

MCNAIRY COUNTIANS GONE TO ARKANSAS
Or TEXAS AND MISSOURI
FROM GOODSPEEDS BIOGRAPHICAL & HISTORICAL MEMOIRS

Brown, E F - Clay County Arkansas - E. F. Brown, a leading and prominent attorney, of Jonesboro, Ark., was born in McNairy County, Tenn., November 22, 1844, and is a son of William F. Brown and Nottie (Swain) Brown, the former a native of Virginia, and the latter of Tennessee, who in 1858 came to Randolph County, Ark., locating near Pocahontas. Here Mr. Brown engaged in farming and mercantile business until his death in 1869. His wife died two years later. To their union were born thirteen children, only four of whom are now living. E. F. Brown was the fourth child, and when fourteen years of age came with his parents to Arkansas. He received a common-school education, and in 1862, in the early part of the late war, enlisted in Col. Kitchens' regiment, Reeves' company, and served until the close of the conflict, surrendering under Gen. Jeff Thompson, at Wittsburg, Ark. He was in battle at Whitewater bridge, Redlief farm, Little Missouri and Saline Rivers, and Little Rock. Peace having been restored, he returned home, and completed his education. He was admitted to the bar in 1871, and in 1872 took a course of lectures in the law department at Lebanon, Tenn., and in July, 1873, located at Oak Bluff, Clay County, where he began the practice of his chosen profession. The following year he was elected a delegate to the constitutional convention, and in 1875-76 represented the First district in the Senate. In 1878 he was elected prosecuting attorney of the Second judicial district, and was re-elected to the same office. In 1883 he came to Jonesboro, where he has since been engaged in the practice of his profession. He was married, in 1879, to Ada Parrish, daughter of N. C. Parrish, of Humphreys County, Tenn., and their union has been blessed by one child, Doswell. Mr. Brown has a beautiful residence in Jonesboro, and has one of the finest libraries in Northeast Arkansas. He is a member of both the A. F. & A. M. and the I. O. O. F., and he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is a leader of the Democratic party, as a lawyer is an able and fluent speaker, and as a business man his career has been one of unusual success.

Christian, J G - Craighead County, Arkansas - J G Christian, retired farmer, of Jonesboro Township, was born in Hickman County, Tenn., about seventy-five years ago. His parents, Jesse G. and Nancy (Higginbottam) Christian, were both natives of Georgia. They were among the pioneer settlers of Middle Tennessee, and when the subject of this sketch was six years of age moved to Monroe County, Miss., where a few years later the father died. A short time after the husband's death the mother moved with the family to Tishomingo County, Miss., and in 1837 from there to Greene (now Craighead) County, Ark. Here the mother died about 1841. J. G. Christian was brought up on a farm, and from early boyhood was accustomed to hard work. His educational advantages were very limited, as after the father's death much of the responsibility of caring for the family devolved upon him. This responsibility, like all others encountered during

his long and eventful lifetime, was met and overcome. In 1844 at the old homestead he was united in marriage with Susan Mackey, who when a child came with her brother, Elias, from McNairy County, Tenn., to Arkansas. To this union were born the following children; Nancy, wife of Lewis Simonds, a farmer of Jonesboro Township; William W., residing near his father; Tersey, who married A. J. Wilson and died about seven years ago; Jesse, who grew to manhood, married Etta Graham, and died in September, 1887, aged twenty-four years; Polly, Rebecca, John and Tom, at home, and two others who died in childhood. Mrs. Simonds is a member of the Baptist Church. At her death Mrs. Wilson left four children, whom the grandfather is now rearing. Mrs. Christian died March 8, 1887, aged sixty-five years. Mr. Christian has always been engaged in agricultural pursuits, and at present owns a well-improved plantation of 185 acres. He is a Democrat in politics, unassuming but courteous in his manner, and one of the most useful and progressive citizens of Craighead County.

Combs, George Washington - Conway County, Arkansas - George Washington Combs, an enterprising farmer and justice of the peace of Union Township, Conway County, is a native of McNairy County, Tennessee, and was born in 1839. His father, John Combs, and his mother Susan (Etter) Combs, were natives of Virginia, where they were reared and married. From there they removed to Warren County, Tennessee, and thence to McNairy County, where they made their future home. Mr. Combs died about 1879, and Mrs. Combs died in 1888. Both of them were consistent members of the Methodist Church a great many years. Mr. Combs was a moderate but industrious farmer, and a man who had the respect of those who knew him best. His father, Gilbert Combs, was probably a Pennsylvanian by birth, but lived a good many years in Virginia, and lastly in McNairy County, Tennessee, where he died prior to the civil war. His occupation was that of a farmer. Jacob Etter, the maternal grandfather of the subject of this sketch, it is supposed was a native of Virginia, where he lived all his life. He was of German ancestry. Esquire Combs is one of a family of nine sons and five daughters, and was reared to manhood on a farm in McNairy County, Tennessee, with the advantage of nothing but the poorly conducted country schools of his native county for an education. At the early age of eighteen years (1857) he was united in marriage with Miss Sarah C. Birchett, who is also a native of McNairy County, Tennessee. Her parents, James and Virginia E. Birchett, were probably born somewhere in the State of Tennessee, and died in McNairy County, Mrs. Birchett about the close of the late war, and Mr. Birchett soon after. He was a farmer by occupation Mr. and Mrs. Combs have had twelve children born to them, of whom there are three sons and five daughters living. After his marriage, Mr. Combs continued to reside in his native county till about 1870, when he removed to Gibson County, Tennessee, where he lived till 1881. He then emigrated to Conway, County, Arkansas, and the first six years resided at Centre Ridge, but since that time has lived near Springfield, where he owns a good upland farm of eighty acres. Since 1888, Mr. Combs has served the people of Union Township as Justice of the Peace, and had previously held that office in Lick Mountain Township. He served as Constable in McNairy County, and Deputy Sheriff in Gibson County, Tennessee. He affiliates with the Democratic party in politics, and gave his first presidential vote to Douglas in 1860. He is a prominent member, of the Masonic fraternity of Springfield Lodge, No. 127. Has served in the capacity of Junior Warden, Tyler, etc. Mr. and Mrs. Combs have been devout members of the M. E. Church, South, from childhood. Several of their children are also

members of the same.

Early, Levi - Green County, Arkansas - Levi Early was born in Alabama in 1823. His wife, Eliza, was born in the same state in 1829. In 1850 the family was living in Blount County, Alabama. John and Susan Little and their daughter, Mahala, were living nearby. John and Susan were born in South Carolina in 1786 and Mahala was born in Alabama in 1827. In 1860 Levi and Eliza Early were living in McNairy County, Tennessee and their children were: Uriah A., 1847; Martha M., 1851; William E., 1855; and Andrew J., 1859. The two older children were born in Alabama and the two younger ones, in Tennessee. Mahala Little was also a member of the household. It is believed that she may have been the sister-in-law of Levi Early. Andrew J. Early married a woman named Mary J., born in Tennessee in 1868. In 1900 Andrew and Mary were living in Hurricane Township in Greene County, Arkansas and their children were: Myrtle L., 1887; William O., 1891; and Lila H., 1893. All the children were born in Arkansas. Andrew J. Early died in 1944 and his obituary appeared in the January 26 issue of the Daily Press. He was a native of McNairy County, Tennessee and had been in Greene County since about the age of ten. He was buried at the Hartsoe Cemetery west of Marmaduke

Hamm, Joseph - Franklin County Arkansas - Joseph Hamm is a native of McNairy County, Tenn., born July 20, 1829, being one of two surviving members of a family of eleven children born to the marriage of James Hamm and Mary Milton, natives of the "Palmetto State." After their marriage they moved to McNairy County, Tenn., and in 1831 located in St. Francis County, Ark., and two years later located in what is now Franklin County. Here the father died in 1849, and the mother in 1860, being fifty-eight and sixty-three years of age, respectively. They were members of the Primitive Baptist Church for many years, and throughout life followed the occupation of farming. Both were of Welsh-Irish descent, and the father was a Democrat in his political views. At the age of eighteen years Joseph Hamm left home and began doing for himself, being engaged in tilling the soil in Johnson, Searcy and Franklin Counties. In 1852 he started to make the overland trip to California, and after a journey of six months reached his destination. He worked in the mines for some time, making plenty of money, returning home via the Isthmus of Panama, Cuba and New Orleans. Soon after his return he purchased land and re-engaged in farming, but during the war all his movable property was destroyed, and since that time he has been actively engaged in trying to retrieve his fallen fortunes, at which he has been exceptionally successful. From 1861 until 1867 he resided in Crawford County, but since that time he has been residing in Franklin County, where he is quite extensively engaged in raising corn and cotton, the former averaging forty bushels to the acre and the latter one-half bale. August 9, 1857, he was wedded to Cynthia E., a daughter of William J. Remy. She was born in Kentucky in 1840, and died in Franklin County on the 1st of May, 1860. She was a member in good standing of the Primitive Baptist Church, and became the mother of three children: James W. H., P. H., who died at the age of five years, and E. J., aged three years at the time of his death. March 10, 1861, Mr. Hamm married Julia A. P. Turner, who was born in Georgia in 1840. She is still living, and is the mother of twelve children, ten of whom are living: J. V.; E. T., who died at the age of two years; M. E.;

wife of Dr. J. T. Crocker; J. W.; Vernctia, wife of A. J. Beard; Julia A. P.; Addison O., who died when twelve years of age; C. D., H. A., Samantha E., Frank and Emmett. Mr. Hamm is a Mason, a Democrat, and he and wife and two children are members of the Primitive Baptist Church.

