

about 1800, and died in 1878. Henry Becker left the country of his birth about 1847, and the following fifteen years followed a sailor's life, locating first in New Orleans, having a sailboat at that time. In 1868 he located in Osage County, Mo., purchased a farm, and in 1878 opened a general store in the village of Babbtown, to which he has ever since devoted the greater part of his attention. About the time the postoffice was established at Babbtown Mr. Becker was appointed postmaster, in 1877, which position he still holds. In 1870 he was elected justice of the peace of Jackson Township, in which capacity he served with credit. He owns a farm of 160 acres, a small portion of which is under cultivation, and which is situated in Jackson Township. In 1862 Mr. Becker married Mary Viebrock, who was born in Hanover, Germany, about 1840, and is a daughter of John and Elizabeth Viebrock, the former of whom died in his native country, and the latter now living with another daughter in Osage County, Mo. Mr. Becker is an enterprising business man, and has been very successful in his business. He and wife are members of the Lutheran Church. Mr. Becker has a brother in New Orleans, a tailor by occupation; two of his sons (married) conduct an extensive lumber-yard in Galveston, Tex. Another son, a resident of New Orleans, is also a joiner, and married; the daughter is single.

Dr. Lorenz F. Biesemeyer, a physician and surgeon of Westphalia, Osage Co., Mo., is a native of Warren County, Mo., and was born April 28, 1857. His parents were Frederick and Sophia (Krone) Biesemeyer, both natives of Germany. Frederick Biesemeyer, who was born in 1809, was a shoemaker in his early life, but later turned his attention to farming. He immigrated to the United States in 1833, and first settled in Warren County, Mo., where he resided until about 1854, and then spent the following year on a farm in Franklin County, when he returned to Warren County and engaged in farming until his death, which occurred in 1871; his wife was born in 1822, and of their eight children, seven are now living, viz.: H. L. K., a cabinet-maker by trade, and a resident of Warrenton, Mo.; Johanna, wife of George Bartholomous, editor of the Warrenton *Volksfreund*; Emil, a blacksmith of Everest, Kas.; Valestine, also a blacksmith of Everest, Kas.; Lydia, wife of Henry Dunker, a painter of Holstein, Warren Co., Mo.; Frances, wife of Guy Brown, a resident of Hiawatha, Brown Co., Kas., and Lorenz F. The latter lived with his parents until fifteen years of age, when he entered the Wesleyan College of Warrenton, Mo., which he attended six terms. He then taught school for three years in Warren County, at the expiration of which time he went to the St. Louis College of Physicians and Surgeons, where he studied medicine three years and received a diploma. In 1885 he took a post-graduate course in the same college, and April 20, 1885, began the practice of his chosen profession at Westphalia, where he has since been actively engaged, and has built up a large and lucrative practice. July 20, 1887, he married Mrs. Antonia Westerman, who was born May 3, 1866, and is a daughter of Bernard and Catherine Westerman. They have one child.

Frank J. Boillot, a dealer in general building material and agricultural machinery, etc., at Bonnot's Mill, Osage County, was born on

a farm two miles southwest of Bonnot's Mill, September 21, 1854, and is a son of Charles J. and Rose (Heislen) Boillot. Charles J. Boillot was born in France in 1820, and in 1842 immigrated to this country, locating at Bonnot's Mill August 12. He first settled on Cadet Creek, where he lived one year, and then entered forty acres of land on Evans' Creek, cleared and built a house, and has ever since lived on this farm, which now contains 320 acres; has a fine vineyard, and one of the largest and finest orchards in Osage County. The mother of our subject, also a native of France, came to this country with her two brothers, and located near Jefferson City, Cole County. The parents are still living on the farm, two miles southwest of Bonnot's Mill, and their family of four boys and one daughter are all grown and doing well. Frank J. Boillot received a common-school education, and remained on the home farm until eighteen years of age. In 1872 he left the farm to learn the blacksmith's trade, and in 1876 he built a blacksmith shop two miles southeast of Bonnot's Mill, and engaged in business for himself the following two years. In March, 1878, he removed to the town of Bonnot's Mill, and, in partnership with one of his brothers, established a blacksmith shop and wagon factory, which they successfully conducted until 1882. March 1, 1883, Mr. Boillot purchased the lumber business owned by L. J. Boillot, in the fall of which year he built a lumber yard in the town on land belonging to the railroad company; in the fall of 1888 he built a new yard on his own land, on the east side of the railroad track, where he still continues the business. He has also been engaged in the farm implement business since 1883, and has built up a large and lucrative trade in a good location. He is an enterprising business man, and has done much for the advancement of the little town in which he resides. In 1879 Mr. Boillot married Louisa, daughter of Joseph and Celestine (Guey) Party. Mrs. Party was born in Donaldsonville, La., November 21, 1842, and removed with her parents to Missouri in 1852, where she has ever since lived. April 6, 1857, she married Joseph Party, who died in February, 1875. They had four children, viz.: Victor, Louise, Augustine and August. Mr. and Mrs. Boillot have one child, Ollie, who is now seven years of age.

Judge Felix Bonnot (deceased) was born in France about 1830, and when some twelve years of age immigrated with his grandfather, Joseph Boillot, to Louisiana, afterward locating in Osage County, Mo., where the grandfather died. In 1851 Mr. Bonnot married Lucine Party, who was born in France about 1832, and is a daughter of Victor and Delphine (Philip) Party, also natives of France, who immigrated to this country and located in Osage County, Mo., in 1843, making the journey in three months and three days. Mr. and Mrs. Party settled about two miles from Bonnot's Mill, where they purchased and improved a farm. Mr. Party died in 1854 and his wife in 1867. Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Bonnot, of whom but three are living, viz.: Peter, Anna, wife of Antus Rosenhan, of Marshall, Mo., conductor on a passenger train between Marshall and Versailles, and Victor, now in Kansas. After his marriage Mr. Bonnot located where Bonnot's Mill is now situated, where he purchased a good farm, and after the railroad was built he erected a

saw and flour mill and established a station, which has since been known as Bonnot's Mill Station. He operated the mill seven or eight years, and then sold it to engage in merchandising, which he continued until his death, May 16, 1880. He was postmaster and railroad agent, and served one term as associate judge of the county court, also holding some minor offices in the township and county. He served in the Home Guards during the Civil War, and at the time of his death owned considerable property. Since the death of her husband Mrs. Bonnot has carried on his business, and has also served as postmistress. She carries a stock of general merchandise that will compare favorably with any in Osage County, and has a good trade; she is a lady of excellent business and financial ability, and deserves great credit for her enterprise. Judge Bonnot was a man of extraordinary business capacity, and was active in building up the interests of the place he founded, and at his death the township lost a man of which it might well be proud.

