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JOHN W. BERRY, the well-known and popular superintendent of the coke ovens at Tracy City for the Tennessee Coal, Iron & Railroad Company, is one of the self-made men of the community, and his popularity is well deserved, as in him are embraced the characteristics of an unbending integrity, unabated energy and industry that never flags.

Mr. Berry was born near McMinnville, Warren county, Tenn., October 20, 1857, and is a son of Green A. and Martha A. (Miles) Berry. The father was born in North Carolina about sixty years ago, and is a son of William Berry, also native of that state. The mother of our subject, however, is a native of Tennessee and a daughter of William Miles. When a young man Green A. Berry used to frequently visit his uncle, Benjamin Wooten, whose home was on the present site of Tracy City, which at that time was a fine hunting ground, and being a lover of the chase Mr. Berry made a trip to this region every summer. However, he continued to live in Warren county, this state, until 1867 or 1868 when he moved to Lincoln county, and from there came to Tracy City about 1872. Prior to the Civil war he was engaged in agricultural pursuits, but during his residence in Tracy City he has followed teaming. He is an ardent Democrat in politics and he and his wife are earnest and faithful members of the Methodist Episcopal church, South. They are the parents of eight children, and our subject is the oldest of the five who are still living: Mollie F. is the wife of Matthew Cope, an engineer on the Nashville & Chattanooga railroad, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this volume; Josephine is the widow of J. C. Roddy, and a resident of Tracy City; Thomas G. is a miner of that place; and Henry E. is still living with his parents. Those deceased are Robert L., who died in boyhood; Cora M., who married Thomas Crick; and Lillie, who died in childhood.

To a limited extent John W. Berry attended school in the valley near Pelham,

but at an early age became water boy while the first ovens were being built at the old mines. Later he drove mules in the mines, then had charge of the water boiler and was track man for a time, after which he was foreman over convict laborers. Subsequently he engaged in contracting on his own account, and on leaving the mines was in business for himself at Tracy City for a few years. As brakesman he afterward entered the employ of the Nashville & Chattanooga railroad, and was then conductor on the Tracy City branch. Returning to the mines he was foreman over convicts until January, 1896, when he accepted the position of superintendent of the coke ovens and has since most acceptably filled that post.

In 1884 Mr. Berry married Miss Alice Eller, a daughter of David Eller, and to them were born five children, namely: Bessie L.; Barney Lawrence; Maudé Beatrice and Norma Leatrice, twins, the latter now deceased; and Florence. The wife and mother died in 1893, and in 1895 Mr. Berry was again married, his second union being with Miss Mattie E. Morgan, a native of Wartrace, Tenn., and a daughter of Dr. Morgan. They now have a little son, Charles. Mr. and Mrs. Berry are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, in which he serves as steward; and fraternally he is connected with the Masonic Order, the Knights of Pythias, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Royal Arcanum, and at one time belonged to the Order of Railway Conductors.

MATT COPE, one of the most efficient locomotive engineers in the employ of the Nashville & Chattanooga railroad, and a highly respected citizen of Tracy City, was born in Grundy county, May 8, 1861, and is a son of W. M. and Piney (Sanders) Cope. The father, who engaged in farming as a life work, died about five years ago, but the mother is still living and now makes her home in Marion county, Tenn. Both were earnest and consistent members of the

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Methodist Episcopal church, South. Of their ten children those still living are Rosie, a resident of Aetna, Tenn.; Rhoda, wife of John Nunnely, of Tracy City; Harris, a miner of Whitwell, Tenn.; Lewis, an agriculturist of Marion county; Amos, a miner of Tracy City; Matt, of this sketch; and Vester, of Marion county. The deceased are J. P., a railway fireman; Mark, a miner; and Jennie, who died in girlhood.

When a boy, Matt Cope commenced working on a switch engine as fireman, later was brakeman, but afterward returned to firing, and when the Nashville & Chattanooga railroad bought the Tracy City branch from the Tennessee Coal, Iron & Railroad Company, he became engineer, and is still serving in that capacity, being one of their most faithful and trusted employes.

On the 1st of March, 1883, Mr. Cope was united in marriage with Miss Mollie Berry, a sketch of whose family is given in the biography of J. W. Berry, on another page of this volume. The children born to them are Wilcia Alma and Oma Lee. The wife and mother is an earnest member of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, and a most estimable lady. Fraternally Mr. Cope belongs to the Knights of Pythias, the Royal Arcanum and the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers. In politics he is independent, voting for the man whom he considers best qualified to fill the office regardless of party affiliations. Being of a social, genial disposition, he makes friends readily, and is highly respected by all who know him.

**W**ILLIAM ANDERSON GRISWOLD, who is living at Wagon, Grundy county, Tenn., is the pioneer miller of the county, and one of the most extensive land owners in the vicinity. He was born January 30, 1832, near Altamont, in what is known as Grundy county. His parents, Stephen M. and Sarah (Purdom) Griswold,

were natives of, the former of Connecticut and the latter of North Carolina. Stephen M. Griswold grew to manhood in his native state, and first visited this part of Tennessee as a traveling salesman, handling clocks, etc. He settled here and turned his attention to farming and saw-milling, and became very prosperous, as he succeeded in accumulating large tracts of land in and around Altamont. He was very prominent in the local political affairs of the county before the war, and was county court clerk at that time. He was a Whig in his political views. He died in 1882 at the advanced age of eighty-four. He was married in Coffee county, Tenn., to Miss Sarah Purdom, who came with her parents from her native state to Tennessee, when she was a child, and who died at Altamont. They were members in good standing of the Christian church, at which they were regular attendants. Stephen M. and Sarah (Purdom) Griswold were the parents of thirteen children, five of whom are now living, and of whom we give the following: William A., of whom this article is written; Mary, the wife of Joseph Sweeton, of Tracy City, Tenn.; Nancy E., the wife of Robert Sanders, who was clerk and master of Grundy county for years, resides at Altamont; Lucy, wife of Abner Street, a miner of Tracy City, Tenn.; Sophia Jane, widow of Peter Long, making her home in Rockwood, Tenn.; David, living in Georgia; George, Altamont, Grundy county, Tenn.; Wiley P., who died in Kentucky; S. V., who was a farmer and liveryman at McMinnville, one of the firm of Griswold & Houchen, who died in the latter place, and DeWitt, who was a soldier in the Confederate army under Peter Turney, and died while in the service.

William A. Griswold received his education at the Altamont Academy, and at the age of twenty-two he devoted his attention to saw-milling. He has followed that calling ever since, with great success, and by strict attention to business he has succeeded in amassing sufficient to insure him a comfortable income during his de-

clining years. He moved from his place near Altamont to his present location in Hubbard's Cove, ten miles from Altamont, First district of Grundy county, some years ago. He is one of the prominent men of the district and one of its largest land owners. His holdings amount to some fifteen thousand acres of land including a fine valley farm, sawmill and planingmill, with all the machinery that enters into the manufacture of lumber. He is also the owner of a good gristmill. Mr. Griswold took an active part in the erection of the school house and church.

On April 8, 1860, William A. Griswold was united in the holy bonds of matrimony with Miss Martha Jane Warren, daughter of John Warren. There have been twelve children born to bless this union, eleven of whom are living, viz.: James, a carpenter of Tracy City; Thomas, a farmer of Hubbard's Cove; Isaac, also a farmer of Hubbard's Cove; Norman, lives on Collins river in Grundy county; David, makes his home near his father; and is the postmaster at Wagon, Grundy county; George resides near the parental home; Charlie, in Coffee county; Claude, Vanie and Lily (the latter twins), at home, and Leonard, who died at the age of sixteen. Mrs. Griswold died on September 3, 1897, at the age of sixty-three. Mr. Griswold is a member in good standing of the Christian church, as was his respected and lamented wife. Politically he affiliates with the Democratic party. He is a man of the strictest integrity, honorable and upright in all his dealings with his fellow citizens, and highly respected for his many sterling traits of character.

**HON. JOHN HAMILTON GUNN**, the representative of Warren, Franklin, Marion and Grundy counties in the state senate, was born in Coffee county, Tenn., near Hillsboro, April 5, 1843, and is a son of Thomas L. and Sallie (Reynolds) Gunn. The father was born and reared in Wilson

county, Tenn., and afterward moved to Coffee county, and made that his home until his death, which occurred in 1890, when he was seventy-five years of age. The mother was born in Coffee county, and died in 1894, at the age of seventy-one years. Our subject's grandfather, John Gunn, served in the Revolutionary war. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas L. Gunn were the parents of a family of seven sons and three daughters, five of whom are living: Jesse, John Hamilton, Thomas, William R. and Thirzie. The deceased are: Henry, Elijah Joseph, Sarah Frances and Mary.

Our subject received his preliminary training in the public schools in which he spent his boyhood. He left the schoolroom to join the Confederate army, and after the close of the war, he finished his education in the Beech Grove Academy. In April, 1861, he joined the first company and the first regiment that organized in the state, and he was the smallest boy in the regiment with the exception of Captain William Donalson, of Company A, First Confederate Infantry. Mr. Gunn served in this command until the surrender of Lee at Appomatox. He participated in the battles of Seven Pines, the Seven Days' Combat, Gettysburg, Wilderness, Richland, Pittsburg, and many others. At Pittsburg his company opened the fight, and at Gettysburg his company took a leading part and a great many of his comrades were captured. For eighteen months, during the latter part of the war, Mr. Gunn served in a corps of sharpshooters. He was taken prisoner at Petersburg, but was soon exchanged.

In January, 1868, Mr. Gunn was united in marriage to Miss Selina Josephine Patton, a native of Grundy county, and a daughter of General A. E. Patton. She died September 21, 1894, at the age of forty-seven years, and April 27, 1897, Mr. Gunn married Cora Carroll, daughter of Hon. J. K. P. Carroll, of Franklin county, Tenn. To his first marriage were born seven children, six of whom are now living, viz.: Ida, wife of John T. White, died at

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Sewanee, and the six who are still living are making their home with their parents, and their names appear below in the order of their birth: Thomas E., Henry H., John H., Myrtle, Mamie and Cora. At the time of his marriage, our subject began farming on the place he still occupies and has been very successful. He had nothing, whatever, in the way of earthly possession with which to start the battle of life when he returned from the war, as his father had lost everything by the conflict, and what he now has has been attained by his own industry and economy. He has served as justice of the peace of the county, chairman of the county committee several terms, and has also held some of the school offices. In 1890 he was elected to the lower house from Grundy and Marion counties and served on many of the important committees. In 1896, he was elected to the state senate, and in that capacity served on fifteen different committees. He is a member of the Been Creek society of the Separate Baptist church, and socially, he is a member of the Pelham lodge of the Masonic fraternity, has been master of the lodge several times, been its treasurer, and has three times represented it at the grand lodge. Politically he is a Democrat.

WILLIAM HARRISON GURNEY.—

It is a pleasure to record the main events in the life of one who has attained an enviable position solely through his own efforts and exertions, and who, though he has persistently pursued his calling for nearly forty years continuously, can look forward to many years of usefulness in his chosen field of labor. It is, therefore, gratifying to place before the readers a brief outline of the life struggles of the superintendent and foreman of the South Pittsburg Stove and Foundry Company.

Mr. Gurney was born at Taunton, Mass., September 22, 1845, a son of

Charles H. and Nancy (Ashley) Gurney. C. H. Gurney was the son of Rev. John Gurney, and he was a son of a Mr. Gurney who served in the Colonial army in its struggle for independence, and the United States government still owes the family for mules that were taken for service during that war. Rev. John Gurney lived and died at Freetown, near New Bedford, Mass. C. H. Gurney was an iron worker for sixty-two years. He operated a blast furnace at New Bedford for a time and was conceded one of New England's best moulders. In politics he was first a Whig but later joined the Republican party. He died in Taunton, Mass., in 1876, at the age of seventy-six years. His wife died in 1889 at the age of eighty-nine years. She was for many years a devout member of the Methodist church. They reared a family of eight sons and four daughters, of whom our subject is the youngest and the only one now living. His brothers and sisters are as follows: James was a sailor, starting from New Bedford. He was a soldier in the Crimean war and also in the Mexican war. Henry was also a sailor and was a first mate on a whaler from New Bedford and was drowned at sea. He was a soldier in the Mexican war. John was an orderly in Colonel Fletcher Webster's regiment during the late war. His home was at Taunton, Mass. Oliver, deceased. Horace went to California in 1849 and it is supposed that he died there. Ephriam and Martin were also moulders. Lois died when quite young. Louisa was the wife of Fred Cushman, a ship carpenter of New Bedford, Mass. Susan was the wife of Horace Peck, a shoe manufacturer of Brockton, Mass. Annie was the wife of Earnest Draper, and died in Massachusetts.

William Harrison Gurney, the subject of this sketch, received his education during the evenings of his boyhood at the public library. When thirteen years of age he began working in iron, first in Wilcox & Gibb's sewing machine factory, and since that time has worked in eighty-eight shops and factories, in eight of which he was foreman and is thoroughly posted in all lines of iron work and moulding. In 1868 he went to

Norwich, Conn., and after spending eleven years there he went west and worked at different times in St. Louis, Chicago, Cleveland and other cities throughout the west. He then entered the Peekskill foundry at Poughkeepsie, N. Y. He next worked in the Abendrouth Brothers shops at Port Chester, N. Y., and then in J. L. Mott shops in New York city. Mr. Guerny then went south and helped to build and establish the Perry Stove Works, at South Pittsburg, which was the first foundry in that city. From there he returned to Massachusetts and started the Pipe and Fitting foundry at Dighton, and from thence to Bessemer, Ala., and established the Pipe and Fitting works of that place. Our subject then returned to South Pittsburg and assumed charge of the Schoster foundry, and later took an active part in the establishment of the South Pittsburg Stove and Foundry Company, of which he is now superintendent and foreman. Mr. Gurney is a man of ready address, quick thinker and talker, with a repartee that he says he gets from his Huguenot ancestors, a thorough student of nature, men and history and a knowledge of affairs both local and national that is amazing in a man whose time is so thoroughly taken up with business cares and responsibilities. As a Democrat he is of the thoroughbred variety, he neither asks nor grants favors, but is a Democrat for conscience sake. In the New England states he was one of the founders of the Greenback Labor party at Norwich, Conn., and the only time he was discharged was at this place, for upholding the principles of his party. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias, the I. O. O. F., and also of the Moulder's union, with which he has been identified for fifteen years.

