

HISTORY

OF THE

State of Kansas

CONTAINING

A FULL ACCOUNT OF ITS GROWTH FROM AN UNINHABITED TERRITORY TO A WEALTHY AND IMPORTANT STATE; OF ITS EARLY SETTLEMENTS; ITS RAPID INCREASE IN POPULATION AND THE MARVELOUS DEVELOPMENT OF ITS GREAT NATURAL RESOURCES. ALSO, A SUPPLEMENTARY HISTORY AND DESCRIPTION OF ITS

COUNTIES, CITIES, TOWNS AND VILLAGES,

THEIR ADVANTAGES, INDUSTRIES, MANUFACTURES AND COMMERCE; TO WHICH ARE ADDED BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES AND PORTRAITS OF PROMINENT MEN AND EARLY SETTLERS

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Doach and about fifty plum and cherry trees. He raises corn and wheat principally. His wheat will average twenty-two bushels to the acre this season (1882). The improve ments on the farm consist of a six ft log house, stock stable, smoke-house, corn-crib, etc. He has a fine young orchard, which he has since raised. He was born in Buchanan County, Mo.

ALBERT JOHNSON, farmer, P. O. Oak Mills, Atchison County; removed at the early age of three years, with his parents, to Kansas, in the spring of 1855. His parents first settled in Walnut Township, Atchison County, where they lived until his eleventh year, when they removed to Doniphan County, and remained two years. From there they removed to Kickapoo Township, where Mr. Johnson has since resided. He was born in Buchanan County, Mo. He was married September 28, 1861, in Oskaloosa, Jefferson County, to Miss Tina Manley, a native of Indiana. They have one child, a daughter. Mr. Johnson has an upland farm of ninety acres, sixty-five of which are under cultivation, and the remainder under land. The farm all enclosed with substantial fences. He devotes his attention to raising wheat, corn, hogs and cattle. His wheat this year (1882), averaged thirty bushels to the acre.

JESSE S. JOHNSON, farmer and stock-raiser, P. O. Oak Mills, Atchison County, came to Kansas in July, 1854, and first located in Atchison County, near Oak Mills, where he lived about twenty months, and then removed to Doniphan County, where he lived a short time; he then removed to his farm in Kickapoo Township, where he has since lived. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. During the Mexican war, Mr. Johnson was employed in the Quartermaster's Department as a teamster. He was thus engaged about one year and then returned to his home in Buchanan County, Mo. He was in Campillus, Onondaga County, N. Y., April 11, 1819, and lived in his native State until his eighth year, when his parents removed to Iroquois County, Ills., where Mr. J. lived until his twenty-second year; from there removed to Buchanan County, Mo., where he resided until he came to Kansas. He was married in Buchanan County, Mo., March 13, 1844, to Miss Nancy Davis, a native of Decatur County, Ind. They have had five children—three sons and two daughters—Sarah Jane (married to Samuel Jones, a native of Indiana, and a merchant residing in Jackson County, Kan. They have seven children); Rhoda Ann (married to Henry Sacks, a native of Prussia, a prominent and well-to-do farmer of Atchison County); and Albert (married to Miss Tina Manley, a native of Illinois). Mr. Johnson has an upland farm of seventy-eight and two-tenths acres, situated about two miles from Oak Mills and three and a half from Kickapoo. It is all enclosed and all under cultivation. His orchard covers five acres and has two hundred apple, fifty peach, and ten cherry trees. The water supply is excellent, he having a good well and three fine springs on his property. Particular attention is given to raising wheat, corn and hogs. His improvements consist of a five-roomed frame dwelling house, stock stable, granary and smoke-house. Mr. Johnson lived in Kansas during the troubles of 1856, of which he relates many a graphic incident. During the Mexican war, and while in the line of his duty, he was severely injured, from which he suffers to this day. In the spring of 1850, Mr. J. went to Waverlyville, Cal., where he spent over one year in mining and prospecting; he met with fair success, and while there was taken prisoner by the Indians; he was in captivity but a short time, however, when he was released, owing to his knowledge of the Indian character.

ERNEST P. O. KASTEN, farmer, P. O. Kickapoo, came to Kansas in March, 1855, locating in Kickapoo Township, Leavenworth County, where he lived until he was engaged to Colorado and Montana Territories, where he was engaged in mining and prospecting, and where he resided until 1878. He then returned to Kansas again, locating in Kickapoo Township, where he has resided since. Mr. Kasten was born in Hanover, Germany, February 18, 1841, and lived in his native country until his thirteenth year, when he emigrated to America and located in Kickapoo Township, where they reside at present. He was married in the city of Leavenworth in September, 1869, to Miss Mary Hennequin, a native of Lorraine, France. They have five children—Ernst, Minnie, Otto, John and Lucy.

JACOB KEMPTER, farmer, P. O. Kickapoo, came to Kansas in May, 1859, locating near Fort Riley, where he remained but a short time and then removed to Kickapoo Township, where he has since resided. He is a member of the Catholic Church. He served in the war of the Rebellion during the "Price Raid" as a member of Captain Gobel's Company of Cavalry, enlisted in December, 1862, at Kickapoo, where he served until he was discharged at Leavenworth. Mr. Kempter was born in Wiedendahl, Bei-Neu Stadt, on the Hartz, Germany, September 25, 1833, and lived in his native country until his twenty-first year, when he emigrated to America and settled in Syracuse, N. Y.; he lived there four months, and then removed to Illinois, where he lived three years, engaged in farming. From Illinois he came to Kansas. He has been married twice. The first marriage took place in Kickapoo Township, in January, 1868, to Miss Marie Henzler, a native of Bavaria, Germany. She died in 1871. His second marriage also took place in Kickapoo Township, in 1871, to Miss Nellie, who died in 1877. He has three children—two sons and one daughter—Anton, (died October 2, 1879); Mary (died November 1, 1879); Joseph, Louis, Theodore and Frederick. Mr. Kempter has a fine upland farm of sixty acres. It is all enclosed and all under cultivation. He has since raised fine corn and wheat. His wheat this year (1882) averaged twenty-five bushels to the acre. His corn promises to yield an enormous crop. His farm is well supplied with water, a never-failing well being near the door of his house, and Plum Creek flowing about 200 yards from his farm. His house is small, but convenient. He also has a small stock farm and other outbuildings on his farm, and is a successful and enterprising farmer. He is a good and successful thrifter, and if he has half a chance, will yet rank among the foremost farmers of Kickapoo Township.

JULIEN LACAILLE, general merchant and hotel-keeper, Hund's Station, came to Kansas in October, 1850, located in Atchison County, where he lived two years and then removed to Salt Creek Valley, Kickapoo Township, Leavenworth County, where he has resided since. He is a member of the Catholic Church. Mr. LaCaille was born in St. Johns, Lower Canada, and lived in his native place until his fifteenth year, when he went to St. Albans, Vt., and remained there until he was twenty years of age, when he was engaged as a clerk in a wholesale hardware establishment in New Orleans; he staid there but a short time and then went to St. Louis, where he was engaged as a salesman in the wholesale hardware business for six years. From St. Louis he removed to Weston, Mo., where he lived about ten years, and from there went to California, where he was engaged in mining and prospecting for three and a half years, and in the provision business for two and a half years. From California he returned to Weston, and from there came to Kansas. He was married in 1848, in Weston, Mo., to Miss Cenora Groff, a native of Germany. They have had seven children, of whom five are living—Eugene E., Maggie M., William M., Leonard and George.

GEORGE LANE, wagon-maker, came to Kansas December 24, 1871, locating in Kickapoo City, where he has since lived. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church (South), and of the Masonic Fraternity. He was born in Madison County, Ohio, December 27, 1818, and lived in his native place until his twenty-third year, when he removed to Vermillion County, Ill., where he lived nineteen years, engaged in farming. From Illinois he removed to Polk County, Iowa, where he lived fourteen years, and from there removed to Jackson County, Mo., where he lived one year and then removed to Kickapoo. Mr. Lane was married in Vermillion County, Ill., December 14, 1837, to Miss Martha Courtney, a native of Pittsburg, Pa. They have two children living—a son, William W. (married and living in Cheyenne, Wyoming Territory), and a daughter, Margaret E.

ROBERT MITCHELL, farmer, P. O. Kickapoo, came to Kansas in the fall of 1862, locating in the city of Leavenworth, where he lived until the fall of 1864, when he enlisted in Capt. Douglas' Battery at Fort Leavenworth; served about five months and was then honorably discharged at the place of his enlistment. After his discharge from the army he moved to Salt Creek Valley, Leavenworth County, where he has since lived. Mr. Mitchell was born in Kentucky, where he lived until his ninth year, when he removed to Platte County, Mo., and remained there until he came to Kansas. He was married in the city of Leavenworth in September, 1869, to Miss Mattie Rainey, a native of Arkansas. They have seven children—Clement, Joseph, Gertrude, William, Walter, Robert, and Arthur. Mr. M. has a small place of seven acres in Salt Creek Valley, which is in the highest state of cultivation and which is principally devoted to raising fruit. The improvements consist of a two-story frame dwelling house, stock stable, etc.

JOHN CONRAD SCHROTH, farmer and fruit-raiser, P. O. Leavenworth, came to Kansas in April, 1860, locating on his farm in Kickapoo Township, Leavenworth County, where he has since resided. He is a member of the Lutheran Church. Mr. Schroth was born in Hesse Darmstadt, Germany, March 18, 1830, and lived in his native country until his twenty-seventh year and then emigrated to America. During his residence in Germany Mr. S. served in the German Army as a member of the Fifth Company of the First Regiment of Infantry, and was honorably discharged after serving six years. During his term of service he was in the battles of Wagram, Austerlitz and the battle of Jena. He was in the German Revolution of 1848. When he came to America he first settled in St. Louis, where he lived for four years and was engaged in the brewing business. From St. Louis he moved to Iowa, where he lived one year and then returned to St. Louis, where he lived two years and then came to Kansas. He was married in Leavenworth in 1857, to Miss Margareta Stahl, a native of Germany. They have one child, a daughter, Wilhelmina. Mr. S. owns a fine upland farm of 170 acres, all under fence, and seventy-five acres of which is under cultivation, the balance being timber land and covered mostly with walnut, hickory and black oak. His orchard covers seven acres and contains 300 apple, 150 peach and a few pear and cherry trees. He has also a fine vineyard, and grows all the best and different varieties. The improvements consist of two new four-roomed frame dwellings, two large frame barns, smoke houses, etc. The water supply is excellent, he having three wells and one cistern on his premises. Mr. Schroth rents 180 acres of his property, reserving only ten acres, on which he devotes principally to raising fruit, which he sells in the Leavenworth markets.

GEORGE SCHWEIZER, farmer and stock-raiser, P. O. Kickapoo, came to Kansas in October, 1856, first locating in Leavenworth, where he lived until 1864, and then removed

to his farm in Kickapoo Township, where he has since lived. He is Treasurer of School District No. 5, Leavenworth County, which office he has held for the past four years. He is a member of the Lutheran Church. Mr. Schweizer was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, April, 1810, and lived in his native place until his twenty-third year, when he emigrated to Canada West, settling near Fort Colburne, where they lived two years, and removed to Weston, Mo., where they lived one year, and then came to Kansas. He was married in Kickapoo Township, May 13, 1869, to Miss Elizabeth Catherine Schott, a native of Ohio. They have eight children living—Anna Mary, Frederick Carl, Elizabeth Catherine, John Mathias, George, Ernst August, Frederick and Andrew F. Mr. S. has a choice upland farm of seventy acres near the city of Kickapoo. He also owns twelve blocks in the city of Kickapoo, and two houses and lots in the city of Leavenworth. The farm is all enclosed and in cultivation. He had forty acres in wheat this season (1882), which yielded 945 bushels, and Richard covers ten acres and contains 500 apple trees, and about 100 peach trees. He also has a small vineyard, containing 300 vines. He devotes his time to raising grain, hogs and cattle. His residence is a new frame structure containing seven rooms, with all the modern conveniences, and is situated on a handsome and elevated site, commanding a fine view of the Missouri River, Weston, Mo., and a considerable extent of the Salt Creek Valley. From one point of his farm a good view can be obtained of the city of Atchison. His barn is a large new structure, and very conveniently arranged. The other buildings on the farm are a granary, smoke-house, etc. Mr. Schweizer is one of the progressive and model farmers of his country, and is noted for his thrift and industry.