William H. Brinkmann (deceased) was a merchant, and one of the most highly esteemed citizens of Boeger's Store Postoffice, fourteen miles northeast of Linn, in Osage County. He was born in Warren County, Mo., July 20, 1861, and his parents were George H. and Charlotte (Sundermeyer) Brinkmann. George H. Brinkmann was a wagon-maker by trade, and was a native of Germany, immigrating to America in 1833. In 1860 he bought a farm near Marthasville, Warren Co., Mo., upon which he located and spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring in 1876; his widow, who came to this country in 1852, died in 1882. William H. Brinkmann was the eldest of a family of six children, and was reared to the pursuit of farming. At the age of seventeen he entered the Central Wesleyan College at Warrenton, which he attended four years, graduating in the class of 1881. Subsequent to his graduation he taught two terms of school, after which he returned to the old homestead and turned his attention to farming the 250 acres of fine land. October 22, 1885, he was united in marriage to Miss R. Boeger, daughter of Simon and Charlotte (Peters) Boeger, natives of Germany, who came to the United States in 1857 and 1854, respectively. Simon Boeger has long been a resident of Bay, Gasconade Co., Mo., and is one of the most successful merchants and enterprising business men of that place. To Mr. and Mrs. Brinkmann was born one child, Laura. William H. Brinkmann continued farming until 1886, when he purchased the store and building of August Boeger. The latter had purchased it of his brother Simon, subsequently, as above stated, selling it to William Brinkmann, who conducted the business very successfully until his death, which occurred April 5, 1887. He was a man of large business capacity, and in his death Osage County lost one of its most promising and enterprising young men. Since his death his estimable wife, with the aid of her sisters-in-law, Emma, Lorena and Anna, has continued the business her deceased husband so well established. They carry one of the largest and best selected stocks of general merchandise in Osage County, and Mrs. Brinkmann certainly deserves high commendation for her success in the management of this large and increasing business. She belongs to the Evangelical Church.

Augustus Busch (deceased) was a farmer of Linn Township, Osage County, in which county he was born, near the Osage River, August 19, 1845. He was one of the family of three children born to John and Martha (Humphrey) Busch, the former a native of Germany. November 4, 1871, Augustus Busch married America F., widow of James Tiller, and a daughter of William and Mary Woody. William Woody was a native of Franklin County, Va., and was born January 13, 1801. His death occurred in Bates County, Mo., about 1870. Mrs. Mary Woody was born in Green County, Ky., June 16, 1806, and died in Osage County, Mo., in 1854. Mr. and Mrs. Woody were the parents of nine children, five of whom are now living. America F. Woody was born in Osage County, Mo., January 22, 1834, and was the mother of six children by her first husband, James Tiller, who died in 1863 in Mississippi, while serving as a soldier in the Civil War. The three children living are Mary J., wife of Robert Wilson, a farmer of Osage County, Mo.; Sarah E., widow of Henry S. Carey, and Cordelia, who married Thomas J. Vaughn, a farmer of Osage County. To Mr. and Mrs. Busch were born three children, viz.: Peter (deceased), Stella and Amy. Mr. Busch died September 14, 1887, and in his death the community lost a good citizen, who was a member of the Christian Church, and an enterprising farmer. He was a Democrat in politics, and was a member of the Missouri State Militia. Since her husband's death America F. Busch has resided on the farm, which consists of 160 acres, with fifty acres under cultivation, upon which are erected good farm buildings. She is a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and is highly respected by all who know her.

Robert H. Campbell, a farmer and school-teacher of Jefferson Township, Osage Co., Mo., was born in that county January 23, 1848, and is a son of Jacob and Melinda (Baker) Campbell, natives respectively of North Carolina and Tennessee. Jacob Campbell was born March 30, 1807, and when a young man located on the Gasconade river, in Osage County, Mo., where he engaged in farming until his death, July 30, 1881; he was of English descent, while his wife Melinda, who was born in 1821, was of Scotch descent. The latter died in Osage County in 1865, the mother of eight children, all of whom grew to maturity, and but four of whom are now living, three residing in Osage and one in Maries County, Mo. Robert H. Campbell received the greater part of his education in the common schools of his native county, and in 1871 began teaching school, which vocation he successfully followed several years, proving a most efficient instructor. October 12, 1870, he married Nancy A. Branson, who was born in Osage County, Mo., May 10, 1853, and was a daughter of Madison and Fanny Branson. Mrs. Campbell died January 15, 1871, and May 30, 1872, Mr. Campbell married Tennessee A. Shockley, who was born in Gasconade County, Mo., October 18, 1845, and is a daughter of Richard and Elizabeth Shockley, both now deceased, who were among the earliest settlers of Gasconade County, Mo., from Tennessee. Of the six children born to Mr. and Mrs. Campbell three are living, viz.: James M., Clarissa N. and Melinda E. After his marriage Mr. Campbell engaged in farming in the summer and taught during the winter, until about two years ago, when he gave up teaching, and has since

devoted his whole attention to farming. In 1884 he located on his present farm, containing 256 acres, eighty-five of which are under cultivation. He was elected justice of the peace in 1878, to which office he was re-elected in 1882, proving an able and efficient incumbent. In September, 1885, he accepted an appointment from Gov. Marquette as notary public, in which capacity he is still acting. He is a Republican in politics. Mr. and Mrs. Campbell are members of the Missionary Baptist Church.

A. J. Childers, editor of the *Osage County Enterprise*, of which he assumed control March 1, 1888, was born in McNairy County, Tenn., in 1847, and is a son of A. T. and Rebecca (Rhodes) Childers, natives of Tennessee and South Carolina, respectively, the former born in 1825, and the latter in 1827. The parents were married in Henderson County, Tenn., after which they removed to McNairy County, subsequently returned to Henderson County, and in 1859 removed from Decatur County to Gasconade County, Mo. The mother died in Callaway County, Mo., in 1863, and the father died in Nashville, Ill., in 1884. He was of English descent, but for several generations the family have been natives of America. A. J. Childers was the eldest of a family of eight children, and received his education in the common schools of Missouri and those of Washington County, Ill. He began working for himself on a farm when seventeen years of age, and afterward was employed as a store clerk. The following three years he worked as a common laborer at contract work on the Frisco Railroad, which he abandoned in 1873, and a few years after taught school in Osage County, Mo. In 1882 he became editor of the *Chambers Liberalist*, which he successfully conducted until February, 1888, when he purchased the *Osage County Enterprise*. In February, 1873, Mr. Childers married Samantha M. Bryan, a native of St. Charles County, Mo., and a daughter of George W. and Melvina Bryan. Mr. Childers is a Republican in politics, and is a member of the K. of P. Lodge No. 108. His paternal grandfather, William Childers, was a native of South Carolina, and built the first log house in Memphis, Tenn., which was then known as Chickasaw Bluffs. Thomas Rhodes was the maternal grandfather of our subject. He was also a native of South Carolina, and died in Henderson County, Tenn.

Thomas Jefferson Cox, ex-sheriff of Osage County, Mo., and a farmer of Crawford Township, living eleven miles southeast of Linn, was born in Osage County in 1841, and is a son of William and Betsy (Rogers) Cox. William Cox was born in Virginia in 1802, and when a young man removed to Osage County with his mother and four brothers, locating in Jefferson Township. William Cox was married four times, and Betsy Rogers was his third wife; she was born in Virginia, and died in 1847. William Cox died in 1858, leaving seven living children, viz.: Thomas J., Susan (wife of Thomas Walker), Melinda (wife of C. Owsley), La Fayette, Christopher and Catherine. Thomas J. was reared and grew to manhood on a farm. He lived with his parents until the death of his father, when the following year he worked on a farm for \$96, and the two subsequent years worked by the month. In 1860 he married Miss Eliza Anderson, who was born in Tennessee in 1843, and was a daughter of Pleasant M. Anderson.