In 1881 Mr. Gurney was united in marriage to Miss Martha Wacob, who died April 5, 1898. Mrs. Gurney moved to South Pittsburg about the year 1888, and with the exception of about two years, has since resided there. She was a woman of many sterling qualities, which were fully recognized and gained the highest esteem and regard of all. Retiring, not given to many

words, her deeds will live after her and she will long be remembered as one who tried to do and did her whole duty in the community in which she was placed. She was a faithful and consistent member of the Episcopal church. Mr. and Mrs. Gurney had no children, but had adopted and taken into their heart and home an orphan who was as their own.

ABRAHAM DALLAS HARGIS.—Not alone is there particular interest attaching to the career of this gentleman as one of the leading citizens of Tracy City, Grundy county, but in reviewing his genealogical record we find his lineage tracing back to the colonial history of the nation, and to that period that marked the inception of the grandest republic the world has ever known. His great-grandfather was a drummer boy in the Revolutionary war, and had two brothers who also aided the colonies in their successful struggle for independence. Our subject's grandfather, Abraham Hargis, was a soldier of the war of 1812, and also took part in the Indian war in Florida. He was a native of North Carolina, a farmer by occupation, and a pioneer of Franklin county, Tenn. He was also one of the first settlers near the head of Battle creek, and died in Marion county, being laid to rest at Oak Grove, on Battle creek. The Hargis family is of English and Dutch descent.

Thomas Hargis, our subject's father, was born in what is now Franklin county, in 1804, and died in Marion county, December 25, 1873. He was a very prominent and influential man; for a quarter of a century was a member of the county court; and for a great many years was a minister of the Primitive Baptist church. Politically, he was a Democrat, and, socially, a member of Olive Branch lodge, F. & A. M. In early life he married Miss Mary Gunter, who was born, in 1804, in Warren county, Tenn., of which county her people were the

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earliest settlers from South Carolina. Her father was Augustus Gunter, and most of his descendants now live in Jackson county, Ala., or in the west. Mrs. Hargis died in Tracy City, May 12, 1895, at the advanced age of ninety-one years. Her mental and physical faculties were still unimpaired, and no doubt she would have lived to be one hundred had she not been accidentally burned while lighting her pipe by her dress catching fire. For seventy-two long years she was a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church, the latter years of her life being identified with the southern branch of that denomination. After her husband's death she found a pleasant home with our subject.

Of the ten children born to this worthy couple six are now living: William L., a minister of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, now located at Tracy City; James G., a resident of the same place; John W., a farmer living near Pelham, Grundy county, who served for over four years in the Confederate army, was orderly sergeant in the Forty-fourth Tennessee Infantry, Army of the Virginia, under General Longstreet, and was captured, and held a prisoner at Elmira, N. Y., for eleven months; Thomas M., a resident of Tracy City, who was in Company A, Fourth Confederate Tennessee Infantry, until 1863, and was in many battles but was never wounded; Melvina, wife of Alfred Spigles, a farmer of Marion county; and A. D., who is the youngest of the family. Those deceased are Jane K., who married Samuel Anderson and died in Marion county; Rebecca, who married Alfred Spigles and died in the same county; Tabitha, who died in girlhood; and Mahala C., who married John P. Henry and died near Pelham in Grundy county.

Abraham D. Hargis, of this sketch, was born on Battle creek in Marion county, January 4, 1844, and was educated in the schools of that locality. In July, 1861, he responded to the call of the Confederacy for volunteers, and enlisted in Company A, Fourth Tennessee Infantry, with which he served for four years, his command being

disbanded below Atlanta in May, 1865. His father was the oldest man of the regiment and was lieutenant of Company A. Our subject participated in the battles of Fishing Creek, Richmond, Ky., Stone River, Chickamauga, the Atlanta campaign, and the engagement at Pine Mountain, where the regiment lost their commander, Col. James A. McMurray. Fortunately Mr. Hargis was never wounded, but was taken prisoner at Tullahoma and was on parole for six months. After the war he located at Tracy City, and in 1867 entered the employ of the Tennessee Coal, Iron & Railroad Company, as a coal digger in mines Nos. 1 and 2, being thus engaged for sixteen years. For twelve years he was foreman of the Lone Rock mines; engaged in contracting for two years; and in 1897 was appointed mine inspector, a position he is now most capably filling.

On December 22, 1864, Mr. Hargis wedded Miss Mary Travis, a native of Madison county, Ala., and a daughter of Charles Travis. To them have been born nine children, namely Martha J., wife of T. H. Jackson; Thomas J.; Joseph W.; Augustus G.; Ella, wife of John Myers; Mahala C. and Rebecca, both at home; and Abraham D., who died in childhood. The sons and sons-in-law are all miners of Tracy City. The parents are earnest members of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, and socially. Mr. Hargis belongs to the Masonic fraternity, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Royal Arcanum. He has taken an active and prominent part in promoting the success of the Democratic party in his locality; has been a member and chairman of the Democratic Club; and at the present time is a member of the executive committee; but his present position is the first and only office he ever asked for.

GEORGE W. HARRIS, one of Grundy county's leading and substantial busi-

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ness men, is making his home and base of operations at Tracy City. He is a manufacturer of lumber and building material, operating two large saw mills, and is doing an extensive business.

Mr. Harris is a son of Martin and Orphia L. (Wilson) Harris. Martin Harris was born November 2, 1826, and his wife was born in Dade county, Ga., April 28, 1828. She died November 21, 1895, and he January 13, 1888. Martin Harris was a son of William Harris, a pioneer of Knox county, Tenn., who moved from thence to Dade county, Ga., and from there to Marion county, Tenn. He died in Dickson's Cove, in the last named county. He and his family owned a cotton gin and carding factory on the Little Sequatchie river. William Harris was also a farmer. He died March 7, 1878, at the age of sixty-five years. Our subject's father, like his father, was a miller. During his life he moved fifty times. He served in the Federal army, acting as pilot for General Wagner. He was justice of the peace in Marion county a number of times, and was living in Tracy City when it was made a part of Grundy county. He has made one or two trips to the state of Alabama. Politically, he was formerly a Whig, but later, upon the organization of the Republican party, he identified himself with that organization, and he and his wife were both members of the Christian church. They were the parents of a family of seven sons, six of whom are now living, and of whom we have the following record: George W., the subject of this sketch; William H., a well-known lawyer of Tacoma, Wash.; B. E. W., of Marion county, Tenn.; A. C. J., who is now in the gold fields of the Klondike; John, a resident of the Third district, Marion county, Tenn.; Marshall is a contractor of Tacoma, Wash.; and Martin Prince, who died at the age of twenty-six years.

George W. Harris, our subject, was educated at Altamont, and upon arriving at manhood he continued the business to which his father had devoted his life work, that of operating a saw mill, and conducted

a mill at Colony and one at Tracy City with marked success. He has done a great deal of contract work, making building and railroad material, and, for a time, operated a saw mill for the Tennessee Coal, Iron & Railroad Co. He is a man of excellent business ability, and, like his father and grandfather, has done much for the improvement of the community in which he lives in many ways, and, with other things, has done a great deal of building public roads. Socially, he affiliates with the Knights of Pythias, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Royal Arcanum, and the F. & A. M., and, politically, he is a Republican.

In September, 1875, Mr. Harris was united in marriage to Miss Martha Foster, and their wedded life has been blessed by the advent of a family of eleven children, ten of whom are now living, and whose names are as follows: Martin Franklin, William Charles, Arthur L., Clara, Etta, Emma, Virgie, Nellie, George H., Earnest, and Clarence, who died when a child.

ELI W. HAMBY, one of the representative and prominent agriculturists of Grundy county, has spent almost his entire life there, his birth occurring in Burrass Cove, August 8, 1860. His parents are Eli W. and Rachel Arkansas (Sartain) Hamby. His paternal grandfather, who also bore the name of Ely Hamby, was born and reared in North Carolina, and was a small boy during the Revolutionary war, being too young to enter the service. In 1818 he came to Tennessee, and first located in Warren county, but afterward lived in several different places until buying land at the head of Elk river, where he made his home until called to his final rest at the age of seventy years. He was a farmer and stock-raiser and was very successful financially.

The father of our subject was one of the prominent self-made men of Grundy county, for he started out in life for himself in limited circumstances, but became one of the most prosperous citizens of his



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community, and all that he acquired was obtained through industry, perseverance and good management. He was born October 5, 1826, on Hickory creek, probably in Warren county, and died at his home at the head of Elk river, in Grundy county, in 1884. During the Civil war, he enlisted, in 1861, in the Forty-fourth Tennessee Confederate Infantry, and assisted in organizing his company. He remained in the service until 1863 and participated in the battles of Shiloh, Perryville and others. On his return home he had to begin life anew as he was without means, but success at length crowned his efforts and he became one of the most prosperous farmers and stock raisers of his community, being worth twelve thousand dollars, and owning between six and seven hundred acres of valuable land at in the Elk river valley, and the greater part of Robert's Cove. In politics he was a staunch Democrat, and being a public-spirited, enterprising citizen, he gave his support to all measures for public good.

In his family were five children, namely: James H., who owns and operates a farm at the head of Elk river; Eli W., of this review; Jesse R., also a farmer on Elk river; Clarissa, wife of Charles B. Wamack, of Pelham, Tenn.; and George F., also an agriculturist. The mother of the children was a native of Arkansas, born November 5, 1839, and died at her home in Coffee county, Tenn., August 2, 1892. After the death of her first husband she married P. H. Bost and removed to Coffee county. She was a consistent and faithful member of the Christian church.

Mr. Hamby, whose name introduces this sketch, pursued his studies at the Camp Ground government school during his boyhood and youth, and at the age of twenty years began his business career as a farmer upon his father's farm on Elk river. He continued to successfully engage in agricultural pursuits until December, 1895, when he removed to Tracy City, with whose official interests he has since been prominently identified. He has always made his home in this section of the state with the

exception of about a year, having spent a portion of 1882 and 1883 in Arkansas, Indian Territory, Kansas and Missouri, and he then returned to his old home on account of the illness of his father.

On the 29th of October, 1885, Mr. Hamby led to the marriage altar Miss Allie Hawk, who was born on Elk river, and is a daughter of Alexander B. Hawk. They have an interesting family of four children, namely: Henry A., Cora May, Roy Briggs and Dora Belle. The parents hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, South, with which Mr. Hamby has been officially connected, and they take an active part in all church work. Socially he affiliates with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and politically is identified with the Democracy.

JOHN F. HAYNES, a highly respected and influential citizen of Tracy City, was born near that place, in Grundy county, on the 22nd of January, 1860, and is a son of E. M. and Clercy Eveline (Wooten) Haynes. The father was born September 16, 1820, and during his childhood was taken by his parents to Jasper, Marion county, Tenn. When a young man he worked for Benjamin Wooten, whose home was among the mountains, and whose daughter he subsequently married. Since then he has always made his home near Tracy City and has been prominently identified with the agricultural interests of this section of the state. For several years he most acceptably served as justice of the peace, and has always faithfully performed all duties of citizenship. He is a Baptist in religious belief, but his wife, who passed away September 12, 1863, was a member of the Methodist church. His father died in North Carolina.

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lows: William A., a merchant; Henry F., a miner of Tracy City; Perry D., also a miner; John F., of this review; and Mary Jane, wife of Benjamin Leverton, an employe of the Nashville & Chattanooga railroad living in Cowan, Tenn. Those deceased are Sarah Elizabeth, who married Theophilus H. Hail and died in Tracy City; and Joseph B., who was killed in 1878 by a revenue officer, James Davis.

John F. Haynes passed his boyhood and youth in much the usual manner of farmer lads, attending the local schools and aiding in the labors of the fields. He continued to assist his father in the farm work until twenty-six years of age, and later worked in his brother's mercantile store for a number of years, after which he turned his attention to coal mining for the Tennessee Coal, Iron & Railroad Company. In 1892 he was elected county assessor, and so capably and satisfactorily did he discharge the responsible duties of that office, that he was re-elected at the end of his four years' term, and is the present incumbent. No trust reposed in him has ever been betrayed, and he deserves and receives the highest confidence and esteem of his fellow citizens. The Republican party has always found in him an earnest supporter of its principles, and he is recognized as one of its leading and most prominent representatives in Grundy county. Socially he is identified with the Royal Arcanum.

On the 25th of November, 1886, Mr. Haynes was united in marriage with Miss Mattie Summers, a native of Grundy county, and a daughter of George W. Summers. They have three children living: Fred Harrison, Harvey Sutton and Clarence Dunn, and one, Minnie Olive, who died at the age of two years. Mrs. Haynes is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and a most estimable lady.

WILLIAM ANDERSON HAYNES, one of Tracy City's substantial and enterprising business men, is one of the leading merchants of that place. He was born in Grundy county, Tenn., not far from the present town site of Tracy City, October 1, 1851, and is a son of E. M. and Clercy Eveline (Wooten) Haynes.

E. M. Haynes was born in North Carolina in 1816, and moved from thence to Tennessee with his parents when about four years of age. The family settled in Marion county, in the Sequatchie Valley, and there his parents died. Mr. Haynes went to the mountains when about eighteen or nineteen years of age, entered the employ of Mr. Benjamin Wooten, and for his services for one year he received fifty dollars. With the laudable wish to do better and improve his worldly prospects he determined to start out for himself, so, after his marriage with the daughter of his former employer, he cleared a farm for himself within a mile of Tracy City. Here he and his estimable wife reared a family and he is still a resident of the county. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Clarissa Eveline Wooten, was born about the year 1819, and died in September, 1895. The elder Mr. Haynes is a member of the Primitive Baptist church, while his wife is strongly attached to the Methodist church. Mr. Haynes was a member of the county court when this was still a part of Marion county. In politics he has always been a Republican, and was an ardent advocate of the principles of that party when its members in this county numbered less than half a dozen. The family is of German and English descent.

