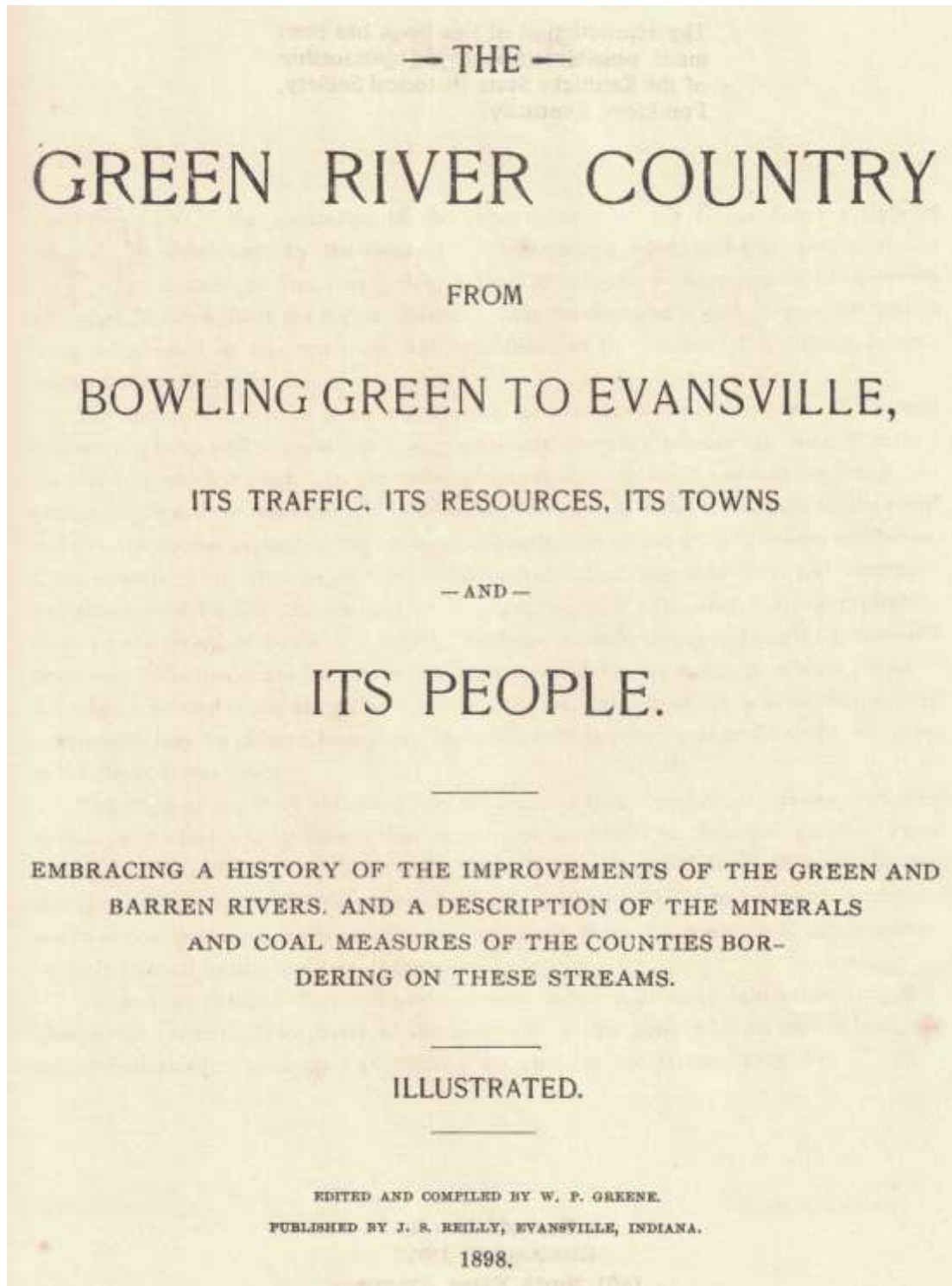


**The Green River Country:
McLean County**





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CALHOUN.

One of the most thriving cities and trade centers of the Green River section, is situated on Green River, eighty miles from Evansville. It is the county seat and principal shipping and trading point of McLean county and has a population of about one thousand souls. Nor does this fact alone entitle Calhoun to a chief place among the towns of the lower valley of Green River. It is the seat of intellectual and social forces, which exercise a controlling influence throughout the country. Both professions, that of law and medicine, are represented by men of more than common talent and ability. The scientific and literary tastes of its people are of a high order, and many examples may be found of both men and women possessed of an unusual degree of mental culture. The situation of the town is mainly upon level ground, sufficiently inclined to the river, however, to secure perfect drainage. The main street, which runs back from the river and Front street along the river are upon a naturally graveled surface, making them ideal thoroughfares. There are many elegant residences bearing testimony to the taste and home-pride of their owners. The town was incorporated in 1852, and received its name from one of its principal founders and leading citizens, Judge John C. Calhoun. Prior to that time the town bore the name of Vienna, but before it was christened Vienna, the settlement passed under different names until its history is lost in the uncertain traditions of pioneer occupancy and Indian warfare.



