

William Carroll, member of the clothing firm of Carroll & Fahren, was born at Toledo, Ohio, December 14, 1860, and when about seven years old went to Morgan County, Ind., where he resided upon a farm until 1876, and then taught school in Iowa until the spring of 1881, when he engaged in the clothing trade at Keosauqua, Iowa, for two years. He was then interested in the same business for one year at Farmington, after which he located at Unionville, and in August, 1886, formed the firm of which he is the senior member. They are successors to G. W. Jordan, and carry a complete line of ready-made clothing, gents' hats, caps, boots, shoes, etc. They occupy a store opposite the court-house on the north side of the public square, 22x80 feet, and are recognized among the leading and enterprising merchants and citizens of Union Township.

Mrs. Sarah A. Casady, widow of William Casady, was born in 1824. Her parents, William and Ann (Ireton) Surry, were natives of New Jersey, and were married in Clermont County, Ohio, in 1823. The father was of Dutch descent and a volunteer in the War of 1812. His death occurred about 1843. The mother was a worthy member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and died about 1846. The subject of this sketch married William Casady in 1839, in Brown County, Ohio; he was born in New Jersey, in 1816, and was then living in Ohio. In 1856 he removed to Putnam County, Mo., and located in Elm Township, where he purchased a farm near the present site of Graysville. He afterward removed to Unionville where he died in 1880, being at that time one of the successful farmers of the township. Mrs. Casady is a faithful and consistent member of the United Brethren Church, and one who has the respect and esteem of the community in which she lives. She is the mother of a large family of ten children, nine of whom are living: James L., Rebecca Ann (wife of Hamilton W. Berry), George W. (of Schuyler County), Mary L. (wife of Elisha Beard of Appanoose County, Iowa), Samuel, Emma (wife of Newton Liverzey), Hannah E. (wife of Elijah McKinley), William Orin and Olive J. (wife of Thomas Benton Carter).

Lewis A. Clapper was born in Richland County, Ohio, December 28, 1835, and is a son of Judge Jacob and Hannah (Pierce) Clapper. The father was born in Pennsylvania in 1812, and when a lad went with his parents to Ohio, where he was reared and married. He was a carpenter by trade, and followed that business and wool carding. He located in Scotland County, Mo., in 1839, of which he was elected county judge. In 1884 he removed to Schuyler County, where he is living, aged seventy-five. L. A. Clapper grew to manhood in Scotland County, and

received a good common-school education. In 1858 he went to Minnesota, and engaged in the cattle business for two years. He came to Putnam County when a young man, and engaged in the mercantile business with his brother (now deceased) for one year. He then located upon the farm where he now resides. In March, 1862, he was married to Miss Mary E., daughter of Edward Crumpacker, formerly of Virginia, and a substantial man of Putnam County. Mr. Clapper owns 260 acres of well fenced land, 140 in meadow and plow land, and the remainder in timbered pasture. He has a good house, with accompanying out-buildings, and about 250 select apple trees. He is a Democrat, and has served as township collector one term. Mr. and Mrs. Clapper have had six children: Iza L. (wife of Lee Robins), Florence V., Jacob Edward, William Lewis, Pearl Rivers and Henry Odin. Both husband and wife are members of the Christian Church, and genial, hospitable people.

James J. Clapper, farmer and stock raiser, was born in Scotland County, Mo., January 12, 1840, and is a son of Judge Jacob and Hannah (Pierce) Clapper [see sketch of L. A. Clapper]. James J. passed his boyhood and youth upon the farm in his native county, and January 14, 1864, was married to Martha A. Carder, daughter of Henry Carder, of Scotland County, but formerly from Kentucky. Mrs. Clapper was also born and reared in Scotland County, where she continued to live after marriage, her husband engaging in farming. In October, 1868, having sold their farm, they moved to Putnam County, and located in Jackson Township. Mr. Clapper located upon his present farm in 1869, which was then partly improved. He now owns 140 acres of well fenced meadow, pasture and plow land. He is very comfortably situated in a good house, and has a fine orchard of about 200 apple trees of select varieties. He is a Democrat in politics, and is now discharging the duties of his fourth successive term as justice of the peace, and has been on the school board several years, and is now serving as clerk. He has a family of six children: Thomas E., Mary E., John J., Jacob H., William C. and Lillie L. One child was lost while very young, named Freddie C. Mr. and Mrs. Clapper are both members of the Christian Church.