E. M. Haynes reared a family of seven children, five of whom are living, and of whom we have the following record: William Anderson, the subject of this sketch; Henry F. is a miner at Tracy City; Perry D., also a miner at the same place; John F. is tax assessor for the coal district; Mary J., wife of Ben Leverton, of Cowan, Tenn. The deceased are: Mary Elizabeth, wife of

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Theophilus H. Hall, died at Tracy City; and Joseph B., who was shot in Grundy county by the revenue officer, although he was not connected with the illegitimate manufacture of alcoholic liquors.

William A. Haynes, the subject of this sketch, received his schooling before the war at Belmont. Soon after the war he began coal mining and was thus engaged for fifteen years. He then went into the mercantile business and has been identified with the commercial interests of Tracy City since that time. In February, 1870, he went to Earlington, Ky., and from there to Spottsville, Ky., and was in that state until the middle of the summer of that year, and then went to Washington, Ind., and worked in the mines at that place for four years. While in this last named place, he was married, January 31, 1872, to Miss Annie E. Buzan, who was born in Indiana, in April, 1849, a daughter of Elza Buzan. To this congenial union have been born two sons, Walter Thomas and Oliver Perry, both of whom are now partners in the store. Two other sons were born to them, one of whom, Edward Madison, died while quite young; and the other, William Etter, died in infancy. Mrs. Haynes is a member of the Methodist church. Her husband affiliates, socially, with the Knights of Pythias fraternity, and politically he is a Republican.

**CAPT. ALEXANDER HOUSTON SANDERS**, who was one of the brave boys in gray in the Civil war, doing his duty nobly and unflinchingly on field of battle or in camp, is the man who to-day is serving to the best of his ability, and that ability is of a high order, as sheriff of Grundy county; the man who has ever been found in the foremost ranks of citizens who are devoted to their county's best interests and to the welfare of their fellowmen; in private life and in official positions always laboring for others with an unselfish de-

votion that well entitles him to the respect which is so freely given him and to a place among the honored and valued residents of Tracy City.

The Captain was born September 20, 1838, in Grundy county, in that part known as Payne's Cove, within a half mile of his father's birthplace, and is a son of Jacob and Martha (Yates) Sanders. The father was born in 1812, and was a son of Solomon Saunders, who after coming to America changed the name to Sanders. The latter was a native of Belfast, Ireland, but at the age of fourteen removed to Cornwall, Ireland, and after his marriage came to the United States, locating at Payne's Cove, Grundy county, Tenn., on account of his fondness for hunting and the abundance of all kinds of game in this locality at that time. Here he continued to live until called from this life at the extreme old age of one hundred and four years and twenty-one days, his out-door life in the woods no doubt lengthening his days. At all times he was stout and rugged, and a year before his death walked a mile and a quarter on a visit to a neighbor. His place of settlement was on the head waters of Elk river. He was a consistent member of the Cumberland Presbyterian church, and was a soldier of the war of 1812, drawing a pension from the United States government, in recognition of his services, until his death. In his family were eleven children, of whom Jacob Sanders, our subject's father, was the oldest son. Like his father, he was a great hunter, and both he and his wife held membership in the Cumberland Presbyterian church, while socially he affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. With their family they removed to Lincoln county, Tenn., where both died, the mother in 1866, the father in 1869.

In the family of this worthy couple were twelve children: Andrew, who is employed in a quarry at Sherwood, Tenn. Allie, the widow of John Hunter and a resident of Tracy City. Alexander H., the next in order of birth of those still

living. Joseph, a farmer living west of Tracy City. Adaline, the wife of Thomas Johnson, of Franklin county, Tenn. Caledonia, the wife of Mack Meeks, of Tracy City. Mincey died in childhood, and both James and Elzick when about twenty-two years of age. John was a member of the Twenty-eighth Federal Cavalry and was killed at Tracy City during the war. George died at the age of eleven years.

Captain Sander was reared at Payne's Cove and Tracy City, where he attended school to a limited extent, but as his parents were poor his educational privileges were meagre and he was early forced to earn his own livelihood. On the 27th of April, 1861, he enlisted in Company A, First Tennessee Infantry, under Col. Peter Turney, his being the first company and regiment in the state to offer their services to the Confederacy, and there was but few men in the Southern army that fought longer than our subject and with more credit. He was with that command until after the battle of Gettysburg, when he was authorized to return home for the purpose of raising a company, which he did, it being known as Company C, Twentieth Tennessee Confederate Cavalry. He served as captain of his company until forced to surrender on the 2nd of June, 1865, after over four years of arduous and faithful service, during which he was wounded many times. He was in the first and second battles of Bull Run, and the engagements at Yorktown, Seven Pines, Fair Oaks, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Gaines Mill, Slaughter Mountain, Gettysburg and Harper's Ferry, receiving a gunshot through the arm at the last named. In a battle in Madison county, Ala., he had a leg broken by a gunshot; at McMinnville, Tenn., a bullet passed through his chin, at Selma, Ala., he received a bullet in his thigh which he still carries; and in the last named place, while in a hand-to-hand conflict with sabres, his own weapon was cut in two, and thus left defenseless he warded off the blows with his hands until

one of his comrades shot his assailant, but his hands were badly cut. After joining the Twentieth Tennessee Cavalry he was with Gen. Bedford Forrest in many engagements.

The war having ended, Captain Sanders joined his father's family in Lincoln county, but soon afterward came to Grundy county, where he has since made his home, and his record as a citizen ranks favorably with that of a soldier, for his career in every respect is above reproach and well worthy of emulation. Without means, he commenced life as a farmer, and is to-day one of the most prosperous agriculturists of his community, owning some very valuable land in different parts of the county. He was married, July 10, 1869, to Miss E. Crabtree, who was born August 16, 1843, a daughter of Walter Crabtree, and they have become the parents of seven children: Robert E., a farmer of Franklin county, Tenn.; Lula, wife of James Bennett, a farmer living near Gorman, Eastland county, Texas; Rebecca wife of John Laxon, a farmer of Grundy county, Tenn.; Delia, Walter and John H., all at home, and Myrtle, who died in childhood.

Religiously the Captain and his wife are devoted members of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, and politically he is a conservative Democrat. Abraham Lincoln was his ideal president, and when the latter was assassinated our subject grieved more over it than if it had been his own father. Fourteen years ago he was elected a member of the county court and most ably filled that position for eight years. 1892 he was elected sheriff to fill the unexpired term of Sheriff Rust, who had died, and he is still discharging the duties of that office with credit to himself and to the entire satisfaction of his constituents.

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JAMES K. HOWLAND, clerk of the circuit court of Grundy county. Among

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the prominent men now living in Altamont who have won for themselves enviable positions and reputations as honorable and highly respected citizens of that thriving town, none is better deserving of representation in a volume of this nature than James K. Howland. He was born in Rutherford county, Tenn., on a farm, June 6, 1857, a son of Lewis H. and Isabel (Daughtry) Howland.

Our subject's father was born in North Carolina, February 1, 1800. His mother moved with her family to Rutherford, Tenn., in 1812. Here he grew to maturity, pursued the calling of a farmer, and died April 18, 1875. He served in the Mexican war, being a non-commissioned officer, and served in the commissary department a part of the time. In 1861 he enlisted in the Second Tennessee Infantry, in the Confederate army, and served about a year under Captain Newman, and was then dismissed on the account of his age. Politically he was a Democrat. Our subject's mother was born in Rutherford county, and died in Carlocksville, at the age of forty-five years. She was her husband's second wife. Mr. Howland first married Miss Elizabeth Jacobs, and to this union were born eleven children, of whom we have the following record: Amanda was the wife of W. Jacobs, and is now living in Crittenden county, Ky.; Kit, wife of William Phelps; both she and her husband died in Kentucky; Mollie, wife of Grundy Sumner, died near Glass, Williamson county, Tenn.; Richard was a soldier in the Confederate army and is now living in Rutherford county; John died during the war, in the Federal army; Rebecca was the wife of Thomas Brady and died in Rutherford county; Martha, wife of Pinkney Alexander, is now living in Rutherford county; Ellen, wife of J. K. P. Robinson, of Noah, Coffee county, Tenn.; Clinton, at Rucker, Tenn.; Fannie, wife of Joseph Parker, of Coffee county, Tenn. To his last marriage six children were born, viz.: James K., the subject of this sketch; Sarah Doak, wife of T. J. Robinson, of Manchester, Tenn.; Robert T., who died in child-

hood; Lydia J., wife of Drewy Gowin, of Bonham, Fannin county, Texas; William H. is in Crandall, Kauffman county, Texas; and Wilcome H., also of Kauffman county, Texas.

James K. Howland, the subject of this sketch, spent his school days in Rutherford county, and attended the public school in the district in which he lived. In 1881 he left Rutherford and moved to Tracy City, and was there employed as a clerk in a store until 1883. He then went into business in partnership with Mr. W. B. Holt, and was thus engaged for eighteen months. He then sold out and went to Texas, and, after spending six months in different places in Texas, Louisiana and Alabama, he returned to Tracy City, and was there employed to guard the convicts at the branch prison at that place. A few months later he accepted a position as tip boss and timekeeper at the mines, up to May 15, 1890. He was elected clerk of the circuit court in August, 1890, and has held that position continuously since, being re-elected in 1894.

November 27, 1886, Mr. Howland was united in marriage with Miss Flora Tipton, daughter of Stephen and Louisa E. (Criswold) Tipton. Mrs. Howland was born in Grundy county, Tenn., March 15, 1864. To this union have been born five children, as follows: William H. died January 21, 1888, when but one month of age; Vera E., Alfred Herbert, Louis P. and Ruth. Our subject and Mrs. Howland are both members of the church, and while at Tracy City Mr. Howland performed the duties of elder of the society at that place. Socially he affiliates with the Masonic fraternity, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias. He twice represented Alto Masonic lodge, No. 478, at the grand lodge, has filled all the chairs in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is now past grand. In politics he is a Democrat.

ANDREW J. LOCKHART, a prominent  
and representative citizen of Grundy

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county, living two miles northeast of Tracy City, was born in that county, January 10, 1837, and is a son of John C. and Sallie (Walker) Lockhart. The birth of the father occurred in Buncombe county, N. C., but during childhood was brought to Tennessee by his parents, who settled in Grundy county at the head of the Collins river. His father was James M. Lockhart, a son of Andrew Lockhart, who was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, and the latter had a son who also took up arms against the mother country, participating in the war of 1812.

John C. Lockhart was reared on the Collins river, but afterward removed to the mountains, where he continued to engage in agricultural pursuits until life's labors were ended. He was one of the most prominent and influential men of his community, and for a number of years was a member of the county court. He died in 1879, at the age of sixty-five years, having long survived the mother of our subject, who passed away in 1840, at an early age. His second wife, who bore the maiden name of Cynthia Bailey, is still living at the age of seventy-three years, and now makes her home in Sequatchie county, Tenn. He was a Democrat in politics, and was an active and faithful member of the Primitive Baptist church, for many years serving as a minister. By his first marriage he had two sons, George W., a physician now living in Arkansas; and Andrew J., of this sketch. The children born of the second union were James M., a farmer of Grundy county; Mary, wife of Archibald Dykes, of Marion county, Tenn.; Thomas B., who was for many years an official of Grundy county, and now a resident of Indian Territory; Nancy J., deceased wife of J. W. Orange, a prominent citizen of Grundy county, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this work; and Melinda, who married Lucian Bain and died in Warren county, Tenn.

The subject of this sketch obtained a fair education in the school at Altamont, and was thus well fitted for the responsible duties of life. In May, 1861, he joined the

boys in gray as a member of Company H, Fourth Tennessee Cavalry, under Captain Glover, and was in the service until the close of the war, participating in many raids, skirmishes and battles, including the engagements at Fishing Creek and Murfreesboro. Just before the battle of Chickamauga he was taken prisoner, sent to Camp Chase, Ohio, and later to Rock Island, Ill., where he was confined until hostilities had ceased. Before this he had been a prisoner in Nashville for two months, and in all was a prisoner of war for over two years.

On his return to the south he spent one year in Trigg and Christian counties, Ky., and then came to Sequatchie county, Tenn., locating near Dunlap, where he engaged in farming and in the manufacture of brick. He also served as trustee of that county for one year, and took quite an active interest in public affairs. As a brick mason, he was for many years in the employ of the Tennessee Coal, Iron & Railroad Company, and has made his home in Tracy City since 1885, being numbered among its valued and honored citizens.

In Sequatchie county Mr. Lockhart was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth Pankey, who was born in that county February 29, 1844, a daughter of Thomas Pankey, and they have become the parents of four children, namely: Albert Sydney Johnston, a miner of Tracy City; Sallie, wife of John W. Carick, also a miner of that place; and Milton Dixie and Frank Cheatham, who are similarly employed. William V. died in infancy. The parents are earnest and consistent members of the Primitive Baptist church, and Mr. Lockhart is now serving as deacon and clerk of the Oak Hill church. Politically he is identified with the Democracy, and socially affiliates with the United Confederate Veterans.

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JAMES MONROE LOCKHART holds a conspicuous position among the mem-

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bers of the agricultural part of the Fifth district, Grundy county, Tenn. He was born in Wills Valley, near Trenton, Ga., July 25, 1848, a son of John Calhoun and Cynthia (Bailey) Lockhart.

John C. Lockhart, our subject's father, was born in what is now Grundy county, Tenn., but which was then known as Warren county. He was born in 1815 and was reared in the county of his nativity, and during his lifetime, held several official positions of trust. He was trustee of Sequatchie county, justice of the peace in Grundy county, and was chairman of the county court of the last named county for one term. Upon the breaking out of the Civil war he was forced into the Federal service, preferring to serve in the ranks instead of going as a prisoner of war to Camp Chase, Ohio, but he only served a short time. Politically he was a life long Democrat. He was a member of the Primitive Baptist church, and during the latter years of his life was a minister in that organization. He died on the farm that is now the home of our subject in the year 1887. He was twice married. His first wife bore the maiden name of Miss Martha Walker, and after her death, Mr. Lockhart was united in marriage to Miss Cynthia Bailey. After his death, Mrs. Lockhart married Daniel Lane, and is now living near Daus Station, in Sequatchie county. To Mr. Lockhart's first marriage were born two children, A. J. and G. W., and the names of the children born to his second marriage appears in the sketch of A. J. Lockhart, on another page of this volume. The Lockhart family came to Tennessee from North Carolina.