Court House at Calhoun

On the hill west of the present location of the town is the site of the old fort or block house, which the early settlers erected for a defense against the attacks of the savages. The time of its

erection is involved in mere tradition, as no records were kept by the adventurous spirits who first ventured into the domain of the Red man of the forest, but it is conjectured, it was somewhere between the years 1775 and 1785.

The City of Calhoun is surrounded by a splendid region of farming lands, which every year are becoming more valuable as the country develops and improves. These lands yield abundantly almost every variety of crop, especially the cereals, grass and tobacco. The tobacco culture has been in a great measure neglected in the last few years on account of absence of demand for the heavy grade produced, but the growth of wheat, corn, oats and grass has increased proportionately to the great advantage of the farmer.



Street scene in Calhoun

The business men and merchants of Calhoun will rank with the best in the whole Green River section or state, for their enterprise and the reliability of their commercial standing. There are a number, whose standing and business, as well as social importance, merit extended notice, but the limits of this work will only admit of a brief catalogue of those who constitute the business element. Of these we mention: I. G. Gilmore, dealer in general merchandise and produce—Mr. Gilmore also conducts a store at Ashbysburgh— J. Weil, general merchant. J. T. Morehead & Co., general merchants—this firm operates branch stores at Sacramento, McLean county; Pleasant Ridge, Daviess county; Fordsville, Ohio county; Caneyville, Grayson county, and Grandview, Ind. —J. W. Harrison & Son, groceries; J. D. Pruitt, groceries, hardware and saddlery; W. H. Wall, groceries and hardware; T. N. Logsdon, shoes; H. A. Peiffer, shoes.; D. S. Loyd, shoes; B. G. Nofsinger, drugs, paints and oils; Howdon Hayden, drugs; F. E. Porter, drugs; Frank Sebal, livery; Jarvis & Porter, livery; John Ambrose, harness and saddlery. The city has excellent schools under the management of the city school board. The moral tone of the city is of the very best and its people are a church supporting and churchgoing people. There are four churches, all of which have resident pastors. The banking business of the city and country adjacent is done by the Bank of Calhoun, whose management is ably conserved by that prince of gentlemen, Judge William B.

Noe, its president, and Mr. A. L. Moseley, its obliging cashier. Among the important industries of the city are three large tobacco warehouses for curing, stripping and prizing tobacco; one large flouring mill and saw-mill, under one management; one extensive wagon, repair and blacksmith shop. There are three good hotels and number of private boarding houses. One of the best newspapers of the Green River country, *The Calhoun Star* is published here. Its able editor and proprietor, Geo. F. Swint, assisted by his accomplished daughters, have made this paper the standard authority for McLean county news.



Group of Calhoun girls: [top left] Miss Leona Tichenor; [bottom right] Miss Gabe Hamilton (Uniontown); [top right] Miss Berenice Weil, [center right] Miss Annetta Tichenor, [bottom right] Miss Elizabeth Gilmore.

B. G. Nofsinger—The people of Calhoun have realized the blessings which result from matured social conditions. They are open and frank in their deportment, hospitable in their treatment of strangers and exceedingly enterprising in business affairs. They are proud of their city which they claim is the metropolis of the Green River country. There are many examples of successful business enterprise among them, but we have space only to make individual mention of a few. All lines of trade are well represented by pushing, active men. In the drug trade we mention especially Mr. B. G. Nofsinger, who by reason of his energy and strict devotion to business, has not only built up a splendid reputation—personally, as an accommodating tradesman, but owns and operates a magnificent store that would do honor to a city. Mr. Nofsinger owes his success in business to his own industry and individual effort, having begun life without any capital save his own faith in himself and a determination to succeed. These qualities together with his unswerving

personal integrity has won for him the confidence of the public, and brought substantial returns in the establishment of a flourishing business and the accumulation of a handsome property.

BANK OF CALHOUN

The Bank of Calhoun, an illustration of whose building appears herein was organized in 1886, and began business January 3rd, 1887. It was the first bank in McLean county, and it has done a prosperous business from the beginning. Its first cashier and principal founder was John W. Moseley, now deceased. After his death, his son, Mr. A. L. Moseley, was elected to the position of cashier, which place he now holds. Judge William B. Noe is now and has been the president of the bank since its organization. He has been an active lawyer here for nearly thirty years and his long experience in that line has given him such a knowledge of the people of the county as to be of great value to him in the banking business. This is one of the solid institutions of the county and has supplied a long-felt want to the business community. The directors of the bank are: I. G. Gilmore, R. C. Moseley, Thomas I. Bell, A. L. Moseley, and William B. Noe.



