

July, 1892, and at New Orleans in February, 1893, in reference to the Nicaragua canal. At the latter place, he made a speech for Illinois before the convention. He was one of the commissioners to locate the Institute for the Feeble Minded at Quincy, Illinois (now at Lincoln), also the Asylum for the Incurable Criminal Insane at Chester. For ten successive years he served as Alderman of Salem.

From the above account it will be seen that Mr. Merritt has been one of the most prominent Democrats in Illinois, and he still occupies a foremost position among the leaders of that party. His work in behalf of the people of the state entitles him to a high place in their regard, and his name will be deservedly perpetuated in the annals of the state as a loyal, able and eminent man. From the press of the country he has received the highest of commendation for his unwearied services in the interests of the people as well as for his great ability.

The State Register said of him that, "The man who wields the keenest satire is Merritt, of Marion". The Mount Vernon Free Press paid him the following tribute: "He is always awake to the interests of southern Illinois, and no influence, let it come from what source it may, is ever able to swerve him from the path of duty to his constituents and the people generally". Another paper says of him: "Merritt is a wit, besides he is a good fellow and everybody likes him. He never rises but he commands the attention of the House. He is a Bourbon of Bourbons". In addition to his other

services, previously mentioned, he was a member of various committees of importance. To him belongs the honor of having nominated both William R. Morrison and John M. Palmer for United States Senator.

On the 3d of February, 1862, Mr. Merritt was married to Alice McKinney, a native of Jefferson county, Illinois, and a daughter of William McKinney, who was killed in battle in the Civil war. Four daughters and three sons have blessed this union, as follows: Addis D., Frank F., Clara, Harriet, Lottie, Edith and Harold. In religious belief Mrs. Merritt is a devoted member of the Episcopal church.

JOHN M. SCHULTZ.

No man in Marion county is more deserving of the success he has attained in business and political circles than John M. Schultz, not alone because of the splendid results he has achieved, but also because of the honorable, straightforward business policy he has ever followed.

John M. Schultz, Circuit Clerk, was born in Salem, Illinois, January 30, 1867. He is the son of Ephraim Schultz, a native of Kentucky, who came to Illinois when a young man, first settling in Alma township on a farm. He moved to Salem a short time before the Civil war, and continued to live in this place up to his death about 1895. He was successful farmer and business man and retained the

well-wishes of those who knew him. David Schultz was the subject's grandfather, a native of Germany. Mrs. Becky Frizzell, who is living in Foster township, an aunt of our subject, has reached the advanced age of ninety years. She is a sister to Ephraim Schultz. The subject's father was twice married, his second wife being the mother of the subject of this sketch. His first wife was a Miss Crawford, who was born in Baltimore, Maryland. Five children were born to his first wife, two of whom are living at this writing. The mother of the subject's father was Hannah Hull, who was born in Hull, England. The maiden name of the subject's mother was Kissie Marshall, a native of Tennessee, who came to Marion county in an early day. She was called to her rest twenty years ago, in 1888. Eight children were born to the father and mother of the subject, four of whom are living, namely: Mrs. Millie Siefman, of Centralia, Illinois; Mrs. Charles Martin, of Davenport, Iowa; Elizabeth Schultz, who is living in Salem; Joseph Schultz, deceased; Christian and Mary died in infancy. David and Samuel Schultz, of Salem, Illinois, who were both in the Twenty-first Illinois Volunteer Infantry, were sons of a former marriage, also John Schultz, who was killed when seventeen years old on the battlefield of Resaca, Georgia. He was in the One Hundred and Eleventh Illinois Volunteer Infantry. William Schultz, another son of the first marriage is deceased; also a daughter, Lydia, who married George Jennings, of Patoka, this county, and died several years ago. Hannah

Belle, another daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ephraim Schultz, and sister of our subject, who became the wife of L. G. Finch, was a teacher in the public schools of Salem for several years. She passed to her rest two years ago, in February, 1906.

Joseph Schultz, a brother of the subject's father, was captain in the One Hundred and Eleventh Illinois Volunteer Infantry. He was afterward Sheriff of Marion county, also postmaster of Salem and Revenue Collector. David Schultz, another brother of Ephraim Schultz, was wagon master in the One Hundred and Eleventh Illinois Volunteer Infantry.

John M. Schultz, our subject, spent his boyhood days in Salem, attending the local schools in which he made a splendid record, receiving a fairly good education.

Mr. Schultz was an industrious lad and soon cast about for the best way in which to direct his life work. He decided to be a mechanic. He is always a very busy man, for his work is satisfactorily done and his business has steadily grown, owing to the fair treatment he accords his customers. Fraternally he is a member of the Woodmen. He is a loyal Democrat, and was nominated and triumphantly elected Circuit Clerk in 1908, his election being regarded as a most fortunate one by his many friends. Mr. Schultz has remained unmarried. His sister, Elizabeth, keeps house for him. He is well known in Marion county, being interested in whatever has tended to promote the interests of the county in any way. He is accurate, persistent and painstaking in his business affairs.

H. N. WOODWARD.

The subject of this sketch is a man of courage, self-reliance and of the utmost integrity of purpose, as a result of which he has, during his entire life stood high in the estimation of his neighbors and friends and is therefore deserving of a place in this book.

H. N. Woodward was born in Des Moines county, Iowa, in 1855, the son of Abner M. and Silvia (Scogin) Woodward. His paternal grandfather was born in New Jersey. He moved to Ohio and devoted his life to farming. Like all his people, he was a Quaker in his religious affiliations. Grandmother Scogin was born in Kentucky, and lived to be eighty-two years old, rearing a large family of fifteen children. She was twice married. Grandfather Scogin was born in November in the memorable year in our country's history—1812.

The father of the subject of this sketch was born in Ohio and received his early education in the public schools there and after that he received an academic education. He left Ohio before he was twenty-one years of age and went with his mother to Iowa, and settled on a farm near Burlington, where he remained for some time. He later went South about the close of the war to the Polk plantation, for the purpose of managing negroes under the Freeman's Bureau, and from there he went to Mississippi, later spending two years in Tennessee, having spent one year in Mississippi in a very responsible position, which was filled to the

entire satisfaction of the Bureau. They gave him fine letters commending his course and the results of his work while there. He then bought a farm in Marion county, Illinois, in 1866, and farmed with much success for a period of thirteen years. He then formed a partnership with Colonel Morrison, in Odin, for carrying on a grain business which partnership continued for a period of eight years, when he bought out Colonel Morrison's interests and Mr. Woodward retained his interest until his death.

In 1886 the Odin Coal Company was put in operation, and Mr. Woodward financed the corporation. He was secretary and later treasurer of the same and always a director, having remained such until his death which occurred in 1890. He was a loyal Mason. The mother of the subject is living in 1908, at the age of eighty years. She is a fine old lady with many beautiful attributes. There are six children in this family, four of whom lived to maturity.

H. N. Woodward, our subject, first attended the public schools in Marion county, but thirsting for higher learning he entered the University of Illinois, where he made a splendid record for scholarship. After leaving college he decided to continue the work which he knew the most about—farming, and he followed this until he was twenty-seven years old. He went into the grain and hay business by purchasing Colonel Morrison's business. He was successful in this from the first, more so, in fact, than at farming; however, every year he devoted to farm work added to his competence, for he

was a careful and conservative manager. He has enlarged his latter line of business until he now carries on a general merchandising establishment. In 1902 the same was incorporated since which time Mr. Woodward has been president and is the largest stockholder, being the active manager, under whose able direction the business has increased to a satisfactory state and is rapidly growing.

After the death of his father, our subject was director and treasurer of the Odin Coal Company, which position he ably retained for a period of twelve years. He is at present connected with the Marion County Coal Company, of Junction City, a corporation. Mr. Woodward was a director in the same, but is not at present. In all his business dealings he has been regarded by every one as a man of unusual tact and shrewdness and ever fair and honest. Success seems to attend his efforts in whatever line he undertakes.

Mr. Woodward was united in marriage in 1883 with Agnes Ferguson, daughter of William and Eliza (Hildreth) Ferguson, natives of Ohio, where they lived on a farm. Five children have been born to the subject and wife, named in order of birth as follows: Grace, born in 1884, is living at home with her parents; Lucile, the second child, was born in 1886, is single and living at home; Nelson was born in 1888, and is deceased; having died in 1890; Edwin was born in 1893, and is attending high school in 1908; Agnes, who was born in 1897, is also a pupil in the Odin schools.

Mr. Woodward, in his fraternal relations, is a member of the Masonic fraternity and the Woodmen. In politics he is a Republican, taking considerable interest in the affairs of his party, especially in reference to the local officials. Both he and his wife are faithful members of the Methodist church. The former takes a great interest in educational matters. He is known as a man of industry and frugality. He has a beautiful home at Odin.

FRED W. SCHILT.

The subject of this sketch is one of the progressive agriculturists of Richland, whose fine farm ranks with the best in this locality, having been improved by Mr. Schilt to its present high state of excellency by years of patient toil and skillful management. His success has been won entirely along lines of old and time-tried maxims, "honesty is the best policy," and "there is no excellence without labor."

Fred W. Schilt was born in the township where he now resides, March 1, 1868, the son of Christian and Barbara (Schilt) Schilt, natives of Canton Bern, Switzerland, who came to the United States with their parents. John Schilt, the subject's paternal grandfather, also emigrated to the United States, bringing his wife and children in 1852, and settled in Claremont township, Richland county. He improved a good farm on which he lived until his

death. Christian was a young man when the family came to this country. He soon afterward bought a farm in Preston township which he improved and he married here. He had a brother in the Civil war. He remained on his farm in Preston township until his death, May 12, 1889, at the age of sixty-two years. His widow is still living on the old homestead. Of nine children born to them, six are living in 1908, our subject having been the seventh in order of birth.

Fred W. Schilt was reared on a farm in Preston township and received a common school education, having remained at home assisting with the work on the place until he was twenty-one years old. He then bought a farm of ninety acres in German township, where he soon located and where he lived and prospered for twelve years, during which time he bought forty-five acres more. In the fall of 1902 he became a candidate for County Treasurer on the Democratic ticket and was subsequently elected. This resulted in his removal to Olney, where he carried on the duties of this office in a manner that reflects much credit on his native ability and careful business methods. When his term of four years expired his successor found the affairs of this office in a most excellent shape. He had previously served in a praiseworthy manner as Supervisor for two terms of two years each, having been chairman of the County Board for one term. After retiring from the Treasurer's office he resided in Olney for one year, and in 1907 located on

his present fine farm of one hundred and twenty acres in Preston township, about four and one-half miles north of Olney, which he had recently bought. It is one of the best farms in the township, well fenced, well drained, and on it stand a commodious dwelling and convenient outbuildings, including a large barn, recently erected. General farming is carried on and much attention is given to stock raising, especially cattle and hogs, the latter of the Berkshire breed, of which Mr. Schilt always has some fine specimens to show. He has an orchard of sixteen acres of carefully selected trees, which bear a good quality of fruit.

Mr. Schilt was united in marriage August 25, 1889, to Anna Jorris, a native of Poland, Indiana, daughter of Peter and Alletta (Mermon) Jorris, natives of Germany, having been born near the Rhine river, who came to the United States when young, married here and settled in Wisconsin, later lived in Indiana and Illinois. Mrs. Schilt's father died in Poland, Indiana, October 25, 1891, and his wife died in 1898.