Mrs. Cox died in 1873, leaving two children: Wesley and James. In 1874 Mr. Cox married Elizabeth Cooper, a native of Gasconade County, Mo., whose father was Burton Cooper. This union has been blessed with two children: Thomas and Charles. September 30, 1862, Mr. Cox enlisted in Company I, Tenth Missouri Cavalry, and served three years, receiving his discharge at Nashville, Tenn.; he participated in twenty-seven engagements, among the most important being Champion's Hill, Iuka, Jackson, Columbus and Tupelo. He served six months as sergeant of his company before his discharge. After the war he located in Crawford Township, Osage County, and engaged in farming, removing to his present farm in 1871. He owns 210 acres of well-improved land, fifty acres of which are bottom land of the Gasconade River. He is one of the most enterprising farmers of Crawford Township, and has been very successful. He was elected sheriff of Osage County in 1884, and was re-elected in 1886, serving with much credit to himself and to the satisfaction of the community. Mr. and Mrs. Cox are members of the Missionary Baptist Church.

Silas P. Craig, of the firm of Craig & Steppelman, general merchants of Chamois, Osage Co., Mo., is an enterprising business man, and his name deserves a place in the history of the county. He is the youngest of a family of thirteen children, seven sons and six daughters, born to Robert W. and Malissa (Price) Craig, natives of Carroll County, Ky., and born respectively in 1801 and 1802. Robert W. Craig, with the exception of a few years spent in Indiana, has lived all his life in his native county engaged in farming. He still survives at an advanced age, and since his nineteenth year has been a member of the Baptist Church. Malissa (Price) Craig died in 1878, also being a member of the same church. Their thirteen children were John M., Benjamin T., Charles A., Robert W., Albert G., Isaac W., Silas P., Mary, Ella, Sarah, Louisa, Malissa and Cyrena. Mrs. Craig was a daughter of Rev. John M. and Sallie (Craig) Price, the former a native of Charleston, S. C., who went to Kentucky when a young man, where he spent the rest of his life as a well-to-do farmer and minister of the Baptist Church. The great-grandfather of our subject was Benjamin F. Craig, who was also his maternal great-grandfather, as the parents of Silas P. were cousins. Benjamin F. Craig, a native of Virginia, was one of the pioneer settlers of Carroll County, Ky., where he was the first county court justice, and erected the first brick house in the county, on the banks of the Ohio River, and which is known by river men to this date as the "haunted house." His father was Tolever Craig, also of Virginia, who had six sons and two daughters; the sons were Rev. Elijah, an Old School Baptist minister; Rev. Lewis, Arminian Baptist minister, who was imprisoned in Virginia prior to the Revolutionary War, while under British rule, for preaching, and after his release he and his congregation went to Kentucky and settled on Gilbert's Creek (south side of Kentucky River), where he erected the first Baptist Church in Kentucky; the other sons were Joseph, John, Jeremiah and Benjamin F. Benjamin F. Craig was the father of the following children: Joseph, Benjamin F., Jr., Steman, George, Silas, Levi, Polly, who married William O'Neal; Nancy, who married John Burnard, and Sallie, who married

John M. Price. The maternal grandfather of our subject, Benjamin F. Craig, Jr., the grandfather of Silas P., had seven sons and two daughters, viz.: Robert W., Walton, Anderson, Albert G., Benjamin F., Silas, Joshua, Sarah and Elizabeth. Silas P. Craig was born in Gallatin County, Ky., in 1844, and at the age of three years settled with his parents in Carroll County, Ky., where he received a good common-school education, and at the age of twenty-two engaged in farming for himself. In 1865 he removed to Cooper County, Mo., and the following year located in Osage County. In 1867 he married Annie E. Cochran, a native of Warren County, Mo., and a daughter of Joseph E. and Sarah J. Cochran, natives, respectively, of Harrison County, Ky., and Warren County, Mo. Of the six children born to Mr. and Mrs. Craig, four are living. Mr. Craig continued farming till 1879, when he engaged in the mercantile business at Medora, Osage Co., Mo., but after a three years' prosperous career removed to Chamois, where he erected one of the most substantial business houses, and continued the mercantile business till 1884, when his present mercantile business was established under the firm name of Craig & Steppelman, Mr. Steppelman being formerly a clerk for Mr. Craig. They carry a stock of general merchandise valued at about \$7,000 to \$8,000, and their annual sales average about \$16,000. Mr. Craig has served as mayor, treasurer and marshal of Chamois. He is a Democrat politically, and cast his first presidential vote for Seymour in 1868. He is a member and treasurer of the A. F. & A. M., and Building and Loan Association, also a member of the A. O. U. W., and he and his wife are members of the Christian Church.

Prof. Lee W. Dallas, professor of the Linn High School, Linn, Mo., was born July 27, 1861, and is a son of Granville W. and Martha Ellen (McKinney) Dallas. Granville W. Dallas was born in Pittsylvania County, Va., September 18, 1836, and when a child removed with his parents, Marmaduke and Elizabeth (Scott) Dallas, to Callaway County, Mo., the following year settling in Osage County, near where Chamois is now situated. Marmaduke Dallas died in 1880, at the age of seventy-eight years, his wife having died two years before, aged about sixty. Both were natives of Virginia, and were among the pioneer settlers of Osage County. Marmaduke Dallas was a teacher by profession, but owing to partial deafness he was compelled to abandon teaching, and devoted his attention to farming. Granville W. Dallas was also a teacher ten years of his life; he took charge of his first school in 1867, and for ten years taught most of the time in Osage County. During the war he was in the State Militia, and was accidentally wounded at Jefferson City, Mo., which closed his army service. After he gave up teaching he engaged in farming, and in 1887 he removed to Oregon, Columbia County, and devotes his attention to farming. In 1859 he married Martha Ellen McKinney, who was born in Tennessee, and when about ten years of age removed to Osage County, Mo., with her parents, James and Rebecca (Walker) McKinney, who subsequently located in Crawford Township. Mrs. Dallas died in 1868, leaving four children, viz.: Lee W., William L., John R. and Martha Isabelle, now the wife of Henry Hood. Lee W. Dallas lived with his parents on the farm until eighteen years of age,

having received his academic education at Hooper Institute, Clarksburg, where he graduated in June, 1885; in September of the latter year he obtained a State certificate, permitting him to teach in any of the schools of the State. He taught the first term in the Oak Ridge District, Osage County, and was engaged in teaching district schools in Osage County until 1885, when he became principal of the Kingsville public schools of Johnson County. The following year he accepted his present position as principal of the Linn High School, which he has successfully conducted since. He is the leading educator of Osage County, and has managed with a great deal of credit the schools intrusted to him. He is a thorough scholar, a skillful disciplinarian, and a gentleman highly esteemed by all who know him. In August, 1886, he married Miss Minnie Miller, who was born in Minnesota in 1861, and is a daughter of R. L. C. Miller. Mrs. Dallas is also a graduate of Hooper Institute, and likewise holds a State certificate. She taught several terms of school, and assisted her husband in the Linn High School. In April, 1887, he was elected county school commissioner of Osage County. He held the office one term, and is a candidate for re-election.

Judge Henry Ernstmeyer, judge of the Osage County Court, was born in Prussia in 1843, and is a son of William Ernstmeyer, also a native of Prussia, who immigrated to the United States in 1856, first locating at St. Louis, Mo., but subsequently removing to Warrenton, Mo., where he died in 1873. He was a farmer by occupation. The mother of our subject was burned to death when he was quite small, and the father afterward married a second time. Henry Ernstmeyer attended the common schools in his native country until thirteen years of age, and after coming to the United States attended the Central Wesleyan College of Warrenton, Mo., a short time. He subsequently clerked one year in a store at Cooper's Hill, Osage County, Mo., and while so employed, in 1868, he married Nancy Youngblood, who died in 1874, leaving three children, two of whom are now living. In 1876 Mr. Ernstmeyer married Albertina Koester, who came to the United States with her parents during the war. To this union have been born seven children. In 1868 Mr. Ernstmeyer removed to Chamois, where he was engaged in teaming about ten years, and afterward entered the furniture business at the same place. He served six or eight years as mayor of Chamois, and in 1886 was elected county judge, which office he has filled with much credit. He has taken an active part in the building up of the town and the general welfare of the country, and has accumulated considerable property. He is a Republican in politics, and a member of the A. F. & A. M. and A. O. U. W.