Bank of Calhoun

The handling of the tobacco crop of McLean county gives rise to one of the most important industries of the town. A great deal of this staple is produced in the county, and is the source of very important revenues to its people. Mr. W. T. Hobson and C. E. Hobson are the largest and principal operators in handling the product. W. T. Hobson operates two very large factories, and C. E. Hobson one, together, handling as much as one million pounds in a season. These gentlemen live in the town of Calhoun, and add much to its business and social consequence. A further description of the city of Calhoun includes a view of the town from the river front, showing the bluffs which lie in its northern limits and beneath which runs Front street. These bluffs, facing and overlooking the river, are crowned with residences whose yards are adorned with shade trees and parterres of flowers. In general the streets of the town present a scene of activity, evidencing a large volume of trade. The store buildings of the leading merchants are spacious and well fitted for the exigencies of an extensive business. A literary society is maintained, and arrangements are

being perfected for the establishment of a free library and reading room. On the whole, it may be said of Calhoun that all conditions prevail as to society, culture and agreeable physical surroundings necessary to make it a most delightful place of residence. It is one of the principal river towns and within easy reach of the cities of Evansville and Bowling Green by water, and of Owensboro by stage, thus giving to its inhabitants convenient communication with these larger centers of activity. It may be safely predicted that as the country develops Calhoun will receive large accessions to its population and business.



Christian Church

The country on both sides of the river immediately surrounding the city is remarkably fertile and from an agricultural point of view, is just now undergoing rapid development. This country must at no distant day become the home of a dense agricultural population. It is capable of sustaining an immense number of people and its nearness to the best of markets and facilities for cheap transportation make it the ideal land of promise to the agriculturalist. A remarkable phase of the development now setting in throughout the whole Green River section is the interest centering in education. This is evidenced by the number of schools and colleges and other institutions with special objects in view, now being established all over the country. The city of Calhoun presents a location for an enterprise of this character surpassingly attractive. Its healthfulness and pleasing situation, make it one of the most eligible places for a college in the whole Green River country.

SOME OF THE PEOPLE OF CALHOUN

MRS. NAOMI TICHENOR, widow of T. C. Tichenor, deceased, a former prominent citizen and business man of the county, is a lady of high social standing and independent means. Her two daughters, Miss Leona and Miss Annetta, who are shown in the group of Calhoun girls on another page, are students of Potter College, Bowling Green, and are universally esteemed for the many graces which adorn their characters. They are fitting representatives of the beauty and attractiveness of the womanhood of Calhoun.



Residence of Mrs. Naomi Tichenor

I. G. Gilmore, a leading citizen and merchant of Calhoun, has been a conspicuous figure in the Green River business world for a period of more than thirty years. He has built up, by a course of honest and fair dealing with his fellow men, a reputation for integrity that secures the confidence of all. He is the head Of a large and prosperous mercantile business in Calhoun and also at Ashbysburgh, ten miles below. He is one of the directors of the Bank of Calhoun.



B. G. Nofsinger and his residence

The members of the learned profession throughout the section of Kentucky covered by this work will compare favorably with those of any portion of our country. Several of the counties of the Green River country have produced men who have attained eminence in both the legal and medical professions, in former periods and both the bar and medicine are now represented by a class of men of high attainments in their calling. McLean county has its full quota of representative men in both professions. In medicine without disparagement to others, we mention:

DR. H. W. GATES, as a young physician and surgeon, who fitly adorns a profession that has numbered among its members some of the greatest benefactors of the human race. Dr. Gates is a native of Calhoun, McLean county, where he was born in 1860. He received his primary school training in the schools of his native town and graduated in medicine in the medical department of Vanderbilt University in the class of 1882. He then commenced the practice of medicine at Bennettsville, Christian county, where he remained a short time, and then took a post graduate course at Bellevue Hospital, New York, in 1884. After completing the course at Bellevue he practiced for a short period at Morgantown, Butler county, but in the spring of 1885 permanently located in his native town of Calhoun, where he has conducted a large and successful practice down to the present time. In 1885 he married Miss Laura Shutt, a most worthy young lady of Calhoun, the daughter of one of its oldest and most respected citizens, W. H. Shutt, the founder of the Calhoun roller mills. Dr. Gates' grandfather on the mother's side was Judge John C. Calhoun, for whom the town was named. Dr. Gates has the distinction of being the chairman of the McLean County Medical Board and is a member of the McDowell and State Medical Societies.



