson; was in the battle of Shiloh. Murfreesboro, and in all the engagements from Atlanta to the Sea. In December, 1863, he was discharged at Savannah, Ga., and returned to his family in McLean County, where he has been engaged in farming since. He located where he now resides in 1867 on fifty acres of land. In politics he is a Republican.

JAMES CATE is one of McLean County's enterprising citizens, and was born June 15, 1835, in Lima, N. Y. He is a son of William and Fanny (Scoville) Cate, natives of Vermont and New Hampshire, respectively. He was reared on a farm and attended the common schools until he was fifteen years of age, when he went to work in the woolen-mills in Mumford, N. Y.; four years later he went to Albion, N. Y. In 1853 he migrated to Louisville, where he started the first power looms ever in the city; he remained there but one winter. In 1854 he built a woolen, mill on Rough Creek, in Grayson County, which was the first in southern Kentucky, In 1860 he went to Daviess County and built a woolen-mill and distillery three miles below Owensboro. In 1864 he sold his distillery and moved his woolen-mill to Owensboro. In 1868 he sold out and located in, Rumsey, McLean County, where he purchased a mill belonging to Dr. W. D. Stirman, of Owensboro. In 1881 he went to Henderson, Ky., and organized a joint stock company with a capital of \$50,000, and built a woolen-mill, where he remained as president and manager for one year, and then returned to Rumsey and bought new machinery of latest improvements, and opened a woolen-mill in the spring of 1884. In connection with his manufacturing was engaged in mercantile business for three or four years in Rumsey. He was married to Mary W. Phipps, of Ohio County, in March, 1860. She was a daughter of Elijah and Sallie (Nickolls) Phipps, natives of Kentucky. The result of this union has been three children: Fannie (King), James Henry and Sallie. Mrs. Cate died in 1870; she was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is a member of the Masonic order, and cast his first Presidential vote for Fillmore in 1856, and has since voted the Democratic ticket.

WALTER S. CLARK, McLean County, was born February 11, 1848, in Louisville, Ky., and is the only child of Charles G. and Mary (Hollock) Clark, of Maryland. He removed with his parents to Wrightsburg, Ky., thence to Rumsey. thence to Gosport, Ind., where they lived one year, when they removed to Rumsey, and lived there ever since. He enlisted in October, 1861, in Company C, Twenty-sixth Kentucky Federal Infantry, and was in the battles of Shiloh and Nashville, and numerous skirmishes in which the regiment was engaged during its term of service. He was discharged from the service as drum major at Salisbury, N. C, in July, 1865; he returned to Rumsey and went to work in the woolen-mills for a short time; then engaged in flat-boating and lumbering until 1878, when he opened a store in Rumsey, a business in which he is still engaged. In June, 1874, he was married to Nancy Josephine Landrum, of McLean County, a daughter of James Landrum, who married a Miss Blacklock. The result of this union is one child — Mary Eva.

His wife is a member of the Roman Catholic Church. He first voted at the presidential election of 1864 for George B. McClellan, and has since voted the Republican ticket.

EPHRAIM A. COFFMAN, McLean County, was born February 5, 1835, in Muhlenburgh County (now McLean), and is the fourth of seven children born to Benjamin and Elizabeth (Gosset) Coffman, natives of Botetourt County, Va., and of German origin. Benjamin Coffman's father was also Benjamin Coffman, and a native of Virginia. He immigrated to Muhlenburg, now McLean, County, in 1804, where he purchased and entered 1,000 acres of land; he brought his relatives with him from Virginia. The mother of our subject was a daughter of Daniel Gosset. Ephraim A. was reared on a farm, and lived with his parents until twenty-one; attended the subscription schools, and when of age, engaged as a salesman in a dry goods store at Sacramento for five years. At the beginning of the war he engaged in farming, which he has continued to the present time; he was also engaged in the leaf tobacco trade for eight years. In 1875 he was elected to represent his county in the legislature. His is the owner of 110 acres of good land near Sacramento. Mr. Coffman belongs to one of the influential families in Muhlenburgh and McLean Counties; had four brothers in the Confederate army. He was married May 27, 1857, to Susan Henry, of Logan County, a daughter of Robert and Nancy (Marshall) Henry, both of Virginia. Mr. Coffman has had born to him eight children: Kent W., Everett E., Robert B., William C., Mattie J., Joseph F., Vara E. and John M. Mr. and Mrs. Coffman are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South; he has been a leading member of the Masonic fraternity for twenty-eight years; was master of his lodge at Sacramento for eleven years.

DR. THOMAS W. COOPER, McLean County, was born January 1, 1845, in Meade County, Ky., and is a son of Leonard and Nancy (Bryan) Cooper, who were born respectively in Marion and Nelson Counties. Leonard Cooper was a son of Philip Cooper, who was a farmer by occupation; the mother of our subject was a daughter of Ignatius Bryan, of Irish descent. Dr. Cooper was reared on a farm, and resided with his parents until 1863, when he commenced farming for himself. At the age of twenty-five he commenced selling drugs, and the study of medicine. In 1874 he entered the University of Louisville, and graduated in June, 1875, from the Kentucky School of Medicine; located at Beach Grove, where he has been engaged in the practice of medicine ever since with good success. In 1880 he opened a drug store, and has added gents furnishing goods. He sold out in 1884, and engaged in general merchandising. He was married March 21, 1876, to Olivia Caloway, of McLean County, a daughter of Samuel and Rebecca (Boston) Caloway, of Jefferson County. They have one child — a boy — Franklin Kelley Cooper. Dr. Cooper is a member of the Roman Catholic Church, a Democrat in politics, and gave his first presidential vote in 1872 to Horace Greely.

DR. WILLIAM L. CRANDELL, McLean County, was born August 16, 1844, in Bullitt County, Ky., and is the son of Dr. Samuel W. and Margaret (Goff) Crandell, natives of Brandenburg and Nelson Counties, Ky., respectively. Dr. Samuel W. Crandell (subject's father) was first lieutenant in the Eight Kentucky Federal Cavalry for eighteen months, after which he became assistant surgeon of the regiment; he resigned in 1864, and returned home. The mother of subject was a daughter of Edwin Goff, who married Elizabeth Thurman, both natives of Virginia. Subject received a common school education, and in June, 1862, enlisted in Company I, Sixth Kentucky Cavalry, under Capt. Ed. Penn. He participated in the battles of Chickamauga, Resaca and Nashville and was in numerous skirmishes with Morgan's men; went with Sherman on his

march to the sea, as far as Macon, Ga. He was discharged in June, 1865, at Nashville, as second sergeant, and returned to his home in Louisville, Ky., where he engaged as salesman in a general store for ten months. Then moved to Sacramento, McLean, County; engaged in saw-milling one year, and then returned to Louisville, and attended a course at the Kentucky School of Medicine in the winter of 1867-68; same spring he located in Ashbysburgh, Hopkins County, and commenced practice. In 1870, he moved to Hamilton County, Mo., and in 1872, to southern Illinois; in 1874, he located in Slaughterville, Webster County, and one year later located at Beach Grove, where he has been engaged in his profession ever since, except eighteen months at Lewisport, Hancock County. He was married December 21, 1870, to Mrs. Mary Saunders of Saline County, Mo., a daughter of Lemuel G. Tucker; she died in February, 1876. He afterward married May 21, 1878, Georgia E. Harper, of McLean County, a daughter of John H. and C. E. (Walters) Harper, who were born respectively in Pennsylvania in 1812, and Wheeling, W. Va., in 1822. Two children were born to this union, one of whom is still living. Dr. Crandell is a member of the Masonic order, and a Democrat. He gave his first vote for George B. McClellan, and his last for Grover Cleveland. He is at present chairman of the board of village trustees, and the board of education.

DR. NATHAN H. EVERLY, McLean County, a native of Muhlenburgh County, was born May 15, 1827, and is one of twins born to Simeon and Elizabeth (Everly) Everly, natives of West Virginia, and McLean County respectively. Simeon Everly was a son of Simeon and Prudence (Howard ) Everly, the former a soldier in many early Indian wars, and a son of Jasper Everly who emigrated from Germany and settled in Monongahela County, now West Virginia, and reared a large family. The maternal grandfather was Jesse Everly, who married Catherine West. They came to Kentucky and settled on the Island in this county about the year 1806. Subject's father came to this State about the year 1825. Dr. Everly received a good common school education, and remained at home with his parents until 1852, when he began the study of medicine with Dr. N. Everly, and graduated from the Eclectic Medical Institute of Cincinnati in the spring of 1858. Soon after he located where he now lives. He was married December 15, 1859, to Mrs. Amanda C. McRae, nee James, of Ohio County, and a daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Reno) James, by whom he had two children: Lillian W. (Shacklett), and George Lovel. Mrs. Everly died September 29, 1862, and Dr. Everly next married, October 13, 1864, M. H. Martin, a daughter of Hugh H. and Elizabeth (Boark) Martin. This union was blessed with three children: Robert Scott, Hugh Martin and John Scudder. He and wife are members of the Methodist Church. They are both members of the Grange, she holding the office of Ceres. He owns a fine farm of 335 acres, well improved. He was formerly a Whig, but since the war a Republican.

DR. WILLIAM C. FOWLKES, McLean County, was born December 26, 1849, in Henderson County, Ky. He is the fourth of five children born to David W., of Nottoway County, and Paulina A. (Watkins) Fowlkes, of Lunenburg County, Va., of German and English descent respectively. Dr. Fowlkes was but seven years old when his father died; he lived with his mother and received a common school education until eighteen years old; at twenty commenced the study of medicine in Calhoun, Ky. In the spring of 1873 he graduated from the Medical University, of Louisville, Ky.; located in Curdsville, Daviess County, where he practiced until 1879, when he located in Calhoun, McLean County. He met with marked success. January 30, 1876, he married Latta Little, of Calhoun, a daughter of Judge Douglass and Martha A. (Wright) Little, who were

born in Muhlenburgh County. Four children have been born to this union: Lycurgus L. , Lucius E. (deceased), Lucius E. and Woodford B.

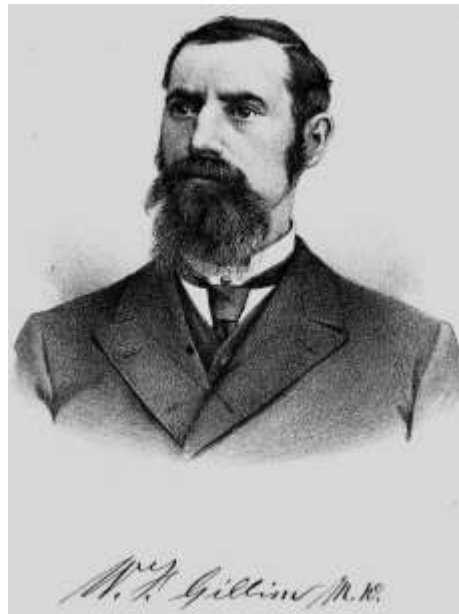
GUERDON W. GATES, McLean County, was born September, 13, 1855, in Louisville, Ky. He is the eldest of two children, and the only one living, born to Lloyd W. and Frances E. (Ward) Gates, natives of Paris, Ky., and Susanville, Cal., respectively. Lloyd W. Gates was an attorney, was engaged in the mercantile business, and later in the tobacco trade, and was county commissioner and attorney of McLean County. He now resides near Louisville on a farm; he is the son of Rev. Guerdon Gates, a Baptist minister of Louisville, Ky. , who married a Miss Rice, a native of Connecticut, all of English origin. Subject's mother, Frances E. Ward, was a daughter of William Ward, of California, who was engaged in mining and agriculture. G. W. Gates was reared in Calhoun, received a good English education, attended Kentucky University two years. He was deputy county clerk in 1875-76. In 1878, after returning from school, he commenced the study of law with his father, and was admitted to the bar January 15, 1879, by Benjamin P. Cissell, circuit judge. He has followed his profession in Calhoun with much success. He was married October 25, 1883, to Lizzie D. Houston, of McLean County, a daughter of Benjamin and Attie M. (Calhoun) Houston, who were born in Daviess and McLean Counties, Ky.