EDWARD H. RAY, Justice of the Peace, Notary Public, Postmaster and Station Agent, M. P. R. K., Kickapoo, came to Kansas in April, 1855, first locating in the city of Leavenworth, where he resided about three months. From Leavenworth he came to the city of Kickapoo, where he has since resided. He has been Magistrate of the Township of Kickapoo for the past twenty-five years, Postmaster of the city of Kickapoo for twenty years, Notary Public for twenty years, Justice of the Peace for twenty years, and Station Agent for the city of Kickapoo by the M. P. R. K., which position he has held ever since. He was also the Mayor of the city of Kickapoo from 1858 to 1861. He was a staunch Union man, and during the war of the Rebellion acted as Deputy Provost Marshal of Kickapoo Township. Esquire Sharp was born in Brook County, Va., June 7, 1814, and lived in his native State until 1836, when he came to Leavenworth County, Ohio, where he lived two years, and from there went to Minnesota, where he lived three years, and from there to Iowa, where he lived four years, and from there came to Kansas. He was married in Kickapoo, in 1856, to Mrs. Lydia Smith, a native of Ohio. They had three children—Ella (married to F. O'Connell, a native of Missouri), George and William.

ANTON SPREITZER, farmer, P. O. Kickapoo, came to Kansas in the fall of 1856, locating in Brown County, where he lived nearly two years, and then removed to Kickapoo, Leavenworth County, where he has resided since. He is a member of the Catholic Church. He participated in the War of the Rebellion as a member of Company F, Fifteenth Regiment Kansas Cavalry, and enlisted in Kickapoo, in the summer of 1863, and was discharged at Fort Leavenworth in October, 1865. He took part in the Battle of Blue Creek, near Independence, Mo., during the Price Raid, and in an engagement near Westport, Mo., where he was thrown from his horse and severely injured, from the effects of which he has since been unable to do any manual labor. He was confined to the general hospital, where he was confined by his injuries for four long and weary months. He was subsequently sent home on a surgeon's leave of absence, and a short time thereafter was discharged from the service. Mr. Spreitzer was born in Austria, in 1824, and lived in his native place until 1853, when he emigrated to America and first settled in Fulton County, N. Y., where he lived and was engaged in farming until he came to Kansas. He was married in Fulton County, N. Y., in December, 1853, to Miss Victoria Kloppechar, a native of Wurtemberg, Germany. They have had eight children, five of whom are living—George, Henry, John, William and Stephen. Mr. Spreitzer is a resident of Leavenworth, where he lives with his wife and children. He was married to Peter Caldwell, a resident of Leavenworth, Joseph and Kate.

HENRY CLAY SQUIRES, farmer, stock and fruit raiser, P. O. Pleasant Ridge, came to Kansas in April, 1858, locating in Atchison County, where he resided two years, and then removed to Leavenworth County, where he has since lived. He was in every part of the Territory west of the slope of the Rocky Mountains. At the expiration of the time mentioned, Mr. S. returned to Kansas, locating on his farm in Kickapoo Township, where he has since resided. He was a member of the Kansas House of Representatives in 1875. He has been Notary Public for twenty years, and holds the office at present. Mr. Squires was born in Gallatin County, Ky., November 5, 1838, and lived in his native State until his sixth year, when his parents removed to Platte County, Mo., where he lived until he came to Kansas. He was married in Leavenworth County, March 3, 1870, to Miss Susan Squires, and lived in his native place until 1883, when he emigrated to Leavenworth County, where he has since lived. He has a fine upland farm of 100 acres, all enclosed and all in cultivation, except eighty acres, which is timber land. The orchard covers twenty-five acres, and contains 1,200 apple, 500 peach and 300 cherry trees. There is also an abundance of small fruits, such as strawberries, raspberries, blackberries and grapes. Mr. Squires has just erected on his place one of Plum Creek sugar, and is living in his place until 1883, when he emigrated to Leavenworth County, where he has since lived. He has a capacity of sixty bushels in twenty-four hours, and is being worked to its full capacity, and is giving perfect satisfaction. In 1882, owing to the lateness of the season, it was only used by Mr. S. for drying apples. In future it will be used for drying corn, vegetables and small fruits of all descriptions. Mr. Squires is a good and successful farmer, and has a good supply of water and plenty of living water. The improvements consist of an eleven-roomed cut-stone and brick mansion house, with capacious cellars, admirably situated on an elevation which commands a fine view of the surrounding country. The grounds surrounding the house are handsomely laid out, and all filled with evergreens, box elder, soft and hard maple, and walnut trees. There is also a large new frame barn, granary, wagon-shed, and a smoke-house and other farm buildings on the property. Mr. S. raises wheat, corn and oats. His wheat this year (1882), averaged twenty-five bushels to the acre, oats fifty bushels, and corn the same. Mr. Squires buys and sells live stock of all descriptions. He generally keeps on his farm 150 head of cattle, twelve horses and mules, and fifty head of hogs. He also raises and deals in thoroughbred cattle. Mr. Squires is, par excellence, a live and go-ahead farmer. He is noted for his genial qualities, and holds a position among his acquaintances that is pleasant to himself and to them.

WILLIAM L. SUTTON, Pastor in charge of the Kickapoo Circuit, came to Kansas April 4, 1879, locating at Atchison, where he resided until November 16, 1881, and then removed to Kickapoo, where he has since lived. He participated in the last war as a member of Company B, Fifteenth Regiment, New Jersey Volunteer Infantry, and enlisted at Flemington, N. J., August 9, 1862; was discharged for disability July 17, 1863, at the Chestnut Hill, Pa. He took part in the battle of Fairburn, and was severely wounded, and being taken sick shortly after this battle, was sent to the hospital, and discharged, as already stated. Mr. Sutton was born in Warren County, N. J., September 27, 1833, and lived in his native State until he came to Kansas. He was married in Warren County, N. J., July 9, 1856, to Miss Mary W. Dickey, a native of New Jersey. They have five children living, Ada E. and Charles W. Mr. Sutton is a faithful and zealous pastor, and much beloved by his flock.

NATHANIEL S. WARD, farmer and stock-raiser, P. O. Kickapoo, came to Kansas in March, 1858, and located in Kickapoo Township, where he has since resided. He has been School Overseer of District No. 2, Leavenworth County, for six terms, and member of the Board of District No. 34, of the same county, for three terms. He participated in the last war as a member of Company A, Seventeenth Kansas Volunteer Infantry, and enlisted in Atchison, Mo., January 21, 1863, to Miss Martha Bond, a native of Indiana. This marriage he became the father of thirteen children, of whom only two are living, John and Kate. The second marriage took place in Kickapoo Township, June 8, 1874, to Mrs. Martha Nichols, a native of Missouri. Mrs. Ward, by her first marriage, had four children, all of whom are living—Margaret Ann (married to Anos H. Hess, a native of Missouri, and a resident of Kansas City), Elizabeth (married to Charles Driskill, a native of Ohio, and a resident of Nessio County), Mary Emma (married to Charles B. Ward, a native of New York, and a resident of Kickapoo Township), and James B. Mr. Ward has a fertile bottom farm of forty acres, and a fine upland farm of 100 acres, all in cultivation. He has a choice orchard, which has 500 trees. Esq. Ward devotes his time to raising fruit, corn, wheat, cattle, and mules. The improvements on his farm consist of a frame dwelling house, stock stable, and other farm buildings. He harvested a fine crop of wheat this season (1882). Mr. Ward is one of the old settlers of Kickapoo Township, and is universally respected and esteemed by his neighbors.

EASTON.

In the early autumn of 1854, Andrew Dawson, Col. Wm. G. Mathias, Gen. L. J. Eastin and others located the village of "Eastin," its name being given in honor of the last named gentleman, the editor of the *Herald*. Through Governor Reeder's liking for his native town in Pennsylvania, "Easton," the "i" was dropped and the name of the village was spelled as it is now. Andrew J. Dawson was probably the first white settler in the township, having opened a ranch and store in 1852, near what was known as Dawson's Ford, the crossing of the Big Stranger on the Fort Riley road just above the bridge. Stephen Minard bought

out the Dawson place in 1855, settled in the village, and opened a hotel. S. F. Rhea having laid out and platted the town in March of that year. Mr. Rhea settled in the township in October, 1854. In December 1855, a post-office was established and Mr. Dawson appointed Postmaster. Samuel J. Kookage, after marrying Mrs. Dawson, also opened a ranch and store and did a flourishing business in Easton for several years. Among the other early settlers of the village and township may be mentioned: H. B. Gale (1854), Jackson Crane (1854), John Thornburg (1855), A. K. Adamson, Joshua Turner, Dr. Oliphant, Claude Oliphant, Wm. Kelsey, Robert Kelsey, Robert Bishop, Thomas Snoddy (1855), and Charles Foster (1855).

Easton has now a population of between seventy-five and one hundred people, has three church societies—Methodist Episcopal, Baptist, and Catholic—a Masonic Lodge (No. 45, forty members), two general stores, one blacksmith shop, and a grocery store.

The Baptists have a society numbering sixty members, under Rev. Mr. Hotchkiss.

The Methodists have a neat church building valued at \$1,000, the society being in charge of Rev. J. O. Roberts, of Osaloosa, and having a membership of twenty-five. The Catholics, in charge of Father B. Vanderlage, have a \$1,200 house of worship and a membership of about one hundred. He also has a charge in Alexandria Township.

At Round Prairie, in the same township, the Christian Church has quite a flourishing society and the Presbyterians have also an organization.

Easton is a rich farming township. There is also a flour and corn-meal mill on the Big Stranger, at Millwood. Its proprietor is Mrs. J. P. Rupp. She has some \$10,000 invested in the property.

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, is located in Easton Township, Leavenworth County, near the village of Millwood. It was incorporated by the State Authorities at Topeka, October 19, 1880. The structure is of frame 24x32 feet, and cost about \$300, which was contributed by the members of the congregation. The first trustees were Mrs. John Heim, Martin Nieman and Henry Meinert, who are still in office. The building was commenced in 1880 and completed the same year. The first services were held on Sunday, June 15, 1881, by the Rev. Mr. Meyer, of Leavenworth, who preached in the morning, and by the Rev. Mr. Zscheche, of Atchison, who officiated at the afternoon services. The congregation at present is without a pastor, but it is supplied in the mean time by a young and talented student, Ernst Kirchner, from Concordia College, Springfield, Ill., who in addition to preaching the Gospel, also has charge of the school, consisting of nineteen pupils, held in the same building.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES—EASTON TOWNSHIP.

E. K. ADAMSON, farmer, P. O. Easton, came to Kansas June 6, 1854, and located in Alexander Township, Leavenworth County, where he was engaged in farming and resided for ten years. He then removed to Easton Township in the same county where he has since lived. He was for fourteen years engaged in the general mercantile business in Easton. He has been clerk of Easton Township eight years and a member of the Board of School District No. 22, Leavenworth County, for fourteen years. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church (South). He is Senior Deacon of Easton Lodge, No. 45, A. F. & A. M. He was made a Master Mason in 1848, becoming a member of Ringo Lodge, No. 47, of New-Market, Mo. He was one of the charter members of Easton Lodge, and has held every office in this lodge except the highest. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Topeka. Mr. A. participated in the last war during the Price Raid as a member of Company D, Nineteenth Regiment Kansas Militia, and enlisted in the fall of 1864, at Easton, served fourteen days and was discharged at Leavenworth. He was born in Jefferson County, East Tennessee, July 12, 1822, and lived in his native State until 1831, when he removed to Saline County, Mo., where he lived one year and then removed to Ray County in the same State, where he resided until February, 1847, and then removed to Platte County, Mo., where he lived until he came to Kansas. He was married July 12, 1843, in Platte County, Mo., to Miss Rebecca Randolph, a native of Tennessee. They have had thirteen children, six of whom are living, viz: E. (married to Joshua Turner, a resident of Easton), Nancy (married to John Oliphant, a resident of Easton), Gales (married to Laura Evans, a native of Missouri), Grant, Christina and Robert. Mr. Adamson has a choice bottom farm of forty-seven acres which is all enclosed and all in cultivation. He has a small orchard which is well filled with apple and cherry trees. His place is well supplied with water, and has a good well, and the Dawson branch of Stranger Creek flowing through the west portion of his farm. The improvements consist of a comfortable frame dwelling house, stock barn, smoke house, etc. He had twenty acres in corn this year (1882), part of which averaged forty bushels to the acre and the remainder seventy-five bushels.