Hamm, Newton - Arkansas - IZARD County, Arkansas - Newton L. Hamm. The estate which Mr. Hamm is now engaged in cultivating embraces 266 acres of land, which are well adapted to the purposes of general farming, and in his operations he displays those sterling principles which are characteristic of those of Tennessee birth, industry, and wise and judicious management being chief among the number. He has 150 acres of his land under cultivation, it being well improved with good buildings, fences, etc., and stocked with all the necessary farm animals for successfully conducting the same. He was born in McNairy County, June 24, 1840, and is one of five surviving members of a family of ten sons and seven daughters, born to William and Rachel (Huggins) Hamm, both of whom were born on Blue Grass soil, the former's birth occurring on the 20th of October, 1799, and the latter's September 13, 1798. They were tillers of the soil, and at the time of the father's death, December 10, 1872, he was the owner of 120 acres of land. He had attained a high rank in the Masonic lodge, having been a member of the organization from the time he was twenty-one years of age, and also belonged to the Hard Shell Baptist Church. He was followed to his long home by his wife on the 10th of January, 1874. Newton L. Hamm's youth was spent in attending the common schools of Tennessee, and in assisting his father on the home farm. In 1855 he moved to Arkansas, and was married here on the 1st of November, 1863, to Miss Nettie Frizzell, she having been born in Henry County, Tenn., and a daughter of Jason and Mahala Frizzell, and ten children have blessed their union, nine of whom, still living, reside at home with their parents; Carrol, William, Asa, Emmer, Joseph, Jason, Philip, Newton, Leroy and Adah E. In 1862 he enlisted in the Confederate Army under Gen. Hindman, and was at the battle of Prairie Grove. He was discharged at the surrender of Jacksonport. Like his father he is a Mason, and he is a member of the Baptist Church, his wife being a member of the Methodist Church.

Hardin, John H. - Clay County, Arkansas - John H. Hardin deserves to be classed among the prosperous farmers and stockmen of Clay County, Ark. He was born in McNairy County, Tenn., January 26, 1853, and is a son of B. J. Hardin and Nancy Bennet, who were also born in that State. After their marriage they settled in McNairy County, where the father was engaged in husbandry until the opening of the late Civil War, when he joined the Federal army and served four years, contracting in his service chronic diarrhea, which afterward caused his death, in October, 1881. His wife died here in September, 1884. In the summer of 1865 he moved to Clay County, Ark., and engaged in farming. John H. Hardin remained with his father until he attained mature years, and was married here, December 25, 1873, to Miss Sarah I. Mayes, who was born in Tennessee August 25, 1854, though reared in Clay County, Ark. After their marriage they rented land one year, when Mr. Hardin purchased a tract, which he began clearing and improving. He has opened up about eighty acres, and has 100 acres under cultivation, besides twenty acres of timber

land. He has a comfortable frame residence, two fair barns, and an apple and peach orchard consisting of three acres. He is a member of the Agricultural Wheel, and he and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. They are the parents of five children: Lucy Ann, born September 9, 1876; Dury J., born November 4, 1878; Owen D., born August 4, 1881, and died February 4, 1888; Henry L., born April 18, 1884, and an infant, born and died December 12, 1887.

Hastings, Samuel J. - Conway County, Arkansas - Samuel J Hastings, another prominent farmer of Woolverton Mountain, in Lick Mountain Township, was born in Maury County, Tennessee, in 1851, July 13th. His parents, Samuel E., and Martha (Flowers) Hastings, were natives respectively of Maury and Bedford Counties, Tennessee. Married in Maury County, and when Samuel J. was a boy they removed to Perry County, Tennessee, where Mrs. Hastings died soon after. Mr. Hastings married again and removed to McNairy County, thence to Mississippi, thence back to McNairy County, and in 1882 came to Conway County, but is now a resident of Faulkner County, and is about fifty-eight years old. He served nearly all through the Confederate army in a Tennessee regiment; was captured at Port Hudson, and served a long time in a Northern prison. He is a Methodist and a son of Josiah Hastings, who removed from McNairy County, Tennessee, to Randolph County, Arkansas, about 1853. He died there during the war; a farmer and mechanic and distiller. His father was one of two brothers who emigrated from England and settled in North Carolina. Grandfather, Josiah Flowers, was a farmer of Bedford County, Tennessee, where he died. The subject of this sketch is the elder of two children. The sister is Mrs. Sarah M., widow of William H. Pritchard (deceased), of Perry County, Tennessee. From seven till about fifteen years old Mr. Hastings was reared by an uncle, William Flowers, in Perry County, Tennessee, but at fifteen began for himself as a farm hand. He was married in Henry County, Tennessee, in 1869, to Martha Woolverton, a daughter of William L. Woolverton, whose sketch is in another part of this work. Mrs. Hastings was born in McNairy County, Tennessee, and is the mother of eight children. After marriage Mr. Hastings lived in the Counties of Henry, Perry and McNairy till 1880, when he came to Conway County, Arkansas, and the year following purchased his present farm of 200 acres, with now about sixty acres cleared. All but about fifteen acres he has cleared himself. Politically, he is a Democrat, and is a member of the F. A. M., Flat Woods Lodge, No. 428, in Wayne County, Tennessee. He and wife are both. Missionary Baptists in good standing

Hicks, William B. - Gregg County, Tex - William B Hicks, commonly known as "Judge Hicks," and a leading citizen of Miller County, was born in McNairy County, Tenn., on January 17, 1833, being the son of Elijah and Kesiah (Kimmons) Hicks, the former born in North Carolina in 1803, and the latter in Bedford County, Tenn., in 1801. The father was a child when his parents moved from North Carolina to McNairy County, Tenn., and there he grew to maturity. Although he was a natural mechanic he selected farming as his calling, and followed that occupation all his life. His death occurred in McNairy County, Tenn., in 1836, when he was in his thirty-third year. He was a Democrat. After his death the widow married Elijah Simms who also passed from life in Tennessee. During the late ware she went to Illinois to live her daughter, and died there (in Fayette County) in 1865, at the age of sixty-four years. Before her marriage to Elijah Hicks she was the

wife of Elias Bradshaw (who died in Tennessee), and was the mother of four sons: Joseph (now a farmer and practicing physician, of Kilgore, Tex.), Robert K. (now a leading merchant at Junction City, Tex.) and Amzi and James K. (both deceased). Amzi was a prominent lawyer of Texas, and James K. was a minister. Her union with Mr. Hicks resulted in the birth of five children, three still living: Sarah J. (wife of J. N. Hicks, of Montgomery County, Ill.), D. C. (living near Hope, Ark.), and William B.; those dead are Minerva and Tegga. The school-days of our subject were spent in McNairy County, Tenn. At the age of twenty-four he started in life on his own responsibility by farming in his native State, but in 1859 he went to Texas, locating in Rusk County (now Gregg County), and after a nine years' residence there came to this community. Since then he has resided for short periods at Queen City and Atlanta, Tex. His principal occupation has been that of a farmer. While in Atlanta he served as assessor and collector of corporation tax. In June, 1862, he joined the Eighteenth Texas Confederate Infantry, enlisting in Company K, in which he remained for three years, and was then transferred to Pratt's Battery. During this time he was at Jenkins' Ferry and Young's Point, on the Mississippi River. He was taken prisoner near Pine Bluff, but soon escaped. He returned to his home in Rusk County, Tex., in July, 1865, and the following year had the misfortune to lose his wife, formerly Miss Mary Wray, of Hardeman County, Tenn., to whom he had been married on January 1, 1857. She was the mother of three children, but two of whom are living: J. M. (a prominent farmer and educator of Dallas County, Tex.), and Naomi (wife of John Crow, an agriculturist of Cass County, Tex.). The other child, Joseph C., died in 1864. Mr. Hicks remained a widower until 1869, and in March of that year was married to Mrs. Leona (Kelley) Gilliam, daughter of I. N. Kelley, and the widow of William Gilliam. She was born in Marietta, Ga., on October 18, 1848. She was the mother of one child by her first marriage: Sallie B. (now the wife of Samuel McCoslin, a farmer of Marion County, Tex.). Her union with Mr. Hicks was blessed with eight children, seven of whom survive: Ida (wife of Z. T. Thomas, a resident of Atlanta, Tex.), and Floyd C., Mattie, Katie, Teta, Leonora and Carroll, all at home. Both Mr. and Mrs. Hicks are members of the Christian Church. The former also belongs to the Alliance, and takes quite a deep interest in that organization. He is now serving as county actuary. Although he is a Democrat in his political views, he votes for the best men, no matter what ticket. At the opening of the Spring Palace at Fort Worth, Tex., he delivered an address of considerable merit, for which he was highly complimented. At the close of the war he was financially in poor circumstances, but since that time by his energy, foresight and ability he has amassed considerable property. He owns the farm on which he is now living, which comprises some valuable pine and oak timber, also eighty acres of choice farming land, and besides this property he owns a fine farm near Longview, Gregg County, Tex. He is numbered among the substantial and well-to-do citizens of Miller County.