James Monroe Lockhart, the subject of this sketch, was reared in Grundy and Sequatchie counties, and was educated in the Langleyford School. He made his home with his father until 1887, and had charge of his father's business until the latter's death. He has made the pursuit of agriculture his principal occupation, and, although he is a thorough and systematic farmer, he has found time to devote to the

service of his fellow citizens and looking after the political interests of his adopted district and county. He was justice of the peace for eighteen years, was chairman of the county court for one term, and is now performing the duties of deputy sheriff. In politics he is identified with the Democratic party.

June 30, 1878, our subject was united in marriage to Miss Janie Lockhart, who was born near Beersheba Springs, Grundy county, Tenn., April 8, 1860, a daughter of H. Lockhart. This union has been blessed by the advent of a family of nine children, seven of whom are now living. The names of the living children in the order of their birth are as follows: Cynthia B., Myrtle Viola, Lilly Alice, Sarah Willis, Maude, Pearlie and LASSIE BURTON. George W. and Edgar M. died in childhood.

THOMAS E. MABRY, one of the honored and highly respected citizens of Grundy county, is a native of Virginia, born in Brunswick county, January 5, 1828, and is a son of Nathaniel and Martha (Elliott) Mabry, also natives of the Old Dominion. The father was a farmer, and also served as sheriff for some time. He died in that state during the childhood of our subject, after which the family removed to Mississippi, later to Montgomery county, Tenn., near Clarksville, and in 1840 to Warren county, same state, where the mother's death occurred two years later. Of their five children, Thomas E. is the youngest and the only one now living. Mary wedded John Cunningham and died in Warren county. Hinchia died in Grundy county, in 1876, at the age of sixty years. John E., a farmer, died near Clarksville, Tenn., leaving two sons—Thomas and John. Harriet became the wife of William Cunningham and also died in Grundy county.

The subject of this sketch spent his school days in Montgomery and Warren counties, Tenn., obtaining the greater part of his edu-

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cation in an academy near Clarksville. At the age of eighteen he accepted a position as salesman in a store in Christian county, Ky., and at the end of three years became a member of the firm, remaining in business there until coming to Grundy county, Tenn., in 1862. At that time he located upon his present farm, to the cultivation and improvement of which he has since devoted his energies with most gratifying results.

In November, 1859, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Mabry and Miss Julia Gwyn, who was born January 25, 1843, a daughter of Ransom Gwyn. Nine children have been born to this union, all of whom are still living: Margaret, now the wife of S. W. Talifarro, a farmer and blacksmith of Viola, Tenn.; Mary, at home; William R., a dealer in dynamite and strong powder at Birmingham, Ala.; R. N., a salesman for the wholesale hardware firm of Moore & Handley, of Birmingham; Martha, wife of A. G. Brown, of Ladonia, Texas, where he is engaged in merchandising; Hudie and Myrtle, at home; Robert, a salesman for the Arms & Cycle Company, of Birmingham, Ala.; and George, at home.

Mr. Mabry is a prominent and active member of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, and is now serving as trustee of Wesley Chapel and as superintendent of the Sunday school. By his ballot he usually supports the Democratic party, but is not strictly partisan, always voting for the man whom he thinks best qualified to fill the office. For four years he has creditably filled the office of justice of the peace, and in 1865 was elected circuit court clerk, a position he filled for six years with credit to himself and to the entire satisfaction of his constituents. His honorable, upright career has gained for him the confidence and respect of all with whom he has come in contact, and his circle of friends and acquaintances is extensive.

MARTIN MARUGG, one of the most prominent and influential citizens of Tracy City, Grundy county, Tenn., where he is successfully conducting a well regulated store. He is endowed with excellent business qualifications, a character of the highest order, and it can safely be said that there are few more energetic or wide-awake men among the younger member of the business population of Grundy county, than the gentleman whose name heads this sketch. He was born in Klosters, Switzerland, in 1861, and is a son of Christian and Anna (Brosi) Marugg, the former of whom was born in 1829, and the latter in 1828. They were married in 1856. Christian Marugg was a merchant in his native land, and was also extensively interested in agriculture in that country. Both the father and grandfather of our subject were president of the district and also held many other positions of trust and honor in their native land. Christian Marugg came to the United States in 1869, and traveled through twenty-eight states, for the purpose of finding a good location with suitable climate, etc., and finally selected Grundy county, Tenn. He returned to his native land in the same year, and in February, 1873, he came with his family and forty others, and located at what is now known as the Swiss Colony, in Grundy county. He made that place his home until 1888, when he, his wife and two of the children returned to Switzerland, where he is engaged in looking after his landed interests. Christian Marugg and family are members of the German Reformed church. While in America he affiliated with the Democratic party. There were five children in the family, three of whom are now living, and of whom we have the following record: Barbara is the wife of John Sabild, a sketch of whom will be found on another page of this volume; Martin, of whom this article is written; George, a merchant of Jasper, Ala., who accompanied his parents when they returned to their native land, but subsequently returned to the United States; Christina was the wife of Henry Nett, and



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died in Switzerland; and Rudolph, deceased, of whom a sketch will be found below.

Martin Marugg attended the schools in his native land, and, after coming to the United States, attended school at Altamont. Later he supplemented this with a course in the Eastman Business College at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., which fitted him with a thorough business and elementary education. After he had finished his schooling he became assistant bookkeeper and station agent at Tracy City, for the T. C. I. & R. R. Co., a position which he held for three years. During the time that he acted in the above capacity he learned the art of telegraphy, and then spent a portion of the next two years at Chattanooga, where he later on became connected with the Chattanooga "Evening Democrat," and was engaged on newspaper work. Mr. Marugg then located at Nashville, where he secured work on the German paper "Anzeiger Des Sudens," as manager for about one year. After selling his interest in the above paper he located at Gruetli, where he assisted in his father's store for a while. He then went to Birmingham, Ala., where he worked on the "Age-Herald" and from there to Montgomery, in the same state, where he worked as compositor on the "Advertiser." In October, 1888, he returned to Gruetli to take charge of the store prior to his father's return to Switzerland, and in 1891, he removed to Tracy City, where he established the New York Auction store. He has devoted his entire time to his business at this place, and has succeeded in building up an extensive and profitable trade. In 1895 he and others started a telephone line between Tracy City and Beersheba Springs, and since then they have organized the Dixie Telephone Company, of which he is manager. This company has telephone connection with many of the neighboring towns in the vicinity of Tracy City and has just completed an exchange of one hundred and ten subscribers in Tracy City. The subject of this sketch is also one of the incorporators and at present vice-president of the Grundy County Bank.

December 21, 1888, Martin Marugg was united in the holy bonds of wedlock with Miss Elizabeth Schild, a daughter of Peter Schild. She was born in the Canton of Berne, Switzerland, and came to the United States with her parents when she was but three years of age. There has been two children born to bless this congenial union: Brosi and Elsie. Mr. Marugg has always taken an active interest in local political matters, and was a member of the Grundy county auditing committee from 1889 until 1897. Politically he affiliates with the Democratic party, and in his religious life he is a communicant of the German Reformed church. Socially he is a member of the Knights of Pythias, and has represented his lodge in the grand lodge. He also belongs to the Royal Arcanum, which he has also represented in the grand lodge, and is a member of the Swiss Relief Society of Nashville. He is active, intelligent and progressive and every enterprise that is calculated to be of benefit to the community at large receives his earnest support and encouragement.

**RUDOLPH MARUGG** was born at Klosters, Canton Graubunden, Switzerland, June 27, 1859. In 1873, when fourteen years of age, he came with his father's family to Tennessee and located at Gruetli, in Grundy county, where he resided until 1893. During the latter year he moved with his family to Tracy City, the place of his death, which occurred April 22, 1896.

Rudolph received the common-school education of his native land, which on arrival in this country was supplemented with a few months' country schooling and a term in the University of Tennessee at Knoxville.

For many years he had charge of the public school at the Swiss colony at Gruetli, which he taught in both the German and

English languages. He took an active interest in politics and was an uncompromising Democrat. Rudolph Marugg was a prominent member of the Grundy county court for many years. He was best liked where he was best known. He was a man of deep convictions and outspoken in his views. At the time of his death he was a member of the I. O. O. F. and the Royal Arcanum lodges.

In 1884 he was married, at Gruetli, to Miss Anna Heer, who with six children survive him.

**M**eyer & Schild.—This firm carries on one of the prosperous business enterprises of Tracy City, Grundy county, Tenn., their stock in trade being adequate to fill all the demands in the vicinity. They conduct a general blacksmithing, wagon making, and are manufacturers of agricultural implements. The establishment ranks well among the dealers, and those who have occasion to patronize the shop are sure to receive courteous treatment and meet with a careful consideration of their wants.

JACOB MEYER, the senior member of the firm, was born December 6, 1858, in Switzerland, and is a son of George and Margaret (Rueger) Meyer, who were both natives of Switzerland. The father followed farming all his life, and died in 1883, at the age of sixty, but his good wife still survives. They were members of the Christian Reform church, and were the parents of the following children: Lizzie, deceased; Robert is a farmer and resides in Ohio; Lydia lives in Iowa; Jacob, of whom this brief sketch is written; Godfrey makes his home in Switzerland; Bertha is a resident of Iowa; and Barbara is making her home in Switzerland.

Jacob Meyer attended the schools in his native land until he had attained his fourteenth year, when he started to work at his trade of a blacksmith. After becoming

proficient in the profession of his choice, he followed his calling in the various shops in his native land. In 1878 he came to the United States, landed at New York, and then went to Cleveland, Ohio, where he remained for a few years. His next location was at Pittsburg, then followed Cincinnati, Ohio, St. Louis, Mo., and finally settled in the Swiss colony in Grundy county, Tenn. Upon his arrival here Mr. Meyer started to work for L. R. Von Lohr, with whom he remained for two years, and then opened a shop in Tracy City, in connection with John Henry Schild. By strict attention to business and faithful discharge of their several duties, they have since built up a profitable trade. The wife of our subject was known in her girlhood as Miss Julia Born, a daughter of Fred Born, and she was born in the Swiss colony in Grundy county. They are the parents of the following children: Jacob, Elsie, Robert, and the baby, who is not yet named. Mr. and Mrs. Meyer are members of the German Reform church, and he is a member of the Royal Arcanum. He is independent in his political views, and casts his vote invariably for the best man fitted for the place.

JOHN HENRY SCHILD, the junior member of the firm of Meyer & Schild, was born March 2, 1862, in Switzerland, and is a son of Peter and Margaret (Ruel) Schild, a short sketch of whom will be found in the biography of J. Schild, on another page of this volume. J. H. Schild was but seven years of age when he accompanied his parents to the United States, and attended school in the Swiss colony in Grundy county, Tenn. When he became of age he learned the woodworker's trade in the same shop with his present partner, and later worked at his trade four and one-half years, when he formed a partnership with Mr. Meyer, under the firm name of Meyer & Schild. On December 15, 1889, Mr. Schild was united in marriage to Miss Bertha Werner, who was born in New York city and was a daughter of Samuel Werner. There have been three children born to bless this happy couple, namely:

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Samuel, Willie and Martin. He and his wife are members in good standing of the Episcopal church. Socially he is a member of the Royal Arcanum and the I. O. O. F., and he is independent in his political views, as he believes in purity in politics.

A thorough knowledge of the business in which they are engaged, combined with practical skill in its mechanical departments, and a large amount of energy and tact, conspire to give promise of a prosperous future to the firm of Meyer & Schild. Both gentlemen receive a due measure of respect and esteem, on account of their private characters, and are sought after by society for their many social qualities.

**D**R. ROBERT MORGAN is one of Tracy City's oldest and most efficient physicians. Having begun the study of that profession at a very early age and devoted his entire life to it, he has become very skilled and also very popular and has gained an enviable reputation as an honest and painstaking medical practitioner.

Doctor Morgan was born in Shelbyville, Bedford county, Tenn., October 25, 1832, a son of Moses and Elizabeth (Johnson) Morgan, both natives of Cabarrus county, N. C. They both moved when quite young, with their parents, to Bedford county, Tenn., were married there, and there spent the remaining years of their lives. The father was a carpenter by occupation, and they were both members of the Methodist Episcopal church, South. The father died in the year 1846, at the age of forty-five years, and the mother subsequently married Mr. George Kimbro. She died in 1882, at the age of eighty-two years. Mr. and Mrs. Moses Morgan were the parents of a family of seven children, of whom our subject is the fourth in order of birth, and of whom but three are now living, viz: German B., a farmer living in Bedford county, Tenn.; Dr. Robert, the subject of our sketch; Mrs. Sarah Cox, wife of Thomas Cox, a carpen-

ter of Shelbyville, Tenn. The deceased are: Melissa J., Cornelia, Annie E., and George M.

Doctor Morgan grew to maturity in Shelbyville. He began the study of medicine when a boy from such books as he could obtain, and at the age of twenty-two years he began the practice of his profession in Bedford county. After practicing continuously in that county for twenty-five years, he moved to Tracy City, Grundy county, where he has built up a large patronage and has been very successful. November 17, 1856, the Doctor was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Locke, of Bedford county. Mrs. Morgan was born in 1842, a daughter of Weakley Locke. To this union have been born five children, of whom we have the following record: George W., a resident of Grundy county, and a blacksmith and farmer by occupation; Annie, wife of R. N. Blanton, a carpenter of Decherd, Tenn.; Mary, wife of J. W. Berry, of Tracy City, and Martha, wife of Rev. J. R. Reeves, a Methodist minister of Hickman county, Tenn., are twins. The fifth child in the order of birth is Moses, of Tracy City. The Doctor and Mrs. Morgan are both members of the Methodist Episcopal church, South. In politics, our subject is a Democrat.

**H**ARRIS BRADFORD NORTHCUT, senior member of the general merchandise firm of Northcut & Sons, and one of the leading business men of Grundy county, Tenn., is a resident of Altamont, the county seat of that county. He was born and reared in this section of Tennessee, and has, throughout his life, been identified with the business interests of that region.