John Clabaugh Ferguson was born September 15, 1815, in Knox County, Tenn., and is a son of Cumberland and Mary E. Ferguson. The former was born in Frederick County, Md., in 1771. Mary E. was born in the same county and State in 1772. Robert Ferguson was the father of Cumberland, and a native of Ireland. John Ferguson was born in Bucks County, Pa., and afterward removed to Frederick County, Md., and was also of Irish descent, and second cousin of Robert Ferguson. About the year 1800 Cumberland and Mary E.

went to Sevier County, Tenn., thence to Knox County, and in 1817 removed to Warren County, where they resided until 1841. They then moved to Madison County, Ill., coming in 1844 to Osage County, Mo., and here he died in 1850; the death of his widow occurred in 1859. She was the mother of seven children, six girls and one son, our subject, John C., the youngest child and the only son, being now the only survivor. He was reared and grew to manhood on a farm, and in January, 1841, married Sarah Ann Vaughan, who was born in Culpeper County, Va., in 1818. Immediately after marriage the young couple immigrated with his father to Madison County, Ill., where they lived four years, then again accompanied his father to Osage County, Mo., in 1844, and locating three miles northwest of Linn, the site of Osage County, where they purchased 526 acres of land. Mrs. Ferguson died in 1852, leaving five children: James, Edmund, Rachel, Belle and Sarah Ann. Rachel was married to Hugh B. Laughlin; Belle married F. J. Laughlin; the youngest, Sarah Ann, died in 1859. The two sons are married, and live on the old homestead. Mr. Ferguson is a staunch Republican in politics. He served as deputy sheriff of Osage County from 1848 till 1852; was elected assessor in 1860, and held that office five years. He was road commissioner four years, and in 1870 was elected treasurer, to which office he was re-elected in 1872, filling the same with much credit during the four years. He is a man of high standing in the community and highly esteemed by all who know him.

William A. Ferguson, sheriff of Osage County, Mo., is a native of Putnam County, West Va., and was born in 1839. He is a son of David P. and Rebecca (Summers) Ferguson, natives of Virginia, who removed with their parents to West Virginia, where they were married and where the mother died about 1854. The father died in Osage County, Mo., February 5, 1888, where he had lived since 1863. He was a carpenter and farmer, and served many years as justice of the peace of Benton Township. The paternal grandfather of our subject was David Ferguson, a native of Virginia, who was probably of Scotch descent. The maternal grandfather was Frank Summers, also of Virginia, and a farmer by occupation. William A. Ferguson received a good common-school education. September 6, 1860, he married Leavora Arthur, daughter of Lewis and Lucy Arthur, natives of Franklin County, Va., who afterward removed to Cabell County, West Va., where the latter died. Lewis Arthur was a farmer, and a soldier in the War of 1812. Of the ten children born to Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson, two sons and four daughters are living, viz.: Leavora (wife of W. M. Brock), Rebecca (who married L. Bryan), Alberta, Peter C., Florence Abelle and William A., Jr. In 1861 Mr. Ferguson removed to Ohio, and October 10, 1862, enlisted in Company M, Seventh Ohio Cavalry. He operated in Kentucky, Tennessee, Georgia, North and South Carolina and Virginia, participating in the siege of Knoxville, and followed Gen. Morgan on his raid through Indiana, remaining twenty-eight days and nights in the saddle; he was also at the battles of Cumberland Gap, Bristoe, Va., Stanford and Richmond, Ky., and November 6, 1863, was captured at Rogersville, Tenn. He was taken to Belle Island, Va., where he was held a prisoner until the

spring of 1864, when he was paroled. He afterward spent three months at Annapolis, and was then sent to Camp Chase, Ohio, where he remained six months, and on account of disability was sent home on furlough of 100 days, at the expiration of which time, being still unable for duty his furlough was extended until his discharge, July 4, 1865. In September of the latter year he removed to Deer Creek, Osage Co., Mo., where he lived until 1870, when he returned to his native place. In 1875 he again settled on Deer Creek, and remained until he purchased his present farm of 160 acres, situated one and a half miles southwest of Chamois, which is well-improved. After the war he learned the carpenter's trade, which he has since followed in connection with farming. In 1888 Mr. Ferguson was nominated on the Republican ticket for sheriff of Osage County, and was elected in November by a good majority. He is a member of the G. A. R. and A. O. U. W., and is an enterprising and highly respected citizen of Osage County. Julius P. Ferguson, his brother, was killed at the battle of Cedar Creek, near the close of the war.

Christian Heyer, a farmer and stock-raiser of Jefferson Township, Osage County, resides seventeen miles southeast of Linn. He was born in Prussia in 1832, and was one of the family of three children born to Henry and Dorothea (Lumme) Heyer, both natives of Prussia. Henry Heyer was born in 1806, and died in the country of his birth in 1862. His wife was born about 1807, and immigrated to this country with her son, stopping in Osage County, Mo., where she died in 1879. Christian Heyer came to the United States in 1857, landing in St. Louis, Mo., on July 4, of that year, and later in the same year he went to Gasconade County, where he spent the following year; he then located in Osage County, where he has ever since resided. He has seventy acres of the farm of 270 which he owns under cultivation and well improved, and is an enterprising and industrious farmer. June 12, 1853, he married Louisa Nordhausen, who was born in Prussia, March 22, 1829, and is a daughter of Elias and Mary Nordhausen, both of whom died in their native land. Mr. and Mrs. Heyer are the parents of the following children, viz.: Louisa, wife of Henry Lehnhoff; Christian; Henrietta, wife of Fritz Lehnhoff; Mary, wife of Thomas Loyd; Margaret, wife of Johnson Loyd; John, Fritz (deceased), Caroline, wife of Allen Griffith; Henry and Julianna. In politics Mr. Heyer is a Republican. He and wife are members of the Missionary Baptist Church, in which they take an active part.

Robert Holliway, a blacksmith of Linn, Osage Co., Mo., was born about three miles south of Linn, in the year 1839, and is a son of Harrison and Elizabeth (Goodman) Holliway. Harrison Holliway was born in Kentucky in 1812, and when young removed with his father, Jonathan Holliway, to Callaway County, Mo., and thence, in 1818, to Osage County, where Harrison Holliway married and located on Swan Creek. He died in 1880, and his widow, who was a native of Virginia, died in 1886. They had twelve children, as follows: Robert; Susan (deceased), who married James Thornton; Elizabeth, wife of William A. McDaniel; John (deceased), William H., now in California; Mary L., wife of David Huckstep; Benjamin F. (deceased);

Nancy, who married C. Blair, of Kansas; Henry L.; Emily J., now Mrs. Arthur Parks, of Kansas; Leander and George. Jonathan Holliway, paternal grandfather of our subject, was a member of the State Legislature from Osage County. Robert Holliway spent his early life on his father's farm, and in 1859 began to learn the blacksmith's trade. He served an apprenticeship of two years and then purchased his uncle's shop. In 1862 he went to Van Buren, Osage County, where he worked at his trade two years, at the end of which time he bought a farm in Osage County, locating near his former home, about three miles south of Linn; at the latter place he successfully followed his trade until 1885, when he removed to Linn, where he now lives and devotes his attention principally to blacksmithing. August 22, 1862, Mr. Holliway married Sarah E. Huckstep, who was born in St. Louis, Mo., in 1838, and was a daughter of Walker Huckstep. To this union were born six children, viz.: James Harrrison, John F., Florence, Charles W., Louise and Sarah E. Mrs. Holliway died October 22, 1886, and July 5, 1888, Mr. Holliway married Ruberta Campbell, who was born in Virginia in 1839, and is a member of the Christian Church. Mr. Holliway owns 525 acres of land, and is one of the enterprising citizens and kindly neighbors of Linn. His political sympathies are with the Democratic party.