Judge Wm. B. Noe
President of the Bank of Calhoun

JUDGE WM. B.. NOE, of Calhoun, Ky., was born July 24th, 1848, in Washington county, Ky. He is the second of three sons and four daughters, all living, born to James G. and Eliza A. (Wilson) Noe, who were born respectively in Boyle and Washington counties, Ky. The Noe family came to the United States from Scotland and settled in Maryland. The mother of Wm. B. Noe was a daughter of John H. Wilson, who was a soldier of 1812, and fought in the battle of New Orleans. He was a son of Josiah Wilson, who was a soldier of the revolution. Wm. B. Noe was reared on a farm and received a good English education, which he completed at Bethel College. He also reads and speaks the German language fluently. As a student in the office of Sweeney & Stuart, of Owensboro, Ky., he was admitted to the bar in that city February 14th, 1870, by Judges Cofer and Stites. In April of that year he located in Calhoun, Ky., where he has since practiced his profession with success and has been identified with the interests of the Green River country. He has never sought office, but on the contrary, has studiously avoided it, although he was at one time, by appointment, judge of McLean county court to fill an unexpired term. He was one of the organizers of the Bank of Calhoun in 1886—one of the most solid institutions of the county, and is now and has been continuously its president. He is popular in his county, and commands the respect of all that know him. Judge Noe was married June 2d, 1870, to Mary A. Bender, a daughter of John and Ann Bender, natives of Bavaria, Germany, and Kentucky respectively. To Judge and Mrs. Noe

have been born three children, but one living, Ora, who is married to Mr. A. L. Moseley, cashier of the Bank of Calhoun. They have an adopted son, William, a nephew. Judge Noe, wife and daughter are members of the Christian church.

A. L. MOSELEY, whose photograph appears on the following page, was born in Spencer county, Ohio township, Indiana, November 26th, 1868. He received a good English education, which he completed at Ogden College, Bowling Green, Ky. After this he took a business course and was graduated at the Evansville Commercial College, S. M. Curnick, principal. He now resides in McLean county, Ky., and is the cashier of the bank of Calhoun, having been elected to that position to succeed his father, the late John W. Moseley, who was one of the organizers and first cashier of that bank. Mr. A. L. Moseley is also a stockholder and one of the directors of the bank. He devotes his entire time and attention to his duties, and by his genial, obliging and accommodating manners, has won many warm friends to the institution. He is a first-class business man, is accurate, careful, painstaking, and is regarded as one of the best bank cashiers in the Green River country. He has the interests of the Green River section and its development very much at heart and gives his hearty encouragement to any enterprise looking to this end. Mr. Moseley was married in 1891 to Miss Ora Noe, the daughter and only child of Judge Wm. B. Noe, the president of the bank. To this union have been born three children, Ruth, deceased; Jason W. and Paul.



A. L. Moseley, cashier of the Bank of Calhoun;
and our baby, Jason William Moseley

JUDGE BEN F. LANDRUM, a prominent citizen of Calhoun, and for many years judge of the county court of McLean county, was born in Daviess county, in 1845. When the county of McLean was formed in 1854 out of portions of Daviess and Ohio counties, his father's farm fell in the new political division. Ben F. grew to manhood on his father's farm, and received his education in the common schools of the state. He began his business career as a farmer, taking a lively interest in public affairs, being especially active in the interests, of the democratic party. In 1869 he was elected a magistrate of the county, which office he filled for sixteen years. In 1887 he was elected county judge of McLean county, filling that office so acceptably that he was chosen for a second term, thus serving the people for ten years in a position requiring the exercise of rare talent and ability. Owing to fusion arrangements in 1897 between the democratic party and populists, the candidacy for county judge on the fusion ticket was given to the populists, and Judge Landrum was left out. He retires to private life carrying with him the universal respect and approval of the people of his county. As a public servant he has at all times justified the trust reposed in him, ever

attentive to duty and mindful of his official obligations. Judge Landrum's father, Thomas Landrum, was sheriff of Ohio county when it comprised all the territory now occupied by Ohio, Daviess and McLean counties. When Daviess was organized he was elected sheriff of that county, and when McLean was formed he was elected sheriff of it—serving in that capacity altogether twenty-eight years. He died in 1887.



Judge W. A. Taylor

JUDGE W. A. TAYLOR—Mr. Taylor has not received his title because he has worn the judicial toga. Better than that, his fine judicial mind, his knowledge of the law and dignified bearing have served to point him out to his associates of the bar and to his fellow citizens generally as the possessor of every qualification that enters into the character of the able and upright occupant of the judicial bench. Hence his title. Mr. Taylor is a native of McLean county and is distinctively a type of the self-made man. His opportunities for education and social advancement were exceedingly limited, but with an earnest and determined purpose to qualify himself for a useful life, he applied himself to study, and with such success that he acquired a first-rate English education. While still a young man, his character and qualifications recommended him to the school authorities of his county, and he accepted the position of a teacher in the public schools. He continued teaching in the public schools for a period of ten years, applying himself meanwhile to the study of the law. In furtherance of his design to fit himself for the legal profession, he entered the law office of Judge J. C. Johnson, and after some time spent under his preceptorship was admitted to the bar of McLean county in 1883. Judge Taylor has throughout his career, displayed that capacity for usefulness among his fellow citizens that has continually kept him in their service. As teacher, as county surveyor, and lastly as a faithful and able lawyer, he merits and receives the universal approbation of the people of his native county. In 1897, without seeking it, he was nominated by the republican party of the county for the office of county judge, but in the election which followed was defeated by the fusion of the democrats and populists, who succeeded in electing their candidate. He received the full vote of his party, which was a flattering testimonial to his worth and popularity.

