

POSEY TOWNSHIP.

MYRON H. ALLEN is a grandson of Ira Allen, the first settler of Fort Harrison Prairie, and one of the pioneers of this region. Myron was born on the farm where he now lives, in the northern part of Posey Township December 20, 1847. His parents were Nathaniel and Nancy (West) Allen, early settlers in this region. His education was limited to the common country schools. He has been twice married; first, at the age of twenty-two years, to Fannie Sibley. From this marriage resulted three children—Lulu, Laura (deceased) and Daisy. His second marriage was to Lizzie Dunn, who has borne him two children—Alfred and May. In politics, he is a Republican, and one of the prominent farmers of the township.

MERIDETH ANDERSON, son of John and Mary (Pierce) Anderson, is a native of Frederick County, Va., born February 24, 1810, and is the sixth in a family of ten children. He lived upon a farm in Virginia until twenty-four years of age, working at teaming. In the fall of 1834, he moved to Ohio, riding 400 miles on horseback. In 1854, he removed to Clay County, Ind., locating in Posey Township, where he has remained since. He was married, in 1837, to Sarah Carter, aunt of Allen and Major Carter. She was born February 22, 1807. To them were born four children—Mary Elizabeth, Lida A., Sarah J. and Emma (deceased). Mr. Anderson is one of the oldest men in this region, very active and energetic. He lives on a farm of 172 acres, under good cultivation. Politically, he is a life-long Republican.

OSCAR W. AYER is a native of Hamilton County, Ohio, born December 9, 1849, son of John M. Ayer, born in 1829, died January 14, 1880, and Mary (Van Eaton) Ayer, still living. In 1852, Oscar with his parents came to Clay County, Ind., settling upon the farm where he now lives. It was then a wilderness, but by hard work and perseverance the father, assisted by his family, developed one of the finest farms in the region. Oscar, at the age of twenty, entered Asbury College, and completed the scientific course in 1874. On leaving school he returned to the farm, where he has since remained. He is one of the prominent farmers of the southern part of Posey Township, enterprising, and a friend of progress and education. His farm consists of 290 acres of as highly cultivated land as can be found in Clay County. Politically, he is a Republican.

CHARLES W. BAILEY, Esq., is a native of West Virginia, born February 27, 1832. His father moved to Clay County, Ind., in 1850, locating in Posey Township, near the present site of Staunton. Charles W. is the fifth in a family of eleven children, nine of whom are living, one in Virginia, two in West Virginia, and the others in Clay County, Ind. He lived upon the farm until eighteen years of age, when he engaged in the milling business, pursuing it twelve years. He then worked at mining twelve years. He then removed to the farm where he now resides. He is a breeder of blooded stock, especially fine horses. He was married, August 20, 1857, to Ruth McKee. They have had one child, Albert C. (deceased). Mr. B. is, politically, a Democrat, and has figured prominently in the politics of his section. He has served as Township Trustee for two years; was elected Justice of the Peace in the fall of 1869, again in 1873, serving in all eight years. His father was one of the early settlers of the county.

L. S. BYERS, M. D., druggist and practicing physician, Staunton, Ind., is a native of Kentucky, born May 12, 1850, and is of German descent. He was brought up on a farm, where he remained until attaining manhood, when he commenced the study of medicine. He completed his course of study at Louisville Medical College, in 1875, and began to practice, locating at Terre Haute, Ind., where he remained one year, coming then to Clay County. In 1880 he married Mattie Williams, daughter of Nathan Williams, who was the first man who shipped coal from this county. They have one child, Lena D., born August 31, 1882. Dr. Byers takes an active part in politics, being a Republican. He was the first man who attempted driving a well in this section of the county. He is an enterprising citizen, a successful business man, and much respected.

DAVID CARMIKLE, merchant, Newburg, Ind., was born October 9, 1839, in Ohio, where he lived with his parents, George and Provey Carmikle, until he was fourteen years of age, when they moved to Illinois, where David remained until 1855. He then moved to Clay County, locating at Cloverland, where he resided two years, moving thence to Staunton, where he resided twenty-one years. His next and last move was to Newburg, where he has since been engaged in general merchandise. Previous to this he was engaged in coal mining. May 7, 1868, he was married to Anna Gray, of German descent. The following children have been born to them—Mary, born February 23, 1869; Edward, born April 7, 1870, died February 3, 1873; Lucy, born December 6, 1872; Sophia L., born February 15, 1875; William, born April 3, 1878, and Grace May, born February 16, 1882. Mr. Carmikle and wife were for a number of years members of that branch of the Christian Church called the New Lights, but belong to no church at present. Mr. C. enlisted in Company M, Twelfth Michigan Light Artillery, August 1, 1863, and served two years. He is a member of the following societies, viz.: I. O. O. F., to which he has belonged ten years; G. A. R., since November 2, 1882; I. O. G. T., at Staunton. He was a member of the Knights of Honor one year. He takes deep interest in politics, and votes the Republican ticket.

J. H. CARPENTER is the second in a family of seven children of Adam and Rachel (Devoré) Carpenter, five of whom are living. The father was born in Pennsylvania in 1813, and is still living; the mother was also born in Pennsylvania in 1824, died May 14, 1860. His parents came to Clay County before his birth, which occurred in Perry Township, in 1846, June 28. He has always lived in his native county, except one year spent in Vigo County, in trade, and the time he was in the army. When sixteen years of age he went with his parents to Cass Township, where he worked in a saw and grist mill until 1864, when he enlisted in Company A, Thirteenth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, February 18, and was mustered out September 5, 1865. He participated in the battles of Petersburg, Chapins' farm, Chester Station, and many others. On his return from the war, he again worked in the grist mill, where he had previously been employed, until 1872, when he went upon the farm where he now lives, having eighty acres well-improved, and in 1883 producing the best crop of wheat in the neighborhood. He married Sarah J. Tomlinson, a native of Ohio, born July 12, 1846. They have three children—Walter O., born October 24, 1869; Blanche V., July 19, 1871; J. O., March 26, 1876. He is an enterprising farmer; takes a deep interest in politics, voting the Republican ticket. He is still suffering from disability contracted while in the military service.