J. E. GIBSON, a prominent farmer of McLean County, was born December 31, 1835, in Daviess County (now McLean County), and is the third of seven children born to William T. and Jemima (Baird) Gibson, the former a native of this county, and a son of John Gibson, and the latter a native of Bardstown. Ky. The subject of this sketch was brought up on a farm, and received a good common school education; he lived with his parents until he was twenty-one years of age, when he commenced the battle of life for himself. He now owns 400 acres of good land, his father gave him 150 acres and the remainder he has accumulated by his own energy and industry. He was married in January, 1856 to Mary P., a daughter of Rutherford and Jane E. (Cunningham) Mitchell, natives of Meade County, Ky. They have three children, viz.: W. R., Jennie P. (now deceased), and Mans. Mrs. Gibson died May 27, 1866; she was a consistant member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church Mr. Gibson next married. May 25. 1867, Mrs. India I. Crewdson, daughter of C. W. and Mary A. Reeks, of this county. Four children were born of this union: Lee, John R., Mamie, and Lillian. Mr. and Mrs. Gibson are members of the Baptist and Methodist Churches. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and a Democrat in politics, casting his first vote for president, in 1860, for John C. Breckinridge.

WILLIAM F. GILLIM, M. D. The gentleman whose name introduces this sketch was born on the 29th day of June, 1846 in Daviess Co., Kentucky. The immediate ancestry of Dr. Gillim traces back to the Virginia yeomanry, though originally of French descent. The Gillim family was first represented in the State of Kentucky about the year 1820, when John Gillim, grandfather of our subject, removed from Virginia and settled in Logan County, where was born James L. Gillim, the father of Dr. Gillim. His maternal parentage was first represented in Kentucky about the year 1810, when William Newsom and his wife, whose maiden name was Shown, settled in the State in what is now Daviess County, where Elizabeth Newsom; our subject's mother, was born. James L. and Elizabeth Gillim reared a family of seven children, of whom the Doctor is the second, and among whom may be numbered some of the best families of the "Green River region," At the breaking out of the civil war in 1861, Dr. Gillim, though a mere boy, manifested a strong desire to champion the cause of the Confederacy, by entering the army, but was dissuaded by the ripe



judgment of his parents, who put him in school instead. This seems to have been the pivot on which his future turned. He soon acquired a thirst for knowledge, and early displayed a natural desire for the study of medicine; to gratify which he taught school successfully for two years. He was thus enabled to push his studies in the Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia, and the University of Louisville, graduating from the latter in the year 1871. The same year he located in Livermore, McLean Co., Kentucky, his present home, where he at once obtained a lucrative practice, and where he is appreciated, not only for his professional ability but for his natural courtesy and true citizenship, enjoying the confidence of a large circle of friends, as well as an enviable reputation with his professional brethren. On the 4th of March, 1875, Dr. Gillim married Miss Alice, daughter of John and Sallie (French) Douglas, of McLean Co., Kentucky. They have a family of four children living and one dead — Gwendoline, the eldest. The others are as follows: Mamie, Abbie, Parvin D., and Willie F. Gillim.



DAVID W. GISH, McLean County, was born May 30. 1853, in Muhlenburgh County, and is the eldest in a family of twelve children — six boys and six girls — of Daniel J. and Susan (Turner) Gish, natives of Muhlenburgh County. David W. received but a limited education, his studies being confined to the neighboring schools. He resided with his parents until he was grown, when he went to farming for himself. In the fall of 1879 he engaged in the dry goods business, but the close confinement of the store injured his health, and in the fall of 1881 he purchased a flouring and saw mill at Sacramento, to which he has since given his attention, and which he has operated with considerable success. He was married in November, 1874, to Louisa Anna Miller, a daughter of Simon and Maria M. (Harvey) Miller, natives of Virginia and Tennessee, respectively. Three children have blessed this union: Alva, Idella and Anna L. In the spring of 1876, he moved to Kansas, but remained only a year, and then returned to McLean County. In the politics of the day he holds to the Democratic faith.

WILLIAM A. GLENN, McLean County, was born February 22. 1827, in Todd Co., Kentucky, and is the second in a family of eight children, born to George F. and Nancy (Christian) Glenn, natives of Virginia and North Carolina; his paternal grandfather was James Glenn, who

married Rachel Finley, a native of Virginia. The maternal grandfather was John Christian, who married a Miss Harris, born and reared in North Carolina. They came to Todd County about 1800. William A. was reared on a farm with but limited opportunity for mental improvement. He remained at home with his parents until he was twenty-six years of age, when he turned his attention to mercantile pursuits, engaging in business in Columbus, Mo., to which place he moved in 1853, remaining there until 1868, when he sold out and returned to Kentucky. He engaged in the dry goods and leaf tobacco business in Todd County until 1870, when he removed to Eminence, Henry County; from there he went to Columbia in 1874, where he edited a paper — the Columbia Spectator — for one year. He then went to Hopkinsville and engaged in the leaf tobacco business and as salesman in a store. He next went to Trenton where he is engaged in the dry goods business with T. M. Smith. He was married in June, 1855, to D. Ella, a daughter of Milton and Mary (Daniel) Beauchamp, natives of Kentucky. They have had four children, all of whom are dead. He and wife are members of the Christian Church. He is a Democrat in politics.

COL. ROWLAND E. HACKETT, a prominent citizen of Livermore, McLean County, was born October 25, 1825, in Minot, Me., and is a son of Salmon and Lorana (Noyes) Hackett, natives of Massachusetts; the former was a soldier of the war of 1812. Col. Hackett was brought up in his native town until he was eighteen years of age, when he went to Massachusetts. He received a good education, attending the common schools and spending two years at Philip's Academy. At the age of twenty-two he went to Holliston, Mass., where he remained until he came to Kentucky in 1858, locating in Livermore, in this county. Here he engaged in the timber and lumber business, which he has followed ever since, with the exception of three years spent in the service of his country. He enlisted on October 22, 1861, in Company A. Twenty-sixth Kentucky (Federal Infantry), of which he was elected first lieutenant. He was in the battles of Shiloh, Saltville and Nashville, and in the latter battle was severely wounded, the ball entering his mouth, knocked out two of his teeth, split his tongue, and passed entirely through him. The peculiar wound, and his almost miraculous recovery from it, is one of the many remarkable incidents of the late war. After the battle of Shiloh he was promoted to captain, and after the battle of Nashville to lieutenant-colonel; he was in all the battles and skirmishes in which his regiment participated, except while confined in the hospital. He was discharged in September, 1865, at Louisville, and returned to Evansville, to which place his family removed during the war; afterward returned to Livermore. He was married November 19, 1846, to Charlotte S. Mason, of Maine, a daughter of James and Mary A. (Everett) Mason, of that State. They have had seven children, five of whom are living: Cora E. Lashbrook, Edgar B., Iola L., Everett M., and Frank F., Delmon R. and Eva A. are dead. Col. Hackett is a Republican in politics, formerly a Whig, but gave his first presidential vote in 1848 for Taylor.

JOHN C. HANCOCK, one of the enterprising young farmers of McLean County, was born April 19, 1844, in Oldham County, Ky., and is a son of James M. and Mary A. (Boxley) Hancock, natives of Kentucky and Virginia. He was reared on a farm, and received a good English education at Calhoun High School. He remained with his parents until about twenty-five years of age. At about twenty-three he engaged in the dry goods business, and remained in it for over eighteen months. October 18, 1870, he was married to Ara L. Moseley, daughter of R. C. and Nancy (Archibald) Moseley. The result of this union is one child — James M. Mrs. Hancock died in February, 1872, and Mr. Hancock next married in October, 1873, Emma E. Goode, of McLean County, a daughter of James Goode. They have three children: Ernest E., Clarice C. and John C.

Mr. and Mrs. Hancock are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. After his first marriage he located where he now resides on 107 acres of good land.

WILLIAM H. HARDIN, one of the leading and wealthy men of McLean County, was born January 4, 1832, in Jefferson County, Ky., now Oldham County, and is a son of William J. and Emily (Brown) Hardin, of Oldham County; the former was a son of Henry and Mary (Smith) Hardin. The father of our subject, William J. Hardin, settled in McLean County in 1847, where subject was brought up on a farm, and received a common school education. In 1853 he crossed the plains to California, where he engaged in the mining and lumbering business for four years, and then he returned to Kentucky and engaged in farming, which he has carried on ever since with good success. In 1876 he commenced merchandising and dealing in leaf tobacco in Beach Grove, in which he has also been successful. He owns six farms in McLean and "Webster Counties, and operates two stores in Beach Grove. He was captain of the first company organized in this community for the protection of their homes during the Rebellion. He was married February 10, 1858. to Mattie J. Boston, of Jefferson County, a daughter of William and Virginia (Oglesby) Boston. They have had born to them eight children, seven of whom are living, viz. : Edward E., Katie, William J., Emma V., Marcus R., Anna M. and Edith; Frances M. is deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Hardin are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is a Mason; was master of the Grange; was elected justice of the peace in 1863; re-elected in 1867, and elected police judge of Beach Grove 1882, for one term, He cast his first presidential vote for Fillmore in 1856, and has voted the Democratic ticket since 1864.

JAMES M. HAY, McLean County, was born in Muhlenburgh County, September 17, 1842, and is the eldest of four children of K. G. and Sally A. (Eads) Hay, both natives of Muhlenburgh County; his grandfather, Kinnard Hay, was a native of North Carolina, and his grandfather, Barnett Eads, of Virginia. James M. Hay received a common school education, and lived with his parents until grown. On July 16. 1863, he enlisted in Company D. Thirty-fifth Kentucky Mounted Infantry, and was in all the fights and skirmishes in which the regiment was engaged after he joined it. He was discharged in 1864, at Louisville, and returned home and engaged in farming. In 1867, he located on seventy-five acres of timber-land, which he has improved, and to which he has added, until he now owns 100 acres of excellent land. He was married February 22, 1866, to Amanda J. Ford, a daughter of Walter H. and Sallie E. (Chapman) Ford, natives of Virginia. They have had eight children, seven of whom are living, viz.: Samuel W., Sallie E., Charles F., Walter K., Volney B., Archie D., Jeanetta, Maud M. (deceased). Mr. Hay was a master of the Grange and is a Democrat in politics.

DR. J. E. HAYNES, McLean County, was born February 5, 1841, in Grayson County, Ky., and is the oldest of three boys, but one girl older than he, all born to Henry and Lurana (DeWees) Haynes who were born in Ohio and Grayson Counties, respectively. Henry Haynes was a son of John B. Haynes, who married a Miss Huff; they were born and reared in Virginia, were of English extraction, and settled in Ohio County, Ky., about 1812. The mother of our subject was a daughter of Benjamin F. and Phoebe (Roberts) DeWees who were born respectively in Virginia and Tennessee, and of French and Scotch descent respectively. Henry Haynes married as his second wife Rebecca DeWees, a sister of his first wife. One boy and three girls were born by this second marriage. Dr. Haynes was reared on a farm until twelve years of age, when his parents moved to Cloverport; five years later to Litchfield. In 1862, the Doctor moved to Whitesville, Daviess

County, where he took charge of a school for six years; in 1867, with Rev. Bernard Sickel, took charge of Hart's Seminary, Owensboro, Ky.; in 1868, went to the falls of Rough, in Grayson County, and took charge of a school; soon after was appointed school commissioner of the county; in 1870 he resigned, to take charge of Cromwell Seminary. Ohio County: in 1873, went to Hartford, where he was engaged as principal of the college for two years; thence to Dixon, where he taught until the fall of 1876, when he took a course of lectures at the Medical University of Louisville, located and practiced two years in Dixon; then moved to Pool's Mills and engaged in the drug business, and taught school at Carlow, Webster County; in 1881, moved to Mt. Vernon, Ind., where he engaged in the practice of medicine for one year, when he moved to McLean County, and purchased a farm. In 1884, he moved to Calhoun, and took charge of the college. He has taken a great interest in education, and has conducted institutes and normals since 1871. He was married October 18, 1860, to Laura B. Robinson of Grayson County, a daughter of Elijah N. and Letitia (Davisson) Robinson, who were born in Virginia and Grayson County, Ky., respectively. To Dr. and Mrs. Haynes have been born five children: William L., Lelia, Eugene E., Mollie, Kate T. The Doctor and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church South; he is a member of the F. & A. M. and I. O. O. F. After conducting the Calhoun College one year and a half he resigned, moved back to his farm, five miles north of Calhoun, where he has again located in the practice of medicine, in which he has met with most decided success and enjoys flattering prospects as a physician with the full confidence of all who know him.

