

Tenn., and is the twelfth child of a family of fourteen born to David and Ruth (Fowler) Wood, natives of Pennsylvania and Cocke County, Tenn., respectively. Almost their entire lives were spent in Cocke County, Tenn. Mr. Wood was a son of Joseph Wood, a native of France, and his wife a native of Wales, and served some time in the Revolutionary War. Mrs. Ruth Wood was a daughter of Thomas Fowler, a native of Ireland, and also a soldier in the Revolutionary War. He was a member of Gen. Washington's staff, and heard him deliver his famous address to the army. Mr. Fowler lived to the advanced age of ninety-eight, and Mr. Joseph Wood to the age of ninety-six. The subject of this sketch when fourteen years old went to the Unaka Mountains, where he herded and handled stock until arriving at his majority. He then immigrated to Linn (now Putnam) County, Mo., riding upon a pony the entire distance from Cocke County, Tenn., to the farm upon which he now resides. He attended school during his boyhood one or two months every winter after he was old enough to do so, until he reached the age of fourteen. His education was then suspended until he became of age, when he again attended school a few months. About that time he began life for himself, with no capital save energy, perseverance and business ability, to which qualities he is greatly indebted for his success in life. He is now one of the most respected and successful farmer citizens of the county, in which he is greatly interested. In the fall of 1846 he married Miss Elizabeth Johnson, a native of Moniteau County, Mo., by whom he has had nine children: Thomas N., two died unnamed, Julia A. (wife of Robert Moore), William J., Julia F. (wife of Elijah Gregory), John L., David R. and Franklin P. Mrs. Wood is a faithful member of the United Brethren Church. Mr. Wood is a Democrat in politics, and has filled several township offices, although he has never sought political honors.

T. N. Wood was born in 1847 in Putnam County (then Dodge), Mo., where he was reared and received a common-school education, which he has since improved by reading and observation. He owns a splendidly improved farm upon which he resides of 600 acres, all well stocked and equipped in every way for farming and stock raising. He also owns land in other tracts in Putnam and Sullivan Counties. He inherited some of his property from his father, but the greater part is the result of his own energy and practical business ability. September 17, 1868, he married Miss Jerusha Harris, daughter of A. W. and Gabriella (Nelson) Harris, natives of Missouri and South Carolina, respectively. The mother's maiden name was Simmons. Mr.

Harris is a prominent and wealthy citizen, and although he began life poor, by steady perseverance united with business ability has become the owner of property amounting in the aggregate to about \$150,000. He served his county very efficiently many years as county judge, and is a respected and highly esteemed gentleman. To the union of Mr. and Mrs. Wood two children have been born: Elizabeth Augusta (deceased) and Winnie Ollie. Mr. Wood is a Democrat in politics; he is the oldest of seven children of Joseph and Elizabeth (Johnson) Wood, and is one of the enterprising citizens of Putnam County.

W. J. Wood was born November 18, 1853, in Putnam County, Mo., where he was reared and educated, and still lives. His education was received at the common schools of the county, and since he has been old enough to make himself useful around his father's farm he has been engaged in the fulfillment of the duties of a farmer's life. He inherited a little property, to which he has added from time to time until he now owns 980 acres of nicely improved land, well stocked with cattle and horses. December 20, 1883, he was married to Miss Jennie E. Yoakem, a native of Mercer County, Mo., and daughter of Cread and Rebecca Ellen (Morris) Yoakem, natives of Virginia and Ohio, respectively. Mr. Yoakem came with his parents to Mercer County, Mo., when about ten years old, and Mrs. Yoakem came to the same place with her parents when quite small. She died in 1872, and Mr. Yoakem afterward married Miss Mary L. Williams. Two children were born to the first marriage and one to the last. When seventeen years of age he enlisted in the war, and after serving three years was discharged from the hospital at Springfield, Mo., on account of sickness. He began life a poor man, but succeeded in accumulating some little property only, however, to lose it later. He was a son of James R. and Huldah (Kirkendall) Yoakem, natives of Virginia, who moved to Mercer County, Mo. Mr. Yoakem died at the age of fifty-five, but his widow is still living and is the wife of Elijah Holmes. Mrs. Rebecca E. Yoakem was a daughter of Joshua and Currant Happy (Arbuckle) Morris. To Mr. and Mrs. Wood two children have been born: Pearl and Bertha. Mr. Wood is a Democrat in politics, and is the third child of seven born to Joseph and Elizabeth (Johnson) Wood.

