

North Carolina, respectively. The father was born about 1800, and died in 1877. After his marriage he settled in Wayne County, Ky., from where he moved, in 1837, to Randolph County, Mo., and the same year to Adair County, where he located six miles south of Kirksville. In about 1840 he came to Putnam County, being one of the first settlers in that county, locating on Blackbird Creek, in the southeast part of the county, where he entered a tract of land, and engaged in farming. During early life, while in Kentucky, he was for some time engaged in distilling. He is of Scotch-Irish descent, and well liked in the community. Mrs. Hatfield died about 1872. She was a member of the Baptist Church. Our subject was reared at home, and was obliged to walk three miles to the common school, where he received his education. In 1863 he crossed the plains with an ox and mule team, to the mountains of Nevada, where he remained six years, principally engaged in freighting. In 1869 he returned to his native county, and purchased the old home farm, where he has since lived. He is now the owner of 257 acres in Section 17, about twenty-five miles southeast of Unionville. Upon his arrival in Nevada he had but 75 cents in money, but upon leaving that State had \$1,861, and he is, consequently, a good example of a self-made man. Farming and stock raising have been his principal occupations. In 1871 he married Miss Cordelia, daughter of Oliver Houghton, and also a native of Elm Township. To this union ten children were born, eight now living: Joseph W., Wesley M., Mary Ann, Bertha A., David C., Clara A., James D. H. and an infant. In politics he is a conservative Democrat, and his first presidential vote was cast for McClellan in 1864.

James F. Hill, farmer and stock raiser of Section 28, Jackson Township, was born in Pocahontas County, W. Va., November 28, 1833, and is a son of George and Martha (Edmondson) Hill [see sketch of T. C. Hill]. J. F. grew to manhood upon the home farm, receiving a good education at the common schools, and at the Hillsboro Academy. Upon reaching man's estate he learned the wheelwright's trade, and also was engaged in manufacturing furniture. He was married in his native county January 18, 1859, to Harriet Jaue Morrison, daughter of Elisha Morrison, also a native of Pocahontas County, and born in 1810. Mr. and Mrs. Hill have passed their entire lives together, having attended the same schools, and having been playmates and associates during their childhood and youth. To them eight children have been born: Luther H., Henry A., W. Mead, E. Thomas, Martha, Rena, James and Charles B. Mr. Hill worked at cabinet-making about ten years, and in the spring of

1870 came to Missouri, buying land, and locating in Putnam upon the place he now occupies. He owns 500 acres of land—400 fenced, and 350 in meadow and pasture land. His house is one and a half stories, and the barns, etc., are in good condition. He has an orchard of over 200 trees, about 100 bearing fruit. He is interested in stock raising, and keeps on an average of 100 head of cattle per annum.

Thomas C. Hill, farmer and stock raiser, Section 19, Jackson Township, was born in Pocahontas County, W. Va., October 1, 1835, and is a son of George and Martha (Edmondson) Hill, natives of the same county. His paternal grandfather, Richard Hill, was a soldier in the War of 1812. The father was born in 1807, and is still a resident of his native county. He was twice married, having lost his first wife in 1847. The subject of this sketch grew to manhood in his native county, where he received a good education at the common and higher schools. After reaching his majority he learned the tanner's trade, at which he worked three years. October 24, 1861, he married Miss Mary, daughter of John Staats, of Roane County, W. Va. Mrs. Hill was born in Indiana, and raised in Virginia, where she was educated. To her marriage with Mr. Hill eight children have been born: Margaret L. (wife of H. P. Bruce), George A. (teacher in Putnam County), Joseph S. (a young man), Henrietta T., John F., Fred F., Minnie V. and Theodore P., three years old. Mr. Hill farmed for three years upon a farm in Mason County, W. Va., and in the fall of 1864 came to Missouri, where he lived one year in Sullivan County. In February, 1865, he moved to Putnam County, purchased and settled upon the land he now owns. In 1865 he taught school for one term, but his main occupation is that of farming. He owns 112 acres of land, 100 fenced and finely improved. He lives in a comfortable house, surrounded by good outbuildings, and a fair orchard. In politics he is a Republican, and has held several township offices, such as justice of the peace, which office he filled four years, and township clerk.