Highfill, Hezekiah - Franklin County Missouri -Hezekiah Highfill, farmer and stock raiser, was born in McNairy County, Tenn., May 2, 1834, and is a son of James and Martha P. (Jackson) Highfill, both of whom were born in McNairy County, Tenn., the former in 1813, the latter in 1814. They were married in April, 1833; died in Oregon County, Mo., in 1875 and 1870, respectively. James Highfill was a farmer and Missionary Baptist preacher. His father was Bennett Highfill, who came from England with his parents when a child. His parents died soon after their arrival in America, leaving Bennett, Hezekiah and one sister, from whom there is a very extensive

relation, as not one Highfill has been found who did not claim to be related to the former ones. Bennett Highfill located in North Carolina, but soon removed to Illinois, and afterward to Tennessee. His wife was Nancy Heron, a native of North Carolina, but of German descent. The maternal grandfather of our subject was Needham Jackson, a native of North Carolina. He was a farmer, a soldier of the War of 1812, and a relative of Gen. Andrew Jackson. At the age of sixteen Hezekiah Highfill was taken by his parents to Dallas County, Mo., where he grew to maturity. At the breaking out of the Civil War he enlisted in the Confederate States army, Eighth Missouri Infantry, and was a participant in the battles of Oak Hill, Lexington, Prairie Grove, Little Rock and others, the last being Jenkins' Ferry. He was neither wounded nor captured during his entire service. He first served as orderly sergeant, but was commissioned second lieutenant, and afterward as first lieutenant, all of which positions he filled with integrity and honor. He was surrendered at Shreveport, La., by Gen. Sterling Price. The war being ended, he settled in Franklin County, Mo., without money or friends. He engaged in the occupation of farming, meeting with success. He was married, February 1, 1866, to Mariah S. Mitchell, the daughter of Greenberry Mitchell, a minister of the Missionary Baptist Church. Greenberry Mitchell was born in Tennessee in 1822, married Sarah D. Williams in 1843, and was ordained in 1849. Sarah D. died June 12, 1884, and Mr. Mitchell was next married to Mrs. Almary Pickle, who survives him. He died at Marshfield, Mo., May 27, 1888. Few ministers have done more preaching and work in the corn-field, with greater success for the cause of Christ. He has been known to ride on horseback twenty miles Saturday morning, preach to the church at 11 A. M., at night, and 11 A. M. Sunday, and be at work in the corn-field at home by sunrise Monday morning. By his wife, Mariah, Mr. Highfill has become the father of ten children: Sarah S., Elisha J., Franklin S., Clarence D., Ora A., and Onia F. Sarah was married, November 4, 1888, to Frank Mitchell, of Bloomfield, Ark., who is a son of George Mitchell, of the same place. Mr. Mitchell is not related to the family of his wife's mother. Hezekiah Highfill, the subject of this sketch, now owns 760 acres of good land in Benton County, Ark., to which place he removed in 1869. He has 170 acres in cultivation, well stocked and furnished. He is a Royal Arch Mason, and a man who has the confidence and esteem of all who know him. He is noted for his peaceable disposition, his habits of temperance, and is a zealous Sabbath-school worker. He is a valuable addition to the community in which he resides, always opposing the law of retaliation, believing it to be productive of evil only. As a proof of this he has been known to give his own ration to prisoners, and even pull his shirt off his back, while serving as lieutenant of the guard, and give it to a destitute soldier of the opposing army. In 1878 he was elected assessor of Benton County, afterward clerk of the Springtown Baptist Association, also of the convention that formed the Benton County Baptist Association; has been superintendent of a Sabbath-school in his own school district for several years, and is now president of the West Benton County Sabbath-school Association, in all of which places he has served with marked ability, and honor to himself and credit to constituents. He deems the superintendency of a Sabbath-school the highest position he ever occupied. He will die as he has lived, loved and respected by all who know him, and it is with pleasure that he is considered among the warm friends of the writer, Ethan Allyn.

Hodges, Albert J. - Denton County, Texas ? - Albert J Hodges, one of the independent and enterprising farmers of Dutch Mills Township, is the son of William C. and Nancy (Davis)

Hodges, both of whom were natives of Tennessee, the father born in Lincoln County, and the mother in Wilson County. In early life they moved with their parents to McNairy County, Tenn., and later in life were married in this county, where they located. The mother died in 1846, and afterward the father married Miss Julia A. King. In 1854 they moved to Denton County, Tex., where the father died in 1860. He was a farmer and stock dealer, and during the Mexican War he raised a company, of which he was elected captain, and during the days of militia he was elected major of a regiment. Mr. Hodges was the father of nine children by his first marriage and three by the second marriage. Albert J. Hodges was the eldest of these children. He was born September 15, 1833, in McNairy County, Tenn., was reared to farm life, and educated in the primitive log school-house of pioneer times. At the age of eighteen he began business for himself on a farm, where he remained for a short time, and then engaged in the carpenter's trade for about two years, after which he returned to farming. In 1858 he married Miss Mary M. Thornton, a native of Hardin County, Tenn., and by her became the father of nine children, five sons and four daughters, [p.958] eight of whom are living, the youngest having died a few weeks ago. Previous to his marriage, in 1853, Mr. Hodges moved to Grayson County, Tex., and soon after to Denton County. In 1861 he enlisted in Capt. O. G. Welch's company of Texas volunteer cavalry, and served until the close of the war. He participated in the battles of Pea Ridge and Cabin Creek, and at the latter place was captured and held a prisoner at Camp Morton, Ind., for about eighteen months, being paroled at Richmond, Va. He then returned to his family in Texas, and in 1867 moved to , where he has followed farming and trading ever since. He, like his father, is a Democrat in politics; he is also a Master Mason, and both he and wife are members of the Missionary Baptist Church. He is the owner of 230 acres of land, besides property in Salem

Huddleston, Wiley B - Independence County, Arkansas - Wiley B. Huddleston has become closely identified with the progress and development of Independence County, Ark. He was born in McNairy County, West Tenn., March 2, 1843, and is one of six surviving members of a family of eleven children born to W. P. and Sarah Huddleston, who were also Tennesseans, the former's birth occurring in Claiborne County. He was a farmer and teacher by occupation, and in both callings became well and favorably known. He emigrated to Arkansas in the year 1849, and settled in Independence County, eight miles northeast of Batesville, where he endured the privations incident to pioneer life. He was an active member of the Baptist Church for a period of forty-five years, filling many important stations, among which were the positions of deacon, clerk of the association, church clerk, and licensed minister. He filled several civil offices with dignity to himself and satisfaction to his constituents. He died May 1, 1877, in his sixty-seventh year. Sarah, his wife, survived him nine years, and died April 2, 1886, in her seventy-third year. She was a consistent member of the Baptist Church for more than thirty-five years, and died in the full triumph of a living faith. Wiley B. Huddleston was reared in Independence County, Ark., receiving the greater part of his education near Rolla, Mo. After returning home he was married to Miss Martha H. Wainwright, a native of Arkansas. Soon after this event he settled on a farm consisting of 134 acres, which yields annually a golden harvest of the diversified products of this climate. This result has enabled him to become an independent and prosperous citizen. To him

and his worthy companion eight children were born, of whom six were boys and two girls. Six are now living. He is a member of the institution of F. & A. M., and has filled a number of stations in the order with credit to himself and satisfaction to his lodge. He is a member of organized labor. He was formerly identified, politically, with the Republican party, but is now a non-partisan, and votes for men and measures, and not for party. He and his wife, Martha H., are members of the Baptist Church.