Our subject's father, Gen. Adrian Northcut, was born in Virginia, in the year 1799, and was brought to Tennessee by his father. John Northcut, who located near Irving College, Warren county. John Northcut had been a soldier in the war of 1812 and

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died on his way home at the close of the war. Adrian Northcut grew to maturity in Warren county, and after making several moves, he settled in the cove which was named in his honor, five miles northwest of Altamont, which was his home for the balance of his life. He was a member of the county court about forty years and never charged the county a cent for his services in this capacity. During the muster of state militia, he served at different times in the capacity of captain, colonel and brigadier-general. In 1846 he raised a company and was appointed its captain and served in the Mexican war. He was a member of the state legislature for eight terms, or sixteen years, and during a part of that time was also a member of the state senate, and wielded a wonderful influence in both houses.

General Northcut was the representative from Warren county, and Isaac Roberts was the representative from Franklin county at the time Grundy county was established, and both men became residents of the new county. They then became leaders of the two parties contending for the location of the county seat. General Northcut proved to be the victor and the county seat was located at Altamont. He then engaged in selling goods at his home for many years. He put up the first store in Altamont, and engaged in the mercantile business, but his principal occupation was driving stock south, at which he accumulated quite a large fortune. He was very hospitable and generous and served as security for many of his friends with the result that he was called upon to pay about half the amount that he guaranteed payment, but in spite of all he was very prosperous and was known as one of the wealthy men of the county. He was not well educated but possessed wonderful forethought, good judgment and business ability. His wife was, in her girlhood, Miss Sarah Cope, and was a daughter of James Cope, a primitive Baptist minister. She was born in Warren county, Tenn., in the year 1807, and died in 1873. The General died in 1869. They

were both members of the Primitive Baptist church, and in politics he was a staunch and enthusiastic Democrat, and it was said of him that he would ride a hundred miles to convince one Whig that he was wrong. The General and Mrs. Northcut were the parents of a family of fifteen children, eleven sons and four daughters, five of whom are now living, viz: Lydia Tipton, now living in Fannin county, Texas; Harris Bradford, the subject of this sketch; L. H., a farmer living on the home farm; P. K., a farmer also living on the old homestead; and Mary Walling, whose home is in Texas. The deceased are: John, who died at the old home; Stephen died in Mexico while serving in his command in the war with that country; James, a farmer, died in Warren county; William E., was a trader among the Indians and died somewhere in the West; Archibald died at his father's home; S. H. was a recruiting officer for the Confederacy and was killed in Coffee county, during the war; Luchia L. was the wife of Colonel Hughes and died in McMinnville; Wootson L. was killed at The Wilderness, Va., May 5, 1864. Elizabeth and George both died in childhood.

Harris Bradford Northcut, the subject of this sketch, was born December 11, 1829, and grew to maturity in Northcut Cove. He attended the public school in the district in which his boyhood was spent, and afterward attended the Altamont Academy. He helped to cut the brush from the town site of Altamont when that town was laid out for the county seat. At the age of twenty-four he began driving stock south, having had several years' experience in that business with his father. In March, 1858, he began selling goods at Altamont and has been engaged in the mercantile business at that place continuously since that date with the exception of an interruption of four years caused by the war. He was a very heavy loser by the war, as he lost all that he had. His store was robbed and burned by the soldiers, and at the close of hostilities he was without means and in debt. During the struggle he was with the Confederate

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army a part of the time and after its close he returned to his mercantile pursuits again, and gradually retrieved his situation. The firm is now known as H. B. Northcut & Sons.

In 1862 Fannie McCraw, daughter of William McCraw, became the wife of Mr. Northcut. She was born in Hawkins county, Tenn., in June, 1839. To this union have been born three children, of whom we have the following record: Thomas B., a partner with his father and brother in the mercantile business; Mrs. T. A. is the widow of James Moffitt, deceased. She is living with her parents; James H. is also a member of the mercantile firm, and is president of the Dixie Telephone Co. Our subject and Mrs. Northcut are both members of the Cumberland Presbyterian church. Mr. Northcut is a Mason and was instrumental in the organization of Alto lodge, No. 478, at Altamont. He has held all the official positions in the lodge of which he is a member except worshipful master and has represented it at the grand lodge several times. Politically he is a Democrat.

**LAWSON HILL NORTH CUT.**—Fortunate is he who has back of him an ancestry honorable and distinguished, and happy is he if his lines of life are cast in harmony therewith. Our subject is blessed in this respect, for he springs from a prominent family. He is a native of Grundy county, born April 5, 1840, in the house where he still resides, and is a son of Gen. Adrian and Sarah (Cope) Northcut. The father was a distinguished officer of the Mexican war, and remained in the service from 1845 to 1848, participating in all the engagements from Matamoras to Mexico City, as captain of Company A, in Colonel Campbell's regiment. After the close of the Mexican war he became prominently identified with the political life of the state,

and served in the legislature for eight years, two in the senate and six in the lower house. He was highly esteemed, and looked upon as one of the most active members, and made hosts of friends. At one time he gave the general assembly an oyster supper to show his generosity. The grandfather, John Northcut, was a soldier of the war of 1812, and died at New Orleans soon after the battle at that place, in which he had taken part. He was a native of Lee county, Va., and from the Old Dominion removed to Warren county, Tenn., about 1806 or 1808. By occupation he was a farmer.

The subject of this sketch acquired a good education in the academy at Altamont. During the Civil war he espoused the cause of the Confederacy, and in May, 1861, as a non-commissioned officer, he joined Captain Patton's company, Peter Turney's regiment, which was mustered in as the First Tennessee Confederate Volunteer Infantry. He participated in the battle at Fair Oaks, Va., and in the seven-days' battle before Richmond, where he was wounded. While home on a furlough, July 4, 1863, he was captured and sent as a prisoner of war to Camp Chase, Ohio, later to Camp Douglas, Chicago, and from there to Point Lookout, Md., where he was finally released June 24, 1865. Fortunately he was never seriously wounded. His father lost almost all his property, valued at \$15,000, during the war, but our subject ably assisted him in building up his farm, remaining with him until the father's death. He then took charge of the estate, and also cared for his mother until she, too, was called to her final rest. Upon the old homestead he still continues to reside, while devoting his time and attention to the cultivation of the farm and to stock raising. The place is pleasantly situated seven miles northwest of Altamont, and, being under a high state of cultivation, forms a most attractive spot in the landscape of this region.

On the 1st of March, 1871, Mr. Northcut was united in marriage with Miss Mary E. Moyers, who was born January 10, 1851, seven miles east of McMinnville, Tenn.,

and is a daughter of Thomas Moyers. The Moyers family came to Warren county from Jefferson county, E. Tenn. The children born of this union are Thomas A., Johnathan D. and Errett A. The parents are earnest members of the Christian church, in which Mr. Northcut is now serving as elder. He is an honored member of Alto lodge, No. 478, F. & A. M., which he has represented in the grand lodge, and in which he has served as master. Politically he is a supporter of the Democracy, and has taken quite an active and prominent part in local political affairs. For four years, from 1880 to 1884, he acceptably served as justice of the peace, and in 1883 and 1884 was one of the leading members of the state legislature, ably representing the district comprised of Grundy and Marion counties, and serving on several important committees. As a citizen he meets every requirement, and manifests a commendable interest in everything that is calculated to promote the county's welfare in any line. He is a pleasant and genial gentleman, and is very popular, having a most extensive circle of friends and acquaintances, who esteem him highly for his genuine worth.

**JOHN W. ORANGE**—Prominent among the energetic, far-seeing and successful business men of Tracy City is the subject of this sketch. His life history most happily illustrates what may be attained by faithful and continued effort in carrying out an honest purpose. Integrity, activity and energy been have the crowning points of his success, and his connection with various business enterprises and industries have been of decided advantage to the community, promoting its material welfare in no uncertain manner.

Mr. Orange is a native of Prussia, Germany, born near the Saxon and Hanover line, April 16, 1839, and is the only child of John and Annie (Gerbod) Orange, also natives of Prussia. The father made

sheep raising and farming his life work and was fairly successful in his business ventures. He died in 1853, at about the age of sixty years, and his widow subsequently married Frederick Schneider. She was born about 1818, and died about 1879.

The public schools of his native land afforded our subject his educational privileges, and at the age of fourteen years he commenced learning the baker's trade. Two years later he left home as he could not agree with his step-father, and came to America, the sailing vessel on which he took passage being seventy-three days in crossing the Atlantic owing to continuous storms, but he finally reached Baltimore in safety. There he worked at his trade for a time, and after spending a few months in Cincinnati, Ohio, he went to Butler county; that state, where he worked on a farm and learned to speak English. Subsequently he returned to Cincinnati, and from there went to New Orleans, where he was located at the inauguration of the Civil war. In the spring of 1861 he entered the Confederate service as a member of Company C, First Louisiana Infantry, under Captain King and Colonel Clayton, and was in that command for one year. Later he joined the Eighth Confederate Cavalry, and when cut off from that command at Sparta, Tenn., he enlisted in the Fourth Tennessee Cavalry, from which he was afterward cut off. He took part in many engagements, including the battles of Fort Pickens, Fla., Shiloh, Perryville, Ky., and many skirmishes, but fortunately he was never wounded nor taken prisoner.

After the war Mr. Orange located in Grundy county, Tenn., but later removed to Sequatchie county, and from there to McMinnville, Warren county, where he was engaged in the bakery business for about a year. He then went to Marion county, and from there moved to Tracy City, where he has since made his home. The greater part of his time and attention have been devoted to farming, but he has also taken contracts for coal, furnished prop timber for the mines, and has been interested in

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mining operations in different ways. He is a man of sound judgment and good executive ability, and in business affairs has met with excellent success.

On the 23d of June, 1863, Mr. Orange was united in marriage with Miss Nancy Jane Lockhart, who was born in Grundy county, September 23, 1844, a daughter of John C. Lockhart, and died April 23, 1893. Of the twelve children born to them ten are still living: A. L., a miner; J. C., a miner at Bon Air, White county, Tenn.; W. S., a miner at Hartshorn, Indian Ter.; James H., of Bessemer, Ala.; Fred, a miner connected with the Tennessee Coal, Iron & Railroad Co., at Tracy City; Alice, wife of W. L. King, a miner at the latter place; Hester, wife of Frank Hobbs, a miner of the same place; Lilly, Samuel and Barney, all at home; Mary, who died at the age of seven months; and Nannie, who died at the age of fourteen months.

Mr. Orange speaks English as fluently as a native, born American, and is one of the most valuable and useful citizens of his adopted county. He is an earnest member of the Primitive Baptist church, and an ardent Democrat in politics.

**HENRY OVERTURF.** — As an all-around prominent man of Grundy county, there is probably no one of its citizens who more justly deserves the title than Mr. Overturf. He is a farmer by occupation and is making his home and base of operations near the town of Tatesville. Together with his agricultural interests, he has ever been mindful of the interest of the community and has always been found ready to lend a helping hand in all projects that tend to the upbuilding or strengthening of good local government or the improvement of the status of his adopted county. Several important offices have been entrusted to his care and he has never failed to justify the confidence placed in him by the people.

Mr. Overturf was born in Warren county, Tenn., January 2, 1835. His father was born in Virginia, and moved with his father to Warren county, Tenn., in an early day and became one of the early settlers of that section. Our subject's mother was born either in White or Warren county, Tenn., and spent the last few years of her life with the subject of our sketch. Henry Overturf was educated at Altamont Academy, and during the early part of his life he lived at a number of places in and around Altamont, and was engaged in farming and trading. In November, 1861, he joined Company A, of the Fifth Confederate Tennessee Regiment, and was appointed lieutenant of that company. After its organization, this regiment was known as the Thirty-fifth Tennessee, and Mr. Overturf became a member of Company F. At Shiloh this company sustained a very heavy loss, nineteen of its men being killed in the space of three minutes. Our subject participated in the battles of Shiloh, Corinth and Plum Orchard. At Shiloh he received a slight wound in the neck, had his ear cut by a passing ball, and three times bullets passed through his hair. He then returned to his home and was soon after captured by the Federal troops and was sent as a prisoner of war to Camp Chase, Ohio, and from there was transferred to Rock Island. After spending some eighteen months in the prison at that place, he enlisted in Company A, Second United States Volunteer Infantry, to fight the Indians and was sent to the frontier. He was afterward detailed to serve in the quartermaster's department at Fort Leavenworth. Upon receiving his discharge, in April, 1865, he returned to Tennessee and located on a farm on the present town site of Gruetli, and in April, 1880, he moved to his present home in the Fifth district, Grundy county, where he now owns a fine farm. He is a very heavy land owner, and has an interest in about seven thousand acres of land. Our subject has also taken a wholesome interest in local political matters and has served the citizens of his

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adopted district and county in many different capacities. He was constable for several years and was sheriff of the county for a term of two years. He was county surveyor seventeen years, justice of the peace ten years, has been postmaster at Tatesville continuously since 1880, has been county coroner and held other minor offices.

January 1, 1857, Mr. Overturf was united in marriage to Miss Nancy Scruggs, who was born in Marion county, Tenn., in November, 1840, a daughter of Carter Scruggs. To this union has been born fourteen children, eight of whom are now living, and of whom we have the following record: J. H., living at Altamont; F. D., an engineer at Richland, Tex.; E. F. is a farmer of Grundy county; W. R. is a farmer living near Maroa, Ill.; H. B., also a farmer; Mary Lou and Nancy Edna, both still living with their parents; and Sarah Della. The deceased are: James, who died in childhood; Lintchia, wife of William Stump, died at Altamont; Lucy Belle died in childhood; Thomas Gordon and Richard M. both died in childhood; and an infant, deceased. Socially Mr. Overturf affiliates with the Masonic fraternity, and in 1896 he represented the lodge in which he holds his membership at the grand lodge. In politics he is a Democrat.

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**RILEY BRADFORD ROBERTS.**  
—The subject of this sketch finds an appropriate place in the history of those men of business and enterprise in Grundy county whose force of character, whose sterling integrity, whose fortitude amid discouragements and whose good sense in the management of business affairs, have not only secured for him a comfortable competence, but have contributed in an eminent degree to the general prosperity. His career has not been helped by accident, luck, wealth, family or powerful friends. He is,

in the broadest sense, a self-made man, being both the architect and builder of his own fortune, and is to-day one of the leading mine contractors of Tracy City.