Judge W. H. Holman was born in 1838, in Macon County, Mo. He moved to Adair County, Mo., about 1858, and to Putnam County in 1862. He afterward went to Idaho City, and traveled quite extensively through Utah, Nebraska, Wyoming, Montana and Colorado. He afterward located in Appanoose County, Iowa, in 1866, but in 1872 moved to Putnam County, where he has since made his home. He was reared upon a farm, receiving a good education during his youth, which he completed at the Kirksville Normal School. At the age of nineteen he engaged in teaching, and when twenty-two years old clerked in a dry goods

and clothing store at Kirksville. He was then interested in merchandising from 1872 to 1883, since which time he has farmed upon his present location. He is the owner of a one-half interest in a store at Hartford, bearing the firm name of S. P. Holman & Co. He is a self-made man, the farm upon which he resides giving good evidence of his energetic nature and good management. The home place contains 346 acres of good land, splendidly improved and cultivated. In 1863 he married Miss Mary E. Cook, daughter of William J. and Frances (Watson) Cook, natives of Barren County, Ky., and Virginia, respectively. Mrs. Cook was reared in Alabama, Tennessee and Kentucky, and is now living, aged seventy-two. Mr. Cook was an early settler of Putnam County, Mo., where he lived from 1839 until his death in 1865. To Mr. and Mrs. Holman four children have been born: Fannie (deceased), Homer L., Jurney H. and Aubrey W. Mrs. Holman is a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Mr. Holman is a genial and hospitable gentleman, and is identified with the Republican party. He was elected judge of the county court in November, 1886, has served as postmaster at Hartford about seven years, and is also a notary public. He was the second child of a family of six, born to John and Jerusha (Titus) Holman, natives of Kentucky, who accompanied their parents to Missouri. The father lived in several different counties in Missouri, and died in Appanoose, Iowa, in 1884, aged seventy-six. The mother died in Macon County, Mo., about 1849. After her death Mr. Holman married Mrs. Kirby, *nee* Ownby, by whom five children were born. The mother of our subject was a daughter of William and Mary (Payton) Titus. The grandparents of Mrs. Mary Holman were named George and Nancy (Howell) Cook. Mrs. Frances Cook was a daughter of William and Catherine (Rogers) Watson, natives of Virginia.

Squire P. Holman, general merchant and postmaster of Hartford, was born in Macon County, Mo., in 1842, and is a son of John and Jerusha (Titus) Holman, natives of Kentucky, who, when young, came to Randolph County, Mo., where they were married. They then moved to Macon County, where the mother died about 1848. The father was twice married, and in 1864 removed to Iowa, where the mother died in 1884. Farming was his life-long occupation. The subject of this sketch was reared under the parental roof, during which time he received but a limited education as the nearest school-house was distant over three miles. In 1864 he crossed the plains to Idaho and Oregon, where he engaged in mining. In October, 1866, he went to Iowa, and engaged in farming eight years, when he came to Putnam County, Mo. In August, 1871, he married Miss Catherine,

daughter of William and Frances Cook, a native of Putnam County, Mo., by whom he has had five children, three of whom are living: Dora Belle, Casper and Maggie. In 1874 Mr. Holman came to Putnam County, and located and farmed in Lincoln Township until 1878, when he removed to Graysville, and farmed a year, after which he entered the mercantile business at that place. In 1883 he came to Hartford, where he has been engaged in general mercantile pursuits for a number of years with his brother, Judge W. H. Holman, under the firm name of S. P. Holman & Co. In 1881 Mr. Holman was made postmaster of Graysville, which office he held until he resigned, and in 1887 he was appointed postmaster of Hartford, which position he is now filling with efficiency. He is a Democrat, and cast his first presidential vote for Horace Greeley in 1872. He is a member of the A. H. T. A.

