

blessed with the following children: Thomas H., Nancy A. (deceased), James N., George H., Samantha (deceased), and Samira W. (twins). Mr. Jones was formerly an Old-line Whig, but since the extinction of that party has voted the Democratic ticket. †

G. W. Jordan, sheriff of Putnam County, Mo., was born in Davis County, Iowa, February 19, 1854, and reared in Appanoose County, Iowa, and graduated from the Moulton Normal School. He taught school a few years, and then moved to Putnam County in the spring of 1881, and engaged in the clothing trade at Unionville four years with Jordan Pullian, afterward conducting the business alone two years. He was elected to his present office in November, 1886. He is now engaged in dealing in fine stock, and makes Clydesdale stock a specialty. He bought the first imported horse ever brought to Putnam County in the spring of 1884. In 1882 he was married to Mamie Lockman, a native of Drakeville, Iowa, and a granddaughter of Col. Drake, of Centerville. The grandfather of our subject, Aquilla Jordan, was of English parentage, born in Bedford County, Va., where he was married, and finally died in Indiana. The father of G. W. —Samuel—was born in Bedford County, Va., in 1818, and married in Indiana, to Juretta Bunten, a native of Hendricks County, Ind. They moved to Iowa in an early day, and the father is now living at Moulton, the mother having died in Iowa, in 1860. Samuel Jordan represented Appanoose County two terms in the Legislature; he is a minister in the Christian Church. Of the three sons and four daughters, all of whom are living, born to this union of Samuel Jordan and Juretta, our subject is the fourth child and the only resident of Missouri. He is a member of the I. O. O. F.

William Kelley was born in Barren County, Ky., May 20, 1828, and is a son of Daniel and Rachel (Harris) Kelley, natives of Virginia. The father moved with his father, Giles Kelley, to Kentucky in an early day, and was there married. He afterward moved to Indiana, living a short time in Lawrence County, and then removing to Orange County, where he farmed until about 1850, then going to Clark County, Ind., where he died in July, 1858. His wife's death occurred August 8, 1857. Of a family of ten, six sons and three daughters were living at last accounts. William Kelley is the eldest child, and he and his brother, John, are the only two children living in Putnam County. William Kelley arrived at his majority in Orange County, and in 1858 went to Clark County, where he engaged in coopering, having learned the trade during his youth. February 10, 1848, he was married in Orange County to Eliza Jane, daughter

of Thaddeus Newgent, and a native of Orange County, Ind. In 1856 he moved west to Iowa, and located in Van Buren County in November of that year. In the spring of 1857 he went to Scotland County, Mo., where his time until 1865 was spent in the manufacture of wagons, milling and farming. In March, 1865, he located upon his present place which was but slightly improved, and for three years followed his trade. He now owns 100 acres of land, eighty-five being well improved, and upon which are comfortable buildings and a good orchard. During the war Mr. Kelley enlisted in the Home Guards, in 1861, and afterward served in the Missouri State Militia, Twenty-ninth Mounted Infantry, under Col. Purmott. He is a Republican, and was elected county clerk in 1874, and filled that position efficiently for three terms. In 1885 he was elected township clerk and assessor, and in the spring of 1887 re-elected to the same position, the duties of which he is now discharging. Mr. Kelley lost his first wife in the winter of 1871. She was the mother of the following children: Daniel, married and in Putnam County; Thaddeus, married and in Clark County, Iowa; Rachel, wife of Benjamin Bennett, of same county; Martha, wife of N. B. Abbott, of Putnam County, Mo.; John, a resident of this county, and Watson, who died in June, 1887, having just passed his twenty-seventh birthday. In the latter part of 1871 Mr. Kelley was united in marriage to Anna Keeley, a native of Ireland, and a widow. Two daughters were born to her former marriage, both of whom are deceased. Her first husband, Joseph Keeley, was an early settler of Liberty Township, where he first entered eighty acres of land upon a land warrant received from the Government by his father for his services in the Revolutionary War. He afterward exchanged the property for a place in Appanoose County, Iowa, where he died. Mr. William Kelley has always been interested in educational and religious projects, and organized the first Sunday-school of Putnam County, after the war, in what is known as Petty's school-house. He received a premium from the Sunday-school Union, a \$24.00 library, and six Bibles.