HENRY H. HEAD, McLean County, was born in Franklin County, Ky., October 3, 1813, and is a son of John A. and Polly (Head) Head, natives of Virginia. He received such an education as was to be obtained in the early days; lived with his parents until manhood, when he commenced working for himself. He went to Owen County in 1842, and there improved a farm; in 1869 he located where he now lives on 120 acres of land. When twenty one years of age, he was appointed constable in Scott County, which office he held three years; he was elected justice of the peace in Owen County, in 1851, and was reelected four terms consecutively; also held the office of examiner ten or twelve years. He was married January 21, 1840, to Elizabeth Long, a daughter of Benjamin and Mary (Long) Long, both native Kentuckians. They had two children: Mary (Mrs. Blythe), and Helena (Mrs. Bramlette) now dead. Mrs. Head died in 1843, and in June, 1844, Mr. Head married Lucy Clayton of Bath County. The result of this union was ten children, as follows: Malinda C. (Mrs. Hall), John W. (deceased), Sarah Elizabeth (Mrs. Cox), Nancy P. (Mrs. Heisler), Henry H. (deceased), Lucy (Mrs. Head), Benjamin J., Maggie H., George R. and Harriet C. Mr. and Mrs. Head are Baptists; he is a Mason, and a Democrat politically, gave his first vote for president to Martin VanBuren. Mr. Head's grandfather was John A. Head, who married a Miss Tunly, both were Virginians; his mother was a daughter of Benjamin Head, who married Milly Long, also Virginians. Mr. Head's grandparents immigrated to Kentucky soon after the close of the Revolutionary war.

ISAAC H. HENRY (deceased), McLean County, was born October 22, 1828, in Hopkins County, and was the second of six boys and four girls born to James and Margaret (Witherspoon) Henry, natives of Virginia, and South Carolina, respectively. James was the son of Joseph Henry who was born in Dublin, Ireland. He came to the United States between 1785 and 1790. When nineteen years of age he immigrated to Hopkins County, Ky., (about 1790) where he improved a farm. He was a great reader, with a mind well stored with useful information. He married Lucy Shoemaker, who was born and reared in Virginia. The mother of our subject was a daughter of

Isaac Witherspoon, who married a Miss Potts, both born and reared in South Carolina. He immigrated to Hopkins County about 1818, and improved a farm on Rose Creek. Isaac H. was reared on a farm, and educated at the public schools; when twenty, he attended school at Owensville, Ind., for four months; went two months to a Mr. Lacy of Hopkins County. When he became of age he engaged in farming for himself, and purchased 159 acres of woodland, which he improved; operated a farm three miles west of Madisonville. In 1869, he moved to Sebree, Webster County, and engaged in the grocery business for a short time; in 1881, located where he afterward resided and where he died August 25, 1885, in north McLean County, on 100 acres of land well improved. He was ordained to preach in the Baptist Church, in November, 1859, by John Onyett and J. D. Gregory, and William Wilikan; preached in all the counties from Green River, west to Tennessee; was compelled to quit preaching on account of ill health. He was married December 1, 1849, to Martha A. Foxwell, of Hopkins County, and daughter of Jonathan and Martha A. (Baldwin) Foxwell, who were born and reared in North Carolina, and immigrated to Kentucky in a very early day. To Mr. and Mrs. Henry were born two children: Arminia F. and James William. Mrs. Henry died December 6, 1854, and he next married January 7, 1862, Harriet E. Crenshaw, of Hopkins County, a native of Tennessee, and a daughter of William and Rebecca (Jackson) Crenshaw, natives of South Carolina and Virginia, respectively. They had born one child by this marriage. George P. Henry. Mr. Henry was a member of the Masonic order and cast his first presidential vote for Gen. Scott, and since 1860 voted the Republican ticket. George P. Henry, son of Isaac H. and Harriet E. (Crenshaw) Henry, is now twenty-two years of age. His life has been principally spent in schools of high grade and colleges. At the age of twelve he entered the Madisonville Academy and there remained in school until his sixteenth year. Then engaged in the mercantile business about twelve months. Then entered West Kentucky Normal College, situated at South Carrollton, Ky., in the year 1881, and remained in college until he graduated, and had conferred upon him the honorary degrees of A. M. and M. A. in the year 1883. After that accepted a position in Hartford College as professor of mathematics and commercial law.

JOSEPH G. HENRY, McLean County, was born September 12, 1843, in Logan County, and is one of twins born to James and Caroline (Worthington) Henry, the former a native of Virginia and the latter of Muhlenburgh County. James Henry, a son of John Henry, was born in June, 1802, and died at the age of fifty-eight years. John Henry was born in Scotland, and immigrated to the United States near the close of the last century; settled in Virginia and in an early day, came to Logan County, Ky. The maternal grandfather was Thomas Worthington, who married Mary E. Barnes of Ohio County. He was a son of William Worthington, an early settler of this county. Joseph G. with his parents located where he now resides, in 1846; he made his home with them during their lives; he now owns the homestead, a fine farm, and in good condition. He was married in September, 1883, to Lou Bell Curl of Louisville, and a daughter of Parker and Mary (Rutledge) Curl. This union has been blessed with two children Hubert W. and \_\_\_\_\_. Mr. and Mrs. Henry are members of the Methodist Church; in the political questions of the day he acts with the Democratic party.

DR. WILLIAM H. HILLSMAN, a prominent and influential citizen of Livermore, McLean County, was born July 15, 1819, in Amelia County, Va., and is the youngest of seven children of James and Lucy (Clements) Hillsman, who were natives of Virginia and of English descent. The mother was a daughter of Isham Clements who married a Miss Scott. Subject received a good education and at eighteen years of age went to Granada, Miss., where he engaged in the mercantile

business for two years and then returned home and went into business. He commenced the study of medicine at the age of twenty-two with Dr. J. B. Anderson, of Amelia County and took his first course of lectures at Hampden, Sidney College in 1846, and in the spring of 1848 graduated from Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia. He located in Amelia County, Va., and in 1851 returned to Philadelphia and took another course at the University and at Jefferson College. In 1860 he located at Livermore, where he has followed his profession since, and in connection has carried on a drug store and a farm. He is a member of the McDowell Medical Society; was the first president of the Green River Medical Association, which was organized in 1870, at Owensboro; was also president of the McLean County Medical Association one year. He is one of the leading physicians of the Green River Valley, and stands deservedly high in his profession, and as a citizen. He represented McLean County in the popular branch of the legislature at the session of 1877-78. He owns 1,000 acres of land, one half of which is improved; he also owns some valuable property in Livermore. He had some \$25,000 or \$30,000 invested in slaves, all of which he lost through the results of the late war. He was married June 17, 1852, to Pattie J. Townes, a daughter of Rev. Paschal L. and Mary Harwood (Overton) Townes of Virginia. Her father was high sheriff of Amelia County, Va., for sixteen years, and one of the earliest ministers of the Reformed Church. Dr. and Mrs. Hillsman are the parents of seven children, only three of whom are living, viz. : Nannie Lula (now Mrs. Edmunds), William P. and George A. Lillian, Charles. J., Henry W. and Mary Elizabeth are deceased. Dr. and Mrs. Hillsman are members of the Baptist Church and their children also. He is a Mason, a Knight Templar; was an old line Whig in politics and gave his first presidential vote for Gen. Harrison in 1840; since the late civil war he has voted the Democratic ticket.

NATHANIEL HOWARD, McLean County, was born January 12, 1830, in Ohio County, Ky.. five miles east of Hartford, and is a son of Samuel T. and Nancy (Montgomery) Howard, respectively of Ohio County, and Maryland. His paternal grandfather, Thomas Howard, was of English descent, and a soldier of the Revolutionary war. The maternal grandfather was Thomas Montgomery, who came from Maryland and settled in Ohio County very early. Nathaniel Howard was reared on a farm, and received but a limited education: he was a small boy when his father died, and was early compelled to rely on his own exertions. At the age of sixteen, he commenced the battle of life working by the month. With his mother he went to Warrick County, Ind., in 1838, where they lived for about ten years; then returned to Kentucky and settled in McLean County, near where he now resides. He was married in November, 1853, to Frances A. Tanner, a daughter of Frederick and Julia (Flint) Tanner, both of Boone County. They have one child, Julian, now Mrs. Crow. He and wife are members of the Baptist Church; he is a Mason and was a member of the Grange; politically he is a Democrat. He is one of the substantial citizens of the county, and commands the respect of the people of the community. He owns 300 acres of land highly improved and in a fine state of cultivation. His father followed flat-boating to New Orleans some years, and on one of his return trips (1834) took the cholera and died just below Owensboro.

HON. RALEIGH E. HUMPHREY, McLean County, one of the leading and enterprising men of the time, was born August 29, 1824, in Washington County, and is a son of John and Mary (Lockhart) Humphrey, natives respectively of Washington and Woodford Counties. The paternal grandfather, Raleigh Humphrey, married Mary Ferguson; he was reared in Virginia, and immigrated to Kentucky about the year 1790. The father of subject was born in 1800, and died at the age of thirty-six years; his mother was born in 1802, and died at the age of forty: her parents

were among the pioneers of Kentucky. Hon. R. E. Humphrey was reared on a farm with the ordinary educational advantages. He came with his parents to Muhlenburgh, now McLean County in 1829, and settled south of Island Station, where our subject now resides. Hon. R. E. Humphrey owns 206 acres of the old homestead, which he has improved by the erection of good buildings, making himself a pleasant and comfortable home. After his mother's death, which occurred in 1842, the family scattered, and lived among the people of the neighborhood until grown. Mr. Humphrey was one of the first commissioners of the county after its organization in 1854; and in 1869, was elected to the lower house of the State legislature, a position he filled with honor and credit. He was married August 8, 1848, to Mary Susan, a daughter of Felix G. and Hannah (Kittinger) Nail. Felix Nail was a son, of James N. and Susan (Kendrick) Nail, of Washington County. Mr. and Mrs. Humphrey have had six children, only two of whom are living: John Thomas and Mary Elliston. Mr. Humphrey and wife are members of the Baptist Church; he was at one time master of the Grange; he was originally a Whig, and gave his first vote for president for the old "Rough and Ready" soldier. Gen. Taylor, in 1848; since the late civil war he has voted the Democratic ticket.

BEN JOHNSON, one of McLean County's most respected and honored citizens, was born April 25, 1817, near Sorgo, Daviess Co., Ky. and is the eldest of eight children, seven boys and one girl (all living), born to John and Lucy (Huston) Johnson. John Johnson was a farmer, a son of Samuel Johnson, who married Elizabeth Johnson, natives of Philadelphia, and Chesterfield County, Va. , and were of Irish parentage. He was a soldier in the war for Independence, in Capt. Ben. Snipe's company, and was in the battle of Guilford Court House. He came to Ohio County, Ky., in 1811, from North Carolina, and settled near Pleasant Ridge, where he died in 1837, at the age of ninety-three years. He was the son of John Johnson, who was born in Ireland; and was a cooper by trade. Ben. Johnson was reared on a farm, with few advantages for an education. When seventeen he was sent to Augusta College, above Cincinnati, Ohio, for three years sessions; after his return he taught school for eight or ten years; taught two sessions in Calhoun, Ky., during the war. Believing he could better his condition, in the spring of 1855, he immigrated to White County, Ark., where he purchased and entered 360 acres, where Kensett, Ark., is now located; exchanged his farm for the homestead in McLean County, Ky. of 450 acres. In February, 1861, he landed in McLean, where he has resided ever since; has given all his lands to his children. In 1830, he was appointed by President Jackson, a cadet to West Point; but did not enter West Point on account of the opposition of his father, He spent one year as a salesman in Morganfield, Union County; was colonel of militia from the time he was eighteen to twenty-six years old. In 1843. he was solicited to make the race for representative of the county, was defeated by Judge Crow; in 1849, he was again solicited by friends; made the race with three other candidates and was successful, receiving a majority of all the votes cast. In 1857, was elected to the legislature in Arkansas for one session. At the close of the war in 1865, he was elected county surveyor of McLean County; was repeatedly elected till he refused to serve any longer. His repeated appearance before the public, and his successful campaigns are sufficient evidence of his popularity and unimpeachable character. He was married October 18, 1843, to Mary B. Taylor, of Union County, Ky. , and a daughter of Dr. Gibson and Mary (Reeves) Taylor, natives of Winchester, Va. and Franklin County, Va., respectively. Dr. Gibson Taylor was a surgeon of a regiment under Col. Dudley in 1812; was at the battle of River Raisin. His father was one of thirteen boys, who were all commissioned officers in the Revolutionary war. The Taylors were among the early settlers of Kentucky. Mr. Johnson has had born to him nine children: John G., Lucy M. (Lancaster), Ben. H. (deceased), Mary T.

(deceased), Samuel J., Anna B., Jephtha C. (deceased), Ridge, Susan V. Mrs. Johnson died January 29, 1883, aged fifty-nine years; she was of the Roman Catholic faith. Mr. Johnson is a member of the Baptist Church, and cast his first presidential vote for James K. Polk in 1844; has voted Democratic since.