George W. Houston, farmer and stock raiser, Section 22, Jackson Township, was born in Pike County, Mo., August 10, 1847, and is a son of Thomas G. and Melissa (Seely) Houston, natives of Kentucky. The family moved to Pike County, Mo., in an early day, and then moved to Jackson Township, Putnam Co., Mo., where the father died in October, 1872. He served in one of the Indian wars, and during the Rebellion was in service a short time, but, his health failing on account of age, his place was taken by George W. Houston. G. W. came to Putnam County with his parents, then being fifteen years old. Here he received a good common-school education and grew to manhood. He attended the university at Ashley, Pike Co., Mo., for about nine months, there completing his early education. In October, 1864, he enlisted in Company E, Forty-second Missouri Volunteer Infantry, in lieu of his father, serving until discharged July 28, 1865. He entered as a private, but the last three months of his service were spent on detached duty as provost clerk. He was in the fight at Fort Donelson in the fall of 1864, and, although his regiment was in no general engagements, it was held in reserve at Nashville. After his discharge he returned to Putnam County, and for a year assisted his father as much as his health permitted. In 1867 he began to teach, and continued engaged in that occupation for six years in Putnam and Sullivan Counties, most of the time being spent in Jackson Township, Putnam County. He was married here April 8, 1869, to Miss Josephine Williamson, daughter of Jefferson Williamson, of Putnam County, but formerly from Illinois, where Mrs. Houston was born, reared and educated. After his marriage he located on a farm in Putnam County, and in 1878 spent a year in Smith County, Kas. In 1880 he returned home, and located upon the farm where

he now resides, which consist of eighty acres of well improved land. He is a Republican, and was nominated and elected township clerk in 1869. He has since been made assessor four times, and is now serving in that capacity. He has also served as justice of the peace. He has a family of six children: Laura, Thomas J., George F., Fannie, William A. and Peter. He has passed all the chairs in the I. O. O. F. lodge, at Unionville, and himself and wife are members of the Christian Church.

John Howry was born in Ross County, Ohio, in 1839, and was the second of a family of thirteen children, born to David and Elizabeth (Kennedy) Howry, natives of the same State and county. The father served as postmaster of Ayersville, Mo., many years, being the first postmaster appointed for the west end of the county. He was a son of John and Catharine Howry, natives of Germany, who were brought by their parents to the United States at the ages of four and eight, respectively, about 1790. Mrs. Elizabeth Howry, the mother of our subject, was a daughter of Robert Kennedy, a native of Ireland. He came to Putnam County, Mo., in 1849, and afterward became a resident of Sullivan County, where he died. During his lifetime he served for many years as justice of the peace. John Howry, the subject of this sketch, has received almost all of his education by his own efforts, being an acute observer and fond of reading. He began life for himself at the age of nineteen with no capital, but by energy and perseverance is now a successful man, and the owner of 400 acres in Putnam County, Mo. (whither he came in September, 1850), well equipped and stocked for agricultural pursuits. He also owns other tracts of land in the county. In 1857 he was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Louderbaugh, daughter of Milton and Ann (Clark) Louderbaugh, natives of Switzerland County, Ind. Nine years ago Mr. and Mrs. Louderbaugh moved to Kansas, where they are now living. To Mr. and Mrs. Howry twelve children have been born: Rolley, Mary Ann, Elizabeth, Charles, Lillie Belle, David, Alexander, William, Milton, Louisa, Mattie (deceased) and one child, who died in infancy. Both Mr. and Mrs. Howry are worthy members of the Protestant Methodist Church. Mr. Howry is Republican in his political views, and in 1861 enlisted in Company G, Eighteenth Missouri Infantry, serving nine months as first lieutenant of his company. He then resigned his office and returned home, but in January, 1864, re-enlisted, serving until August, 1865, when he was mustered out at Atlanta, Ga. He is a member of the Blue Lodge in Masonry, and also belongs to the G. A. R.