William B. Kerby, farmer and stock raiser, was born in Adair County, Mo., September 11, 1839, and is a son of A. C. Kerby, who was born in Warren County, Ky., in 1801, and Elvira (Blew) Kerby, also a native of that county and State. The family moved to Missouri about 1827, locating first in Randolph County, where they resided a few years and then moved to Macon County. In 1842 they moved to Liberty Township, Putnam County, where the father entered and improved land. In 1872 he sold out and moved to Carroll County, but six

months later removed to Lawrence County, where he died in 1875. His family of four sons and six daughters all grew to maturity, the sons and two daughters still living. Mr. William Kerby is the only one who resides in Putnam County. He grew to manhood upon the farm in Liberty Township, Mo., and was married in Grant Township, upon the farm where he now lives, on April 3, 1862, to Miss Mary M. Rhoades, daughter of Jacob and Jane (Terrel) Rhoades, who came to Putnam County from Pennsylvania. Mrs. Kerby was born in Van Buren County, Iowa, and reared in Putnam County. After his marriage Mr. Kerby managed the Rhoades farm until 1873, when he moved to Carroll County. In 1875 he returned to the old place, in Putnam County. He now owns 160 acres of land, 135 fenced and well cultivated. After twenty-five years of wedded life Mr. Kerby lost his faithful and devoted wife, September 2, 1887. To them eight children were born: Elmas (a county teacher), Florence and Joanna; five died in infancy. Mrs. Kerby was a member of the Baptist Church, to which Mr. Kerby is united. He is a Republican in politics.

W. Ketcham, president of the Mendota Coal and Mining Company, was born in Dutchess County, N. Y., in 1846, and is the eighth of a family of eleven children born to Jesse and Eliza (Churchill) Ketcham, natives of New York, and of English descent. His grandfather, Timothy Ketcham, was a man of iron constitution, born in New York, and lived until ninety-nine years of age, his death resulting purely from age, as he was never ill a day during his long life. He was a soldier in the Revolutionary War. W. Ketcham, the subject of this sketch, started out to fight his own way in the world when a boy. Although he possessed no money, he was endowed with good business ability, and by good management has become a successful and prominent business man in Putnam County. He moved to Mount Pleasant Iowa, in 1856, and, until of age, engaged in the lumber business. He then located in Mendota, and since 1882 has been the president of the above mentioned company. The present stock company was organized in 1880, with W. Beckwith as president, and Mr. J. A. Kebler as superintendent. In 1880 the capacity was five cars per day, but the business now requires sixty cars a day, and finds employment for 600 men. The company owns its own tenant houses, 200 in number, besides land in and near Mendota, and two general stores in Mendota, the stock of goods in these being valued at \$10,000. They also own a store one mile east of Mendota, of which Mr. J. A. Barton is the manager. The Mendota store is conducted by Mr. Brenholtz. The capital stock of the coal company is \$100,000.