JOHN W. MOSELEY, now deceased,, late of Calhoun, Ky., was born in Daviess county, Ky. He was the eldest of four sons and five daughters born to William J. and Elizabeth H. (Atherton) Moseley, both of whom were born in Daviess county, Ky. John W. Moseley was reared on a farm until eleven years of age. His father then located at Livermore, on Green River, and engaged in wagon-making and in the hotel and grocery business. He received a fair English

education. The civil war coming on he enlisted in the army of the United States October 21st, 1861, in Company A, Twenty-sixth Kentucky Infantry, under Capt. John W. Belt. He was engaged in the battles of Shiloh, Perryville, Nashville, the siege of Corinth, 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 he was under General Buell, but later was in the Twenty-third Army Corps; was discharged August 1st, 1865. At the close of the war he returned to his home at Livermore, where he resided and was engaged as a salesman until 1875. He then removed to Evansville, Ind., where he was engaged in the wholesale house of Ragon Bros. as bill clerk until 1879. He then returned to Livermore, and with his brother, engaged in the mercantile business under the firm name of Moseley Bros. In 1881 the firm located with its business in Calhoun. In 1886, he, with others, organized the Bank of Calhoun and became its cashier and remained in that position until his death, April 17th, 1890. He was genial, accommodating, energetic and regarded as one of the best business men of the Green River country. Mr. Moseley was married December 18th, 1867, to Miss Georgiana Moore, of Spencer county, Ind., a daughter of John M. and Eliza A. Moore, of Hamilton county, Ohio. To this union were born seven children, Arthur Leslie, Eddie and Lillian, both deceased, Grace, Mattison R., John Milton and Georgia.



Dr. J. E. HAYNES, of Calhoun, Ky., was born February 5th, 1841, in Grayson county, Ky., and is a son of Henry and Lurana (Deweese) Haynes, who were born in Ohio and Grayson counties respectively. Dr. Haynes was reared on a farm until twelve years of age, when his parents moved to Cloverport and five years later to Litchfield, Ky. In 1862 the doctor moved to Whitesville, Ky., where he took charge of a school for six years. In 1867 with Rev. Bernard Sickel, he took charge of Hart's seminary, Owensboro, Ky.; he afterward went to Falls of Rough, in Grayson county, and took charge of a school; soon after this he was appointed school commissioner of the county. This position he resigned in 1870, and took charge of Cromwell seminary; in 1873 he removed to Hartford, Ky., and was there engaged as principal of the college for two years; thence to Dixon, where he taught until the fall of 1876, when he attended the Medical University of Louisville, and afterwards engaged in the practice of medicine at Dixon, Poole's Mills and Mt. Vernon, Ind. In 1884 he located at Calhoun and took charge of the college. He has taken a great interest in education. His English education was completed at Mt. Alba college. He has conducted institutes and normals since 1871. He is at present the superintendent of schools for McLean county, and it is said of him by those who are judges that he is one of the best

superintendents in the state. Dr. Haynes was married October 18th, 1860, to Miss Laura B. Robinson, of Grayson county, and to them have been born five children, Dr. W. L. Haynes, of Owensboro, KY.; Dr. Eugene E. Haynes, of Memphis, Tenn., Lelia, Mary and Kate D. Dr. Haynes and wife are both members of the Christian church.



Dr. J. E. Haynes
Superintendent Schools



Geo. F. Swint
Editor and proprietor of Calhoun Star

JOE H. MILLER, a leading attorney of Calhoun, was born on a farm in Ohio county, April 12th, 1860. He began his education in the common schools of Ohio and Daviess counties and completed his higher studies at West Kentucky College. After completing his course at college he began the study of law in the office of Judge Wm. B. Noe, of Calhoun, pursuing the same diligently for some time. He was admitted to the bar in 1887 and soon took rank as one of the foremost lawyers of the county. In 1886, he was elected superintendent of schools of McLean county, serving as such for the term of four years. In 1890 he was elected county attorney, which office he filled with credit to himself and satisfaction to the people. In 1888 Mr. Miller married Miss Lizzie Shutt, daughter of W. H. Shutt, one of the pioneer settlers of the county. He was succeeded in the office of county attorney by the present incumbent, Mr. Lee Gibson, and on retiring resumed his private practice, in which he is now engaged. Mr. Miller's talent and ability as a lawyer is well known and he is in the enjoyment of a most lucrative practice.



Joe H. Miller, Esq.