Mr. and Mrs. Schilt are the parents of four children, namely: Verna May, Christian Franklin Jorris; Esther Magdalena and Paul Frederick Foster.

The subject in his fraternal relations is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America at Dundas. He and his wife are members of the German Reformed church in Preston township, the former being a deacon in the same, having served several years as such. In manner Mr. Schilt is cordial. in disposition. genial: in tempera-

ment, kindly, and his many sterling traits have won for him the warm friendship of those with whom he has been brought into contact.

JOHN SEILER.

Switzerland is a small country, but no foreign nation has sent to the United States a larger number of law-abiding and industrious citizens in proportion to its size. They are almost without exception, progressive, honorable, thrifty and among our best citizens. The subject of this sketch, one of Preston township's substantial farmers, is a worthy representative of this type, having spent many years in Richland county, during which he has not only benefited himself, but also those with whom he has come in contact.

John Seiler was born in Bern, Switzerland, September 12, 1833, the son of William and Anna Seiler, also natives of Switzerland, where they were reared and where they married. They emigrated to the United States in 1851, crossing the Atlantic in an old sailing vessel, encountering a severe storm on the way which delayed them and they were seven weeks making the voyage. The lives of all on board were imperiled, the waves having washed over the vessel, and the baggage was thrown from one side to the other of the ship and members of the Seiler family narrowly escaped being injured by coming in contact with the baggage, etc. Many times the

passengers thought that it was impossible to save the ship, but it finally arrived at New Orleans on Christmas day, 1851. The Seilers soon afterward took a boat up the Mississippi and Wabash rivers to Vincennes, Indiana. The first week in January they secured a four horse team to carry their effects to Richland county, where William Seiler bought one hundred and twenty acres of land in Preston township, on which the family located. The trip from Vincennes was a very difficult one, the roads being poor and very muddy. The older members of the family walked to their destination. It cost one thousand dollars to bring the family to this country under the most trying conditions and poor conveniences in transportation. The land on which the Seilers located was prairie, a few acres of which had been broken, and on it stood a log house and stable. These improvements had been made by the predecessor of Mr. Seiler, the former having lived on it two years. The new comers at once began work on the place and improved it, building a comfortable home and making a good living. William Seiler did not live long after coming to the United States, having died on his farm at the age of fifty-seven years. His wife survived until she reached the age of seventy. They were the parents of seven children, all of whom grew to maturity, John being the fourth in order of birth. One son, Peter Seiler, served in the Civil war a short time before the close, and continued in the regular army for three years.

John Seiler, our subject, was reared in his native land, in which he remained until he was nineteen years old and there received a good common school education. He came to the United States with his parents and continued to reside on the homestead after his father's death for several years. In the meantime he began buying land, at first securing fifteen acres which is a part of the present farm. He later added to the same and built a good frame house on the place on which he located in 1861. Here he has continued to live ever since, having prospered from the first as a result of his good management. At one time he owned five hundred acres in Richland and Jasper counties, but in late years he has sold much of it to his children, now owning two hundred and sixty acres. His is one of the model farms of Richland county. He has been enabled to live well all these years and to give his children a good start in life. He is now living in retirement from the active working of his lands.

Mr. Seiler was united in marriage November 22, 1855, to Mary Zerbe, a native of Stark county, Ohio, the daughter of Amos and Susanna (Klingman) Zerbe, the former a native of Maine, and the latter of Lancaster county, Pennsylvania. Her father came to Ohio when a small boy and was reared in Stark county, where he was married and in 1848 he came to Richland county, settling in Preston township. He later returned to Ohio, but died in Preston township at the age of seventy years. His

widow survived for several years and died in Richland county when seventy-five years old.

Mr. and Mrs. John Seiler are the parents of twelve children, namely: John, who died at the age of seven years; Susan, Anna, Christian, Peter, Elizabeth, Mary, Rosetta, Henry Amos, Emma Louisa, William Charles, Ernest Wesley. They have been educated in the home schools.

In politics Mr. Seiler is a Republican, but has never taken a very active part in his party's affairs. He and his family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church in Preston township.

Since coming to this county Mr. Seiler has lived to see great changes, towns and villages have sprung up and fertile farms have been developed from the wild prairie and the wilderness, and marked progress has been made along educational, social and moral lines. What has been accomplished for the substantial benefit and material improvement of the county has been of much interest to our subject and the active cooperation which he has given to measures for the general good is worthy of notice in the reckoning of what has been accomplished here.

ANDREW SHANAFELT.

Among the well known citizens of Marion county who have finished their labors and gone to their reward, the name of An-

drew Shanafelt is deserving of especial notice. He was a pioneer himself and the son of a pioneer. He was one of the sterling yeomen, whose labors and self-sacrifice made possible the advanced state of civilization and enlightenment for which southern Illinois has long been noted.

Andrew Shanafelt was born August 5, 1821, in Licking county, Ohio, where his parents, Peter and Catherine (Cover) Shanafelt, settled in a very early day, making the journey from their native state of Pennsylvania by means of a sled and experiencing many hardships and suffering on the way. Peter Shanafelt purchased a tract of heavily timbered land which by dint of hard work he finally succeeded in clearing and reducing to cultivation and on which he died, shortly after becoming situated so as to live comfortably. His wife, who survived him a number of years and for some time prior to her death, which occurred in Marion county, Illinois, at the age of seventy-seven, made her home with her children. The family of Peter and Catherine Shanafelt consisted of nine children, seven sons and two daughters, the subject of this sketch being the youngest of the number. Both parents were of German extraction and representatives of old families which immigrated to the United States in an early day and settled in Pennsylvania, where numerous descendants still live.

Andrew Shanafelt was reared on the home farm in Ohio, early learned by practical experience, the true meaning of hard work and grew up strong and vigorous and

well able to cope with the difficulties and discouragements which life had in store for him. After remaining in his native county until 1847, he disposed of his holdings there and came to Marion county, Illinois, where for some time he labored as a farm hand, subsequently renting a farm near the village of Odin. On March 22, 1849, he was united in marriage with Katherine Johnson, of Licking county, Ohio, and two years following that event, purchased forty acres of land near Odin, on which he lived and prospered until the summer of 1856, when he sold the place and bought one hundred and twenty acres, which he made his home to the end of his days and on which his widow still resides.

Mr. Shanafelt labored long and diligently to reduce the latter place to cultivation and make it profitable, the land being about half timber and half prairie, on which no improvements of any kind had been previously attempted. He addressed himself resolutely to his task, however, and after working for a number of years and experiencing many hardships and privations, finally succeeded in developing a fine farm and placing himself in independent circumstances. Methodical in directing his labors and eminently progressive in his methods of cultivating the soil, he became widely known as a model farmer while in business matters his sound judgment and wise forethought enabled him to take advantage of unfavorable conditions and mould them to suit his purposes. As a citizen he ranked high and was ever public spirited in matters relating

to the material improvement of the county and the moral progress of those about him. Few men in the community were as much esteemed or showed themselves more worthy of the regard of the people of the community and throughout a long and eminently useful life he discharged his every duty as he would answer to his conscience and his God.

Mrs. Shanafelt, who is still living at the ripe old age of seventy-eight years, is a daughter of William and Rachel (McClelland) Johnson, the former a native of Maryland, the latter of Licking county, Ohio. She shared her husband's fortunes and vicissitudes, encouraged him by her wise counsel and judicious advice and being in every sense of the word a helpmeet, contributed not a little to the success which he achieved. Ten children were born to this couple, three of whom are deceased, viz: Elizabeth, William and Isaac; those surviving are Adam, a farmer of Salem township; Rachel, wife of T. M. Branch, of Salem township; Mary, who married John R. Branch, of Marion county; Susanna, now Mrs. Riley Farthing, of Salem; Martha J., wife of Frank Young, also of Salem; Samuel and David, prosperous farmers of the township of Salem.

In his political views, Mr. Shanafelt was a Democrat, but aside from serving as School Director and Supervisor, never aspired to public position. He was always interested in what made for the advancement of the county and the development of his resources, believed in enterprise in all the term implies and had great faith in the future of

Marion county and the progress of its people. He lived with the greatest good of his fellow men ever in view and reached the advanced age of eighty years, retaining to a marked degree, the possession of his physical and mental powers. On May 1st of the year 1901, he died very suddenly of heart failure, and it goes without the saying that his loss was deeply felt and profoundly regretted by the large circle of neighbors and friends with whom he had been so long associated. Since his death, his widow has resided on the family homestead and although nearly eighty years old, she feels few of the infirmities incident to advanced age, having remarkable action, and able to attend to all her household duties, besides manifesting a lively interest in the labors of the farm. She has spent her entire life within the geographical limits of Marion county and has yet to take her first ride behind a locomotive. Although circumscribed within a narrow area, she is quite intelligent and well informed and keeps in touch with the times on all matters of general and local interest.

William Johnson, father of Mrs. Shanafelt, was taken to Ohio when thirteen years old, and grew to manhood in Licking county. He was reared a farmer and in due time married Miss Rachel McClelland, who bore him four children before he disposed of his interests in Ohio and moved, in 1842, to Marion county, Illinois. He made the journey to his new home by wagon and after purchasing eighty acres of wild prairie land, addressed himself to the labor of improving

a farm and providing for those dependent upon him. His first dwelling was a hewed log building with a large fire-place for heating and cooking, such modern articles as stoves and carpets being unknown in the pioneer homes of those days and the good wife and mother was obliged to attend to her many duties with but few of the conveniences now found in the humblest of households.

Mr. Johnson and family lived after the manner of the typical pioneers of the early times and experienced not a few hardships and privations ere the farm was fully developed and capable of producing a comfortable livelihood. In the course of time, however, he added to his original purchase and became one of the enterprising and well-to-do farmers of his township, besides taking an influential part in the development of the community along other than material lines. He lived to see Marion county grow from a sparsely settled prairie to one of the most enterprising and progressive sections of Southern Illinois, and with strong arm and clear brain, contributed his share towards bringing about the many changes that are now apparent. He departed this life at the ripe old age of eighty-one, his wife dying several years later, when seventy-eight years old. A daughter, Mrs. Lavina Ross, lives on the family homestead at the present time and a son by the name of Isaac served in the late Civil war as a member of the One Hundred and Eleventh Illinois Infantry, Mrs. Shanafelt being one of the seven surviving members of the family.

FRANKLIN GILBERT BOGGS.