Mr. Roberts was born near Pelham, Grundy county, May 1, 1861, and is a son of Philip and Asenath (Pearson) Roberts. The father was born in North Carolina, in 1806, but in 1812 was brought by his parents to Grundy county, Tenn., where he engaged in farming after reaching manhood until his death, which occurred May 30, 1888. He was a soldier in the Seminole war in Florida, and during the Civil war was commissioned captain of a Confederate company, but before hostilities ceased he was honorably discharged on account of his extreme old age. He was one of the most distinguished and honored citizens of Grundy county, was elected its first sheriff and filled the office for many years, and was also for a long time judge of Grundy county. He was twice married, his first wife being in her maidenhood Miss Susan R. Smith. His second wife, Asenath Pearson, was born near Pelham in 1833, and is still living, making her home near that of our subject. All of his children were of the second union, and are as follows: Isaac, who died at the age of six years; Alexander P., a farmer of Grundy county; Riley B., of this sketch; Susan, wife of Henry M. Mitchell, a miner of Tracy City; Annie, wife of Peter McGovern, of the same place; William P., a miner of Tracy City; Betty, wife of L. J. Campbell, a miner of Tracy City; and Philip H., also a miner.

Upon the home farm Riley B. Roberts was reared until nineteen years of age, acquiring his literary education in the public schools of the neighborhood. On leaving home he began work in the mines, first driving mules, and later digging coal in Rattle Snake mine. For one year he was overseer of the convict laborers, next engaged in contracting in Rattle Snake mine for eighteen months, was foreman of drivers four years, then engaged in contracting in East Fork mine, but soon transferred his operations to the Lone Rock mine, where he is still an extensive contractor. He is



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an upright, reliable business man, who commands the respect of all with whom he comes in contact.

On the 26th of June, 1884, Mr. Roberts was united in marriage with Miss Jennie McGovern, a daughter of James McGovern, and to them have been born five children: Lizzie, Isaac, Carl, Cora, and Everett. The parents are leading members of the Mt. Pleasant Methodist Episcopal church, South, in which Mr. Roberts is now serving as steward, while socially he affiliates with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Royal Arcanum, and politically is identified with the Democratic party.

**JAMES F. RUST** is an engineer on the Tracy City branch of the Nashville, Chattanooga & Saint Louis railroad. Mr. Rust was born in Rutherford county, near Murfreesboro, January 10, 1853, a son of Isaac and Margaret L. (McElroy) Rust, the former born in Washington county, Va., near Abingdon, January 8, 1805, and died December 23, 1877, and the latter born February 17, 1817, and died April 17, 1870.

Isaac Rust, our subject's father, was twenty-one years of age when he left his home in Virginia and traveled for a time in Georgia, Louisiana, and some of the other southern states, and then settled on a farm in Rutherford county, Tenn. He moved to Grundy county in 1854. In religious views, he and his wife were both Methodists and she was a member of that denomination. Politically Mr. Rust was a Whig originally, but later he joined the ranks of the Republican party. Like many others in this section of Tennessee, he lost very heavily from the war. He was in sympathy with the Union cause, and strongly opposed to secession. He participated in the Florida war, and his oldest brother was a soldier in the war of 1812. His death was caused by lockjaw which resulted from a wound received in his foot.

Isaac Rust was of Scotch descent. His father, John C. Rust, came from Scotland to help the Colonists in their struggle for independence from Great Britain, and was a sergeant in the Colonial army. He was wounded at the battle of Camden and carried the British ball to his grave. After the war, he came with General Lafayette to America, to the colonies in Virginia. Of this family, Isaac Rust, our subject's father, was the only one to settle in Tennessee. He reared a family of ten children, only three of whom are now living, and of whom we have the following record: Samuel R., a farmer and miner living three miles east of Tracy City; James F., the subject of this sketch; and Margaret, wife of E. C. Green, a farmer of Grundy county. The deceased are: Martha Burnett, wife of John Burnett, died near Pelham, Grundy county, Tenn.; Melinda, wife of George W. Roberts, died in Texas; John C. died while serving as sheriff of Grundy county; Isaac N., also an employe of the railroad company, died in Tracy City; Mary, wife of John Burnett, Jr., died near Pelham, Tenn.; Harriet F., wife of Isaac Tucker, died in Tracy City; and William H., who also died in Tracy City.

When our subject was still a child he moved with his parents to Grundy county, Tenn., and settled near Pelham. Here he grew to maturity and was educated. At the age of seventeen years, or in the year 1870, he left home, went to Tracy City, and entered the employ of the railroad company in the capacity of brakeman. Three years later he became fireman, and after serving in that capacity for nearly three years, he was made engineer, August 13, 1879. Ever since he first entered the employ of the company, he has worked on this branch, and has worked there longer than any other man employed in that section.

On November 10, 1875, Mr. Rust was united in marriage to Miss Lena J. Sims, who was born July 18, 1855, in Warren county, Tenn., a daughter of J. T. Sims, a veteran of the Mexican war. To this con-

genial union have been born two children, Della L. and Frank S. Mr. Rust is a member of the Methodist church, South, and is a trustee of the society in which he holds his membership, but his wife, although not a member of any denomination, endorses the discipline and policy of the Christian church. Our subject is also a member of the A. F. & A. M., the Knights of Pythias, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Royal Arcanum, the Knights of Honor and Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers. Politically he is identified with the Democratic party, but usually uses his elective franchises in the support of the candidate best qualified for the office he seeks, regardless of party lines.

was in the employ of the French government for fourteen years, working on forts. After coming to the United States he engaged in contracting and building in both Ohio and Tennessee, and was a successful business man in the way of money making, but lost much by going security for supposed friends. He was a communicant of the Catholic church, and an ardent Democrat in politics.

Our subject has three sisters: Emily, the widow of Chris Jenette, of Holmes county, Ohio; Mary, wife of George McCoslin, a farmer of that county; and Lizzie, wife of John McCoslin, of the same place. He also had two brothers, Frank and Paul, but they died at the same time during boyhood.

The public schools of Holmes county, Ohio, afforded our subject his educational advantages. At the age of fifteen he commenced learning the brick and stone mason's trade under the able direction of his father, and soon thoroughly mastered every feature of the business. He continued to work under his father until coming to Tennessee, and in Tracy City became a leading contractor and builder, of whose skill many notable examples are to be seen. He built most of the coke ovens, the round house and machine shops at Tracy City, the stone bridge at Altamont, and many other substantial structures. Retiring from that business, he opened a general store in Tracy, in January, 1898, and has already succeeded in building up a large and lucrative trade.

**J**OSEPH J. SANDERS, a well-known general merchant of Tracy City, and a business man of known reliability, enjoys to-day the reward of his painstaking and conscientious work. By his energy, perseverance and fine business ability he has secured a comfortable competence. Systematic and methodical, his sagacity, keen discrimination and sound judgment have made him one of the prosperous business men of the place.

Mr. Sanders was born in Holmes county, Ohio, July 29, 1849, a son of Joseph and Josefine Sanders. The father was born in France of German parentage, while the mother was a native of the same country, but of French lineage. In 1847 they emigrated to America and settled in Holmes county, Ohio, where Mrs. Sanders died. Subsequently, in 1860, the father brought his family to Grundy county, Tenn., and here his death occurred in 1888, when in his sixty-fourth year. For his second wife he married Margaret Note, a native of Germany, who is still living and is a resident of Grundy county. By trade he was a brick and stone mason, and in that capacity

In 1874, Mr. Sanders married Miss Callie Sweeton, a daughter of Joseph Sweeton, and they now have four children: Roy, who is with his father in the store; Ida, Joseph, and Mary Emma. The wife and mother is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, and a most estimable lady. Socially, Mr. Sanders belongs to the Masonic order, and is a Democrat in politics.

**JOHN SCHILD.**—Among the foreign-born residents of Grundy county, Tenn., who are thoroughly identified with American civilization and progress, may be noted John Schild. He is one of Gruetli's thrifty merchants, and has made that town his home and place of business for several years.

Mr. Schild was born in Switzerland July 8, 1858, a son of Peter and Margaret (Ruef) Schild. The parents were both born in Switzerland and came to America with their family of seven children in the year 1869. They settled first at Jeffersonville, N. Y., for a few months and then bought the farm on which Peter Schild now lives. They all set to work to clear their new home of its timber, and soon developed it into one of the fine farms of the community. The mother is now dead, but the father is still living and is making his home with Martin Marugg, his son-in-law, living at Tracy City. The family is identified with the German Reform church. Of the family of seven children, we have the following record: Peter, living on the old home farm; Margaret, wife of Henry Schlapback, a butcher at Atlanta, Ga.; John, the subject of this sketch; Henry, whose home is at Tracy City, is engaged in the blacksmith and wagon-making business in partnership with Mr. Meyer; Lizzie is the wife of Martin Marugg, of Tracy City; Rudolph is married and lives in St. Louis, Mo., where he carries on the butcher business; and William is a telegraph operator at Tracy City.

John Schild, the subject of our sketch, attended school in his native country until he migrated with his parents to America. At the age of sixteen he left home and went to Nashville, Tenn., and was engaged in the butcher business at that place for about fifteen years. He then returned to the Colony and opened a store in Gruetli, the operation of which has occupied the greater part of his time and attention since that date. In connection with his mercantile interests, however, he was postmaster at Gruetli during Cleveland's second administration.

In 1886 Mr. Schild was united in marriage to Miss Barbara Marugg, also a native of Switzerland, and a daughter of Christian Marugg. This union has been blessed by the advent of a family of six children, whose names in the order of their birth are as follows: John M., Christian P., George W., Anna Margaret, Rudolph H. and Elizabeth Anna. Our subject and his wife are both members of the German Reform church, and Mr. Schild is also a member of the Royal Arcanum at Tracy City. He is also a member of the Swiss Relief Society at Nashville, Tenn., and in politics is identified with the Democratic party.

**JOHN SCRUGGS**, clerk of the county court of Grundy county, was born in Marion county, Tenn., on the Cumberland mountains, February 19, 1844, a son of Carter and Lucinda (Kilgore) Scruggs. The father was born in Anderson county, Tenn., July 2, 1810, and died February 1, 1866, at Altamont, Tenn.; and the mother was born in the Sequatchie valley, where Victoria now stands, March 20, 1820 and died at Beersheba Springs in April, 1884.

Carter Scruggs was a son of John Scruggs, who served under General Green in the Revolutionary war, and participated in the battle of Guilford court house, and other important engagements, and John Scruggs, the subject of our sketch, was on the same battlefield of Guilford court house in the Confederate army, during the Civil war. He died in Anderson county, Tenn., being one of the pioneers of that county. Carter Scruggs went to Marion county, Tenn., when a young man, and was married there, and in January, 1850, he moved to Altamont with his family. By occupation he was a farmer, mechanic and also a saddler. He served one term as clerk of the circuit court, and also taught school for a time. He was a justice of the peace

for many years, was chairman of the county court and tax assessor of the county. He and his wife were both members of the Methodist church, South, and he held several offices in the society to which they belonged. Politically he was originally a Whig, but later in life he joined the Democratic party. The Scruggs family is of Irish lineage, but our subject's mother was of Scotch descent. Mr. and Mrs. Carter Scruggs were the parents of a family of ten children, seven of whom are now living, and of whom we have the following record: Nancy, wife of Henry Overturf, a farmer and surveyor of Grundy county; John, the subject of this sketch; Sarah A., wife of J. C. Smith, a farmer of Grundy county; Martha B., wife of William Brown, a farmer of Warren county, Tenn.; James E., a farmer of Grundy county; William M., a farmer of Newton county, Mo., and Thomas J., also a farmer of Newton county, Mo. The deceased are: Milly, wife of William Lathrum, died at Beersheba Springs; George M. died in childhood; and one who died in infancy.

Our subject was educated in the academy at Altamont, and left school to join Company A, Thirty-fifth Tennessee Infantry, Pat Cleburn brigade. Company A was commanded by A. C. Hannah, and the regiment was commanded by B. J. Hill. Mr. Scruggs participated in the battles of Perryville, Ky., Murfreesboro, Tenn., Chickamauga and Atlanta, Missionary Ridge and Bentonville, N. C., but was sick with the measles when the battle of Shiloh was fought. He was also in numerous skirmishes and smaller engagements. At the last named battle, this command was cut to pieces, and Mr. Scruggs, upon his recovery, was transferred to Company D, commanded by Capt. John Macon. At the battle of Chickamauga he was knocked senseless by an exploding shell, and at the same battle fourteen bullet holes were shot in his clothes, but none of them touched him. More than fifty balls during the war penetrated his clothes. At the battle of Perryville, a spent ball struck his knee. He was

appointed lieutenant of the company to which he belonged, but the war closed before he received his commission. He was, however, orderly sergeant for two years.

After the close of hostilities, he was employed for two years by Mr. H. B. Northcut as a salesman. He then taught school for a time, and in 1870, he was elected clerk of the county court and served three successive terms, being repeatedly re-elected. After leaving this office, he again engaged in selling goods and teaching school at Tracy City until 1894, when he was again elected clerk of the county court. He was also superintendent of the public schools of Grundy county for ten years. He is a member of the Methodist church, South, and is steward of the society in which he holds his membership, and recording secretary of the Altamont Mission. Socially he affiliates with the Masonic fraternity, and has represented Alto lodge, No. 474, at the grand lodge twice. He is also identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Tracy City, and has twice represented that lodge at the grand lodge. He also belongs to S. L. Freeman Camp, No. 884, U. C. V., Tracy City, Tenn. Politically he is a Democrat.

Mr. Scruggs was first married January 24, 1867, to Miss Winnie J. Walker, daughter of Zedekiah Walker. She was born in Grundy county, May 24, 1849, and died at Tracy City, Tenn., March 21, 1889. November 8, 1893, Mr. Scruggs married Bertha A. Freudenberg, daughter of John N. Freudenberg, and widow of Albert O'Leary, deceased. Mrs. Scruggs was born in Youngstown, Ohio, August 21, 1866, and came with her parents, when a child, to Tennessee and located in Hamilton county. Eight children were born to our subject's first marriage, four of whom are now living, as follows: James D., a farmer of Grundy county; Joseph H., a miner at Tracy City; Mary C., at home; and Laura Ann, wife of Dan Fults, a farmer of Grundy county. The deceased are: Fannie Lee died in infancy; John Carter also died quite young; Ida Jane died at the age of four years; and

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Nancy Alice, three and a half years old. To his last marriage have been born four children, viz: Twin sisters, Ida May and Adie Augusta, born August 7, 1894; Robert Bryan, born June 30, 1896; and William Clarence, born May 20, 1898. His present (as well as former) wife is a member of the Methodist church, South. He is much devoted to his wife and children, and commands the respect and esteem of all who know him.