George W. Hudson was born in Monroe County, Mo., November 16, 1834, and is a son of Obediah and Agnes (Kirby) Hud-

son, natives of Alabama and Kentucky, respectively. When a young man, the father went to Macon County, Mo., and from Macon he moved to Monroe County. In 1846 he bought a claim, and moved to Putnam County, where his son now resides. The land was in its raw condition when he came to the county, having not even been surveyed, but he made a nice home out of it, upon which he resided until his death, May 18, 1867. He is said to have been the first school commissioner of the county, and during his younger days followed the tailor's trade. George W. was the third child born to his parents, and was reared upon the farm he now owns. He was married in Putnam County, November 24, 1857, to Miss Ann Hurley, daughter of William Hurley. Mrs. Hudson was born in Adair County, Mo., and is the mother of the following children: Lucinda (wife of Frank Wheatley, of Jefferson County, Neb.), Elizabeth J. (wife of Albert Cormeny, of Putnam County), Emeline (wife of Lafayette Kirby, of Nebraska), David (young man at home) and Melissa Magdaline, (aged seven, also at home). Mary Martha died aged five years, and Agnes, aged three years. After his marriage Mr. Hudson farmed for several years, although he is a brick mason by trade and engaged some in that business. In the fall of 1861 he moved to Otoe County, Neb., where he farmed and worked at his trade for five years. The severe climate being unsuited to Mrs. Hudson's health, he returned in 1866, and in 1868 located upon his present farm, which consists of 160 acres—120 fenced and well improved, and forty acres of timber. He has a nice orchard of about 150 trees, and lives in a comfortable one-and-one-half-story house. Both himself and wife are identified with the Missionary Baptist Church.

Judge Lester Husted was born in Holmes County, Ohio, October 24, 1835, and is the third of thirteen children, born to Oliver and Laura (Smith) Husted. The father was of German and English ancestry, and born in Pennsylvania, in 1808. When a young man he accompanied his father, Allen Husted, to Holmes County, Ohio, where he was married about 1830. In 1845 he removed to McDonough County, Ill., and in 1866 located in Elm Township, Putnam County, where he died in 1884, at which time he was engaged in farming, which was his life occupation. The mother was born in Connecticut in 1813, and died in 1867, and was a member of the Baptist Church as was also her husband. Judge Lester Husted was reared under parental influence, and during his youth received a good common-school and business education, and espoused the cause of religion. He is now a member of the United Brethren Church. In 1859 he married Miss Hannah, daughter of Stephen and

Elizabeth Merrill, natives of Maine and Ohio, respectively. Mrs. Husted was born in Fulton County, Ill., and has borne her husband seven children, six of whom are living: Stephen O., Lester P., William S., Ida J., Emma F., Laura Elizabeth (deceased) and Cora Ellen. Upon the demand of his country for troops, in 1861, Mr. Husted enlisted in Company L, Seventh Illinois Volunteer Cavalry, for three years, and served in the Sixteenth Army Corps, Army of Tennessee, and in Grierson's cavalry. In June, 1863, he was captured near Jackson, La., and taken to Richmond, Va., where he was paroled after about a month's captivity. He then went west to St. Louis, where he was soon after exchanged, and rejoined his company. While in an engagement with Gen. Forrest, near Espianolia, Tenn., and in the fall of 1863, he was severely wounded in the right hand, which rendered him unfit for further service, and at the expiration of his enlistment he returned home. In 1866 he removed to Putnam County, Mo., and located in Elm Township, on Blackbird Creek, twenty miles southeast of Unionville, where he has a fine farm of 283 acres. His farm is one of the best in the township, and is the accumulation of his own industry and good management. He is a Republican in politics, and in 1882 was elected county judge for the Eastern District, which position he filled with credit two years. He has also held various township offices, and is a man of fine business ability and good information. Five years of his life were spent in school teaching, and he is still interested in educational projects, as he is anxious that his children should receive a good education. His first presidential vote was cast for John C. Fremont in 1856.