The subject was born November 30, 1854, on the old Boggs homestead in Raccoon township, Marion county, the son of James Clark Boggs, who was born in Jefferson county, this state, April 3, 1828, and reared, educated and married in Marion county. He married Margaret Hicklin, who was born February 23, 1834, in Lincoln county, Tennessee. James C. Boggs was the son of Spruce Boggs, who married Martha H. Kell, January 21, 1825. They were of North Carolina. They were members of the Reformed Presbyterian church, and gave the land on which to build the church, and were active in church work. He was born May 9, 1808. They came to Jefferson county, Illinois, in the early twenties and were the first settlers in Rome township, the north part. He got wild land here, and in those days the Indians were quite troublesome and ate most of his crop the first year. There was an abundance of wild game then. He was a hard working, rugged man, and won success despite obstacles, through his agricultural labors. He and his wife died on the place. They were the parents of fourteen children, seven of whom grew to maturity. They are all now deceased. Those who grew up were: Thomas, Clark, William, John, Sarah, Joseph and Hugh. The subject's grandfather, William Hicklin, was a native of South Carolina. He married Ann Sloan, of that state. They went to middle Tennessee where they remained for a number of years after their

marriage, and they went later to Randolph county, Illinois, and then to Marion county, settling in Raccoon township, where they secured wild land in section 27, having got eighty acres of government land, which they developed into a good farm, and on which they died. They were the parents of four children, John, Margaret, Betsy J. became the wife of T. B. Parkinson, of Raccoon township, this county; Florida A. lives in Raccoon township, the widow of Benjamin Cook. The subject's father received only a limited education. However, he was self-taught. When a young man he taught school. He was reared on his father's old homestead and lived at home until he was twenty-one years old, after which he was at different places for awhile. When he bought eighty acres of land in section 34, Raccoon township, on which he made his home until in April, 1862, when he enlisted in Company H, Eightieth Illinois Volunteer Infantry. He was in several engagements, among which was the great battle of Stone River. In fording the river there the troops had to wade the water up to their arm pits. The subject's father was very warm at the time, and the cold water caused him to take a severe cold, which resulted in his death on April 6, 1863. He was buried in the National cemetery at Murfreesboro, Tennessee. His wife remained on the place until her death, September 3, 1893. They were members of the Reformed Presbyterian church. Mr. Boggs was a Justice of the Peace and a Republican in politics. Mr. and Mrs. James

Clark Boggs were the parents of four children, namely: William, who died single at the age of nineteen; Franklin Gilbert, our subject; Mary A., the wife of E. R. Davis, who now lives on the old Boggs place in Raccoon township; Florida married Joseph C. Telford, a farmer in Raccoon township.

The subject of this sketch was educated in the home schools and lived at home until he reached the age of twenty-four years. He was united in marriage December 6, 1877, to Emma Norfleet, who was born in Tennessee, the daughter of Benjamin F. and Josephine (Hamlett) Norfleet, who now live in Raccoon township, and whose sketch appears in full in this work. Three sons have been born to the subject and wife, as follows: Vivian O., was born December 25, 1878. He is in the mercantile business in Mounds and Dongola, Illinois, making his home in the latter town. He married Anna May Eimer, of Bellville, Illinois, and they have one son, Leland. Vivian O. was a stenographer and teacher previous to going into the mercantile business. He attended school at Carbondale, Illinois, and took a business course at Centralia. He is a bright young business man. Victor, the subject's second child, was born September 30, 1880. He attended school at Carbondale, Illinois, and at the University of Valparaiso, Indiana, where he made a brilliant record for scholarship. He is a graduate in pharmacy. He is now in St. Louis, engaged in carpentry and building, also real estate. He buys lots and builds on them for investment pur-

poses. He married Iva Wyatt on September 24, 1908. Earl, the subject's youngest son, was born August 22, 1887. He is a farmer and carpenter at Fruti, Colorado, where he is doing well. He attended the Centralia schools.

After 1877 the subject located on his present farm in section 34, Raccoon township, where he purchased forty acres. It was a new place, but the subject was a hard worker and soon developed a fine farm, well improved in every respect, and his home is one of the finest in Raccoon township. He does most all his own carpenter work, being naturally a skilled workman. He also owns one hundred and thirty-one acres of well improved and very productive land in sections 27, 34 and 35, in this township. He has a very valuable orchard. He raises fine fruits of all varieties, and he used to raise a great many strawberries. No small part of Mr. Boggs' income is derived from his live stock. He always keeps a good grade, his Duroc and Jersey hogs being especially well bred. He has also been extensively engaged in the poultry business for the past seventeen years, raising mostly Barred Plymouth Rock chickens. He carries on a general farming, and his place shows thrift, good management and industry, being all in all one of the most desirable farms in the township.

Mr. Boggs is a stanch Republican and a faithful member of the United Presbyterian church. He is well read on modern topics, and he makes all his friends and acquaintances feel at home when they visit him.

JUDGE JOHN R. BONNEY.

To present the leading facts in the life of one of Clay county's busy men of affairs and throw light upon some of his more pronounced characteristics is the task in hand in placing before the reader the following biographical review of Judge John R. Bonney, who has, while yet in the prime of vigorous manhood, won a conspicuous place in the legal world of this locality, who, for many years has stood in the front rank in his profession in a county well known for its splendid array of legal talent. He long ago succeeded in impressing his strong personality upon the community in which he now lives, and where for a quarter of a century he has been a forceful factor in directing and controlling important movements looking to the development of Clay county, whose interests he has ever had at heart, and where he has labored for the general good while advancing his own interests, which he has done in such a manner as to win the hearty commendation of all who know him.

John R. Bonney was born on a farm in Monroe county, Illinois, April 27, 1848, the son of Philip C. Bonney, a native of Cumberland county, Maine, who came West in 1840, settling at Waterloo, Monroe county, Illinois. The subject's father was a member of Company A, Thirty-first Illinois Volunteer Infantry, which was commanded by Gen. John A. Logan. He was through all the Vicksburg campaign and participated in many battles. He died in Jackson

county, Illinois, in 1863, from the effects of exposure while in the service, having lived only three days after he returned home from the army.

Thomas Bonney, the subject's grandfather, was born in England. The mother of the judge was Mary Fisher in her maidenhood, whose people were from Tennessee. She lived to the advanced age of eighty-seven years, having died in Louisville, Illinois, May 12, 1908. The judge's parents were people of much sterling worth and reared their children in a wholesome home atmosphere which has had a marked effect upon their subsequent lives. The names of their eight children follow: Marshall and DeGrass both died in infancy; Lyman died in 1887; John R. was the fourth child in order of birth; Rowland died in 1875; William died in 1905; Samuel died when three years old; Olive is the wife of A. L. Barnett, Sheriff of Searcy county, Arkansas.

Judge Bonney received a good common school education, despite the fact that opportunities for being educated in the early days were limited, yet he was an ambitious youth and applied himself as best he could to whatever books that fell into his hands. His business and professional career briefly stated, is as follows:

He was one of the men of Illinois to offer his services in behalf of the Union during the Rebellion, having enlisted in 1865, and served until the close of the war. Returning home he began blacksmithing, at which he worked with success from 1866 to 1873. Being still desirous of gaining a higher ed-

ucation, he then entered Shurtliff College, Upper Alton, Illinois, in 1873, in which he remained for two years, making rapid progress, after which he began teaching in Clay county, having taught during 1876 and 1877, in a manner that won much favorable comment from all sources. He was Justice of the Peace and Township Treasurer of Hoosier township from 1881 until 1898. Having made rapid strides in the study of law, he was admitted to the bar in 1896, and in a short time had a good legal business. He was elected County Judge on November 8, 1898, and served with much credit and entire satisfaction to his constituents until his term expired December 1, 1902. Having given such splendid service in this office, he was re-elected in 1902 and served four more years, retiring in December, 1906. During these eight years many cases of great importance were handled by him with the usual dispatch and clearness in analysis, also fairness to all concerned. He will, no doubt, be remembered as one of the ablest jurists the county has ever had.

Judge Bonney was married November 7, 1869, to Samantha Erwin, the representative of a well known family. She was called to her rest November 26, 1888. Six children were born to this union, namely: Laura, the wife of J. H. Chandler, of Clay county; Etta is the wife of George W. McGlashon, of Louisville, Illinois; Lillian is the wife of E. G. Johnson, of Mill Shoals, Illinois, where he is agent for the Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern Railroad Company;

Roscoe lives at Monta Vista, Colorado, in the government service; Maude is employed by the Missouri Pacific Railroad Company in St. Louis; Jessie is living at home.

The Judge again married, on November 7, 1890, his second wife being Jennie Wolfe. One child has been born to this union, Harold, who is ten years old in 1908. Mrs. Bonney is a woman of many commendable traits.

Our subject is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, and is a Republican in politics, having long been active in his party's affairs. The keynote of his character are progress and patriotism, for, as already intimated throughout his career he has labored for the improvement of every line of business or public interest with which he has been associated.

JUDGE A. N. TOLLIVER.

It is with a great degree of satisfaction to the biographer when he averts to the life of one who has made a success in any vocation requiring definiteness of purpose and determined action. Such a life whether it be one of prosaic endeavor or radical accomplishment, abounds in valuable lesson and incentive to those who have become discouraged in the fight for recognition or to the youth whose future is undetermined. For a number of years the subject of this sketch has directed his efforts toward the goal of success in Clay county, and by patient continuance has won.

A. N. Tolliver, the well known County Judge of Clay county, Illinois, is a native of the same, having been born October 12, 1870, the son of John H. Tolliver, who was a native of Lawrence county, Indiana, and who came to Clay county, Illinois, when a young man. He has spent most of his life engaged in farming, but he has been in the drug business at Ingraham, this state, for many years. Isom Tolliver, the judge's grandfather, was also a native of Indiana, who came to Clay county, Illinois, being among the first settlers here. He died in 1874. The judge's mother was Margaret Sanchner, whose people were from Tennessee. She passed to her rest in November, 1905. Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. John H. Tolliver, as follows: A. N., the subject; Fred D., living in Hoosier township; Dora S., of Hoosier township; Mrs. Minnie O'Dell, living in the same community; Myrtle; Mrs. Cora Erwin, of Hoosier township; Claud, deceased.

A. N. Tolliver spent his boyhood days on the parental farm in Hoosier township, where he developed a sturdy manhood. He attended the country schools during the winter months, applying himself in a most assiduous manner and becoming well educated. Deciding to take up the teacher's profession, he had no trouble in finding an opportunity and for a period of ten years taught in an able manner, becoming known as one of the popular educators of the county, but believing that the law was his proper calling, he began the study of the same while teaching, and he was admitted

to the bar in Clay county in 1902, soon beginning practice. Successful from the first, he soon built up an excellent business, becoming active in political affairs, it was not long until the party leaders singled him out for public office. He was the choice of the Republican party for the nomination of County Judge, and he was triumphantly elected to this office in 1906, and is now serving in that capacity in a manner that stamps him as an able jurist, thoroughly versed in the law and fair and unbiased in his decisions. His term is for four years, and before it is half gone he has shown that his constituents made no mistake in selecting him for the place. He had held various minor township offices prior to his election to the judgeship, and his services were always characterized by a strict fidelity to duty. He was principal and superintendent of the Louisville schools from 1898 to 1901.

Judge Tolliver was united in marriage, June 15, 1892, with Elizabeth A. Bryan, daughter of Josiah Bryan, of Hoosier township, and to this union five children have been born as follows: Zola A., Flossie E., Lowell S., Elizabeth and Bryan. They are attending the local schools.

The judge devotes his entire time to the duties of his office and to the practice of his profession. His clients come from all over this locality and he handles some very important cases, always with satisfaction to his clients. In his fraternal relations, he belongs to the Masonic Order, the Knights of Pythias, the Woodmen and the Tribe of

Ben Hur. He has occupied the chairs in the Masonic fraternity, and is secretary of the Knights of Pythias. He is a member of the Baptist church.

Mrs. Tolliver was called to her rest December 10, 1905.

Judge Tolliver takes an abiding interest in the progress and improvement of the schools in Clay county and, in fact, all matters that pertain to the development of the community. He belongs to the class of substantial citizens whose lives do not show any meteoric effects, but who by their support of the moral, political and social status for the general good, promote the real welfare of their respective communities, and are therefore deserving of honorable mention on the pages of history.

EDGAR F. BRUBAKER.

The subject of this sketch, Edgar F. Brubaker, is a man who is an important factor in the farming and mercantile business in the county in which he lives. The son of one of the pioneer residents of Marion county, a man who held a record as a large farmer and merchant, and as a church worker and a prominent citizen, entitled him by birth to a place in the life of the community. He has, however, had the advantages of a present-day education, and his trained brain and industrious habits have brought him success in life.