W. C. Knight, the druggist engaged in business on the west side of the square of Unionville, is a native of Callaway County, Mo., and was born in 1857. He was reared on a farm near Fulton, Mo., and was educated at Westminster College. When about twenty-one years of age he, with his father, opened a large hotel in Fulton, which was successfully conducted for one year, after which he embarked in the drug business at Guthrie, Mo., remaining there about two years. He then moved to Springfield, Mo., where he was engaged in business until the fall of 1883, then moved to Sedalia, where he spent one year, and, in December, 1884, came to Unionville and accepted a clerkship with Dr. E. J. Geisinger, in the drug business, which position he held until June, 1887, and whom he succeeded at that time. In February, 1880, he was married to Miss Susie Snell, also a native of Callaway County, by whom one child—Merle—has been born. The Knight family originally came from England, and settled in America during the early history of this country. James F. Knight, the father of our subject, was born in Fleming County, Ky., in 1818, and in early childhood immigrated to Missouri, locating in Callaway County, where he married Miss Trinvilla Crooks in 1842, also a native of Kentucky. He resided in Callaway County for fifty-nine years, and then moved to Pettis County, Mo., where he died May 12, 1886. The mother was born in 1825, and died in Callaway County March 10, 1879. Three of a family of nine children were reared to maturity—a son and daughter now residing in Pettis County, and the subject of this sketch. The maternal great-great-grandfather came from Ireland, and the great-grandfather was a native of Kentucky. The grandfather, John Crooks, immigrated to Missouri from Kentucky in an early day, and located in Callaway County, where he died. Mr. Knight, our subject, is one of the prominent merchants of Unionville, carrying a large stock of drugs, patent medicines, books, stationery, paints, oils, etc., and employs one clerk. His business, already good, is steadily on the increase, as his honest business principles commend him to all.

W. H. Korns, editor of the *Unionville Democrat*, is a native of Illinois, and was born near Raritan April 7, 1862, and at the age of two years was taken by his parents to Tama County, Iowa, and two years later to Putnam County, Mo., his parents locating in Jackson Township. Two years later they moved to West Liberty, Putnam County, and there resided a few years, removing then to Richland Township. The father was a miller, at which occupation he was engaged at the above-named places. After living a few months in Macon County they returned to Putnam County, and located in Unionville, where they have

ever since resided, with the exception of three years spent in Adair County. In the winter of 1873-74 our subject began to work in the *Republican* office, where he remained about two years. He then attended school one year, and afterward accepted a position in a mercantile store of Unionville for two years. He went to Holt County in 1878, and accepted a position in a drug store, where he remained six months, and then returned and engaged in the railroad tie trade, with his father, in Adair County, for three years. He then returned to Unionville, and worked in the *Republican* office for nine months. June 26, 1884, he was married to Roberta Stalcup, and soon after went to Iowa, to accept the foremanship in a printing office at Rockwell City. After three years he returned to Unionville, and, April 1, 1887, took charge of the Unionville *Democrat*. His father, Solomon, was born in Pennsylvania, and was there married to the mother of our subject—Mary Fink. To them eleven children—three sons and eight daughters—were born, two sons and six daughters still living. During the winter of 1880-81 Mr. Korn's was engaged in the grocery and drug business in Boynton, Sullivan County. He is a member of the firm of Crawford & Korn's.

L. C. Lane, farmer, merchant and postmaster at Graysville, was born in Randolph County, Mo., in 1850, and is a son of Dr. A. W. and Frances Lane, natives of Albemarle County, Va., where they were reared and married. They went to Randolph County, Mo., during the early history of that county, and were residents of the same until 1856, when they moved to Putnam County, and located in Martinstown, where they passed the remainder of their lives. After coming to Missouri Mr. Lane began the study of medicine, which he afterward practiced with good success. He had previously been a farmer and merchant. His death occurred in 1878. Mrs. Lane died about the commencement of the late war, and was a worthy member of the Christian Church. L. C. Lane passed his boyhood and youth at home, during which time he received a common-school education. He was married in 1868 to Miss Mary, daughter of Ail and Rebecca Hatfield, and a native of Elm Township. To this union eight children have been born, of whom five are living: Ail W., Winfred Z., Martin Henry, Neal Martin and Narcissa J. He at first made his home in Martinstown, and engaged in merchandising until 1881, when he removed to Graysville, where he has a farm of 130 acres, under a good state of cultivation, and all the result of industry and good management. In 1887 he erected a store building upon his farm, in which he conducts a general store. He was appointed postmaster in March, 1887, and has been township treasurer about six years. He is

a public-spirited man, and always interested in the general welfare of the county and its educational projects. He is a Republican, and cast his first presidential vote for Gen. Grant in 1872. Himself and wife are members of the United Brethren Church.