Huddleston, William P - Independence County, Arkansas - Hon. William P. Huddleston is the name of a prominent farmer and a fitting representative of Independence County, who moved to that locality when the surrounding country was a wilderness, and has remained to see its present fortieth year of civilization under the leadership of sturdy spirits like himself. He was born in McNairy County, West Tenn., on March 24, 1836, and is a son of William P. and Sarah (Hodges) Huddleston, of Claiborne County, East Tenn. The father was a man of more than ordinary ability, and for a number of years was a teacher in the public schools of his native State, and a noted scholar. In 1849 he emigrated with his family to Independence County, Ark., and located in what is now Gainsboro Township, where he purchased a tract of land and began a home. He filled many civil offices with distinguished ability. None but the pioneers of Arkansas can fully understand the dangers and hardships that surrounded the early settlers of this State, when, for days and weeks, they had to contend with the terrors of a new country without the support and companionship of any civilized beings besides themselves. On May 1, 1877, the elder Huddleston died, and was followed by his wife on April 3, 1886. William P. Huddleston grew to manhood with his parents, assisting them with the duties of the farm, and in the early struggles of his life displayed the same strong character and firmness of will that characterized his father. He commenced in life on a farm of eighty acres, but his industry and fine judgment have increased it to 500 acres, of which 200 acres are under cultivation. During the struggle between the Union and the rebellious States he was an ultra-Union man. In the spring of 1861 he became a member of the Arkansas State militia, and from the 28th of May, 1862, until the close of the war, served in the Federal army as dispatch-bearer and scout. It was in the stirring times of battle that the finer metal of the man was discovered; when the modesty and unassuming appearance of the individual gave way to the brave and gallant soldier in many a charge through shot and shell. On July 28, 1861, [p.679] Mr. Huddleston was married to Miss Martha J. Ward, of Lincoln County, N. C., who emigrated to Arkansas with her parents in 1859. This union was a happy one, and six children were given to the parents, of whom four are yet living. After the death of this wife Mr. Huddleston was married on September 9, 1877, to Miss Orpha E. Blair, and by this marriage has had four sons and one daughter. Mrs. Huddleston is a native of East Tennessee, and came to Arkansas with her mother in 1869. Her father, Napoleon Blair, was a soldier in the Confederate army, and met his death from a wound received at the battle of Atlanta, Ga. Politically Mr. Huddleston was formerly a supporter of the Democratic party, and still adheres to the true principles of Democracy as laid down by Jefferson. In 1885 he identified himself with the labor organization, known as the Agricultural Wheel, and was elected to the lower house of the XXVIIth General Assembly of Arkansas as the candidate of that body, which position he filled with distinguished ability and to the satisfaction of his constituents. He is a member of the Knights of Honor and a Royal Arch

Mason. He has filled all the stations in the Blue Lodge with distinction to himself and satisfaction to the craft. He is a past High Priest of Dannerly Chapter No. 57, of Sulphur Rock, Ark. He is an active member of the Missionary Baptist Church, and a liberal contributor to the cause of Christianity and suffering humanity wherever dispersed about the inhabitable globe.

Ingrham, Dr. Lee H., farmer and stock raiser, and retired physician, of Lavaca, was born in McNairy County, West Tenn., in 1844. His parents, James M. and Elizabeth (Spencer) Ingraham, were born in Bedford County in 1815, and in Wilson County in 1817, respectively. They were married in Madison County in 1835, and afterward settled in McNairy County, where the father of our subject was reared. In 1869 they left that county to come to Sebastian County, Ark., where Mr. Ingraham farmed until 1879. He then established the first family grocery store where Lavaca now stands, where he has since continued to do business, being at present the oldest merchant in the town. His father, John S. Ingraham, was a native of Virginia, who accompanied his parents to Wayne County, Ky., when a child. After his marriage he settled in McNairy County, Tenn., where he was the third white settler subsequent to the sending away of the Indians. He died in that county in 1855, at the advanced age of seventy- one. Our subject is the fifth of a family of nine children. He received his early education in his native county, and at the age of seventeen enlisted in Company C, Fifty-second Tennessee Infantry, Confederate States Army, which, after the battle of Shiloh, was consolidated with the Fifty-first Tennessee. He served until the fourteen months of his enlistment had expired, and participated in the battles of Shiloh, Perryville and Stone River. He then returned home, and in 1867 began to study his chosen profession. In 1869 and 1870 he attended the medical university at Louisville, Ky., after which he practiced in McNairy County one year. He then came to Sebastian County, and for four years practiced in Big Creek Township. He then retired upon a farm four years, after which he passed three years in the practice of his profession again, being the only physician between Fort Smith and Charleston. September 10, 1874, he was united in marriage to Mrs. [p.1331] Mary E. Carroll, daughter of John D. and Louisa Arbuckle. Mr. and Mrs. Arbuckle were born in Christian County, Ky., in 1808, and Cooper County, Mo., in 1817, respectively. After their marriage they lived in Cooper County a short time, and then removed to Henry County. In 1835 they came to what is now Sebastian County, and settling in Big Creek Township they passed their lives in the house they built at that time. They were among the early pioneers of the county, and died in 1872 and 1886. Mr. Arbuckle was a nephew of Gen. Arbuckle, who formerly owned Arbuckle Island, which is now the property of our subject. In 1872 Mr. Arbuckle was elected to represent this county in the Senate, but his death occurred before the Legislature convened. For a number of years he had served as justice of the peace. He was a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church and his wife of the Christian Church. He was of Scotch-Irish extraction, and a descendant of one of three brothers who came to America in an early day. Dr. Ingraham is one of the prominent citizens of the county. He is the owner of nearly 1,000 acres of land—the result of his own thrift and industry, and has cleared about 300 acres of land on Arbuckle Island. His wife owns 600 acres of choice land. To them one child has been born. In religion the Doctor and his wife are members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and in politics the former is a Democrat, his first presidential vote having been cast for Tilden in 1876. He is a member and fills the position of secretary of Oak Bower

Masonic Lodge, No. 277. He belongs to a long-lived family, his great-grandfather, James Ingraham, having lived in Wayne County, Ky., to the age of one hundred, and two of his sons also lived to be very old men. James Ingraham originally came from Virginia

Jeanes, J T - Faulkner County, Arkansas - Jeanes, a prominent agriculturist of the county, is a native of West Tennessee, born October 28, 1846, and the son of Josiah and Elizabeth (Prather) Jeanes, both natives of South Carolina, and of Irish descent. The mother died in 1882, but the father is still living, and although eighty-seven years of age is yet in full possession of his faculties and in vigorous health. He has been a farmer all his life. Their family consisted of nine children, seven of whom lived to be grown, and three of whom are now living: J. N., of Tennessee; Laura N., wife of John T. Carter, of Tennessee, and the subject of this sketch. The father started in life with very limited means, but by hard labor and economy, coupled with good judgment, amassed a fortune, and was supposed to be worth as much as \$75,000 previous to the war, but lost a considerable portion of it during that period by the Union soldiers. His son, J. T. Jeanes, came to Arkansas in 1882, but was married in his native State, in 1875, to Miss Martha E. Warren, a native of Tennessee, and the daughter of James and Louisa Warren, also natives of Tennessee. To Mr. and Mrs. Jeanes were born three children: Nora, Eula and Warren. Mr. Jeanes is a member of the Masonic fraternity, Pleasant Hill Lodge No. 233, is a Democrat in his political views, and is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Jeanes is the owner of fifty-six acres of good farming land, 115 acres of good bottom land, a five-acre lot where he now resides, and sixty acres in Faulkner County, Ark.