Edgar F. Brubaker, a twin brother of

Edwin M. Brubaker, was born in Alma township, on October 6, 1859, and was the son of Eli Brubaker and Mary Warner, his wife. His father, who was born December 11, 1818, and who died July 10, 1907, was universally known and respected in the community. He was one of the pioneers of Marion county, where he made a name for himself. He helped to establish a Presbyterian church in Stevenson township, and was an active, conscientious, and untiring religious worker. For over forty years he held the position of superintendent of Sunday schools, after which he was elected honorary superintendent for the remainder of his life. He was noted and known throughout the county as a raiser and breeder of Durham cattle. His farm at one time comprised fourteen hundred acres of as good land as there was in the county. For many years he turned his attention to the mercantile business in an extensive way in Salem. He was a life-long Democrat and one of the most popular and important men in his section of the county. His family consisted of seven children. They were: Isaac B., who married Dolly Kagy, and has one child; Christian M., who married Woodson Cheely and has eight children; Anna B., who married Shannon Kagy, has five children; William A. married Marindy Van Gilder, and has five children; Edwin M., the twin brother of the subject of our sketch, married Catherine Byers and has two children; and Logan E. married Rachel Kagy and has two children.

Edgar F. Brubaker married Mariette

Kagy, on April 3, 1888. No children have been born to them. In his youth he was educated at the common schools, afterwards attending Lincoln University, where he took a scientific course. Like his father before him, he started extensively in the farming business and with much success until about eleven years ago, when he decided to go into the mercantile business in Brubaker. His venture along mercantile lines was an assured success, and his business has a turnover now of about twenty thousand dollars. In addition to his large mercantile interests, Edgar F. Brubaker still holds about four hundred acres of land and is a breeder of Polled-Angus cattle on an extensive scale, the Polled-Angus herd which he now has on his farm being of a remarkably good quality. In the past he has been quite a large raiser of sheep and has the reputation of being a shrewd and experienced agriculturalist.

In politics Edgar F. Brubaker is a Democrat. In the political life of his township he has been as active as his business interests could permit him to be. He has served a term as Road Supervisor, and twice as a Justice of the Peace. His reputation along agricultural lines gained him the distinction of serving on the Board of Agriculture at the State Fair at the time of its being held at Peoria, Illinois. In the social and religious life of the township and county, the names of Edgar F. and Mrs. Brubaker are well to the fore. Their names have rarely been absent from social and religious functions in the neighborhood. As

a citizen and a representative business man, the subject of our sketch is admired and respected. He has all the qualities which go to the making of the desirable and conscientious member of the community.

JOHN W. THOMASON.

Mr. Thomason is known as a man of high attainments and practical ability as a lawyer, and as one who has achieved success in his profession because he has worked for it persistently and in channels of honest endeavor. His prestige at the bar of Clay county stands in evidence of his ability and likewise serves as a voucher for intrinsic worth of character. He has used his intellect to the best purpose, has directed his energies along legitimate courses, and his career has been based upon the wise assumption that nothing save industry, perseverance, sturdy integrity and fidelity to duty will lead to success.

John W. Thomason was born in Blair township, Clay county, July 5, 1874, the son of William B. Thomason, who was a native of Indiana. He came to Bible Grove township when a boy, where he settled on a farm and continued to live in this county until his death, about 1878, when only about twenty-eight years old. Allan Thomason was the subject's grandfather, a native of North Carolina, who emigrated to Kentucky and then to Indiana, residing on a farm in Washington county. He was

a soldier in the Mexican war. The subject's mother was known in her maidenhood as Caroline Kellums, whose people were natives of Indiana, she having been born in Greene county, that state. She was called to her rest in 1900, when living at Iola, Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. William B. Thomason were the parents of three children, only two of whom are living at this writing, Walter L. Thomason living at Madison, Illinois, and John W.

Mr. Thomason spent his early life on the farm. His father was called to his reward when John W. was four years old, and the mother and son lived with the latter's maternal grandfather. The mother remarried when John W. was eight years old. His step-father was J. W. Fender, of Iola, Illinois, by which union six children were born.

Mr. Thomason attended the district schools until he was eighteen years old, when he entered Orchard City College, at Flora, from which he graduated in 1894, having made a splendid record for scholarship. He taught school one year before graduating and a few terms afterward, with much success attending his efforts. He then went to Mercer county, this state, where he engaged in the grain and stock business with an uncle, having been associated with him for four years, making a success of this line of work in every particular. But a business life was too prosaic for him and he decided to enter the profession of law, and accordingly began study at Aledo, Mercer county, this state. He

attended Kent College of Law one term, in Chicago, and was admitted to the bar in 1899, in Clay county, where he at once began practice and has continued ever since in a manner that has stamped him as one of the leading representatives of the bar in this part of the state. He first practiced alone.

In 1900 Mr. Thomason was elected State's Attorney on the Democratic ticket, for a term of four years, which office he filled with much credit and to the satisfaction of all concerned. He was a candidate for re-election, but was defeated by one vote only, the rest of the ticket being defeated by majorities ranging up to four hundred and seventy-three. This shows Mr. Thomason's great popularity in the county with his party. He then formed a partnership with H. R. Boyles, which continued until Mr. Boyles died in 1905. He practiced alone then until 1907, when he formed a partnership with H. D. McCollum, which now exists. The firm has a very large and complete library, which is kept well replenished with late decisions and the most standard works, in fact, it is one of the best in Clay county, and few firms do a more extensive business than this one.

Mr. Thomason was united in marriage March 28, 1900, to Margaret L. Downing, daughter of John Downing, of Joy, Mercer county, this state. She is the worthy representative of an influential family of that locality. To this union two winsome daughters have been born; Corrinne and Helen. Mr. Thomason has a farm in Blair township, and he is interested in the stock

business, always keeping some good breeds on hand. His farm is a valuable one and is kept well improved.

Our subject is chairman of the Democratic County Central Committee, and is very active in politics. He was appointed Master in Chancery in March, 1908, and is now ably serving in this capacity. In his fraternal relations he is a member of the Masonic Order, and at this writing Master of the Louisville Lodge No. 196. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias, being Chancellor Commander. He is also a member of the Woodmen and Ben Hur.

It stands to Mr. Thomason's credit that he has attained prosperity and definite success through his own efforts, since he started out in life with no further reinforcement than that implied in a stout heart, willing hands and a determination to succeed through honest and earnest effort.

JOSEPH C. PARKINSON.

No family in Marion county is better or more favorably known than the Parkinsons, who have been identified with the growth of this locality since the early pioneer days, and who have in every instance played well their parts in the county's history. The subject of the present sketch is a worthy representative of his ancestors.

Joseph C. Parkinson was born on the old Parkinson homestead in Raccoon township, February 27, 1869, the son of Brown and Mary J. (Leuty) Parkinson, the former a native of Tennessee, and the latter of Jef-

ferson county, Illinois. He married in Jefferson county and came to Marion county, locating in Raccoon township, where he secured one hundred acres of land in section 23, all wild land, but he was a hard worker and cleared it, making a good home. He devoted his life to farming, and was School Director, a Republican, and he also held several minor offices. He and his wife were members of the Reformed Presbyterian church. He died in October, 1883, and his wife died August 29, 1905. The father of the subject was not only well known but well liked. To the parents of the subject the following children were born: John, a farmer in Raccoon township, living on part of the old place; Luella married B. F. Mercer, of Raccoon township; William K. is a farmer in Raccoon township; Nettie is deceased; Charles A. is superintendent of the public schools at Glen Carbon, Illinois; Joseph C., our subject, is the youngest child.

Joseph C. Parkinson lived at home with his mother until he was twenty-two years old. He attended the neighborhood schools there and got a fairly good education. He was happily married February 5, 1891, to Flaura J. March, of Raccoon township, the daughter of John S. March (whose sketch appears in full in this volume). To the subject and wife seven children have been born as follows: Maude, Hattie, Harris, Roy, Helen, May and Merle.

After his marriage Mr. Parkinson located on a part of his father's farm and lived on the old homestead, making a success of his farming operations until the spring of 1901,

when he moved to the south line of the old homestead, where he has since resided. He owns fifty acres of the old place and twenty-six and one-half acres adjoining it, making his a very valuable and desirable farm, highly improved and one of the most productive in the township. The subject carries on a general farming business. He raises all kinds of grain, horses and cattle, good hogs; his cattle are Jersey and Durham, and his hogs are Poland-China and Duroc Red. His fine stock is known all over the county, and no small portion of his income is derived from this source. He has always been a farmer and is considered an excellent one by those who know him. He has a comfortable home and convenient out-buildings.

Mr. Parkinson has ably served his community as Township Clerk for two years and School Director for three years. He is a staunch Republican, and always takes an interest in the affairs of the county, doing what he can to promote his interests, whether politically, socially or materially. He and his wife are faithful members of the United Presbyterian church.

WILLIAM H. HUDELSON.

The history, biographical record or memoir of Clay county or of Southern Illinois, would be singularly incomplete without mention of William H. Hudelson, deceased. Therefore the following article has been

compiled from facts available and quotations from the utterances and writings of those who knew him intimately throughout his long career as a citizen of Clay county.

In every community there is to be found a man, or a few men, whose names are pre-eminently and unmistakably identified with the community's material growth and development, and who are always to be found associated with every movement that seems to promise an addition to that community's wealth, resources and enterprise, and to enhance the importance of its location and surroundings. Such men are seldom obtrusive, though always on the alert, and always to be found when called upon. The masses feel their presence, though it is not thrust upon them, and almost insensibly, but no less surely, do they leave their impress upon the character, institutions and developments of that community. Such a man was William H. Hudelson.

He was born on a farm three miles south of Princeton, Gibson county, a son of Samuel Hudelson, a pioneer of that community. He was not exactly a child of the wilderness, but wilderness features surrounded the rude cradle in which he was rocked. The trail of the wolf was yet to be seen in the snow and the alarm of the rattle-snake at the base of the hill. It was the period of the legendary cabin and fire-place, the old family Bible and alphabet, and the school-house with its floors of puncheon, its unhewn logs and roof of boards. It was the day of the hasty, primitive education, when the subjects taught were reading and writing, spelling and arithmetic, when grammar

was catalogued with the natural sciences, and geography among the classics. It was the time of day of the pious mother, who had her pleasant legends and fairy tales, with which she suppressed the rising sighs and kept open the leaden eye-lids of the little ones, as she plied her spinning-wheel and waited for the return of her husband from his labors, when perchance, driving snowstorm delayed him far into the hours of thickest night.