W. S. CARPENTER is the eighth in a family of nine children, all of whom are living within a radius of six miles of Cloverland. He was born at Cloverland, in the house where he now lives, January 30, 1850, his

parents, George and Elizabeth (Anderson) Carpenter, being pioneers in this region. His childhood was spent on the farm, and at the age of eighteen, he entered Asbury University, at Greencastle, Ind., to qualify himself for the profession of teaching. At the end of a year he commenced teaching in Cloverland, and remained six terms, giving good satisfaction. He then commenced the commercial course at the seminary at Farmersburg, Sullivan Co., Ind., completing the course in 1872. The next year he engaged in speculating in cattle, his market being Chicago. In 1874, he traveled in Kansas, and after his return purchased the grist mill in Cloverland, which he managed successfully two years, then sold out and rented a half interest in the grist mill in Staunton, where he continued until the burning of the mill in 1881, losing \$500 above insurance. Since then he has been employed in farming near Cloverland, his farm consisting of 160 acres of well-improved land. He was married December 27, 1877, to Lotta, daughter of John and Sarah (Neville) Rider, an accomplished lady, teacher in the schools in Brazil for several years. Mr. Carpenter is an enterprising young man, active in politics, being a thorough-going Republican. He is a prominent member of the United Brethren Church at Cloverland; also a member of the Knights of Pythias and Knights of Honor.

ALLEN W. CARTER is the eldest of a family of seven children of Fielding Carter, born June 2, 1793, died April 4, 1865, and Phoebe (Murphy) Carter, born November 30, 1806, died April 8, 1882. Allen and one brother living in Terre Haute survive. Allen was born in Warren County, Ohio, July 17, 1828, but came at an early period with his parents to Clay County, Ind., where in 1842 his father entered the land now owned by the son, and spent his remaining years there, by his labor and industry assisting in redeeming the wilderness and developing its natural resources. When twenty-six years of age, Allen left the farm and embarked in general merchandising at Staunton, continuing the business until the breaking-out of the rebellion, when they closed their store, and he enlisted as First Lieutenant in Company I, Eighty-fifth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, but at the end of three months was taken seriously ill, and on account of it was discharged, his sickness continuing so he was unable to work for more than a year after he returned. As soon as able, he was appointed by the County Commissioners to recruit in the township for the army, and succeeded in obtaining thirty-eight, the required number. He never re-entered the army, but rendered all the assistance he was able. In 1864, he again engaged in merchandise in Staunton, conducting a successful business until 1869, when he and his partner, David Noffman, closed the business, he retiring to the farm where he has since lived. He was married, May 16, 1852, to Emeline, daughter of William Gregory, one of the early settlers of the county. The following named children have been born to them: Rudella, born April 6, 1854; Florence, April 9, 1858; Charles, August 11, 1860; Laura, February 16, 1863; Carrie, February 4, 1866. Mr. Carter is one of the enterprising and prominent farmers, and has a well-improved farm of 227 acres. He is active in politics, and a Republican. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity. He was Justice of the Peace in 1858.

PETER EHRLICH, mine operator at Newburg, Ind., is a native of Germany, born November 1, 1831, emigrating to the United States in 1849, being forty-nine days on the voyage and landing in New York City August 9. He spent nearly two years in Pennsylvania, first at Pottsville, then at Pittsburgh, then going to Kentucky, where he remained until 1858, engaged in mining, four years as Superintendent, the rest as laborer. He then came to Clay County, Ind., working in the mines at Brazil several years. He then went to Illinois, working at St. John's and Kewance, where he met with

financial losses. He next hired as fireman on a steamer running from St. Louis to Memphis, but one trip satisfied his desire to be a boatman. He next went to Bell's mines, Union County, Ky., where he remained a short time, going thence to Ohio, where he made a short stay, going again to Illinois, where he superintended mines in St. Clair County until 1861, then returned to Brazil, Ind., where he remained until 1872, finally settling at Newburg, where he has successfully conducted mines ever since. Mr. Ehrlich's education was acquired under adverse circumstances, working by day and attending an evening school. He was raised in the faith of the Catholic Church, but is not a member of any church. He was married, December 19, 1861, to Mary Ann Lord, who has borne him seven children—Christian C., Mary Ann, John C., Hermon, Henry, Jane and Lizzie Jane. Mr. Ehrlich is one of the oldest miners in the country, and his financial condition proves him to be one of the most successful. When he came to Brazil, in 1856, there were only six miners here. Politically, he is an enthusiastic Republican. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity.

CHRISTIAN EHRLICH, of the firm of P. Ehrlich & Co., Newburg, Ind., was born in Germany May 5, 1843. His father, Jacob, emigrated to the United States in 1849, working at Pottsville and Pittsburgh, Penn., for about a year and a half, when he went to Ohio and stayed till 1853, when he came to Staunton, where he died in 1864. He had been employed as coal miner, or as Superintendent of mines, ever since he came to America. Christian worked with his father all this time. At the breaking-out of the war, in the spring of 1861, he enlisted in Company F, Tenth Indiana Infantry, and served three months, the full time of his enlistment. In August, 1862, he re-enlisted in Company D, Seventy-first Indiana Infantry. He participated in the battles of Rich Mountain, W. Va., Richmond, Ky. (here he was taken prisoner, but was released in a few days), Resaca, Ga., Burnt Hickory, Buzzard's Roost, Atlanta, Ga., and Nashville, Tenn. At Muldraugh, Ky., he was captured and held prisoner over night by John Morgan. In 1871, he married Mary Frances Shaffer, who has borne him six children—Alice, Jacob, Mary, Minnie (died from the effects of a burn received while attending school in the winter of 1882–83), Katie and Charles. From 1868 to 1871, he was in the gold mines of Montana, and was quite successful. The coal mines in which he has an interest are the most paying mines in this region. Mr. Ehrlich is one of the leading men in this section, takes a deep interest in politics, giving his support to the Republican party. He is a member of the I. O. O. F.