Levi Clark, farmer and stock raiser, was born in the central part of New York State, October 14, 1814, and is a son of Silas and Phœbe (Sherman) Clark, natives of Massachusetts and New York, respectively. The family moved to Indiana during the early childhood of our subject, and settled in the eastern part of that State. About 1824 they settled in Decatur County, where the father died near Indianapolis. Levi arrived at manhood

while in Decatur County, and then removed to Clinton County, where he married, November 3, 1842, Levinia Dunn. He then farmed in Clinton County until he came to Missouri in 1852. He entered 160 acres of unimproved land where he now resides, which he proceeded to make into a home. He now has a nice place in meadow pasture and plow land, all fenced, and has an orchard of about 125 choice apple trees and a good house and outbuildings. His wife died in Putnam County, in 1871, leaving five children: Nancy J. (wife of M. V. Loomis), Docia Ann (widow of Jackson Cook), W. L. (of Nebraska), George E. (of Nebraska), and T. F. (who lives with his father). The last three are married. September 15, 1877, Mr. Clark married Lucinda, former wife of Franklin Carter, and daughter of William Shirley, of Indiana. Mrs. Clark was born in Kentucky, but reared in Indiana, where she was married. To this union one child, Thomas F., was born in Putnam County, July 25, 1856. March 27, 1887, he was married in Putnam County to Eutoka Williams, daughter of Daniel C. Williams, of Mercer County. Mrs. Clark, Jr., was born in Warsaw, Iowa, and is a member of the Christian Church. Mr. Levi Clark joined the Christian Church while in Indiana, and his wife is also a member of the same denomination.

Edmund Clifton, a prominent farmer and stock raiser of York Township, was born in Owen County, Ky., in 1827, and in 1855 moved to Putnam County, Mo., where he has since resided. When twenty-three years of age he started to battle with the world alone, and although he began life with nothing, has, by his own unassisted toil, industry and economy become the owner of 140 acres of good land, well equipped for farming. In 1850 he married Miss Julia A. Wilson, a native of Kentucky, by whom ten children have been born: Elizabeth, Mary E., Isaac, Charles H., Sarah, Edmund, Martha, William H., Annie (dead) and Louisa. Mrs. Clifton is a member of the Christian Church. Mr. Clifton is a member of the G. A. R. In politics he is a Democrat and as such has served his township in several official capacities. In 1861 he enlisted in Company B, Eighteenth Missouri Infantry, and was mustered out of service at Louisville, Ky., after serving three years and six months. He is the third child born to Charles and Polly (Smith) Clifton, natives of Delaware and Virginia, respectively. Mrs. Clifton was a widow of Mr. Osborn at the time of her marriage with Mr. Clifton, who was a son of David and Esther Clifton, early settlers of Delaware and Virginia.

Samuel Coker was born in Morgan County, Ill., in 1825, and in 1865 moved to Mercer County, Mo., where he remained until 1869, then locating permanently in Putnam County, Mo. He

was reared upon the farm in Morgan County, Ill., and has always been engaged in farming and stock raising. During his early life he received a good common-school education, and when but a young man began life for himself with no capital. He has, however, by industry and good management become the owner of 160 acres of good land upon which he lives, and which is under a fine state of cultivation. In 1849 he was united in marriage to Miss Julia Ann, daughter of John J. and Hester (Blair) Miller, who were born in Tennessee near Nashville, where Mrs. Coker was born. Mrs. Coker, when but a year old, was taken to Morgan County, Ill., and then to Sangamon County, where her mother died, Mr. Miller living until after he had moved to Putnam County. He was of Irish descent and a son of Peter and Mary Miller, natives of Tennessee. Mrs. Miller was of German origin and a daughter of Andrew and Sarah Blair, her father being a native of North Carolina. To Mr. and Mrs. Coker thirteen children have been born: Alexander (deceased), Sarah H., Isadore A., Samuel C. and William S. (twins), John D., Charles C., Lizzie D., Irene H., Absalom G., Effie L., Rosa L. and Andrew L. The family are attendants of the Missionary Baptist Church. Mr. Coker is a Democrat in politics as was also his father. To his parents, Dennis and Sarah (Jones) Coker, natives of North Carolina, nine children were born, of whom he was the third. His parents were of Dutch and English descent; the father was a successful farmer and soldier in the War of 1812.