William Nelson Hood, a farmer of Crawford Township, Osage County, was born December 18, 1854, and is a son of Felix Grundy and Anna Eliza (Anderson) Hood. Felix G. Hood was born in Knox County, Tenn., in 1829, and was a son of John Hood, who died in Tennessee. Felix Hood immigrated to Osage County, Mo., in 1852, locating in Osage County, where he owned 640 acres of good land; he first married Anna Eliza Anderson, who was born in Knox County, Tenn., in 1830, and died July 17, 1866, leaving six children, viz.: Mary Ann, wife of Charles Massey; William Nelson; Martha V. (deceased), wife of Joseph N. Lambeth; Thomas Huston; Lucinda Jane, who married H. M. Bates, and James Pleasant. Felix Hood afterward married Josephine C. Willis, *nee* Black, by whom he had the following children: Laura Ellen (deceased), Josephine C. (deceased), Minnie May, Emma Paulina and Lulu. Mr. Hood died October 12, 1886, and his widow subsequently married Samuel Parsons, and is still living. William Nelson Hood, the oldest son, was reared on the farm, and lived with his father until about twenty years of age. August 1, 1875, he married Rhoda Jane Lambeth, whose birth occurred in Osage County, Mo., May 16, 1853; she is a daughter of Rev. William P. and Virginia Lambeth. There have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Hood eight children, as follows: Alonzo Dow (deceased), Lee Huston, William Felix, Ada Amelia, Minnie Victoria, Eva Virginia (deceased), Amy Ann (deceased) and an infant. After marriage Mr. Hood located on a farm near his old home, and in the same neighborhood has spent his entire life thus far. He now owns 100 acres of fine land on Contrary Creek, thirteen miles east of Linn, and devotes his entire attention to farming, at which occupation he has been very successful. He is one of the rising young farmers of the township, and is highly esteemed by all who know him. In politics his sympathies are with the Democratic party. Mrs. Hood is a member of the Missionary Baptist Church.

Peter William Iven, a dealer in general merchandise at Owen's Mills, Osage County, was born in 1848, at Loose Creek, Osage County, and is a son of Peter and Ann Gertrude (Muenks) Iven, both natives of Prussia, Germany, and born respectively in 1814 and 1824. Peter Iven immigrated to the United States in 1842, and his wife in 1841. They were married April 8, 1844, at Jefferson City, Mo., and first located in Cole County, but in 1848 removed to Osage County, locating at Loose Creek. Peter Iven was a blacksmith by trade, which he followed the greater part of his life. Mrs. Iven died September 29, 1873, the mother of the following children: Catherine (wife of Theodore Angenendt), John H., Peter W., Mathias, Cecelia (wife of John Liebeton), P. Jacob, Gerhardt, Mary M. (wife of T. G. Nilges), Bettie (wife of Peter Kaullen), Caroline (deceased), Anna C. (wife of Ferdinand Bohem), Emma (deceased), Henry and Frank. Mr. Iven afterward married Lena Pointer, by whom he had two children, only one of whom is living, Peter. Mr. Iven died May 15, 1876. His widow is also dead now. Peter William Iven engaged in the pursuit of farming until twenty-five years of age, also working with his father in the blacksmith shop. The following five years he was employed on public works, and subsequently engaged in clerking about the same length of time, being employed by August Boeger fifteen months, and in the general store of Henry Schroeder two and a half years. In 1878 Mr. Iven married Mary Ann Boehm, who was born in Osage County, Mo., in 1855, and is a daughter of John Boehm. They have four children: S. Catherine, John Peter Jacob, Gertrude and Ann (twins). After marriage Mr. Iven engaged in merchandising and farming at Surprise Postoffice, five miles east of Linn, where he owned 252 acres of land. In December, 1883, he commenced merchandising at Owen's Mills, where he has since been located. In connection with his store he cultivates a farm of 692 acres on the Gasconade River, which is one of the best farms on the river. He carries a good stock of general merchandise, his sales averaging from \$8,000 to \$10,000 per year. He is a Republican in politics, and served as postmaster of Surprise Postoffice, and three years in the same capacity at Owen's Mills. Mr. and Mrs. Iven are Roman Catholics.

William Joachim, a dealer in grain, seeds, salt, etc., of Chamois, Osage Co., Mo., was born in Belle Lippe Detmold, Prussia, in 1836, and is the only child of Phillip and Wilhelmina (Sprenger) Joachim, both natives of Prussia, where the father died when our subject was but thirteen years of age; the mother afterward married a Mr. Lange, and they immigrated to this country, locating in Osage County, Mo., where both died, the mother about 1877. William Joachim received a good common-school education in his native country, and when young learned the stone-mason's trade. He left the country of his birth in 1855, and upon his arrival in the United States located in Gasconade County, Mo., where, in 1859, he married Elizabeth Rufi, from Steffisburg, County Berne, Switzerland. To them have been born eight children, two sons and six daughters. The same year of his marriage Mr. Joachim located at Leach's Mill, in Osage County, Mo., where he engaged in farming until 1868; he then removed to a farm five miles south of Chamois, which he worked until 1881. In the lat-

ter year he settled in Chamois, where he owns considerable property; he also owns 287 acres in Neosho County, Kan. During the late war Mr. Joachim served four months in the Missouri State Militia, and has served two years as mayor of Chamois. He is one of the leading farmers of Osage County, and is an enterprising business man, highly respected by all who know him. He and wife have been members of the Methodist Church for years, and their friends are many.

