

of his minority in Bowling Green; received only a common school education. In his youth he learned from his father the stone-cutter's and mason's trade. He remained with his father in this business until the latter was elected Sheriff, and then entered the Sheriff's office as assistant. Mr. Weber was married, on April 15, 1883, to America Crawford, a native of Illinois, and daughter of John and Margaret (Culshaw) Crawford, natives of Ohio, and of German lineage.

JOHN WOODS, one of the pioneer farmers of Washington Township, was born in Anderson County, Ky., December 26, 1813, and was the sixth in a family of nine children of Joseph and Keziah (Bell) Woods, the former a native of Ireland, the latter of Pennsylvania. John's youth was spent in farming with little opportunity of education, owing to the scarcity of schools and the necessity of work. He remained with his parents until two years after his marriage, which occurred February 22, 1836, to Frances Rice. October 28, 1839, he came to Clay County, Ind., where he entered 200 acres of land, near Bowling Green, and began making a home for his family, enduring many hardships, yet living to see a fine town developed where was a wilderness. Five children have been born to them, viz., Keziah (now Campbell), Anna B. (now Bowman), Sally (now Cameron), Susan (now Martin) and William, all living. Mr. Woods became a Mason in 1850, January 26, and was elected Junior Warden the same year, and still holds the position in the Lodge at Bowling Green. Mr. Woods is an Old-Line Whig, casting his first vote for Henry Clay in 1844, but now votes with the Republicans, and has held offices of honor and trust in the party. He has been Justice of the Peace, also Constable and Deputy Sheriff of the county.

## CLAY CITY AND HARRISON TOWNSHIP.

HENRY D. AMES, an extensive farmer and stock-raiser of Harrison Township, was born December 12, 1833, in Holmes County, Ohio, and was the second child born to Samuel and Elinor (Robinson) Ames, both natives of Pennsylvania, and of German and Irish extraction. He, in company with his parents, came to Clay County, Ind., in the spring of 1873, having previously lived for a time in Parke County. Henry's education was limited to the common schools, he working for his father summers and going to school in winter. In the fall of 1862, he enlisted in Company D, Tenth Ohio Cavalry, and was in several hard-fought battles, and with Sherman in his famous march to the sea. He was also in numerous skirmishes, but was never wounded. He remained until the war closed, and was mustered out at Lexington, N. C., in the summer of 1865, and honorably discharged at Cleveland, Ohio. When he returned from the war, he resumed farm work, staying with and caring for his parents, who were getting old and feeble. In 1871, January 31, he married Maria Cahill, a native of Parke County, Ind. One child has been born to them, viz., William, born November 15, 1877. Mrs. Ames is an active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In politics, Mr. Ames is an uncompromising Republican, and one of the active and able workers of the party.

CALVIN R. AMES, farmer and stock-raiser, was born July 27, 1845, in Williams County, Ohio, and was the fifth child of Samuel and Elinor (Robinson) Ames, both natives of Ohio, and of German and Irish extraction. He remained at home until nineteen years of age, working on the farm in

summer and attending school in winter. In the spring of 1864, he enlisted in Company D, Forty-fourth Illinois Infantry, under Col. Barrett. He participated in several hard-fought battles, and received a wound in the head at the battle of Kenesaw Mountain, in the famous battle above the clouds. He was disabled for duty about four months, and when he was able returned to his regiment, and remained until the close of the war. He was mustered out at Victoria, Tex., and honorably discharged at Springfield, Ill. After his return from the war, he remained with his parents until their death. His marriage occurred April 18, 1868, to Amanda Taylor, a native of Ohio. Three children have been born to them, viz.: George H., born June 21, 1869; Virginia M., June 16, 1871; Sarah E., February 22, 1876. Mr. Ames is a member of the Masonic fraternity at Clay City. He is in politics a thoroughgoing Republican, having voted with that party since he became a voter, and is one of its most earnest workers.

REV. JAMES B. ARNETT, pastor of Bowling Green and Pleasant View Churches, of the Missionary Baptist denomination, is the eldest son of John and Celia (Smith) Arnett, natives of North Carolina, and of Irish descent. He was born in Wythe County, Va., December 20, 1828, whence his parents came to Indiana in 1831, and settled in Jackson Township, Owen County, where he mainly made his home until July, 1879, at which period he removed to Clay County and took charge of New Union and Pleasant View Churches in Owen County, and of Goodhope Church at Middlebury, which charges he held three years. Mr. Arnett has been recognized for years as a talented teacher in the public schools. In 1859, he was called to preach by the United Brethren Church, and in 1875 entered the ministry of the Missionary Baptists. September 1, 1853, he married Sarah E. Huber, who bore him several children—Amanda Eliza, John Henry, James William, Celia Margaret and two deceased. August 15, 1862. Mr. Arnett enlisted in Company E, Eighty-fifth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and served until December 5, 1864, when he was honorably discharged. He served on regimental hospital duty at Covington, Ky., where, in handling the sick, he received an injury to his spine. Mr. Arnett is truly a self-made man, and has a pleasant home and about ten acres in Middlebury. He is a Republican of over twenty years' duration, and a greatly respected citizen.

A. J. BARRICK, a son of Peter and Margaret (Patterson) Barrick, was born May 21, 1858, in Harrison Township, Clay County, Ind., where he now resides. Most of his life has been spent upon a farm, working summers, and attending school winters, and having a liking for study, he has acquired an excellent education. He now works at farming in summer, and in winter in the coal mine on his father's farm. His marriage occurred February 22, 1878, to Lena, daughter of Abram and Della (Cox) Nixon, a native of Warren County, Ohio, born March 29, 1860, and of Irish and English extraction. Three children have been born to them—Margaret D., born July 6, 1879; Charles E., June 2, 1881; Mary E., April 25, 1883. Mrs. Barrick is an active member of the United Brethren Church. Mr. Barrick is an earnest member of the Democratic party, having given them his support since he became a voter.

PETER BARRICK was born February 22, 1816, in Harrison County, Ohio, and was the youngest of nine children born to Frederick and Mary (Iler) Barrick, the former a native of Maryland, the latter of Germany. He remained with his parents, working on the farm in the summer, and attending school in winter until eighteen years of age, when he began life for himself. He moved with his parents to Coshocton County, where he worked at clearing land for ten years. Commencing life with nothing, he has by his own labor become owner of a nice farm of eighty acres well improved, and

having a rich vein of coal three feet in depth, with a shaft ready for use. He was married to Margaret, daughter of Benjamin and Eliza (Munn) Patterson, a native of Pennsylvania, in December 20, 1844. Ten children have been born to them—Eliza, Mary (deceased), Elmira (deceased), Sarah, Maria (deceased), Elizabeth, Thomas (deceased), Andrew J., George W., and an infant (deceased, unnamed). Mrs. Barrick is an active member of the Baptist Church, joining in 1859. Mr. Barrick came to Clay County in the fall of 1856, and two years after purchased the farm where he now resides. He is much respected, and has held the office of Trustee one term, and that of Assessor and Constable several terms. In politics, he is a Democrat, and cast his first vote for Martin Van Buren.

SIMON P. BERNS, physician, Clay City, Ind., was born April 15, 1858, in Greene County, Ind., and was the youngest of four children of Peter and Catharine (Stockram) Berns, both natives of Germany. Simon spent his boyhood upon a farm, working and going to school, and at the age of sixteen years, his father sent him to Ascension Seminary at Sullivan, Ind., where he remained a year and a half. After his return he taught school, giving good satisfaction. Having chosen the medical profession, he commenced its study at the Missouri Medical College, St. Louis, he being at that time twenty years of age. He remained there three years, graduating in the class of 1881, and the same year commencing the practice of medicine in Clay City. He is a rising young physician, with a growing practice. He is a member of the German Reformed Church. He is also a member of the Masonic fraternity, and of the Improved Order of Red Men. Politically, he is a Democrat.

FREDERICK BLAIR, farmer and stock-raiser, was born September 4, 1855, in Owen County, Ind., and was the third of five children born to John and Mary (Myer) Blair, both natives of Germany. The parents settled near Coal City at an early day, and remained there until their death, making a nice home of what they had found a wilderness. Frederick, after the death of his father, which occurred when he was quite young, took the management of the farm, which left him little time for school, but having a disposition to learn he managed to acquire a good business education. When nineteen years of age, his mother died, which left him without a home, and dependent upon his own exertions. He was in the employ of John L. Stultz seven years. By hard work and economy, he has become the owner of a good farm of seventy-five acres, and well improved. His marriage occurred March 14, 1880, to Melinda, daughter of William and Sarah (Long) Need, the former a native of Ohio, the latter of Pennsylvania. One daughter has been born to them—Ada, born December 7, 1880. Mr. Blair is a member of the Lutheran Church, and his wife of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In politics, he is a Democrat.

HENRY BOLICK, farmer and stock-raiser, was born March 31, 1825, in North Carolina, and was the third child born to Jacob and Rebecca (Howk) Bolick, both natives of North Carolina and of German extraction. Henry, in company with his parents, came to Clay County when a youth, and has since made his home here. His parents dying when he was quite young, he was bound to Ambress D. Phipps, and remained with him until he was of age. Henry's educational opportunities were limited up to his majority, but after that he attended school, and being studious, he has now a good education. He began life for himself with no means, and has now 156 acres of land nicely situated and well improved. The first forty acres he paid for by working by the day and month. His marriage occurred January 7, 1875, to Martha C. Reed, a native of Missouri. Four children have been born to them, viz., Eda R., Nellie M., Julius M. and Julia

A. Mrs. Bolick is an active member of the Baptist Church. Mr. Bolick took an active part in the Grange movement. In politics, he is a Democrat. He has held the office of Trustee of his township five successive years. He is liberal to all charities, and is much respected.

REV. JESSE LEO BRANDENBURG, pastor of Middlebury Circuit, United Brethren Church, is the youngest son of Green Clay and Maria (Craig) Brandenburg, and was born in Harrison County, Ind., August 8, 1846. His parents were natives respectively of Kentucky and Indiana, and of German and Irish descent. The former died April, 1879, aged seventy-one; the latter is yet living, aged sixty-eight years. Our subject was reared on a farm, on which he labored about three-fourths of the year and attended school the remainder, to which foundation of knowledge he added by study, until his attainments became of the highest class. He is wholly a self-made man. June 28, 1866, he married Miss Missouri Ann Cooper, of Clay County, by whom he became the parent of five children, four of whom are living—William Carter, Simeon Green, Emma Bell and Cora Evaline; the third child, Robert Winchester, having died November 30, 1878, aged six years. Mr. Brandenburg was received into the Conference of the United Brethren Church October 4, 1876, and was regularly ordained as Elder September 6, 1880. Mr. Brandenburg is an energetic and successful minister, and wherever he may be sent at the close of his present appointment, the same fruition of good must follow his labors.

V. E. BROWN, book-keeper in one of the leading warehouses of Clay City, was born July 12, 1851, and was the fourth child of Wilkins B. and Selah F. (Wilson) Brown, the former a native of North Carolina, the latter of Virginia, and of English and Irish extraction. Mr. Brown spent his youth working upon a farm and attending school, remaining with his parents until he was twenty years of age, when he began working for himself as a farm hand, following this for a livelihood for about three years. He then taught school two terms, after which he worked in the timber business until the summer of 1879, when he commenced his present occupation. He was married, July 4, 1874, to Hattie Tipton (now deceased). Two children were born to them, viz., Lessie A. (deceased), and Tressie A. His second marriage occurred, September 5, 1880, to Mary E. Longcor. One child has been born to them. Mrs. Brown is a member of the Baptist Church. Mr. Brown is an active politician, working with the Republican party.

W. B. BROWN, physician, and also farmer, was born July 10, 1821, in Guilford County, N. C., and was the third child born to Hazel and Mary (Clark) Brown, both natives of North Carolina and of Irish and English extraction. Dr. Brown received a common school education, remaining with his parents and working upon the farm until twenty-one years of age. After the death of his father, he and his mother came to Owen County, Ind., in 1828, moving thence to Clay County, living for a time in Cass Township, then going to Harrison Township. He commenced the study of medicine at the age of twenty-one years, and has pursued his studies in the most thorough manner. He is one of the oldest practitioners in the county, and has his share of the practice. He commenced without means, and now has accumulated considerable property. His farm consists of 111 acres of good land beautifully located. In the spring of 1840, he married Selah Wilson (now deceased). Eight children were born to this marriage, viz., John W., Maria J., Sarah A. (deceased), Virgil E., James J., Rachel, Roselinda and Levi (deceased). In the spring of 1874, his second marriage occurred, to Eva L. Sink. Four children have been born to them, viz., Eugene, Orval E., Laura V. and Zenas L. Dr. Brown is a charter member of the I. O. O. F. Lodge at Clay City, called Martz, No. 360. In the summer of 1847, Dr.