Jasper N. Comstock, member of the firm of Comstock Bros., dealers and manufacturers of harness, saddlery, etc., was born in Unionville, June 1, 1860, and has always resided in the town of his nativity. He worked upon the farm and in a carding mill until nineteen years old, and then learned the harness trade with A. M. Sweet of Unionville, with whom he remained until April, 1883, and soon after that time purchased the stock of H. F. Hughes, and has since been located at his present place of business. In November, 1881, he was united in marriage to Ida Robbins, a native of the county, by whom two sons and one daughter have been born. He is a member of the A. O. U. W. His brother, James M., who resides upon the farm, is his partner in the business above mentioned, in which they employ two men and carry a fine stock, ranking among the enterprising merchants of Unionville. John C., the paternal grandfather of our subject, died in Howard County, Kas. Frank French, the father, came from Iowa to Putnam County, in 1860, and operated a carding mill about fifteen years, since which time he has followed agricultural pursuits. The mother, Mary (Underwood) Comstock, is still living. Jasper N. is one of twelve children—five sons

and seven daughters born to Mr. and Mrs. Comstock, of whom three sons and five daughters still live.

Thomas Cossel, farmer and stock raiser, Section 16, Grant Township, settled upon his present place, which was then slightly improved, in December, 1872. He first purchased eighty acres of land, and after he had improved same, bought thirty acres more. Eighty-two acres are well fenced and cultivated into meadow and plow land. He is comfortably situated in a nice house one-and-a-half-story high, and has a good new barn, etc. He was born June 29, 1847, and moved to Davis County, Iowa, with his father, in 1854, where he grew to manhood. He was united in marriage, in Putnam County, on January 14, 1872, to Demiries, daughter of James and Celina Richardson, who reside near Unionville, and came from Indiana. Mrs. Cossel was born in Indiana, September 24, 1854, and is the mother of two children: Sylva and Ida. Mr. Cossel is a son of Michael Cossel, a native of Virginia, who went to Illinois with his father, John Cossel, also a native of Virginia. Michael Cossel grew to manhood and was married in Coles County, Ill., to Martha McCord, a native of Indiana, and a daughter of Asa McCord, a native of that State. Thomas Cossel is the oldest of a family of four sons and three daughters; four brothers and two sisters still living. One of his brothers lives in Lewis County, one in Kansas, and one at home with his father. All are married. The two sisters who survive are married, one living in Davis County, Iowa, and one in Texas.

A. J. Crist, a successful farmer and stock raiser of Lincoln Township, was born July 28, 1836, in Marion County, Ind., and is the third child of James M. and Amanda (McIlvain) Crist, who had in all ten children. James Christ was born March 10, 1807, in Indiana Territory, now Dearborn County, Ind. He went to Marion County, Ind., and about 1853 to Putnam County, Mo.; in 1857 to Kansas, and in 1859 returned to Putnam County, where he resided until his death. He began life for himself when hardly of age, with no money, so that his property was the result of his own unassisted toil and good management. At the time of his death he owned 240 acres of good land, well-improved and cultivated, besides property in Unionville. During the Rebellion he served his country in the Missouri State Militia. He was an active, zealous and faithful member of the Missionary Baptist Church for nearly fifty years, and was a deacon of same over forty years. He helped to organize the Baptist Church, which he attended, and furnished the greater part of the money and material required for the building. He was a highly respected citizen and always ready to aid educational and philanthropic enterprises. He was married in 1831 to Amanda