J. C. BAIRD, fruit-grower and shipper, Section 14, P. O. Easton, Leavenworth County, came to Kansas in April, 1861, locating on his farm in Easton Township, where he has since resided. He was Trustee of Easton Township two terms. He is a member of Easton Lodge, No. 45, A. F. & A. M., and of Union Post No. 6, G. A. R. of the city of Leavenworth. He participated in the war of the Rebellion as First Sergeant of Company C, Seventeenth Regiment Missouri Infantry, and enlisted in the city of St. Louis, Mo., August 23, 1861, and was mustered out November 15, 1861, at Fort Leavenworth. His regiment served mostly on the western frontier. Mr. Baird was born in Brown County, Ohio, March 11, 1836, and lived in his native State until his nineteenth year, when he left Ohio for the West. After residing in Missouri until the fall of 1853 he, with fifteen others, went to Pike's Peak. He remained there about two years and then returned to Ohio, and from there came to Kansas. He was married March 19, 1861, in St. Louis County, Ohio, to Miss Martha Tucker, a native of Ohio. They have five children living—Charles B., Ellen S., Eva B., William A., and Arthur C. Mr. B. owns a choice upland farm of thirty acres, all enclosed with an excellent hedge and under cultivation. The farm of which he is senior member (Ed. & Son) devote their attention exclusively to raising and shipping fruit. Their orchard covers about twenty-five acres and contains about 4,000 apple, 200 pear, cherry, quince and other fruit trees. They have six acres in small fruits—principally raspberries and blackberries—and about two acres in grapes. They use one of Zimmerman's No. 4 fruit and vegetable dryers. Its capacity is fifty bushels per day and it is driven to its fullest extent. They also make a specialty of manufacturing a superior article of pure elder vinegar, of which they average seventy-five barrels yearly. The improvements on the farm consist of a seven-room handsome frame cottage dwelling house two stories high, elegantly situated on an elevated site which commands a fine view of the surrounding country, the grounds being tastefully laid out and filled with evergreens, shrubbery and shade trees. There is also a fruit house 30 x 40 feet, with cellar, large stock barn, smoke house and other buildings on the property.

FRITZ HEINRICH BOLL, farmer and stock-raiser, Section 25, P. O. Millwood, came to Kansas in April, 1869, and located in the city of Leavenworth, where he lived two years and was in the Government employ. From there he removed to his farm in Easton Township, where he has resided since. He is a member of St. John's Lutheran Church. Mr. Boll was born in Holstein, Germany, September 3, 1835, and lived in his native country until his twenty-third year, when he emigrated to America and located in Cleveland, Ohio, where he lived one year and was engaged in farming. He then moved to Macoupin County, Ill., where he engaged in fruit raising and where he resided until he came to Kansas. Mr. Boll has been married twice. The first marriage took place in April, 1869, in St. Louis, to Miss Margareta LaFrance, a native of Holstein, Germany. She died in 1878 in Easton Township. The second marriage took place in Leavenworth City, January 15, 1880, to Miss Sophie Knorr, a native of Hungary. Mr. Boll has a fine upland farm of eighty acres, mostly enclosed, and sixty acres in cultivation. His orchard contains 100 apple and peach trees. He also has a small vineyard containing about fifty vines. The water supply is excellent. The improvements consist of a three-room frame dwelling house, stock stable, granary, corn crib and smoke house. He had fifteen acres in wheat this year (1882), which yielded 300 bushels and twenty-five acres in corn, which averaged forty bushels to the acre.

WILLIAM N. BORDEN, farmer and stock-raiser, Section 23, P. O. Easton, came to Kansas in the spring of 1843, and located in what is now Kickapoo Township, where he lived six months, and from there removed to Platte County, Mo., where he lived until July, 1844, when he returned to Kansas and located in the village of Easton, Leavenworth County, where he resided three years, and was engaged in the grocery business. From Easton

he removed to Denver, Colo., where he resided about one and a half years, and then returned to Easton. From there he removed to his farm in Easton Township, where he has resided since. He was for two years Supervisor of Easton Township for two years, and member of the Board of Supervisors of Leavenworth County, two years. He was a member of Easton Lodge, No. 45, A. F. & A. M., during the war of the Rebellion. Mr. Borden was engaged in freighting and furnishing cattle for the United States Government. He was born in Green County, Tenn., December 25, 1813, and lived in his native State until his eighteenth year, when, after spending a short time in Kentucky and Indiana, he went to Alabama, where he lived two years, and then removed to Platte County, Mo., where he lived twelve years, and then went to California, where he lived two years, and was engaged in mining and keeping a boarding-house. He then returned to Missouri to the isthmus of Panama and Havana, where, after remaining a short time, he came to Kansas. He was married in Platte County, Mo., May 15, 1839, to Miss Martha Adamson, a native of Tennessee. They have twelve children, five of whom are living—Bertha Ann (married to Robert Bishop, a native of Kentucky, and a resident of Easton, Leavenworth County), Jacob W. (a resident of Colorado), Samuel K. (a farmer, residing in Easton Township, married to Miss Mary Sparks, a native of Kansas), Nancy C. (married to Walter B. Townsend, a resident of the city of Atchison), and Robert S. Mr. Borden has an upland farm of 150 acres, all enclosed, and 100 acres of which are in cultivation. The balance of the timber land. His orchard covers five acres, and contains 250 apple, 500 peach, fifty cherry, and a number of pear and plum trees. There is also an abundance of small fruits and grapes. The farm is well supplied with water, having a good well and two large springs. The improvements consist of a four-room frame dwelling house, 18x32, with cellar; stock stable and granary 30x40, and other outbuildings.

JOHN L. BRISTOW, farmer, Section 26, P. O. Easton, came to Kansas, March 1, 1855, and located in Easton Township, Leavenworth County, where he has resided since. He has been Supervisor of the roads of Easton Township one term, member of the School Board of District No. 72, Leavenworth County, three terms. He is a member of the Old School Baptist Church, and was for two years member of the 11th Missouri Volunteer Company, A. Eleventh Regiment, Kansas Volunteers, and enlisted in Easton, in August, 1862, and was discharged at Fort Leavenworth, in September, 1865. He took part in the battles of Fort Wayne, Ark., Cane Hill, Prairie Grove, Lexington, Independence, Westport, and other minor engagements and skirmishes. He was born in Boone County, Ind., June 27, 1837, and was for two years a member of the 11th Missouri Volunteer Company, A. Eleventh Regiment, Warren County, Ind., where he remained through the winter. He was married in Easton Township, March 6, 1862, to Miss Missouri A. Wilburn, a native of Ohio. They have eight children living—William Francis, Ephraim Linsey, Mary Deliah, Joseph Albert, Eliza Ann, James Jesse, Lydia Alice, and John. Mr. Bristow has a small upland farm of forty acres, all enclosed, and 100 acres of which are in cultivation. The balance of the timber land, 300 peach, and twenty-five cherry trees. The water supply is excellent. The improvements consist of a small frame dwelling house, stock stable, smoke-house, and other outbuildings. He had twenty-five acres in corn this year, which averaged fifty bushels to the acre.

THOMAS B. CAULK, farmer, P. O. Easton, came to Kansas, January 1, 1863, locating in Kickapoo Township, Leavenworth County, where he lived five years, and then removed to Easton Township, of the same county, where he has resided since. He is a member of the Methodist Church. Mr. Caulk was in the United States service during the "Price Raid," in the 69th Iowa Infantry, a member of the Nineteenth Regiment, Kansas Militia, and enlisted in the fall of 1864, in Kickapoo Township, and was discharged with his regiment at Leavenworth, after serving eighteen days. Mr. C. also served a short time in the Confederate army, having been pressed into the Rebel service while residing in Arkansas, in 1861. He was born in Guilford County, N. C., September 6, 1828, and lived in his native State until he came to Kansas, where he resided for two years, and then removed to Leavenworth, where he resided for two years. From there he removed to Washington County, Ark., where he also lived seven years, and then came to Kansas. He was married in Morgan County, Tenn., May 4, 1855, to Miss Mary S. Goddard, a native of Tennessee. They have thirteen children, of whom nine are living—William Henry, John Milton, Juliana, Samuel Edith, Margaret Emma, Lydia Alice, Charles, and John. Mr. Caulk has a fine upland farm of 150 acres, which is mostly enclosed, and seventy acres of which are in cultivation. His orchard contains 180 apple and 100 peach trees. The water supply is good, there being two never-failing wells, and Jones Creek running through the northeast corner of his farm. The improvements consist of a good frame dwelling house, stock stable, and other farm buildings.

E. CLAY LINGER, farmer and stock-raiser, Section 30, P. O. Pleasant Ridge, came to Kansas in March, 1851, and located on his farm in Easton Township, where he has resided since. He was Road Overseer of District No. 1, Easton Township, two years. He is a member of the M. E. Church (South) and of Kickapoo Lodge No. 4, A. F. & A. M. He took part in the last war as a member of the 11th Missouri Volunteer Company, A. Eleventh Regiment, Kansas Militia, and enlisted in the "Price Raid," and enlisted in the fall of 1864 in the city of Leavenworth, served fourteen days, and was mustered out at Leavenworth. Mr. C. was born in Logan County, Ky., September 17, 1826, where he lived until 1851, and then removed to Platte County, Mo., where he resided until he came to Kansas. He was married in 1855 to Miss Mary A. Linger, a native of Indiana, a native of Kentucky. They have seven children living, whose names are: Rebecca Ann, Joseph (married to Miss Mattie Edwards, a native of Kansas), John W., Annie, Asa, Mary and Moses. Mr. C. has a fine upland farm of 360 acres in Easton Township, and also owns a small farm of forty acres in Jefferson County. The home farm is mostly enclosed and has over 200 acres in cultivation. The water supply is fair. The improvements consist of four acres, and contains 200 apple and fifty cherry trees. The improvements consist of a seven-roomed frame dwelling house with cellar, elegantly situated, and surrounded with evergreens and shade trees, stock stable, granary, corn-crib, stone smoke house with cellar, and other outbuildings. He had eighty acres in wheat this year (1882), which averaged twenty-five bushels to the acre, ten acres in oats which averaged thirty-seven bushels to the acre, and thirty acres in corn which averaged thirty bushels, ten acres in timothy and clover which yielded four tons to the acre. There are sixty acres in pasture and ten acres in meadow on the farm.

J. F. COLYER, farmer and stock-raiser, Section 6, P. O. Millwood, came to Kansas in August, 1855, and located on his farm in Easton Township, where he resided eleven years, and was principally engaged in the grain and forage business. From Leavenworth he moved to his farm in Easton Township, where he has resided since. Mr. Colyer is a member of Leavenworth Lodge No. 2, I. O. O. F. During the last war he was a member of the Home Guard. He was born in Rockcastle County, Ky., May 22, 1831, and lived in his native State until his twenty-third year, when he emigrated to Missouri, where he resided for two years, and then came to Kansas. He was married in Leavenworth County, January 1, 1855, to Miss Mary Orr, a native of Canada. They have two children: Thad and James O. His second marriage took place June 9, 1879, in Easton Township, to Mrs. Malvina Thompson, a native of Missouri. Mr. Colyer has a choice bottom farm of 160 acres, all enclosed and under cultivation. There is a small farm of 20 acres in the same township, which is excellent, consisting of a well, large ponds, springs and Big Stranger Creek flowing through the northwestern portion of the farm. The improvements consist of a fine ten-room frame dwelling house, frame barn 50x50 feet, and other outbuildings. Mr. C.'s corn this season (1882) will average sixty bushels to the acre.