Amid such scenes our subject spent his boyhood and the revolving years on to his manhood, until, in April of 1852, he located in Louisville, Clay county, Illinois. With a limited financial capital, he established in the grocery and "general store" business with John McGriffin as a partner. This was some years before the advent of Railroads, and their stock of goods was brought by wagon from Evansville, Indiana. By industry and fair dealing the firm was successful and endured for a period of five years, when in 1857, Mr. Hudelson exchanged his interest for the farm of Harrison Rayburn. Here from dawn far into the night he labored and toiled. His tremendous industry, his splendid physical strength and endurance made him known throughout the countryside and many are the tales related of his wonderful powers. In 1866 he sold his then titled farm and he again became a resident of Louisville village. At about this time the building of the court-house was agitated, and bonds providing for same were issued by the county. Clay county was even then much in the "back woods" and the financial

men of the East to whom the then young West looked for its cast supply, did not take kindly to the court-house bond issue. In consequence they were not greatly sought and were offered at a most liberal discount. With a far-seeing wisdom and an abiding faith in the community and its citizens, Mr. Hudelson invested his capital and savings in these bonds and the subsequent years fully warranted his faith and trust in the county's future. His first venture in the whirlpool of finance proving successful, he for some years, devoted himself to investments and private banking. In about 1870, with Henry Watson as a partner, a savings bank was established, known as the Bank of Louisville, and this he conducted until in about 1879, the business was closed, after which he continued as a private banker and an investor in lands and real estate. At one time his land holdings were estimated at between thirty-five hundred and four thousand acres, and his wealth, a portion of which he inherited from deceased relatives, was said to have been about two hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

He was one of the organizers of the Farmers' and Merchants' Bank of Louisville, in 1892, and served as its president for a number of years. Some years previous to his death he launched a series of philanthropical movements, which it was his aim should result in advancing the cause of Christianity, education and the betterment of mankind. He gave lavishly of his wealth to Ewing College, of Ewing, Illinois, and erected a handsome building and grounds in Clay county, known as Hudel-

son Academy, which flourished during his life largely through his contributions for its maintenance.

He was a Democrat in his political faith though in no respect a politician. He held the office of Justice of the Peace for some time and in 1868, he was a candidate against Hon. L. S. Hopkins for County Judge, which contest resulted in a vote whereupon Mr. Hudelson magnanimously relinquished his claim and Mr. Hopkins was seated. He was of deeply religious temperament, and joined the Baptist church at Louisville in 1868, continuing his membership there for many years, though a few years before his death he withdrew from that congregation and became a member of the Wabash Baptist church. He contributed much to the church and was largely responsible for the erection of the church edifice at Louisville, a building which would do credit to a much larger city.

Mr. Hudelson was twice married, his first wife being Frances C. McCawley, of near Clay City. They were married October 26, 1854, and her death occurred August 12, 1856. One child, Cornelius, who died in infancy, was born to them. On October 12, 1858, he married Mrs. Pennina Bentley (nee Bundy), who died May 13, 1903. Mr. Hudelson died March 9, 1905.

"Uncle Bill" and "Aunt Piney" Hudelson will live long in the memories of the citizens of Clay and adjoining counties, where one or both of them were known almost universally. "Aunt Piney" was an affectionately comforting and devoted woman, deeply attached to her husband,

and wholly consecrated to his well being. His circle of home was cheerful, tranquil, and in that charmed spot he ever seemed as happy as a child, and when after forty-five years she was taken from him, he felt an irreparable loss, for his devotion to her was the echo of hers for him.

"Uncle Bill" and "Aunt Piney" found great pleasure in the association of friends and deeply enjoyed their society. To those in whom the former had confidence and with whom he became most intimate; to those who merited and won his friendship, he was indeed a friend, tried, trusted and true. In his dealings with his fellow men he was honorable, fair, punctual, his word as good as his bond. If he was your debtor he would repay to the last farthing and he exacted the same treatment, the same sterling integrity from those who were in his debt. He possessed a genius for execution and management and of that quality of personality which accompanied by deed determination is bound to rise no matter what the environment or circumstances.

E. P. GARNER.

The subject of this sketch has well earned the honor to be addressed as one of the progressive, public-spirited men of Marion county. His early labors were devoted to railroad work, but the latter years up to the time of this writing, 1908, were spent in the management of a grocery store in Salem, where he held high rank as a merchant and successful business man.

E. P. Garner was born in Salem, Illinois, March 4, 1856, the son of Albert Garner, a native of Tennessee, who came to Illinois when a young man, settling in Salem. He drove a stage coach on the old Mayesville and St. Louis lines; in latter years he was a stock trader and butcher. He died in Salem after an active and useful life replete with success and honor. The mother of the subject was known in her maidenhood as Letitia Pace, who was born in Mt. Vernon, Illinois. She is a woman of beautiful Christian character and admirable traits and is living in Salem in 1908, at the age of seventy-five years. The parents of the subject had a family of seven children, four of whom are deceased at this writing. They are: Florence, deceased; Ann, deceased; Albert, deceased; E. P., our subject; Blanche, deceased; Maggie, the wife of J. H. Vawter, of Salem; Frankie, who is living in Salem.

Mr. Garner was reared in Salem, having attended the common schools until he was fifteen years old. His first position was as a brakeman on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, on a passenger train, having followed this from the time he was nineteen until he was twenty-four years old. He then fired a locomotive on the same road for one year, between East St. Louis and Vincennes. After this he went to work for the Wabash Railroad at East St. Louis as a car accountant, having followed this up to 1906, on which date he abandoned railroading and went into the grocery and meat business in Salem, which business he has handled with success, building up an excellent trade.

Our subject was happily married March 8, 1883, to Janie Jackson, a daughter of John W. Jackson, of Frankfort, Kentucky, who is a brother of the late Capt. James S. Jackson, of Salem. This family has always been influential. Three interesting children have been born to the subject and wife, as follows: Garrie J., whose date of birth occurred March 17, 1884, in Salem; Sherrill P., who was born February 25, 1889, in East St. Louis; Ralph E., born December 23, 1898, in Salem, is in the public schools at Salem. These children have received every care and attention at the hands of their parents and they all give promise of successful futures.

Our subject is a charter member of the Modern Americans, and in his religious affiliations he subscribes to the Christian church. Mrs. Garner and the three boys are also members of this church.

Mr. Garner was on the Executive Committee of Salem township in 1880, with W. J. Bryan at the organization of the Hancock and English club. This was Mr. Bryan's first political act, he being only twenty years old at that time. Mr. Bryan was chairman of the committee on permanent organization.

EDWIN HEDRICK.

The student interested in the history of Richland county does not have to carry his investigations far into its annals before learning that Edwin Hedrick has long been

a leading representative of its agricultural interests, and that his labors have proven a potent force. More than half a century has passed away since he came to the county. There was much difficult work before the early settlers, like the Hedricks, in clearing the land for improvement and for many decades Edwin has successfully carried on the various lines of farming, and while he has prospered in this he has also found ample opportunity to assist in the development of the county.

Edwin Hedrick, whose farm lies in Decker township, Richland county, was born in Ohio county, Kentucky, January 23, 1830, the son of Samuel and Sarah (Lucas) Hedrick, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of South Carolina. Grandfather Philip Hedrick was born in Germany, where he was reared and where he married. He came to the United States and settled in Clark county, Ohio, where he entered a great deal of land, and became very wealthy. He reared a large family of fifteen children and carried on a big dairy. He made large quantities of cheese which he hauled to Cincinnati by the wagon load every two weeks. He continued to buy government land, and acquired many sections, dividing it among his children, giving each a large farm. He was a German to the core, and did not acquire much English education. His cousin was Colonel Hedrick in the Revolutionary war. After the war the colonel returned to Germany, where he had invested money and became a millionaire. He never married and his

fortune finally went to the German government. Philip, the father of the subject, acquired a farm from his father and considerable money from the estate. He sold out in Ohio, and went to Kentucky, where he married and engaged in farming for several years. He then sold out and in 1841 came to Richland county, Illinois, settling in Decker township, where he entered about one thousand acres of land, paying one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre. It was a wild, unsettled country at that time, and later he went to Palestine to enter land. There were no roads at that time, and there was plenty of wild game of all kinds, turkeys, deer, by the hundreds. He lived only five years after coming here, having died in 1846, at the age of fifty-three years. He had been a minister in the Cumberland Presbyterian church for several years. His wife survived him twenty-five years, and she married a second time, her last husband having been a Mr. Harrison. She was seventy-six years old when she died on the old homestead in Decker township. She became the mother of eight children by her first husband, of which number our subject was the third in order of birth. Three of them are living at this writing; a younger brother, Mason Hedrick, was a major in the Union Army during the Civil war, in the Twelfth Kentucky Cavalry, having enlisted from Davis county, that state, and served until the close of the war. He is now living at Odin, Illinois.

Edwin Hedrick was eleven years old when he came to Richland county. Reared on a farm he received what education he

could in the public rural schools, which was somewhat limited, school having been taught in the primitive log cabin, with rude furnishings. He attended only a few months during the winter. However, after the death of his father he went to Kentucky, and lived for several years, where he secured a good education and taught school in that state in an acceptable manner for a period of eight years. He was a fine penman and taught penmanship during vacations. In 1857 he returned to Richland county and settled on the old homestead, having bought the interest of the other heirs and he has since lived here. But few improvements had been made on the place. About that time he got married and began housekeeping in a small log cabin. There were but few roads through the country, and he endured all the privations and hardships of frontier life. Forty acres having been left him by his father, he bought forty acres more from his mother, going in debt for the same. He prospered from the first and bought more land, which he improved, and is now the owner of six hundred acres, comprising one of Richland county's model farms, besides having given six hundred acres to his children. For forty years he was widely known as an able farmer, trader and stockman, dealing in live stock on an extensive scale. He was a large dealer in mules for many years, and usually had from one hundred and fifty to two hundred head of cattle every year for many years. He has been unusually successful in whatever he has undertaken.

Mr. Hedrick was united in marriage

June 23, 1857, to Mary A. Adamson, a native of Union county, Kentucky, the daughter of Aaron and Martha Jennings (Thompson) Adamson, the former a native of Kentucky, and the latter of Tennessee. She moved to Edwards county, Illinois, with her parents, when young. Her father died in Kentucky when about forty years old. The subject's wife's mother died in Wayne county, Illinois, when she had attained the advanced age of eighty-four years. Grandfather Thompson served in the War of 1812. He was a native of Louisiana, and came to Edwards county, Illinois, among the early pioneers and located here.

Eight children were born to the subject and wife, seven of whom grew to maturity. They are Elvira; Francis Marion; Samuel Aaron, Eva McClelland, Mara Martha, Mary Elizabeth, Edwin, a prominent lawyer in Chicago. All these children are living except Eva McClelland, who died when thirty-six years old. These children have received good educations.

In politics Mr. Hedrick is a Democrat, and has always been very active, being one of the local "wheel-horses" for many years in local affairs, and was for quite a long time very influential in his township, but since he has reached old age he does not take much part in political matters. He has never aspired to positions of public trust, preferring to give all his attention to his business and in rearing and educating his children.

In June, 1907, Mr. and Mrs. Hedrick

celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on the homestead. There were sixty-five relatives present. Both our subject and his wife received beautiful gold watches in remembrance of the occasion, which they prize very highly. Mr. Hedrick has been a faithful member of the Presbyterian church for sixty-five years, and he was an elder of the same for many years. Mrs. Hedrick has also been a member of that church for many years.

Our subject deserves the great credit which he is given for his success, for not a dishonest dollar ever passed through his hands, and his lands, money and stock aggregate from forty to fifty thousand dollars, all the result of his own efforts, for he started in life with only forty acres of wild land.

W. R. WOODARD.

The subject is now practically living retired in Salem, Illinois. Through his long connection with agricultural interests he not only carefully conducted his farm, but so managed its affairs that he acquired thereby a position among the substantial residents of the community. Moreover he is entitled to representation in this volume because he is one of the native sons of Marion county, and his mind bears the impress of its early historical annals, and from the pioneer days down to the present, he has been an interested witness of its development.