Johnson, William R - Ouachita County, Arkansas - William R. Johnson, farmer, Stephens, Arkansas. Mr. Johnson was born in McNairy County, Tennessee on April 7, 1844 and is the son of Aden and Matilda Ann (Smith) Johnson, the former a native of North Carolina, born in 1816, and the latter of Tennessee, born about 1830. The parents were married in the last named State, and there resided until 1845, when they moved to Ouachita County, Arkansas. Mrs. Johnson died in Hempstead County, Arkansas in 1873. Mr. Johnson is now residing with his second wife in Erath County, Texas, whither he moved in 1885, and has always followed agricultural pursuits. To his first marriage were born four sons and six daughters: William R., J. W., C. C., Thomas A. Fannie, Amanda, Adelaide, Alice, Lena, and an infant deceased. William R. Johnson enlisted in the Confederate army on December 16, 1861, in Company B, Sixth Arkansas Regiment, and served three years and nine months, participating during that time in many severe engagements. He was shot through the right shoulder at the battle of Murfreesboro, was in the battles of Chickamauga, Bentonville, in the ninety days' campaign of Gen. Joe E. Johnston, and was captured at Jonesboro, Georgia. He went to Nashville, and at the end of eighteen days was exchanged. He returned to his home in Ouachita County, Arkansas on May 6, 1865, and on December 7 of the same year was married to Miss Sarah T. Jenkins, a native of Ouachita County, Arkansas, born in 1847, and the daughter of James and Catherine (Parker) Jenkins, both deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson are the parents of twelve children, ten of whom are living: Mattie, Vena, Delia, Lenna, Hattie, Willie, Roxie, Robert, Thomas and Oleva. Mr. Johnson has resided near his present property since 1845, and is now the owner of 164 acres of land, with about seventy acres under cultivation, located eighteen miles southwest of the county seat. He is a member of the

Masonic lodge at Stephens and in politics is a Democrat, casting his first vote for H. Seymour. He and wife are members of the Missionary Baptist Church.

Montgomery, H L - Yell County, Arkansas - Dr H L Montgomery, the popular physician of Herring Township, was born in Mississippi on September 29, 1865, and is a son of John M. and Martha (Strickland) Montgomery, who were natives of McNairy County, Tenn., and Marshall County, Miss., respectively, and were married in the latter State, and to them were born a family of thirteen children. His father a Methodist minister for many years, and a member of the Masonic fraternity, emigrated to Arkansas in 1879, locating in Faulkner County, and himself and wife worship as members of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. The Doctor received the greater part of his education at Oxford, Miss., and began his medical studies in 1880 and commenced practice in 1881 on the Arkansas bottoms, thence South Bush in 1883-84, and attended lectures at Little Rock in 1885-86, and on August 12, of the next year, was united in marriage to Miss Lucy Hessing, who was born in this county December 28, 1867. Her parents, Bright W. and Sarah (Ivey) Hessing, were natives of Haywood County, Tenn., and were born January 8, 1832, and May 9, 1836, and were the parents of ten children. Her father was captain of Company F, of Third Arkansas Regiment of Cavalry, and belonged to the Masonic order. The Doctor and wife are the happy parents of two children: Lawrence E. and Ohma. In religion he and wife worship with the same denomination as did their deceased parents - Methodist Episcopal Church South. As a medical adviser the Doctor is held in high esteem by his many patients, and is honored throughout his community for his courteous and gentlemanly dealing with his fellow-men. Mrs. Montgomery is the owner of a fourth interest in a 213 acre tract of land in this county.

Moore, M F - Conway County, Arkansas - M. F. Moore, a general merchant, and Post. master at Springfield, is a native of that place, and was born in the year 1855. His parents were Nathaniel W. and Eliza A. (Lacefield) Moore. The former a native of Rockingham County, North Carolina, being born about 1819, and the latter is a native of Tennessee. In the latter State they were married, and in a very early day, perhaps about 1835, immigrated to Conway County, and settled at the present site of Springfield, where they erected a cabin in the woods, and soon became one of the most useful families in the vicinity. Mr. and Mrs. Moore, were both indefatigable workers, excellent managers, economizing and persevering, and, as a result of which, accumulated a handsome competency. Mr. Moore was a merchant and a farmer, and also run a hotel for some years. January 8, 1864 he enlisted in Company L. of the 3d Arkansas Volunteer Cavalry of the Federal army; was in the engagement at Quitman, and operated in different parts of Arkansas, till April 15, 1865, when he was honorably discharged. He served as Justice of the Peace some years prior to the war, and from 1868 to 1872 was Sheriff of Conway County. Mr. Moore was accidentally killed in 1884, and in his death the community lost one of its most enterprising citizens. He was one of the most extensive land owners of Conway County. His father, Nathan Moore, was a prominent farmer and miller of Tennessee, where he died in 1889, at the ripe old age of 99 years. His father was of Scotch-Irish origin. Mrs. Moore, the mother of M. F. Moore, is still living and active in her domestic duties. Her father died in McNairy County, Tennessee, a

farmer by occupation. To Mr. and Mrs. Moore were born nine children, six of whom are now living: M. F., the subject of these memoirs, Napoleon B., Florence, Flora, Herbert C. and Dovey L. The eldest of these, M. F., received his education at Springfield and at the Arkansas Industrial University at Fayetteville, and on reaching his majority engaged in merchandising for about two years at Springfield, after which he turned his attention to agricultural pursuits till 1889, when, in July of that year he was made Postmaster at Springfield, in connection with which he is engaged in merchandising. He is the owner of about 1200 acres of land, about 150 acres of which are improved. Mr. Moore has been twice married; first in 1878 to Miss Jane Scroggins, who was born in Georgia, and died in 1885, leaving two children. March 20, 1889, Mr. Moore married Miss Arminda Love, a daughter of Henry F. and Martha Love, who removed from Mississippi to Springfield in 1881. Here they still reside. They were natives of Alabama. Mrs. Moore is a member of the Methodist Church. Mr. Moore is a member of Mason Camp, Sons of Veterans, at Centre Ridge.

Patterson, John T - White County, Arkansas - John T. Patterson is one of the well-to-do and successful agriculturists of White County, Ark., and although he has only resided here since 1881, coming from Tennessee, he has become well and favorably known. His birth occurred in Franklin County, Ala., in 1834, and he was the third of a family of nine children born to James and Catherine (Gray) Patterson, the former born in the "Old North State" and the latter in the "Keystone State." James Patterson went to Alabama when the country was new, and opened a plantation which he afterward sold, moving thereafter to Hardeman County, Tenn., with his wife, whom he married in Alabama. They settled on a farm in Tennessee in 1844, and here the father spent his declining years, his death occurring in 1873. He served in the Seminole War. His wife passed from life in 1888. Their children are: Mary Jane (Mrs. Ethridge, resides in Tennessee), William (lives in Kentucky), John T., Hugh (residing in Conway County, Ark.), Jacob (who died in Tennessee, in 1863), Joseph (who also died in that State in the same year) and Enoch and Franklin (both residents of Tennessee). Joseph Gray, the maternal grandfather, was born in England, and served in the Revolutionary War. John T. Patterson spent his youthful days in attending school and in farm work, and after attaining his twentieth year he began working for himself. He was married in McNairy County, in 1855, to Miss Emeline Brown, a native of North Carolina, and a daughter of Isaac and Millie (Dunn) Brown, who were born, reared and married in the State of North Carolina. In 1844 they removed to McNairy County, where they settled on a farm, on which the mother died, in 1855. The father moved to Bell County, Tex., in 1858, and there is now making his home. From the time of his marriage until 1858, Mr. Patterson lived in Tennessee, then spent two years in Texas, after which he returned to McNairy County. On March 4, 1862, he enlisted in Company C, Thirty-second Illinois Infantry, United States army to defend the Constitution of the United States, but left his wife and two children in the South, with little hope of ever returning to them, but through the kind providence of God returned to them in safety. He was wounded at Shiloh on April 6, 1862, and was confined in the hospital at Savannah, Tenn., for some time, being honorably discharged on July 31, 1862, after which he returned to his home and resumed farming. Since 1881 he has been the owner of 160 acres of land in White County, Ark., and has fifty under cultivation. He is an active supporter of the Republican party, and not only has he been a prominent supporter of schools, but he is a member of the school board.

Socially, he is a member of Rock Springs Lodge No. 422 of the A. F. & A. M., of which lodge he has been Worshipful Master for some years. He and his wife are members of the Missionary Baptist Church, and are the parents of the following children: Green Harrison (deceased), Melissa (Mrs. Martindale), Alice (Mrs. Holmes), Isabelle (Mrs. Stringfellow), Arca (Mrs. Langley), Elizabeth, Cordelia, Elzora, Cora Lee and Florence. Two children died in infancy.

Peeples, John W - Nevada Co, Ark Dr. John W. Peeples is a native of Tennessee, born in McNairy County. At the age of 18, he began the study of medicine and graduated at the age of 22 at the medical college at Louisville, Ky. After a few years practice in west Tennessee, he came to Arkansas and in the winter of 1888-1889, he took his first post graduate course of medical lectures at the college where he had graduated. He took a course this past winter and has just returned, better armed for his profession than ever in life. His practice has been a success and he stands highly respected by all who know him. (This may not have been in Goodspeed, I forgot to make a notation.)