McIlvain, by whom he had ten children, five of whom are still living. Mrs. Crist died August 10, 1873, and Mr. Crist was married a second time on April 30, 1874, to Miss Mary E. Rogers, a native of Kentucky, and daughter of Isaac and Lucy M. (Baird) Rogers, natives of Albemarle County, Va., and Barren County, Ky., respectively. The father was of Welsh-English and the mother of German descent. Isaac Rogers was a son of Achilles and Mary (George) Rogers, natives of England and Wales, respectively. To Mr. and Mrs. Crist two children were born: Lillie May and James M. James M. Crist, Sr., was a son of George and Elizabeth (Lord) Crist, natives of Pennsylvania, and early settlers of Indiana. A. J. Crist, the immediate subject of this sketch, moved from his native county to Howard County, Ind., from there to Miami County, and from there to Putnam County, Mo., in October, 1854. In 1857 he went to Kansas, but in 1865 returned to Putnam County, where he has since resided. Although when a young man he began life poor, he is now worth 120 acres of good land, the result of industry and good management. In 1863 he enlisted in Company I, Fourteenth Kansas Cavalry, and upon the close of the war was mustered out of service at Port Gibson, Cherokee Nation. On December 10, 1857, he married Miss Louisa Rennels, daughter of Adolphus Rennels, and to this union two children have been born: Melissa and Emily O. Mr. and Mrs. Crist are both active members of the Missionary Baptist Church. In politics the former is a Republican, and he is a member of the G. A. R.

Richard A. Cullor was born in Stokes County, North Carolina, June 1, 1836, and is a son of Joseph and Sarah (Mosier) Cullor, natives of the same county. The father was a man of considerable means, and engaged in farming, milling, distilling, and kept a store. He owned no slaves, hiring all his help. He died in North Carolina in 1838. Richard A. grew to manhood in his native county, and received a good education in Guilford County, N. C., at the Gordon College (Quaker institution), which he attended two years, but was obliged to leave on account of ill health. He afterward taught some in North Carolina and Putnam County, Mo. July 27, 1858, he was married in Stokes County to Miss Susan Laura Tilley, daughter of Aaron B. Tilley, who was a slaveholder and large farmer. There Mrs. Cullor was born and reared. In January, 1860, they went to Sangamon County, Ill., and, after living there a few months, came to Missouri, settling first in Shelby County. In the fall of 1863 they came to Putnam County, locating about half a mile from his present residence. He now owns 510 acres of land in the home place, all fenced, and the greater part fine bottom land on Locust

Creek. His land is well improved, and he lives in a good two-story brick and basement residence, with accompanying outbuildings, orchard, etc. In 1864 Mr. Cullor enlisted in the Twelfth Missouri Cavalry, and served until discharged, April 13, 1866. A stranger in the community, without friends or relatives, and destitute of the necessities of life, he was forced into the service though religiously opposed to war—forced to espouse that which he most disliked, or lose his life. At that time one of the most active men in this vicinity was an influential Freemason, who, among other cruelties, ordered to be shot Rev. John L. Wood, of Sullivan County, for no reason save that he was a Democrat in principles. He participated in the Nashville fight and several skirmishes, but his duty called him on the plains, hunting Indians, from the 1st of July, 1865, to April 13, 1866. During this time his command missed their supply train, and for twenty days they were without rations, surrounded by Indians, and obliged to subsist on wild-rose berries, buds, etc., and the flesh of horses and mules. Although suffering such hardships as these, they were not without their good effects, for it was during this period that Mr. Cullor was cured of a serious disease contracted while in the South. Politically he was a Democrat, but has never sought or held office, except as president for two years of Putnam County Association—an organization opposed to secret societies—which called forth such opposition and hatred that his life was twice endangered. His son, Luther, was wrongfully imprisoned for over three years. In other ways Mr. Cullor has been greatly persecuted, and has been literally deprived of property aggregating the sum of nearly \$7,000. For all this, however, he holds no revenge, and, as he expresses it, is thankful to God for His mercy and grace. He has eleven children: Jephtha T. (married in Colorado), Jasper E. (who died when ten months old), Martin L., Joseph R., Eliza Frances (wife of David Haup, of Kansas), Minnie L., Lee Lora, Richard A., Mary Ida, Willie Mettie and Neal Fred.