W. R. Woodard was born in Marion county, about five miles northwest of Salem, August 8, 1844, the son of Charles Woodard, a native of Ohio, who came to Illinois in 1840, settling on the farm where our subject was born, and he continued to live there until 1904, developing an excellent farm and reaping rich rewards for his toil from year to year, for he was a thrifty man of the best type of agriculturist. In 1904 he moved to Salem where he spent his old age, surrounded with the comforts of life, which his manhood years, in the youth and "noon" of life had accumulated, having passed to his rest in Salem, February 10, 1907, more than eighty-seven years old. He was at one time postmaster at Tonti.

He worked in a carding mill in Salem for some time, and had the weave made up into clothes. The paternal grandfather of the subject was Joshua Woodard, who was a native of Pennsylvania and who migrated to Ohio and then to Illinois with his son, the father of our subject. He made a success of whatever he undertook, being a man of sterling qualities, like most of the pioneers of the country of those early days. He finally went back to Ohio where he died.

The mother of our subject was Ann Allmon in her maidenhood, the representative of a fine old family in Tennessee. Her people finally moved to Marion county, Illinois, where she passed to her rest in 1884. Four children were born to the subject's parents, W. R., our subject; A. J., who lives on a farm near the old home place; Elizabeth

Ann, widow of J. H. Scott, living near Tonti; Ann, who died in infancy.

Our subject was reared on his father's farm and attended the country schools in that neighborhood, having applied himself in such a manner as to gain a fairly good education for those primitive school days. He lived on the old farm where he made a decided success at agricultural pursuits until he moved to Salem in 1904. He erected a house on the old homestead for himself, where he spent his years of labor in comfort and plenty. Mr. Woodard was united in marriage in 1871 to Mrs. Martha N. (Deeds) Nichols, whose parents came to this state from Virginia when she was one year old. She was always known as a woman of many fine personal traits. Four children were born to the subject and wife, all deceased, three having died in infancy, and the fourth after reaching maturity. Our subject always took considerable interest in public affairs and he was appointed postmaster of Tonti after his father gave it up. He has also been honored with township offices in Tonti township.

Mr. Woodard is a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal church of Salem, and his wife is also a consistent member of this church, both ranking high in the congregation of the same. Our subject has spent his long and useful life in Marion county, and it is interesting to hear him tell of the early days when Salem was a small hamlet with but a few houses and much wild game was in the great forests and on

the uncultivated prairies roundabout. He has been a man of good business judgment and a hard worker, consequently he has made a success of his life work which has always been carried on in an honest manner. He owns a good residence in Salem, where he is regarded as a good law abiding citizen, and where he has many personal friends.

JOSEPH GOSS.

We rarely find two persons in every-day life who attribute their success in their different spheres to similar qualities. Hard work and plodding industry paved the way for one, good judgment and a keen sense of values for another, intuition and a well balanced mind for the third. An admixture of some of the qualities above named, emphasized by hard work and plodding industry, has been responsible for the success of the subject of the present sketch in his battle for the spoils of victory.

Joseph Goss of German township, Richland county, is a familiar figure in the life of his township and county. He was born on the 3d of October, 1833, in Stark county, Ohio, the son of Jacob and Margaret (Bolinger) Goss, both natives of Stark county, Ohio. His grandparents on the father's side, came from Germany. They married in New Jersey, and after having spent a short time in Pennsylvania, moved to Stark county, Ohio, where the father of our subject was born, and where they lived

until the death of the elder Mrs. Goss. At that time Grandfather Goss came to Illinois, where he died at the age of ninety-five, being buried in Goss cemetery in German township. The father of Joseph Goss remained with his parents until his marriage to Margaret Bolinger in Stark county, where he removed to a farm of his own on which he remained until he came to Illinois in the year 1840. The journey to Illinois was made overland, bringing with him his family of eight children, one of whom was Joseph, then only seven years of age. In German township they entered one hundred and twenty acres of government land, paying one dollar and twenty-five cents an acre for it. It was all timber land and totally unimproved. They set about clearing it, cut down trees and hewed out logs with which a rough log house was built. It was a small family dwelling, eighteen feet by twenty in area, and having four windows and two doors. A log stable was also built. As fast as Jacob could clear the land he planted wheat and corn and from time to time added adjoining land, and owning at the time of his death about two hundred acres. His death took place on the farm, his wife having preceded him to the unknown, in the year 1861, he himself dying in the year 1873, on April 28th, at the age of seventy-five years. Both are buried near the family home in German township. Ten children were born during their married life, of which Joseph was the fourth in order of birth.

Joseph Goss remained with his parents,

helping them in their arduous tasks until his twenty-seventh year, at which time he married Julia Gerber, on May 14, 1860, their marriage taking place in Richland county. His wife was born in Pennsylvania in the year 1831, and was the daughter of Philip and Mrs. Gerber. Her family came to Richland county from Pennsylvania, in the year 1845, where they remained until their deaths. Julia Gerber remained with her parents until her marriage in 1860.

At the time of his marriage, Joseph Goss bought some timber land, ninety acres in Claremont township, and for many years he put in much hard work clearing, fencing and improving it. He built a frame house for himself and his wife. The outbreak of the Civil war occurred just then, and in the warmth of his patriotism, he volunteered for service. His services were refused, however, on account of one of his hands being somewhat crippled, but his family was well represented on the field of battle, having had two brothers and two nephews in active service, his nephews both being killed—one at the battle of Fort Donelson. His brothers luckily escaped, neither being injured nor taken prisoner. About the year 1869, Joseph Goss sold his property in Claremont township, and bought one hundred and twenty acres in German township, the place on which he now lives. Since coming into possession he has added more land and now owns one hundred and forty acres of well improved land. His

wife died in January, 1875, aged forty-four years, and is buried in Goss cemetery. Four children were born to them, all are living, and in order of their birth they are: John Mathias, Jacob, Daniel and Emma; all are married. John M. lives at home with his father; Jacob and Daniel both own farms and live in Jasper county, Illinois; Emma is the wife of Ernest Kennedy, a farmer, and lives in Lawrence county.

Joseph Goss remarried in July, 1888. This time he took for a wife Salome (Seiler) Gerber, the widow of Edwin Gerber, who was a brother of his first wife. The second Mrs. Goss was born in Stark county, Ohio, September 3, 1837.

Joseph Goss did not receive a very extended education—two or three terms was his limit, for farm work was urgent in his young days, and the school was five miles away, so he had to bow to circumstances. In politics he is a Democrat and he has made his influence felt in his locality, having been in his younger days very active. He served for several years as a School Director in district No. 4.

He and his wife and family are frequent in their attendance at St. James Lutheran church in Claremont township, all being influential and active members of that persuasion. His first wife was also active in the same church.

Joseph Goss's honesty and genial good fellowship have given him a recognized position in the community and his life in the declining period is peaceful and sunny.

GEORGE WOLGAMOTT.

George Wolgamott was born January 22, 1826, in Cambridge, Guernsey county, Ohio, the son of David and Sophia (Sheeley) Wolgamott, both natives of Maryland, in which state David Wolgamott remained until his marriage at which time he removed to Ohio, coming overland with his wife, and encountering the usual quota of hardships which traveling in those days entailed. He entered three hundred acres from the government, paying one dollar and twenty-five cents an acre, in Guernsey county. It was all timber land with no improvements of any kind, but he immediately erected a home for his family in which he and his wife remained until their deaths. David Wolgamott died about 1878, having passed his ninetieth milestone. His widow survived ten years, dying in 1888, having also reached her ninetieth year. Both are buried in the Liberty cemetery in Guernsey county, Ohio. David Wolgamott served about one and a half years in the Civil war in an Ohio regiment, mostly as one of the home guards in the vicinity of Columbus, Ohio. He was the father of a family of ten children, eight of whom grew to maturity, two dying in early life. Joe Wolgamott, one of his eldest sons, went through the Mexican war under command of General Taylor.

George Wolgamott remained at home until his fourteenth year when he ran away from home and volunteered for the Mexican war. On account of his youth he

could not be taken as a soldier and served as a hostler. Later, when he became older, he got into the regular service. The first battle he took part in was that of Buena Vista, in which he received a wound in the leg, which was the only wound he received throughout the campaign, but it did not hinder him from service, and he remained with his regiment until the close of the war. He then returned to his parents in Guernsey county, Ohio, and resumed work on the farm. At the age of twenty-one, he came to Illinois and entered eighty acres of prairie land in German township, Richland county, in the fall of 1847, and he came in company with Billy K. Johnson, a banker of Coshocton county, Ohio, who also entered a great deal of land surrounding our subject's eighty acres. He then went back to Ohio in the spring of 1848, and once more farmed with his father. In 1850 his marriage with Nancy Jane Rogers took place. They left Ohio in 1852 and came overland to Illinois and settled on the land which he had already entered. On their arrival he built a log cabin, broke prairie and raised corn and wheat, and otherwise improved the land. At the outbreak of the Civil war he enlisted at Olney in the winter of 1860. He had had small-pox when a boy and therefore was placed in the Union hospital in Springfield, Illinois, where he served as an attendant. This occupation proved too irksome for him and he ran away to New Orleans, rejoining his regiment, the Sixty-third Illinois, Company A, two years later. The company

was commanded by Captain McClure. George Wolgamott in active service then went through many of the principal engagements of the war. He marched with Sherman to the sea and took part in the battles of the Wilderness, Buzzard's Roost, Lookout Mountain, Big Shanty, Atlanta, Missionary Ridge and many others. At the close of the war he was mustered out at Springfield, Illinois. He was with his regiment at Raleigh, North Carolina, when the war ended, marched to Washington, D. C., and came to Parkersburg in open stock cars, then taking boat to Louisville, Kentucky, and thence to Springfield, Illinois. His wife had returned to Ohio during the war to which place he went to bring her back to Illinois. On their return home his wife soon died. Two children were born of this marriage; they were named Lemon and Emma; the former lives in Iowa, and the latter at Lewiston, Illinois; she is the wife of Anderson Whites. The subject of our sketch then married Eliza Thompson in 1868; she died about four years later. Three children were born to this union; one, Savannah, married William Campbell, and lives in German township. The other two children died in childhood. George Wolgamott married shortly after, taking for his third wife Jane Foster. On November 30, 1879, he again ventured into matrimony, marrying Nancy (Fisher) Carr, the widow of David Carr, a soldier of the Civil war, who died in 1874, and is buried in Bridgeport cemetery, Guernsey county, Ohio, his death occurring at the

age of forty-six. To them were born three children, namely: Sylvester (deceased); Lillis and Ida. Lillis married Heldon Travis and lives in Topeka, Kansas; Ida is the wife of Edward Stradge, and resides in Curtis, Frontier county, Nebraska. Nancy (Fisher) Carr was born in 1838, February 27th, of that year, in Troy, New York. She lived in Troy with her parents until about three years of age, when they moved to Schenectady county, New York. Here she lived until her fourteenth year, when her parents moved to Ohio and settled in Tuscarawas county, later moving to Guernsey county. Her parents came to Richland county, Illinois, prior to the date of her marriage to our subject. Both her parents died in Richland county, her father dying in 1879; her mother survived him for many years, dying at the age of eighty-eight years about the year 1906. Her parents are interred in the Wagner cemetery, German township.

George Wolgamott in his early years attended the subscription schools in Ohio. His present wife was also educated in the subscription schools in New York state, but she left school at the age of fourteen.