Robert F. Little, an attorney and prominent citizen of Unionville, was born March 27, 1845, at Farmington, Ill., and is of the eighth generation, descended from one George Little, who came from Unicorn Street, near London Bridge, England, to America, locating at Newbury, Mass., about 1640. This ancestor became a large land owner, and, although a tailor by trade, like most pioneers devoted the principal part of his life to agriculture. His death occurred at Newbury about 1673, and a great many of his descendants can be found in the vicinity of Newbury. The ancestral chain from our subject to the pioneer is traced through the father, George Washington, Nathaniel, Nathaniel, Samuel, Tristram, Moses and George. The father of our subject was born August 12, 1818, and married, October 2, 1834, to Louisa L. Lord, of Lyman, Me., Robert F. being the sixth of a family of seven children resulting from this union, viz.: Louisa Jane, Frances Helen, Belinda Tarleton, Alfred Herman, Carrie Alice, Robert Franklin and Nathaniel. Robert F. was reared at Farmington, Ill., and in 1862 was mustered in Company C, One Hundred and Third Illinois Infantry, serving until the close of the war, after which he attended the Eastern National Business College, Chicago, and then for several months taught penmanship in Iowa and Missouri. He located in Unionville in 1866, and then served as deputy county and circuit clerk until 1874, when he was elected circuit clerk, which position he filled with great efficiency for four years. He was also journal clerk in the House of Representatives in the Twenty-fifth General Assembly of 1869 and 1870, and minute clerk of the Senate in the Twenty-sixth General Assembly. He also served as mayor of Unionville in 1871 and 1872. From 1879 until 1885 he was assistant postmaster, and had charge of the post-office. While filling the office of deputy clerk he studied law, and was admitted to the bar in 1869, but did not begin to practice until 1886. October 14, 1868, he married Mary C. Browning, a native of Oakland, Md., by whom the following children have been born: Louisa B., Fannie R., Maria E., Laura H. (deceased), James T., John G. and Edna E. Mrs. Little's parents, John W. and Catherine (Root) Browning, are natives of Maryland, and have resided in Unionville since 1867. Mr. and Mrs. Little are members of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Little belongs to the I. O. O. F., the A. O. U. W., and the Masonic fraternity.

Joseph Loughead was born in Front Royal, Warren Co.,

Va., March 2, 1831. His father, Thomas Loughead, was born in Newcastle County, Dele., April 8, 1799, and accompanied his parents to Maryland when fourteen years old, where he grew to manhood, and was married, at Front Royal, Va., to Rebecca Ann Conrad, a native of Virginia. The family moved from Virginia to Vigo County, Ind., in 1835, where the father entered and improved land and raised his family. He was a physician, and practiced his profession to some extent, but his chief occupation was that of farming. He died July 23, 1875. Joseph Loughead lived in Indiana until twenty-two years of age, receiving a good common-school education, which he afterward improved by study, becoming especially proficient in mathematics. He came to Missouri in 1853 from his home, alone and afoot, as far as St. Louis. He then took a boat to Brunswick, from which place he walked to Putnam County, arriving in same on May 5. After looking through the county, and Southeastern Iowa, he returned home afoot, and in the fall of 1853 himself and father entered 1,300 acres of land located in Sherman and Union Townships, Putnam Co., Mo., but did not settle here until 1857. He made yearly trips from Indiana to Missouri, generally on foot, and in the winter of 1854 taught school in Wayne County, Iowa, drawing the first money ever drawn from the county treasury for educational purposes. He was married, near Kiddville, Sullivan Co., Mo., April 19, 1857, to Susan Hunsaker, daughter of Matthew Hunsaker, formerly from Kentucky. Mrs. Loughead was born in Edgar County, Ill., June 17, 1837, and died February 3, 1878; she was the mother of seven children: Lemuel, Elizabeth C. (wife of John L. Scifers), Isaac N., Rebecca A. (wife of Elbert W. Thompson), Matthew H., Jennie and Mary L. After his marriage Mr. Loughead settled upon the land where he now resides, his being the first deed for land ever entered on the record of deeds in a bound book in the county, being about 1855; he began life in a primitive manner, and when he left Indiana, in 1853, had a capital of \$23.40 of his own, and walked 1,100 miles that spring in looking at the west. He settled, in 1857, in a log cabin, making his own furniture, etc., and having no dishes or cooking utensils, excepting a pot and skillet, and they were borrowed. He has improved 1,400 acres of land, of which he owns 643 acres, the remainder for brothers and sisters, consisting mostly of pasture and meadow. He lives in a comfortable house surrounded with good outbuildings. He taught the second school taught in his district in 1860-61, having seventy-six pupils, and he cut the logs for the first school-house in the district in the fall of 1854. In politics he is a Republican, and in 1857, served as township assessor. He takes great interest in educational