Brown enlisted in the Mexican war, in Company I, Sixteenth United States Infantry, serving until the close of the war. During the late war, in the winter of 1862, he again enlisted in his country's service in Company G, Fifty-ninth Indiana Infantry, under Col. Jesse I. Alexander, for the term of three years, and was honorably discharged at Goldsboro, N. C., having served over his time. In politics, he was formerly a Democrat, but is now an uncompromising Republican, and one of the party's active supporters.

WILLIAM J. BROWN was born June 13, 1830, in Lawrence County, Ind., was the third child born to Samuel and Mary (Dutton) Brown, both natives of Virginia, and of German descent. William's opportunities of education were poor, as his father died when he was quite young, and he and his brothers had to maintain the family. At the age of twenty years, he began working at the blacksmith's trade, which he has followed ever since. Mr. Brown spent six years in California, and, returning, settled in Monroe County, Ind., where he remained until 1879, when he removed to Owen County, thence to Clay City, where he now lives. He was married to Elizabeth J. Cline, August 7, 1862. Nine children have been born to them, viz.: Henry, Clara, Mary C., Ada (deceased), Frank, Nellie, Jennie Y., Grace (deceased), and James G. (deceased). Mr. Brown is a member of the Knights of Pythias. Politically, he is an enthusiastic Republican.

WILLIAM CALVERT, proprietor of a saw mill two miles east of Clay City, was born October 10, 1830, in Campbell County, Ky., and was the youngest of eleven children of James and Mary (Moss) Calvert, both natives of Virginia, and of English ancestry. William remained in his birthplace with his parents until their death. As he had to work most of the time, overseeing the farm, he had little opportunity for education. After the death of his parents, Mr. Calvert went to Vermillion County, Ind., where he remained four years, keeping a provision store and farming. He moved from there to Clay County, locating in the little village of Ashboro, purchasing a farm of 200 acres, which he afterward disposed of and commenced running a sawmill. After six years he sold out and went to Harrison Township, where he purchased the saw mill he is running now. Mr. Calvert was married, in 1852, to Catharine Boiland, of Cincinnati. Eleven children have been born to them, viz.: Rhumah, Helen N., Zeno, Mary, Hamilton (deceased), Sarah, Vorhees, Lucy, Nancy, Isaiah and William. In politics, Mr. Calvert is a Democrat, having given his support to that party since he became a voter.

DANIEL CHAMPER, proprietor of the Clay City Mills, was born August 24, 1826, in Carroll County, Ohio, and was the eldest of nine children of David and Sarah (Earnest) Champer, the former a native of Maryland, the latter of Pennsylvania, and of German descent. Daniel was reared upon a farm, but at an early age began working in his father's flouring mill, which business he followed most of his life. At that early period, educational advantages were limited, but he obtained a good practical education, which has enabled him to become a successful business man. He remained at home taking care of his parents until their death. In 1865, he moved to Owen County, purchasing a farm, which he worked some time; then sold and went to Terre Haute, remaining one year, going thence to Clay City, where, in the spring of 1878, he purchased the mill he is now running. It has a capacity of 300 bushels per day. His business is extensive. He purchases about 30,000 bushels of grain annually. In politics, he is a Republican.

ELIJAH CHURCH, pioneer farmer, was born in Rockcastle County, Ky., May 30, 1826, and is the eldest son of Joel and Cynthia (Landford) Church, natives of Kentucky, and of English descent. His parents emi-

grated to Indiana in the winter of 1829, and settled in this township, where Elijah was reared a farmer, and remained at home at the request of his dying father, the better to assist his mother and care for the family in their bereavement. Success has followed his resolution and efforts; he has a fine farm in high cultivation, comprising seventy acres, and with excellent improvements. This land he entered from the Government. Mr. Church is a Democrat in politics, and a patron of all benevolent, enlightened and progressive movements. He is a member of the Baptist Church at Middlebury, and has been for many years Clerk thereof. He has never been married.

THOMAS BLAKELY COAN, farmer, is the third son of Peter and Hiley (Austin) Coan, natives of Pennsylvania and New Jersey, and of German and Irish extraction respectively. Thomas was born in Washington County, Penn., October 25, 1817, whence his parents removed to Preble County, Ohio, in 1821, and thence to Indiana in 1834, and settled in Monroe County. Thomas remained with his parents until he was twenty-four years old, and in the period of youth obtained the grounds of a fair education. October 17, 1840, he married Clarissa Price, to which union five children were born—Ellen, Martha, Rachel, Amanda (deceased) and Sarah (deceased). Mrs. Price died in April, 1857, and some time afterward Mr. Coan married a second wife, Barthena Cooprider, by which alliance they had seven children—Mary (deceased), Peter (deceased), Thomas, James F., George W., Sarah (deceased) and Laura. In 1862, Mr. Coan gave up his trade, that of millwright, to enroll in Company H, Ninety-seventh Indiana Volunteer Infantry, in which he served until the war ended, during which period he was a participant in nineteen battles and many more skirmishes. On the march from Vicksburg to Lookout Mountain, he contracted an illness from which he has not yet recovered. Mr. Coan is one of those who have made their way by energy and thrift. He is a conservative Republican and a good citizen.

ELI COOPRIDER, Trustee of Harrison Township, was born June 4, 1840, in Clay County, Ind., and was the second child born to Henry and Belinda (Lankford) Cooprider, the former a native of Indiana, the latter of Kentucky, and of German and Scotch lineage. Eli spent his boyhood upon a farm, working and attending school. In the fall of 1861, he enlisted in Company G, Fifty-ninth Indiana Infantry. He participated in eleven hard-fought battles and several skirmishes, and was mustered out in the summer of 1865. His marriage occurred May 24, 1866, to Rachel Everhart. Nine children have been born to them, viz., Herschel V. (deceased), Marco B. (deceased), Nelson C. (deceased), Francis W., Pearl (deceased), Mamie (deceased), Rollis, Ervin and an infant unnamed. In 1869, he began in mercantile business in Middlebury, Ind., and was very successful until the panic of 1873, when he was forced into bankruptcy by the failure of the railroad to pay for supplies he had furnished it. In 1880, he again resumed business, continuing two years, but is now giving his attention to his office. Mr. and Mrs. Cooprider are members of the Baptist Church. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., also of the Knights of Honor and the Improved Order of Red Men. Politically, he casts his vote with the Democratic party.

ELIAS COOPRIDER, one of the enterprising farmers of Clay County, was born in Harrison County, Ind., November 23, 1810, and is the eldest of fifteen children of John and Elizabeth (Fleshman) Cooprider, the former a native of Pennsylvania, the latter of Virginia, and of German descent. The parents came to Indiana in 1806. Elias being the eldest, and his father disabled, the support of the family devolved upon him, and he attended school but forty days, but being observing he has acquired considerable information. In March, 1822, he removed with his parents to what is now Clay

County. When twenty years of age, he entered the land he now lives upon, seventy-four acres, to which he has added until he now has 785 acres, nearly 500 of which are under cultivation. He gives much attention to raising wheat, also hogs and cattle. He put in the first crop of wheat in Clay County. He started in life with \$11, and by industry and good management has accumulated a competence. His marriage occurred October 13, 1831, to Polly Lankford. Eleven children have been born to this marriage, viz., Jackson (deceased), Silas G., Emeline, Sylvia S., Abner (deceased), Polly, Elias (deceased), John W., Elizabeth, Charles M. and an infant unnamed. Mr. Cooprider and wife are members of long standing of the Baptist Church, he being an Elder since 1851. In politics, he is a lifelong Democrat, and cast his first vote for Gen. Jackson. He was elected Sheriff of his county in 1845, and has filled most of the township offices. He was elected to the State Legislature in 1860, and is a much respected citizen.

SILAS G. COOPRIDER, an enterprising farmer of Harrison Township, was born January 17, 1835, in Clay County, Ind., and was the second child born to Elias and Polly (Lankford) Cooprider, the former a native of Indiana, the latter of Kentucky, and of German and Scotch-Irish extraction. Mr. Cooprider has always worked at farming, remaining with his parents until twenty-five years of age, and working upon the farm summers and attending school winters. He then rented a farm of his father, and by industry and economy has accumulated means to buy 140 acres. He has never been out of his native State but once, and has almost been raised between the plow handles. He was married to Isabel Vanhorn July 26, 1860. Eleven children have been born to them, viz., Douglas, Joseph, Rhoda F., Clinton M., Gillas (deceased), Rebecca J., Emeline G., John L., William, Perley M. and Morgan. In politics, Mr. Cooprider is a Simon-pure Democrat.

HENRY COOPRIDER was born December 15, 1815, in Harrison County, Indiana Territory, and was the fourth child of John and Elizabeth (Fleshman) Cooprider, the former a native of Pennsylvania, the latter of Virginia, and is of German descent. In 1822, he came to Clay County with his parents, but soon they moved to Harrison County, and, again becoming dissatisfied, they returned to Clay County, where they spent the rest of their lives. Mr. Cooprider's early opportunities of education were poor; but by his own efforts he became a practical business man. He remained with his parents until twenty-two years of age, when without any means he commenced life for himself, and by energy and good management accumulated a handsome property, consisting of a well-stocked farm of 300 acres beautifully situated near Clay City, rich in coal, one mine being worked. On December 20, 1837, he married Melinda Lankford, a native of Kentucky. Twelve children have been born to them, viz., Mary A., Eli, Levi, Zimri, Urias, Henry, Jerusha (deceased), Joseph A., Candice, Eliza, Elizabeth and Susan. Mr. Cooprider and wife have been members of the Baptist Church for about thirty-seven years. He is a clever, genial gentleman, giving liberally to all charitable and benevolent enterprises. Politically, he is a Democrat, and cast his first vote for James K. Polk.

ELISHA F. COOPRIDER is a native of Harrison Township, Clay County, Ind., and was born October 29, 1833, being the thirteenth child of John and Elizabeth (Fleshman) Cooprider, both natives of Pennsylvania, and of German extraction. Elisha was reared upon a farm, attending common school about three months in the year. He remained with his parents until twenty-five years of age overseeing the farm work. He then commenced for himself without any property, but by industry and economy has accumulated enough to live comfortably. February 6, 1859, he was married to Christina Storm, a native of Ohio. He remained upon his father's farm about ten

years after his marriage, when he purchased a farm of his own, consisting of forty-three acres. He laid off an addition to the town of Clay City of forty-two lots, known as the Coopriders Addition. Only eight of these lots remain unsold. He has no children of his own, but has adopted a nephew—Charles J. Miller. Mr. Coopriders and wife have long been members of the Baptist Church. Politically, he is a Democrat, and an active politician.

WESLEY COOPRIDERS, farmer and stock-raiser, was born July 9, 1844, in Harrison Township, Clay County, Ind., and is the tenth of thirteen children of Jacob and Mary (White) Coopriders, the former a native of Pennsylvania, the latter of Kentucky, and of German ancestry. Jacob, the father, came to Indiana in 1812, settling in the part now known as Clay County, and remained here until 1876, when he went to Kansas, where he now resides. When he came here, Indians and game were plenty. Wesley was reared here upon a farm, working hard and attending school a little when he had time, remaining at home until nineteen years of age, when he enlisted in Company G, Fifty-ninth Indiana Infantry, in January, 1862. He participated in the battle of Corinth, siege of Vicksburg and in Sherman's famous march to the sea. He was not wounded, but lost his health. He however stayed out his time of enlistment, and was honorably discharged at Wilmington, N. C., April 4, 1865. He returned home and resumed farming. His marriage occurred January 8, 1869, to Eliza Royer. Five children have been born to them, viz., Paris (deceased), Usephus, Amey, Theoda and Nelson. Mr. and Mrs. Coopriders are members of the Baptist Church. In politics, he supports the Republican party. He takes a just pride in his farm and improvements, all the result of his own labor.