Fred Hyde, late prosecuting attorney, was born in Hartford County, Conn., July 25, 1832, and in infancy was taken to the State of New York by his parents, where he was reared. He took a three years' course at Oberlin College, Ohio, and in 1860 began the study of law at Cleveland. He moved to Minnesota in 1862, and was admitted to the supreme court the same year. He enlisted in the Minnesota Mounted Rangers as sergeant, and afterward enlisted in Brackett's battalion, serving until April, 1866, being in the Indian War in the west, throughout the entire war. In 1867 he was married to Ella R. Lane, a native of Centreville, Iowa, and then located at Unionville, Mo., and practiced his profession. In 1869 he was elected circuit attorney for a term of four years, and in 1872 was elected county attorney for a term of two years, and in the fall of 1886 was elected prosecuting attorney, which office he held at the time of his death, September 25, 1887. He owned a farm in Elm Township, but resided in Unionville. Four sons and two daughters

were born to his union with Miss Lane, all of whom are living. Jasper Hyde, the great-grandfather of our subject, was born in England, settled in Connecticut, and married a Scotch lady. John, his son, and the grandfather of Fred, lived and died in Connecticut. Fred Hyde, our subject's father, was born in Norwich, Conn., in 1800, and married Emily Lewis, a native of the same State, and born in 1797. The father died in Chenango County, N. Y., in 1852, and the mother in Cuyahoga County in 1867. Fred, the subject of this sketch, was the fifth of seven children born to them—four sons and three daughters—all of whom lived to maturity. One son, Ira, served in the same regiment as our subject. One brother and one sister have died. Ira B. has been a member of Congress one term.

Michael James was born near Newark, Ohio, in 1835, and moved with his parents to Moultrie County, Ill., in 1839. From there he moved to Clark County, Ill., in 1846, and in the spring of 1866 sought a new home in Putnam County, Mo., which has since been his residence. He began life upon his own responsibility when twenty-two years of age, with no capital, but by energy, industry and economy now owns a splendidly improved farm of 310 acres, well cultivated and improved, and upon which he resides. In 1858 he married Miss Mary E. McAdams, daughter of Samuel and Jane (Ellet) McAdams, natives of Indiana and Kentucky, respectively. Mrs. Jane McAdams was a daughter of Charles and Betsey Ellet, natives of Kentucky. To Mr. and Mrs. James nine children have been born: William Harrison, Levi Siegel, Margaret (deceased), Ellen, Frank, John (deceased), Henderson (deceased), Charles, George and Fannie. Mr. and Mrs. James are worthy members of the Christian Church, in which they take an active part. In politics Mr. James was independent before the war, but since that period he has been identified with the Republican party. In August, 1862, he enlisted in Company B, Seventy-ninth Illinois Volunteer Infantry. At the battle of Stone River he was shot in the head, losing one eye, and since has lost the use of the other from the effects of the wound. He was discharged from Hospital No. 8, at Nashville, Tenn., in February, 1863. He is the second son of a family of seven children born to John and Jane (Hazlett) James, pioneer settlers if not natives of Ohio. The father was a son of John and Barbara James, early settlers of Northern Ohio. Mrs. Jane James was a daughter of Samuel Hazlett, a native of Scotland, who located in Ohio at an early day, and there passed his life.

Dade Johnson, circuit clerk of Putnam County, was born in Elm Township August 27, 1848, where he was reared upon a