BARBARA W. LILLISON, farmer, Section 24, P. O. Easton, came to Kansas in February, 1876, and located in Easton Township, where he has resided since. He was Road Supervisor of Easton Township three terms. He is a member of the Baptist Church and of Easton Lodge No. 45, A. F. & A. M. He participated in the last war as a member of Company K, Twenty-Fifth Missouri Militia, and enlisted in DeKalb, Mo., in the fall of 1862, and was discharged after serving one month at St. Joe. Shortly after his discharge he came to Kansas, where he resided until the September of the following year, when he returned to DeKalb, where he again entered the United States service as a member of Company K, Eighty-First Regiment Missouri Militia, and served until the close of the war. Mr. Ellison was born near Rushville, Rush Co., Ind., September 9, 1819, and lived in his native State until March 8, 1845, when his parents removed to DeKalb, Mo., where Mr. E. lived until he came to Kansas. He was married in 1860, in DeKalb, to Miss Nancy M. Clinkinbeard, a native of Missouri. They have one child, a daughter, Ivy Annie, the wife of S. A. Boberson, a native of Missouri and a resident of Nebraska. Mr. Ellison has a fine upland farm of eighty acres, mostly enclosed, thirty-five acres of which are under cultivation, the balance being timber and pasture land. The water supply is fair. There is a small orchard on the farm which is filled with apple, peach and cherry trees. The improvements consist of a stone dwelling house, stock barn and other outbuildings.

ROBERT FEVARY, farmer and stock-raiser, Section 24, P. O. Easton, came to Kansas in June 1868, locating on his farm in Easton Township, Leavenworth County, where he has resided since. He is a member of Easton Lodge No. 45, A. F. & A. M. He participated in the war of the Rebellion as a member of Company H, One Hundred and Fifth Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and enlisted in Pottsville, Pa., October 27, 1861, and was discharged at Petersburg, Va., October 28, 1862, and took part in the battles of Fair Oaks, Seven Days Fight, Second Bull Run, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, and numerous other engagements and skirmishes. Mr. Fevary was born in Germany November 16, 1837, but left his native country at a very early age with his parents who emigrated to America, and who located at Pottsville, Pa., where they lived about five years, and then removed to Six County, Pa., where they lived until Mr. F. attained his ninth year, when they removed to Jefferson County, in the same State, where Mr. F. lived until the breaking out of the Rebellion. After his discharge from the army he returned to Jefferson County, Pa., where he resided until he came to Kansas. He has been married twice. The first marriage took place in 1859, in the city of Leavenworth, to Miss Mary A. Behler, a native of Ohio. She died October 14, 1874. Three children were the result of this marriage—Ida, Emma and Joseph. The second marriage occurred November 23, 1875, in Easton Township, to Miss Maria McCarty, a native of Missouri. By this marriage they had four children, three of whom are living—Mollie, Edna, and Kate. Mr. Fevary has a fine prairie farm of 320 acres, all enclosed, 160 acres are in cultivation, the

balance being pasture land. The orchard covers five acres and contains 300 apple, 900 peach, 40 pear, and 30 plum trees. The farm is well supplied with water. The improvements consist of a four-roomed frame dwelling house, good barn, granary, smoke-house, etc. There is also a small tenant house on the place for the use of the farm hands.

ELI FITCH, farmer, P. O. Millwood, came to Kansas in February, 1858, and located in Kickapoo Township, where he has resided since. He is Constable of Easton Township. Mr. Fitch took part in the last war during the "Price Raid" as a member of Company I, Seventy-Ninth Regiment, Kansas Militia, and enlisted at Leavenworth in the fall of 1864, served fourteen days, and was discharged at Leavenworth. Mr. F. was born in Lewis County, Ky., September 11, 1843, and lived in the same county until he came to Kansas. He was married in Kickapoo Township, December 25, 1862, to Miss Elizabeth Willis, a native of Missouri. They have eight children—Nancy Jane, George Washington, John Newton, Benjamin Franklin, Samuel, Annie May, Dora Elizabeth, and Martin Luther. Mr. Fitch's corn averaged this year (1882) fifty bushels to the acre.

BARTHLOMEW GRIFFIN, laborer U. P. R. (K. C. Division), P. O. Easton, came to Kansas in November, 1878, locating at Fort Leavenworth, where he was a member of Company D, Twenty-Third Regiment United States Infantry. He enlisted in Boston, Mass., in October, 1875, served three years and six months—one year in Omaha, and the remainder of the time in Kansas—and was discharged for disability on account of injuries received while in the line of duty, at Fort Leavenworth in January, 1878, after his discharge from the army, he located in the city of Leavenworth, where he lived until the fall of 1881, when he removed to Easton Township, Leavenworth County, where he has resided since. Mr. Griffin was born in Lawrence, Mass., but lived there only six months when his mother left him for Ireland, where he lived until his fifteenth year, when he returned to the place of his nativity, where he lived four years, and then left for Worcester, Mass., where he lived one year. From Worcester he again returned to Lawrence, where he lived four years and then entered the United States Army. He is a member of the Catholic Church and of the United Sons of Freedom. He was married in the city of Leavenworth in July, 1878, to Miss Julia Carpenter, a native of the State of New York.

WILLIAM GRISWOLD, proprietor of Stranger Valley Mills, Millwood, came to Kansas October 14, 1877, and located in Millwood, where he has resided since. Mr. Griswold was born in Coahuila County, N. Y., October 14, 1849, and lived in his native State until 1868, when he removed to De Kalb County, Mo., where he resided until he came to Kansas. Mr. Griswold is the proprietor of the mill at Millwood, Leavenworth County. It is a custom and merchant mill, and has three run of burrs, first class machinery and facilities for doing good work. Owing to the scarcity of water the proprietor has, with his usual foresight, added an Atlas engine of forty horse-power to the other machinery of the mill, so that it can run at any stage of the water. The mill has a good run of custom, and the brands of flour and meal manufactured at this mill have received and continue to receive the favorable patronage of the public. The brands of flour manufactured are "The Stranger Valley Water Mills," "Stranger Valley Steam Mills," and "Stranger Valley O. K." Mr. Griswold is a young and energetic business man, and is well spoken of by patrons and friends.

LEONIDAS GWARDNEY, farmer, Section 36, P. O. Millwood, came to Kansas with his parents April 1, 1852, locating near Easton, where he resided five years, and then moved to near Millwood in the same county, where he lived four years, and then left for Butler County, where he resided eleven years. From there he removed to Vernon County, Mo., where he lived six months, and then returned to Kansas, locating on his farm in Easton Township, where he has resided since. He was Road Overseer of Milton Township, Butler County, two years, and member of the Board of School District No. 84, Butler County, four years. He is a member of the German Church, German Township, Butler County, Mo., October 24, 1847, and lived in his native State until he came to Kansas. He was married in January, 1871, in Easton, to Miss Colona Turner, a native of Leavenworth County. They have three children—Emmett, Emma and Milton. Mr. Gwardney has a small bottom farm of forty acres, which is all enclosed and cultivated. There is a young orchard on the farm, which contains 100 apple and fifty peach trees. The water supply is good, consisting of springs and Evan's Branch of the Big Stranger Creek, flowing through the south side of the farm. The improvements consist of a new three-roomed frame dwelling house, a stock stable and other outbuildings. His wheat this year (1882) averaged twenty-two bushels to the acre, and his corn fifty bushels to the acre.

OSHUA HALL, farmer, Section 27, P. O. Easton, came to Kansas in August, 1854, locating near Easton, where he lived two years, and then removed to his farm in Easton Township, where he has resided since. He has been a member of the School Board six years—three years in District 14, and three in District 72. He is a member of the Christian Church, and has been a member of the First Baptist Church, Easton, for twenty years. He is a member of the Nineteenth Regiment Kansas Militia. He enlisted in the fall of 1864, served fourteen days, and was discharged in the city of Leavenworth. Mr. Hall was born in Patrick County, Va., January 10, 1825, and lived in his native State until his twenty-fifth year. He then removed to Platte County, Mo., where he lived four years, and then came to Kansas. He was married in Easton, in August, 1857, to Miss Sarah Ann, daughter of George W. Parker. They have thirteen children living, whose names are: Ruth Jane, Martha Ann, William Parker, Lydia Elizabeth, Mary Drusilla, Lucy Angeline, Susan Ellen, Daniel Jackson, John Franklin, Joshua Henry, James Ewell, Joseph Peyton and Jesse Abel. Mr. Hall has an upland farm of 160 acres, all enclosed and mostly in cultivation. The water supply is good. There are two fine streams on the farm, one of which is called the "Big Stranger" creek, twenty-five cherry and twelve pear trees. There is also an abundance of small fruit. The improvements consist of a story and a half four-roomed frame dwelling house, stock stable and other outbuildings. His wheat this year (1882) averaged thirty bushels to the acre. He had also this season twenty-five acres in corn, which averaged fifty bushels to the acre.

REV. BERNARD J. HAYDEN, Pastor St. Lawrence Catholic Church, Easton, and Pastor in charge of St. Joseph's Church, Salt Creek Valley, and St. Patrick's Church, Springdale; came to Kansas in August, 1866, locating in Topeka, where he attended the Seminary of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin, and where he resided until April, 1869. He then removed to the city of Leavenworth, where he resided until he was ordained in Columbus, Ohio, by Bishop Rosencranz. After his ordination he went to Soloman City, Dickinson County, where he had charge of the mission extending from Abilene to Kif Carson, in Colorado. He continued in charge of this mission until January, 1871, when, owing to failing eyesight, he went to Roscomon, Indiana, where he remained until August, 1871, and then returned to Leavenworth, where he has since resided. He lived until he came to Easton. Father Hayden was born in Roscomon, Indiana, in March, 1847, where he completed his classical course of studies, and lived in his native city until April 4, 1864, when he left Ireland for America, locating in Milwaukee, Wis., where he entered St. Francis Seminary, and pursued a theological course, and was ordained in August, 1866, when he came to Kansas, locating in Topeka, where he already stated, here he completed his studies in June, 1868. He then taught in the Seminary of the Assumption until 1869.

JAMES HAYS, farmer, P. O. Easton, came to Kansas in the fall of 1860, and located in Jefferson County, where he lived two years, and then removed to Buchanan County, Mo. While residing there he entered the United States service as a private in Company C, Fifteenth Regiment Kansas Cavalry. He enlisted at Fort Leavenworth, in 1863, served nearly three years, and was discharged at Fort Leavenworth. After his return from the army he removed to Atchison County, where he remained about two years, and then removed to Easton Township, Leavenworth County, where he has resided since. He is a member of the Baptist Church. He was born in Jackson County, Mo., October 28, 1831, where he lived until his eighth year, when his parents removed to Cole County, Mo., where they lived four years, and then removed to Buchanan County, in the same State, where Mr. Hays lived twelve years; from there he went to Santa Fe, New Mexico, where he was engaged in driving team for the Government contractors during the Mexican war. He was then engaged one summer, and then returned to his home in Buchanan County, where he lived three years, and was engaged in the grocery business. He then went to California, where he was engaged in mining and prospecting for one year, and then again returned to Buchanan County, where he lived one year, and then returned to California, where he remained until the fall of 1850, when he returned to Missouri, stayed a short time, and then came to Kansas. He was married in July, 1850, to Miss Elizabeth Brock, a native of Tennessee. They have had ten children, eight of whom are living—Sarah Frances, married to Wesley Chambers, a resident of Jackson County; Rose Althia, Robert, William, John, Matthew and George.