MARION GARRIGUS is a native of Parke County, Ind., born December 7, 1836, and grandson of Jephtha Garrigus, who represented Parke County in the General Assembly of the State of Indiana four terms. His father, Stephen M., died July 11, 1838, aged thirty-two years. His mother removed with him, at the age of six years, to Vigo County, where they remained until he was eleven, when they moved to Clay County, settling in Dick Johnson Township, where he lived until 1877, when he located on the farm upon which he now lives. In 1862, January 21, he married Melinda Yocom, who has borne him the following-named children: Stephen, born March 24, 1863, died November 9, 1871; Isom D., born August 25, 1864, died September 6, 1866; William M., July 19, 1867; Mary E., May 27, 1869; Lawrence, August 9, 1872; Charles, October 31, 1875, died December 12, 1875; Zenis, born September 6, 1877; Lora A., July 15, 1880. Mr. Garrigus takes an active interest in politics, and is a Democrat. He has served as Township Assessor four terms. He is a prominent member of the Knights of Honor, also of the Masonic fraternity, and one of the most enterprising farmers in Posey Township. Mr. Garrigus has in his possession a very old book, an extract from John Wesley's journal, published in 1806.

JAMES N. GREGORY, merchant, four miles southwest of Staunton, is a native of Clay County, Ind., born May 8, 1838, and is the fourth in a family of eleven children, eight of whom are living, seven in Clay County, one in Vigo. His parents were William and Delphia (Turner) Gregory. James lived on a farm with his parents until he was twenty years of age, when he was apprenticed to the cooper's trade in Staunton, where he worked until 1861. He then enlisted as a private in Company G, Sixteenth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, April 17, 1861, and served until May 12, 1862, when he was discharged, on account of the expiration of his term of enlistment. He re-enlisted as Second Lieutenant in Company I, Eighty-fifth Indiana Volunteer Infantry August 16, 1862, and served in that capacity until November 15, 1862, when he was promoted to First Lieutenant, and served as such until June, 1863, when he was promoted to Captain, and served until August 17, 1864, when he resigned on account of disability, for which he is now drawing a pension. Mr. Gregory was captured by the rebels March 5, 1863, and held in Libby Prison until June 5, same year. On his return from the war, he again resumed the cooper business, but lost money by the depreciation of his stock. He continued this business four years, when he moved upon a farm in the southern part of Posey Township, farming until 1883, when he embarked in mercantile business at his present stand. He carries a well-selected stock of dry goods and groceries, and is doing a successful business. Mr. Gregory has been twice married—first to Elizabeth, daughter of Jeremiah McGill, one of the early settlers of this region. To them were born the following-named children: Anna, born April 17, 1866; infant (unnamed), born September 2, 1869; Charlie N., December 15, 1871; E. E., January 7, 1874. The first wife died January 10, 1876. The second marriage took place October 28, 1877, to Sarah Gibson. They have one child, born September 16, 1878.

OTHO N. HAMILTON was born in Warren County, Ohio, February 19, 1845. His parents were James G., born August 13, 1820, and Louisa Hamilton, who was born August 15, 1826. His parents moved from Ohio to Clay County, Ind., in 1851, and remained one year, going thence to Vigo County, where they continued to reside. Otho was born and bred on a farm, and has always followed the pursuit of farming, except while in the army. October 21, 1861, he enlisted in the Forty-third Indiana Volunteer Infantry, at the age of sixteen years. He participated in the following engagements: Island No. 10, Memphis, Tenn., Aberdeen, Ark., Little Rock, Ark., Helena, Ark., Fort Pemberton, Miss. He was taken prisoner near Mark's Mills, Ark., April 25, 1864, and held until February 6, 1865, when he was exchanged. He was kept in a prison at Tyler, Tex., enduring the greatest suffering. At times, his only ration was a pint of shelled corn. August 10, 1864, he and two comrades succeeded in escaping from the prison, and traveling nights, keeping quiet days, they had got away 123 miles, when he was re-captured, the others being so much in advance, succeeded in escaping. The rebel Lieutenant who captured him, took him to some Texas State militia who hung him by the neck to a tree to make him disclose the whereabouts of his companions. They repeated this until he became unconscious, when they sent him back to prison with some others who had escaped, where he remained until February 26, 1865. He was honorably discharged June 25, 1865. He was married, April 2, 1868, to Phoebe A. Wickiser. They have six children—James L., born September 17, 1869; Francis M., October 22, 1871; William S., March 25, 1874; Mary L., October 31, 1876; Curtice Lee, September 30, 1880; Nicholas A., July 3, 1883. Mr. Hamilton is an enthusiastic Republican. He is a member of Marion Grange, No. 1426, and of Gen. Canby Post, No. 2, G. A. R. He has lived on his present farm eight years. He has forty-four acres.

WILLIAM HAYWARD, merchant, Newburg, Ind., was born in England April 6, 1848, being second in a family of twelve children, five of whom are still living. His father, Richard Hayward, emigrated to the United States when William was two years old, locating in Pennsylvania, where he remained until 1857, when he returned to England, remaining there one year and eight months, returning to Pennsylvania, where he lived nine years, coming then to Clay County, Ind., where he still lives. Mr. Hayward's early education was limited to the country schools. His first occupation was laboring in the rolling mills, working a year the first time; he then worked as a coal miner two years, afterward returning to the rolling mills and working until 1867. From Pennsylvania he came to Clay County, Ind., and worked at coal mining until 1870. He then left the mines and traveled through the country as a huckster. In 1871, he and his father started a store in Carbon, Ind., the father managing the store, the son still driving his huckster wagon until 1880, when they started the store William now has charge of. September 18, 1879, he married Melinda J. Wools, daughter of a prominent farmer and early settler of this section. They have two children—James Albert, born November 24, 1881; Sarah E., born December 26, 1882. Politically, Mr. Hayward is a Republican. He is agent for the Phoenix Insurance Company of Hartford, Conn., and for the Springfield (Mass.) Insurance Company.