Lee Gibson, County Attorney

LEE GIBSON, one of McLean county's representative citizens, is a young man whose character and talent have already won for him distinguished consideration at the hands of his fellow-citizens. He is the present county attorney of McLean county, which office he has filled with singular fidelity since his election, in 1894. Such has been his faithfulness and ability in the discharge of the duties of the office, that the people of all parties acquiesced in his re-election in 1897. Mr. Gibson is a native of McLean county. He was born near Calhoun on March 6th, 1868. He received his primary education in the common schools of the county, afterward attending the colleges of Ogden at Bowling Green, in 1886-7, and Bethel, in 1888-9. He spent some time in teaching, but determined to adopt the law as a profession, and entered the law office of G. T. Carey, of Calhoun, where he applied himself to the study of his chosen profession. He was admitted to the bar in 1891, and took rank at once as a brilliant and capable lawyer. In 1895 he married Miss Mollie Haynes, an estimable young lady, also a native of McLean county, the daughter of Dr. J. E. Haynes, the present county superintendent of schools. Mr. Gibson is a member of the Masonic fraternity and also of the Knights of Honor and Sigma Nu society. In every relation of life he has fulfilled the duties of an upright Christian gentleman. Mr. Gibson has a bright career before him, and is an ornament to the Green River country, with which he is proud to feel himself identified.



W. D. Shutt, County Court Clerk

W. D. SHUTT—Among the many bright young men of McLean county, upon whose shoulders the future of the country rests, W. D. Shutt deserves notice. Although, scarcely thirty years of age, he has proven himself the possessor of those qualities which attract the esteem and confidence of his fellow-men. Pleasant in manner, yet decisive in purpose and action, nature has well fitted him for usefulness as a citizen. Mr. Shutt was born on a farm in McLean county November 11th, 1867, but was brought up and reared in Calhoun, to which place his family removed soon after his birth. His father, W. H. Shutt, was a prominent citizen of the county and carried on the business of farming, besides owning and operating the Calhoun roller flouring mill and saw mill. W. D. received his primary school training in the common schools of Calhoun. He entered Ogden College, Bowling Green, in 1887, where he remained two years, going thence to Bethel College, at which place he completed a scientific course in 1890, becoming a member while at the latter college of the Greek letter Sigma Nu fraternity. On the death of his father, which occurred July 26th, 1890, he took charge of the mills and superintended their operation until the fall of 1892, when he was chosen by the people of McLean county to the office of county court clerk, to fill the unexpired term of Geo. S. Priest, deceased. In November, 1894, he was again

elected to the office and was re-elected in November, 1897. Mr. Shutt is a member of the Baptist church and of the Masonic fraternity. He also belongs to Knights of Pythias and the Knights of Honor.



L. P. Tanner, Esq.

LAWRENCE P. TANNER—A leading lawyer and citizen of McLean county, was born on a farm near Livia, in said county on the 15th day of January, 1868. He received his early school training in the common schools of the county, and completed his education at the Southern Normal College, of Bowling Green. He studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1889. He located in Calhoun and soon rose to prominence in his profession., He married Miss Eunice Porter, an accomplished young lady and member of a prominent McLean county family in 1895. The following year he was brought out by his friends as a candidate for nomination by the democratic party for congress in his district, but failed of the nomination. He is still prominently spoken of for nomination at the next succeeding election for that office. He has taken an active interest in the politics of the county and has been prominent in the counsels of the democratic party since he came to manhood. In connection with the law practice he has been very zealous in promoting the sale and settlement of a large tract of land near Calhoun, which, before his management, was considered almost worthless, but which now is regarded as the best land in this section of the state.



Capt. Henry Ballentine

HENRY BALLENTINE, SR., is a prominent figure in the Green River country, by reason of his business activity, and the interest he takes in promoting the good of his section. Mr. Ballentine was born in the county of Tyrone, Ireland, in 1837, and came with his parents to America, in May, 1849, settling at Rumsey, on Green River. Here he engaged with his father in farming, in which business he has continued since, engaging, however, in many other enterprises that gave scope to his activity. He owned the steamer Gayoso at one time, and has been instrumental in forwarding many other enterprises that have tended to advance the interests of the country. At the close of the civil war Mr. Ballentine found himself like many others—without means and dependent upon his own labor for a new start in life. But undiscouraged by the prospect, he went manfully to work farming, and such has been his success that he is now the possessor of two thousand acres of farm lands, besides valuable real estate in the towns of Calhoun and Rumsey. Mr. Ballentine has been twice married. His first wife was Miss McGrew, of McLean county, who gave him four children, three girls and one boy. His second wife was Miss Josie Landrum, of the same county, who bore him one child, a son. Mr. Ballentine lives on his farm in the environs of the town of Rumsey, which has been his home since he became a citizen of the land which he loves. Here he enjoys the fruits of a well-spent life, and surrounded by friends and neighbors of long acquaintance, is gliding into the calmness of a serene old age.