MICHAEL HENNESSY, farmer and stock-raiser, Section 26, P. O. Easton, came to Kansas in May, 1857, locating in the city of Leavenworth, where he lived five years, and then removed to Kickapoo Township, where he lived six years, and from there removed to his farm in Easton Township, where he has resided since. He is a member of St. Lawrence's Catholic Church, Easton, where he has resided since. He is a member of the Nineteenth Regiment Kansas Militia, and enlisted in Easton in the fall of 1864, served forty-eight days, and was mustered out at Fort Leavenworth. Mr. Langley was born in Ohio County, Tenn., August 17, 1825, and lived in his native State until 1846, when he removed to West Virginia County, Mo., where he lived until 1849, and then removed to Phillips County, Ark., where he lived until he came to Kansas. He was married in Phillips County, Ark., June 16, 1853, to Miss Elizabeth Langley, a native of Tennessee. They have had ten children, seven of whom are living—Thomas M., Mary Frances (married to S. C. Hill, a farmer, residing in Clark County, Mo.), Susan, Mattie E., John, Lydia A. and Theodore. Mr. Langley has a fine upland farm of 150 acres, all enclosed and mostly in cultivation, and the remainder meadow land. The water supply is excellent. His orchard contains 180 apple, thirty cherry, and twenty-five peach trees. His residence is surrounded by handsome evergreens and shrubbery.

G. H. LOUGHMILLER, farmer, P. O. Easton, came to Kansas in April, 1857, and located in Easton Township, where he has resided since. He is a member of the Nineteenth Regiment Kansas Militia, and enlisted in his native State but a short time when his parents removed to Kansas, locating in Easton. His father was still living, for years engaged in the mercantile business in Easton. His mother is still living.

WILLIAM HICKS, farmer and stock-raiser, Section 15, P. O. Easton, came to Kansas April 8, 1864, locating in Easton Township, where he has resided ever since. He has been a member of the School Board, of District No. 23, Leavenworth County, two years. He participated in the last war as a member of the militia, in the "John Morgan Raid," in Ohio in 1863. Mr. Hicks was born in Meigs County, Ohio, February 28, 1822, and lived in his native State until 1846, when he came to Iowa, where he resided for two years, and then returned to Ohio, where he remained until he came to Kansas. He has been married three times. The first marriage took place March 9, 1849, in Ohio, to Miss Salina M. Minard, a native of Ohio. Two children were the result of this marriage, one of whom is living—John A. Hart. The second marriage occurred October 27, 1853, in Meigs County, Ohio, to Miss Elizabeth E. Minard, a native of Ohio. The third marriage took place in 1857, in Gallia County, Ohio, to Miss Mary Jane Siders, a native of Ohio. By this marriage they have had nine children, eight of whom are living—Mary Louisa (died October 18, 1875), Nancy Alice, Minerva Maria, Nellie da Viola, George D., Leslie W., Elzie Ellsworth, Benjamin W., and Mandy Myrtle. Mr. Hicks has a fine upland farm of 160 acres, adjoining the celebrated Knapp Kasper farm. It is all enclosed, and has 110 acres in cultivation, the balance being timber and pasture land. The water supply cannot be excelled, there being two wells, and the Dawson Branch of Stranger Creek flowing through the south part of the farm. The U. P. R. R. (K. C. Division) runs across the south part of the property. The improvements consist of a three-roomed, frame dwelling, stock stable, etc.

ROBERT A. JEFFERS, farmer, Section 19, P. O. Easton, came to Kansas, May 8, 1864, locating in the village of Easton, where he has since lived. He then removed to his farm in Easton Township, where he has since lived. He was Road Overseer of District No. 5, Easton Township, two years; Justice of the Peace of the same township, six years; Postmaster of Easton, six years; Notary Public for fifteen years and holds the office at present. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and Easton Lodge, No. 48, A. F. & M. This lodge was founded eighteen years ago, and Mr. Jeffers has been its Worshipful Master for sixteen years. He participated in the war of the Rebellion as a member of Capt. Smalley's Company of the Twelfth Missouri Enrolled Militia. He enlisted in the spring of 1861, in Mercer County, Mo., and was discharged at Princeton, Mercer Co., Mo., in April, 1864. Mr. K. was born in Knox County, East Tennessee, April 7, 1825, and lived in his native State until 1842, when he removed to Davis County, Mo., where he lived two years, and from there removed to Mercer County (then Grundy County), Mo., in April, 1844, where he resided until he came to Kansas. He was married in Mercer County, Mo., in 1847, to Miss Paulina Jane Foster, a native of Kentucky. They have nine children living, whose names are—Mary E., married to S. B. Randolph, a native of Missouri, and a resident of Jefferson County; Amanda E., married to Robert N. McClure, a native of Ohio, and a resident of Easton Township; Sarah Jane, married to William M. Smith, a native of Missouri, and a resident of Kickapoo Township; Eliphah W., married to Miss Dora Sparks, a native of Missouri; James Henry; Rebecca Ann, married to Daniel Polley, a native of Ohio, and a resident of Leavenworth County; Martha C.; John A., and Florence B. Mr. Kelsey's farm contains 100 acres, eighty acres under cultivation, and the balance being timber and pasture land. It is all enclosed and has sixty acres in cultivation, the balance being timber and pasture land. The water supply is good. The orchard covers three acres and contains 225 apple, fifty cherry, 200 peach and twenty-five pear and plum trees. There is also an abundance of small fruits on the farm. The improvements consist of a four-roomed frame dwelling, stock stable, granary, corn crib and other outbuildings. Mr. K. had twenty-five acres in corn this year (1882) which averaged forty bushels to the acre.

FREDERIC KNOLLMAN, farmer, Section 36, P. O. Millwood, came to Kansas March 1, 1867, locating in Leavenworth County, where he has resided since. He has been a member of the Board of School District No. 6, Leavenworth County, for two years, and is a member of the German Church, German Township, Leavenworth County, Mo. He was born in Dearborn County, Ind., February 7, 1844, and lived in his native State until 1865, when he removed to Platte County, Mo., where he lived until he came to Kansas. He was married in the city of Leavenworth, February 11, 1869, to Miss Clara Newman, a native of Hanover, Germany. They have four children—John Henry, Gustav Martin, Mary L. and Louisa. Mr. Knollman has an upland farm of 120 acres, all enclosed and mostly under cultivation. There is a small apple orchard on the farm containing 125 bearing apple trees. The water supply is fair. The improvements consist of a three-roomed frame dwelling house, stock stable, granary and other outbuildings. He had thirty acres in corn this year (1882) which averaged forty bushels to the acre. His oats averaged thirty-five bushels to the acre.

MICHAEL LAKNER, dealer in general merchandise, came to Kansas in October, 1863, and located in the city of Leavenworth, where he resided ten years, and was engaged at working at his trade as a millwright. From Leavenworth he removed to Millwood, where he resided five years, and then engaged in the mercantile business in Easton. Mr. Lakner is a member of the Catholic Church. He participated in the last war as Second Lieutenant of Company H, Fifth Missouri Cavalry; enlisted in March, 1861, at St. Joseph, Mo., and was discharged at the same place in the fall of 1863. He took part in the battle of Wilson's Creek, and numerous other minor engagements. At the battle of Lexington, Mo., Mr. Lakner was captured by the rebels, and held in prison for two months, and then was paroled. After his discharge from the army he came to Kansas and subsequently re-enlisted in the fall of 1864, during the "Price Raid," and was mustered into service as Second Lieutenant of Company H, Seventy-Ninth Kansas Militia. He enlisted in the city of Leavenworth, served two months, and was discharged at Fort Leavenworth. Mr. Lakner has a fine upland farm of 160 acres, all enclosed and mostly in cultivation, and his twenty-eighth year, when he emigrated to America and first located in New York City. Here he was engaged as a pattern-maker. While residing in his native country, he did duty in the German army, as a member of the Seventh Company, Sixth Regiment, and participated in the Schleswig-Holstein Campaign. From New York City he removed to Madison, Ind., where he resided until he came to Kansas. Mr. Lakner is a practical millwright and has built some of the best mills in Kansas, among which are Koehler's Mill, in the city of Leavenworth, Reeder's Mill, in the Valley Falls, and Rapp's Mill, in Millwood. Mr. Lakner was married twice. The first marriage took place in the fall of 1852 in Wurttemberg, Germany, to Miss Johanna Carolina, a native of Germany. They have three children—Maggie, Rosa, and Michael. Mr. L. does a large and thriving trade, which is constantly increasing.

MICHAEL LANGLEY, farmer and stock-raiser, Section 11, P. O. Easton, came to Kansas in April, 1854, locating on his farm in Easton Township, where he has resided since. He took part in the war of the Rebellion, as a member of the Second Kansas Regiment. He enlisted in the fall of 1862, served one month and was mustered out at Fort Leavenworth. He subsequently re-entered the service at the "Price Raid" in 1864, as a member of Company B, Nineteenth Regiment Kansas Militia, and served sixteen days, and was discharged at Kansas City. He was born in Ashe County, N. C., July 22, 1818, and lived in his native State until his seventh year, when his parents removed to East Tennessee, where he lived until his twenty-first year and then removed to Page County, Iowa, where he lived twelve years, and then came to Kansas. He was married in Nodaway County, Mo., in December, 1851, to Miss Lydia Agnes Price, a native of North Carolina. They have had twelve children, of whom eleven are living—James Milton (married to Lillie Adamson, a native of Kansas); Anna Jane (widow of Nicholas Wood, a native of Missouri); John (died in January, 1882); John Alonzo, William Thomas, Nancy Elizabeth (married to Frederick Stronck, a native of Michigan), a resident of Easton Township; Rachael Ellen, Lorenzo Dow, Sarah Matilda, Mary May, Lucy Hattie, and Isaac Linza. Mr. Langley has a fine upland farm of 158 acres, all enclosed, and 100 acres in cultivation, the balance being timber and pasture land. The orchard covers three acres and contains 300 apple, 100 peach and fifty cherry trees. The water supply is good, there being two good wells, a number of springs and Buttermill Creek flowing through the northeastern section of the farm. The improvements consist of a five-roomed frame dwelling, large barn, granary, corn crib, and other outbuildings. He had thirty-five acres in wheat this year (1882), which yielded thirty bushels to the acre; forty-five acres in corn, which averaged fifty bushels; eight acres in flax, which averaged twelve bushels to the acre, and five acres in millet.

SILAS LANGLEY, farmer and carpenter, Section 14, P. O. Easton, came to Kansas April 27, 1858, locating in Easton Township, where he has since resided. He has been Constable of Easton Township six terms, Road Overseer of District No. 7, same township, four terms, and a member of the Board of School District No. 23, Leavenworth County, two terms. He participated in the last war during the "Price Raid" as a member of Company M, Nineteenth Regiment Kansas Militia, and enlisted in Easton in the fall of 1864, served forty-eight days, and was mustered out at Fort Leavenworth. Mr. Langley was born in Ohio County, Tenn., August 17, 1825, and lived in his native State until 1846, when he removed to West Virginia County, Mo., where he lived until 1849, and then removed to Phillips County, Ark., where he lived until he came to Kansas. He was married in Phillips County, Ark., June 16, 1853, to Miss Elizabeth Langley, a native of Tennessee. They have had ten children, seven of whom are living—Thomas M., Mary Frances (married to S. C. Hill, a farmer, residing in Clark County, Mo.), Susan, Mattie E., John, Lydia A. and Theodore. Mr. Langley has a fine upland farm of 150 acres, all enclosed and mostly in cultivation, and the remainder meadow land. The water supply is excellent. His orchard contains 180 apple, thirty cherry, and twenty-five peach trees. His residence is surrounded by handsome evergreens and shrubbery.

G. H. LOUGHMILLER, farmer, P. O. Easton, came to Kansas in April, 1857, and located in Easton Township, where he has resided since. He is a member of the Nineteenth Regiment Kansas Militia, and enlisted in his native State but a short time when his parents removed to Kansas, locating in Easton. His father was still living, for years engaged in the mercantile business in Easton. His mother is still living.