JAMES G. HERRON was born in Clay County, Ind., May 22, 1842, being the fourth of ten children of James and Margaret (Archard) Herron, eight of whom are now living, as is also the mother. At the age of nine years, James moved with his parents to the farm on which he now lives, which was then covered with timber, but by hard work and perseverance, his father, with the aid of his family, developed a fine farm of 150 acres. After the death of the father, which occurred in 1869, the farm was divided among the eight children, James receiving seventeen and one-half acres for his share, which is under good cultivation, and has one of the most attractive little houses in this region. He was married in 1872, August 8, to Tillitha, daughter of John J. Biggs, one of the well known farmers of this region. They have four children—Charles, born April 9, 1874; Carlos Ernest, April 9, 1878; Vernia, August 31, 1880; Eugene, November 11, 1882. Mr. Herron and wife are prominent members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Politically, he is a Republican.

ALEXANDER JOHNSON was born in West Virginia, June 11, 1820. His father was of Irish descent, born in 1788, his mother of German, born in 1792, in Virginia. They had seven sons, of whom five are living. Alexander is the second. At the age of eighteen he and a brother commenced merchandising in Calhoun County, W. Va., continuing about eight years. He then spent two years on a farm, but, as his inclinations did not turn in that direction, he learned the carpenter's trade, which he has followed ever since. In 1859, he moved to Clay County, Ind., where he has since resided. He has been married three times, first to Judith Bennett, September 4, 1845. To this marriage were born four children—Levi W., born December 31, 1846; Elizabeth, born June 18, 1848; Perry, born December 6, 1852, and Sylvanus. Mrs. Johnson died in 1855. His second marriage to Frances A. Modesitt, occurred September 18, 1858. She died November 12, 1862, leaving no children. His third marriage was to Sarah Jane Shepherd, aged sixteen years. She had two children, an infant (deceased) not named; and Charles W. They have not lived together since 1873. Mr. Johnson has been a member of the Masonic fraternity, and is a member of Y Lodge, No. 1982 of the Knights of Honor.

ETNA LAWRENCE is a native of Illinois, born February 18, 1832. His father was Lyman Lawrence, born in 1799, died February 27, 1879.

His mother, Rhoda (Onley) Lawrence, born in 1810, died in 1864. When Etna was about a year old, his parents removed to Ohio, where he was raised and educated. In 1856, he moved to Posey Township, a short distance from where he now lives, and engaged in manufacturing measures, one-half bushels, etc. He was successful in this business, making enough to enable him, in 1878, to buy a farm with the proceeds, where he now lives. It is a farm of ninety acres, well cultivated and with substantial improvements. He was married, December 9, 1855, to Eliza Wickiser, born April 21, 1832. The following-named children have been born to them: Ovid O., born October 12, 1857; George D., June 29, 1860; Lyman E., October 8, 1862; Ida May, May 15, 1865; infant (unnamed), born September 3, 1870, died November 26, 1870; Mattie B., born December 7, 1872. Mr. Lawrence in his younger days took deep interest in politics, being a Republican. He is a prominent member of the Methodist Church. He is a member of Marion Grange, No. 1426, and is General Superintendent of the fair conducted under the auspices of this grange. Mr. Lawrence is a warm friend of education, and is giving his children a liberal education. His oldest son, Ovid O., is present principal of Montrose School, Terre Haute, Ind. Ellsworth graduated June 23, 1882, at the Terre Haute High School, and was editor of the *High School Review*, at Terre Haute until 1882. Ellsworth is the inventor of a farm gate, which is patented and is likely to become popular.

MICHAEL LEHNER, general grocery and saloon, Staunton, Ind., was born in Germany, October 23, 1823, and emigrated to America in 1854, landing in New York City after a voyage of forty-two days. From there he went to Dunkirk, Ohio, thence to Toledo, then to Terre Haute; on the Erie Canal he worked in a brick yard as a day laborer. During the winter of 1854, he worked at coal-mining in Clay County, Ind., returning to Syracuse, N. Y., in 1855, where he worked at his trade, stone-cutting, for two years. During this time he was married, February 26, 1856, to Besina Casenhuber, born in Germany, but coming to this country when a little child with her parents. After his marriage he returned to Staunton, working at coal-mining two years. By this time he had saved from his hard years of toil, a few hundred dollars, which he invested in forty acres of land in Section 16, Posey Township, paying one-half down. Two years after he was attacked with a spinal disease, from which he is still an invalid. In 1872, he commenced the grocery business, and after two years returned to the farm, where he remained one year, again coming to Staunton, and purchasing the property he now occupies as a residence and store, doing a successful business, still owning his little farm, upon which a coal mine has been opened, yielding largely. He and his wife are members of the Lutheran Church. They have had seven children, five of whom are living—Mary E., Anna Barbara, George, Catherine and Charles. Politically he is a Republican.

JAMES T. LUCAS, agent for the Vandalia R. R. Co. at Staunton, was born at Cloverland, Clay County, February 3, 1850. His father was a pioneer in the county, and was instrumental in developing its resources. James was a teacher in the public schools some years; was appointed to his present position in 1873. In 1879, he was married to Irene Bookhaut, of Cedarville, then telegraph operator for the Vandalia R. R. at that place. They have one child, Stella. Mr. Lucas is a member of the I. O. O. F., and a devoted friend to the fraternity. He is an active local politician, working with the Democrats. He has served two terms, from 1880 to 1882, as a member of the Town Board of Trustees, and as Town Clerk from 1882 to 1883. He is at present one of the Trustees.