William Woodard, farmer and Short-horn dealer, was born in Bath County, Ky., July 29, 1837. His father, Turner Woodard, was a native of Old Virginia, and born in Fauquier County, in 1808. He accompanied his parents to Kentucky during his youth, and there grew to manhood, and was married in Bath County to Marinda Mitchell, a native of Kentucky. He farmed in Bath

County until 1852, and then moved to Putnam County, Ind., where he resided for six years. In 1858 he moved to St. Clair County, Mo., and in 1861 moved to Putnam County, arriving in December and settling in the neighborhood of where he now lives. The subject of this sketch grew to manhood in Kentucky and Indiana, learning the carpenter's trade in the last named State, where he engaged in manufacturing and dealing in furniture for two years. He came to Missouri with his father in 1858, and for three years made his home in St. Clair County. He preceded his father to Putnam County, Mo., in 1861, where he bought land. He engaged in mercantile pursuits at Mendota in the fall of 1863, where he sold goods about three years. In 1865 he helped build the steam saw-mill, which has been kept busy every season since. During the years 1862-64, he served a great portion of the time in the Forty-second Missouri Mounted Infantry, organized for home protection. Mr. Woodard is a very successful farmer and stock raiser, being the owner of 300 acres of land, well-cultivated, upon which he has erected substantial buildings. He first became interested in fine stock in 1882, and now has a thoroughbred herd of twenty-five cattle, at the head of which is a bright red four-year-old animal, weighing 2,200 pounds, that took the sweep-stake premium at the Unionville Fair of 1887; and has also taken other premiums. Another valuable animal is an imported and noted cow of the Cruikshank family, from which he has raised some excellent stock. In April, 1873, Mr. Woodard married Miss Laura Dickerson, daughter of David Dickerson, of Putnam County, who formerly lived in Ohio. Mrs. Woodard was born in Morgan County, Ohio, and died in Putnam County, Mo., in 1876, leaving one son, Thomas J., fifteen years of age at present. Mr. Woodard is one of the enterprising business men of his township, and is a director and stockholder in the National Bank at Unionville. He is a Master Mason, belonging to the Hartford Lodge, and is a highly respected citizen.

Duty G. Woodruff, farmer and stock raiser, was born in Washington County, Ohio, May 27, 1825, and is a son of Isaac Woodruff, who was born in New Jersey in 1786. He was one of the early settlers in Washington County, to which he accompanied his father, Abner Woodruff, who spent his last days there. Isaac Woodruff was united in marriage to Margaret Green, a native of Connecticut, and after his marriage lived until his death upon a farm he had purchased previously. He was a prominent man in his county, served as county commissioner, and was justice of the peace for over twenty-five years. Duty G. grew to manhood in his native county upon his father's farm, receiving his education at the common schools of the county, and completing same at an academy. At the age of eighteen he began to teach in

Washington County, and in 1852 went west as far as Illinois, where he lived four years, teaching school during two winter seasons. In the spring of 1857 he went to Iowa, and spent some time in Keokuk, and Appanoose County, until the spring of 1861. August 9, of that year, he enlisted in the Seventh Missouri Volunteer Cavalry, Company A, and served until his discharge, October 11, 1864, at St. Louis, Mo. Among some of the important engagements in which he participated are Lone Jack, Mo., and Prairie Grove and Little Rock, Ark., where he was present at all the skirmishes in which his regiment took part. While at Little Rock he served on detached duty as hospital nurse for some time. After his discharge he lived in Appanoose County, Iowa, about four years, operating a saw and grist-mill in which he had bought a one-half interest before joining the army. March 12, 1867, he married Miss Nancy C. Cooley, who was born near Ottumwa, Iowa, and reared in Appanoose County. In 1869 Mr. Woodruff moved to Putnam County, Mo., where he engaged in the mill business until 1872, then going to Kansas. Upon arriving in that State he pre-empted land in Butler County, and engaged in farming until the fall of 1881, when he sold his property and returned to Putnam County. There he at first located near the mill he had once owned, and in March, 1886, moved upon his present farm, where he has since been devoted to farming and stock raising. He owns 260 acres of land, 140 being in the home place, ninety of which are well improved and cultivated. He lives in a comfortable house, which is accompanied by good outbuildings and a fine orchard. Mr. Woodruff has not enjoyed good health since the war, as the exposure at that time developed erysipelas, from which he has lost the use of one eye. He is a man who is always interested in educational projects and has been a member of the school board for about seven years. Mr. and Mrs. Woodruff have been blessed with five children, named as follows: Initia, Charley E., John D., Harry and Daisy.