JOHN P. JOHNSON, McLean County, was born March 19, 1838. three miles east of Calhoun on Green River, and is a son of Edmund M., and Elizabeth (Huston) Johnson, the former a native of Virginia, and the latter of Daviess County, Ky. The grandfather was Philip Johnson, who married Lucy Herndon; they were both born near Norfolk, Va. He came with his family to Kentucky about 1818, and settled in Ohio County; he died in July, 1850, aged seventy years. The maternal grandfather was John Huston, who married Mary Sumaker; both were born and reared in North Carolina; he died in 1854, at the age of sixty-five years. He came to Kentucky when a young man, and located in Louisville; shortly .after settled in Daviess County and purchased several thousand acres of land in what is now McLean and Muhlenburgh Counties. Edmund M. Johnson came to this county in 1837, and purchased 600 acres of land, on which he settled. At his death he owned about 2,000 acres. John P. Johnson received a good education at Hartford Academy, and spent several years teaching. He was elected justice of the peace and county surveyor in 1878; has been engaged in merchandising at Livermore a short time; has also carried on the timber and lumber business extensively for some years; he now owns 176 acres of tine land. In the political affairs of the country he works with the Democratic party, though his first vote for president was cast in 1860, for John Bell.

JUDGE JEP. C. JONSON was born September 10, 1833, in Daviess County, Ky. He is the eighth of seven boys and one girl, all living, born to John and Lucy (Houston) Jonson (see biography of Benjamin Jonson). Judge Jonson was reared on a farm and received a good English education, attended St. Mary's College, near Lebanon, Ky.



In 1855, immigrated to Arkansas, where he raised cotton until the breaking out of the war, when in April, 1861. he enlisted in McRae's cavalry for a term of three months; in June 1861, received a commission as captain of infantry; was assistant inspector for the State of Arkansas: was assigned



to duty with Brig.-Gen. N. B. Pierce; was engaged in the battles of Wilson Creek. In October, 1861, the regiment was reorganized. In April, 1862, Judge Jonson. organized a company, and joined the Twenty-ninth Arkansas Infantry; was in the battle of Prairie Grove, Ark.; in that battle he had his left leg broken by a shot. In March, 1863, he was promoted lieutenant colonel, after which he participated in the battle of Helena, July 4. 1863. There he was taken prisoner, and confined on Johnson's Island until February, 1865, when he was exchanged. In June of the same year he went to Mexico; he did not wish to surrender, but preferred to wait, and see what was done with officers who had taken an active part with the South. In 1866, he returned to Arkansas, where he remained until 1868, when he located in Calhoun. Ky.; was admitted to the bar in 1866, and has been, engaged in the practice of. law since; in 1870 was elected judge of McLean County, for a term of four years; was married in 1866, to Mary E. Gibson, of Little Rock, Ark. , a daughter of Dr. Lorenzo and Caroline (Thomas) Gibson, who were born respectively in Clarksville and Nashville, Tenn. To this union eight children were born: Lucy C., Len. J., Mary (deceased), Jephtha (deceased), Jerrold A., William C., Corinne G. and Jamie. Mrs. Johnson died in June, 1879, a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Judge Johnson is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, also of the I. O. O. F., K. of P., and Masons.

JOHN S. H. KIGEL, one of the leading merchants of McLean County, town of Glenville, was born April 10, 1840, and is a native of Ohio County, Ky. He is the only child of Solomon and Susan (Spence) Kigel, the former of Pennsylvania and the latter of Kentucky. His grandfather, Jacob Kigel, came from Germany and settled in Philadelphia County, Penn. Subject's mother was a daughter of John Spence, of Ohio County, a teacher and farmer. Solomon Kigel immigrated to Jeffersonville, Ind., about 1820; thence to Hartford, Ky. in 1839, and in 1842 he went to Owensboro. where he engaged in the mercantile business, and died in 1856. John S. H. Kigel received a common school education, and for three years alter his father's death taught school; his mother died when he was an infant. In 1867 he built the first residence and ran the first store at Newville, Daviess County, where he did a successful business for nearly ten years. In 1876 he bought the place where he now lives, and one year later located. He is a prosperous business man. and owns two farms, in addition to his store, of 100 acres each. He commenced life a poor boy, and by close application to business has amassed a handsome property. He was married February 20, 1863, to Ann Boyd, a daughter of William and Elizabeth (Fitts) Boyd, of Daviess County. Four children were born to them: G. L., Lizzie O., Susan C. and A. H. Mrs. Kigel died March 4, 1873, and March 12, 1874, he married Virginia Shackelford, a daughter of James and Amelia (Settle) Shackelford, natives of Virginia. She died April 5, 1876, and November 3, 1876, he married Mattie Cocke, of Daviess County, a daughter of Stephen and Scythia (Foxworthy) Cocke. Mr. Kigel is a Mason and politically a Democrat.

WILLIAM H. KIZER, a successful farmer of McLean County, was born March 10, 1835, in Moore County, Tenn., and is the son of Gabriel and Elizabeth (Hancock) Kizer, natives of Tennessee. He was reared on a farm, and never attended school but three days in his life. What education he has, he obtained without any assistance. He was but ten years old when his mother died; resided with his father until his marriage, in April, 1854, to Pollie Noblet, of Moore County, Tenn., a daughter of Thomas and Rebecca Noblet. They have had born to them three children: William J., James (deceased), and Robert D. Mrs. Kizer died about six years after marriage, and he was next married December 17, 1865 to Sallie of Chasteen, of Butler County, Ky., a daughter of William and Roxanna (Thompson) Chasteen, of Tennessee. This union has resulted in the birth

of seven children: James D., Mima J., Albert C., George W., Sarah E., VanBuren and Andrew J. (deceased). His wife is a member of the Baptist Church. Mr. Kizer was conscripted into the Confederate army in 1863, and was in the Fifteenth Tennessee Infantry; was in the battle of Murfreesboro. After a service of thirteen months he came home and joined the Union army; enlisted in Company A, Fourth Tennessee Cavalry under Col. Blackburn. His service was mostly scout duty, and he was in numerous skirmishes. In June, 1865, he was discharged and returned home and moved to Butler County, and engaged in farming. In 1869, he moved to McLean County, Ky., and located where he now resides, on 183 acres of good land, which he has acquired by his own efforts.

GEORGE D. LEACHMAN, is a native of McLean County, and a son of John R. and Minerva (Dennis) Leachman, whose sketch appears elsewhere. He was born November 30, 1849, was reared on the farm and received a common school education. He married, February 10, 1878, Laura Tinsley, a daughter of William and Mary (Plain) Shutt, natives of Muhlenburgh (now McLean) County, Ky. William Shutt was a son of Jacob Shutt, who married Eleanor Clark. Mr. Leachman located where he now resides immediately after his marriage, on 130 acres of land. He is a Democrat and cast his first presidential vote for Horace Greeley in 1872.

JOHN R. LEACHMAN, one of the leading and enterprising farmers of this county, was born December 26, 1822 in Daviess, now McLean County. He is the second of ten children born to George and Matilda (Robertson) Leachman, natives of Virginia, and Nelson County, Ky., respectively. George the son of Samuel Leachman, was born and reared in Virginia; immigrated to Boyle County, Ky., about 1800, where he purchased and improved a farm. The father of our subject settled about five miles west of Calhoun in 1812. His first wife was May Crow. John R. Leachman was reared on a farm; received about six months schooling in all, and lived with his parents until the age of twenty-five, when he commenced the struggle of life for himself where he now resides on 125 acres of land, which he improved, and now own 245 acres acquired by his own industry and perseverance; also 100 acres, eight miles below Calhoun; has been engaged in farming all his life. He was married in October 1847, to Minerva Dennis, of Muhlenburgh County, a daughter of Abraham and Tabitha (Rice) Dennis. Mr. and Mrs. Leachman are the parents of ten children: George D., Alice C. (deceased), Abraham H., Samuel, Effie (deceased), Gilly (Gibson), Forest, Amy B., Harry and Willie (deceased). Mr. and Mrs. Leachman are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He cast his first presidential vote in 1844, for Henry Clay; since then has voted the Democratic ticket.

WILLIAM P. LEACHMAN, one of the substantial and enterprising farmers of McLean County, was born December 8, 1831, four miles east of Calhoun, and is the sixth or twelve children, ten of whom lived to maturity, born to George and Matilda (Robertson) Leachman, natives of Virginia and Nelson County, Ky., respectively. William P. Leachman was reared on a farm. His father came to McLean County, in 1812, and located on 200 acres at Antioch, where subject received a limited education; his first teacher was Benjamin Johnson. He lived with his parents until the age of twenty-one, when he started in life for himself at farming, which he has followed with good success since. He located where he now resides in 1860; was five years in Daviess County, Ky. He owns 258 acres of land, in good condition, with good buildings on it, the result of his own energy and industry. In 1871, he was elected justice of the peace; re-elected in 1875; is now one of the commissioners of the sinking fund. He was married to Susan E. Moseley,

August 17, 1854, a daughter of Robert C. and Nancy (Archibald) Moseley (see biography of R. C. Moseley). By this union twelve children were born: Eutopia G. (deceased), Nancy E. (McFarland), George R., Sallie A. (Smith), Cora D., Loyd G., Mary A., Henry G. (deceased), Fannie G., Emma N., Willie M. (deceased), and Lizzie R. Mr. and Mrs. Leachman are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church; he has been a Mason since 1860, and was a member of the Grange.

D. H. LINDLEY, McLean County, was born June 21, 1851, in Ohio, now McLean County, and is the son of Peter C. and Matilda (Hale) Lindley, natives of Ohio County, Ky., and Green County, Penn., respectively. Peter C. was a son of Daniel Lindley, a native of New Jersey, who married a Miss Timmons, of Kentucky. The mother of our subject was the daughter of William Hale, of Green County, Penn. She was first married to Charles Varner, by whom she had one child. D. H. Lindley was reared on a farm and received a common school education. He remained with his parents until twenty-four years of age. In November, 1883, he engaged in the drug business at Beach Grove. He was married February 29, 1876, to Sallie Mitchell, of McLean County, and a daughter of Rutherford and Jane E. (Cunningham) Mitchell, who were born respectively in Logan and Warren Counties. They have two children: Fannie May and Jennie. Mrs. Lindley is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church; Mr. Lindley is a Republican in politics and gave his first vote for president to Gen. Grant in 1868.

PHILIP F. LOCKETT, McLean County, was born July 1, 1818, in Henderson County, Ky., and is the fifth of ten children, five of whom are living, born to Francis and Martha (Marshall) Lockett, natives of Mecklenburgh County, Va. Francis moved to Henderson County about 1800, and improved lands; his wife was a daughter of Bennett Marshall, born and reared in Virginia, and of English descent. Bennett Marshall was a colonel in the war of 1812, and was in the battle of New Orleans. His father was a distinguished aid to Washington during the Revolution. He immigrated to Henderson County, about 1800. Philip F. Lockett was brought up on a farm and received a common school education; made his home with his parents until after he was married, March 20, 1844, to Sarah I. Barker, of Union County a daughter of Thomas Barker, who married a Miss Lay, and immigrated from Jefferson to Union County in an early day. Mr. Lockett had born to him by this union ten children: Emma (Settle), Sarah E. (Roby), Lydia H. (Henry), Clarice (Alexander), Mary (Howard), Charles D., William M., Alonda T., Comma C. and John F. Mr. and Mrs. Lockett are members of the Baptist Church; in 1848 he located in the community where he now resides, then Daviess County, on 200 acres, and in 1856, located on his present farm of 100 acres which he has improved. He now owns 275 acres, which he has acquired by his own industry; was made a Mason about 1850; was master of the Grange, and cast his first presidential vote for E. H. Harrison in 1840. Since the war has voted the Democratic ticket.

DR. W. P. MILLER, a native of McLean County, was born November 17, 1844, and is the son of Dr. William B. Miller, whose sketch appears in this volume. The boyhood of subject was spent on the farm, and at the age of twelve years, his parents move to Calhoun, and afterward to Arkansas. He received a good common school education, and in the fall of 1861, he enlisted in Company A. First Arkansas Cavalry, under Col. Dobbins; he participated in the following battles: Helena, Arkansas, Poison Springs, Gaines' Mills and with Gen. Price on his Missouri raid; also on the Red River expedition; he was captured in December 1864, while home on a furlough, and imprisoned at Little Rock, was released in May, 1865; in July of the same year he returned with his parents to Madisonville, Ky., and soon after he went to Calhoun, where he engaged in the drug

business for a short time; then went to Kindsville, and two years later returned to McLean County, and commenced the study of medicine with his father, and Dr. Boone; in the winter of 1869-70, he attended a course at the Louisville at the Louisville Medical College, and then located in Daviess County; in October, 1871, located in this county, and in 1874 upon his present place. He owns 106 acres of land, upon which is a good residence, and other comfortable buildings. He was married in April 18, -- to Miss Gee M. Whayne, a daughter of R. B. S. and Martha (Glover) Whayne, of Daviess County. They had two children; Robert B., and Gee. Mrs. Miller died in February, 1878, and he married March, 1879, Eunice Whayne, a sister of his former wife -- the result of this union is one child. They are members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church; the Doctor is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and also of the McDowell Medical Society; he is a Democrat in politics, and cast his first vote for Jefferson Davis (in the Confederacy) and his next in 1868 to Horatio Seymour.