ROBERT N. McCLEURE, farmer and stock-raiser, Section 15, P. O. Easton, came to Kansas in June, 1861, and located in the city of Leavenworth, where he resided four years, and was engaged part of the time in clerking in a grocery store, and the remainder of the time was working at his trade as a marble-cutter. From there he removed to Whitehall, Ill., where he lived about three months, and was working at his trade. From Illinois he went to the city of Chicago, Ill., where he resided about a year, and then to the city of St. Louis, Mo., where he received an appointment as express messenger between that place and Cincinnati, Ohio, on the Indianapolis, Cincinnati & Lafayette R. R. He was thus engaged eight months, and then returned to Kansas, locating on his farm in Easton Township, where he has resided ever since. He participated in the war of the Rebellion as a member of McCullin's First Ohio Independent Battery, at Camp Chase, Ohio, in July, 1861, and was released in December, 1863, and still suffers from the hardships and privations he endured while a prisoner. Mr. McCleure was born in Muskingum County, Ohio, February 19, 1841, and lived in his native State until 1861, when he entered the United States Army. After his discharge from the service he remained a short time in his native State, and then came to Kansas. He was married in Easton Township, November 27, 1873, to Miss Amanda E. Kelsey, a native of Missouri. They have three sons—Thomas Craig, James K. and John N. Mr. McCleure has an upland farm of 160 acres, all enclosed, and 100 acres in cultivation, the remainder being timber and pasture land. The water supply cannot be excelled. There is a fine well on his farm which contains all the constituents which go to make up a first-class mineral water. There are also a number of mineral springs on the property. Dawson's Branch of the Grand River flows through the northern portion of the property. The improvements consist of a comfortable five-roomed frame dwelling house, frame barn, 18x30, 16 feet high, granary, corn-crib, smoke-house, etc. There is also a small tenement house on the premises. Mr. McCleure's wheat this season (1882), averaged twenty-two bushels to the acre, his oats fifty, and his corn fifty. Mr. McC. pays particular attention to raising good stock of all descriptions, and in the near future intends to engage in the business on a more extensive scale. He has now some of the finest poultry in Leavenworth County, among which are a superior strain of the buff cockin variety, for which he is filling orders almost every week.

JAMES H. McGEE, general merchant, Easton, came to Kansas in October, 1860, locating in Atchison Township, where he lived and was engaged in farming until March, 1863, when he removed to Easton, Leavenworth County, and embarked in his present business. He was Trustee of Alexander Township for five years in succession. He is the Postmaster of Easton. He is a member of Easton Lodge No. 45, A. F. & A. M. He participated in the war of the Rebellion during the "Price Raid" as a member of Company E, Nineteenth Regiment Kansas Militia, and was discharged at the same place after serving fourteen days. Mr. McGee was born in Rush County, Ind., April 21, 1814, and lived in his native State until he came to Kansas. He has been married twice. The first marriage took place in Easton Township, Leavenworth County, in 1872, to Miss Mary Jones, a native of Missouri. She died in 1873. His second marriage took place in Atchison Township, Leavenworth County, in the fall of 1884, and was discharged at the same place after serving fourteen days. Mr. McGee was born in Rush County, Ind., April 21, 1814, and lived in his native State until he came to Kansas. He has been married twice. The first marriage took place in Easton Township, Leavenworth County, in 1872, to Miss Mary Jones, a native of Missouri. She died in 1873. His second marriage took place in Atchison Township, Leavenworth County, in the fall of 1884, and was discharged at the same place after serving fourteen days. Mr. McGee was born in Rush County, Ind., April 21, 1814, and lived in his native State until he came to Kansas. He has been married twice. The first marriage took place in Easton Township, Leavenworth County, in 1872, to Miss Mary Jones, a native of Missouri. She died in 1873. His second marriage took place in Atchison Township, Leavenworth County, in the fall of 1884, and was discharged at the same place after serving fourteen days.

GOTTLIEB MAIER, farmer and stock-raiser, Section 8, P. O. Millwood, came to Kansas in March, 1856, locating in Leavenworth Township, Leavenworth County, and was engaged in freighting. From Leavenworth he removed to Easton Township, where he located on his farm and where he has resided since. He has been Treasurer of the Board of School District No. 11, Leavenworth County, three years, and is at present Treasurer of Easton Township. During the late war he was engaged in freighting for the government. Mr. Maier is a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church. He was born in the city of St. Louis, Germany, January 13, 1831, and lived in his native country until his twenty-second year, when he emigrated to America and located in Martin County, Ind., where he lived five years and was engaged as a section foreman on the Ohio and Mississippi R. R. From Indiana he came to Kansas. Mr. Maier was married in Louisville, Ky., March 2, 1850, to Miss Johanna Kinninger, a native of Prussia. They have three children, two boys and one girl, living. Lanza, married to Stephen Gwartney, a native of Kansas and a farmer residing in Easton Township, Frederick, and Louisa. Mr. Maier has two farms, one of 255 acres, seventy-five acres being bottom land and the remainder upland. Farm No. 2 contains ninety acres, mostly bottom. These farms are all enclosed and mostly cultivated; the orchard on the home farm covers ten acres and contains 20 young and thirty bearing apple trees, seventy-five cherry trees, there are also a few pear trees; the vineyard on the same which contains about 500 vines of the choicest varieties. The water supply is good, consisting of a never failing well-spring and Buchanan Branch of Stranger Creek, which never runs dry, flows never through the center of the farm. The improvements consist of a six-roomed frame dwelling house, elegantly situated and surrounded by fruit and shade trees, a large frame barn, 20x36 feet, granary, smoke house, and other outbuildings. He has twenty-five acres in wheat this year (1882) which averaged twenty-five bushels to the acre, thirteen acres in corn which averaged ninety bushels, ten acres in meadow which averaged two tons of timothy hay to the acre. He has also 160 acres of pasture land, in the northeast quarter of Section 1, Township 9, Range 20, well fenced and well set in blue grass, and has an everlasting spring on it, where he keeps his stock through the summer.

J. H. SEEVER, farmer and stock-raiser, Section 2, P. O. Pleasant Ridge, came to Kansas, October, 1854, and located in the city of Leavenworth, where he resided six years, and then removed to the city of Atchison, where he lived two years, from Atchison he removed to his farm in Easton Township, where he has resided ever since. He is a member of Kickapoo Lodge, No. 4, A. F. & A. M. He was the member of the City Council of Leavenworth, a member of the Kansas Legislature two terms; sessions of 1875-76 and 1881-82, and commissioner of Leavenworth County one term. He participated in the late war in the Price raid as Second Lieutenant of Capt. James A. Henderson's company, Nineteenth Regiment Kansas Militia, and enlisted in Leavenworth in the fall of 1864, served fourteen days and was mustered out of service in the same city. He was born in the city of Atchison, where he resided until his twenty-second year when he removed to Warrick County, Ind., where he resided two years, and from there removed to Iowa, where he resided ten years and then came to Kansas. He was married in the city of Atchison, January 24, 1861, to Miss Julia M. Sessions, a native of Allegany County, N. Y.; they have six children living, Hattie, Edward, Kittie, Maggie, Lorenzo Bard, and William. Mr. Seever has a fine upland farm of 116 acres, all enclosed and all under cultivation. The water supply is good and consists of wells and cisterns. His orchard covers five acres, and contains 500 bearing apple, 100 peach and a few pear and cherry trees. The improvements consist of a six-roomed frame dwelling house, elegantly situated and surrounded with evergreen and shade trees, frame barn 20x36 feet, granary, smoke house, and other outbuildings. He has fifty acres in wheat this year (1882) which averaged twenty-five bushels to the acre, thirteen acres in oats which averaged forty bushels to the acre, fifteen acres in corn which averaged thirty-five bushels to the acre, six acres in timothy and clover which averaged three tons to the acre. His apple crop yielded 500 bushels; the section of the country in which Mr. Seever lives has clayey soil and is particularly adapted for raising wheat and apples. From the city of Atchison to the city of Leavenworth is almost a continuous orchard, and the best grades of wheat sold in Leavenworth markets come from Walnut Township, Atchison County, and Kickapoo and Easton Townships in Leavenworth County.

JAMES W. MOSIER, laborer, U. P. R. R., K. C. Division, P. O. Easton, came to Kansas in the spring of 1861, and located in Easton, Leavenworth County, where he has resided since. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Mosier was born in De Kalb County, Mo., April 6, 1856, and lived in his native State until his fifth year, when his parents removed to Kansas. He is a young man of exemplary character, and is well spoken of by all who know him.

D. O. LIBERTY, farmer and stock dealer, P. O. Easton, came to Kansas in August, 1856, locating in Easton Township, Leavenworth County, where he has resided since. He was a member of the State Legislature, session of 1877-78. Was Trustee of Easton Township three years and Justice of the Peace of the same township, one term. He is a member of Easton Lodge No. 45, A. F. & A. M. He was in the United States service during the "Price Raid" as a member of Company E, Nineteenth Regiment Kansas Militia, and enlisted in Easton Township in the fall of 1864, and was discharged from the service in the same township after serving fourteen days. Mr. Liberty was born in De Soto County, Miss., August 17, 1841, and lived in his native State until his fourth year, when his parents removed to Plateau County, Mo., from whence Mr. O. came to Kansas. He was married in November, 1868, in Easton Township, Leavenworth County, to Miss Rowena A. Brown, a native of Missouri. They have five children—Leona, John C., Lola, Josephine and Roscoe.

LIBERTY PRENTICE, farmer, Section 13, P. O. Easton, came to Kansas in the fall of 1861, locating at Valley Falls, where he resided until 1874, when he removed to a farm in Easton Township, Leavenworth County, where he has resided since. He is a member and former pastor of the Methodist Church, and is at present a member of the Kansas conference. During the war of the Rebellion he was a member of the Home Guards. Mr. Prentice was born in Aurora, Erie Co., N. Y., July 9, 1815, and lived in his native State until his twenty-second year, when he removed to Wayne County, Ohio where he entered the

itinerancy of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He traveled in this capacity in various States and finally in 1861 came to Kansas. Owing to ill health was obliged to give up the work; in 1863 he again engaged in the same labors; but at the end of two and a half years was obliged to relinquish his pastoral work. He then went to farming, in which he has since been engaged. Mr. Prentice has been married twice. The first marriage occurred in the city of Aurora, N. Y., to Mrs. Abigail Prentice, a native of Erie Co., N. Y. Eight children were the result of this marriage, of whom six are living—Mary E., married to Norman F. Hewitt, editor and publisher of the Review, Clifton, Washington County; Maria H., married to Deacon William Crosby, a merchant and farmer residing in Valley Falls; Hubbard E., a farmer residing in Washington County, married to Miss Eliza Norman, a native of Ohio; Lucy E., married to Samuel C. Hart, a farmer residing at Strawberry, Washington County; William F., a merchant married to Miss A. A. Hart, a native of Washington County; William F., a merchant residing at Clifton, Washington County, married to Miss Gertrude Foster, a native of Illinois. The second marriage took place in Easton, Leavenworth County, in March, 1874, to Mrs. Melinda Orr, a native of Kentucky. The upland farm on which Mr. Prentice resides contains 110 acres; it is all enclosed and has sixty acres under cultivation; the balance being timber and pasture land. The orchard contains 1200 apples of the choicest varieties. The improvements consist of an eight-roomed frame dwelling house, barn, granary, corn crib and other outbuildings. Mr. Prentice is a born mechanic and makes good use of his facilities, he having invented several useful and practical articles of farm machinery, which are in daily use on his farm. He is a sincere Christian and a thorough gentleman and scholar.

Mrs. LOUISE C. RAPP, widow of John Jacob Rapp, Section 6, P. O. Millwood; he came to Kansas in the spring of 1852, and first located in the city of Leavenworth, where he lived six months, and from there removed to Cedar Creek, Jackson County, where he lived one year, then returned to Douglas County, where they lived two years, and from there removed to Millwood, where Mr. Rapp erected the "Stranger Valley Mills" in 1859, and continued to operate until his death in 1877. The mill is a three-story building, containing three runs of burrs; it is operated by both water and steam power, and has a good run of custom. While Mr. Rapp was living he held the office of Road Overseer of Easton Township one year, and was Treasurer of the Board of School District No. 6, Leavenworth County, for two years. He was a member of the Lutheran Church and of the I. O. of O. F. Mr. Rapp was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, in February, 1813; lived in his native country until his twentieth year, and then emigrated to America and located in New York City, where he resided about two years; he then removed to Philadelphia, Pa., where he lived two years and then removed to Tuscarawas County, Ohio, where he lived one year, and from there came to Kansas. Mr. Rapp was married July 11, 1857, in Trenton, Ohio, to Miss Louisa Rapp, a native of Wurtemberg, Germany. They had nine children, four of whom are living—Miss Sarah, a native of Germany, married to John F. Schaefer, a native of Germany and a resident of Millwood, Katie B. and John R. Mrs. Rapp owns a fine bottom farm of forty-three acres, lying near Millwood, all enclosed, and has thirteen acres in cultivation. The orchard covers one acre and contains 100 peach and apple trees. The water supply is good, consisting of three good wells and Big Stranger Creek flowing through the farm. The improvements consist of a four-roomed frame dwelling house, large frame granary, corn-crib and other outbuildings. The corn on this farm this season (1882) will average seventy-five bushels to the acre. There is also one acre of vineyard on the property which has a large number of vines of the latest varieties. The grapes are sold in the markets of Millwood and manufactured into wine.