JOHN M. LUCAS was born in Lawrence County, Ind., October 12, 1841. His parents, James M. and Celia (Cook) Lucas, moved in 1844 to Vigo

County, locating at Terre Haute, where his mother died December 3, 1847. In 1849, he removed with his father to Clay County, locating in Cloverland, where the father still lives at an advanced age, having been born in 1816. Here John remained until he was twenty-one, engaged in teaming and farming. He then enlisted in Company M, Fourth Indiana Volunteer Cavalry, in July, and was mustered into service in August, 1862, and served until the close of the war. At Dalton, Ga., he was captured May 9, 1864, and held a prisoner nine months. All this time he was confined in the prison hells of Andersonville, Ga., and Florence. He is yet suffering from the ill treatment he received there. At the close of the war, he returned to Cloverland, and has resided there or in the vicinity ever since. In 1865, December 7, he married Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas Conacher, one of the pioneers of Posey Township. The following named children have been born to them: Charles E., born May 20, 1867, died December 15, 1869; Carrie E., October 30, 1868; Nancy C., January 10, 1871; Elva J., October 19, 1872; Rosa B., August 10, 1874; Laura M., May 13, 1876. Mr. Lucas settled on the farm, where he now lives, in 1867, it being unimproved land, but by hard labor he has developed one of the finest farms in this part of Posey Township. He takes an enthusiastic part in politics, giving his support to the Democrats. He was elected Justice of the Peace in 1876, and served four years. He took an active part in having the county seat changed from Bowling Green to Brazil. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity.

C. G. McCLINTOCK, Trustee of Posey Township, is a native of the township, having been born there February 3, 1840. His father, a native of Kentucky, moved to Indiana in 1833. After stopping a short time in Putnam and Vigo Counties he settled in Clay County, where he remained until his death, which occurred in 1855. His wife survives, at the age of eighty-four years. C. G. McClintock was the tenth of twelve children, four of whom are living. His advantages of education were meager, but by application he has acquired a good business education. He followed the avocation of farming until 1881, when he moved to Staunton, where he still resides. He was married, in 1881, to Victoria Veach, aged nineteen years. In the spring of 1878, he was elected Township Assessor, and served two years. While holding this office, in 1880, he was elected Trustee, and in 1882 re-elected. He has under his charge eleven schools, all first-class. In 1862, August 18, he enlisted in Company D, Sixth Indiana Cavalry, serving three years. He was with Gen. Sherman in his "march to the sea," leaving the main army, however, at Atlanta, to proceed against Gen. Hood, and was not again under Sherman's command. He participated in the following engagements: Richmond, Ky., Buzzard Roost, Burnt Hickory, Cassville and Resaca.

F. B. McCULLOUGH, M. D., is a native of Montgomery County, Ky., born October 30, 1829. His father was of Scotch-Irish extraction, his mother of German. His parents moved to Clay County when F. B. was one year old, locating in Dick Johnson Township. They were among the pioneers, and endured many hardships in clearing up a farm. He was the fourth in a family of ten children, five of whom are living. His early life was spent on a farm, where he enjoyed the advantages of the common country schools. He began teaching in 1847, which fact identifies him with the early teachers of the county. He taught until 1860, when he began the study of medicine under Dr. Wardlaw, of Williamstown. He continued his studies four years, attending one term of lectures at Rush Medical College, Chicago. He has practiced in this county since 1864. In 1862, he married Mary, daughter of Archibald Johnson (who represented Montgomery and Parke Counties in the State Legislature from 1878 to 1880), and an accomplished lady. Five children have been born to them, two of whom are living. In

his early days he took an active part in politics. He is a prominent member of that branch of the Christian Church known as "New Lights."

DR. J. C. MCGREGOR is a native of Jefferson County, Ohio, born February 25, 1821, and son of Samuel and Margaret (Curry) McGregor. His early youth was spent on the farm where he attended the common school until about fifteen years of age, when he entered Cove Academy, West Virginia, where he remained until eighteen, after which he taught in the common schools of Ohio four years. He then began the study of medicine under Dr. J. E. Charles at New Cumberland, Tuscarawas Co., Ohio, pursuing his studies three years, when he entered the office of Dr. E. Swift, at Cincinnati, and attended the Ohio Medical College, in that city, where he graduated in the spring of 1845. In the same year he commenced the practice of medicine in the neighborhood of his old home, remaining two years, then moving to Holmes County, thence to Illinois, where he had an extensive practice, remaining until 1866, when he moved to Clay County, Ind., locating in Poland, where he practiced until the fall of 1880, when his health failed and he retired from practice, and moved upon the farm where he now lives. He has a well-improved farm of 100 acres. He has acquired most of his wealth by speculating in land and grain. He has also owned an interest in several mercantile establishments. While buying wheat in Bolivar, Ohio, he met with a loss of several thousand dollars by the burning of his store and warehouse. He also lost \$1,000 by the burning of the Buckeye State (a steamer on which he had goods in transportation from New York to him at Bolivar, Ohio.) He was married, April 2, 1846, to Caroline Scott, born in Washington County, Penn., February 14, 1828. They have had three sons, all living in Brazil, Ind., and engaged in active business—Leonidas L., born March 29, 1847; Samuel M., January 17, 1849; Winfield Scott, February 5, 1851. Mr. McGregor takes a deep interest in public enterprises. In his younger days he was an active politician, working with the Democratic party. In the fall of 1868 he was elected to represent this county in the lower branch of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana. He left his seat when the Fifteenth Amendment came before the House for adoption, and returned home. He was re-elected at the special election in the spring of 1869, and served the remainder of the term. Dr. McGregor and wife are members of the Presbyterian Church.