ZIMRI COOPRIDERS was born in Harrison Township, Clay County, Ind., October 1, 1846, and was the fifth child of twelve born to Henry and Melinda (Lankford) Coopriders, the former a native of Indiana, the latter of Kentucky. He was reared upon a farm, working in summer and attending common school winters, remaining with his parents until eighteen years of age, when he enlisted in Company A, Forty-third Indiana Infantry, under Col. W. E. McClain, of Terre Haute, Ind., in the fall of 1864, and remained until the close of the war. He was on garrison duty all the time. He was mustered out at Indianapolis in the summer of 1865. Since his return from the war, he has worked at the carpenter's trade. He was married, December 18, 1879, to Maria B. Miller, a native of Indiana. Two children have been born to them, viz., Ethel, born September 12, 1880; Marcus, May 28, 1883. Mr. Coopriders is a member of the Baptist Church, and a strong advocate of temperance. In politics, he was formerly a Democrat, but has latterly voted with the Nationals, supporting the man, not the party. He was elected Justice of the Peace in 1879, but not wishing for the office did not file a bond.

WILLIAM COX, an extensive dealer in timber at Clay City, Ind., was born October 7, 1841, in Henry County, Ky., and was the ninth of eleven children of Arvis and Nancy (Dickens) Cox, both natives of Henry County, Ky., and of Irish and German ancestry. William came, in company with his parents, in the fall of 1851, to Clay County, Ind., where they have since made their home. Owing to the poor facilities for education, William received but little schooling, most of his education having been acquired after he engaged in business. He remained with his parents until he was twenty years of age, when he began farming on his own account. He started with no means, and has met with many reverses, having paid over \$10,000 security debts, and is now worth about \$3,000. He was formerly a very extensive stock-dealer, and purchased most of the stock in the counties of Clay, Owen and Putnam, which business he followed until he commenced

dealing in timber. He married Nancy E., daughter of Oliver Cromwell, of Clay County, Ind. Five children have been born to them—Amanda, Otho, Iona, Albert and Gertie. In politics, Mr. Cox is a Democrat, and one of the party's most active workers.

MARVIN B. CRIST, an extensive farmer and stock-raiser of Harrison Township, was born March 24, 1845, in Sullivan County, Ind., and was the second child born to Henry W. and Lucinda (Liston) Crist, and is of German and English descent. Marvin's grandfather, Joseph Liston, was the first man to plow a furrow where Terre Haute now stands. He was born in 1782, and was one of the body-guards of Gen. Harrison at the treaty of Tecumseh at Vincennes, and a son of Edmond and Elizabeth (Kester) Liston, who were married and settled under the Laurel Hills in Maryland in 1781, and a lineal descendant of Morris Liston, who came to America and settled in Delaware in 1691. Marvin came with his parents to Clay County, in the spring of 1840, and has since made his home here. He worked in his youth upon a farm, also attending common school, and helping his father develop from the wilderness a fine farm, one of the best in Lewis Township. Marvin remained with his parents until he was twenty-two years of age, acquiring sufficient education to teach, and has taught thirty months of school successfully. Mr. Crist is one of the few who begin life with nothing and meet with such success, as he at present owns 1,500 acres of good land, 800 ready for cultivation, all acquired by his own industry and good management. His marriage occurred April 2, 1871, to Laura, daughter of John and Betsey J. (Mathews) Frump, and a native of Clay County. They have one child, Nellie Crist, aged eighteen years. Mrs. Crist is an active member of the Christian Church. Mr. Crist is a member of the Masonic Fraternity. In politics, he is an enthusiastic Democrat. He has been elected County Surveyor, and served two terms.

NICHOLAS MARSHALL CROMWELL was born in Clay County, Ind., February 11, 1841, and is the third child born to Owen D. and Huldah (Risley) Cromwell, both natives of Kentucky, and of English and Irish extraction. The parents of Nicholas were among the pioneers of Clay County, having moved there in 1819. His mother's sister, Mrs. R. Stacey, was the first white child born in the county. Nicholas spent his youth upon the farm, attending school in the winter, and thus obtained a good common school education. Enlisting in July, 1863, in Company D, Seventy-first Indiana Infantry (afterward Sixth Cavalry), he served three years, participating in all Gen. Sherman's great battles, from Dalton to Atlanta, and returning from the latter point took an active part in the last battle of Nashville, Tenn. The only injury he received was a frozen foot. Mr. Cromwell's marriage occurred near Bowling Green, Ind., in August, 1865, to Caroline Toelle. Nine children have been born to them, seven of whom are living, viz., Frederick, aged seventeen; Anna Maria, fifteen; Henry Owen, thirteen; Harley Louis, ten; Huldah Frances, seven; Rutherford Allen, five; and Harvey David, two. Mr. Cromwell is a prominent member of the Christian Church, while his wife belongs to the Methodist Episcopal Church. In politics, he is a Republican. Having never received any pecuniary assistance, he is the sole architect of his own fortune. He is engaged extensively in farming and stock-raising.

DAVID T. CROMWELL, a teacher and farmer of Harrison Township, was born August 18, 1846, in Washington Township, Clay County, Ind., and was the sixth of eleven children born to Owen D. and Huldah (Risley) Cromwell, the former a native of Kentucky, the latter of Indiana, and of English and German descent. David's youth was spent upon a farm, where he attended common schools, and having a fondness for study, he was, at

the age of twenty years, qualified for a teacher, and hired a hand to take his place at farm work while he taught. With the exception of a year and a half spent in traveling, his life has been passed in Clay County, where he has taught ten terms of school, giving universal satisfaction. In 1874, October 11, he married Rebecca A., daughter of David and Matilda (Murbarger) Nother, the former a native of Germany, the latter of Pennsylvania. Five children have been born to them—Eunice, born August 31, 1875 (deceased); May, born May 5, 1877; Elmina, November 21, 1878; Robert I., September 11, 1880; Beecher, July 14, 1883. Mr. Cromwell is an active member of the I. O. O. F., being a Past Grand, at Clay City. He and his wife are both members of the Rebecca Lodge. In politics, he is an active member of the Republican party. He has a fine farm of 105 acres, the product of the labor of himself and wife. His land has a rich vein of coal upon it, which he is mining. He also works some at the carpenter's trade.

J. W. DANHOUR, druggist, Clay City, was born August 21, 1851, in Clay County, Ind., and was the third child of Samuel and Catharine (Franc) Danhour, both natives of Ohio and of German extraction. The subject of this sketch spent his youth on a farm, working summers and going to school winters, thus obtaining a good common school education. He remained with his parents until about twenty-two years of age, when he engaged in working at pottery for the firm of Dietrick & Weaver, Harmony, Ind., where he remained several years. He first embarked in the drug business at Harmony, and after some time sold his stock and came to Middlebury, Ind., where he purchased a new stock of drugs, and remained about one year, removing his stock then to Clay City, where he carries on a first-class business. He is a self-made, enterprising young man with a promising future.

F. M. DOROTHY, proprietor of the New York Store, carrying a full supply of dry goods, notions, clothing and gents' furnishing goods, hats, caps, boots, shoes, etc., was born in Vigo County, Ind., and was the second son of Harrison and Lucinda (Sweeney) Dorothy, both natives of Kentucky, and of Irish descent. In his youth he lived in a village and worked by the day, principally with machinery of different kinds. In 1852, he began as a salesman in a mercantile house, and has followed the business since, with the exception of eighteen months in the army. He enlisted in the fall of 1861 in Company F, Fifth Illinois Cavalry, as Lieutenant. He was engaged in several hard skirmishes, and was wounded in the knee, the bullet still remaining in the limb. He resigned, and returning home began business for himself at Robinson, Ill., where he remained four years, going thence to Bellaire, Ind., where he remained until the summer of 1879, when he removed his stock to Clay City, where he is doing a lively business. He was married, in 1864, to Isabel Barbee (now deceased). One child survives this union—Edith. His second marriage occurred December 18, 1871, to Natalean Peters. Three children have been born to them—Francis O., Charles and Dick. Mr. Dorothy is a member of the Masonic fraternity. In politics, he was formerly a Democrat, but since the rebellion has been an active, earnest Republican.

ISAIAH HAMILTON DUNCAN, farmer and stock-raiser, was born in this township December 4, 1832, and is a son of Isaiah and Nancy (Murdoch) Duncan, natives of South Carolina and Georgia, and of Scotch and Irish descent respectively. Our subject remained at home until he was twenty-two years of age, and acquired from the subscription schools an average education. December 31, 1858, he married, in Owen County, Mahala Winters, a union which gave birth to seven children, six of whom died in infancy—Elsie, Wilson and Willard (twins), Sylvia A., Ura C., and one unnamed; the only living issue is Julia Ann. Mr. Duncan is an

uncompromising Democrat. He is an industrious man and an esteemed citizen. He was a member of the late Grange organization, and Master of his lodge. In 1869, Mr. Duncan was elected Township Trustee, an office which he held for eight successive years. Mrs. Duncan is a member of the Christian Church.

HENRY EDMONDSON is the second son of Austin and Elizabeth (Friedley) Edmondson, natives of Tennessee and Kentucky, and of English and German extraction respectively. Our subject was born March 17, 1852, in this township, where he is now living and farming. His early education was had from the public schools, although he attended Prof. Wilson's preparatory school in Vigo County, and having fitted himself for an educator he engaged as teacher of the public schools, in which capacity he served creditably for seven years. November 9, 1873, he married a daughter of a neighbor, Elmira Haviland, which union was productive of five children—William Wilford (deceased), Minnie Bell, William Austin, Ansel A. and George W. Mr. Edmondson's success in life is due to his energy and perseverance, aided by his faithful and industrious wife. In politics, Mr. Edmondson is a conservative Democrat, and he and wife are members of the Missionary Baptist Church.

WALTER C. ELKIN, attorney at law, Clay City, Ind., was born in Woodford County, Ky., March 1, 1832, and is the second child born to Merryman and Susan A. (Bailey) Elkin, both natives of Kentucky, and of Welsh and Scotch-Irish extraction. When Walter was two years of age, his parents removed to Clay County, Ind., locating at Bowling Green, where his father was among the first merchants of the place. Walter attended school most of the time, being at Asbury University two years. He then studied law two years with D. E. Williams, of Bowling Green. From 1853 to 1857, he was engaged in mercantile business. He then went upon a farm until the beginning of the rebellion, when, in the spring of 1861, he enlisted in Company I, Twenty-first Indiana Infantry, afterward Heavy Artillery. He was in active service until October 31, 1863, when he was mustered out at New Orleans for disability, he having risen to the rank of Lieutenant. His marriage occurred October 30, 1854, to Maria Markle. Three children have been born to them, viz.: Helen O. (Harris), Bell (deceased) and Frederick M. Mr. Elkin is an active member of the Masonic fraternity. Politically, he is a Republican; has voted with that party since the rebellion. He has been elected Justice of the Peace several times, and in 1868 was appointed Assistant Assessor for Clay County, holding the office two years.

DAVID EVERHART was born January 20, 1840, in Coshocton County, Ohio, and was one of a large family born to John and Judea (Barrick) Everhart, both natives of Ohio, and of German descent. David was reared upon a farm, attending the common school and working on the farm. He remained with his parents until thirty-one years of age, working at the cooper's trade, besides assisting on the farm, and moving with them to Clay County, Ind., where he has since resided. As a return for his industry at home he received a nice little farm of forty acres near Clay City. He devotes some attention to raising small fruits, and intends to devote more time to their culture. He was married to Melinda Watts, a native of Owen County, Ind., June 29, 1871. Four children have been born to them, viz.: Herman O., born April 25, 1872; Ida L., March 29, 1874; Jesse A., August 16, 1876, and Margaret E. (deceased.) Mr. Everhart and wife are members of the United Brethren Church. Politically, he is a Democrat. He is a man of great energy of character, and devoted to his family. In the spring of 1881, he laid out what is known as the Everhart Addition to Clay City, which has been built up rapidly, and of which he feels justly proud.

ALPHEUS S. FAIR, farmer and stock-raiser, is the eldest son of Solomon and Susan (Foutch) Fair, natives of Maryland and Pennsylvania, and respectively of German and Irish descent. Alpheus was born in Somerset County, Penn., October 21, 1824. In 1835, his parents moved to Holmes County, Ohio, where our subject labored on the farm, and remained until his twenty-third year, having previously obtained some schooling at times, which he has increased by systematic application. January 18, 1847, he married, in Holmes County, Ohio, Mary Shrock, from which union descended nine children—Levi, Amanda, John, Malinda, Harriet (deceased), George, Mary Ann, Simon Peter, and William Jacob (deceased). In 1858, Mr. Fair came to this State and located on his present abode, at that date known as "Big Flats," and on which not the beginning of a clearing had been made. In 1861, he was elected Justice of the Peace, which office he held eight years. He is now the owner of a fine farm in a good state of cultivation, embracing an elegant residence, good fencing, barns and the like. In addition to his farming business, Mr. Fair is managing a number of guardianships and other trusts, committed to him by reason of his honorable record and of public esteem. Mr. and Mrs. Fair are members of the German Reformed Church.