AUGUST SCHARNHORST, dealer in general merchandise, Millwood, came to Kansas in October, 1881, and located in Millwood, where he has resided since. Mr. Schaefer is a member of the Catholic Church. He took part in the war of the rebellion as a member of Company F, Third Regiment Missouri Infantry, and enlisted at St. Louis, April 14, 1861, and was discharged at St. Louis in August, 1865. He participated in the battles of Camp Jackson, Carthage, Wilder's Creek, Pea Ridge, Helena, Corinth, Vicksburg and many other minor engagements. He was wounded severely at Pea Ridge. Mr. S. was born in Limburg, Nassau, Germany, January 25, 1828, and lived in his native country until June, 1853, when he emigrated to America and first located in New Orleans, where he lived two years and was engaged in teaching school and working at his trade. From there he went to St. Louis, where he resided one year, and then removed to Leavenworth, where he was engaged as a clerk in the tinware establishment of his uncle. From there he came to Kansas. He was married in the city of Leavenworth, August 2, 1876, to Miss Annie Zunnwinkel, a native of Prussia. They have two sons, Henry and Hermann. Mr. Scharnhorst has an enviable reputation as an accurate, energetic and honorable business man, and has and desirable social standing.

J. H. SEEVER, farmer and stock-raiser, Section 2, P. O. Millwood, came to Kansas in the fall of 1856, and located on his farm in Easton Township, where he has resided since. He was Road Overseer of District 3, Easton Township, ten years, and was also a member and Treasurer of the Board of School District No. 6, Leavenworth County, for twenty years. Mr. Seever is a member of the Lutheran Church. He was born in Buchanan County, Mo., as a member of Capt. Henderson's Company of the Nineteenth Regiment Kansas Militia, and enlisted in the fall of 1864, and was discharged at Leavenworth. Mr. Seever was born in Fleming County, Ky., February 20, 1830, and lived in his native State until the fall of 1851; he then removed to Buchanan County, Mo. He was married in Buchanan County, Mo., in 1852, to Miss Martha E. Paxon, a native of Missouri. They have eleven children, whose names are: Mary M. (married to Malvin B. J. well, a native of Missouri), a farmer and resident of Easton Township; George B. (married to Miss S. Moore, a native of Iowa), Nancy J. (the widow of Stephen Bedwell, a native of Missouri), John H., Amanda Alice (married to Benjamin C. Wyatt, a farmer residing in Easton Township, and also in Leavenworth County), and five other children. Mr. Seever has a fine upland farm of 200 acres, all enclosed, and all in cultivation. His orchard covers ten acres—300 apple, 300 peach and a few cherry trees. The water supply is excellent, consisting of two very fine wells. The water from the stock well is raised by an Enterprise wind mill, and furnishes more than sufficient water for over one hundred and fifty head of stock. The overflow is conducted to a large fish pond, which is well stocked with German carp. The improvements consist of a nine-roomed frame dwelling house, with cellar, surrounded with handsome evergreens and shade trees, frame barn 32x60 feet, corn crib, granary, smoke house and other outbuildings. He had twenty acres in wheat this year (1882), which yielded 400 bushels, twenty acres in oats that averaged forty-eight bushels, fifty-five acres in corn which averaged fifty bushels to the acre. Mr. S. has paid particular attention to raising stock. He has now on his farm seven horses, forty head of grade cattle, fifty head of Cotswold sheep, and thirty head of Berkshire hogs.

HENRY SHAW, farmer and stock-raiser, Section 7, P. O. Mount Pleasant, came to Kansas in the spring of 1865, and located in Easton Township, Leavenworth County, where he has since resided. Mr. Shaw was born in Green County, Ill., March 23, 1847, and lived in his native State until he came to Kansas. He was married in November, 1868, in Mount Pleasant Township, Atchison County, to Miss Martha Jane Nelson, a native of Missouri. They have four children living—Lizzie, Minnie C., Maud and Benjamin. Mr. S. has a fine upland farm of 319 acres, all under fence, and 175 acres under cultivation, the remainder being timber and pasture land. His orchard covers four acres, and contains 400 bearing apple, 100 peach, 150 cherry, and a few pear trees. There is a vineyard on the farm which covers one acre, and contains 300 Concord grape vines. There is also one acre in raspberries, and half an acre in Kittenau blackberries. The supply of water is good, and cannot be excelled, and consists of three never-failing wells, two fine springs, and a large cistern. The water from the cistern is used for the new frame barn, with six rooms and cellar, surrounded with handsome evergreens and shade trees, a new frame barn, 40x40 feet, with basement, stock stables, granary, corn crib, and an orchard cellar near the barn 14x16 feet, used for the storage of apples, potatoes, etc. Mr. Shaw makes a specialty of raising fine hogs, of the Chester White and Poland China breeds, for which he is filling orders every year in all parts of the State. He had fifty-five acres in wheat this year (1882), which averaged 80 bushels to the acre, and twenty acres in oats, which yielded 500 bushels, 100 acres in corn which averaged fifty bushels to the acre, and twenty acres in timothy and clover which yielded two and a half tons to the acre. His apple crop amounted to 800 bushels.

CHARLES B. SHERRON, laborer, U. P. R. R., K. C. Div., P. O. Easton, came to Kansas in September, 1859, and located in the city of Leavenworth, where he resided until 1879, and then removed to Easton, Leavenworth County, where he has resided since. He participated in the late war as Sergeant of Company G, First United States (regular) Cavalry, and enlisted in Cincinnati, Ohio, in July, 1861, and was discharged from the service in New Orleans, May 11, 1865. He took part in the battles of Guinepper Court House, White Ford, Cold Harbor, Mechanicsville, Seven Days' Fight, Chickahominy River, Wutcher and other important minor engagements and skirmishes. Serg. Sherron was wounded six times while in the service—three times severely. He was born in Digby, County Kerry, Ireland, May 11, 1839, and lived in his native country until his seventh year, when his par-

ants emigrated to America and located in Cincinnati, Ohio, where Mr. Sherron resided until the war broke out, when he entered the United States army as already stated. After his discharge from the army he went to Montana Territory, where he was engaged as United States Interpreter for the Sioux and Arapahoe Indians. He was present at the massacre at this post in 1866. He remained in Montana until September 9, 1869, when he returned to "the States," via the Missouri River, on the Steamer "Big Horn," and located in the city of Leavenworth. He was married in Leavenworth, August 12, 1875, to Miss Mary Mosher, a native of Missouri. They have had four children, two of whom are living—Elizabeth and Nettie.

STEPHEN SPARKS, farmer, P. O. Easton, came to Kansas in the fall of 1854, locating on Walnut Creek, three miles south of Easton, Leavenworth Co., where he has resided since. He was a member of the Topeka (Free State) Legislature, and was subsequently re-elected, holding this position for four terms. He was elected a member of the State Senate under the Lecompton Constitution, but never filled the office. He is a member of the Primitive Baptist Church. Mr. Sparks was born in the Territory of Indiana, July 6, 1806, and lived in his native place until 1845, when he removed to Platte County, Mo., and from there came to Kansas. He has been married three times. The first marriage took place in Fayette County, Ind., July 10, 1827, to Miss Esenith Greene, a native of Tennessee. By this marriage he had eight children, six of whom are living and whose names are—William, Moses, Lot S., Mary Jane, Greene, and Francis Marion. The second marriage took place in the city of Leavenworth, in 1832, to Miss Emma Piper, a native of Ohio. The third marriage took place in Connorsville, Ind., to Mrs. Elizabeth McGee, a native of Kentucky.

JOSHUA TURNER, druggist and grocer, Easton, came to Kansas January 1, 1855, locating in Easton Township, Leavenworth Co., where he has resided since. He was a member of the House of Representatives of the Kansas Legislature in the sessions of 1865 and 66, and 1873 and '74; Clerk of Easton Township four years, and of the Board of Michigan District No. 22, Leavenworth County, two years, and of the Masonic Fraternity. He participated in the last war during the "Price Raid" as a member of Company D (Capt. James Henderson's), Nineteenth Regiment Kansas Militia, and enlisted in Easton, in the fall of 1864, and was discharged in the city of Leavenworth after serving fourteen days. He was born in Ray County, Mo., November 11, 1828, and lived in his native State until his 25th year, when he came to Kansas. He was married twice. The first marriage occurred in Clay County, Mo., February 28, 1851, to Miss Cynthia Drake, a native of Missouri. She died February 22, 1872. By this marriage he had seven children, five of whom are living—Coloma, married to Alonzo O'wartyne, a native of Indiana, and a resident of Easton Township; Nevada, married to Joseph Burnham, a native of Missouri, and a resident of the same State; Elvorado, married to Frank Crafton, a native of Kansas, and a resident of Easton Township; Montana, and James Romeo. The second marriage took place in Michigan in the fall of 1872, in Easton, Leavenworth County, to Miss Emma E. Amson, a native of Missouri. Four children were the result of this marriage, whose names are—Joseph, Alonzo, Roxanna, and Leavitt. During the Mexican war Mr. Turner served in the Quartermaster's Department under Capt. Hugh Sweeney, as teamster. He served in this capacity until the close of the war.

GOTTLIEB ZACHARIAS, farmer, section 27, P. O. Winchester, Jefferson Co., came to Kansas in April, 1867, and first located in Wyandotte County, where he lived two years, and then removed to Leavenworth County, where he resided until 1879, when he removed to his farm in Easton Township, where he has since resided. He is a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church. He was born in the Province of Posen, Germany, May 2, 1839, where he lived until his 27th year, when he came to America, and first located in Michigan City, Ind., where he lived one year, and then came to Kansas, where he was married in the city of Leavenworth October, 1869, to Mrs. Juliana Fulmann, a native of Posen, Germany. They have five children living—Augusta, John, Michael, Frank, and William. Mr. Zacharias has an upland farm, all enclosed and under cultivation, excepting twenty acres, which is timber land; the orchard contains seventy-five apple, fifty peach, and a few cherry trees. The water supply is good. The improvements are a small frame dwelling house, stock barn, granary, and other outbuildings. His wheat this year (1882), averaged twenty bushels to the acre and his oats twenty-five bushels.

ALEXANDRIA TOWNSHIP.

The little village, Springdale, off of all railroad connection, is in the center of Alexandria Township. It was surveyed and platted by Hiram Rees and Eli Morris, in October, 1860. There are two steam saw and grist mills in the Township. One of these is operated by Thomas Ashby. He employs five hands, \$1,000 capital is invested, and the value of his product is \$3,000. The other mill, Henry Ready, proprietor, employs three hands. Alexandria Township was largely settled at first by members of the Society of Friends, who built the first church and schoolhouse here. The first settler in the Township was John Wright, who came there in 1854. A postoffice was first established at Springdale in 1860, D. F. Walker, first Postmaster.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES.