Pharr, Eli W. (Rev) - Ouachita County Arkansas - Eli W Pharr. one of the honored and respected old residents of Ouachita County, Arkansas, should be accorded a worthy place in this volume, for he has been associated with the agricultural interests of the county since 1849. He was born in Abbeville District, South Carolina, February 25, 1819, being a son of Samuel T. and Mary W. (Guffin) Pharr, the father of whom was born in South Carolina, in 1792, having been a tiller of the soil, and a minister of the gospel by occupation. He and wife became the parents of four children, two of whom are living at the present time: Eli W. and Mary A. (wife of William G. Casey, a resident of Alabama). At an early day Samuel T. Pharr removed from his native State to Georgia, and from there to Arkansas, in 1849, settling in the northern part of the State, his wife dying here in 1880, and earnest member of the Presbyterian Church. Eli W. Pharr first started in life for himself at the age of twenty-one years as a farmer and was married in 1840, to Miss Elizabeth Lowe, a native of South Carolina, by whom he became the father of seven children, four of whom are now living: John W. (a farmer and merchant of this county), Mary L. (wife of L. R. Hollingsworth, a resident of Hughes Springs, Texas), Edward I. (a farmer and merchant of Columbia County, Arkansas), and Joseph S. (a farmer of this county). The mother of these children died in 1856, a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church, and in 1857 Mr. Pharr espoused Mrs. Parthenia Seehorn, a widow of Alex Seehorn. She was born in Mississippi, in 1820, and is a member of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Pharr received an excellent education in his youth, and for some time was an attendant of a college at Graffenburg, Alabama, which was under the management of P. M. Sheppard. He also graduated from a medical college in 1854, after which he entered actively upon the practice of that profession, continuing from 1855 to 1856, in Alabama, when he removed to Arkansas, and from that time until 1873, was a practitioner in Union County. He was licensed to preach the gospel in 1864, being a minister of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and has been actively engaged in the saving of souls ever since. He is well to do as far as worldly goods is concerned, and is now the owner of about 400 acres of good farming land, with about 200 acres improved. His principal crop is cotton and corn, and he is a partner in a

fine steam cotton-gin and grist mill. He belongs in the Masonic fraternity, and in his professional as well as social relations, he is esteemed and respected by many

Pickett, James H - Ouachita County, Arkansas - In no part of Arkansas is agriculture in a more flourishing condition than in Ouachita County, and here Mr. Pickett is considered one of the leading tillers of the soil and stock dealers. His birth occurred here November 1, 1853, and as a natural consequence he has always had the county's interests warmly at heart, and has given liberally of his means to all enterprises of a worthy nature. His parents, James M. and Julia (Davenport) Pickett, were born in Tennessee, the former's birth occurring in McNairy County, In 1818, and the latter's in 1823. James M. Pickett was a farmer by occupation and in 1849 removed from his native State to Arkansas, and settled in Ouachita County, where he purchased and entered a woodland farm. After living for a short time in a rail pen which he built, he erected a substantial log cabin, and in this made his home until he had made many valuable improvements. During the late war he enlisted in the Confederate cavalry in 1863, and served until the close of the war, after which he returned home and resumed farming, having lost nearly all he had during the war. He commenced again at the foot of the ladder, and has become a well-to-do citizen. He and his wife became the parents of six sons and two daughters, five of whom are now living: Jeff W., John D., Victoria E., (wife of William C. Smith, of this county), Edward and James H. Both parents are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and he is a Mason and has filled the position of justice of the peace for a number of years. James H. Pickett has spent his life in this county and has made the tilling of the soil his chief occupation through life, and has sixty of his 340 acre farm under cultivation. He was married December 1, 1875 to Miss Susan M. Smith, who was born in this county, May 29, 1858, a daughter of Thomas J. and Mary J. (James) Smith, natives of Tennessee, who moved from there to Texas, thence to Arkansas, about 1856. They are both members of the Baptist Church. Mr. Pickett and his wife have had a family of five children born to them, three of whom are now living: Aurora A., Andrew B. and Zenobia E. Clarence D., and infant unnamed, are deceased. Mr. Pickett and his wife are members of the Presbyterian Church, and he is a Democrat politically.

Price, N. B. - Arkansas County, Arkansas - N B Price runs a general supply store at Mount Adams, and has a trade amounting to from \$30,000 to \$40,000 per year, carrying a stock that would invoice \$8,000. He began life for himself at the age of seventeen as a clerk, continuing to be thus employed for some time, when he went into business for himself in Hardeman County, Tenn., and later in Memphis. After remaining in the latter city until 1865, he came to Mount Adams, and has since been in business at this point, attaining to a well-deserved reputation. Mr. Price was born in McNairy County, Tenn, in 1839, and was a son of Rev. William A. and Sarah A. (Duke) Price. The father was a native of Louisa County, Va., and when a young man moved to McNairy County, Tenn., where he married, and lived until coming to Arkansas in 1860. Settling near Mount Adams, he lived there until his death, which occurred in 1862, at the age of forty-seven. His wife died in February, 1889, at the age of sixty-eight. Mr. Price was a local minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and a member of the A. F. & A. M. N. B. Price was married in

March, 1863, to Miss Emma Cooke, who died in 1865 or 1866, leaving two daughters. He was married the second time about 1868 to Miss Mollie E. Milligan, daughter of Rev. L. H. and Lovinia Milligan, and a native of Mississippi. Her father was a Baptist minister, and died in 1888. Mr. and Mrs. Price are the parents of five children, two sons and three daughters. Mr. Price owns 13,000 acres of land, largely under cultivation, and including an extensive stock ranch. He has acquired all his property by personal industry and business ability, and deserves the success to which he has risen. He has two brothers living: William M. (one of the most extensive stock and real estate men in Arkansas County) and Bryan (who is in the store with the principal of this sketch). Mr. Price has been postmaster of Mount Adams [p.666] since his locating at this place. He is a member of Euclid Lodge No. 130, A. F. & A. M., and of Reynolds Chapter No. 147. Mr. Price is probably the oldest and most successful merchant in Arkansas County; he does a large retail and wholesale business, and is conceded to be a representative business man of the State. Mrs. Price is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, but was formerly a Baptist.

Price, William M. - Arkansas County, Arkansas - William M Price has been a resident of Arkansas County, Ark, since 1860, having been born in McNairy County, Tenn., in 1846, the second of four children born to William A. and Sarah A. (Duke) Price, natives of Goochland County, Va., who moved to Tennessee in 1838, and in 1869 to Arkansas County, Ark., settling on a farm on the White River bottoms. Here his death occurred in 1864, his wife's death succeeding his in 1888. William M. Price was fourteen years of age when he came to Arkansas, and after assisting his father on the home farm, he engaged in agricultural pursuits for himself, continuing for two years, or until the opening of the war. In 1863 he enlisted at Monticello, Ark, for the remainder of the war, and was assigned post duty with Col. Crockett, serving in the capacity of acting-adjutant until the close of the war, when he was paroled at Little Rock and returned home, and again resumed his farming duties, making a crop the same year. In 1886 he engaged in the general mercantile business at Mount Adams, continuing with success until 1885, controlling the largest trade of any general merchant in the county. Since 1877 he has been engaged in the stock business, and not only raises stock, but buys and ships also, and has, without doubt, the largest herds of any one man in the State. He makes a specialty of raising blooded Hereford and Durham cattle, and also has a magnificent horse, a blooded Clydesdale and Cleveland Bay. His stock farm is one of the finest on White River, and comprises about 7,000 acres of land, about 300 acres of which are under cultivation, devoted to grain and cotton, the latter averaging one bale to the acre. In addition to attending to his extensive farm, much of his time is given to the real-estate business, which has proven very profitable, and he has made some of the largest deals of any one man in the State, buying 12,000 acres of land at one time. He owns 20,000 acres of land in Arkansas County, which is for sale. Socially, he is a member of Euclid Lodge No. 130, A. F. & A. M. He was married in this county May 3, 1873, to Miss Sallie L. Crockett, a daughter of Col. R. H. Crockett, and by her has the following family of children: Mabel (attending Galloway College), William Mack, Cecil C., Herbert and Ernest (attending the Stuttgart Normal Institute). Mr. Price has always been interested in the advancement of schools, and is giving his children the best advantages to be had. He is president of the college board.