John Daly was born in Sullivan County, Mo., in 1839, and is a son of William and Permelia (Holland) Daly. The father was born in Kentucky, in 1802, and about 1834 went to Sullivan County, Mo., locating near Scottsville. In 1851 he located in York Township, Putnam County, and in 1853 went to Oregon. He was one of the earliest settlers of both Putnam and Sullivan Counties. His wife, Permelia, was born in East Tennessee, in 1811, and died in 1866. Her father, Jacob Holland, was the first white man that ever settled in Sullivan County. Mrs. Daly was twice married, her first husband having been Peter Taylor. She was the mother of twelve children, our subject being the

first of a family of eight born to her second marriage. He came to Putnam County, Ind., when twelve years old, and January 31, 1861, married Miss Sarah Young, *nee* Ellis. This lady was born in Putnam County, Ind., in 1832, and is the mother of six children: Nancy (wife of Charles Howry), Rebecca (wife of Ethan Griffin) Joseph T., John, Bertie and Eldora. To Mrs. Daly's first marriage four children were born: Hercules, Lewis, Mary (wife of E. G. Amack) and Henry. After his marriage Mr. Daly located in York Township, where he resided until three years ago, then moving to Wilson Township. He is the owner of 160 acres of beautifully located and well cultivated land, three-fourth miles south of Wyreka. In March, 1885, Mr. Daly was appointed superintendent of the county poor-farm by the county court, and since that time has been re-employed twice, now serving his third year. He receives a salary of \$750 per year and farms the place of 308 acres. Himself and wife are Protestant Methodists, and care for those under their charge faithfully and kindly. In politics Mr. Daly is a Republican.

L. P. Davis was born on October 16, 1845, in Clinton County, Ky., and moved to Knox County, Ill., in 1856. With his parents, two years later, he came to Putnam County, Mo., where he has since resided. When seventeen years old he started out in life upon his own responsibility, and as the fruit of labor and economy now owns 760 acres of finely improved and well stocked land. He enlisted in 1862 in the Missouri State Militia as a substitute, serving nearly a year. Then after remaining home a short time he enlisted August 12, 1864, in Company D, Forty-second Missouri Volunteer Infantry. He served about eleven months, being mustered out of service at Nashville, Tenn., having served from the organization of his company as second duty sergeant. His life occupation has been that of farming, and he is considered one of the best farmer citizens in the county. In March, 1867, he was married to Miss Mary A. Crist, daughter of J. M. and Amanda (McIlvain) Crist, natives of Ohio and Indiana, respectively. Mrs. Davis was born May 3, 1852, in Miami County, Ind., but in 1854 was taken by her parents to Putnam County, Mo., going thence to Kansas in 1857; after a residence there of two years she returned to Putnam County, which has since been her home. To Mr. and Mrs. Davis four children have been born: Lincoln C., James M., Ora (deceased), and Alva Merritt. Mrs. Davis is a member of the Missionary Baptist Church. Mr. Davis is a Republican in politics and has served his township five years as collector, in a highly satisfactory manner. He is a member of the G. A. R. To his parents, C. J. and Virginia Davis, eleven children were born, of whom he was the

eldest. His parents are at present living and residing in Putnam County, aged sixty-four and sixty-two years, respectively. The grandparents, Absalom and Allie (Guffey) Davis, were natives of Sevier County, Tenn., and the grandfather was a minister in the Methodist Episcopal Church many years. His parents, Robert and Anarilla (Wood) Davis, were born in Amherst County, Va., and Botetourt County, Va., respectively, and died in the year 1843. They moved from Virginia to North Carolina, then returned to Virginia, and then went to Sevier County, Tenn., and in 1804 moved to Clinton County, Ky. While in Kentucky they became converts to the Methodist faith, and became active and conscientious workers in that church. J. M. Crist, the father of Mrs. L. P. Davis, was born March 10, 1807, and died February 4, 1887. His wife was born January 1, 1814, and died August 10, 1873. Ten children were born to this union. Mrs. Crist was a daughter of James McIlvain, who was born January 1, 1767, and married Miss Margaret Gay, who was born September 8, 1772. Eight children were born of this union, Mrs. Davis' mother being the youngest.