ROBERT E. COURTNEY, farmer and stock-raiser, P. O. Springdale, came to Kansas April 7, 1855, and located on the section of land where he now lives, in Alexandria Township. He has 320 acres in his home farm, and has another farm of 160 acres in the same township. Both farms are well improved. Mr. Courtney was born in Harrison County, Ky., December 13, 1827, and lived in his native State until he was sixteen years old, then moved to Buchanan County, Mo., in 1843, and lived there until he came to Kansas in 1855. He was married in Buchanan County, Mo., in 1848, to Miss Narcissa Agee, a native of Indiana. They have had eleven children; ten are living—James F., Rufus, William, Jessie, Thomas, Albert, Charles, Mary J., Frances, and Anna. Mr. Courtney is one of the oldest citizens of Leavenworth County, and has served his Township as Treasurer for a number of years. He raises fine grades of stock, Durham cattle, and Poland-China hogs.

AARON HUDDLESTON, farmer and stock-raiser, P. O. Springdale, came to Kansas in 1868, and located where he now lives, on a beautiful farm in Alexandria Township, Leavenworth County. He was born in Union County, Ind., in 1832 and lived in that State until he came to Kansas in 1868, and located where he now lives. He was sixteen years old, then moved to Buchanan County, Mo., in 1855, to Miss Emily Padlock, a native of Indiana. They have four children—Clayton F., Ludley, Sarah E., and Herman. Mr. Huddleston was a member of the State Legislature in 1877, and has been Commissioner of the Pool for the County of Leavenworth, and Township Trustee, and Indian officer for the Osage Indians, and is an able minister of the Society of Friends, preaching for the Society at Springdale. Mr. Huddleston is a prominent man in his township and county, and a highly respected citizen. He keeps a fine line of stock on his farm—Short-horn cattle and Poland-China hogs.

GARRET V. KELLER, farmer and stock-raiser, P. O. Springdale, came to Kansas June 8, 1859, and located in Leavenworth County, and has lived in the county since. He was born in Kentucky, January 18, 1830, and removed to Putnam County, Indiana, with his parents when quite small, and lived in Indiana about fifteen years. He then moved to Platte County, Mo., in 1839, and lived there until 1849, then moved to California and lived in that State ten years. He then returned and located in Kansas, where he has since lived. Mr. Keller married his first wife in California in 1854; she was Miss Jane E. Hoagland, a native of Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. They had four children—William, Emma, Frank, and Samuel. Mr. Keller was married in 1871, to Miss Rachel Drake, a native of Buchanan County, Penn., and has had two children; by the second marriage—Mary and Nannie. Mr. Keller is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is an enterprising farmer of Alexandria Township, and is one of its oldest and highly respected citizens.

JAMES MEDILL, farmer and stock-raiser, P. O. Springdale, is paying special attention to raising Short-horn cattle and Poland-China hogs. Mr. Medill came to Kansas April 13, 1857, and located in Leavenworth City and county, and has since resided there. He opened two of three farms in High Prairie and Alexandria Townships, Leavenworth County, and located where he now lives in 1864. He has even since made his home on his beautiful and highly improved farm in Alexandria Township, near the village of Springdale, with the exception of four years that he lived in the city. Mr. Medill was born in Jefferson County, Ohio, in 1824, and lived in Ohio until 1853. He spent four years trading on the Lower Mississippi River, and then returned to Ohio. In the spring of 1857 moved to the State of Kansas, where he has since made his home. Mr. Medill was a merchant in Ohio for five years, and since he came to this country he has been a large speculator in real estate and is extensively engaged in loaning money. He was married in Leavenworth County, Kansas, to Miss Lydia A. Redburn, a native of Pennsylvania, and has had three children—May, Sherman, and Nannie. Mr. Medill has served four terms in the State Legislature, and two years as Railroad Assessor for this State. He is an intelligent and enterprising man, and has been largely engaged in developing the resources of his county.

THOMAS E. MOODY, farmer and stock raiser, P. O. Springdale, came to the State of Kansas in September, 1854, and located in Leavenworth County, Alexandria Township, and with the exception of two years that he spent in Iowa, he has lived in this county since his settlement here. Mr. Moody was born in the State of Indiana in 1831, and lived in his native State thirteen years, then moved to the State of Kansas and located where he now lives. He was married in Alexandria Township, in 1877, to Miss Frances Courtney, a native of Kansas; they have two children—Fred and Charles. Mr. Moody is one of the

young and enterprising men of Alexandria Township, is a man of sterling integrity and a highly esteemed citizen.

ALFRED B. HOWELL, farmer and stock-raiser, P. O. Springdale, came to Kansas in April, 1860, and located in Alexandria Township, Leavenworth County, and has lived there since in his well improved farm of 316 acres of rich land. He was born in Jefferson County, Ind., in 1820, and was raised in Loudon County Va., and lived in Virginia about fifteen years. He returned to Indiana in 1847, and located at Richmond and lived there twelve years, and then came to Kansas and located where he now lives. Mr. Powell was married in Loudon County, Va., in 1849, to Miss Hannah Smith, a native of Virginia; they have had eight children—James W., Mary G., Virginia C., Franklin H., Charles Steven, Robert F., Malion P., and Howard A. Mr. Powell has been a member of the School Board and held other town offices. He keeps fine grades of stock and raises Durham cattle and Poland-China hogs for sale.

MRS. H. L. STREETER, Springdale, is the widow of Oscar S. Streeter, who was born in Grand Isle, Vt., Nov. 19, 1820. In his early youth he went to Boston, Mass., and engaged in mercantile pursuits. In 1850, he left for Detroit, Mich. In 1856, he located in Platte County, Mo., and remained there until the war of our Union, when it became an unpleasant place to reside in, so he removed to Leavenworth City, Kansas, in 1863. He remained there three years, his health failing, he removed to Alexandria Township, where he lived until his death, which occurred July 14, 1873. Mr. Streeter was married in Thornville, Mich., September 27, 1838, to Miss Hannah L. Thorn, daughter of Benjamin and Sally Thorn, formerly of Dutchess County, N. Y. They have had two children, both of whom are dead. Mr. Streeter was truly a business man, a merchant all his life; he enjoyed the confidence of the entire community in which he lived. A kind husband; he never was excelled in his efforts to make his home pleasant for his family. Being naturally of a genial and social turn of mind, all who visited his household were given a cordial and hearty greeting. Mrs. Streeter now lives in Springdale, one mile east of his former place of business.

BUEL TRACKWELL, farmer and stock-raiser, P. O. Springdale, came to Kansas in 1857, and located in High Prairie Township, and lived in that township twenty-two years. He located where he now lives, in Alexandria Township, about two years since. Mr. Trackwell was born in Indiana, in 1837, and lived in his native State twenty years and then came to the State of Kansas, and located in Leavenworth County in 1857. He was married in 1857, to Miss Mary A. Smock, a native of Indiana. They have eight children living—Francis M., William, John, Leilla, Dora M., Serena A., Sarah M., and Rhoda B. Mr. Trackwell is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and is an intelligent, enterprising and highly respected citizen.

DR. WILLIAM B. WOOD is engaged in the practice of his profession in the town of Springdale, Leavenworth County. He received his medical education at the Missouri Medical College of St. Louis, and graduated from that institution with the class of 1875. Immediately after his graduation he located at Springdale, near his former home and commenced the practice of his profession, and has been since engaged ever since. Dr. Wood came to Kansas in the fall of 1855, and settled in Leavenworth County. He was born in St. Joseph, Mo., in 1851, and removed with his parents to Leavenworth County, in 1855, where he has since lived. He was married in Leavenworth County, in March, 1880, to Miss Ann Moore, a native of Leavenworth County, Kas. Dr. Wood is a man of fine ability and thorough education, and has built up during the past seven years an extensive practice, and enjoys the confidence and respect of the entire community. He is a prominent Mason and is Master of his lodge.

TONGANOXIE.

This, the largest village in the county, was named in honor of an old Indian chief, who lived a short distance from it. The log cabin built and occupied by him was burned some years ago. The two-story frame house built for him by the Government is still standing. Quincy Baldwin now owns and occupies the premises. Tonganoxie was a great favorite with the whites, who in 1855-'56-'57, made his house a regular stopping place in going to and from Lawrence. The village was first settled in 1866, being platted the same year by Mrs. Magdalena Berry, who owned the site, consisting of forty acres of land. Two of her daughters still live in the village.

The first settler in the village was Wilson H. Fox, who built a log cabin. In 1862, James English came here to live, was the first Postmaster and sold the land to Mrs. Berry, which afterward became the town site. In 1866 William Dane built the first regular store.

Tonganoxie is now a city of the third class, containing 300 people, five general stores, three boot and shoe shops, one drug store, one butcher shop, one bakery and confectionery, three blacksmith shops, one millinery store and one jewelry store. Three doctors are located here, one printer who issues a little sheet called the *Mirror*, and no lawyers. Four miles southeast of Tonganoxie is the flouring mill of Mrs. E. Davis & Son. It is a water flour mill and is doing a fair business. A capital of \$10,000 is invested, and the annual product is \$20,000.

Tonganoxie has a number of flourishing religious societies: Methodist Episcopal, Baptist and Congregationalist. The Methodist Episcopal Church (white) is in charge of Rev. J. C. Telford. The society owns a \$2,000 brick church, and is strong and growing.

The district school building is a substantial two-story brick structure, and the attendance averages 100 pupils. A prosperous agricultural community surrounds Tonganoxie, and the city itself is deriving the usual benefit. It is located on the Leavenworth and Lawrence road, about twenty-two miles southwest of the former city.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES.

WILLARD S. ANGELL, hotel and livery stable keeper, Tonganoxie; also is Deputy Sheriff and City Marshal. Mr. Angell came to the State of Kansas in 1869, and located in Leavenworth County, in High Prairie Township for seven years, and then settled in the town of Tonganoxie. He has been engaged in business there since. He was born in the State of New York, January 3, 1832, and lived in his native State twenty years. He moved to Mercer County, Ill., and lived there nineteen years, and then removed to the State of Kansas and located in Leavenworth County. Mr. Angell was married in New York, December 26, 1853, to Miss Cynthia A. Waters, a native of New York, and has had two children—Edwin and Arthur. Mr. Angell has been Constable in his township for two years.

QUINCY BALDWIN, nurseryman and farmer, P. O. Tonganoxie, came to Kansas in the spring of 1874, and located where he now lives, on his farm near Tonganoxie, in Leavenworth County. He was born in Wayne County, Ind., in 1826, and at the age of three years his father moved to Grant County, and lived there thirty-five years, and then moved back to Wayne County, where he lived until he came to Kansas. Mr. Baldwin was married in Grant County, Ind., in 1848, to Miss Mary Jay, a native of Ohio. They have had five children; three are living—Almeda, Rhoda and William. Mr. Baldwin lost his wife, and he was married again in the fall of 1862, to Miss Elizabeth Pike, in Wayne County, Ind., who is a native of North Carolina. They had one child. He married his present wife in 1876, in Grant County, Ind. Mrs. Senach Whitson, a native of Indiana, and lived in his native town until she came to Kansas, where she has since resided. He has taught school for several years, and is an intelligent and highly respected citizen of Tonganoxie Township.

JACOB BECKER, saddler and harness maker, Tonganoxie, came to Kansas in 1867, and located in Leavenworth, and lived there until 1869. Then he moved to Tonganoxie, and has lived there since. Mr. Becker was born in Germany, in 1834, and lived in his native country until 1852, then removed to the United States and located in Philadelphia, and lived there five years. Lived in various towns in Pennsylvania until he enlisted in the army in 1864, in the Two Hundred and Thirtieth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and served for about ten months, and was discharged in 1865, at the close of the war. He then returned to Pennsylvania and lived there a short time, and went to Germany and remained there ten months, returning to the United States and came to Kansas, where he has resided since. He was a member of the Lutheran Church in the old country.

WILLIAM BISSETT, farmer, stock-raiser and fruit grower, P. O. Jarbalo, came to Kansas in the spring of 1862 and located in Leavenworth County, and has lived in the county since. Mr. Bissett is located in Tonganoxie Township, on his beautiful farm of 160 acres of finely improved land, located in Tonganoxie, Kansas, in 1824, and lived in his native country until 1855, then came to the United States and located in Cleveland, Ohio. He lived there about three years and then moved to Livingston County, Mo., and lived in that State until he came to Kansas, in 1862. Mr. Bissett was married in Canada, in 1848