MCLEAN COUNTY

Was organized in 1854 out of portions of Daviess, Muhlenburgh and Ohio counties. It was named in honor of Judge Alney McLean, then judge of the judicial circuit of which the new county became a part. The county has an area of about four hundred square miles, and a population of fifteen thousand people. Green River flows nearly centrally through the county from east to west. Ohio county lies along its eastern border and Muhlenburgh its southern. Daviess adjoins it on the north, and Webster and Henderson on the west. This county contains a greater proportion of level lands than any of the counties hitherto considered. The bottom lands of Green River here begin to expand, presenting larger areas of alluvial soil exceedingly productive. The second bottoms are of almost equal fertility, and the ridges and higher table-lands possess a good soil, yielding fair crops. Although one of the smallest counties on the river, McLean makes a very respectable showing along-side her sister counties in regard to her staple products. Among the nine counties considered in this work she stood fourth in the production of tobacco, in 1889. Her wheat crop exceeded that of Butler and Edmonson and nearly equaled that of Ohio. Her productions of corn, oats, hay and wool compare favorably with those of the larger counties. Improvements in farming methods, the draining of bottom lands and the opening of new farms has greatly increased the aggregate of agricultural products in the county, and it is estimated that for 1896 the percentage of gain is forty per cent over the figures of the census year. The grain and grass-producing quality of its soil renders the county peculiarly fit for the raising and breeding of stock, and the largest increase in production has been in the items of beef cattle and fat hogs. The county rests upon the coal measures of the Western District, which may be reached from almost any point of its surface. Less attention, however, has been given to the development of this interest than in the adjoining counties. There are only two mines reported in operation, both of which are located at Island on the O. & N. division of the L. & N. railroad. The entire output for 1896 is given at twenty-four thousand tons. This does not include the coal taken out in different parts of the county for domestic use.

McLean County Products.		Honey, “	18,341
		Tobacco, “	2,204,276
Farms, Number	1,181	Bees' Wax, “	485
Acreage, “	113	Eggs, Dozen,	159,079
Live Stock, value	\$404,990	Hay, Tons,	4,996
Value of products	\$162,835	Coal, “	35,177
Corn, Bushels	582,382	Coal, value	\$41,199
Wheat, “	45,111		
Oats, Bushels	43,810	Live Stock	
Irish Potatoes, “	15,189	Horses, Number	2,836
Sweet Potatoes, “	3,462	Mules, “	951
Peaches, “	6,031	Hogs, “	17,188
Apples, “	70,501	Sheep, “	3,523
Wool, Pounds	13,288	Chickens, “	81,569

LIVERMORE

An important manufacturing and trading point on Green River, is in McLean county, and is located in a section rich in coal and timber. It is situated on the right bank of Green River at the mouth of Rough River, eighty-eight miles from Evansville. The Owensboro and Nashville branch of the Louisville and Nashville railroad crosses the river at this point. The population is about six hundred and fifty. The trade of the town depends on a good farming country on both sides of Green River and extending along Rough River. The lumber interests of the place give employment to a large number of people and a number find employment in the tobacco stemmeries, of which there are two of considerable magnitude. There are three saw mills in constant operation, cutting an immense amount of hard wood lumber. The Gieseke Shingle Company operate a saw mill in connection with their shingle industry. Their principal business is however, the manufacture of poplar and chestnut shingles. They have an extensive trade for their product with Evansville, Louisville, Chicago, Buffalo and other large markets north and east. R. E. Hackett is the operator of a saw mill and spoke factory. His saw mill has a capacity of seven thousand feet of lumber daily. In connection with his saw mill Mr. Hackett operates machinery for the manufacture of hickory buggy spokes and oak rims in block for wagons. The proximity of these works to the hardwood forests of Green and Rough Rivers gives an advantage over similar establishments more remote, which is seen in their exceptional prosperity. A great portion of the product of the Hackett mills is transported by steamboat and barges owned by the proprietor, to Evansville and thence distributed by rail to markets in the north. There are three general stores, several groceries, two drug stores and several smaller shops, covering all lines of trade. Quigg Bros., dealers in general merchandise, transact a large business. They are an old established house and carry a large and varied stock of goods suited to the wants of the trade. They handle produce of all kinds and make Evansville their principal market, giving to Evansville merchants and manufacturers the preference when possible. They have a very commodious new brick store building, fitted with every convenience necessary to conduct a large business. Moseley Bros. are extensive dealers in general merchandise and enjoy a large and growing trade. Their double store building is well adapted to the needs of their business and the two brothers constituting the firm enjoy an enviable reputation as progressive men. They are connected with the Gieseke Shingle Co., in the operation of that extensive concern. E. B. Hackett is also a large dealer in general merchandise, operating an establishment of extensive

dimensions. The following are the principal other establishments of the town: W. S. Trunnell, W. E. Lashbrooke and R. O. Gore, groceries, G. S. Hicks and J. F. Smith, drugs. J. W. Goodman operates the only livery stable, and the Misses Moseley and Bell the only millinery and dress making establishment. The practicing physicians are: G. A. Hillsman, L. R. Bennett and W. P. Ellis. There is one Union church, occupied by Methodists, Presbyterians and others and one Baptist church. There are two school buildings. A free school is maintained for five months in the year. A private seminary is conducted by Prof. Newton.