Henry C. Dickson was born in Sullivan County, Mo., October 4, 1844, and is a son of Judge George W. Dickson, a native of Miami County, Ohio, born February 1, 1820. His father, William Dickson, was born in South Carolina, June 3, 1798, and his mother, Mary (Sinks) Dickson, was born in North Carolina, in September, 1800. George W. spent his youth in his native county, and is a self-made and self-educated man, having become the latter almost entirely after reaching manhood. He was married in Darke County, at Greenville, near Old Treaty, where Gens. Wayne and Harrison treated with the Indians. Elizabeth Delk became his wife February 14, 1839. She was the daughter of Ethelred Delk, a soldier in the War of 1812. Her birthplace was in Preble County, Ohio, where she was born May 4, 1821, and she was reared in that and Darke County, Ohio. Directly after their marriage they moved to Randolph County, Ind., and eighteen months later, in November, 1840, came to Missouri, crossing the Mississippi River on the day Harrison was elected president. They spent one year in Grundy County, and about the same length of time in Livingston County. In the fall of 1843 they moved to Linn County (now Sullivan), and in 1848 came from there to Putnam County (then Dodge), locating in Jackson Township. Previous to this time Mr. Dickson had served as treasurer of the county, and after coming to Putnam County, he served sixteen years in succession as justice of the peace. He was the second county judge of the county. During the war, in 1862, he was appointed probate judge, and served

two years in that capacity. He is now identified with the Greenback party, although formerly he was a Democrat, and during the war was identified with and worked for the Republicans. He located upon his present place in April, 1853, entering 120 acres of land. He now owns 100 acres, forty in timber land and the remainder in meadow and plow. He has raised a family of eight children, six of whom are living: William Dickson, married and in Wilson Township; Henry C., married and living in Jackson Township; Elizabeth E., widow of E. Hodson, of Smith County, Kas.; Ann V., wife of Joseph F. Coppock, of Kansas. Those deceased are Albina, wife of James L. Johnson, died April 12, 1863, leaving two children, and Charles, who died in September, 1862, at Helena, Ark. He was a soldier in the late war, and served in the Seventh Missouri Cavalry. Judge Dickson became a Mason in 1863, and belongs to the Unionville, Mo., lodge. He is engaged in the nursery business, in which he embarked about 1876, and now has about 15,000 trees of different kinds of fruit. His nursery is known as the "Star Nursery." Henry C. Dickson, the immediate subject of this sketch, came to Putnam County, Mo., with his parents, when a small boy, where he grew to manhood and received a common-school education. July 11, 1861, he enlisted with the First Missouri Cavalry, as a private. He participated in the fights at Blue Mound, Mo., Snye Hills, Lone Jack, Prairie Grove, Ark., Van Buren, Ark., Clarendon and Little Rock. Near Fayetteville he was taken prisoner. He also participated in several skirmishes, and was mustered out at Little Rock, September 13, 1865, at that time being corporal of Company I, First Missouri Cavalry. He returned home in 1865, and then spent a year in Indiana, where he learned the carpenter's trade. He then returned to Putnam County in 1867, and in April of that year married Susan C., daughter of Arthur McClure, of Putnam County. Mrs. Dickson was born in Greenbrier County, Va., and was reared and educated in her native State. In September, 1883, Mr. Dickson went with a team and his family to Eureka Springs, Ark., where he remained a year on account of his wife's health. He has been engaged in the carpentering business for many years, and has contracted for and built many county bridges, school-houses, etc. In connection with this he has worked a farm of 193 acres. He was a strong Republican until the organization of the Greenback party, when he joined its ranks. He has served as justice eight years in succession, having first been elected to that office in 1869. In his family are Frances E., Ethred D., Arthur W., Nancy E., Charles E. and Virgil L. Mr. Dickson is a member of the G. A. R. post at Xenia. He is this year engaged in the manufacture of a kiln of brick (100,000) for his own and market use.