DR. WILLIAM B. MILLER, McLean County, was born February 26, 1821, in Madisonville, Ky. He is the eldest of five children (all boys) who lived to manhood, and were born to Dr. William and Nancy L. (White) Miller, natives of Rockingham County, Va., and Shelbyville, Ky., respectively. William Miller was a son of John Miller, who married a Miss Hicklin, and both were born in Virginia. John Miller's father was an Irish Protestant Bishop. He had four sons, who came to the United States, before the Revolution, and all engaged in that great struggle for Independence; three of them were killed in the battle of Yorktown. The father of our subject was one of eight boys; the mother of subject was a daughter of John White, who married Margaret McClelland. They were natives of Pennsylvania and North Ireland; she was a descendant of the McClellands of Pennsylvania, and was of Scotch origin, and a daughter of Capt. Daniel McClelland of Revolutionary fame. John White was a Revolutionary soldier. Dr. William B. Miller was reared in Madisonville until ten years of age, when his father moved on a farm; when fifteen he entered Cumberland College at Princeton, Ky. He remained there two years, and then commenced the study of medicine with his father, and with him commenced practice; located and practiced in the western part of Hopkins County, one year, and one year in Caseyville, Union County. In 1844, he located in McLean County, Ky., where he followed his profession until 1859; then immigrated to Jackson County, Ark., and purchased a large cotton farm, and commenced the raising of cotton. In 1861, he enlisted in Matlock's Arkansas Regiment; returned home six months later, and engaged in practice; received a diploma from Atlanta Medical College in 1868. He is a member of McDowell Medical Society, and a contributor to medical journals. He was married February 1, 1844, to Lavina M. Johnson, of McLean County, a daughter of Paschal and Caroline (Glover) Johnson, natives of Virginia and South Carolina, respectively. He came to Kentucky in 1821, when twenty-nine years old; the Glovers came in 1810, and settled in what is now Daviess County. Paschal Johnson, was a son of Philip Johnson, who married Phoebe Clay. Dr. and Mrs. Miller have been born to them nine children, namely; William P., Alice C (deceased), Dora (deceased), Theodore (deceased), Emma (deceased), Juliet R. Junius, Mary J. and Lavinia. Mr. and Mrs. Miller are members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. The Doctor is a member of the Masonic order, and cast him first presidential vote for Henry Clay in 1844; since 1864, has voted the Democratic ticket. He is a wide-awake and enterprising gentleman.

JOHN J. MOSELEY, an enterprising farmer of McLean County, was born June 23, 1840, in Glennville, Ky., and is son of Presley and Susan (Malin) Mosely (see R. C. Moseley's sketch elsewhere in this work. He was brought up on the farm, and educated at the common schools. He

was married in August 1859, to Matilda Lee , a daughter of Talbot and Jane (Brown) Lee. They had, by this marriage, ten children, seven now living, viz: Presley T.; John F.; Susan J.; Robert D.; Arrioa A.; David F. and George W. Mrs. Moseley died in September, 1877, and Mrs. Moseley died in September, 1877, and Mr. Moseley married on December 10, 1877, Mrs. Mary Wright, a native of Floyd County, Ind., and a daughter of Alexander and Eliza (Meeker) McCartney. The result of this second marriage is three children: Goldia M.; Benjamin W. and Mattie. Mrs. Moseley was first married to Charles Mitchell, by whom she had three children, one of whom is living: William F. Her second husband was George E. Wright. Mr. Moseley located where he now resides in the fall of 1862. He owns 190 acres of well-improved land. He was a member of the Grange, and in his political opinions is a Democrat.

JOHN W. MOSELEY, McLean County, was born October 2, 1844, in Daviess County, Ky. (now McLean County.) He is the eldest of four boys and five girls, seven of whom lived to be grown, born to William J. and Elizabeth H. (Atherton) Moseley, who were born in Daviess County, Ky. (see sketch of R. C. Moseley.) The mother of our subject was a daughter of Aaron and Mildred (Hoover) Atherton. John W. was reared on a farm until eleven years of age, when he moved with his parents to Livermore, where his father engaged in wagon-making, hotel and grocery business. He received a fair common English education, and enlisted in defense of the Union, October 21, 1861, in Company A, Twenty-sixth Kentucky Infantry under Capt. John W. Belt; took part in the battle of Shiloh, siege of Corinth, Perryville, Nashville, and numerous skirmishes; was promoted sergeant major in the spring of 1864; in April, 1865, for meritorious service rendered was commissioned first-lieutenant; in the beginning of the war was under Gen. Buell; later in the Twenty-third Army Corps; was discharged August 1, 1865, and returned to Livermore, and engaged in farming one year, when he engaged as salesman in Livermore from 1867 to 1875; then he went to Evansville, where he and brother were engaged as salesmen. In 1879 he returned to Livermore, and engaged in the mercantile business, under the firm name of Moseley Bros. In the spring of 1881 he located in Calhoun, where he and brother engaged in the dry goods and grocery business. They have two of the finest stores, and carry one of the largest trades in the county. Mr. Moseley was married December 18, 1867, to Georgiana Moore, of Spencer County, Ind.; she is a native of Hamilton County, Ohio, and daughter of John M. and Eliza A. Moore of Hamilton County, Ohio. To this union five children were born: Arthur Leslie, Eddie (deceased), Lillian (deceased), Grace and Mattison R. Mr. and Mrs. Moseley are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. Mr. Moseley is a member of the Masonic fraternity.

ROBERT C. MOSELEY, one of the pioneers and substantial farmers of McLean County, was born November 30, 1816, in Hartford, Ohio County. He is the eldest of seven boys and five girls, who all lived to maturity, and were all married by the same person – Frederick Tanner, a Baptist minister. Their parents were Presley and Susan (Malin) Moseley, natives respectively of Hartford, Ky., and Virginia, near Winchester. Robert C. was reared on the farm and received an ordinary English education. He remained with his parents until married, June 11, 1837, to Nancy Archibald of Ohio County, Ky., and a daughter of James and Patience (Taylor) Archibald, of Nelson and Daviess Counties respectively. They had had ten children, six of whom are living. They are as follows: Susan E. (Leachman), Minerva J. (Little), George W., Ann M. (deceased), Sarah F. (Goode), Arry L. (deceased wife of – Hancock), Mary A. (Good), William P., Eleanor S (deceased), and Margaret (deceased wife of – Underwood). Our subject settled in Daviess County, with his parents, in 1819. After his marriage, he located for one years at Hartford, then one year

near Cromwell; then at Livermore for one year; in 1841, he located on 100 acres where he now resides, six miles north of Calhoun; he owns 700 acres of land, two houses and lots in Calhoun, Ky. He started in life a poor man; but having an iron constitution and strong will, he made life a success. He is a Mason, and at present a Republican in politics.

DANIEL K. NALL, McLean County, a farmer and stock raiser was born within a mile of where he now lives, January 18, 1845, and is a son of James P. Nall (see his sketch elsewhere). Daniel K. received but a limited education. In September, 1867, he was married to Bettie E. Morehead, a daughter of Hugh N. and Sarah E. (Dawson) Morehead, natives respectively of Virginia and Kentucky, by whom he has ten children, viz: James N., Georgia S., Quint E., Elmer, Vitula, Lena, Fannie, Willie, Jane B. and --. Mr. and Mrs. Nall are members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. He has been engaged in farming all his life, and now owns a highly improved farm of 285 acres. He has been dealing for several years in stock and in leaf tobacco, and is a man of great energy and enterprise. In connection with Mr. Bryant, in 1882, he introduced the first Hereford cattle into the county, ever in Kentucky, from the herd of Earl & Stewart, Lafayette, Ind., and is engaged extensively now in breeding these fine animals.

ISAAC T. NALL, a native of McLean County, was born November 7, 1847, and is the son of William and Sallie (Johnson) Nall, of Washington and McLean Counties, respectively. The paternal grandfather married Susan Kendrick, and settled in the county in 1822. The parents of subject were born in 1806 and 1813; they were members of the Baptist Church. Isaac T. received a common school education; after his father's death, in 1863, he remained with his mother until twenty-one years old, when he commenced farming on his own account. He was married December 14, 1870, to Theodora, daughter of Daniel M. and Mary (Watkins) Kittinger, who were born and reared in Muhlenburgh County. One child was born of this union – Dora. His wife died September 1, 1873, and on September 13, 1874, Mr. Nall married Addie J. Shacklett, of this county, but a native of Meade County, and a daughter of Blancit J. and Sally (Neafus) Shacklett, natives of Meade and Nelson Counties. This second marriage resulted in the birth of three children: Hughes W., Willie B. and Ira T. Mr. and Mrs. Nall are members of the Baptist Church. In 1872, he located where he now resides, one mile west of Island Station, where he owns a fine farm of 500 acres. He was a Granger, and is a Democrat.

JAMES P. NALL, McLean County, was born January 20, 1815, in Washington County, and is the fifth of a family of nine children, born to James N. and Susanna (Kendrick) Nall, natives of Virginia, and of English descent. The paternal grandfather was James Nall, and was a Revolutionary soldier of the Virginia line. After the close of the war for liberty, in 1786, he emigrated to the west, and settled in Nelson County, Ky. The maternal grandfather was William Kendrick, who married a Miss Humphrey, and about 1786, came to Washington County, Ky., from Virginia. James P. Nall came with his parents to Muhlenburgh County, about 1823. His early life was spent on a farm, and his educational facilities were meager. He located where he now lives in 1838, and accumulated land until now he owns 500 acres. This he has sold and divided among his children, until he now owns but eighty acres. He was married February 15, 1838, to Hannah, a daughter of Benjamin and Hannah (Noffsinger) Coffman, natives of Virginia, but of German extraction. Seven children were born to this union as follows: Araminta J. (Coffman), America E. (Henry), Isaac C., Daniel K., Mary C. (deceased), Mildred A. (Quissenberry), and Bettie (Quisenberry). Mr. and Mrs. Nall are members of the Christian Church. He gave his first

presidential vote for Martin Van Buren in 1836, and still votes the Democratic ticket. He was elected a justice of the peace, when the county was first organized, and re-elected to a second term; was a member of the Grange during its existence.

WILLIAM P. NALL, McLean County, was born February 24, 1851, where he now resides, two miles south of Island Station, and is a son of William and Sallie (Johnson) Nall. He was reared on the farm and received a good education, finishing his studies in Elkton Academy. He remained with his mother until her death, in 1875, when he took charge of the homestead of 475 acres, on which was a good residence. His father was one of the wealthy farmers and influential citizens of McLean County, and owned at his death 1,000 acres of land. Mr. Nall was married, March 21, 1877, to Nannie J., a daughter of William and Mary (Plain) Shutt. Two children bless this union, Rena and Clifton. He and wife are members of the Baptist Church; he was a member of the Grange, and is a Democrat in politics; his first presidential vote was given in 1876, for the Sage of Gramercy, Samuel J. Tilden.

ALLISON NALLEY, McLean County, was born January 31, 1825, one mile north of where he now resides, on Green River, and is the fourth of seven children of John and Ruth (Taylor) Nalley, the former a native of Maryland, and the latter of this county. John Nalley's parents died when he was very young, and he was brought to Nelson County, Ky., by an uncle, in 1787; he was born in May 1786; married in October, 1808, and died in March 1863; his wife was born in June, 1793, and died November 1875. He first moved to Perry County, Ind.; thence to McLean County, Ky., about 1815, where he purchased a farm on Buck Creek and at the time of his death owned some 165 acres of land. The mother of subject was a daughter of Philip Taylor, who came from Pennsylvania to Louisville, Ky., and there in the fort married Hannah Atherton; some years later he moved to Fort Hartford, Ohio County, and finally to McLean County; he was a Revolutionary soldier and is said to have been the first man to leave Fort Hartford for a residence beyond its protecting walls. Allison Nalley was brought up on the farm, receiving but meager educational advantages. He was married in December, 1852, to Charlotte E., a daughter of Richard and Diana (Leach) Wooley, natives of Ohio County; he was a son of Levi and Margaret (Turnbaugh) Wooley, of Maryland, who came to Ohio County in a very early day; his wife, Margaret Turnbaugh, was a daughter of \_\_\_ Turnbaugh. They were among the pioneers of Fort Hartford. Mr. and Mrs. Nalley have had five children, three of whom are living: Finley, Hardin T., and Alonzo. Ellura E., and Lowery are dead. Mr. Nalley located where he now lives in 1850, and at present owns 488 acres of land on the river, well improved and upon which he has a fine residence. His wife is a member of the Methodist Church and in politics he is a Democrat.