Dr. Aquilla Ensley Jones, of Linn, Mo., was born in Grainger County, Tenn., in 1822, and is a son of Thomas and Jane (Windham) Jones, both natives of Tennessee, and born respectively in 1796 and 1798. Thomas Jones, who was a teacher by profession, removed to Clinton County, Ohio, in 1829, where he remained about ten years, and then returned to Tennessee; about 1850 he went to Carroll County, Ark., where he died about 1864, having followed teaching the greater part of his life. His wife, Jane Jones, also died in Carroll County. Of their eleven children, Dr. Aquilla E. was the fourth. The latter received his literary education in his native State, and at about the age of nineteen began the study of medicine under Dr. William Murry, of Bean Station, Tenn., with whom he studied three years. In 1843 he entered upon the practice of his chosen profession in the county of his birth, where he was principally engaged until 1869. August 8, 1844, Dr. Jones married Armenia Sylvesta Bryan, who was born in Grainger County, Tenn., November 30, 1827, and is a daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Hill) Bryan. Of the twelve children born to Dr. and Mrs. Jones, seven are living, viz.: Amanda Jane, Mary E., wife of Thomas Jones, Margaret Texas, Zerelda Kansas, John F., Lillie Lucretia and Buena Vista. During the late war Dr. Jones served in the quartermaster's department, at Knoxville, for twelve months, and in 1869 he became a resident of Osage County, Mo., locating on Pointer's Creek, where he resided four years, and then moved to Henry County; the following year he returned to Osage County, and has ever since resided in or near Linn. Dr. Jones has been in the continual practice of medicine for forty-four years, and with the exception of one year spent in Henry County has practiced twenty years in Osage County. He is widely known, and has an extensive patronage, riding over many miles of this territory. He is one of the ablest physicians and surgeons of the county, and is universally respected. For forty years Dr. and Mrs. Jones have been consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

Hugh Jordan, postmaster of Linn, Osage Co., Mo., was born in Milwaukee, Wis., in 1842, and is a son of Peter and Catherine (Early) Jordan. Peter Jordan was born in County Mayo, Ireland, in 1804, and in 1830 immigrated to Canada, entering the United States in 1834. He first located at Joliet, Ill., afterward went to Chicago, and in 1840 removed to Milwaukee, Wis. In 1856 he located on Bailey's Creek, Crawford Township, Osage Co., Mo., where he lived until his death in 1866; he was a farmer by occupation. Mrs. Catherine Jordan died in March, 1886, at the age of seventy-three years. Of the eleven children in this family five are now living, viz.: Patrick, proprietor of a hotel in St. Louis; Hugh, Maria, wife of Thomas Kennedy; Bridget, wife of John Reynolds, and Martin. Hugh Jordan

was reared on a farm, and was about fourteen years of age when his parents moved to Osage County. In May, 1861, he enlisted in the Home Guards of Osage County, and the following August enlisted in Company M, Fifth Regular Iowa Cavalry, known as "Curtis Horse Regiment," and served until honorably discharged at Clinton, Iowa, in August, 1865, having taken part in the battles of Fort Donelson, Shiloh, Corinth, Franklin, Stone River, Nashville, Atlanta, McCook's, and also the Rousseaux raid, besides Wilson's raid, which included the battles of Ebenezer Church, Selma (Ala.) and Columbus (Ga). After the war he resumed farming. February 8, 1869, he married Frances A. Hull, who was born in Osage County, Mo., in 1840, and is a daughter of John and Sarah (Tucker) Hull. To this union have been born nine children, viz.: Teresa F., who died in 1878, at the age of eight years; James, Martha, Michael, Agnes, Hugh, John, Ella and Brunette. Mr. Jordan continued farming until October, 1887, when he moved to Linn and established a meat market. December 24, 1888, he was appointed postmaster of Linn, receiving his commission from Postmaster-General Don M. Dickinson. He was elected sheriff of the county in 1880, and served two years, and in politics he is a Republican. He owns about 1,000 acres of land, and is one of the most enterprising citizens of the county. The family are members of the Roman Catholic Church. Mr. Jordan is a member of the G. A. R.

Peter Krohn, a merchant of Linn, Mo., was born July 25, 1824, in Holstein, Germany, and is a son of Henry and Catherine (Groth) Krohn, the former of whom was born March 18, 1797, and is still living at the advanced age of ninety-two years. By the first wife there were two children, Peter and John, and by the second wife eight children. Catherine Krohn died in 1826. John and Peter are the only children surviving. John lives on the old homestead, and his father lives with him. Peter was retained at home until nine years of age, when he left and shifted for himself. At the age of sixteen he went to sea as a cabin-boy and became an experienced sailor, making seven trips to the North Pole on whaling expeditions. In 1846 he was drafted in the Danish navy for eight months, and in 1848, when the people rebelled against the Danish protector, he enlisted and fought as a private for two and a half years, participating in several hard fought battles. Having in youth received no education, his leisure time during these years Peter Krohn devoted to study, applying himself closely. In 1850, having saved \$500, he entered the School of Navigation at Hamburg, where he remained five months, and then became second mate on a merchandise ship which plied between Hamburg and the west coast of Africa; on the second trip he was first mate, and went to Buenos Ayres, South America, and subsequently to Vera Cruz, on the coast of Mexico, and Galveston, Tex. While returning from the latter trip he hired as first mate to a packet line which plied between Hamburg and New York. In all he sailed eighteen years, and visited many of the important points in the world. In 1854 he went to Galveston, Tex., thence to St. Louis, and in May, 1855, reached Chicago and found employment on a ship on Lake Michigan. The following winter he returned to St. Louis, and in January, 1856, in a company of about twenty Germans, started for Osage County, Mo. The bridge

across the Gasconade River being down, they crossed on the ice and took refuge for two days in a house 10x12 feet; they then obtained three wagons from a farmer and pursued their journey, arriving at Linn, January 10, and finding the snow fourteen inches deep. Mr. Krohn had entered a large tract of land south of Linn the previous year, and May 15, 1856, he married Miss Fredericka Gove, who was born in Mecklenburg, Germany, December 28, 1831, and was a daughter of Frantz Gove. Mr. Krohn first met this lady on his trip to Galveston. They have six children, viz.: Maria, Sophia C., Frank (a merchant of Nelson, Mo.), Henry (proprietor of a livery stable in Linn), Augustus C. and Peter G. After his marriage Mr. Krohn settled on his land five miles south of Linn, which he began clearing, and on which he erected a house, which only cost him the price of the nails, 50 cents. September 15, 1856, he cut his foot very severely, and was helpless for some time, but the following winter cut and cleared three acres of land on his crutches. As a result of much hard work and economy by 1864 he had saved \$2,000, but during Price's raid he lost all. In October, 1865, he moved to Linn and engaged in general merchandising on a small scale, gradually adding to his stock from year to year until he became one of the largest merchants of the county. He was a good business manager, and gave his sons a practical business training in the store. In 1873 he erected a large brick building in Linn, and carries a fine stock of goods. For the past eight years he has devoted almost his entire attention to the interests of his store, and has been very successful in this venture. He is now the oldest merchant in Linn, and is one of the first Germans to settle in Osage County. He is well educated in both the German and the English languages. In 1866 he was made deputy postmaster, and in 1870 was appointed postmaster of Linn, which office he held until 1884. He is a member of the Masonic order, and is one of the most prominent citizens of Linn.

Judge Joseph Marion Lambeth, judge from the First District of the County Court of Osage County, was born in White County, Tenn., in 1840, and is a son of Joseph and Rhoda (Louden) Lambeth, the former of whom was a native of Randolph County, N. C., and immigrated to Osage County, Mo., with his father. In 1872 Joseph Lambeth removed to Pulaski County, Mo., where he lived until his death, which occurred in 1873. He was married three times, the mother of our subject dying in 1854. The paternal grandfather of our subject was Samuel Lambeth, who was born in Randolph County, N. C., in 1828; from thence went to Bledsoe County, Tenn., and in 1843 immigrated to Osage County, Mo., locating on Pointer's Creek, Crawford Township. He died in December, 1873, at the advanced age of one hundred years. His father was Moses Lambeth, who served as a soldier under Gen. Washington during the Revolutionary War, and died near Holly Springs, Miss., in 1840. Joseph M. Lambeth was but a child when his parents settled in Osage County, where he was reared on a farm, receiving but a limited common-school education. He served in the Home Militia during the Civil War, and in 1866 married Matilda Jane Maxwell, a native of Gasconade County, Mo., born in 1848, and a daughter of Elijah C. Maxwell, a Missionary Bap-

tist minister. Mr. and Mrs. Lambeth have been blessed with the following children: Virginia Ellen (now the wife of M. C. Rice), James L. (deceased), William E. (deceased), Joseph Robert, Leander Allen (deceased), Eva Elizabeth, Emma Josephine, Thomas Augustus and Floyd O'Dell. Immediately after his marriage Mr. Lambeth located on the farm where he still resides, which consists of 200 acres of well improved land. He is one of the enterprising farmers and representative men of Osage County. He is a staunch Republican in politics, and in 1888 was elected as judge from the First District to the County Court. Judge and Mrs. Lambeth are members of the Missionary Baptist Church, and are highly esteemed by all.