R. H. MODESITT was born in Posey Township, Clay Co., Ind., November 4, 1854. His parents were William and Letitia (Crabb) Modesitt. He remained upon the farm with his parents until he was nineteen years of age, attending the district schools until he had acquired sufficient knowledge to admit him to the Indiana State Normal School (a professional school for training teachers), which he entered in the spring of 1875, teaching in Vigo County the following winter, again attending school in the spring of 1876, also of 1877. He commenced teaching in the common schools of Clay County the winter of 1876-77, where he continued seven consecutive winters. He was married, June 6, 1880, to Mary E. Lehner, born June 5, 1857. She was an accomplished lady and teacher in the public schools of Posey Township for several years. She fell a victim to consumption, and died July 8, 1883, greatly mourned. Mr. Modesitt moved, in June, 1882, to Seelyville, Vigo County, where he now lives, engaged in grocery business. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church; is also a member of the I. O. O. F., having joined in 1878. Politically, he is a Democrat. He was a Justice of the Peace at Staunton, Ind., from 1880 to 1882.

JOSEPH OLIVER was born in Butler County, Ohio, January 20, 1842. His father, Montgomery, was a native of New York, born December 26, 1811, his mother, Catherine (Harr) Oliver, was a native of Ohio, born Jan-

uary 5, 1825, and is still living with her son Joseph. The father died November 15, 1860. Joseph is the eldest of eight children, five of whom are living, one in Kansas, one in Illinois, the others in Clay County, Ind. He left Ohio at the age of fourteen years, coming with his parents to Clay County, Ind., settling on the farm where he still resides. Born and bred upon a farm, his inclination has always been in favor of farm life. He has only an ordinary education, but takes a great interest in current literature. October 7, 1861, he enlisted in the Nineteenth United States Infantry, and was assigned to Company D, where he served until after the battle of Chickamauga, when his company was so badly mutilated, the remnant was assigned to Company C of the same regiment. He participated in some of the most closely-contested battles of the war, displaying gallantry at Mission Ridge, Dalton, Resaca, Ga., and Kenesaw Mountain. He has the record of being a brave and uncomplaining soldier, never flinching from duty. He was honorably discharged October 8, 1864, at the expiration of the time for which he enlisted. At the battle of Jonesboro he received a slight wound. At the close of the war he returned to his agricultural pursuits in Clay County. In politics, he advocates the principles for which he fought, and votes the Republican ticket. He is a member of the G. A. R., also a member of the Masonic fraternity.

ALLEN F. PAYNE is a native of Spencer County, Ky., born July 13, 1826. His father, J. C. Payne, was of English descent, born in Prince William County, Va., in 1792, and died in 1838. His mother, Rebecca (Mercer) Payne, was born in Spencer County, Ky., in 1797, of parents of German and Irish extraction. Allen moved with his parents, in 1828, to Vigo County, Ind., where he spent the early part of his life on a farm. In 1846, he left the farm and engaged as deck-hand on a steamboat running on the Wabash, Ohio and Mississippi Rivers. He next went as cook on a schooner, making several trips across Lake Pontchartrain. He returned to Vigo County, Ind., in the spring of 1847; worked in a lard factory in winter, and worked at boating wood and lumber on the Wabash and Erie Canal in summer, until 1859. In 1859, he opened a coal slope in Vigo County, where he worked until 1862; when he moved near Staunton, Clay County, working still at mining coal till 1868, when he removed to Newburg, where he has been engaged in mining nearly ever since. On February 18, 1850, he married Mary Ann Jewell, who was born April 24, 1831. Six children have been born to them—John C., born February 22, 1851; William J., born April 10, 1855; Sophronia, born August 14, 1857; Thomas J., born February 23, 1859, died October 6, 1878; Lincoln, born December 2, 1861, and Rebecca H., born August 12, 1869. Mr. Payne attended school but four months in his life, but by his own unaided efforts, has acquired considerable information. He became a member of the Friendly Grove Baptist Church, in Vigo County, in 1849, but belongs to no church now. He is Chaplain of Staunton Lodge No. 27, I. O. G. T. He represented Staunton Lodge, No. 309, I. O. G. T., at the annual session of the Grand Lodge of the State, in 1873.

DR. J. H. PAYNE, practicing physician, Newburg, Ind., was born in Sullivan County, Ind., June 29, 1853. His parents, W. J. and Caroline Payne, moved, when he was four years old, to Vigo County, near Centerville, where he remained until manhood. He attended the common schools until about sixteen years of age, when he entered the high school, at Sullivan, Ind., and continued until within a short time of graduation. He then commenced teaching, attending Normal School in the spring and summer, and teaching in winter. He taught six years also pursuing the study of medicine with Dr. F. M. Pickens, a graduate of Rush Medical College, Chicago, continuing his studies

until 1880, when he began practicing medicine in Vigo County, near Seelyville. Here he remained until the fall of 1882, when he entered upon a successful practice at his present location. He was married, August 6, 1882, to Rosetta, the accomplished daughter of George C. Ruggles, a prominent farmer of Vigo County. Mr. and Mrs. Payne are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Centerville, where they have held a membership several years. He is a prominent member of the I. O. G. T., at Staunton.