JOHN FAIR, of Middlebury, Ind., was born January 19, 1852, in Holmes County, Ohio, and was the third child born to Alpheus S. and Mary (Shrock) Fair, the former a native of Pennsylvania, the latter of Ohio, and of German descent. John received a common school education, remaining with his father and working on the farm until twenty-one years of age, when he commenced working at the carpenter's trade, which business he followed for several years. In the fall of 1859, he moved with his parents to Harrison Township, Clay Co., Ind. His marriage took place April 16, 1876, to Lydia J. Goshorn. Two children have been born to them, viz., Sankey and Robert. In the fall of 1881, he engaged in his present business, that of groceries, and has been very successful. He also acts as Deputy Postmaster at Middlebury, as the post office is in his business room. In politics, he is a Democrat. He was elected Constable, and held that office three and a half years.

DR. MARTIN A. FREED, a rising young physician of Clay City, was born February 27, 1858, in Holmes County, Ohio, and was the third child born to John M. and Ann (Moyer) Freed, both natives of Ohio, and of German lineage. The parents moved to Indiana in 1863, locating in Harrison Township, Clay County. Martin's boyhood was spent upon a farm, working in summer and attending school in winter. He also attended the High Schools at Bowling Green one term, and at Brazil, after which he taught school three years with success. He had a liking for the study of medicine, and as soon as he was able financially, he began the study of his chosen profession by reading with Dr. York, his present partner, in the summer of 1879. He then entered the Medical Department of the University of Louisville, Ky., remaining there three years. After his return home, he commenced the practice of medicine, and is making his mark in his profession. He is a member of the Methodist Church; also a member of the Improved Order of Red Men, and the Knights and Ladies of Honor. In politics, he is a Republican.

A. J. FULKERSON, proprietor of a grocery and queensware store, Clay City, was born February 6, 1842, in Daviess County, Ky., and was the ninth child born to John V. and Anna M. (Chenoworth) Fulkerson, and is of Irish and English lineage. His youth was spent upon a farm, working and attending school until nineteen years of age, when he enlisted in the service of his country in Company D, Eighty-first Regiment Indiana Infantry, in the

summer of 1862. He participated in numerous skirmishes, but no great battles, and at Perryville, Ky., received an injury which produced heart disease, and he was discharged in the spring of 1863 on account of disability. After his return from the war, he engaged in railroad business, being employed as foreman twenty years. In the spring of 1880, he came to Clay City, being employed for a time as foreman by the T. H. & S. E. R. R., after which he engaged in his present business. He was married, March 6, 1864, to Flora Keepers (now deceased). One child, Lilly M. (now deceased), was born to them. His second marriage occurred June 21, 1866, to Mrs. Mary M. Wilson. Three children have been born to this union, viz., Annie E., Albert L. (deceased), and Emma B. (deceased). Mr. Fulkerson and wife are members of the Methodist Church. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity and of the I. O. O. F. In politics, he is a Republican, and an active worker in the party. In business, he is shrewd and successful.

JOHN J. GRABER, JR., farmer and stock-raiser, was born August 27, 1857, in Harrison Township, Clay County, Ind., and is the seventh of nine children born to John J. and Mary A. (Fisher) Graber, the former a native of Switzerland, the latter of Germany. His father came here at an early period, and is still living in Middlebury, Ind. He, with the aid of his sons, developed from the wilderness one of the finest farms in the county, upon which the son John now resides. His early education was limited, but he has been a close student and is a model farmer. He was married to Margaret H. Willen, a native of Owen County, January 3, 1880. Two children have been born to them—John, born December 17, 1880, and Viola B., January 6, 1883. Mr. Graber and wife are active members of the German Reformed Church. In politics, he is a Democrat, having given his support to that party since he became a voter. He is an active, wide-awake young man, with a promising future.

JAMES S. GRAY, stock-raiser and farmer, was born in Monroe County, Ind., October 18, 1833, and is the fourth son of William and Mary (Gross) Gray, the former a native of Kentucky and of Scotch-Irish descent, the latter a native of North Carolina and of German descent. These parents removed to this locality and settled in 1848. Mr. Gray was reared on their farm, and from the subscription schools acquired a very fair English education. December 20, 1855, he married, in this township, Phebe J. Moody, by which alliance descended three children—Emily I. (deceased), Mary C. (deceased) and Ralph D. (now four and twenty years of age). Mr. Gray was largely the creator of his success in life, now possessing a magnificent farm of 210 acres, mostly in high cultivation and improvement. Mr. Gray is a Republican in politics, and a most valuable citizen. He and his wife are members of the Christian Church, in which Mr. Gray is a Deacon.

G. PARIS GRAY, farmer, was born in Monroe County, Ind., February 8, 1845, and is the youngest son of William and Mary (Gross) Gray. His parents removed to Clay County when he was four years old, and located where he now resides. He grew up on this farm, and acquired the rudiments of an education from the neighboring schools. August 8, 1869, he married, in Middlebury, Ind., Edith I., eldest daughter of Granville and Evaline (Smith) White, by which marriage they have one child, Bertha L. February 8, 1865, Mr. Gray enlisted in Company B, One Hundred and Forty-ninth Indiana Volunteer Infantry; served as a Corporal until July 17, and was honorably discharged. While in the service, he contracted disease of the stomach, with which he is yet affected. Mr. Gray inherited the farm from his father, to which he has materially added by his thrift and diligence. His mother is yet living, aged eighty-two years. Mr. Gray is an earnest

Republican, having cast his first Presidential vote for Gen. Grant. He and wife are consistent members of the Christian Church.

GEORGE V. GOSHORN was born May 8, 1837, in Holmes County, Ohio, and was the third of four children born to Nicholas and Jane (Rolinson) Goshorn, both natives of Pennsylvania, and of English and German extraction. The first sixteen years of George's life were spent upon a farm and in attending school. He then engaged in mercantile business with his father, at Winesburg, Ohio, where he remained three years. He then came to Owen County, Ind., in the fall of 1856, and taught school the following winter. In the fall of 1857, his father came to Clay County, and together they commenced the mercantile business at Bellaire. George was appointed Postmaster. He also bought and sold grain, had an interest in a saw mill and a shingle factory. The father and son sold out their business and bought a farm of 240 acres, all deeded to George, with whom his father made his home until his death, his mother dying some years previous in Ohio. He has several other farms, comprising 700 acres, well improved and stocked. He was married, April 7, 1861, to Rebecca Burkhart, a native of Coshocton County, Ohio, a daughter of Benjamin and Leah (Ream) Burkhart. Nine children have been born to them, viz.: Jane B., Laura, Edwin, Robert, Mary, Benjamin, Leonard, Rosa and Ira. Mr. Goshorn is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and his wife is a Lutheran. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity. Politically, he is a Democrat, was formerly an active politician, but now merely votes. In the fall of 1864, he was elected County Surveyor of Clay County, and served a term of two years. He has also taught school in Bellaire.

ROBERT GUTHRIE, farmer, is the second of the eight children of Robert and Margaret (Patterson) Guthrie, natives of Pennsylvania, and of Irish and Scotch descent respectively, the former born November 21, 1800, died November 30, 1881; the latter born September 27, 1797, died January 18, 1881. Our subject first saw the light January 4, 1828, in Washington County, Penn., whence his parents, in the year 1836, removed to Coshocton County, Ohio. He was reared on a farm, and acquired a fair education in the schools of the day. At maturity he inherited from his father about \$6,000, to which he has added by diligence and thrift until he now ranks among the wealthiest farmers of the county of Clay. June 5, 1856, he married Jane Elliott, which union was graced by three children—Hugh W. (deceased), Andromedia (deceased), and Prudence N. In 1858, he came to this State and located where he now resides. December 4, 1863, Mrs. Guthrie died, and October 13, 1864, he married Mary Ann Sowash, who became thereby the mother of four children—Emma Jane, Ella C., Ida L. and Daniel V. Mr. Guthrie is a member of Clay City Lodge, A. F. & A. M., and was for two years Treasurer thereof. He is a liberal Democrat, and a benevolent, esteemed citizen.

DR. LEVI A. HALE, a prominent physician of Middlebury, Ind., was born December 9, 1838, in Hamilton County, Ind., and was the eldest of ten children of Frederick S. and Melinda (Williams) Hale, the former a native of Tennessee, the latter of North Carolina, and of German and Scotch extraction. His youth was spent upon a farm, working and attending school until eighteen years of age, when he commenced teaching and taught two years, during his leisure hours reading medicine. He was also under an instructor one year. He then enlisted April 19, 1861, in Company H, Fourteenth Indiana Infantry, under Col. Nathan Kimble, participating in several hard-fought battles, and being discharged for disability May 23, 1862. On his return home, he resumed the study of medicine, and taught school to defray expenses, studying with Bryant, and afterward Rodman, until 1868.

From 1842, for a period of twenty-six years, he was a resident of Owen County, Ind. He commenced the practice of medicine in Marco, Greene County, but in a short time removed to Middlebury, where he has remained and built up a good practice. His marriage occurred January 29, 1866, to Margaret Spear. They have had two children born to them—Rence and Mont. Dr. Hale, his wife and daughter are members of the Christian Church. He is also a member of the I. O. O. F. Politically, he is a Republican in the truest sense of the term, and an active worker of the party.

HENRY HARDEN, farmer and stock-raiser, was born December 20, 1835, in Knox County, Ohio, and was the seventh of twelve children born to Nathan and Mary (Hammon) Harden, both natives of Pennsylvania, and of Irish and German extraction. Henry's early opportunities of education were meager, as he was kept at work upon the farm most of the time, but being studious, he has obtained a fair education, mostly acquired since he was a man. His parents moved with him to Logan County, Ohio, when he was quite young, where they remained until the fall of 1852, when they came to Harrison Township, Clay County, Ind., redeeming from the wilderness a fine farm, upon which they spent the rest of their lives. At the age of twenty-one, Henry commenced life for himself, receiving no help, but by his own unaided efforts he now owns a farm of 439 acres. December 25, 1857, he was married to Melinda Bolick (now deceased). Eight children were the fruit of this marriage—Lewis, Mary, John, William (deceased), Lydia, Nathan, Emma, Elias (deceased). His second marriage occurred March 16, 1877, to Nancy Oliver (now deceased). Two children were born to this union, dying unnamed. He was next married to Alice Whited April 15, 1880. Two children have been born to them—Ezekiel, and Clara (deceased). Mrs. Harden is a member of the Christian Church. Politically, Mr. Harden is a Republican, having voted with that party since he became a voter, and being one of its active workers. He is a liberal giver to all charities, and a friend of progress.

ALGY D. HARRIS is the fifth son of Thomas and Lucinda (Witham) Harris, natives of Ohio and Kentucky, and of Irish and German descent respectively. Algy was born in Vigo County, Ind., October 27, 1840, and was taken by his parents to Sugar Ridge Township, where Thomas Harris purchased land and entered some, also, which aggregated in 1874, at the time of his death, 1,200 acres. Daniel Harris, grandfather of our subject, surveyed, named, and was the first legislative Representative of the county of Clay; likewise the first Probate Judge of the counties of Owen and Clay. Algy was reared on the paternal farm, and November 14, 1864, he married Mahala D. Canann, which marriage produced eight children—Minnie Alice, Thomas Joseph (deceased), Henry Morton, Willie Walton (deceased), Maudie, Mattie, Richard Thompson, and an infant (deceased). Mr. Harris inherited from his father's estate something over \$5,000, which his industry and thrift have doubled. The better to educate his children he removed from his farm to Clay City, where he has a grocery and confectionery. He is a Republican, and gave his first Presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln. Mr. and Mrs. Harris belong to the Knights of Honor, Lodge 603, of which he is Treasurer, and she Vice Protector.

IVAN B. HARRIS, Postmaster of Clay City, was born May 9, 1854, in Clay County, Ind., and was the seventh child born to Lloyd, and second born to Nancy Burnett, the former a native of New York, the latter of Kentucky, and of English descent. Ivan received a good common school education, and also attended a commercial school at Terre Haute one term. At the age of seventeen, he commenced teaching school, following the pursuit five years with good success. He was married, May 15, 1879, to Helen

Elkin, a native of Indiana. Two children have been born to this union—Roscoe B. and Don E. Mr. Harris is a member of the following orders: Masonic, Knights of Pythias, Improved Order of Red Men, and Ancient Order of United Workmen. He is an enthusiastic politician, and votes with the Republican party. He was appointed Postmaster of Clay City, March 31, 1879. He is also agent for the following fire insurance companies—Ætna, Hartford, Home, Springfield, Fire and Marine Underwriters, Western Assurance Company, all first-class.