Moseley Bros. Shingle Manufactory

H. O. SCHROETER is known throughout the Green River country as "The Artist of the Emerald Wave." He has a floating studio, with which he visits the towns and hamlets on the rivers, executing work in every branch of the art of photography. His commodious water craft is fitted up with rooms, embracing parlor, sitting room, dining room, bed rooms and kitchen, in addition to a working room and artist's studio. He has every appliance necessary to the business, and his work will compare favorably with that of the most distinguished professors of the art. His excellent wife accompanies him on his voyages, presiding over and rendering complete the "home" department of his establishment. Many of the views in this work are from the studio of Mr. Schroeter, to whom the publishers are under obligations for favors.



H. O. Schroeter, Photographer
Proprietor Floating Studio

ISLAND STATION, on the Owensboro and Nashville branch of the L. & N. railroad, is three miles inland from Livermore, on the opposite side of the river. There are three coal mines in operation here, viz.: The Field Coal Co., the McKinney & Stanley Coal Co. and the Reuben Karnes. These mines are all working No. 9 vein and give employment to one hundred miners. The product, except for local use, is marketed south.

SACRAMENTO

McLean county, nine miles south of Calhoun and nine miles north of South Carrollton, which is the nearest railroad point, is connected by long-distance telephone with the general system. The population is about six hundred. The town was laid off in 1854 by George Helm. It is surrounded by a rich farming country to which it is indebted for its commercial importance. The town is incorporated under the state law, and has a municipal government, represented by mayor, common council, police judge, city attorney, city clerk and treasurer. There are five churches—the Methodist, Presbyterian and Christian (white), also one Baptist and one Methodist (colored); all have resident pastors. There are two good school buildings, one white and one colored, in which free schools are maintained for five months in the year. In addition to the free schools, the Sacramento Academy is conducted by able teachers under a system of graded work during the interval between sessions of the free schools. The commercial interests of the town are represented by the following firms: Coffman Brazzel Company, Stroud Bros. & Ross, M. H. Gabbart, E. F. Short, dry goods and general merchandise; McIntire & Quisenberry, drugs and groceries; M. L. Board & Son, groceries and drugs; John Medley, groceries; J. T. Morehead, undertaker; T. C. Ellison, agricultural implements and machinery; J. N. Dossett, livery; Miss Mattie Bennett and Miss Minnie Eads, millinery. The industries of the town consist of one flouring mill, with a capacity of forty barrels, operated by D. W. Gish and J. G. Igleheart. They also operate a saw and planing mill. A. J. Frazier and E. C. Frazier, blacksmith and repair' shop; Ad Parker, blacksmith. The physicians are: Dr. B. H. Morehead, Dr. H. Mooman and Dr. C. Robison. The two tobacco factories are operated by Martin & Shanks and W. Martin. There are two hotels, the Bland, conducted by Mrs. Jane Bland, and the Ellison, conducted by Mrs. Sue Shacklett, and several private boarding houses. G. F. Dossett, live stock dealer. The Sacramento Deposit Bank is operated under a special charter—G. W. Martin, president, and F. P. Stumb, cashier. W. L. McIntire, jeweler and barber. Sacramento does a large business in river shipment, Evansville getting the principal part of its trade.



Lock and Dam 2, at Rumsey

RUMSEY is situated at Lock No. 2, on the left bank of Green River, in McLean county, eighty miles above Evansville. The population is about four hundred. It has a good free school and two churches. The country adjacent is well adapted to farming, the soil being the rich alluvial deposits of the Green River bottoms. The trade of Rumsey is in supplies for the farming population and in the produce of the farms. Coffman Bros., Hays & Vickers, W. S. Clark, Wilburn & Hancock, and M. J. Goodloe are dealers in general merchandise and produce. The industries of the place are a flouring mill, a saw mill and a woolen mill and carding machine.

ASHBYSBURGH is in Hopkins county. Gilmore & Luck, general merchants and Mrs. James Hoagland, millinery and notions. There is a Methodist church, a free school and a saw mill owned by Coffman & Hancock. V. L. Arnett, farmer, is a leading citizen.

WHITESBUROH, (Lemon P. O.) is in McLean county. This place is a trading point and landing sixty-six miles from Evansville. L. Ray, dealer in general merchandise, operates a store at this point.

WRIGHTSBURGH, McLean county, is situated sixty-five miles above Evansville. The country back of the landing is well settled and in good state of improvement. Two miles inland is the town of Beech Grove, which is quite a trading point. Geo. E. Cline is the proprietor of an extensive handle factory at Wrightsburgh. Beech Grove is a considerable village, having a population of some three hundred people. The merchants of Beech Grove are: M. G. Ashby, J. T. Smith, W. H. Hardin, Mattingly & Cline and S. R. Waltrip.

RAYS LANDING, McLean county, sixty-four miles above Evansville, also a landing for Congleton, a point one mile inland and the location of F. F. Coleman, dealer in general merchandise and country produce.



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