HENRY M. PIERCE, Esq., proprietor of the stone quarry at Newburg, is a native of Bradford County, Penn., born September 9, 1844, and the eldest of five children of Chester and Harriet (Lilley) Pierce, all of whom are still living. He spent the early part of his youth on a farm in Pennsylvania, where he acquired most of his education. His first start in business was as assistant book-keeper in a coal office at Elmira, N. Y., his employer being President of the north branch of the Pennsylvania Canal. Here he remained one year, then went to Pittston, Penn., where he was collector in a collector's office, remaining there until 1863, when he came to Clay County, Ind. Here he taught school in the winter of 1863 and 1864, enlisting in the spring in Company K, One Hundred and Thirty-third Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and serving four months. On his return from the army he again taught school in the winter of 1864-65, at Center Point, Clay County. In January, 1865, he re-enlisted in Company D, One Hundred and Forty-ninth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, serving one year, the full time of his enlistment. On his return, he was employed as clerk one year for J. Wardlaw, at Staunton, after which, in connection with his brother-in-law, W. H. Carpenter, he started a store of general merchandise in Center Point where he remained six years, serving also as Postmaster during his stay. He was married, April 23, 1867, to Mira J., daughter of Martin H. Kennedy, one of the early settlers and prominent farmers of Clay County. To them have been born the following children—Elmer C. and Elmo M. (twins), born December 17, 1867; Harriet S., November 8, 1869, died October 25, 1882; Ida L., born April 3, 1872; Guy H., born September 3, 1876, died October 16, 1877; Leo A., born August 16, 1879, died August 22, 1879; baby (unnamed), born February 27, 1882. From Center Point he moved to Newburg, where he dealt in general merchandise, and was Postmaster. In 1877, he left mercantile business and went to farming, also giving his attention to the stone quarry. In 1882, he quarried 10,000 cubic feet. The stone is a blue sandstone of a fine quality; lies in five ledges from one to one and one-half feet thick, with from three to seven feet of stripping. He is also a contractor, employing masons to lay walls of the stone. His principal market is at Brazil, Ind. He owns one-half interest in the Brazil marble works. He formerly owned three-fourths of the stock of the U. M. Coal Company's shaft, being one of the proprietors. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, also of I. O. O. F., and the G. A. R., and the Knights of Honor. Mr. Pierce takes an active interest in politics, being identified with the interests of the Republican party. He is Justice of the Peace, having been appointed by the County Commissioners in 1880.

HON. F. J. S. ROBINSON, a native of Fayette County, Ind., was born September 19, 1845, his parents being James and Eliza (Sutcliffe) Robinson. When six years old, his parents moved to Clay County where they remained four years upon a farm, going then to Greencastle, thence, in 1855, to Missouri, where the mother died on November 27, same year. After a stay of two years, the father returned with his family to Clay County, Ind., locating in Harmony, then a small hamlet of four houses, where he engaged in merchandising until 1865, when he sold out and moved to Cloverland; managed a flour mill until 1867, when he emigrated to Kansas, his son remaining in

Cloverland, where he has resided ever since. At the age of twenty years, he entered the college at Westfield, Ill., and remained two years, then clerked a year. In the winter of 1868-69 he taught, and in the spring bought a half interest in the store where he had been salesman, continuing this partnership until 1876, when Mr. Robinson became sole proprietor. His partner had been Postmaster, and on his retirement, Mr. Robinson received the appointment, and filled the office until he sold his store in 1881. He has since been engaged in farming, having a nice farm and the finest house in Cloverland. August 21, 1870, he married Laura, the accomplished daughter of George Carpenter, an early settler of Posey Township. The following-named children have been born to them: Archie Cliffe, born January 28, 1873, died September 10, 1874; M. Telulah Nye, born October 23, 1875; James A., born April 10, 1878; George H. W., born August 3, 1880, died September 13, 1881; Fred L., born October 19, 1882. Politically, Mr. Robinson advocates the ideas of the Greenback party, having assisted in the organization of that party in this county in 1874, and has ever since been one of its active workers. He appeared in 1878 as the National candidate for Representative of Clay County, but was defeated. In the campaign of 1880, he was the National candidate for Presidential Elector of the Eighth Indiana Congressional District, but failed to receive the requisite number of votes. In 1882, he reappeared as the National candidate for Joint Representative of Putnam, Hendricks and Clay Counties. The Democrats being largely in the minority put no candidate in the field, but indorsed the nomination of Mr. Robinson, giving him their support at the polls. This time he defeated the Republican candidate, and served in the Fifty-third Session of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, with honor to himself and satisfaction to his constituents. Mr. Robinson is an enterprising and progressive man, favoring all things which tend to elevate humanity. He is a prominent member of the United Brethren Church at Cloverland. He is a charter member of the Grange Lodge, No. 1,674; also a charter member of Lodge No. 1,083, of the Knights of Honor.

GEORGE RINGO, one of the oldest residents of Posey Township, is a native of Henry County, Ky., born December 19, 1819, and the second of ten children of Major and Elizabeth (Bryan) Ringo, five only of whom are living, three sons and two daughters, the sons living in Posey Township, the daughters, one in Jackson County, Ill., the other in Boone County, Ind. The parents came to Clay County, Ind., in 1833, April 23, settling in Posey Township, near the home of George Ringo. The country was then a wilderness, covered with woods, and wolves were very numerous, making night hideous with their howling. By hard labor and the aid of an industrious family, he developed a farm of great excellence. Mr. Ringo's early education was limited, owing to meager opportunities, but being ambitious and studious, he succeeded in obtaining sufficient education to start in business for himself at the age of twenty-one years. He has been twice married; first, April 15, 1841, to Amanda Beaty, who was born January 14, 1820, died April 26, 1856, leaving eight children, all living in Posey Township—Finley and Corrinna, twins, born December 11, 1841; Angeline, March 27, 1844; Warren, February 14, 1846; Morgan H., December 10, 1847; Caroline, December 27, 1849; Elizabeth, July 25, 1852; Allen, July 1, 1855. His second marriage occurred October 22, 1857, to Judith, daughter of Brooks and Nancy Modesitt, old settlers of the county. Mrs. Judith Ringo was born April 20, 1817. Mr. Ringo is one of the leading farmers of this region, his farm consisting of 346 acres, well improved. Politically, he is a Democrat, and takes an active part in politics, and the success of his party

is due, in a great measure, to his efforts. At an early period in the county's history, he served as Justice of the Peace two years. Shortly afterward he was elected Township Trustee under the law providing three trustees. After this, he was elected under the present law governing said office. In the fall of 1865, he was elected County Commissioner, and re-elected at the next general election, serving in all six years.