NATHAN A. HARRIS was born July 16, 1851, in Morrow County, Ohio, and was the youngest of five children born to Jesse and Jane (Hall) Harris, both natives of Ohio, and of German extraction. Nathan's early youth was spent in town, where he attended school, but losing his father at an early age, and his mother remarrying, when he was fourteen years of age he was apprenticed to a harness-maker, where he worked eighteen months; then going to Wooster, Ohio, he worked under better instruction eighteen months, afterward working six months in a whip factory, then in a carriage shop. He then came to Middlebury in the fall of 1868, and started a harness-shop, keeping it about three years, when he started a saloon, which he carried on five years. By this time, he had, of his own earning, accumulated enough to start a first-class grocery, which he now keeps in Middlebury. He was married to Ellen J. Rogerson June 29, 1871. Three children have been born to them—Charles L., James A. G. (deceased), Nancy E. (deceased.) Mrs. Harris is an active member of the Baptist Church. Politically, Mr. Harris is a Republican; cast his first vote for U. S. Grant when he was elected to his second term.

ALTON R. HARVEY, a grain merchant of Clay City, was born January 13, 1855, in Ashtabula County, Ohio, and was the third child born to Randolph S. and Polly M. (Sutton) Harvey, both natives of Ohio, and of English and German descent. When Alton was two years of age, his father came with him to Brazil, Clay Co., Ind., where he shortly afterward died. Alton's boyhood was spent in town, where he attended school, and being studious acquired a good practical education. At the age of fifteen years, he began working at the plasterer's trade at Terre Haute. He advanced rapidly, and was soon able to manage business for himself. He took a trip to the New England States, working at his trade. He has also worked in all parts of Clay County. In January, 1882, he established his present business at Clay City. He was married to Carrie Clark November 22, 1879. One child has been born to them, viz., Altie M., born December 19, 1881. Mr. Harvey is an active member of the Christian Church. He is also a member of the I. O. O. F., and of the Improved Order of Red Men. In politics, he is a Republican. He is a member of the Cory and Clay City Brass Band.

DAVID H. HATFIELD, miner and coal-operator, is the third son of William and Sarah (Nutter) Hatfield, natives respectively of Ohio and Virginia, and of Scotch-Irish and Scotch descent. David was born in Delaware County, Ohio, March 21, 1848, where his parents died when he was eight years of age, after which he went to live with an uncle in Virginia, where, though his school advantages were circumscribed, he acquired the rudiments of an education, which he afterward greatly improved. When sixteen years old, he removed to this State, and located near Staunton, where he followed farming and coal-mining for twelve years. From 1876 to 1881, he was successfully engaged in mercantile business at Cory, Ind. These goods he exchanged for a farm in Perry Township, where he raised one crop, and in the summer of 1882 removed to this township, and engaged in his present business. February 26, 1866, he married Phebe Paris, with an issue of

seven children—Charles E., Emma J. (deceased), Emery, William H., Amere-tith (deceased), Oletha (deceased), and Samuel. October, 1864, Mr. Hatfield enlisted in Company E, Twenty-fifth Indiana Volunteer Infantry; served until the end of the war, and took part in all the important battles of Gen. Sherman's campaign. Mr. Hatfield has a controlling interest in upward of one hundred acres of good coal lands, and is now negotiating for others of the same character. He expects soon to open what promises to be a highly valuable mine. Mr. Hatfield has a garden residence comprising eight acres, containing fruits and all improvements. He is a Democrat, and gave his first vote for Samuel J. Tilden. He and wife are members of the New Light Church.

GABRIEL CHERRY HOLMES, farmer, is a son of Joseph Cherry and Magdeline (Ringer) Holmes, natives respectively of Ohio and Pennsylvania, and of English and German descent. Our subject was born in Tuscarawas County, Ohio, February 2, 1833; attended the public schools there, and removed to this State in September, 1854; settled in Owen County, and gave his attention to his trade of carpenter until 1861. August 4, 1856, he married Elizabeth Stentz, who died October 17, 1871, leaving six children—Joseph C., Sophia C., Alonzo C., William C., Lorenzo C. and John C.; their first-born, Mary Samantha, having died in infancy. August 11, 1872, he married his second wife, Nancy J. Byrum, by whom he has had born to him three children—Daniel Edward C., an infant (deceased) and Lillian. June 27, 1861, Mr. Holmes enlisted in Company I, Nineteenth Indiana Volunteer Infantry; served until November 14, 1862, when he was discharged, after being wounded through the hip and groin at the battle of Antietam. He was promoted to be Duty Sergeant while a private, and was elected by his fellows Second Lieutenant, but was defrauded of his commission through chicanery, after which he resumed his post as Duty Sergeant, and frequently commanded the company. He participated in the battles of South Mountain, Second Bull Run and Antietam. Mr. Holmes is independent in politics, with a leaning toward the Greenback party, and it is remarkable that in his Presidential voting he never gave his franchise for the successful candidate. Mr. Holmes is a member of the Church of God, and Mrs. Holmes of the Christian Church.

SAMUEL HORN, a farmer and stock-raiser, is a son of Daniel and Priscilla (Caton) Horn, natives of Pennsylvania and of German descent. He was born in Washington County, Penn., September 7, 1838, whence his parents removed to Ohio in 1841, and to this State and township in 1857. Samuel divided his time in youth between farming and school going, and in 1860 married Adaline Duncan, who died October, 1865, whereupon, January 20, 1867, he married his second wife, Elizabeth Dickey, née Roush, by which union they had five children—George Allison, William Nelson, Sarah A., an infant (deceased), and John Albert (deceased.) February 8, 1865, Mr. Horn enlisted in Company B, One Hundred and Forty-ninth Indiana Volunteer Infantry; served until September 27, 1865, and was honorably discharged, having contracted disease in the army. By hard labor and good management he has accumulated considerable means, together with a fine farm, which is in a desirable state of cultivation. He is politically a Democrat, and cast his first vote for President for Stephen A. Douglas. Mr. and Mrs. Horn are members of the Baptist Church.

FRANK A. HORNER, a rising young lawyer of Clay City, was born April 18, 1849, in Washington County, Ind., and was a son of Jacob and Nancy (Sensenev) Horner, both natives of Indiana, and of English and German descent. Mr. Horner attended Asbury University, graduating from that institution in 1870. He then began the study of law with Judge La Fol-

lette, of New Albany, Ind., remaining one year. From there he went to Bowling Green and finished reading under Mr. Carter and Judge Coffey. In 1873, he came to what is now Clay City, and opened a law office. His success has been great, and his practice is increasing. He is sympathetic, and possessed of fine oratorical powers and wide influence. His marriage occurred April 22, 1873, to Sylvia Reed, a native of Ohio. Two children have been born to them, viz.: Francis O., born February 20, 1874, and Ottimer, January 16, 1876. Mr. Horner is a member of the I. O. O. F. and Improved Order of Red Men. In politics, he is a Democrat. He is an enterprising gentleman, with a promising future.

JOHN H. HORTON, farmer and stock-raiser, was born June 26, 1849, in Clay County, Harrison Township, Ind., and was the eighth of nine children born to Renselaer and Sarah (Dalton) Horton, the former a native of Connecticut, the latter of Indiana, and of English descent. The parents came to Clay County, Ind., in 1829, when all was a wilderness, from which, by hard labor, was developed one of the finest farms in the county. John received a good common school education, and remained with his parents, working the farm, until twenty-one years of age. His father started him in life with \$1,000, to which he has added until he has a good farm of 180 acres, with improved agricultural implements. His marriage occurred January 24, 1875, to Sarah E. Fulk, a native of Owen County, Ind. Four children have been born to them, viz.: Harley, Leroy, James and Charles. He and his wife are members of the Baptist and Christian Church respectively. In politics, he was formerly a Democrat, but now gives his support to the National party, claiming to belong to no party, but to vote for the man and not the party. He is an energetic and good business man, and a prominent citizen.

ANANIAS HOSTETLER, farmer, is the son of Joseph and Sallie (Mishley) Hostetler, natives of Ohio, and of German descent. He was born in this township January 19, 1857, and remained with his parents until he was nineteen years of age, when he removed to Woodford County, Ill., and engaged in mercantile business successfully for eighteen months; then traveled three years, returned to this township, and here, August 21, 1881, he married Laura White, the fruit of which union was one child—Vieta. The father of Ananias was one of the pioneer farmers of Clay County, and now resides in Missouri. He had two sons—Samuel and Jacob—in the Union army, both of whom died away from home. Our subject is a young man of much promise, energetic, industrious and worthy; he has learned the value of time and labor, and his success is assured. In politics, he is a Democrat, having given his first Presidential vote for Gen. W. S. Hancock. In religion, he is a member of the United Brethren Church.

M. L. JETT, cashier of Thompson, Jett & Wiltse's private bank at Clay City, Ind., also a druggist at the same place, was born March 15, 1836, in Franklin County, Ky., and was the second child of John W. and Virginia (Hancock) Jett, the former a native of Virginia, the latter of Kentucky, and of French and English descent. Mr. Jett's grandfather was in the war of 1812, and had three brothers in the Revolutionary war. The subject of this sketch came with his parents to Indiana in 1840, settling near Spencer, Owen County, where his youth was spent. He attended common schools, and also a commercial school at Evansville, Ind. With little means, he has succeeded in amassing a competence. He practiced medicine four years near Clay City, having studied while in his drug store. He was married to Eleanor Elliot November 27, 1862. Her father was in the war of 1812. Three children have been born to this union, viz., Jane G. (deceased), Pierre T. and Frank H. Mr. Jett and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal

Church. He takes great interest in the education of his children, believing that knowledge is better than wealth. Mr. Jett is Worshipful Master of Clay City Lodge, No. 562, A. F. & A. M., and a member of Terre Haute Chapter, No. 11, Royal Arch Masons. In politics, he is a Democrat, having voted with that party since he became a voter. His drug store does an annual business of \$6,000. His bank also does a lively business.

LEVI L. JOHNSON, an extensive stock-raiser and farmer of Harrison Township, was born August 15, 1848, in Owen County, Ind., and is the fourth child born to John J. and Ruth (Mickle) Johnson, the former a native of Virginia, the latter of North Carolina, and of English and German extraction. Levi received a common school education, working on the farm summers and going to school winters. When he was quite young, his parents removed to Clay County, locating in Harrison Township, where he now resides on a nice little farm of sixty acres. He commenced with little, and by economy and industry has accumulated a competence. He was married to Mary E. Tipton, a native of Ohio, on April 25, 1871. Seven children have been born to them, four of whom are living, viz, Alice M., Shirley J., William W. and George W. Mr. Johnson is an active member of the Baptist Church. He is a member of the Knights of Labor, and took an active part in the Grange movement. Politically, he was formerly a Democrat, but, becoming dissatisfied, gave his support to the Greenback party, whose principles he earnestly advocates. In the spring of 1878, he was elected Assessor of Harrison Township, and served one term. He was nominated by the Greenbackers for Sheriff, and run well, but did not win, owing to the strength of the opposing party.

SILAS KAUBLE was born July 23, 1837, in Harrison County, Ohio, and is the oldest of eight children born to Daniel and Elizabeth (Hain) Kauble, both natives of Pennsylvania, and of German extraction. Silas remained with his parents until twenty-two years of age, working upon the farm in summer and attending school in winter, receiving a good common school education. He with his parents came to Clay County in the spring of 1855, locating in Harrison Township, which has been his home since. In 1861, August 24, he enlisted in Company B, First Missouri Engineers, under Col. J. W. Bissell. His service consisted in running a saw mill, sawing bridge timber part of the time, running railroad engines and building bridges and water tanks. He also participated in several hard battles—New Madrid, Mo., Island No. 10, the siege of Corinth and the battle of Corinth. He was discharged at Young's Point, La., on account of physical disability, March 23, 1863. After his return from the war, he went to Illinois and worked one year; then returned to Clay County, where he was married, November 13, 1864, to Clara Arma Church (now deceased). Four children were born to them—Joseph A., Lida E., Cynthia E. and Eliza E. (deceased). He remained a widower about eight years, caring for his little family with the aid of his sister-in-law. His second marriage occurred in November, 1881, to Mary A. Ellis. Two children are the fruit of this union—Richard T. (deceased) and Hester A. Mr. Kauble is an active member of the Knights of Labor at Clay City. In politics, he is not a strong partisan, but votes for the man and not the party. He favors the teachings of the Greenback party.