Proffitt, John L - Ouachita County, Arkansas. John L. Proffitt, although a native of McNairy County, Tennessee, born July 22, 1846, has been a resident of Ouachita County, Arkansas since about 1869, and has fully identified himself with every interest of the same. His parents, William F. and Senia (Lott) Proffitt, were born in Virginia and Kentucky, respectively, but the former died in the Lone Star State during the Rebellion, when forty-five years of age. He was about twenty-two years old when he left his native State, and was a resident of a number of different States before locating in McNairy County, Tennessee. Here he was married, and in 1849 came with his family to Calhoun County, Arkansas, and here continued to make his home until his removal to Texas, in 1865. After the war his widow returned to Calhoun County, Arkansas, and here she is now residing, aged about seventy-three or seventy-four years. In his early days Mr. Proffitt acted as an overseer, but in later years turned his attention to mercantile pursuits and farming, becoming quite wealthy, but lost all during the war. He was a Democrat, was justice of the peace in Calhoun County, and he and wife were members of the Primitive Baptist Church. Of a family of six children born to them, four are now living, three being residents of Ouachita County, and one of Calhoun County: H. G. (is a butcher at Camden), William H. (is a farmer of Calhoun County), Sarah (is the wife of James McDonald), and John L. (is a farmer of this county). The latter spent his school days in Calhoun County, and in 1864 joined the Nineteenth Texas Infantry, Confederate States Army, and remained in the service until May, 1865, during which time he was not wounded or taken prisoner. After the war he remained in Texas until 1867; then came to Arkansas, and in 1869, located on his present farm. He was married in 1869 to Catharine Yeager, a daughter of Judge Michael Yeager, of Calhoun County. She was born in Ouachita County, Arkansas in 1847, and died on March 21, 1871, having been an earnest member of the Missionary Baptist Church. Three and one-half years later Mr. Proffitt wedded Miss Gatsey Pate, a daughter of William Pate, of Calhoun County, formerly, now of this county. She was born in Alabama in 1851, and by Mr. Proffitt she is the mother of six children: Lou, Laura, Mary, Sallie, William C. and Ella. Mrs. Proffitt is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and he is a Democrat, and since his residence in this county, he has been coroner two years.

Ramer, John W Jr - Green County, Arkansas - John W. Ramer Jr. was born in Tennessee in 1827. His wife, Sarah E., was born in North Carolina in the same year. In 1850 the Ramer family was living in McNairy County, Tennessee in Civil District 1 (630-93). At this time their only child was William who was listed as three months old in the census record. Their other known children who were born in Tennessee were: John R., 1854; Thomas J., 1856; Elijah A., 1861; and Wesley G., 1870. The Ramer family came to Greene County during the 1870's and settled in Hurricane Township. In 1880 William T. Ramer was living next to John W. Ramer and it seems likely that William T. was the oldest son of John W. The 1880 census lists William's age as 30. William's wife was named Elizabeth, born in Tennessee in 1848. Their children in 1880 were: John W., 1872; Nancy A., 1873; Amanda, 1876; and Luda E., 1879. In 1880 a George W. Ramer was also living near John W. Ramer and it seems likely that George W. was a son of John. George W. Ramer married Ann M. Hamilton, born in 1861, on Oct. 10, 1879 in Greene County. Ann was

a resident of Clay County at the time of the marriage. Her father was born in Ohio and her mother, in Virginia. Thomas J. Ramer, son of John W., married Martha F. Starnes, born in 1861, on Dec. 23, 1881. Martha was the daughter of Marshall and Paralee Starnes, residents of Hurricane Township. William T. Ramer is buried at the Fairview Cemetery in Greene County and his marker shows dates of May 1, 1849 and March 30, 1930. The stone for Elizabeth, his wife, shows dates of Jan. 11, 1848 and Jan. 15, 1900. John W. Ramer and his wife are buried at the Starnes Cemetery four miles northwest of Marmaduke, but there are no readable markers. George Ramer is also buried there. Martha F. Starnes Ramer, second wife of Thomas J. Ramer, is buried at Starnes [Cemetery] and her stone shows a death date of March 15, 1890, aged 29 years, 4 months, and 15 days. Rachel Ramer, the first wife of Thomas J., is also buried here and her stone shows dates of Nov. 18, 1855 to March 19, 1879. It is believed that several other members of the Ramer family, mostly infants, are buried at Starnes Cemetery. In 1880 the nearest neighbors of William T. and Elizabeth Ramer were the families of Washburn Dortch, John W. Ramer, George W. Ramer, and Benjamin F. Bibb.

Russell, William H - Franklin County, Arkansas - William H. Russell, one of the leading citizens of White Oak Township, Franklin Co., Ark., was born in McNairy County, Tenn., October 22, 1830, and is a son of George and Annie (Hamm) Russell, both natives of Tennessee, the former born in Dickson County February 7, 1807, and died in Franklin County, Ark., August 1, 1860. The mother's birth occurred March 12, 1812, and her death, in Franklin County, April 2, 1861. They were married in Perry County, Tenn., in 1827, and three years later immigrated westward to look them up a home. They came in ox wagons, and settled in Franklin County, Ark., and in 1832 erected the first house in the now thriving town of Mulberry. Here they resided until their respective deaths. The father was a son of Lewis and grandson of George Russell, who was of English birth, and was killed in Kentucky by the Indians, while on an exploring expedition with Daniel Boone. Nearly all the male members of the Russell family have been farmers, and became quite wealthy in pursuing that avocation. Lewis Russell was a soldier in the War of 1812, and was at the battle of Horse Shoe Bend. To George and Annie Russell were born six children: William H. was the second born, and is the only one now living; his brother, James M., was a Confederate soldier, and died in Mississippi, while the battle of Corinth was being fought; John died in 1854, at the age of twenty-eight years; Mary J. was the wife of J. R. McElroy, and died in 1875. The rest of the children died in infancy. At the age of twenty-four years William H. Russell began merchandising at Huntsville, Madison Co., Ark., but at the end of a few years returned home, and assisted his father until the latter's death. In August, 1862, he enlisted in Company B, Col. Gordon's regiment, Confederate service, and was in active service until the close of the war. He then returned to the peaceful pursuit of farming. November 11, 1859, he was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth McElroy, who was born in Stewart County, Tenn., November 29, 1842, a daughter of Robert McElroy; she died February 17, 1880, having become the mother of six children: Mary V., wife of J. A. McLane; Maggie, wife of Jesse H. Hobbs; Willie Bell, Fannie, Ida and Dora. Mr. Russell is a Democrat in his political views, and has held the office of justice of the peace for many years. His wife was a member of the Methodist Church.

Stinnett, James M - Ouachita County, Arkansas Judge James M. Stinnett is one of the most successful of Ouachita County's farmers, and is one of her oldest and most highly esteemed residents. He was born in Morrison County, Tennessee, November 22, 1820, and is a son of William and Catherine (Smith) Stinnett, who were born in Ray County, Tennessee, the latter in 1801. The father was inured to farm work when a boy, and continued to make this occupation his chief calling throughout the rest of his days, dying in 1847, and his widow in 1848. Their union took place about 1819, and in time a family of eight children were born to them, James M., Thomas L. (a resident of this county), and Marissa (the wife of William S. Smith, residing in Chester County, Tennessee), being the only ones now living. Judge James M. Stinnett, the subject of this sketch, received his education by the light of poplar rails and pine knots during the evenings, and at the age of twenty years began the battle of life for himself. In March, 1840, he was elected constable of the Twelfth District of McNairy County, Tennessee, and at the end of two years was elected justice of the peace, serving until 1848. In 1840 he was married to Miss Rebecca F. Spain, of Henderson County, Tennessee, a daughter of Marmaduke and Elizabeth Spain, and to them four children were born, only Catherine E., the wife of Robert Williams, a resident of McNairy County, Tennessee, being now alive. Mrs. Stinnett was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and died in 1848. Mr. Stinnett was married to his second wife, Miss Eliza J. Pickett, of McNairy County, Tennessee, April 7, 1850, his wife having been born in Hardeman County, Tennessee, in 1830. A family of sixteen children was born to this union, nine of whom are now living: Franklin P., Preston B., James K. P., Jefferson D., Laura A. (wife of Robert S. Neal), Sarah A., Ruth and Robert L. In 1849 Mr. Stinnett went to Lower California, in search of gold, and like a great number of other forty-niners, spent a great deal of money and received nothing in return. He returned home in 1850, satisfied to spend the balance of his days in Arkansas, and was actively engaged in farming here until the breaking out of the Rebellion, and in 1862 he enlisted in Company H, Arkansas Cavalry, under Capt. McMillan, and served until the close of the war, participating, in the battles of Mark's Mill, Mount Elba and Poison Spring. He was paroled in Texas, and returned home to again make a home for his family, and succeeded so well that in time he became the owner of 1,200 acres of land, but is now the owner of 240 acres, as the rest was divided among his children. When he settled on his present property it was a wilderness, but he built a log cabin, and set energetically to work to clear up his farm, and has now one of the loveliest places in the county. He has always been a Democrat in his political views, and has held a number of important offices in this county. From 1866 to 1868 he held the office of county judge; in 1874 was again elected, and served from that time until 1878, and was re-elected in 1888, and is now ably discharging the duties of that position. He is a Royal Arch Mason, and he and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Turner, T E - Mississippi County, Arkansas - T E Turner. Within the limits of Mississippi County, there is no more successful planter to be found than Mr. Turner, who is thoroughly identified with the farming interests of the same. His birth occurred six miles east of Brownsville,