J. G. SCHERB, merchant, Staunton, Ind., was born in Jackson Township, Clay County, May 25, 1851. His parents were natives of Germany, emigrating to this country in 1845, locating in Jackson Township, where his mother still lives—his father dying when he was two years old. His early life, until he was eighteen years of age, was spent on the farm, where he availed himself of such advantages of education as the common schools afforded. Desiring a wider field, he engaged in mining, where he acquired sufficient means to purchase, in 1873, a small store in Staunton, where he commenced the dry goods business. He is a popular and successful merchant, with a steadily increasing trade, owning at present one of the leading stores in the place. He is, politically, a Democrat, active in party work. He has been Councilman two terms, and Treasurer of the town of Staunton six terms. In 1882, he appeared as a candidate for County Treasurer, but was defeated. He was married; in the fall of 1875, to Lee, daughter of Thomas W. Maxey, and an accomplished young lady of Staunton. Four children have been born to them, three of whom are living. Mr. Scherb is one of the enterprising young men of Staunton, and a member of the Masonic fraternity.

E. G. SHORT, book-keeper for the P. Ehrlich & Co. Mining Company, Newburg, Ind., was born in Clermont County, Ohio, October 10, 1849. When eight years of age, his parents moved to Jefferson County, Ind. He remained here until 1872, when he moved to Vigo County, Ind., where he stayed a short time; going thence to Newburg, Clay County, Ind., where he has since resided, with the exception of eight months spent in Texas. His early youth was spent on a farm, but since coming to Newburg he has been employed in his present capacity. On the 25th of July, 1879, he was married to Emma F. McAlister, who has borne him two children—infant (unnamed, deceased), and Roy E. His advantages of early education were limited to the common schools, but by perseverance he has acquired a liberal education, such as his occupation as book-keeper demands. He is a member of the I. O. O. F.

JOSEPH SOMERS, coal operator, near Staunton, Ind., is a native of Vermont, born March 7, 1831, and of Scotch extraction. When he was seven years old, his parents, Robert and Sarah Somers, moved to Indiana, locating in Clay County, one-half mile north of Staunton. Here he spent his early life upon a farm. At the age of twenty-one he went to Illinois, working at carpentering two years, when he returned to Clay County, Ind., and commenced mining, which business he has followed since, giving employment to twenty men, and being an enterprising and successful miner. He opened his mine near Staunton, in the spring of 1882. Politically, he has been a thorough Republican since the organization of that party. During his stay in Illinois, he married Amy M. Tanner, then sixteen years old. They have four children—C. F., Edward, W. F. and Roy E. Mr. Somers is a member of the I. O. O. F., and of the Masonic fraternity; is also a strong advocate of temperance. He was one of the School Trustees of Staunton when the present schoolhouse was erected.

A. C. VEACH was born in Harrison County, Ky., May 28, 1824, of parents of Scotch-Irish descent on the father's side, and of German on the mother's. He moved to Augusta, Marion Co., Ind., in the fall of 1852, re-

maining four years, then removing to Indianapolis, where he lived two years; thence to Clay County, where he has since resided. He was engaged in the lumber business from the time he came to the State until his removal to Clay County, since which his occupation has been farming. He was married, in 1845, August 11, to Helen Swinford. They have six children—Oscar, Lucius, Victoria, Charles, Patrick H. and Maggie. The first three were born in Kentucky, the fourth in Indianapolis, the other two in Clay County. Mr. Veach was elected Trustee of Posey Township in 1859, serving two years. He is identified as one of the active politicians of this township, representing Clay County in the General Assembly of the State of Indiana in 1862 and 1864. It was while he was Representative that the Thirteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution was adopted. In 1869, he was again elected Township Trustee, serving two consecutive terms, and after an interval of two years served in the same capacity another term, making in all eight years. Mr. Veach has attended almost every Democratic State Convention since he has been in the State. During his first term of office as Trustee he built six schoolhouses, all of which are still standing. He is one of the enterprising men of the township, ever favoring those things which tend to elevate society and promote the prosperity of the community.

G. W. WEST is a native of Ohio, born September 21, 1824. His father, Alfred West, died April 7, 1883, on the farm where the son resides, he having lived there ever since he came to the State. Mr. West is the second in a family of eight children, five of whom are yet living, three in Clay County, one in McLean County, Ill., one in Southern Indiana. His school days were spent in a rude log schoolhouse, where roughly-hewn logs with wooden pins driven in for legs made the seats, and a hole in the wall covered with greased paper the window. He lived with his father until 1861, when he moved to Illinois, where he lived thirteen years. On his return, he located on the old homestead, where he still resides, giving most of his attention to farming, although more or less connected with mining interests of this section. On March 6, 1844, he married Martha Ann Williams, who has borne him five children—William (deceased), Elizabeth, George, Flora and Charles.

W. F. YOCOM, attorney at law, Staunton, Ind., was born in Dick Johnson Township September 14, 1847, and is the fourth in a family of ten children, nine of whom are living. His father, Isom Yocum, came to this county from Kentucky in 1832. His early education was limited to the common schools, but being ambitious and persevering he gained by hard study a superior education. He has been a teacher in the public schools of this county fifteen years, and is highly esteemed. In 1872, he began the study of law, and in 1874 was admitted to the bar, and commenced practicing. March 19, 1874, he married Mary J. Reeder, it being her twentieth birthday. They have five children—Clarence Lilbert, born October 16, 1874; Henry Crawford, December 2, 1875; Roswell Dale, December 18, 1877; Maud D., October 6, 1879; Bessie Pearl, April 30, 1883. Mr. Yocom is identified with the political interests of the Democratic party, being one of their most prominent workers. He was Deputy Sheriff of Clay County from 1875 to 1877. While he was holding this office, the county records were moved from Bowling Green to Brazil. Since 1877, he has practiced law in Staunton.