Amos Laughlin is a native farmer of Osage County, Mo., and was born in 1830. His parents were John M. and Magdaline (Alckire) Laughlin, the former of whom, of Irish descent, was born in South Carolina in 1799, and was a farmer by occupation; about 1818, with his father, William Laughlin, he located in Osage County, where Chamois is now situated. John M. married and settled near the old homestead, but afterward removed to two miles northwest of Linn, where he lived until his death, which occurred in 1880. Magdaline Laughlin was born in Virginia in 1803, and died in 1877. Of the ten children in this family, four are living, viz.: Benton, Amos, Ivah, wife of Thomas J. Robinson, and Jennie, who married James Reynolds. Amos Laughlin lived at home with his parents until 1878, when he married Sophronia King, who was born in Georgia in 1839, and is a daughter of John M. and Phoebe (Comb) King, natives respectively of Lincoln and Knox Counties, Tenn., the former born in 1808 and the latter in 1809. The parents of Mrs. Laughlin first removed to Washington County, Mo., in 1848, locating in Linn Township, Osage County, where the mother died in 1854, and the father removed to Texas County in 1861, where he died in 1863. In March, 1881, Mr. Laughlin removed to his present farm of 160 acres near Linn, and is an industrious farmer. The Laughlin family is one of the oldest and best known in the county, and our subject is one of the few elderly men now living in Osage County who claim that county as their birth-place. Mrs. Laughlin is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Laughlin is a Democrat politically.

Flavius Josephus Laughlin, a farmer of Linn, Mo., was born in Osage County in 1848, and is a son of Robert R. and Elizabeth (McKnight) Laughlin. Robert R. Laughlin, a native of Caldwell County, Ky., was born in 1812, and was of Irish descent; he came to Osage County, Mo., in 1833, and settled five miles north of Linn, where he entered land and cleared and built a home; he devoted his attention to farming, and passed the remainder of his life in Osage County, dying in July, 1881. His wife, Elizabeth Laughlin, was born in North Carolina in 1818, and removed to Osage County, Mo., with her father, Thomas McKnight, who located in Linn Township. Mrs. Laughlin died in 1884, and of her nine children four are now living, viz.: Eliza (wife of Douglas Wright), George D., Samuel D. and Flavius J. The latter lived with his parents until of age, and in March, 1870, married Bell Ferguson, daughter of John C. and Sarah Ann (Vaughn) Ferguson. Mrs. Laughlin was born in Osage County,

Mo., in 1848. To this union have been born seven children, viz.: Eva, John, Nela, Peter, Alice, Herman and Bella. After his marriage Mr. Laughlin lived on Pointer's Creek until 1881, when he removed to Linn, where he now resides. He was engaged in school-teaching for some time, and was very successful in that profession; he taught the first term at Providence, Osage County, and six terms in the school known as the Pointer's Creek School, receiving good compensation. In 1885 he erected in Linn a large two-story farm dwelling, and owns 320 acres of land. He is a Republican politically, and in 1880 was elected surveyor of Osage County, and served a term of four years. He is a member of the Masonic lodge of Linn, and is one of the live and enterprising men of the place.

Timothy Leach, one of the proprietors of the Leach & Baker Flour and Saw-mill, of Leachville, Jefferson Township, Osage Co., situated ten miles southeast of Linn, is a native of Yorkshire, England, and was born in 1842. He is the youngest of the family of ten children born to Timothy and Margaret (Stad) Leach. Timothy Leach was born near Leeds, Yorkshire, England, about 1794; he was a wagon-maker and miller by trade, and left his native land in 1856, immigrating to America and locating near what is now the village of Leachville, Osage Co., Mo. He was one of the pioneer settlers of Jefferson Township, and in 1867, in partnership with his four sons, William H., James, Edward and Timothy, and Charles Baker, erected what is now the Leach & Baker Mill, the firm being known as Leach & Co. for seventeen years. Timothy Leach died in Osage County November 18, 1865. Mrs. Margaret Leach was born in Burley, Yorkshire, England, in 1796, and died in her native country in 1845. Of the ten children in this family eight are now living, three in Osage County, Mo., one in Chariton County, Mo., and one son and three daughters in England. Timothy Leach, subject of this sketch, was fourteen years of age when he came to the United States. In 1865 he married Elizabeth J. Wilson, who was born in Osage County, Mo., about 1848; she was a daughter of John and Elizabeth Wilson, and died in Leachville in 1871; one child, Edward, survives her. March 16, 1873, Mr. Leach married Wilhelmena Dallmeyer, widow of William Q. Dallmeyer. She was born in Germany April 27, 1847, and is a daughter of Phillip and Louisa Lange, who were the first German settlers of Jefferson Township; the father died May 18, 1877, and the mother July 13, 1876. Mrs. Leach has one child by her first marriage, Louisa Dallmeyer; and by her second: Mary Ann, Margaret (deceased), William, Timothy and Lily. Mr. Leach engaged in merchandising at Leachville in 1877, and is doing a successful business. He also owns 850 acres of land, a large portion of which he has fenced, and ninety acres under cultivation. He is an influential and highly-respected citizen, and one of the enterprising men of the township. Mrs. Leach is a member of the Lutheran Church.

Charles S. Leeman, a contractor and builder of Chamois, Osage County, Mo., was born in Ontario, Canada, in 1840, and is the fourth in a family of five sons and three daughters born to Andrew and Charity A. (Storms) Leeman, the former a native of Pennsylvania, and the latter born in Canada. The parents were married in Canada,

where the father, who was a farmer, died in 1852 or 1853; the mother died in Wisconsin in 1885, at the age of seventy-six. Charles S. Leeman attended the common schools of Ontario until the death of his father, when he was obliged to work on the farm. He learned the carpenter's trade, and when about nineteen years of age went to Mississippi, where he worked until the outbreak of the war, when he returned to Canada and remained until 1866. In the latter year he went to Chamois, Osage Co., Mo., where he purchased and operated a sawmill until about 1883, manufacturing nearly all the lumber used in building the town, and in the meantime doing an extensive business contracting and building, employing five or six men. Before abandoning the milling Mr. Leeman purchased a stock of general building material, and until 1887 conducted that business. He owns one of the finest houses in Chamois, and is worth considerable property. In 1877 he married W. V. Callicott, daughter of Giles and Martha Callicott, natives of Virginia, who removed to Callaway County, Mo. This union has been blessed with three children, viz., two sons and one daughter. Mr. Leeman is one of the aldermen of Chamois, and is an influential citizen. He is a member of the A. F. & A. M., A. O. U. W. and K. of P., and has held all the offices in Masonry except Worshipful Master, which he declined. Mrs. Leeman is a member of the Christian Church, and a lady of refinement and culture.