Haywood County, Tenn., and he is the son of Edward N. Turner, who came with his father, Gerry Turner, a native of North Carolina, to Haywood County, Tenn., at an early date. Here Edward N. Turner chose, for his life companion, Miss Caroline Cockrum, the mother of T. E. Turner. The latter remained with his parents until nineteen years of age, and received a common-school education. His father, being one of the wealthy planters, wished to give his son an excellent education, but the latter was of a different mind, and was married instead to Miss Almada Barham, of McNairy County, Tenn. Of the seven interesting children born to this marriage five died in infancy, and two are now living: James Lee and John Edward, both of whom are living on Buffalo Island, with their grandmother, Mrs. Barham. In 1885 Mrs. Turner was riding in a wagon with her mother and brother, the latter driving; the brother was accidentally thrown from a spring seat, which so frightened the spirited team, that they ran away, throwing Mrs. Turner and her mother to the ground. Mrs. Turner received injuries from which she died, after having suffered fourteen days. The boy had his arm broken, and Mrs. Barham received injuries from which she will never recover. Mr. Turner, whose standing as a successful planter and a much esteemed and respected citizen, is well established in the county, is now principally engaged in the raising of cotton. He has rented 150 acres of the Cissell place, about six miles southwest of Osceola, and employs from ten to twenty hands. In a good year he raises over a bale of cotton to the acre, and at an expense of about \$6 to the acre. He is a member of the K. of H., located at Osceola, and is also a member of the A. O. U. W. of the same place.

Weatherly, Henry K - Biographical and Historical Memoirs of Western Arkansas. Goodspeed Publishers, 1891. - Henry K. Weatherly, one of the finest farmers of Union Township, but now a resident of Howard Township, owes his nativity to Gilford County, North Carolina, where he was born in the year 1828, being the fifth of a family of eight sons and three daughters born to Henry and Delitha (King) Weatherly, who were also natives of North Carolina, and were born in the years 1792 and 1803, respectively. They continued their residence in their native State till 1838, when they removed to McNairy County, West Tennessee, where Mr. Weatherly, spent the remainder of his days, dying in 1874, Mrs. Weatherly still resides in McNairy County. She is a daughter of Henry King, who was a native of Maryland, but spent his last years in North Carolina, a farmer by occupation. Mr. Weatherly was a successful farmer and was a son of Isaiah Weatherly, who was also a native of Maryland and died in North Carolina. The subject of our sketch grew to manhood on a farm, and in 1852 was married to Miss Nancy Willis, a daughter of James and Anna Willis, natives of North Carolina, but since 1854 Mrs. Willis has made her home in Conway County, Ark. Mrs. Weatherly was born in North Carolina and is the mother of twelve children, seven of whom are living, viz.: Leonus Missouri, the wife of Wesley Garrett; Julia, now Mrs., Sidney Lacefield, Amanda, wife of William Lloyd; Lewis A., Rachel R. and John L. In 1854 Mr. Weatherly immigrated to Conway County and settled in the woods in Union Township, where he resided till the breaking out of the war, when he returned to West Tennessee, and in 1861 enlisted in the Confederate army in a regiment made up of Alabamians, Tennesseans and Mississippians, and at the battle of Island No. 10 was captured and imprisoned at Camp Douglas, Chicago, Ill., till September of the same year (1862), when he was exchanged and soon after

joined the Forty-second Tennessee Regiment and operated in Mississippi and Louisiana till he was taken sick some months after, when his military career was brought to a close. He continued to reside in McNairy County, Tennessee, till 1868, when he returned to his old farm in Union Township, which he still owns, a tract of 160 acres with about 60 acres under cultivation, all of which improvement is the result of his own effort. In the spring of 1890 Mr. Weatherly rented his farm, and he removed to near Plummerville, where he now resides. Mrs. Weatherly is a member of the M. E. Church, South.

Woolverton, Elijah A. - Conway County, Arkansas - Elijah County, Arkansas is among those prominently and successfully engaged in agriculture in Conway, and one of the representative citizens of Lick Mountain Township, owes his nativity to McNairy County, West Tennessee, where he was born in the year 1851. He was reared on a farm, receiving his education at the best schools of Henry County, Tennessee, where he was reared from about 12 years old, and in 1871 came with his parents to Conway County and homesteaded 160 acres of land on Woolverton Mountain, where he has since resided, being the present owner of 200 acres of land. His marriage occurred in 1873 to Miss Lydia Grayson, a daughter of Daniel and Mary Grayson. The former was born in middle Tennessee, and the latter in Lawrence County, Arkansas. They married in Craighead County, and from there they removed to Phelps County, Missouri, thence to Howell County, but are now residents of Van Buren County, Arkansas. Mr. Grayson was a soldier in the Southern army. Mrs. Woolverton was born in Craighead County in 1858, and on April 5, 1890, was called to her eternal home, leaving a family of five children, viz.: Garland H., Mary A., William A. (deceased), Wister and Houston. Mrs. Woolverton was a devout member of the Missionary Baptist Church, and was a lady of culture and refinement. Mr. Woolverton is a practical surveyor, and has followed the art of surveying in nearly every section of Arkansas, but chiefly in the Counties of Van Buren, Conway, Ashley, Desha, Arkansas, Jefferson and Chicot. In the last named county he spent nearly one entire year surveying for an English company. He is perhaps more familiar with the topography of Arkansas than any other man in Conway County. In 1882 he was elected Surveyor of Conway County for a term of two years, after which he served two years as deputy County Surveyor, and since that time has done the principal part of the surveying for the county. He is an active member of the Democratic party and of the Missionary Baptist Church. His father, William L. Woolverton, a prominent farmer of Woolverton Mountain, was born in Maury County, Tennessee, in 1822, being a son of James and Aggie (Williams) Woolverton, who were born near Lexington, Kentucky, in 1797 and 1800, respectively. When young they went to Maury County, Tennessee (the mother with her parents). There they married, and in 1833 removed to Hardeman County in West Tennessee, but in 1842 removed to Tippah County, Mississippi, and about 1854 to McNairy County, Tennessee, where Mr. Woolverton died about 1879. and Mrs. Woolverton died about 1875. Both were Missionary Baptists, the former for probably 60 years. He was a son of Andrew Woolverton, who was a native of England, where he served seven years as an apprentice at the tailor trade, and while yet a young man immigrated to the United States, married in Virginia, and about the last of the last century removed to Central Kentucky, when the principal inhabitants of that State were Indians. Here he spent the remainder of his life at his trade. He died about 1812. His parents came to the United States and settled in Pennsylvania, but it is not known whether Andrew came with them or not. Robert Williams, the

maternal grandfather of W. L. Woolverton, was born in Indiana, but in quite an early day removed from Kentucky to Maury County, Tennessee, where he died between the years 1835 and 1840. He was of Irish descent. His wife died there also. W. L. Woolverton received a common country school education, and was married the first time in 1844 to Eliza J., a daughter of Joshua and Martha Curtis, who died in Maury County, Tennessee, where Mrs. Woolverton was born. She died in McNairy County, Tennessee, in 1855 and was the mother of five children, three of whom survive, Elijah A., being the eldest. Mr. Woolverton married his present wife (Lutitia E. Goodgoin) in the latter part of 1855, and by her he has two surviving children. Mr. Woolverton resided in McNairy County till 1863. when he removed to Henry County, and in 1871 came to Conway County and pitched his tent on top of the mountain that bears his name. He at once built a cabin in the woods, where he has since lived, although the forest has been converted into a fine farm, and the cabin long since supplanted by a fine frame residence, making one of the most beautiful and attractive country homes in Conway County. Mr. Woolverton is one of those noble-hearted, industrious citizens whom every body esteems and nobody despises, and his chief aim in life has been to educate and make good citizens of his children. His politics have been Democratic all his life, and for about thirty years has been a prominent member of the Masonic fraternity, and for forty years a Missionary Baptist