**R**EBUBEN SMARTT, the well-known chairman of the county court of Grundy county, and a prominent representative of the agricultural interests of this section of the state, was born September 25, 1844, on a farm only a mile from his present home, and is a son of William C. and Esther (Green) Smartt. The father was a native of Warren county, Tenn., born in 1819, and was a son of Reuben Smartt, whose birth occurred in North Carolina. From the latter state the family came to Tennessee during pioneer days. The mother of our subject was probably born in Warren county, June 16, 1822, a daughter of Samuel Green, who was also a native of North Carolina and was a soldier in the Creek Indian war under General Jackson.

William C. Smartt, our subject's father, grew to manhood in Warren county and later came to what is now Grundy county, in 1843, locating in the woods, where he cleared and developed a good farm. By trade he was both a carpenter and cooper, but throughout the greater part of his life he devoted his time and attention to farming. During the Civil war his sympathies were with the Union cause, and in September, 1863, he joined an independent regiment, known as the First Regiment, Independent Vidette Cavalry Volunteers, which was made up of Tennessee and Alabama troops. Being taken sick he was honorably discharged at Madison, Ind., in June, 1864, by special order of the secre-

tary of war, and January 18, 1867, he died from the effects of measles contracted in the service. He was a true and earnest Christian gentleman, a faithful member of the Cumberland Presbyterian church, in which he served as elder. His political support was given the men and measures of the Republican party.

In his family were eleven children, of whom eight are still living namely: Sarah J., wife of Alexander Hobbs, a farmer of Grundy county; Reuben, of this sketch; Mary, wife of Hiram Fults, also a farmer of Grundy county; Calvin, an agriculturist of Stone county, Ark.; Martha S., wife of John Fults, of the same county; Noah and Carroll C., also farmers of Stone county, Ark.; De Ida, wife of Charles C. Hobbs, a farmer of Cleburne county, Ark. Those deceased are Rachel, who married William Drake and both died in Independence county, Ark.; Barsha A., who wedded J. B. Martin and died in Grundy county, Tenn.; and Isaac L., who was the youngest of the family, died in Grundy county.

In the locality where he still resides Reuben Smartt attended school during his boyhood and youth, pursuing his studies in the school at Beech Grove. His education was not yet completed when the Civil war broke out, but in September, 1863, he enlisted in the same company and regiment as his father, being under the command of Capt. James E. Shannon until mustered out at Stephenson, Ala., June 16, 1864. He then served as captain of the home guards under General Milroy until after the close of the war. When his father died he became head of the family and cared for the younger children until they were able to care for themselves. He has always followed the occupation of farming, and in his chosen calling has met with excellent success.

On the 12th of March, 1869, Mr. Smartt married Miss Sarah Munley, who was born August 24, 1852, and is a daughter of Alexander Munley. Ten children graced this union, of whom one, Martha, died in childhood. Those still living are: Frances M.,

Henry Clay, Benjamin F., Lyman Beecher, Olive, Alfred T., Louie, James B. and Thomas R.

Like his father, Mr. Smartt is an ardent Republican in politics, and has always taken a deep and commendable interest in local affairs. Just after the war he served as school commissioner for a few years, and in 1872 was elected justice of the peace, a position he has most creditably filled ever since with the exception of the years 1888 and 1891, inclusive, when he refused to accept the office. In 1879 and 1880 he was chairman of the county court, and was again chosen to that position in 1898, being the present incumbent. He is thoroughly impartial in meting out justice, his opinions being unbiased by either fear or favor, and his fidelity to the trust reposed in him is above question. He also served for one term as coroner of the county. He is a prominent member of Alto lodge, No. 478, F. & A. M., has served as master for about eight years, and was a representative to the grand lodge of the state in 1895. He is regarded as one of the leading and most highly respected citizens of Grundy county, and it is, therefore, consistent that he be represented in a work whose province is the portrayal of the lives of the prominent men of this section of the state.

**H**ARRIS GILLIAM THOMPSON, a prominent contractor at the mines No. 1 and No. 2, Tracy City, has led a life of honest toil. Throughout his career of continued and far-reaching usefulness his duties have been performed with the greatest care, and his business interests have been so managed as to win him the confidence of the public and the prosperity which should always attend honorable effort.

A native of Grundy county, Mr. Thompson was born at Altamont, March 5, 1858, and is a son of John and Lucy (Griswold) Thompson, the former also a native of

Grundy county and a farmer by occupation. At the commencement of the Civil war, the father joined Colonel Carnes' Confederate Regiment, and participated in many important engagements, including the battles of Murfreesboro and Missionary Ridge. At the battle of Chickamauga he was killed while serving as an artilleryman. He was one of Grundy county's leading and most influential citizens, and was often called upon to fill various official positions of honor and trust. He was a member of the county court and deputy sheriff. The mother of our subject is a native of Indiana, whence she came to Tennessee with her parents. She is now the wife of Abner Street and a resident of Tracy City.

During his boyhood and youth Mr. Thompson, of this review, pursued his studies in the school at Altamont, and at the age of twenty years began his business career as a farmer in Warren county, near McMinnville. Coming to Tracy City he entered the employ of the Tennessee Coal, Iron & Railroad Company, as a coal digger, in 1878, and has been with that corporation ever since in one capacity or another. He commenced operations at the East Fork mines; was next foreman over convicts at No. 2 for two years; subsequently was bank foreman at Nos. 1 and 2 for twelve years; and has since engaged in contracting with good success. In 1881 he was crippled by slate falling upon him, and the same year while mining coal fell upon him. He now has in his employ from forty-five to one hundred seventy-five men and is doing an extensive and profitable business.

On the 4th of November, 1880, Mr. Thompson was united in marriage with Miss Maggie Farrell, a native of Tracy City and a daughter of Patrick Farrell. They have four children, namely: Beatrice, Henrietta, James and Lucile. They have also lost three—Nellie, who died at the age of eight years; Jessie, who died at the age of three; and Walter, who died at the age of four. The parents are both members of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, in which Mr. Thompson serves as steward. Socially he

is identified with the Masonic order, the Royal Arcanum, and the Knights of Pythias, and has represented the local lodge of the last named order in the grand lodge. His political support is always given the Democracy, and was serving as a member of the school board at Tracy City at the time the school house was erected.

**EDWARD VON BERGEN.** — Tracy City, Grundy county, Tenn., is the seat of several thriving business enterprises, and among the most successful of these may be mentioned the mercantile establishment which is presided over by the gentleman whose name heads this sketch. The store is well-stocked with a carefully selected assortment of such goods as meets the wants of the citizens in the city, as well as those in the surrounding country. The business is conducted in a very able manner, and honorable dealing is accorded to all who patronize the establishment. Mr. Von Bergen, therefore, enjoys an extensive trade, as well as entire confidence and esteem of the residents of the community.

The parents of our subject, Caspar and Anna Barbara (Ruel) Von Bergen, were both natives of Switzerland. Caspar Von Bergen when a young man entered the service of the King of Naples. He also fought under the first Napoleon, as a second lieutenant. After his marriage to the mother of our subject he engaged in mercantile pursuits, though he was always more or less connected with military matters. About the year 1845 he emigrated to the United States. He landed at New Orleans, from whence he proceeded up the Mississippi river to the then territory of Illinois, where he located a home for his family, and then returned to his native land to bring them to their new location. But it is supposed that he died at New Orleans of the yellow fever, as he had written to his family stating that this dreaded epidemic was then prevalent in that city. He was fifty-three

years of age, and his wife failing to hear from her husband, died soon after from grief. They were members of the Zwingle Reformed church, and were the parents of the following children: Edward, the subject of this sketch; Caroline, wife of Casper Ott, a tanner in Switzerland, who later made a trip to the United States, visiting Chicago, Chippewa Falls, the states of Pennsylvania, Ohio, Tennessee, and all the western states, and then returned to his native land; Mary Anna was the wife of Beat Tannler; Margueritta emigrated to the United States when a young woman, located in Pennsylvania, and was there married to John Shisrling, who was in the United States army; later she returned to her native land where she died; Lonisa was the wife of John Baul, a French Swiss, and died in her native land; Rosena died when a child.

Edward Von Bergen, was born December 25, 1834, in Switzerland, where he attended school until his seventeenth year, and then learned the brewer's trade. He followed this line of business for two years, and then turned his attention to car building, at which he worked for three or four years. In 1861 he emigrated to the United States, landed at New York city, and then proceeded to Jeffersonville, Sullivan county, New York. He next located at Scranton, Penn., where he worked in the car shops for seven years. He served in the Home Guards during the war of the Rebellion. Later Mr. Von Bergen traveled all over the United States in search of a suitable location, and finally came to the Swiss Colony in Grundy county, Tenn., where he purchased a farm. He followed agricultural pursuits for awhile and then secured a position in the Tennessee Coal, Iron & Railroad Company's shops, where he worked for fifteen years. In 1878 he moved to Tracy City, and made that his home for two years, and then moved to Chattanooga, where he worked six months in the car shops for H. Clay Evans. The climate there did not agree with Mr. Von Bergen, so he returned to Tracy City, and

established a furniture store in 1880 in partnership with Mr. Fred Wenger, of Winchester. Mr. Wenger sold his interest in the business to a Richard Hunt, who subsequently purchased the controlling interest in the concern from Mr. Von Bergen, who then opened a business of his own. He still continued in the furniture business until 1895, when he closed out this line of business, and opened a grocery and produce store, which he has since successfully conducted.

Mr. Von Bergen was married in Grundy county, Tenn., to Miss Julia Roth, who was born in Cleveland, Ohio. There have been three children born to bless this congenial union, namely: Eda, now the wife of E. C. Norwell, of Tracy City; Emily and Emil, at home. Both he and his wife are members in good standing of the Episcopal church. Socially Mr. Von Bergen is a member of the I. O. O. F., K. O. P., F. A. M. and the Royal Arcanum. In his political views he staunchly supports the principles of the Republican party.

**THOMAS FLEMING WEAVER**, a highly respected citizen and well-known mine foreman at No. 10, Tennessee Coal & Iron mines, at Tracy City, is a native of Alabama, born in Cherokee county, February 25, 1855, and is a son of William and Martha Jane (Hill) Weaver, who were born, reared and married in North Carolina and moved to Alabama before the birth of our subject. In 1874, they became residents of Tracy City, where the father died two years later at the age of sixty, and the mother passed away at Pelham, Tenn., in 1878, at the age of fifty-five years. The father was always a farmer by occupation and was very successful, but lost heavily during the war. In political sentiment he was a Democrat, and in religious faith both he and his wife were Missionary Baptists, taking an active part in the work of the church in which he served as deacon. Our subject is the youngest of their five children,

all of whom are still living with the exception of Rufus, who died in childhood. Eliza is the widow of David Lindsey, who was killed during the Civil war, and she is now a resident of Mount Eagle, Grundy county; Martha Jane is the wife of William Troy, of Franklin county, Tenn.; and Samuel, formerly a coal miner, is now a farmer of Bevier, Kentucky.

The schools of Tracy City afforded Thomas F. Weaver his educational privileges, and when his school days were over he sought employment in the mines at that place, driving mules for the first five years. The following eight years were spent on a farm at Pelham, Grundy county, but at the end of that period he returned to Tracy City, and was engaged in digging coal at No. 1 for a time. He was next stable boss of the mines and afterward dug coal at No. 2, East Fork. For two years he had charge of convict laborers, but for the past two years has been mine foreman at No. 10. He has thoroughly mastered every branch of the mining business and is thus well qualified to hold the responsible position which he now so ably fills.

In 1882 Mr. Weaver led to the marriage altar Miss Florence Burroughs, who was born at Burroughs Cove, and is a daughter of Dick Burroughs. They have three children living: Hallie H., Nina and Lucile, and one deceased, Daniel J., who died at the age of two years and two months. For eleven years Mr. Weaver has been a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, in which he has served as steward for six years. Socially he affiliates with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which he has held office; and politically is identified with the Democratic party. As a business man and citizen he is justly entitled to the high regard in which he is uniformly held.

**SAMUEL WERNER, Sr.**, comes from the beautiful land of the Alps, and the



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strongest and most creditable characteristics of its people have been marked elements in his life and have enabled him to win success in the face of opposing circumstances. He possesses the energy and determination which mark the Swiss race, and by the exercise of his powers he has steadily progressed, and has not only a handsome competence, but has commanded universal respect by his straightforward business methods. For several years he has been prominently identified with the business interests of Tracy City, and is now quite extensively engaged in the manufacture of all kinds of building material, furniture, etc.

Mr. Werner was born in Switzerland August 23, 1832, and in that country his parents, Jacob and Annie (Bendel) Werner, spent their entire lives. The father, who was a brick and stone mason, fell from a house while at work, and was killed, at the age of sixty-four years. He had served in the Swiss army, and both he and his wife were consistent members of the Lutheran church and most highly respected people. She died when our subject was a mere child, leaving four children, the others being as follows: Isaac, who was a carpenter by trade, came to the United States and located in Virginia, but at the end of seven years returned to Switzerland, where he subsequently died; Henry, a brick and stone mason, died in his native land; and Jacob also died in Switzerland during boyhood.

At an early age Mr. Werner, of this review, began learning the carpenter's trade in his native land, receiving most thorough instruction. After he had mastered the business he worked at the same in many of the countries of Europe, including France, Italy and Germany, and while in the first named he learned to speak the French language. After working at his trade for many years he was made foreman of a car shop in his native land—a most responsible position, which he creditably filled for ten years; or until coming to the United States, in 1868. For five years he made his home in New York city, and then came to Tennessee and bought a farm in the Swiss col-

ony. During the eight years of his residence thereon he and his family cleared away the heavy growth of timber and placed the land under a high state of cultivation. He then purchased a place near Tracy City and improved it, in the meantime entering the employ of the Tennessee Coal, Iron & Railroad Company at that place, as a pattern maker, and working for them for a number of years. In 1890 he started his saw and planing mill on a small scale, but as his trade has increased he has enlarged his business facilities, and now manufactures not only all kinds of building materials, but all kinds of furniture as well. In the mill alone employment is furnished to from twenty-five to thirty men, and he is now doing a large and profitable business. His home is near his mill, and surrounding him are his children who are married. He owns some of the choicest residence property in Tracy City, as well as quite a number of first-class tenement houses. He has built up an extensive trade in neighboring towns, and everything he does is done in a practical, businesslike manner that at once commands the confidence of the public and the respect of his fellow citizens.