WILLIAM B. NOE, McLean County, was born July 24, 1848, in Washington County, Ky. He is the second of three boys and four girls, all living, born to James G. and Eliza A (Wilson) Noe, who were born respectively in Boyle and Washington Counties, Ky. James G. Noe and family came to McLean County, in 1863, and located near Sacramento. He was the son of Samuel Noe, who married Mary Hughes. They were natives of Boyle County, Ky. Samuel Noe was the son of James Noe, who located in Bourbon County, Ky., in an early day, and was the son of Aquilla Noe, of Scotland, who came to the United States and settled in Maryland. His sons, James, John and Aquilla, immigrated to the Southern States. They were all farmers. The mother of William B. Noe was a daughter of John H. Wilson, who was a soldier of 1812, and fought in the battle of New Orleans. He married Harriet Pettit from Virginia, and of Scotch descent. He (John H.) was

a son of Josiah Wilson, who was a soldier in the Revolution. The Wilsons were among the first settlers of Kentucky. The Noe family settled in Boyle County, Ky., between 1775 and 1785. William B. Noe was reared on a farm, received a good English education, attended Bethel College two years, and taught school. In 1869 he went to Owensboro, where he commenced the study of law with Sweeney & Stuart; was admitted to the bar February 14, 1870, by Judges Cofer and Stites. In April of the same year he located in Calhoun, where he has since practiced his profession with success. In 1877 he was elected to fill in an unexpired term of county judge. In 1884, was appointed by the governor a member of the State Board of Equalization; the first Board organized under the law. He is popular in his county and commands the respect of all that know him. He was married June 2, 1870, to Mary A. Bender, of McLean County, a daughter of John and Ann (Vickers) Bender, who were natives of Bavaria, Germany and Muhlenburgh County, Ky., respectively. Ann Vickers was a daughter of John Vickers, formerly of North Carolina and of Welsh descent. He represented Muhlenburgh County in the Kentucky legislature in 1848. To Mr. and Mrs. Noe were born three children, but one living – Ora; they are members of the Baptist Church.

NEVERSON N. NUCKOLS, McLean County, was born June 22, 1843, near Richmond, Va., and is the eldest of five children of Lafayette P. and Lucy (Wilhoite) Nuckols; he is a native of Virginia, and a merchant by occupation; later a farmer, a soldier of the Mexican war, and a son of Joseph Nuckols, who married a Miss Duke; she was a daughter of Evan Wilhoite, who married a Miss Ailer, both natives of Virginia. Neverson N. was brought up on a farm, with limited educational advantages; his parents having died while he was quite young – his mother in August, 1854, and his father in October 1857; they had immigrated to Oldham County, Ky., about 1850. After their death he lived with his grandparents, and at the age of sixteen wandered to Missouri. In October, 1861, he enlisted in Company A, First Missouri (Confederate) Cavalry, and took part in the battles of Booneville, Carthage, Dry Wood, Lexington and Springfield. After a cavalry service of six months he joined the First Missouri Battery, and was in the battles of Pea Ridge, Farmington, Iuka, Corinth, Chickamauga, Mission Ridge, and was in the Atlanta campaign; was wounded in Resaca; was also with Hood at Franklin and Nashville, in May, 1865, he surrendered to Savannah, Ga., and returned to his home in Missouri; in June of the same year he came back to Oldham County, Ky., where he engaged in farming. In 1870 he came to McLean County, and after wandering around considerably, located in 1862 upon the farm where he now lives comprised of 430 acres in a good state of cultivation and well improved. He devotes a good deal of attention to breeding Jacks and Jennies, and has a large number of these animals. He was married March 25, 1869, to Helen M. Scoggin, a native of Jefferson County, and a daughter of Charles and Elizabeth (Jones) Scoggin. Two children have been born to them – Hiram C. and Charlie B. Mr. and Mrs. Nuckols are members of the Baptist Church. He is a member of the Democratic party and gave his first presidential vote to S. J. Tilden.

FELIX A. OWEN, McLean County, was born December, 1828, in Ohio County, Ky., (now McLean County), and on adjoining farm to where he now lives, seven miles north of Livermore, and is a son of Henry and Eliza (Howard) Owen (see biography of Mack Owen. Felix A. was brought up on the farm, with but few educational advantages. He was but seven years old when his father died, and he made his home with his mother until twenty-two years of age, when he commenced the battle of life for himself. He was married October, 1850, to Nancy Tanner, a daughter of John M. and Sallie (Downs) Tanner, natives of Boone and Daviess Counties. Six



children were born to this marriage: Prudence L. (Bolton), Sallie (McKenan), Henry Mc., Thomas D., Eliza and Nancy. Mrs. Owen died March 1, 1863, and in December, 1864, he married Elizabeth Tanner, a sister of his former wife by whom he has six children, viz: Georgia E., William J., Robert Lee, Archer D., Lelia P., and Louis. Mr. and Mrs. Owen are members of the Baptist Church. In politics he has always been a Democrat, but recently has voted the Greenback ticket.

MARK OWEN, McLean County, was born October 9, 1820, in Tennessee, and is the eldest of a family of twelve children, eight boys and four girls, born to Henry and Eliza (Howard) Owen, natives of North Carolina. He came from Tennessee with his parents in 1823, and the year following they located on the place where Mark Owen now resides. Some years later his father bought 125 acres of land, which he improved, and at his death, owned about 900 acres. He died in 1839, at the age of fifty-nine years. Mark received a limited education; he was married in April, 1869, to Laura C. Lockett, a daughter of Abner and Caroline (Barker) Lockett, of Henderson and Union Counties, respectively. Six children have resulted from this union, four of whom are living, viz: Felix, Caroline B., Sarah M. and Mabel. Mr. and Mrs. Owen are members of the Baptist Church; he is a Democrat, and gave his first national vote in 1844, for James K. Polk. Mr. Owen's grandfather, William Owen, married Charlotte Montague; both were born and reared in North Carolina. They immigrated to Breckinridge County, Ky., about 1800, and a little later moved to Tennessee and settled at Wolf River; the maternal grandfather was Mark Howard, who married Rachel Webb, also natives of North Carolina, and among the pioneers of Ohio County, Ky.

FRANCIS E. PORTER, McLean County, was born September 12, 1839, in Johnson County, Ark. He is the only child of Hugh and Rachel A (Warden) Porter, who were born respectively in Butler and Logan Counties, Ky., of Irish extraction. Hugh Porter moved to Arkansas in 1838, where he died in 1842. His widow with her son Francis E., returned to Logan County, where she soon after married F. N. B. Young, by whom she had born six children, five boys and one girl, who all lived to be grown; she was a daughter of Byron Warden, who married a Miss Snodgrass; they were born respectively in Logan and Butler Counties, and were of Irish and German origin respectively. Byron Warden was a son of Rev. Philip Warden, who came from Ireland. Hugh Porter, subject's father, was a son of Benjamin Porter, who married a Miss Ewing; both natives of Virginia. Benjamin was a farmer, and emigrated from Virginia to Butler County, Ky., between 1780 and 1790, where he resided the rest of his days, Francis E. Porter was reared on the farm with his mother and received a common English education. At the age of eighteen he went to Warrensburg, Johnson County, Mo., where he attended school eight months, when he engaged for three years as salesman with Greenlee & Co., in the mercantile business. He enlisted in defense of the Confederacy in June, 1861, in the State service. In November, of the same year, he enlisted in Company A. Fifth Missouri, commanded by Colonel McCowan; participated in the battles of Springfield, or Oak Hill, Lexington, Mo., Pea Ridge, Corinth, Baker's Creek; was at Vicksburg, Miss., when Gen. Pemberton surrendered; was paroled and exchanged. In 1864, he was with Gen. Johnson in the Georgia campaign; in the fall of the same year, he was in Gen. Hood's campaign in Tennessee. In the winter of 1864-65, he was at Mobile until it surrendered; after the surrender he returned to Kentucky, Logan County. Being penniless on his return, he commenced the battle of life anew; possessing an ambitious spirit and energetic will, he has made life a success. In the fall of 1865, he moved to McLean County, where he engaged in farming until September, 1870, when he moved to Calhoun and engaged in the drug business, which he has continued with success to the present time. He was married September 1, 1870, to Sarah W.

Whayne, of McLean County, a daughter of R. B. S. and Martha (Glover) Whayne, natives respectively of Daviess and McLean Counties, Ky. Seven children were born to this union: David C., Martha (deceased), Anna R., Eunice, Feturah, Mary (deceased), and Hugh R. Mr. and Mrs. Porter are members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

FINLEY W. RIGGS was born May 29, 1845, in McLean County, Ky., and is a son of William B. and Alcy (Scott) Riggs, natives of McLean County. William B. was a son of Abraham Riggs, who married Mary Chamberlain, both born and reared near Wheeling, W. Va. He was also a soldier in the war of 1812; immigrated and settled in Daviess County, Ky., about 1825, and was a son of William H. Riggs, who married a Miss Burdine, both natives of West Virginia. The mother of our subject was a daughter of Benjamin and Mary (Soueber) Scott; she was born in Philadelphia, and came with her parents to Indiana, and settled where Evansville now stands, when but one house, a log cabin, was there. Finley W. was reared on a farm, and lived with his parents until twelve years of age when he commenced working for his uncle; worked until sixteen years of age, then joined the army. After discharged from the service, attended school at Calhoun; taught two terms in Daviess and McLean Counties. He worked by the month for \$8 and \$10 per month until the war broke out, when he enlisted, November 12, 1861, in Company C, Twenty-sixth Kentucky Federal Infantry. He was detailed to guard wagon trains at Shiloh. On account of disability, was discharged in September, 1862, and returned home and attended school; taught and worked at various things until December, 1868, when he located where he now resides on 140 acres of good land, which he has partially improved. He was married November 19, 1868 to Martha A. Gibson, of McLean County, a daughter of William H. and Mary M. (Huston) Gibson, whose great ancestors were the first settlers of Old Viana District, the Indians coming to their house for salt. Four children were born to this union: Mary L., Alexander C., Gibson H., and Ellaree. Mr. and Mrs. Riggs are members of the United Baptist Church; he is a Democrat, and cast his first vote in 1868, for Seymour and Blair, was initiated in the Masonic fraternity in 1877. William H. Gibson was the greatest man of his day, noted for his strength, activity and marksmanship, with a rifle, also his generosity and mental power, his unflinching will to save his people in the early settling of this country; he died at a very ripe old age, and is buried on Green River, four miles above Old Vienna, Ky.

SAMUEL B. ROBERTSON, a leading farmer of McLean County, was born May 28, 1824, in Nelson County, Ky., and is the seventh of twelve children, seven of whom are now living, born to William N. and Amelia (Overton) Robertson, natives of Nelson and Washington Counties, respectively. His grandparents (Robertson) came from Virginia to Nelson County in a very early day. His grandfather, Overton, was born in Virginia and was a soldier in the war of 1812, and was in the battle of New Orleans. Samuel B., (the subject) was reared on a farm. He came with his parents to Daviess County, now McLean, in 1827, and lived with his parents until his marriage on December 24, 1846, to Mary J. Jackson, of McLean County; she was born in Ohio County, and is a daughter of George C. and Sarah (Landrum) Jackson. The fruit of this union is two children: George W., living, and James R., deceased. His wife died November 27, 1849, and he next married, January 8, 1852, Frances M. Morgan, of Daviess County, a daughter of Thomas T. and Margaret (Phegly) Morgan, natives of Virginia and Nelson County, Ky. Thomas T. Morgan was a son of John Morgan, who came from Virginia to Ohio County, Ky., in a very early day, and was killed by Indians about two years after his settlement in the county. Mr. Robertson has had born to him by his second marriage ten children, Mary T. (Bohannan), Horace L., Charles R., Virginia

E., Warren K., Albert B., Margaret F. (Short), Susan E., Mizella M., and Edward G. Mr. and Mrs. Robertson are members of the Baptist Church. After his marriage, Mr. Robertson located where he now resides (in 1846), on 113 acres of land; he at present owns 216 acres in good condition, and with a fine residence on it. He was a justice of the peace for about ten years; he is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and a Democrat in politics.