WILLIAM R. KRESS, a retired merchant and farmer of Middlebury, Ind., was born May 24, 1819, in Jackson County, Ind., and was the second child born to Hiram and Varona (Hair) Kress, the former a native of New York, the latter of Vermont, and of German and Scotch-Irish descent. William remained at home until twenty-two years of age, worked upon the farm, and, although he had to walk three miles to school, attended, and obtained a fair education. In the winter of 1846, he located in Harrison

Township, purchasing a farm, but soon left it and engaged in mercantile business at Middlebury, where he remained six years. He then sold his stock of goods and returned to his farm, where he remained until the beginning of the rebellion, when he enlisted in the summer of 1861 and served twenty-two months. He participated in several hard-fought battles and numerous skirmishes, and was discharged at New Orleans in May, 1863, on account of disability. He was Orderly Sergeant of Company I, Twenty-first Indiana Infantry, under Col. J. W. McMillen. After his return from the war, he again engaged in mercantile business until 1876, when he retired, and is engaged in overseeing his farm of 240 acres, finely situated about half a mile south of Middlebury. He also owns some nice town property. His marriage occurred August 9, 1841, to Lydia, daughter of Silas and Sally (Hair) Bates, and a native of New York. Ten children have been born to them—Loren (deceased), Hiram, Sally V. (deceased), Huldah F., Thomas F., Amanda M., Mary V. (deceased), Albert W., Ora A. and William S. Mr. Kress and wife are members of the Baptist Church. In politics, he was formerly a Whig, casting his first vote for Gen. Harrison. He afterward became a Republican, and now advocates the Greenback doctrine. He is a strong temperance advocate. He was the first Postmaster at Middlebury, and helped give it its name "Martz."

JAMES N. LANGWORTHY, express and freight agent at Clay City, was born August 18, 1847, in Louisville, Ky., and was the fourth of nine children of George W. and Emily B. (Baker) Langworthy, the former a native of New York, the latter of Pennsylvania, and of English and German extraction. James was brought up in a city, attending school until fourteen years of age, when he entered an auction store in New Albany, Ind., as salesman. He was afterward with a wholesale notion and gents' furnishing store, in the same place, where he remained four years. He followed mercantile pursuits several years, part of the time as traveling salesman. In the fall of 1871, he took a trip West, purchasing a team and outfit in Iowa, and going thence to Nebraska, where he took up a claim and remained several years farming. He then traded his team for two yoke of Texas steers and a cow and a calf; but the cattle were unused to work, and he had to kill the cow to save his life, she was so wild. The pursuit of cattle-trainer not being congenial, and having endured many hardships, he concluded to return East. He has been a resident of Clay City about four years. His marriage occurred November 17, 1874, to Alice K. Griffith. Three children have been born to them—Alfred G., born December 10, 1875; Edith L., November 10, 1877; and Earl T., July 13, 1880. Mr. Langworthy is in politics a Republican. He and his wife are members of the Baptist Church. Mr. L. is a gentleman in the truest sense of the word.

HENRY H. LANKFORD was born November 6, 1844, in Harrison Township, Clay County, Ind., and is the third child born to Larkin and Abigail (VanMeter) Lankford, the former a native of Kentucky, the latter of Indiana, and of German and English extraction. His parents were among the earliest settlers of Clay County, formerly owning and farming the greater part of the land Clay City stands on. He remained at home until the summer of 1862, when he enlisted for three months in Company H, Fifty-fourth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, in command of Capt. Hunt, of Brazil. March 2, 1863, he re-enlisted, in the three years service, in Company G, Second Indiana Cavalry, under Col. McCook. He participated in numerous hard-fought battles and many skirmishes, and was wounded in the right arm in a skirmish near Columbus, Ga., on the day of Lincoln's assassination. He was honorably discharged at Jeffersonville, Ind., July 26, 1865. He returned home and as soon as able commenced farming, which business he

followed until two years ago, when he opened a saloon in Clay City, which he still keeps. He was married, in 1867, to Lucinda VanMeter, a native of Clay County. Four children have been born to them—Dora B., Ida E., Victoria and Lyman. Mr. Lankford is an active, energetic worker in the Republican party, having been identified with that party since he was a voter.

JOSEPH W. McCULLOUGH, one of the many enterprising stock-raisers and farmers of Harrison Township, was born July 7, 1844, in Putnam County, Ind., and was the youngest of sixteen children born to William and Lavinia (Myers) McCullough, both natives of Tennessee, and of German and Irish descent. Joseph was reared upon a farm, attending common school winters, obtaining an ordinary education. He remained on the farm overseeing the work until twenty-three years of age. His father died April 10, 1863, which left the care of his mother upon him, and his great aim was to comfort her in her old age. At her death he received \$400, and has a good farm of seventy acres well improved. He was married, January 4, 1865, to Sarah C. Cromwell, now deceased. Five children were born to them, viz., Samuel F. (deceased), Arthur O., Alma L., Huldah L. (deceased) and William A. His second marriage occurred October 7, 1877, to Catharine A. Moyers. Four children have been born to them, viz., Carry A., Susan, Elmer and Elbert. In politics, he is a Democrat, an active member of the party and a prominent citizen.

THOMAS J. MARSHALL, of Clay City, was born in Harrison County, Ohio, October 8, 1852, and was the third of ten children born to John G. and Nancy (Sloan) Marshall, both natives of Pennsylvania, and of English and Irish extraction. Thomas spent his boyhood on a farm, attending school and working until he was fifteen years of age, when he began to learn the carpenter's trade, working under his father's instruction six years, by which time he was competent to contract and build for himself. He then studied law one year in Washington, Ind., and attended school at Dover Hill, Martin Co., Ind. Since that time he has worked at his trade. Mr. Marshall came to Clay City in 1879. His marriage occurred June 14, 1881, to Mrs. Sadie Hartley, of Ohio. One child has been born to them, viz., Per-sis E., born September 27, 1882. Mrs. Marshall has one child by her former marriage—Artie E. Hartley. Mr. Marshall is a member of the Knights of Honor and the Knights and Ladies of Honor. Mrs. Marshall is a member of the Methodist Church. Mr. Marshall is politically a Democrat, having voted with that party since he became a voter.

FREDERICK MAYBAUGHT, farmer and stock-raiser, was born July 10, 1836, in Tuscarawas County, Ohio, and was the sixth of nine children of Crist and Barbara (Blocer) Maybaught, both natives of Germany. Frederick was reared upon a farm, and received little schooling, as his taste did not lie in that direction. He remained at home until he was twenty-four years of age. In the spring of 1862, he came to Clay County, Ind., and has since resided here. He had \$300 to invest, and now owns a fine farm of 148 acres of good land, beautifully situated, and with many of the modern improvements, the result of labor and economy. He was married, November 11, 1866, to Mary Croft. Four children have been born to them, viz., John E., born October 13, 1867; George W., February 16, 1870; Edward L., July 16, 1874; Ida C., May 19, 1877. Mr. and Mrs. Maybaught are both members of the Lutheran Church. In politics, Mr. Maybaught is a Democrat. He is an energetic, wide-awake farmer, a liberal giver, and a friend of humanity.

D. C. MIDDLEMAS, proprietor of the leading hardware store of Clay City, Ind., carries a first-class stock of stoves, tinware, doors, sash, glass and

agricultural implements ; is also agent for the Buckeye reapers, table rakes, self-binders, cultivators, drills, cider mills, wagons, buggies, barbed wire, paints and oils ; opposite the Clay City Bank. Call and see him, and you will be amply repaid.

JAMES MOODY was born December 7, 1834, in Carroll County, Ohio, and was the fourth child born to David and Mary (Parmer) Moody, both natives of Ohio, and of Irish and German extraction. He was reared upon a farm and received a good common school education, remaining at home until twenty-one years of age, when he began learning the wagon-maker's trade, which trade he followed twenty years. He, in company with his parents, came to Harrison Township, Clay County, in the fall of 1846, and has since resided here. At that time the country was wild, being mostly forest. He owns three small farms, all the result of his own labor. They are pleasantly situated, and comprise 167 acres. For several years he kept a wagon shop in Middlebury, Ind., but now devotes his attention to farming and stock-raising. He was married to Eliza Barrack, a native of Ohio, December 10, 1861. Seven children have been born to them, viz., Edith A., Laura B., Clara D., Flora A., Emery E., Charles and Jessie. Mr. Moody took the temperance pledge when young, and has never tasted whisky nor tobacco. He was appointed Postmaster at Martz in 1862, and still holds the office. In politics, he is an active Republican, having voted with that party since its organization, and is regarded one of its leading workers. Mrs. Moody is an active member of the Baptist Church.

JOHN L. MOYER, a prominent farmer and stock-raiser, was born March 9, 1830, in Holmes County, Ohio, and was the fourth child born to John and Susanna (Longenecker) Moyer, both natives of Pennsylvania, and of German and Irish ancestry. John was reared upon a farm, working most of the time, and having little chance to attend school, he being the oldest boy and his help being needed. He remained with his parents until he was twenty-two years of age. When he arrived at his majority, he commenced farming for himself, and at the age of twenty-five years came to Clay County, Ind., and purchased a farm of 200 acres in Harrison Township. The land cost \$2,500, and his father gave him \$900 to pay on it, and in time he paid the rest, and still owns it. Since that time he has added forty acres more, and also owns 160 acres in Illinois. His homestead is beautifully situated, and has everything to make it attractive. He was married to Nancy Hann, a native of Pennsylvania, April 8, 1852. Eleven children have been born to this marriage, viz., Susanna (deceased), Samuel H., Oliver, Elijah, Martha, Mahala (deceased), Harvey, Mary F., John L., Jacob and an infant unnamed. Mr. and Mrs. Moyer are active members of the United Brethren Church. In politics, he is a Republican. He is a liberal giver to all benevolent and charitable institutions.

HENRY MOYER, farmer and stock-raiser, was born December 12, 1835, in Holmes County, Ohio, and was the seventh of twelve children of John and Susanna (Longenecker) Moyer, both natives of Pennsylvania, and of German ancestry. Henry remained with his parents, working on the farm and attending school about three months in the year, until he was about twenty-three years of age. He came to Harrison Township, Clay Co., Ind., in the spring of 1859, his father having purchased land there, of which he gave Henry 100 acres. It was a wilderness, and Henry cleared about sixty acres of it and sold it, purchasing\* 160 acres two miles north of his former farm, upon which he now resides. Mr. Moyer was married to Keziah Fisher, a native of Stark County, Ohio, March 31, 1859. Ten children have been born to them, all of whom are living, viz., Rachel A., John W., Franklin, Sarah E., Alice, William S., David H., Loretta, Clara and Bertha. In the

fall of 1864, Mr. Moyer entered his country's service, enlisting in Company F, Thirtieth Indiana Infantry, and remaining until the close of the war. He was engaged in the following battles, viz.: Franklin, Tenn., and Nashville, and numerous skirmishes. Mr. and Mrs. Moyer are active members of the United Brethren Church. Politically, Mr. Moyer is a Republican, and one of the party's most earnest workers. He is a prosperous farmer, a good business man, benevolent and charitable.

WILLIAM NULL, stock-raiser and farmer, is the second son of John and Barbara (Heyrock) Null, and is a native of Germany, born January 16, 1820. He received a fair education in the fatherland, and in 1844, sailed from Bremen to Baltimore, where he landed on September 18 of that year, after a perilous voyage of sixty days. He is the only member of his father's family that has crossed the Atlantic. From Baltimore he traveled into Pennsylvania, and at Pittsburgh had his clothing stolen, being left with what he wore only, and 12 cents in capital. He was also without knowledge of the language. He next drifted to Wittenburg, where he worked at his trade, that of blacksmith, for twelve years, and accumulated some property. August 23, 1846, he married Lydia Hensel, widow of Michael Hensel, to which union were born three children—Henry, Mary Elizabeth (Mrs. Sink), and Lydia Ann (deceased). In 1872, Mr. Null removed to this State, and purchased and settled on the farm on which he now resides, and since April, 1881, after the death of his wife, he has lived entirely alone. Mr. Null is a member of the German Reformed Church, and a Democrat in politics.