matters, and has been a member of the school board a number of years. In 1878 he was appointed notary public, and has served ever since. His married daughters are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Alexander C. Lowe, a farmer and stock raiser, is a native of Ohio, born in 1820, and is a son of Alexander and Magdalena (Courtwright) Lowe. The father was born in Maryland, where he was reared and married to Nancy Brewington. He afterward moved to Kentucky and then to Ohio, where he was married a second time. In about 1822 he removed to Dearborn County, Ind. He died at Springtown, Ky., while on a visit, at the age of eighty-four. He was a carpenter by trade. The mother of our subject was born in Canada, and died about 1832. Alexander C. remained at home until fifteen years of age, receiving no educational advantages, and has never attended school in his life. He began life for himself as a boatman on the river, and remained thus engaged for several years. In 1840 he married Miss Mary, daughter of Thomas and Hannah Evans, of Indiana. This union has been blessed with eleven children, four of whom are living: Thomas (of Texas), Alonzo, Rispie B. (wife of William Abbott, of Terre Haute) and Henry C. In 1865 Mr. Lowe came to Putnam County, Mo., and located in Elm Township at Graysville, where he has a nice farm of 194 acres of land well improved and cultivated, which is the result of his unassisted toil and good management. His principal occupation has been that of farming, although he has worked a little at the carpenter's trade. He was once elected township trustee, but declined to serve. He was formerly a Democrat in politics, and cast his first presidential vote for Polk, but since the war has been a Republican, and for many years he has been a member of the Masonic fraternity. Himself and wife are prominent members of the Baptist Church.

A. H. Lowry was born January 22, 1844, in Jennings County, Ind., and is the third of a family of seven children born to John and Mary Emily (Bruning) Lowry, natives of Jennings County, Ind., and Germany, respectively. The mother was brought to Jennings County, Ind., when but seventeen years old, with her cousin. The father was a son of Robert and Mary (Robertson) Lowry, natives of Ireland and Indiana, respectively. Robert came to the United States from Northern Ireland, when a boy, in company with his parents, James and Catherine Lowry, and was a soldier in the early Indian wars and the War of 1812. Mrs. Mary Lowry was a daughter of Nathaniel and Anna (Leach) Robertson, natives, it is thought, of Pennsylvania. The subject of this sketch, A. H. Lowry, moved to Iowa in the fall of 1855,

and in March of 1857 came to Putnam County, Mo., where he has since resided. He received almost his entire education at the common schools of this county, and since boyhood has followed agricultural pursuits. He was poor at the age of twenty, when he began life upon his own account, but now owns a splendidly improved farm of 480 acres in Putnam County, and also land in Sullivan County. December 31, 1863, he married Miss Mary J. Hickman, who was born in Hancock County, Ind., and when a year old was taken by her parents to Cole County, Ill., where she was reared. Her parents, David and Elizabeth (Lane) Hickman, were natives of Sullivan County, Tenn., and after their marriage moved to Indiana. The father died July 17, 1877, at the age of seventy-three, but the mother is living with Mrs. Lowry at the advanced age of eighty-three. To Mr. and Mrs. Lowry twelve children have been born: John, David, Albert E., Francis S., Mary E., Nora E., James E., Lottie A., William I., Harriet B., Alexander H. and Charles A. Mr. Lowry is a Democrat in politics, and as such has served his township very efficiently in different official capacities. He is a well-to-do farmer and respected citizen.