Mr. Wolgamott has always voted the Republican ticket, taking an active part in local politics. He was a school director for about sixteen years in his home district. He has also been for many terms road overseer in German township. He is a member of the local camp of the Grand Army of the Republic Post No. 745, in Chancey, Lawrence county, Illinois. He was elected

post commander several times. Both he and his wife attend the Christian church, though neither are members of any particular church.

JOHN P. WILLIAMS.

The subject of this sketch belongs to that class of men who win in life's battles by sheer force of personality and determination, and in whatever he has undertaken he has shown himself to be a man of ability and honor.

John P. Williams was born in New York City, May 10, 1849, the son of Robert Williams, a native of Wales, who came to America when a young man. He was a pattern-maker and ship carpenter of great skill. He left New York in 1853, and went to Licking county, Ohio, where he remained until his death in 1854.

The subject's mother was Margaret Parry, also a native of Wales, who came to America when very young. She is remembered as a woman of many fine traits and a worthy companion of Robert Williams. She passed to her rest while living with our subject in Salem, July 10, 1882, to which place she had come four years previous. Three children were born to the parents of the subject of this sketch, the only one living being John P. Williams. Rowland H., his brother, died in Salem, December 10, 1890. He was appointed postmaster of Salem by President Harrison, and his death

occurred after he had served only about eighteen months. Robert, the subject's other brother, died March 10, 1877, in Licking county, Ohio. These children received every advantage possible that their parents could give them.

John P. Williams was reared in Licking county, Ohio, making his home there from the time he was three years old until he was twenty-eight. He received his education in that county, having applied himself in a manner that resulted in a fairly good common school education. After leaving school Mr. Williams engaged in the shoe making business, which he followed for twelve years and in which he was eminently successful. He came to Salem in 1878 and worked as a solicitor for his brother who was then in the monument business, following this in a most satisfactory manner until 1882 when he went into the life and fire insurance business, spending considerable time on the road as a special agent in life insurance and making a marked success in this line of business.

Mr. Williams was appointed postmaster of Salem, April 1, 1898, in which capacity he served with entire satisfaction to the authorities and in a manner that reflected much credit upon his natural executive ability, until 1907. This appointment was made by President McKinley, and he was re-appointed by President Roosevelt. After leaving the office, Mr. Williams opened a real estate and insurance office in 1907 and has been conducting the same to the present time, building up an excellent patronage and

is now doing an extensive business throughout this community. He represents eight old-line companies and the business of these could not be entrusted to better or abler hands, owing to Mr. Williams' popularity in Marion county, his genuine worth and integrity.

Our subject was happily married in 1873 to Laura A. Ruton, an accomplished daughter of E. E. Ruton, a native of New York state. The ceremony which united this congenial couple was performed in Ohio and their subsequent life history is one of the utmost harmony and happiness, and to this union six interesting children have been born, named in order of their birth as follows: Margaret, the wife of James N. Chance, a merchant tailor of Salem; Lucy, the wife of William P. Morris, a wholesale cigar dealer of Salem; Frances, the wife of L. W. Fellows, a broker, of New York City; Lena, who is living at home; R. Carl, who is a train dispatcher on the Missouri Pacific Railroad at Jefferson City, Missouri; Rowland L., who is living at home, and is assistant time-keeper for the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railroad Company at Salem.

Mr. Williams, in his fraternal relations, belongs to the Salem Blue Lodge, Council and Chapter, Masons, and judging from his daily life one would conclude that he believes in carrying out the noble precepts of this ancient and praiseworthy order. Both he and his wife are members of the Cumberland Presbyterian church. The career of Mr. Williams clearly illustrates the possibili-

ties that are open in this country to earnest, persevering men who have the courage of their convictions and are determined to be the architects of their own fortunes.

GEORGE BUTLER.

George Butler was born in Richland county on July 9, 1844, being the son of Samuel and Nancy (Baker) Butler, both natives of Muskingum county, Ohio. George Butler's father and mother were married in Ohio, where three children were born to them. They came to Illinois in the year 1842, making the trip overland in wagons, being four weeks on the journey, and they endured the customary hardships of that tedious system of travel, arriving in German township, Richland county, Illinois, in September, 1842, and entered two hundred acres at the government price of one dollar and twenty-five cents an acre, all timber land, on which stood one small log house and a log stable capable of housing two horses; these had been erected by Gabriel Reed, who had taken a squatter's claim on the place, for whose good will and the improvements Samuel Butler paid the sum of sixty-five dollars. He had to go to Palestine on horseback to make entry of the land and was but twenty-four hours ahead of a man named Lathrop (since deceased) who intended making entry of the same place. Samuel Butler having successfully entered the land proceeded at once to clear

and improve same. He moved into the log house, and a few years later built a double log house, and erected other buildings. Wild animals and game, including wolves, wild turkey and deer, were in abundance. Mrs. Samuel Butler died November 11, 1860, aged about sixty years. Her husband survived her about twenty years, dying November 14, 1880, aged eighty. Both are buried in Mount North cemetery, in German township. Our subject remained in the paternal home assisting his father and mother until the Civil war broke out, when he enlisted July 9, 1861, though not quite seventeen years of age at the time, having obtained his father's consent to fight for his country. He was sent to St. Louis and was attached to Company E, Eleventh Missouri Infantry, under Captain Levenston. He was then transferred to Cape Girardeau, Missouri, for a course of training of three months. He was ordered from there to the front where he participated in some of the historic battles of the conflict, such as Island No. 10, at Fort Donelson, Pittsburg Landing, Corinth, Mississippi; the battle of Iuka; Holly Springs, and the siege of Vicksburg, in which he was wounded by a shell striking him in the side, which broke several ribs and inflicted other injuries. He remained for only two or three weeks in a field hospital, and again returned to his regiment with which he remained in active service until mustered out at St. Louis, Missouri, on January 23, 1866.

George Butler then returned home to his parents in Richland county, and again took up his agricultural calling in which he con-

tinued until his marriage which took place on March 2, 1869. On that date he married Buleau Burnell in Richland county. His wife was a native of Richland county, being born there on August 6, 1850. She was the daughter of Hizer and Sophia (Sumner) Burnell. Her father was born in Ohio, and her mother in Lawrence county, Illinois. The former came with his parents from Ohio, when only a small boy. They settled on a farm in Wabash county, where his father died when he was still young. His mother survived her husband for many years, and married a second time, a Mr. McMullen, who afterwards died. Mrs. Butler's father continued to make his home with his mother until he married Sophia Sumner, about the year 1845. He then settled in Lawrence county for three or four years, after which he came to Richland county and entered one hundred and sixty acres of land in Preston township, where he remained until his death, August 26, 1854, being buried in Springfield cemetery, Lawrence county. Mrs. Burnell married secondly in March, 1865, William Musgrove, and came with her family to reside in German township, where she remained until her death. William Musgrove, the step-father of the subject of our sketch, died January 13, 1895; her mother born July 21, 1826, died April 24, 1903. Both are buried in Butler cemetery in German township. Mrs. Butler's parents had a family of three children. They were, besides herself, Quintes and Mulford, who died in childhood. Her mother by her second marriage had seven

children, namely: Symmia, deceased; Andrew; Mauzella, deceased; Filina; Effie, deceased; Warren and Erdie, deceased; Bu-leau Burnell remained at home with her parents until her marriage in 1869.

From the money which George Butler received and saved while serving in the Civil war, he bought eighty acres of raw timber land in German township. On this he built a log house and made a clearing on the land and at the time of his marriage moved with his wife into the place where they lived for several years. About the year 1882 he sold the land and changed to another farm in German township in which they now reside. Their property now consists of three hundred and sixty-two acres of the choicest land, all of which is in German township. In 1888, the subject of our sketch had built upon his land a two-story house of seven rooms, which cost about two thousand dollars.

Our subject and wife are the parents of four children, only two of whom grew to maturity, one dying in infancy. The others are Bertha E., Burton E., and Bennie H., who died aged seven years. Bertha E. is the wife of Harvey Stoltz, residing in Zalma, Missouri, where Mr. Stoltz is engaged in the moving and transfer business; they are prosperous and are the parents of three children, Marrietta, Hester and George. Burton Butler married Glennie Bauman; they reside on a portion of his father's property in German township and are very successful; three children were born to them, Lady June, Trall and Katie Jean.

George Butler in his early years attended

only the subscription schools, but never continued in attendance for three months altogether. Owing to his heavy farm duties and his enlistment in the army at the age of seventeen, his schooling was almost entirely neglected. He did not even learn to read at school, and never held a pen in his hand. These necessary accomplishments he had to acquire in after life through self-study. His wife met with much the same experience during her early life, although she is now well able to read and write.

George Butler is a member of the Bourrier Post, Grand Army of the Republic No. 92, at Olney, Illinois. In politics he has always been a Republican. His first ballot for President was cast while in the army and went to Abe Lincoln. He has always taken an interest in local politics, and served as Road Commissioner for over nine years in German township, and as School Director for over thirty years. He and his wife and all members of his family are regular attendants of the Methodist church.

GEORGE C. WELLS.

The fact that the subject was one of the patriotic sons of the north who offered his services and his life, if need be, on the field of battle in defense of the flag during the dark days of the rebellion, entitles him to the high honor which is due everyone of the gallant boys in blue.

George C. Wells was born in Washing-

ton county, Rhode Island, January 20, 1844, the son of Peter C. and Elizabeth (Stillman) Wells, both natives of the same county, in Rhode Island. He was a farmer and died in 1872, at the age of sixty-six years; she passed away in July, 1888, at the age of seventy-eight years. The subject's parents had seven children, namely: Anna Elizabeth; Maria, of Alleghany county, New York; Harriett, living in Rhode Island; George Clark, our subject; Adeline, Emeline and Oscar, all living in Rhode Island.

The subject of this sketch was educated in the home schools and Alford College, New York. In July, 1862, he enlisted for a period of three years in Company A, Seventh Rhode Island Volunteer Infantry, at Hopkinton, Rhode Island. He was in the army of the Potomac, Ninth Army Corps. He was in the great battle of Fredericksburg and was shot in the right hip, December 13, 1862, and was sent to Washington, District of Columbia, where he remained for one month, and he was in the home hospital for one year, was then discharged and came home. He served six months. After the war he went to Westerly, Rhode Island and engaged as a mechanic until December 10, 1865, when he came west and located in section 4, Meacham township, Marion county, Illinois. He first bought forty-four acres of land, but being thrifty and a good manager, he gradually added to this until he owned two hundred and ninety acres. He made all of the improvements on

the place and was considered one of the best farmers in the township.

Our subject was united in marriage February 16, 1868, with Emma L. Brown, a native of Niagara county, New York, and three children have blessed this union, namely: Oscar C., who married Inez Randolph. He is a farmer and poultry raiser in Meacham township, and the father of five children, Gale, Glenn, Ora, Elsie and George. Harriett, the subject's second child, is living at home; Lena, the youngest, is also a member of the home circle. Oscar Wells taught school for many years. Lena is now in the Farina high school.

The subject carries on a general farming business, raises Red Polled stock, Red Comb and Brown Leghorn chickens, Pekin ducks and several varieties of good live stock. Since 1896 Mr. Wells has been living in practical retirement, however, he still oversees his farm. He has for many years dealt very successfully in poultry, feed and fertilizers. He has held several of the township offices, and is a Republican of pronounced convictions.