Woodford E. Worthington, farmer and stock raiser, was born in Schuyler County, Mo., in 1854, and is the third of four children born to Dr. Joseph W. and Elvira (Sears) Worthington. The father was of Irish descent and born in Kentucky in 1812. When eighteen years old he accompanied his father, Edward Worthington, to Clark County, where he married Elizabeth Mitchell. His second wife was the mother of our subject, to whom he was married in 1848. She was born in Missouri, about 1827, and died in 1857, and the following year Mr. Worthington married Martha Ryals. In 1853 he went to Schuyler County, and in 1855 located on the Chariton River, in Elm Township, Putnam County, where he died December 4, 1873. When about

forty years old he commenced the study of medicine, which he practiced with success, more or less, during the remainder of his life, in connection with his farming. When about forty-five years old he entered the ministry in the Missionary Baptist Church, and at the time of his death was interested in his ministerial duties. He was a pioneer settler of the county, and built the first bridge in same which crossed Shoal Creek, at Old Putnamville, the county seat at that time. He was widely known and beloved in the county, on account of his strict integrity and genial temperament, and assisted largely in surveying Putnam County, especially the eastern part. Woodford E. was reared at home, and during his early youth received a common-school education, but after his majority graduated from the Keokuk Business College in February, 1877. November 4, 1877, he married Mary Bell, daughter of Robert and Delila Holman, who bore him one child—Gurney Cecil. Mrs. Worthington died May 21, 1883, and November 4, 1883, Mr. Worthington married Miss Laura May, daughter of James G. and Nancy E. Thornburgh, of Unionville, who has also borne one child—Homer E. He has since resided upon the old home place, of which he is part owner. He possesses 380 acres of land, twenty miles east of Unionville, and eight miles west of Queen City, making one of the best located and most valuable farms in the county. He has been interested in the cattle trade for ten years, but for about three years has been making a specialty of fine sheep, of which he has about 700 head. He is a Republican, and cast his first presidential vote for R. B. Hayes in 1876. He belongs to the Missionary Baptist Church, and his wife to the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Capt. John Wyckoff was born in Ross County, Ohio, in 1813, and is a son of Nicholas and Margaret (Tweed) Wyckoff, natives of Maryland. When young they were both brought by their parents to Ross County, Ohio, where they were reared, and in 1806 united in marriage. The mother died in 1823, and in 1826 Mr. Wyckoff married Susan Cradel. In 1827 he removed to Warren County, Ind., now White County, and from there to Warren County, Ill., in 1836. In 1841 he went to Wapello County, Iowa, and from there, in 1855, he went to Pottawatomie County, Kas. He was a farmer by occupation, a soldier in the War of 1812, and died in 1869. John Wyckoff, our immediate subject, received a common-school education during his younger days, and began life for himself at the age of seventeen, working as a farm hand until twenty years old. He was then engaged as a boatman on the Mississippi River four years, and in 1836 was married, in Illinois, to Miss Maria, daughter of Samuel and Nancy Merrill, and a native of Ross County, Ohio. This union was blessed with

eleven children, all of whom are living: Capt. George (of Appanoose County, Ia.), Norman S., Dr. Norval, Nancy (wife of William Bouer), Perry, Aria Adna (wife of William Stewart), Margaret (wife of George Porter), Eliza (widow of Elbert Dillon), Rachel (wife of David McKay), Amelia (wife of James McKinley, of Macon County) and Barbara. In about 1840 Capt. Wyckoff removed to Johnson County, Iowa, living there until 1856, when he came to Putnam County, Mo., and located in Union Township, eight miles north of Unionville. Here he owns a nice farm of 226 acres, besides two other tracts, which make his possessions 311 acres in all, which is the result of a life of labor and good management. Upon the commencement of the Rebellion, being a strong Union sympathizer, Capt. Wyckoff, early in 1862, enlisted in Company D, First Missouri State Militia Cavalry, of which he was made first lieutenant. In September of the same year he was promoted to the captaincy, which office he held with credit and distinction until March, 1865. He was then transferred to Company A, consolidated battalion of the First Missouri Militia, and finally mustered out in July, 1865. He served in Southwest Missouri during the entire time. Four of his sons were also soldiers in the Union army. The eldest, George, was captain of Company D, Eighteenth Missouri, for three years; Norman S. served in the Thirteenth, Twenty-fifth and First Missouri Engineer Corps four years and two months; Norval was first lieutenant in the Forty-second Missouri Infantry ten months, and Perry joined the Eighty-fourth Illinois, and at the battle of Stone River was captured and taken to Andersonville, and from there to Libby prison, where he was afterward paroled and exchanged, and in June, 1863, rejoined his company. After being wounded at the battle of Chickamauga he was discharged and returned home, but in July, 1864, again enlisted in Company C, Forty-second Missouri Infantry, and served until 1865. Capt. John Wyckoff has served as county judge of Putnam County two years prior to the war, and the remainder of the time since. In 1882, he was elected to represent Putnam County in the State Legislature, and served one term. He was a faithful and earnest soldier, and the same qualities have distinguished his public career since. He was reared a Democrat and cast his first presidential vote for Cass in 1848, but since the war has been an uncompromising Republican. Himself and wife are worthy members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and have had seventy-nine grandchildren, sixty-six of whom are living at present.