Mrs. Werner, who bore the maiden name of Elisabeth Kramer, is also a native of Switzerland, and five of their seven children were born in that country. Elisabeth is at home; Annie is the wife of E. Scharer, of Tracy City; Henry is in the mill with his father; Mary is the wife of L. Church, of Tracy City; Bertie is the wife of Henry Schild, a wagon maker of the same place; Ernest is a machinist of Macon, Ga.; and Samuel, Jr., is sawyer in the mill. The family hold membership in the Lutheran church, and are widely and favorably known. In politics Mr. Werner is a Republican. His mill is surrounded in a most convenient manner by his dry houses, ware rooms, stables, etc., all of his own planning, and it is safe to say that Grundy county has no more competent, painstaking and reliable business man than he whose name introduces this sketch.

ROBERT H. WHITE, ex-county superintendent of schools of Grundy county, Tenn., is one of Pelham's prominent and popular citizens and able instructors. Attention, method and industry are the foundation stones of success in any business, and these combined with integrity of word and deed have been the corner stone of all the ventures in which he has embarked, and during his residence in the Ninth district, near Pelham, he has made many warm friends in that city and throughout the county.

Mr. White was born near Pelham, October 14, 1856, and is a son of Charles T. and Mary Caroline (Elliott) White. The father was born in Rutherford county, Tenn., January 26, 1826, and died January 27, 1897. The mother was born in Danville, Va., October 3, 1830, and died October 29, 1896. Charles T. White had three brothers in the Confederate army, Hall, Robert G. and Walter. Walter was killed at the battle of Missionary Ridge, Hall died during the war at Shelbyville, and Robert G. is still living and is making his home in Coffee county, Tenn.

Charles T. White, our subject's father, came to Grundy county in about the year 1854, after his marriage. His parents had moved to Rutherford county, Tenn., and had located on a farm two miles north of Carlocksville. Charles T. White was also a farmer by occupation, and both he and his wife were for many years members of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, and he was steward, class-leader and trustee of the society in which they held their membership. He was also a Mason, being a member of Felix Grundy lodge, No. 284, and represented that lodge many times at the grand lodge. In politics he was originally a Whig, and upon leaving that party, he joined the ranks of the Democratic party, later the Prohibitionists, and his last presidential ballot was cast for W. J. Bryan.

Mr. White was a son of Robert Gilbert White, who, when a boy, moved to Tennessee with his father from North Carolina.

The family is of Dutch descent. Our subject's mother was of Scotch and Irish descent. Her parents, Hiram and Susan Elliott, came to Tennessee from Virginia. Her father was a blacksmith by occupation and died in Rutherford county, Tenn. He had a son, Richard Elliott, who was a veteran in the Mexican war.

Robert H. White, the subject of this sketch, is one of a family of nine children, of whom five sons are now living, as follows: T. M. is a farmer of Grundy county; Robert H., the subject of this sketch; J. C., a farmer of Grundy county; H. H., a farmer near Pelham; and C. W., also a farmer living near Pelham. The deceased are: Mary R., who died when quite young; W. B. White was born November 22, 1866, and died January 2, 1892; William D., who died in childhood; and one other died in infancy. Our subject received his primary training in the district school near Pelham, but later attended the Manchester College. Upon leaving that institution in 1877, he entered the Irving College, and later the Tullahoma and Goodman Business College at Nashville. At intervals during that time he taught school, and after completing his studies, he entered the battle of life as a school teacher and has been thus engaged for twenty years at Pelham, Tracy City, Mont Eagle, Altamont, and one term outside the county. For a term of two years, from 1888 to 1890, he served as county superintendent of schools of Grundy county. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, at Pelham, and is superintendent of the Sunday-school. In politics he has always been identified with the Democratic and Prohibition parties. Mr. White is not married.

JAMES D. WILEY, the well-known mine foreman at East Fork and Bryant Ridge mines, at Tracy City, is a native of Grundy

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county, Tenn., born August 30, 1853, and is a son of Thomas A. and Elizabeth (Harrison) Wiley, the former born in Franklin county, this state, in 1833, the latter in Grundy county, in 1837. The paternal grandfather, Peter Wiley, was a native of North Carolina and one of the pioneer settlers of Franklin county, Tenn., where he married Evelina Long, whose birth occurred in Virginia. He located near Alto, and died within two miles of his place of settlement, at the age of seventy years. He was a farmer by occupation, and was a soldier of the Mexican war. His wife spent her last days in Kentucky and there her death occurred. They reared a family of thirteen children, among whom was Thomas A. Wiley, our subject's father, who was a trader and stock-dealer, and at different times was also interested in other business. In his political affiliations he was a Democrat, and in religious belief a Methodist, holding membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, South, at the time of his death, which occurred at Sewanee, Tenn., about fifteen years ago. His wife survived him for some time, dying at the same place June 15, 1894.

Their children were James D., of this sketch; Frances, wife of J. M. Castleberry, of Sewanee; William H. and Jefferson D., both miners of Tracy City; Melinda, wife of I. N. Stewart, a carpenter and builder of Winchester; Elizabeth, a dressmaker of Sewanee; Alice, widow of George Kurl and a resident of Sewanee; Martha, wife of H. C. Harrison, a miner of Tracy City; Thomas A., who died at the age of three years; and Nancy, who died at the age of thirteen.

James D. Wiley obtained a good practical education at Fayetteville, Lincoln county, Tenn., in what was then a splendid school taught by Hal Dickinson. On laying aside his text-books, at the age of sixteen years, he turned his attention to farming, and, being the oldest son, he took charge of the home farm two years later, as his father removed to Sewanee on account of ill health. There he engaged in gardening for about three years, and after his re-

moval to Tracy City, in 1872, he was in the state service as guard for the same length of time. Later he engaged in braking on the railroad, and was employed in a business house in Tracy City for a time, after which he became interested in mining. He has steadily worked his way upward from track man, becoming familiar with every department of the business, until he now holds the responsible position of mine foreman. He is one of the most faithful and trusted employes of the company, and the confidence reposed in him has never been betrayed. As a public-spirited citizen he takes an active interest in the upbuilding of his town, and was a director of the Grundy Building & Loan Association, the first organization of the kind formed in this community.

On the 27th of January, 1877, Mr. Wiley married Miss Ellen Farrell, daughter of Patrick and Margaret Farrell. She was born May 10, 1859, and with her husband holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, South, in which he is serving as chairman of the board, steward and Sunday-school superintendent. He is a prominent member of Brice Thompson lodge, K. P., and which he has also represented in the grand lodge of the state. He also belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the National Union and the Royal Arcanum, and politically is identified with the Democratic party, though he usually votes for the man whom he considers best qualified to fill the office, regardless of party affiliations. He has been a member of the school board, and in all the relations of life has been found true and faithful to every trust reposed in him.

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**HON. AUGUSTUS HENRY WOOD-LEE**, one of the most prominent and representative citizens of Grundy county, and editor of the "Tracy City News," was born on Collins river, in the northern part

of that county, March 1, 1855, and on the paternal side is of English descent. His father, Enoch Woodlee, was born near Irving College, in Warren county, Tenn., November 3, 1825, and was a son of Jacob Woodlee, a native of North Carolina, who came with his parents to this state, being among the earliest settlers of Warren county, where his death occurred. He was a farmer, and Enoch Woodlee also followed that occupation in connection with his work as a minister of the Separate Baptist church, for which he preached for several years before his death, being pastor of the church at Philadelphia, Tenn., and other churches in that neighborhood. Soon after his marriage, or about 1851 or 1852, he came to Grundy county, and here died April 16, 1870. In political sentiment he was a Democrat. His wife, the mother of our subject, bore the maiden name of Mary Reed, and was born in North Carolina March 20, 1831, a daughter of John Reed. She is still living on the old homestead on Collins river, and is a faithful member of the Missionary Baptist church. Of her six children, five are still living, namely: Savannah Magness, wife of P. M. Barnes, who operates the old home farm; Augustus H., of this sketch; L. V., an attorney and farmer, who is now representing Grundy county in the state legislature, and has also served as back tax attorney and superintendent of public instruction in the county; Mary Victoria, wife of J. A. Cathcut, a farmer living on the old Woodlee homestead; and M. J. D., a farmer and teacher, who lives with his mother. The one deceased is J. B., who was born in 1856, and died in Grundy county in January, 1881. He, too, was an agriculturist.

The early education of our subject acquired in the schools near his childhood's home, has been supplemented by his attendance at the schools of Chapel Hill and Shiloh, Warren county, and by one term at Burrill College and at the schools of Altamont, Grundy county. He successfully engaged in teaching at Cedar Bluff, New Union and Altamont, and in 1882 was appointed circuit court clerk by Judge

Williams. The same year, at the regular election, he was elected to the same office, and so acceptably did he fill the position that he was re-elected without opposition in 1886. Four years later he was elected on the Democratic ticket to represent the ninth district in the State senate, and as a prominent and influential member of that august body he was made chairman of the committee on enrolled bills, and a member of the finance, ways and means committee, committee on charitable institutions and committee on public buildings and grounds. For one year after his retirement from office he engaged in merchandising at McMinnville, but in July, 1893, came to Tracy City and bought the "Tracy City News," which he has since successfully published. He is a recognized leader in the ranks of the Democratic party in his locality, and has done much to insure its success, both by personal effort and through his paper. He holds membership in the Missionary Baptist church, in which he has served as clerk; and is a prominent member of the Masonic lodge at Altamont, of which he has served as master, and which he has represented in the grand lodge, where he was grand sword bearer. He was also secretary of the local order for some years.

Mr. Woodlee was married, January 1, 1879, to Miss Emily C. Walker, who was born on Collins river, in Grundy county, and was a daughter of Rev. F. M. and Martha Walker. She died October 7, 1885, leaving one child, Hallie E., who is with our subject. On January 18, 1888, Mr. Woodlee was again married, his second union being with Miss Metta E., daughter of J. M. Burger, of McMinnville. Two children grace this union—Lena B. and Elmer G.

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greatness of a state lies not in the machinery of government, nor even in its institutions, but in the sterling qualities of its individual citizens, in their capacity for high and unselfish effort and their devotion to the public good. Rising above the heads of the mass there have always been a series of individuals, distinguished beyond others, who by reason of their pronounced ability and forceful personality have always commanded the homage of their fellow men, and to this class belongs Mr. Woodlee, a prominent lawyer and statesman of Grundy county. He is regarded as one of the most popular citizens of his community and Altamont, where he makes his home, is proud to number him among her residents.

Mr. Woodlee is one of the native sons of Grundy county, his birth having occurred at Tarlton, on the 8th of February, 1861, his parents being Enoch and Mary (Reed) Woodlee. The father was born at Irving College, Warren county, Tennessee, November 3, 1824, and was a son of Jacob Woodlee, also a native of the same county. The grandfather was probably of Irish descent, and his parents came from North Carolina to Tennessee, casting in their lot with the pioneer settlers of Warren county. The various representatives of the family have always followed farming. That was the occupation of the grandfather and father of our subject, and the latter was married in Bledsoe county in April, 1852, to Miss Reed, who was born in that county in 1831. Both held membership with the Missionary Baptist church, and for over twenty years the father was a member of its ministry and had charge of Baptist churches in quite a large district. His political support was given the Democracy, and he was a progressive citizen and upright man who won the respect of all by his honorable life. In April, 1870, he was called to the home beyond, but his widow still survives. Their children were as follows: Savannah, wife of P. M. Barnes, a farmer of Tarlton; A. H., ex-state senator and editor of the Tracy City News; James B., who followed farming on Collins river and

died at the age of twenty-four years; L. V.; Victoria, wife of James Cathcart; and M. J. D., who is living with his mother.

Levi V. Woodlee spent his boyhood days on his father's farm at Tarlton on Collins river, and early learned to handle the plow and perform the other labors of the fields. This service was interspersed with attendance at the neighboring schools and afterward he pursued his education at Chapel Hill and Irving College, Warren county. For two years he successfully engaged in teaching school, which profession he followed at Shiloh, Warren county, Beech Grove and Northcuts Cove. While attending and teaching school he continued to make his home with his mother, but in 1886 left home, going to Fayetteville, Lincoln county, where he entered upon the study of law in the office and under the direction of Judge A. B. Woodard, a distinguished jurist. On the 1st of January, 1887, he was admitted to the bar and locating at Altamont, he has since been numbered among the able and successful practitioners at this place. He has a keenly analytical mind, a comprehensive knowledge of the principles of jurisprudence, is thorough in the preparation of his cases and has won many notable forensic victories.

In 1888 Mr. Woodlee was appointed back tax collector and acceptably filled that position until 1895, during which time he succeeded in collecting about thirty thousand dollars, at one time collecting sixteen thousand dollars net for the county from the Tennessee Coal, Iron & Railroad Company on back assessments, after fighting it through the supreme court. The able manner in which he handled the litigation excited favorable comment among the legal profession throughout the state. Mr. Woodlee was county attorney in 1893, and in 1891 was elected county superintendent of schools, filling the position for six years, during which time he greatly raised the standard of the schools. In 1896 he was elected bloterial representative to the state legislature, and as a member of the house won distinction by his masterful handling of

important questions which came up for disposal. He served as a member of the committees on finance, ways and means, judiciary, education, new counties and county lines, and his record in the law-making body of the commonwealth is one which reflects credit upon himself and his county.

On the 25th of April, 1889, Mr. Woodlee was united in marriage to Miss Bettie Willis, daughter of Hence and Susan (Van Zant) Willis, of Pelham. She was born in Grundy county, Tenn., and by her marriage has become the mother of three children: Mary Sue, Ida Blanche and L. Vernon. The parents are members of the Missionary Baptist church, and our subject is also a prominent Mason, having represented his local lodge in the grand lodge. In all the relations of life he has been found true and faithful to the trust reposed in him, and his strong mentality, force of character and genuine worth well fit him for leadership in the important affairs of life.

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