AUGUSTUS OBERHOLTZER, an extensive farmer of Harrison Township, was born January 9, 1842, in Holmes County, Ohio, and was the twelfth of thirteen children born to Samuel and Elizabeth (Schuyler) Oberholtzer, both natives of Pennsylvania, and of German ancestry. Augustus, at the age of fourteen years, came with his parents to Owen County, Ind., where he remained until about twenty years of age, when he began business for himself. While in Ohio, Augustus attended school, but when he came to the wilderness in Owen County, there was a home to be made, and he worked summer and winter, but being studious, he acquired sufficient education to teach, and at the age of twenty-one, he began teaching school, and taught fifteen years, in the winter, farming summers. His father gave him his liberty in consideration of his clearing thirteen acres of land, which he did, and then attended school a short time, leaving in debt, but splitting rails to pay it off. He received no start in life, but is to-day owner of a fine farm of 600 acres, beautifully situated and well improved. He was married to Mary A. Collins, July 11, 1861. Twelve children have been born to them, eleven of whom are living—Mary E., Nancy E., Laura E., George E., Stella E. (deceased), Ora B., Walter W., Minnie G., Grace V., Irving A., Edison E. and Volka M. Mr. Oberholtzer also runs a saw mill, and gives considerable attention to raising stock. In politics, he is a Democrat.

WILLIAM OWEN, farmer, is the sixth of twelve children born to Jonathan and Louisa (Taylor) Owen, both natives of North Carolina. William first saw the world's light in Pulaski County, Ky., March 16, 1826, whence, about 1829, his parents removed to this State, settled in Clay County, and died when our subject was in his twelfth year; he was then taken to rear by Zachariah Denny, with whom he lived until his seventeenth year, at which time his benefactor died, and he was thrown upon the world, with the advantage of but very sparing education. June 15, 1848, he married Martha Coopriider, a union which gave issue to five children—Mary E., David, Eliza Ann, Jacob and James. In August, 1862, Mr. Owen enlisted in Company G, Fifty-ninth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, served until May 13, 1865, when he was honorably discharged. He served in the whole Atlanta cam-

paign, was with Gen. Sherman in his famous march, and came out without injury. Except a pittance from his father's estate, Mr. Owen has made his way to competence. In politics Mr. Owen is independent, votes for the best man, and is a respectable citizen.

DR. JOSHUA J. PHIPPS, a practicing physician of Middlebury, Ind., was born in Clay County, Ind., November 20, 1841, and was the fifth of nine children born to Moses and Catherine (Griffith) Phipps, both natives of East Tennessee, and of German and Irish descent. Joshua received a common school education, working on the farm and remaining with his parents until February, 1857, when he commenced business for himself. When quite young he had a passion for reading medical works, and from his skill in assisting in the care of the sick, he was nicknamed "Doctor." He followed farming until 1861, when he enlisted, July 15, in Company C, Eleventh Indiana Infantry, under Col. Lewis Wallace. He participated in many severe engagements, as the battles of Fort Donelson and Shiloh, and numerous skirmishes, and was discharged for disability, July, 1862. After remaining at home one month he re-enlisted in Company K, Eighty-fifth Indiana Infantry, and in his first battle, after his re-enlistment at Thompson's Station, Tenn., he received a wound, caused by the concussion of shot or shell that crushed his left breast, breaking three ribs and disabling his left arm. He was taken to Hospital No. 3, at Nashville, Tenn., and remained there until June, when he was detailed to assist in surgical operations under Surgeon Harlow, thus obtaining a thorough knowledge of practical surgery. He was transferred to Company F, Third Regiment Veteran Reserve Corps, and stationed at Dearbornville, Mich., at the United States Arsenal. He was detailed to the United States Dispensary, where he, for the first time, had free access to a medical library. He remained there until November 8, 1865, when he was mustered out at Detroit, Mich. He then entered the Medical College at Ann Arbor, Mich., remaining one term. In 1870, he opened an office at Sandford, Vigo County, Ind., for the practice of medicine. He then practiced nine years in Pierson Township, after which, in 1883, he settled in Middlebury, where he now resides. In 1865, September 12, he married Mary F. O. Neal, a native of Canada. Five children have been born to them, of which one died unnamed. The others are Edward, Laura J., Nettie M. and Mary T. Dr. Phipps and wife are members of the United Brethren Church. Politically, he is a stalwart Republican.

WILLIAM L. PRICE, farmer and coal operator, is the youngest son of Israel and Margaret (Gordon) Price, and was born in Clay County, Ind., October 27, 1839, whence, in 1882, he removed to the place he now owns and occupies. He was brought up on a farm, and attended and received from the public schools of his time, the fullest advantages they afforded. March 7, 1861, he married Emily Stoores, to which union were born eight children—Frances Bell (deceased), Sarah Margaret (deceased), Evaline (deceased), Rosetta, Anna, Nancy Alice, Cora Emma and Warren Eddie. Mrs. Price died August 8, 1879, and Mr. Price married, August 31, 1882, Sarah, second daughter of Peter and Margaret Barrack. It may be said of our subject that he has made his own fortune. After coming into this township, he engaged in the coal mining business, and is now a one-third owner of the "Barrack Block Coal Mines." Mr. Price is a Republican in politics, with a strong leaning toward the National Greenback party. Mr. and Mrs. Price are both church members, and the former is a member of the Odd Fellows fraternity.

MICHAEL SCHIELE, farmer and stock-raiser, was born, November 2, 1831, in Germany, and was the fourth child born to Michael and Mary (Smith) Schiele, both natives of Germany. The subject of this sketch emigrated to America in the spring of 1852, landing in New York City, whence

he went to Montgomery County, Penn., where he remained two years, going from there to Ohio, where he remained until 1861, when he moved to Indiana, stopping a few months in Owen County, then going to Harrison Township, Clay County, where he has since lived. While in Germany, he attended school eight years, then learned the shoe-maker's trade of his father. He left Philadelphia with 27 cents in his pocket, and now has a beautiful farm of 220 acres all acquired by hard labor and good management. He takes great pride in making his farm attractive, and it is one of the finest in the county. His marriage occurred July 13, 1856, to Mary M. Miller (now deceased). Six children were born to this union, viz., Reuben J., David F., Catharine (deceased), Henry (deceased), Mary E. and her twin sister, Rosina S. (deceased). His second marriage occurred February 12, 1867, to Elizabeth Kriebel, a native of Pennsylvania. Seven children have been born to them, viz., William A., Sylvester, Doretta S., Susanna C., Lavinia J., Nathan C. and Andrew D. Mr. and Mrs. Schiele are active members of the United Brethren Church. In politics, Mr. Schiele is a Republican, having voted with that party since he became a voter in America.

ALFRED SHIDLER, a blacksmith of Clay City, was born June 30, 1847, in Holmes County, Ohio, and was the third child born to Daniel and Sarah (Lower) Shidler, the former a native of Pennsylvania, the latter of Ohio, and of Irish and English extraction. Alfred was reared upon a farm, attending common schools, and also working with his father, who was a blacksmith. In 1860, he came to Clay County. In the summer of 1863, he enlisted in Company M, Sixth Indiana Cavalry, or Seventy-first Indiana Volunteer Infantry, at Bowling Green. He participated in ten battles, and in Stoneman's raid was injured in the back, and was mustered out in the fall of 1865. After his return from the war, he resumed his trade, combining blacksmithing and wagon-making, and now has an extensive business. His marriage occurred October 16, 1868, to Mary E. Brush. Seven children have been born to them, viz., George L. (deceased), Theodore C., Rosa B., Charles (deceased), William W., Otto C. and Alfred C. Mr. Shidler and wife are members of the United Brethren Church. He is, politically, an enthusiastic Republican.

GEORGE J. STORM, farmer and stock-raiser, was born March 7, 1836, in Coshocton County, Ohio, and was the fifth of eleven children of George and Barbara (Miller) Storm, both natives of Pennsylvania, and of German descent. In the fall of 1856, George came with his parents to Clay County, Ind., and at one time owned a part of the land where Clay City now stands. The primitive state of the country made George's chances for an education meager, but having an earnest desire for knowledge, he acquired a fair education. Mr. Storm commenced business for himself with \$5 and unlimited energy. He has now a nice farm of eighty acres, well improved, and all the result of his own labor. He was married to Emeline Cooperider, March 20, 1859. Eight children have been born to this union, viz.: Amanda J., Eliza E., Elias J., Mary A., John (deceased), Ida, George and Charles A. Mr. Storm and wife are members of the Baptist Church. Politically, he is a Democrat, having cast his first vote with that party.

DENNA J. STUNKARD was born December 13, 1852, in Clay County, Ind., and is the oldest of six children born to David C. and Borelda (Cromwell) Stunkard, the former a native of Ohio, the latter of Indiana, and of Scotch-Irish and English extraction, respectively. Denna's youth was mostly spent in cities where he had good educational advantages, which he improved. In the spring of 1865, he moved with his parents to Terre Haute, where he remained until the fall of 1877, when he came to Clay County, Harrison Township, where he now resides on a fine farm of 320 acres, beau-

tifully situated and well improved. While in Terre Haute he was engaged in the hat, cap and fur trade two years. The rest of the time he kept a hotel. His marriage occurred September 12, 1881, to Lida, daughter of Jacob Hixon, of Terre Haute, Ind. Politically, Mr. Stunkard is a Republican, having cast his vote with that party since he became a voter. He began life with some property, and by good management has added to it, and ranks as one of the first business men of the county. Of his wealth, he gives liberally to all charities.

JOHN S. TIPTON, an enterprising farmer of Harrison Township, was born December 23, 1843, in Coshocton County, Ohio, and was the first child born to William and Catharine (Vanhorn) Tipton, the former a native of Ohio, the latter of Pennsylvania, and of English extraction. He was reared upon a farm, working during the summer and attending school in the winter, thus obtaining a common school education. He, in company with his parents, came to Harrison Township, Clay Co., Ind., in the fall of 1852, where he remained working upon the farm until the spring of 1863, when he enlisted in Company G, Second Indiana Cavalry, under Col. Stewart. He was in several hard fought battles and numerous skirmishes, serving until the summer of 1865, when he was mustered out in Company B, Second Indiana Battalion, at Edgefield, Tenn. He was married to Huddah F. Kress, a native of Indiana, July 12, 1866. Four children have been born to them, viz.: Cora (deceased), Guy, Cloa and William. After his return from the war, he resumed his avocation of farming, also running a saw mill during the years of 1872-73. He then sold his saw mill and has engaged more extensively in farming since. The property he inherited he has retained and improved, having now a well-stocked farm. In politics, he was formerly a Republican, casting his first vote for Lincoln; has lately been working with the National party, but now returns to the Republicans.

WILLIAM TRAVIS was born in Tuscarawas County, Ohio, April 25, 1838. His father, John S. Travis, and his mother, whose maiden name was Hannah Kline, were born in eastern Pennsylvania, the former being of English, and the latter of German parentage. In 1833, the family emigrated to Ohio. The subject of this biographical sketch is the youngest of seven children, five brothers and two sisters. The first ten years of his boyhood were spent on the farm. From the age of nine to that of fifteen years, he attended the public schools in the winter season, and at times, select schools in the summer. At the age of sixteen he began teaching in the public schools. In his eighteenth year he learned the plasterer's trade, at which he worked in the summer time, up to 1865, teaching in the winter. In the latter part of the year 1857, he married Miss Susan Zimmermann, of Swiss parentage, who was born and raised in the same neighborhood. In October, 1859, he removed to Clay County, Ind., and located at Brazil. Two years later he located at Center Point. At the June term of Commissioners' Court, 1864, he was appointed School Examiner for the county for the term of three years. Having been legislated out of office in March, 1865, he was re-appointed in June following for three years. In 1865, he organized and established a private school at Center Point which, under his management and instruction, attained a higher degree of efficiency and popularity than any other educational enterprise ever yet instituted and conducted in the history of the county. In 1867, he was announced before the Democratic County Convention a candidate for Auditor, receiving 29 votes, his successful competitor leading him by 8 votes in a total of 66. In 1868, he was before the Democratic Convention a candidate for Clerk of the Clay Circuit Court, receiving 22 out of 66 votes, in a ballot for three candidates. In April, 1869, Mr. Travis entered the field of journalism, publishing the

*Sunbeam*, a monthly paper devoted to education and general information. A year later he bought the *Constitution* office at Bowling Green, and became proprietor and editor of the recognized Democratic paper of the county. At the expiration of the second year, the *Sunbeam* was discontinued, several hundred dollars having been sacrificed in its publication. In June, 1871, he was again appointed to the office of School Examiner, and was again legislated out of office in March, 1873. On the first of April, 1874, he sold out the printing office and retired from the publishing business. In November, 1874, he removed to Middlebury and engaged in teaching, where he now lives. In 1875 and 1876, he published the *Martz Eaglet*. In July, 1878, in company with T. J. Gray, he established the *National Index* at Brazil, which he edited for one year. In February, 1881, he established the *Clay City Independent*, in the publication of which he has since been engaged. Mr. Travis is the father of eleven children, eight sons and three daughters, nine of whom are living. The oldest, a daughter, is married and lives at Clay City. The second, who is the oldest son, is a resident of Clifton, Dakota.