George B. Le Fevre was born in Crawford County, Pa., May 25, 1849, and is the eldest of the four children born to Ellis and Amanda (Anderson) Le Fevre, the former of whom, a native of near Harrisburg, Dauphin County, Pa., was born in October, 1821, and died in Crawford County, Pa., in 1854, at the age of thirty-two years; he was of French descent, and was a farmer by occupation. The mother of our subject was born in Crawford County, Pa., in December, 1826. Ellis Le Fevre was a son of George Le Fevre, who was born in Pennsylvania July 19, 1795, and whose father was a native of France. George B. Le Fevre received but a limited education in the common schools of his native State, and in 1870 immigrated to Osage County, Mo., where he purchased 360 acres of land, and turned his entire attention to improving and farming the same; he now has about seventy-five acres under cultivation, and is one of the most enterprising farmers of Jefferson Township, residing eleven miles southeast of Linn. In June, 1870, Mr. Le Fevre married Theodosia Mitchell, who was born in Erie County, Pa., in September, 1836, and is a daughter of Cooper and Loraine (Hodger) Mitchell, the former of whom was born in Erie County, Pa., in 1809, where he died in October, 1858; the latter, a native of Vermont, was born December 11, 1811, and died in Erie County, Pa., in 1861. Mr. and Mrs. Le Fevre are the parents of four children, viz.: Harry, Belle, May and Jennie. Mr. Le Fevre is a Democrat in politics, and was nominated on that ticket for sheriff of Osage County in 1888, but was defeated. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and his wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In July, 1887, the postoffice of Le Boeuf was established at his residence, and his wife appointed as postmistress.

Frank H. Luebbert, a farmer and stock-raiser of Washington

township, Osage County, residing one-half mile north of Westphalia, was born upon the farm where he now lives, January 2, 1857, and is a son of Joseph and Theresa (Hueser) Luebbert, natives of Prussia. Joseph Luebbert was born in 1825, and when a young man immigrated to this country, and first located in Osage County, Mo., where he only remained about one year when he went to California, and the following five years engaged in mining; at the expiration of that time he returned to Osage County, Mo., and purchased the farm our subject now owns. In 1856 Joseph Luebbert went to St. Louis, and there married Theresa Hueser, who was born in Prussia October 21, 1826, and came to this country in 1855. To this union were born two children, Henry, who died at the age of eleven years, and Frank H. Joseph Luebbert died March 5, 1876, and his widow May 2, 1887. Frank H. Luebbert attended the common schools of Westphalia and remained with his parents until sixteen years of age, when he entered Jones Commercial College, of St. Louis, from which he graduated July 17, 1876. Upon the death of his father he assumed control of the farm, and has ever since been engaged in the pursuit of agriculture, teaching school during the winter several terms. October 18, 1887, he married Elizabeth Ortmeyer, who was born in Westphalia, Osage County, October 21, 1872, and is a daughter of Henry and Christena Ortmeyer, natives of Prussia, the father born in 1820 and the mother in 1831; the latter died February 8, 1885, and the father is now living in Osage County. Mr. and Mrs. Ortmeyer have four children, viz.: Stephen, Catherine, Ferdinand and Elizabeth. Mr. Luebbert owns 240 acres of land, about eighty-five acres of which are under cultivation. He is an enterprising farmer and an influential citizen of the county. In politics he is a Democrat. Mr. and Mrs. Luebbert have one child, named Leona, born July 24, 1888.

Bernard Lueckenhoff, a farmer and stock-raiser of Washington Township, Osage County, resides ten miles west of Linn, and was born in Prussia, Germany, May 25, 1825. His parents were Joseph and Elizabeth (Hulson) Lueckenhoff, also natives of Prussia. Joseph Lueckenhoff was born about 1782, and in 1838 immigrated to the United States with his family, locating in Osage County, Mo., where he was one of the pioneer settlers, and was engaged in farming until his death, which occurred in 1859. The mother of our subject was born about 1794, and died in Osage County, Mo., in 1840. Bernard Lueckenhoff is the only survivor of a family of ten children. After the death of his mother he lived with his father until about the year 1850, when he crossed the plains to California, and worked in gold mines about five years. He then returned to Osage County, Mo., and October 9, 1855, married Catharine Westerman, who was born in Osage County, Mo., November 23, 1837, and is a daughter of George and Gertrude Westerman, who were early settlers of Osage County, the former of whom died in 1859, and the latter in 1873. Thirteen children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Lueckenhoff, of whom ten are now living, viz.: Anna (wife of Fred Meyer), Mary, Bernard, Christina, Catherine (who married Benjamin Shaffer), John, Joseph, Lizzie, Jennie (died August 13, 1877), Willie (died February 9, 1876), Harman, August and Dina (died February 10, 1879). Mr. Lueckenhoff

located on his present farm in 1864. He owns 200 acres of land, about eighty acres of which are well improved and under cultivation, located on the banks of Osage River. He is one of the well-to-do and highly respected farmers of the township. The family are members of the Catholic Church.

Dr. William T. Mahon, a practicing physician and surgeon of Chamois, was born in St. Louis, Mo., in 1852, and is a son of Dr. Thomas J. and Rebecca B. (Baker) Mahon, natives respectively of Virginia and Franklin County, Mo., the former born in 1815 and the latter in 1824. When about twenty-one years of age Thomas J. Mahon removed with his parents to St. Louis County, Mo., where he married, and when our subject was about three years of age removed to Linn, Osage County, where he rented a farm until 1878. In the latter year he removed to Medora, where he conducted a hotel until 1884, when he located at Chamois. He is a cooper by trade, and November 6, 1888, was elected coroner of Osage County. Rebecca B. Mahon, mother of our subject, was a daughter of Thomas Baker, a native of Pennsylvania, and a blacksmith and farmer, who was one of the earliest settlers of Franklin County, Mo. He is now living near Cuba, at the advanced age of ninety years. Mrs. Mahon died in 1886. The paternal grandfather of Dr. William T. Mahon, was William Mahon, who was of Scotch descent, and was a soldier in the Mexican War. He died in Osage County at the age of seventy-five years. Dr. William T. Mahon received his early education at Linn, Osage County, subsequently attending nearly two years the State University at Columbia. The following three or four years he engaged in teaching and surveying, in the meantime pursuing the study of medicine. In 1874 he attended a course of lectures at the Cincinnati Medical College, and again in 1876-77, graduating in 1880 from the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Keokuk, Iowa. He practiced at Medora in 1877, and since 1880, with the exception of one year spent in Bates County, he has continued his practice at Chamois, where he is one of the leading physicians, and enjoys a large and lucrative practice. In December, 1877, he married Georgie, daughter of John C. and Harriet Bryan, natives of Tennessee. Mr. Bryan served as county judge of Osage County at one time, and is a prominent citizen and well-to-do farmer. This union has been blessed with three children. Dr. Mahon is a Republican politically. Mrs. Mahon is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

Hon. Henry Marquand, prosecuting attorney of Osage County, was born in Coshocton County, Ohio, in 1837, and is a son of John and Martha (Parker) Marquand. John Marquand was born on the Isle of Guernsey, which is situated in the English Channel, where he was reared and grew to maturity, and then, in company with his brother Charles and three cousins, immigrated to the United States. The two brothers located in Coshocton County, Ohio, where John married and spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring in middle life, about the year 1839. The mother of our subject was a native of Virginia, and removed with her parents, John and Elizabeth Parker, to Coshocton County, Ohio, where she died in 1847.