STEPHEN W. ROWAN, a prominent merchant of Livermore, McLean County, was born June 7, 1838, and is the second of eight children born to John and Lydia E. (Stevens) Rowan, natives of Ohio County, Ky., the former a son of Stephen Rowan, of Scotch descent, and the latter a daughter of William Stevens. Mr. Rowan lived with his parents until twenty-one years of age, and received a good education, such as was to be obtained then in the country. He enlisted in September, 1861, in Capt. Pendleton's Company (Confederate) Infantry, and with his regiment participated in the battles of Shiloh, Vicksburgh, Murfresboro and Chickamauga, and was in the campaign from Dalton to Atlanta; he was discharged as sergeant in April, 1865, returned to his home and engaged in farming until 1873, when he commenced merchandising in Livermore, which he has since followed successfully. He also owns 120 acres near Livermore, which is well improved. Mr. Rowan in political views is a Democrat, and in all important elections votes for the standard bearers of that party. He cast his first presidential vote for John C. Breckinridge in 1860.

JUDGE GEORGE RUDY was born October 30, 1850, in McLean County, Ky., and is the third of four children born to Jacob A. and Mary J. (Wright) Rudy, natives of Jefferson and McLean Counties, Ky., respectively. Jacob A. Rudy was the son of Jacob Rudy who married a Miss Steel. They were natives of Pennsylvania and Virginia, respectively, and of German and Irish descent, and were among the first settlers of Kentucky. Judge Rudy's parents came to McLean County about 1847, and settled near Harmon's Ferry; his mother was a daughter of James Wright, a farmer, who married a Miss Allen; they were natives of McLean and Daviess Counties, respectively, and of English extraction. Judy Rudy lived with his parents and attended the common schools until he was eighteen years old, when he engaged in the drug business for two years; then worked two years at the dry goods business, and two more at the grocery business. In 1874, he went to Sherman, Tex., and engaged in the butcher business for six months. In the spring of 1875, he returned and engaged in the dry goods business at Beech's Grove, in which he was engaged until August, 1878, when he was elected county judge; re-elected in 1882. He is the owner of 152 acres of good land in McLean County; was married October 30, 1878, to Lizzie J. Huston, of Henderson County, Ky., a daughter of Capt. William W. and Sophia L. (Woodruff) Huston, of Kentucky. Two children bless this union – Mary L. and Josie. Judge Rudy is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and his wife of the Old School Presbyterian Church.

EDWARD T. SHACKELFORD, McLean County, was born September 6, 1842, on the farm where he now resides. He is the sixth of eleven children, six of whom are now living, born to James D. and Amelia (Jenkins) Shackelford, natives of Shelby and Washington Counties, respectively. James D. was a son of William W. and Jane (Gosby) Shackelford, natives of Virginia. He was a farmer and immigrated to Shelby County, Ky., about 1785. William Shackelford moved to Hardeman County, Tenn., between 1825 and 1830, where he lived until his death. The mother of our subject was a daughter of Richard and Catherine (Nall) Jenkins, natives of Amelia County, Va. The former was a soldier in the war of 1812, and was in the battle of Tippecanoe, near Lafayette, Ind. The father of our subject came from Washington to McLean County, in 1839, and

purchased 120 acres, which he improved; he was justice of the peace for several years. Edward T. Shackelford was reared on a farm and received a common school education; taught several terms and lived with his parents until thirty years old; was deputy sheriff of the county in 1870; was elected justice of the peace in August, 1881; re-elected in 1882. He was married November 7, 1874, to Eugenia Mitchell, of McLean County, and a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Allen) Mitchell, both of whom were natives of North Carolina, and immigrated to McLean County about 1845. To Mr. and Mrs. Shackelford have been born two children: James (deceased) and John E. Mrs. Shackelford is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church; Mr. Shackelford was a member of the Grange; is a Democrat, and cast his first presidential vote for Gen. George B. McClellan in 1864.

COL. ABSALOM R. SHACKLETT, McLean County, was born December 7, 1826, in Meade County, Ky., and is a son of Gen. Blancet and Rachel (Ashcraft) Shacklett, natives of Fayette County, Penn.; the former was a soldier in the war of 1812, and a brigadier-general of Kentucky State militia, when the position was one of honor and responsibility. Gen. Shacklett immigrated to Kentucky, and settled in Meade County in 1806; he was a son of John and Barbara (Quick) Shacklett. Barbara Quick was born on shipboard in 1744, when her parents were on their way to the United States. After her husband's death in 1808, she removed to Kentucky with her family; it is said there is but one family of Shacklett in the United States. Col. Shacklett's maternal grandfather was Richard Ashcraft, who married Elizabeth Carr, and settled in Nelson County, Ky., in an early day, participating in the Indian wars of pioneer days in Kentucky. Col. Shacklett was brought up to farm life, received a common school education, and at the age of eighteen, commenced business for himself. In 1847, he enlisted in Company A, First United States Voltigeurs Rifle Infantry for service in Mexico (with eight others same name), and while out was in three engagements of that war; was wounded in battle of Molino-Del-Rey. In August, 1848, he was discharged and returned home and engaged in farming. He moved to this county in 1859, and settled on a farm of 187 acres. In October, 1861, he enlisted in Company H, Eighth Kentucky (Confederate) Infantry, and in November following his enlistment, was elected captain of his company; he took part in the battle of Fort Donelson and was there captured. After his exchange he was promoted to lieutenant-colonial, (in September, 1862), and afterward participated in the battles of Coffeeville, Fort Pemberton, Champion Hill, Big Black, Vicksburg and Jackson (Miss). In February, 1864, the regiment was mounted and joined Forrest's Cavalry. In July, 1864, he was commissioned colonel, and was in all the battles of Forrest's Cavalry until the surrender at Columbus, Miss., in May, 1865. He was a brave and gallant officer, and with his sword boldly maintained the principles he believed to be right. When the Confederacy went down he boldly accepted the situation, and quietly returned, Cincinnatus-like, to his plow, and, though still in the prime of life, the hero of two wars. He was married January 25, 1849, to Minerva J., born in Meade, a daughter of George, born in Washington, Fayette Co., Penn., and Barbara (Jenkins) Humphrey, born and reared in Washington County, Ky. Colonel and Mrs. Shacklett had six children: William W., Sallie C., Stonewall, Jesse K., Mary C. and Sophia H., all living. Mrs. Shacklett died January 26, 1882. Col. Shacklett was a Whig, and gave his first presidential vote to Gen. Taylor in 1848. Since the war he has voted the democratic ticket, and is representative in the lower house of the general assembly from McLean in 1885-86.

THOMAS M. SMITH, McLean County, one of the representative business men of Sacramento, was born August 22, 1845, in Henderson County, Ky., and is a son of Marshall and

Harriet (Williams) Smith, natives of Virginia and Alabama; his grandfather, Nathan Smith, was reared in Virginia, and came to Kentucky about 1815, locating in Henderson County. Thomas M. was brought up on the farm and attended school as his farm duties would permit, until he arrived at maturity, when he left home and engaged in farming for himself for three years. He then went into the grocery business at Robert's Station, in Henderson County. In 1876, he located in Calhoun, where for two years he carried on the grocery, saddlery and harness business; he then went to Riley Station, then to South Carrollton, and engaged in a general mercantile business. In 1880 he went to Stephensport, Breckinridge County, and in 1882, returned to South Carrollton; soon after he located at Sacramento, and is engaged in mercantile and leaf tobacco business, in which he is very successful. In the fall of 1862, he enlisted in Company A, Col. Hall's Confederate regiment, and was in the battle of Red River Bridge, Tenn., and at Snow Hill, where he was wounded in the right knee. After a service of eighteen months he returned home and to farm life. He was married January 9, 1867, to Mary E. Fowlkes, a daughter of David and Pelina (Watkins) Fowlkes, of Henderson County, but natives of Virginia. This union has been blessed with five children: Anna F., Byron A., Lillie, Virga and Mary. He and wife are members of the Christian Church. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., and also of the K. of H.; politically a Democrat.

W. W. SMITH, McLean County, is a son of William J. and Mahala M. (Stewart) Smith, and was born June 25, 1850, in Ohio County. He was brought up on the farm and with but few educational advantages; his parents being in limited circumstances, he was compelled to assist in their maintenance. When twenty-two years of age, he left home and commenced farming on shares and for wages. In 1875 he rented a farm of 150 acres for two years, then bought seventy acres, five miles north of Calhoun. Since then he has purchased two additional tracts – one of 111 acres and one of twenty-six acres, the latter he purchased in 1881. It had good buildings on it and he located there the same year. Soon after he bought another tract of sixty-six acres, and now owns in all 273 acres, purchased within the past ten years. He was married January 19, 1875, to Lucy T. Robinson, of Grayson County, and a daughter of Elijah and Letitia (Davidson) Robinson, the former of Virginia and the latter of Grayson County. The result of this union is five children: Cyrus V., Elvis C., Charles R., Mary O., and Forrest G. Mr. and Mrs. Smith are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and he is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and was also a member of the Grange. Politically he is a Democrat, and his first presidential vote was given in 1872, to Horace Greeley.

WILLIAM J. SMITH a native of Ohio County, was born September 28, 1825, and is a son of John and Elizabeth (Stewart) Smith, natives of Shelby County, Va., and who were of Irish descent. He received but little schooling and resided with his parents until the age of eighteen, when he commenced farming for himself; was but three years old when his father lost his life by drowning. He was married May 4, 1848, to Mahala Stewart of Ohio County, a daughter of Carter Stewart and Lydia B. (Malin) Stewart, natives of Woodford and Ohio Counties, Ky. They have had four children: Carter Z. (deceased), William W., Carter W. and John L. Mr. and Mrs. Smith are members of the Baptist Church; moved from Ohio County, Ky., in 1874, and located where they now reside, on 250 acres of land; he has added to it until he now owns 302 acres, accumulated by his own industry. He is rearing three orphan children: Robert L. Stewart, son of Jacob and Louis A. Stewart, and Lavinia and John G. Hill, children of James W. and Nannie (Gillian) Hill, of Crittenden County.

JACOB SNIDER, McLean County, an enterprising farmer, was born December 20, 1831, in Spencer County, Ky., and is the second child in a family of ten born to George W. and Ruth (Goodwin) Snider, natives of Kentucky. The paternal grandfather of Jacob Snider, whose parents came from Germany and settled in Spencer County, and where his mother died at the age of ninety-five years. Jacob remained on the farm with his parents until attaining his majority, receiving a good common education. In 1860 he located where he now lives, on a farm of 186 acres of land; to this he added until he now owns 520 acres, well improved, and on which are good dwellings, and 325 acres of cleared land. He has never sought office, but was elected a justice of the peace, an office he declined; he is one of the commissioners on the railroad debt voted by Livermore Precinct. He was married April 2, 1860, to Mary Foster, a daughter of Francis and Elizabeth (Skinner) Foster, natives of Virginia and Kentucky. They have four children – George McClellan, Frank Lee, John William and Lizzie. Mr. and Mrs. Snider are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church; he was Master of the Grange in its day, was a Democrat in politics, and voted that ticket until 1880, when he changed to the new departure - Greenbacker - to which he has since adhered.

VIRGIL P. STATELER, McLean County, was born September 1, 1847, and is a son of Ignatius P. and Senie (Stevens) Stateler, born and reared in Ohio County, Ky. His paternal grandfather was Stephen B. Stateler, who married Rhonda Pigman, a native of Maryland; he was born in Pennsylvania, and came to Kentucky when Hartford was but a small fort. His maternal grandfather was John G. Stevens, who was born in Ohio County. Virgil P. Stateler received a good education, having had the advantages of the common schools, and also attended Hartford Academy several terms. He was engaged several years teaching. He was married March 10, 1870, to Sue A. Johnson, a daughter of Edmond and Elizabeth (Houston) Johnson; they have had four children, three of whom are living, viz.: Willie S., Lizzie L. and Laura B. Mr. and Mrs. Stateler are members of the Baptist and Methodist Churches, respectively. Politically Mr. Stateler is a Democrat, having cast his first national vote in 1872, for Horace Greeley.