farm. At the age of sixteen he began to teach in the public schools of Putnam and Schuyler Counties, and continued to devote his time principally to that calling, especially during the winter months, until 1875. In 1865 he enlisted in the Federal army, serving in the Thirteenth Missouri Cavalry until the close of the war. In 1875 he embarked in the mercantile business at Hartford, Putnam County, in which he remained about eight months. In 1879 he was elected county treasurer by the Greenback party, and in the fall of 1886 was elected to his present office. At the time of his last election he was in the employ of the Mendota Coal Company. October 3, 1869, he married Margaret M. Hedrick, a native of this county, born October 24, 1850, by whom the following children have been born: Minnie Viola, born September 9, 1871; Ira D., born September 26, 1874; Edwin E., born June 6, 1877, and Daisy E., born November 22, 1882. Mr. Johnson now owns the old homestead of ninety-five acres in Elm Township, and forty additional acres. He is the tenth child of a family of eight sons and four daughters born to Jefferson and Nancy (Clemeas) Johnson, natives of Clinton County, Ky., and Virginia, and born December 3, 1809, and November 21, 1810, respectively. The father died May 20, 1886, the mother in 1883. Jefferson Johnson and wife came to Missouri in 1842, locating in Putnam County, where they soon entered land, and reared their family, all living to maturity, and but one now deceased. Seven of the sons served in the Federal service, five of them being in the regular army. Nine of the eleven surviving members of the family reside in Putnam County. Their names are as follows: Henry, Calvin, Elizabeth J., J. M., Daniel, Sarah A., Isaac N., Thomas B., Preston, Dade, Elijah A. and Susan Jane.

James Dunn (deceased) was one of the few early settlers of Putnam County, to which he came in 1843. He was born in Kentucky in 1811, where he grew to manhood. When a young man he went to Clinton County, Ind., where he became acquainted with and married Miss Jane Smith, who was born in Ohio, May 11, 1813. Mr. Dunn moved from Indiana to Missouri about 1837, and the following year located in Putnam County, where he entered land, and improved a farm. Here he resided until 1850, at which time the gold excitement in California was at its height, and he, with hundreds of others, left their peaceful homes in search of wealth. Mr. Dunn, with a company of others, fitted up a train of teams, and started overland for California. There he remained for several years, upon his return home finding many changes, which the hand of time had wrought; he then lived a retired life with his family, until his death, which

occurred April 29, 1887. Mr. Dunn had a family of six children, all of whom grew to maturity. Mrs. Jones, the daughter, now residing upon the old homestead, was born in Putnam County, where she passed her childhood and youth, receiving a good education at the common schools of the neighborhood. November 18, 1867, she married Mr. M. Smith, an enterprising young man of Putnam County, formerly of Illinois. After their marriage Mr. Smith farmed in Putnam County for several years. In 1875 he moved to Iowa, and in September of 1879, while at work on a railroad, was accidentally killed. To this union three children were born, two of whom died in infancy; the other, Mary Edna, born January 23, 1871, is now living with her mother. In June, 1880, Mrs. Smith moved to Burlington, Iowa, where she met William G. Jones, to whom she was united in marriage, April 18, 1882. Mr. Jones was born in 1845, in Wales, where he reached man's estate, and became an expert mechanic. He has been in the employ of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, and at present has charge of that company's shops at Creston, Iowa, which position he has efficiently filled for the past two years. Mrs. Jones, however, has returned to the farm, where she is caring for her parents during their declining years. She is a lady of good business ability, and, with the assistance of laborers manages the farm very successfully.

William B. Jones, farmer, stock raiser and carpenter, was born in Christian County, Ky., in 1821, and moved to Cooper County, Mo., with his parents, Henry and Nancy (Flint) Jones, in 1835, where the latter died. He was the eldest of a family of five children born to them, and they were natives of Kentucky and Virginia, respectively, and of English-Irish descent. The father was a son of Samuel and Wilmotte (Lewis) Jones, natives of Virginia, who afterward moved to Kentucky, where they died. Mrs. Nancy Jones was a daughter of William Flint, a native of Virginia. The paternal grandfather of our subject was a soldier in the War of the Revolution. William B. Jones, our immediate subject, moved to Putnam County, Mo., in 1854, and until that time was exclusively engaged at the carpenter's trade, which he had learned when sixteen years of age. He began life for himself a poor boy at the age of eighteen, owning nothing but a slave, who received his freedom after the late war. He, however, possessed energy, and was a good manager, and so has become a well-to-do farmer and stock raiser, in which business he has been engaged since 1854, and is the owner of 600 acres of land, nicely improved and cultivated. In 1841 he married Miss Dimaretta Ogle, a native of Kentucky, and daughter of David and Nancy (Smith) Ogle, also of that State. This union has been