P. G. VANHORN was born April 28, 1839, in Coshocton County, Ohio, and was the twelfth child born to John and Mary (Rose) Vanhorn, both natives of Pennsylvania, and of German and English extraction. He was reared upon a farm, attending school very little on account of his health, although the opportunities were good, yet he has a fair education. He remained with his parents until twenty-four years of age. After his father's death, he and his mother came to Harrison Township, Clay County, Ind., in the fall of 1862. He had \$200 to commence with, and by economy and industry has acquired a fine property of eighty-eight acres of good land, beautifully situated. September 24, 1862, he married Elizabeth Miser, a native of Ohio. To them have been born two children—Mary E., born April 22, 1863, and Robert M., December 23, 1864. Mr. Vanhorn and wife are members of the German Baptist Church. Politically, he was formerly a Democrat, but, since the nomination of Peter Cooper, has voted with the Greenback party, of which he is an enthusiastic member.

JASPER O. WAGSTAFF was born September 7, 1826, in Stockport, England, near Manchester, England, and was second child and eldest son of George and Martha (Owens) Wagstaff, both natives of England. In 1828, the parents came to America, settling in New York in a small town called Columbiaville, where the father was overseer in the weaving room of a cotton factory. Jasper remained with his parents until twenty years of age, following weaving as a business. In the spring of 1852, he went to California, remaining seventeen months, returning to New York, where he remained until 1855, when he came to Clay County, Ind., where he now resides. By energy and industry he has accumulated property, consisting of a fine farm of 105 acres, finely located and well improved and stocked. His land has a rich deposit of coal, three feet four inches thick. At the Worthington Fair, he received a premium of \$13 for the largest block of coal, and \$3 for the best quality. He has also the best stone quarry in the county on his farm. His marriage occurred in April, 1849, to Mary A. Ball, a native of New York. Twelve children have been born to them—Mary F., George (deceased), John, Jasper O. (deceased), Andrew, Charles, Judson, William (deceased), Martha, Alice, Emma and an infant (unnamed). Mr. Wagstaff is benevolent and charitable and a friend of progress. He is one of the prominent farmers and stock-raisers of the county. Politically, he is a Republican, having voted with that party since its organization.

WILLIAM I. WARNER, manager and owner of a saw and planing mill combined at Clay City, Ind., was born October 1, 1849, in Bourbon County,

Ky., and was the eldest of eleven children of Josiah and Mary E. (Riker) Warner, both natives of Kentucky, and of German descent. When William was two years old, his parents moved to Geencastle, Ind., where they remained twenty years. While there he received a common school education, and also learned the carpenter's trade, which he began at the age of fourteen years, and which he has followed more or less all his life. In 1871, he moved to Brazil, where he remained four years, working at his trade, and by his diligence accumulating enough to go into business for himself. His marriage occurred, March 5, 1873, to Mary Newton, a native of England. Four children have been born to them—Edwin, Melvin, Ethel and Ralph. Mrs. Warner is a member of the United Brethren Church. Mr. Warner was formerly a member, but on joining the Knights of Honor and Improved Order of Red Men he was removed from the church, as it was against their rules to join a secret society. In politics, he is a Democrat and an active worker.

F. C. WATTS, proprietor of a livery, feed and sale stable, Clay City, was born October 5, 1860, in Clay County, Ind., and was the youngest of five children born to Fielden C. and Martha (Trail) Watts, the former a native of Kentucky, the latter of Indiana, and of English descent. His father was engaged in mercantile pursuits in Poland, Ind., where F. C. spent his boyhood, attending school until fifteen years of age. He then traveled in the West about eighteen months. After his return home he was employed in a furniture store in Brazil, Ind., as delivery clerk, and afterward salesman, for one year. He then engaged in selling buggies in Lockport, Ind., which business he followed until the fall of 1880, when he established his present business in Clay City, and is prospering. His marriage occurred October 5, 1882, to Temperance Jones. He is an enthusiastic Republican, and an active worker in the party, and an enterprising young business man.

JILES J. WATTS, keeper of a first-class livery, feed and sale stable of Clay City, Ind., was born May 14, 1858, in Owen County, Ind., and was the ninth child born to William and Hortense (Fisher) Watts, both natives of Kentucky, and of English lineage. Jiles was reared upon a farm, attended school winters, thus acquiring a good common school education. He remained at home until twenty-two years of age, but began business for himself at the age of nineteen, opening a livery stable in the fall of 1875. He has a large and rapidly increasing business. He was married to Alice P. Foreman, October 1, 1882. Mr. Watts is an active member of the Improved Order of Red Men. He is a staunch Democrat, having given his support to that party since he became a voter. He has been a resident of Clay County since 1871, and is among its prominent young business men.

JOHN W. WHITE, Treasurer of Clay County, Ind., was born March 23, 1845, in Clay County, Harrison Township, and is the eighth of nine children of Benjamin and Margaret (Coopridger) White, both natives of Pennsylvania, and of German descent. The parents were among the pioneers of Clay County. John remained at home until of age, working on the farm and attending school, but at the age of eighteen began to work for himself splitting rails and clearing ground until he had earned enough to buy forty acres of land which he afterward traded for an interest in the first circular saw mill introduced into Harrison Township, which he conducted for about three years. He then sold out and engaged in the dry goods business, and afterward in drug business. Disposing of this he purchased the machinery for a saw and planing mill, and furnished the material for most of the houses in Clay City, running it about five years. His marriage occurred December 6, 1868, to Mary A. Siegley, of Ohio. Five children have been born to them—Irene, born September 24, 1869; Flora A., October 21, 1871; Clin-

ton, August 14, 1877; Louisa, May 3, 1882; Lydia (deceased). Mr. White is a member of the Improved Order of Red Men and Knights of Honor. In politics, he is a Democrat, having given his support to that party since he became a voter. He has held several civil offices in his county, having been Trustee of Harrison Township in 1880, re-elected in 1882, and obliged to resign in 1883, having been elected County Treasurer by a large majority. With no means to begin with, he has acquired a competence, owning six residences in Clay City, and one in Brazil, besides several farms, comprising 159 acres, 89 of which are under cultivation.

ABRAHAM WILLEN, a prominent farmer, is a native of Canton Berne, district of Ed-el-bodn, Switzerland, was born February 26, 1826, and is the fourth son of Christian and Margaret (Bruner) Willen, likewise natives of Switzerland, who emigrated to America in 1837, settled in Holmes County, Ohio, and in 1852, the family, excepting the father who had meantime died, removed to Owen County in this State. In 1869, Abraham came to Clay County and settled where he now has his home. April 1, 1850, he married, in Coshocton County, Ohio, Mary Ann Bowers, which union gave issue to eight children, of whom four are living—John, Rosa (wife of Fred Graeber), Christian and Peter. With the exception of a small sum received from his father's estate, Mr. Willen has made his own way through life, and by perseverance and economy, together with the constant aid of his wife, has succeeded in acquiring comfort and independence by the possession of a fine farm of 200 acres, with varied and modern improvements, as a residence, barns, orchards, fencing, etc. Mr. Willen is a Democrat in politics.

JOHN WILLEN, Jr., stock-raiser and farmer, is the eldest son of Abraham and Mary (Bowers) Willen, the former a native of Switzerland, the latter of Germany. Our subject was born in Holmes County, Ohio, October 30, 1852, reared a farmer, and received from the public schools a good English education. His parents removed to this State in 1854, settled in Owen County, and in 1862 removed to Clay County. John began life for himself at twenty-one years of age, and engaged in the lumber business, which now requires his undivided attention, having to manage his farm by the help of hired hands. Mr. Willen has attained his life success by his own efforts, and is the owner of a fine farm of 110 acres, all in a high state of cultivation, well supplied with stock and equipped with improvements, implements and the like. March 11, 1874, he married Ruefine Catherine Graber, a union which has been cemented by the birth of three children—Mary Elizabeth, Louisa Ella and Charles Frederick. Mr. Willen is a Democrat politically, and he and wife are members of the German Reformed Church.

GEORGE M. WILLIAMSON, grain and stock-dealer, of Clay City, Ind., was born February 21, 1845, in Franklin County, Ind., and was the seventh child born to John and Maria (James) Williamson, the former a native of Ireland, the latter of England. George was reared upon a farm working in summer and attending school in winter, remaining with his parents until twenty-one years of age, after which he still followed farming for a livelihood until a few years past. When quite young his parents removed with him to Putnam County, where he remained until 1877, when he came to Clay City, and engaged in his present business, also keeping a hotel. He started with little, but by good management and industry has accumulated means to handle most of the grain and stock that come to this place. Last year he handled \$45,000 worth of grain, and \$20,000 worth of stock. He was married to Mary Watts, of Illinois, October 9, 1873. One child has been born to them, viz., Ernest M., born February 4, 1875. Mrs. Williamson is an active member of the Methodist Church. Mr. Williamson is politically an earnest Republican, and one of the party's active workers.

HENRY WILLIS, farmer, is a son of Henry and Millie (Tipton) Willis, natives of Maryland, and of German and English extraction respectively. Our subject was reared on a farm, and at the public schools obtained a fair English education. In 1855, he came to this State and settled on a tract of land, a portion of which constitutes his present farm. In 1858, on July 22, he married Miss Charlotte Horn, to which union succeeded five children—Angeline, Mary Catharine, Ulysses Grant, Ida Ellen, and an infant (deceased). February 28, 1865, Mr. Willis enlisted in Company K, One Hundred and Forty-ninth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and served until July 13, when he was discharged by reason of physical disability. Mr. Willis is, after much toil and many difficulties, the possessor of a comfortable competence, and the same is wholly due to himself. He is independent in politics, and a valuable citizen. Both he and wife are members of the Christian Church.

GEORGE W. WILTSE, a prominent farmer of Harrison Township, was born March 6, 1830, in Erie County, N. Y., and was the ninth of twelve children born to Jeremiah and Sarah (Green) Wiltse, the former a native of Vermont, the latter of Massachusetts, and of Dutch and English descent. George was reared upon a farm, receiving a common school education, and in addition spending some time at a Methodist Seminary at Lima, N. Y. He then read law in the office of Eli Cook in Buffalo, N. Y., four years, and received a diploma, after which he practiced in the courts of several counties where he lived. From 1856-57, he, in connection with Cyrus P. Nixon, edited a paper at Jeffersonville called the *National Democrat*. He then came to Bowling Green, and edited a paper called the *Clay County Democrat*, Clinton M. Thompson being publisher, also practicing law, finally leaving the paper and making the practice of law a specialty until 1871, when he removed to Harrison Township, where he has since resided, and is engaged in farming; also owing a third interest in the private bank of Thompson, Jett & Wiltse, at Clay City, Ind. Mr. Wiltse was married to Ada V. Conley, a native of New York, on November 14, 1861. Two children have been born to them, viz., William C. and James H. (deceased). Mrs. Wiltse is an active member of the Christian Church. Mr. Wiltse is a member of the Masonic order. In politics, he is a Democrat, but when the best man is nominated by the opposing party, he gives his vote to the man and not to the party. In the fall of 1863, he was elected Auditor of Clay County, and held the office a term of four years.

C. P. ZENOR, of Middlebury, Clay Co., Ind., is a native of the county, born April 4, 1845, and is the third child of Elijah and Elizabeth (Rose) Zenor, the former a native of Pennsylvania, the latter of Tennessee, and of German and Scotch-Irish extraction. His parents were early settlers of Bowling Green, where his father was engaged in the cabinet-making and undertaking business. Mr. Zenor remained with his parents, attending school until seventeen years of age, when he enlisted in Company F, Fifty-fourth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, in the spring of 1863. He first enlisted for three months, then for six months, and the last time for three years. He was Corporal, serving on detached duty, and was in no battle. He was honorably discharged at Baton Rouge, La., in the winter of 1866. Since his return from the army, he has worked at carpenter work, for which he possessed natural aptitude, never having served an apprenticeship. May 5, 1873, he was married to Drusilla Arnold, of Clay County. Two children have been born to them, viz., Candace and Judkin H. Mrs. Zenor is a member of the United Brethren Church. Mr. Zenor is politically a thorough-bred Republican, and one of the party's most active, energetic workers.