Mr. Wells is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, No. 426, at Farina, Illinois. He has been commander of the same, having held all the offices of this post. He is a member of the Seventh Day Baptist church at Farina. Mr. Wells deserves a great deal of credit for what he has accomplished. He started life poor, but being ambitious he worked hard and has achieved eminent success, being today

one of the solid and substantial men of his township and well and favorably known by every one. He is remembered as a teacher of more than ordinary ability, having taught school for six years, one year in the Farina, Illinois, high school. What his hand and mind have found to do he has done with his might, and having attained a commanding position among his contemporaries he wears his honor in a becoming manner.

WINFIELD S. LACEY.

Among the citizens of Meacham township, Marion county, whose lives have been led along such worthy lines of endeavor that they have endeared themselves to their fellow citizens, thereby being eligible for representation in a volume of this nature, is the gentleman whose name appears above.

Winfield S. Lacey was born in Morrow county, Ohio, September 30, 1849, the son of Hiram G. and Sophia (Sell) Lacey, the former a native of Ohio, who grew to manhood there and married before leaving that county. He lived in Ohio until 1855, when he brought his family to Marion county, Illinois, settling in Meacham township. He drove through the country from Ohio, bringing twenty-two head of cows with him, also three teams. He secured one hundred and twenty acres of land in sections 10 and 15. It was partly improved and had an old house, eighteen by thirty-six

feet, of split timber, and there was an old log stable. These soon gave way to comfortable and substantial buildings, and the place was put under a high state of improvements. Being thrifty he soon bought more land and lived on this place until his death. His wife died in Farina, this state. They were Methodists. Mr. Lacey was a Republican, but never aspired to office. The following children were born to them: Gabriel S., who lives in Meacham township; Mahala also lives in Meacham township; Thomas S. lives in the same township; Francis M., enlisted in the Union army when eighteen years old and served during the war. After the war he married and moved to Cowley county, Kansas; Abram F., was also a soldier in the Federal ranks, who served three years. After the war he returned to his home in this county, where he remained until his death; A. H., resides on the old place, and was also a soldier; Nancy married Michael Butts, and is living in Meacham township; W. S., our subject; Anthony and Catherine were twins, the former is deceased, and the latter is the wife of Jacob Althon, of Clay county, Illinois; Hiram is living in Meacham township, this county; Hugh is deceased; Mary is the wife of Douglas Roberts, who lives in Fayette county, Illinois.

The subject of this sketch had only a limited education, not having an opportunity to attend school very long in his youth. He remained a member of the parental family circle until he was twenty-four years old.

He was married February 27, 1873, to Nancy Hitchcock, of Harrison county, Ohio, the daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth Hitchcock. Her parents moved to Marion county, Illinois, in 1870, and located in Omega township, where they remained two years and then moved to Meacham township, remaining here one year, then they went to Iowa, where Mr. Hitchcock died. His wife is living at this writing in Nebraska. Seven children were born to the subject and wife as follows: Edward, who is farming in Meacham township, married Margaret Gotshall, of Ohio; Lydia, who is now deceased, was the wife of Lon Myres; Haman is living in Farina, Illinois, engaged in the hardware business, and is married to Olive Warren; Orville is deceased; Hugh is also deceased; Ollie married Jesse Norman, and is living in Meacham township; Milton is living at home. These children attended the local schools, receiving fairly good educations.

After his marriage the subject bought forty acres of land in Meacham township lives, in section 4, Meacham township. It was raw land, but Mr. Lacey was always a and lived there for three years, when he sold out and bought the place where he now hardworker and a good manager, and he rapidly improved the place up to its present high state of efficiency. The subject now owns three hundred and forty acres, which he rents, being now retired. His farm is well up to the standard of Marion county's choice farms, being well fenced, and in every way in first class condition. He has

a substantial and beautiful dwelling and a good barn and other out buildings.

No little part of Mr. Lacey's income has been derived from live stock, raising an excellent grade of hogs, cattle and sheep. He is also a good judge of horses and has always kept some fine ones. He has devoted his life to farming, consequently he has mastered every detail of this class of business. In politics he is a Populist, but has never held office. He started in life in a small way, but he is now one of the substantial men of the township, having gained all his property unaided, by his careful management and hard work. The subject's first wife was called to her rest in February, 1903, and he married Rebecca Minard, of Harrison county, Ohio, in October, 1905. Mr. Lacey is known by the people of Meacham township for his honesty and useful life.

JOHN THOMAS HAUSER.

The people in the vicinity of Claremont township and we might say of Richland county in general, are well acquainted with the life history of its pioneer inhabitants, and the story of the career of John T. Hauser is not the least known. He was born on the 28th day of December, 1817, in Stokes county, now known as Forsythe county, in North Carolina, the son of John and Annie Hauser, both of his parents natives of the state in which they lived: his mother's maiden name being Canuse.

When six years old his father died and he came to be of much assistance to his mother on the family farm. At the age of fifteen he started in to learn the trade of shoemaker and, upon becoming a proficient workman, he left home. His travels took him over various portions of the Carolinas and the state of Kentucky, successfully plying his trade as he went along. On the outbreak of an epidemic of cholera during his stay in Kentucky he decided to return home, traveling by way of the famous Cumberland Gap. A short time after his return his mother died and once more he set about to seek a change. He was then about twenty-three years of age and upon settling upon a small farm in the state of Ohio, he soon married. His choice fell upon Lucy Ulrich, but their married life was unfortunately a brief one, his wife dying in the following year, being buried at New Philadelphia. On March 21, 1851, he married Elizabeth, the widow of Oliver Weaver. She was the daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth Cable, natives of Pennsylvania, who came to the state prior to the War of 1812, both of whom were well known and respected in the community.

John T. Hauser's life in Ohio was not an uneventful one. Those were early Ohian days; many Indians still lingered in the western part of the state, reluctant to leave their patrimony; game abounded in large quantities; marauding bears and ferocious wolves were not uncommon visitors, and consequently many hardships were suffered.

In the year 1867, once more a prey to

wandering instincts—and possibly with a view of taking a hand in “the winning of the West,” the subject of our sketch pressed onward to Illinois, where he settled on a farm in Richland county. On his arrival he set to work and built a rude house, and two months later, his wife and family arrived in the new surroundings in which they were destined to live. Year after year has seen improvements made on the property. The land today is in an admirable state of cultivation. A substantial brick house has been erected.

The death of his wife occurred on the 26th of September, 1908. Seven children resulted from the union, all of whom are still living. In order of birth they are: Anna Elizabeth, Cable, Ira A., Susie, John L., Benjamin F., and Harvey E.

John T. Hauser has now reached the ripe age of ninety-one years—an age not reached by very many nowadays.

Such a man as John T. Hauser could not fail to be drawn into the whirlpool of at least one of the struggles for supremacy that convulsed the country in the early half of the century. He passed through the Civil war, serving four arduous years in an Ohio regiment. At different periods of the time he served under Grant and Sherman. He is a member of Grand Army, Post No. 92, at Calhoun.

In religion Mr. Hauser is a member of the Methodist communion, though formerly he was affiliated with the German Moravian church for many years. While his health permitted he was ever active in church work.

His wife was for twenty years a German Lutheran, but at the time of her death she was a Methodist.

Mr. Hauser has ever been a Republican in politics and, had his delicate health permitted him, would have attended the election of November, 1908. Had he done so he would have voted for eighteen consecutive Presidents of the United States.

SAMUEL PUFFER.

Prominently identified with the industrial and civic affairs of Marion county is the subject of this sketch who is one of the leading farmers of this locality, residing on a beautiful farmstead in Meacham township, which he has improved.

Samuel Puffer was born in Effingham county, Illinois, June 11, 1848, the son of John Puffer, a native of Maury county, Tennessee. He married Martha J. Gray, in Illinois. He was the son of Samuel Puffer, a native of the New England states, who came to Tennessee in an early day. About 1833 he came to Marion county, Illinois, and settled near Kinmundy. His father came later and lived with him until the latter's death. His wife died in Tennessee. He married a Miss Eagan. His second wife was a Miss Caldwell. He had two sons and a daughter by his first wife and two daughters by his second marriage. The subject's father located in Effingham county, Illinois, about 1836, taking up government land on

Fulfer creek, where he lived until about 1857, when he went to Collins county, Texas, where he secured eighty acres of land and in 1862 he went to Bates county, Missouri, where he owned a farm of one hundred and twenty acres. He died there in 1862, having been preceded to the other world by his wife in 1851. He married a second time, this wife being Lovina Newman, who died in Texas. He again married, his third wife being a Miss Degraftenread, of Texas. There were two children by his second wife, one dying when small John, who grew to maturity, lived in Missouri, and went to Colorado in 1890.

The subject of this sketch came to Marion county, Illinois, in 1862, and located near Kinmundy, where he lived until 1878, when he bought a farm of one hundred acres in Meacham township, section 7, where he has since lived. He made all the improvements on his farm, which is considered equal in every way to any in the county, and he has a beautiful, well furnished and comfortable home.

On February 12, 1872, the subject was united in marriage with Sarah Eagan, of Kinmundy township, the daughter of Isaac and Athlina Tulley, the former of Tennessee, where his youth was spent. They were pioneers of Marion county, first settling at Salem, later at Kinmundy. He was the owner of a large tract of land, part of which is the present site of Kinmundy. He died in 1874 and his wife passed away in 1888. They were the parents of eight children, of whom four are living at this writ-

ing, namely: John, who resides in Kinmundy township; Sarah, the subject's wife; Ras, of Salem, Illinois; Harriett, widow of James Hayworth, of Kinmundy. Two children have been born to the subject and wife, namely: Myrtle, the wife of Charles E. Wenck, who lives east of Farina, Illinois; Mae, who was married June 24, 1903, to Mark Boyd, of Meacham township, and who is the mother of one son, Richard F. Mark Boyd lives with the subject and assists him in managing the place. Mr. Puffer has lived on his present place since 1878. He carries on general farming in such a manner as to gain a comfortable living from year to year and lay by a competency for his old age. His farm is well improved and he raises not only good crops of various kinds, but also excellent horses, hogs and cattle. He has held some of the township offices, and is a loyal Democrat. He is a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian church. He deserved a great deal of credit for what he has accomplished. Having started in life a poor boy, he has, by hard work, achieved success.

PERRY SAYRE.

Action is the keynote of the character of all who achieve success on this planet of ours—action subtly planned and carefully carried out. The successful life story of the subject of this sketch is a case in point, being one of a determined struggle for a definite purpose.

He is now comfortably established on his

farm of two hundred and forty acres, which he has wrested from a resisting nature and improved year by year, and which through his efforts is now as good land as Richland county contains.

He was born in November, 1857, a short distance from Waverly, in Ross county, Ohio, and was the son of David O. and Frances Sayre. His mother, whose maiden name was Lee, belonged to an old Virginia family. His father came at an early age from Virginia with his parents, who settled on a farm in Ross county. Here he assisted his parents on the farm until his marriage with Perry's mother, at which time he purchased a farm of forty acres in the same county. There Perry was born and there his life was spent until the family, including the grandparents, who also wished to come further afield, migrated to Illinois. As no railroad communication was established at the time the itinerary was made overland, the tedious journey was not performed without a mishap, however, for in the accidental breakdown of a light wagon Grandmother Sayre sustained injuries from which she never completely recovered. The two families finally landed in Jasper county, Illinois, where they bought farms and settled in the vicinity of Newton, Perry being then in his seventh year. Shortly afterwards his grandfather and grandmother passed away, the space of three or four weeks only separating their demise. They were buried near Newton. In the spring of 1865—the following year—his parents sold their property and removed once more. Claremont township, Richland county, was the destination on