John E. McCoy was born in Coshocton County, Ohio, in 1847, and is a son of James R. and Hannah (West) McCoy, also natives of Ohio, and born in 1819 and 1826, respectively. They were married in 1845, and settled in Coshocton County, where they remained until 1859, then removing to Scotland County, Mo. In 1865 they located near Omaha, Mo., and afterward came to Richland Township, where the father died in 1874, and where the mother still lives. Mr. McCoy was of Scotch-Irish ancestry, and a son of John McCoy. He was a soldier in Company K, Second Regiment Missouri State Militia, and served until discharged on account of disability in the winter of 1862-63. Both parents were members of the United Brethren Church. John E. was reared under the parental roof, and received but a meager education on account of the few opportunities afforded in that line during the pioneer days of Missouri. In February, 1869, he married Miss Frances, daughter of John and Elizabeth Henry, formerly of Tennessee. Mrs. McCoy was born in Richland Township, and is the mother of eleven children, nine of whom are living: Cora D., Jessie E., Viva E., Verre Otto, Lorraine, Alva, Flora, Chloe and Hattie Louisa. After his marriage Mr. McCoy lived a year with his mother-in-law, and then with his parents, his principal occupation, in the meantime, being that of farming. He started out in life for himself with no property, but by patient and unassisted toil, united with energy and good business management, has become a successful and well-to-do farmer, owning

388 acres of productive land, under a good state of cultivation. He lives in a good house, and his outbuildings are of a substantial and comfortable character, all built upon the home place, which is situated eight miles east of Unionville. Mr. and Mrs. McCoy are members of the Free United Brethren Church. Mr. McCoy is a Republican, and cast his first presidential vote for Grant in 1868.

J. C. McKinley, member of the firm of Christy & McKinley, attorneys at law, was born November 20, 1859, in Lincoln Township, Putnam Co., Mo., and graduated in the college of law at the State University, at Columbia, Mo., March 25, 1886. He opened an office in Unionville the following April, and began the practice of his profession alone, but in June, of the same year, formed a partnership with Mr. Christy, of which firm he has since been a member. He is the second of ten children, of whom six sons and two daughters are still living. The parents still reside upon the old homestead in Putnam County. The paternal grandfather, James, was born in America, and was a soldier in the Revolutionary War. Our subject is a prominent lawyer, and one of the public-spirited and energetic business men of the town.

Pliny M. Mannon, farmer and stock raiser, was born in Mercer County, Ill., May 10, 1849. His father, John H. Mannon, was born in Wayne County, Ind., November 5, 1811, where he grew to manhood. He was married in Hancock County to Ahinoam Hill in 1830, and in 1836 moved from Indiana and settled near New Boston, Mercer County, and engaged in farming, although he was a mechanic and carpenter by trade. In 1855 he moved to Missouri, and settled in Putnam County, near the north and east line of the county. Here he resided twelve years, engaged to some extent in carpentering, and then removed to Louisa County, Iowa. Thirteen years later he returned to Putnam County (in 1879), where he died shortly after. Pliny M. Mannon accompanied his father to Louisa County when seventeen years of age, where he reached man's estate. In 1872 he went to California, and for one summer ran a threshing machine; the journey was made both ways over the Central Pacific Road. The next season was spent in Louisa County, and the summer of 1874 in Saline County, Kas. In the fall of that year he returned to Putnam County. September 3, 1874, he was united in marriage to Miss Emma Petty, daughter of J. J. Petty [see sketch]. Mrs. Mannon was born in Putnam County, and is the mother of two children: Guy E. and Hugh D. After his marriage Mr. Mannon moved in the neighborhood where he now resides. In the spring of 1876 he began to cultivate raw land,