L. F. STILES, McLean County, was born November 15, 1829, in Nelson County, Ky., and is a son of Charles and Ann (Willett) Stiles, of New Jersey, and Nelson County, Ky., respectively. Charles Stiles was born in 1788, and was a son of David Stiles, who immigrated and settled with his family in Nelson County, Ky., about 1808. The mother of subject was a daughter of Griffith Willett, who came from Maryland to Kentucky, about 1810. L. F. Stiles was reared on a farm, received a fair common school education and resided with his parents until twenty-nine years of age, when he married (February, 1858) Mary P. Thomas, of Nelson County, Ky., a daughter of Washington and Mary (Bodine) Thomas, both of Nelson County. They have by this marriage four children, two living – William and Nannie C. Mrs. Stiles died in 1870, and he was next married to Mrs. Martha M. Tanner, of McLean County, a daughter of William and Louisa Settles, natives of Washington County, Ky. By this marriage he has two children – Albert and Clifton. Mr. and Mrs. Stiles are members of the Methodist Episcopal and Baptist Churches. Mr. Stiles has farmed all his life, working at the carpenter trade during the winter. He moved from Nelson County to McLean in 1860, and settled about four miles north of Calhoun, where he owns 200 acres of good land; he also owns another good farm of 250 acres, all of which he has accumulated by his own industry and perserverance. He is a Mason; was also a member of the Grange.

HARVEY STROUD, McLean County, was born June 7, 1854, in this county, and is a son of Jesse G. and Catherine (Harrison) Stroud, natives respectively of Muhlenburgh and Nelson

Counties. Jesse G. Stroud is a son of Lot and Nancy (Grimes) Stroud, of North Carolina, who immigrated to Kentucky about 1800, and settled in Muhlenburgh County. The maternal grandfather was Grove Harrison, who married Elizabeth White; Mr. Harrison came to Muhlenburgh County in 1830, and settled in the western part of the county. He was a soldier of the war of 1812, and was in the battle of New Orleans; his widow still survives him, and is supposed to be one hundred years old. Harvey Stroud has always lived on a farm; in his early life he had few advantages, and hence received only a common school education. His farm, which is one of the finest in the country, contains 170 acres and is in good condition; in addition, his brother and he own 1,000 acres of what is called the "Island," where their father had located. Mr. Stroud was married March 24, 1880 to Susan Jane Brumley, a daughter of John and Emoline (Eaton) Brumley, natives of Shelby County. They have three children: Clarence, James and Gertrude. He and wife are members of the Baptist Church; in politics he is a Democrat and gave his first National vote in 1884 for Cleveland and Hendricks.

WILLIAM G. STROUD, McLean County, was born in the village of Rumsey, May 16, 1840, and is the only boy in a family of eight children born to Reuben and Caroline (Pitt) Stroud, natives of McLean and Muhlenburgh Counties. Reuben Stroud was a son of Lot Stroud, who married Nancy Grimes; Lot Stroud immigrated to Kentucky in an early day, about 1806, and settled near South Carrollton, on Green River. Benjamin Pitt, the maternal grandfather, married Mary Busby; emigrated from Tennessee to Kentucky, and settled on Pond River. William G. remained at home until grown, attends the common schools, when his father's duties would permit him. Imbued with a patriotic zeal to serve his country, he enlisted October 4, 1861, in Company H, Eleventh Kentucky (Federal) Infantry, and was in the battles of Shiloh and Stone River, and at the siege of Knoxville; also in the Atlanta campaign. In December, 1864, he was discharged as sergeant, his term of service having expired; he returned home and betook himself to farming, which he has continued ever since. He was married January 17, 1867, to Karaezeik Plain, a daughter of John and Tamer (Ross) Plain. Nine children were born of his union, of whom eight are now living: Effie L., Benjamin E., Cora, Jesse A., Delia May, Clara Ann, Mary Alma and Charles E. He and his wife are members of the Baptist Church.

JOHN F. THOMAS (deceased), McLean County, was born August 20, 1824, in Nelson County, Ky., and was the sixth of twelve children of Mark L. and Catherine (Foster) Thomas, natives of Virginia; the paternal grandfather was Benjamin Thomas, also of Virginia, who in an early day immigrated to the wilds of Kentucky; the maternal grandfather was John Foster, also of Virginia. John F. Thomas was brought up on the farm and received a common school education. He was married in May, 1846, to Margaret A. Foster, a daughter of Francis and Elizabeth (Skinner) Foster, natives of Virginia and Kentucky. Francis Foster, was a son of William and Elizabeth (McCormac) Foster, who were natives of Virginia. Elizabeth (Skinner) Foster was a daughter of Isaac and Margaret (Pulin) Skinner, both of Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas had eleven children, eight of whom are now living, viz.: Elizabeth C. (Stephens), Mark L., Adaline, Redmon G., Mary Ann (Stephens), John William, Maggie Ann and Bob Lee. Francis, Edwin E. and Ida C. are dead. Mr. Thomas died in January, 1882. He came to McLean County in 1858, and settled on 186 acres of land, which he improved and on which his widow still resides.

JOSEPH TOWERY, was born December 22, 1839, in Rutherford County, N. C., and is a son of Isaac and Rebecca J. (Brinnel) Towery, natives of Lincoln and Rutherford Counties, N. C.

He came with his parents to McLean County, Ky., in 1860, and settled in the southwest part of the county on a farm of William J. Hardin's on the bank of Green River. Joseph was reared on a farm and lived with his parents until twenty years, receiving an ordinary English education. Possessing a patriotic spirit and believing the Union should be preserved, he enlisted October 2, 1861, in Company C, Seventeenth Kentucky Infantry, and took part in the battles of Fort Donelson, Shiloh, and Stone River, Mission Ridge, Chattanooga, Chickamauga, Lookout Mountain, Franklin and Nashville; was a musician during the most of his service. He was discharged January 23, 1865, returned to his home and engaged in farming until 1873, when he embarked in the tobacco trade in Whitesburg and Calhoun, in which business he has been engaged since. He was married in December, 1866, to Margaret E. Dexter, of McLean County, a daughter of James R. and Lucinda (Riggs) Dexter. They had had born to them five children: Isaac B., George R., Sarah E., Lena R., and Joseph H. Mr. and Mrs. Towery are members of the Baptist Church. He is a member of the F. A. M. and cast his first vote for Gen. Grant, and has voted the Republican ticket since.

DR. MOSES O. TOWNES, McLean County, was born April 6, 1836, in Muhlenburgh County, Ky., (now McLean County), on what is called the Island. He is the eldest of four boys and two girls (all lived to be grown) born to John A. and Margaret L. (Utterback) Townes, natives of Amelia and Fauquier Counties, Va., respectively. John A. Townes was a son of Paschal L. and Mary (Overton) Townes, born respectively in 1796, and 1800, in Amelia County, Va. P. L. Townes was a son of John Townes, who married Miss Leigh, a native of Sussex County, Va. John Townes was a captain in the Revolution. Paschal L. was sheriff of his county in Virginia for twenty years; immigrated to Kentucky in 1831, and located ten miles above Calhoun, where he purchased 3,000 acres. The mother of our subject was a daughter of Willis and Mary (Brown) Utterback, who were natives of Fauquier County, Va.; Willis Utterback came from Holland. The Townes family is of English origin. M. O. Townes was reared on a farm and received a good education at the State College, Columbia, Mo., and lived with his mother until the age of twenty-one. In 1857, he commenced the study of medicine with Hillsman & Townes, of Livermore, and graduated from the Kentucky School of Medicine at Louisville; he located in Kirkmansville for one year, and then located at Beach Grove, McLean County, where he has since successfully practiced. He is the possessor of a fine farm of 300 acres. In 1861, he enlisted in the Fifth Kentucky (Confederate) Infantry; was in the battles of Shiloh, Vicksburgh, Port Hudson, Baton Rouge. In the fall of 1863, he was discharged and returned to McLean County, Ky., where he has since resided. He was married November 8, 1864, to Sallie Johnson of McLean County, a daughter of Isaac and Mildred (Gregory) Johnson, of McLean and Shelby Counties, respectively, and of Irish descent. This union was blessed with four children: Maggie (deceased), Isaac J., Sallie, Moses O. (deceased). Dr. and Mrs. Townes are members of the Christian and Methodist Episcopal Churches, respectively. The Doctor is a member of the F. & A. M.

JACOB WEIL, McLean County, was born in Bavaria, Germany, and is the son of Herman and Bertha (Stern) Weil, of Bavaria. His father has been a teacher all his life, and still resides in Germany and is eighty-eight years of age. Jacob received a good German education, and immigrated to the United States in 1852. He remained in Baltimore for a few months, then came to Louisville, Ky., where he engaged as a salesman in a dry goods store for a few years. He next went to Brandenburg, Meade County and from there to Smithland. In 1874, he located in Calhoun, McLean Co., Ky., where he has been successfully engaged in mercantile business ever since. He has two large store-rooms filled with a fine stock of goods. He was married in September, 1869,



to Clara Oberdorfer, of Louisville, Ky., a daughter of Marx Oberdorfer and Fannie Oberdorfer, natives of Bavaria, Germany. Three children were born to this union: Samuel, Norton and Bernice. Mr. Weil is a member of the I. O. O. F., and cast his first presidential vote for Stephen A. Douglas in 1860.

DORSAY W. WHITAKER, one of the enterprising farmers of McLean County, was born May 30, 1844, and is the youngest of a family of thirteen children born to Wilson L. and Marinda (Benton) Whitaker, the former a native of Shelby County, and the latter a native of Ohio County, Ky. The Whitaker family came originally from Maryland, and is of Welsh descent; the Bentons were also from Maryland, and of English descent. Dorsay W. received a common school education, and was reared on the farm; he lived with his parents until twenty-one years of age, when he commenced farming for himself, and trading; his parents had moved to this county about 1836, and settled on Buck Creek. He located where he now resides in 1865, on 150 acres, which he has improved, and to which he had added until now he owns 325 acres; it is mostly underlaid with coal, and will increase in value as mining industries are developed. He devotes much attention to stock raising, which, under his enterprising management, is very profitable. He was married in February, 1865, to Esther Tanner, of this county, and a daughter of Thomas and Anna (Davis) Tanner. They have three children – Jessie, Mabel and D. Forrest. Mr. and Mrs. Whitaker are members of the Baptist Church. He is a Democrat, and voted first for president in 1868, for Horatio Seymour.

THOMAS W. WHITMER, McLean County, was born June 24, 1826, in Muhlenburg County, and is one of twins, and of a family of six children born to Valentine and Sarah (Scott) Whitmer, of Rockingham and Botetourt Counties, Va., respectively. His grandfather, John Whitmer, came from Germany. His (subject's) parents were born in 1787 and 1785. The Whitmer family settled in Muhlenburg County about 1805. The county was then but little else than a wilderness, and the early years of Thomas W. were spent in the woods, as it were, with few facilities for training, his attendance at school being limited to about six weeks, and that after he had grown to manhood. In 1837 he moved with his parents to the neighborhood of Bremen, where his father bought and improved a farm. He lived with his parents until he was married, which event took place in June, 1849, to Susan Miller, daughter of Simon and Nancy (McCarter) Miller, natives of Tennessee. Ten children were born to them, six of whom are now living, viz: Mary J. (Vickers), Miranda J. (Bidwell), Archie L., Martha A. (Johnson), George W. and Emma L. The following are dead: Simon V., Nannie A., Sarah M. (who married a Mr. Withers) and William. Mrs. Whitmer died in June 1882; she was a member of the Presbyterian Church. He was next married in July, 1883, to Ann M. Hicks, widow of H. V. Hicks; she was first married to J. M. Nalley, by whom she had five children, only two of whom lived to be grown – James M. and Susan C., now Mrs. Johnson. Mr. Whitmer settled where he now resides in January 1867, on 160 acres of land, to which he has added, until at present he owns 500 acres. He and wife are members of the Presbyterian and Baptist Churches, respectively; he was a member of the Grange. His first presidential vote was given for Gen. Taylor, in 1848; in 1860 he voted for Stephen A. Douglas, and in 1884 for James G. Blaine.

DR. CHRISTOPHER R. WILLIAMS, McLean County, was born November 21, 1849, in Daviess County, and is the third in a family of ten children of George S. and Lucy L. (Swope) Williams, natives of Nelson and Spencer Counties, Ky., respectively; the former was a son of Rolla

Williams, who married a Miss Duncan, and whose parents lived for a short time in the fort at Louisville; the latter (Lucy L. Swope) was a daughter of William Swope, who married a Miss Holtsclaw. Dr. Williams received a fair education for the time, and at the age of eighteen years commenced business for himself; at twenty he began the study of medicine with Drs. Harris and Hale, of Owensboro. He pursued his studies with considerable energy, and graduated from the Medical University at Louisville in the spring of 1879; then located at Island Station, where he now resides, and where he has had a successful and lucrative practice. In 1881 he opened a drug store at Island Station. He was married in November, 1879, to Alice, daughter of John F. and Elizabeth (Bennett) Coffman. The result of this union is one child – Claude Y. Williams. Dr. Williams and wife are members of the Baptist Church; he is a member of the Masonic order. He was appointed postmaster at Island Station in 1880, and deputy clerk in 1882. He is a young man of energy, and of considerable promise of future usefulness.



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