N. S. Wyckoff was born April 25, 1840, in Iowa City, Iowa, and moved with his parents to Putnam County in 1856, where he has since resided. He received a common-school education in

Iowa, and was reared upon a farm. He began life for himself at the age of nineteen with no capital but now owns 260 acres of well-improved and cultivated land, which is the result of a life of industry and toil. In 1861 he enlisted in Company A, Thirteenth Missouri Infantry, four months later joining the Twenty-fifth Missouri Infantry, and two years later served in the First Missouri Engineer Corps, serving as first lieutenant. He was mustered out of service July 28, 1865, at St. Louis. September 20, 1861, he was taken captive at Lexington, Mo., but was paroled two days later. May 3, 1866, he was united in marriage to Miss Angelia Albee, a native of Boston, Mass., and daughter of Moses D. and Emily (Greenough) Albee, natives of Maine and Massachusetts, respectively. To Mr. and Mrs. Wyckoff ten children have been born: Edward Lincoln, Emily M., Frank A., William O., Jerome P., Alva M., Alta May, Annie L., Ora Leon and Lora Lee (twins). Mr. and Mrs. Wyckoff are active members of the Mount Zion Church, and he is also trustee and clerk. In politics he is a Republican, and has served his township as clerk and treasurer of the board of education, and has also been county assessor. He is a member of the G. A. R., and one of the well-to-do and respected citizens of the county. He was the second of a family of eleven children born to John and Maria (Merrill) Wyckoff, natives of Ross County, Ohio.

George W. Young, Sr., farmer of Elm Township, and a native of Washington County, Ky., was born in 1822. He is the eldest of eleven children of Jacob and Elizabeth (Stumph), Young, natives of North Carolina and Kentucky, respectively, who were married in Kentucky about 1818. In 1826 they went to Ralls County, and from there to Putnam County in 1840, where they spent the remainder of their lives. The father was a volunteer in the Black Hawk and Mexican Wars, and died in 1851. The mother died in 1867 and was a member of the Christian Church. George W. lived at home with his parents during his youth, but on account of poor educational advantages offered by Ralls County, Mo., in that early day, received but a meager education. He accompanied his parents upon their removal to Putnam County, Mo., and in 1844 was married to Miss Eliza, daughter of Jesse and Nancy Trewhitt, and a native of Morgan County, Tenn. To this union thirteen children have been born, ten of whom are living: Richard J., Lucinda (wife of J. T. Walls), George W., Sarah (widow of Wesley Vermillion), Andrew C., John A., Rachel E. (wife of David Sinkingbeard), William Shennan, Sheridan and Abraham Lincoln. Since his marriage Mr. Young, has made his home in Elm Township, Putnam County, with the exception of two years spent in Texas and three years in Arkan-

sas. Since 1857 he has been the owner of his present farm which now consists of 207 acres, he having given his children about 700 acres. His property is the result of his own labor and business ability, and is situated twelve miles southeast of Unionville. At the commencement of the Rebellion Mr. Young enlisted in Company E, Eighteenth Missouri Infantry, and operated mostly in Northern Missouri. He served as corporal part of the time, and during the entire war did not receive a wound nor was he captured. He is an early settler of Putnam County, and was well acquainted with Black Hawk, with whom he often hunted. He was a Whig before the war but has since become a Republican. His first presidential vote was cast for Clay in 1844. He is a member of the G. A. R.

John Young was born August 24, 1834, in Wigtownshire, Scotland, and is the second child of William and Jeanette (McGau) Young, natives of the same place. The family emigrated to the United States in 1849, locating first in Beaver County, Penn. The mother died in Gallia, Ohio, and the father in Putnam County, Mo. He was a son of Thomas Young, a Scotchman who lived and died in his native land. The mother was a daughter of Nathan McGau, a Scotchman of great physical power, and considered the stoutest man in his county. John Young accompanied his parents to the United States in 1849. In 1854 he went to Ashtabula, Ohio, where he served an apprenticeship of three years at the carpenter's trade. About 1859 he came to Putnam County, Mo., where he has since resided, and where he now owns and lives upon a finely improved farm of 360 acres, besides owning other tracts of land in the county. In 1861 he enlisted in Company A, Second Missouri State Militia, serving as corporal during the entire war. In 1863 he married Miss Rachel Fry, a native of Ohio, and of Pennsylvania-Dutch descent. Twelve children were born to this union: one who died in infancy, Frances Jeanette, Wilford, one who died unnamed, Jacob, William Thomas, Arthur, Melissa, George, Margaret, Rachel and Anna. Mrs. Young is an active member of the Christian Church. In politics Mr. Young is a Republican, and has served his township in various local official capacities, although he does not seek public notice. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity.