

Robert, Philip M.

"a prominent citizen of James County, is a native of Tennessee, and was born in Monroe County, September 6, 1830. He is the son of Philip and Nancy (Deugan) Robert. Both were of Scotch-Irish descent, and both were natives of Sevier County, Tenn. The father was born in 1797, and died in Monroe County, October 11, 1866. The mother was born April 23, 1795, and died in Monroe County, February 11, 1876. Our subject's grandfather, Robert, was among the first settlers of Sevier County. The parents of our subject were married in their native county about the year 1817. About 1829 they immigrated to Monroe County, where they spent the remainder of their days. The father was a popular and useful minister of the Missionary Baptist Church for over thirty years before his death. He was also a farmer. Our subject is the seventh of eleven children. He secured a good academic education in his youth, in his native county. He began life as a miner, and in 1853 he opened up the Seddy Coal Mines, in Hamilton County. In 1856 he purchased a farm on the Tennessee River, in Hamilton County, and in 1858 settled on this farm, and since that date to the present, farming has been his chief occupation. In the fall of 1886 he sold his farm in Hamilton County, and bought another in James County, where he now lives, one mile south of Oltawah. Our subject has been a lively, active man. On June 8, 1854, he married Miss M.A. McRee, born in Hamilton County, February 23, 1840. Our subject is a Democrat, and a worthy member of the Presbyterian Church. His wife is a member of the same Church.

Runyan, Simeon P.

"a prosperous farmer of the Fourth District of James County, was born in Bledsee County, June 26, 1821. He is the sixth of nine children of John and Nancy (Mullenders) Runyan. The parents were natives of Sevier County, Tenn., of Welsh and German descent. The parents were natives of Sevier County, Tenn. The father was born about 1778, and died in Hamilton (now James) County in 1854. He was a successful farmer and staunch Democrat. The mother was born in 1794, and died at the home of our subject, August 27, 1875, in her eighty-first year. They were married in their native county, and spent their lives in Sevier, Rhea, and Bledsee Counties, East Tenn. Our subject received a liberal education. He taught school several years, in connection with his farming interests. At twenty-two or twenty-three years of age he purchased and settled on a farm in Hamilton (now James) County. He lived there fourteen years. In 1858 he moved to his present place of residence. He served one year in the war with the Cherokee Indians, in Col. Powell's Regiment. He was quartermaster sergeant of the Fifth Tennessee Regiment, Mounted Infantry, Federal Army, for one year during the late civil war. He is a Republican and a worthy citizen. By his own efforts and judicious management has become the possessor of upward of 1,000 acres of valuable land. July 22, 1844, he married Miss Nancy C. Birgar, who was born in Roance County about 1825, and died September 4, 1860. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church (North), and mother of five sons and three daughters, of whom two sons and one daughter are dead. One son, recruited in the Federal Army, was in battle before he was mustered into service, and no particular account of him was given in the battle of Knoxville. February 8, 1871, our subject wedded Mrs. Susan J. Ezell, born in McMinn County in 1846. To this union one son and two daughters have been born. Mr. and Mrs. Runyan are members of the Methodist Church.

Bryan, P.L. p. 964

"a well known and prosperous farmer of the Seventh District, of Bradley County, was born December 1, 1822, in Sevier County, Tenn., a son of William and Lucy (Cote) Bryan. The father was of English-Irish descent, and a native of Sevier County, Tenn. He served as quartermaster in the war of 1812. By occupation he was a farmer, trader and stock-raiser. He was energetic and successful. In 1835 he moved to McMinn County, Tenn., where he died two years later. His wife was a native of Jefferson County, Tenn., and died in McMinn County a few days later than her husband. They had nine children, P.L. being the third. He has a liberal education, attended the Holston College at New Market, Jefferson County, also at Cleveland, and several other places. After farming for twelve years he went to Athens, McMinn County, where he was engaged in the mercantile business seven years. He then moved to his present location, and has given attention exclusively to farming. He now owns 320 acres, the greater portion under cultivation. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, a Master Mason and a Democrat. He is a generous supporter of all educational and public enterprises. In 1842 he married Anna M., daughter of Daniel and Mary Horton. Mrs. Bryan was of Dutch descent, born in Washington County, Tenn., about 1824. She was well educated, and a devout member of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. Her death occurred March 12, 1886. Nine children were born to this union: Mary M., Sarah E., William H., Daniel H., Alice A., Thomas L., Joseph A., Felix G. Lucy R. was born in McMinn County, and died in Bradley County. "

Kanester, F.P. p. 974

"Merchant of Cleveland, was born in Polk County, May 15, 1852. He is the son of # Reuben Kanester, a native of Virginia, who came to Sevier County, Tenn., at the age of six years, where he grew up and married Paulina Henderson, a native of that county. Soon after that they moved to Polk County in 1828. The father was a farmer by occupation. He was a magistrate about seventeen years, besides filling minor offices. In 1886 he died, being seventy-nine years old. The mother still lives at the age of seventy-eight years. In their family were eight children, seven living—two sons and five daughters. Mr. Kanester is of German descent on his father's side and Scotch on his mother's. He is the youngest son, was raised on a farm, and received a good English education, making his own way. After teaching a time, and saving his money, he went into the mercantile business at Benton, Polk County, with a capital of about \$700. Having been burned out he came to Cleveland in 1884, and has done a good business since. In 1876 he married Miss S.E. Milburn, daughter of Rev. Jacob L. Milburn. By her he had three children: Ney, Sudie and Leafa. His wife is a Cumberland Presbyterian. For two years he was county superintendent of Polk County. He is a Knight of Honor, and has held the highest office in the subordinate lodge. In politics he is a Democrat. He has done a good real estate business in which he has been very successful."

Lea, J.P.

"Farmer, trader, of Cleveland, is the son of Caswell and Elizabeth (Johns' son) Lea. The father was born in North Carolina, and the mother in Virginia. When young he came to Tennessee and afterward went to Virginia and Maryland. Having returned and settled in Jefferson County, they lived there many years, then moved to Polk County, and in 1850 to Bradley County. Previous

to going to going to Polk County, he merchandised, but on coming to that county bought a noted place called the Savannah farm, and on moving to Bradley purchased the farm where J.P. now lives. Both were Presbyterians, he being an elder for many years. In 1874 the father died, and the mother followed him about two years later. In their family were eight children, four living- three sons and one daughter. The sixth child, our subject, was born August 19, 1846, and was raised on a farm. In early life he had good opportunities for education, but the war came on and thwarted his plans. After the war he would work hard all day and go to school at night, thus securing a good English education. He remained at home till twenty-two years old and cared for his parents. In 1868 he married Mollie Earnest, a native of Greene County, by whom eight children- three sons and five daughters- were born. Both he and wife are Presbyterians, he having been an officer in that church over twenty-six years. He has never sworn an oath nor drank a drop of intoxicating liquors. Soon after his marriage he moved back to Polk County, and farmed. In 1870 he returned, and has since made this county his home, with the exception of two years. He opened a sale stable in Cleveland, which he ran about three years. He has dealt for many years in stock. In politics he is a Democrat. He is a Mason. For fifteen years he has been connected with the business interests of Cleveland. Few men have worked harder and few succeeded better."

McCallie, Robert A. p. 1004

"a well-to-do farmer of Monroe County, Tenn., was born in the Third District of that county, May 12, 1846, and is a son of Samuel and Margaret E. (McReynolds) McCallie, both of Scotch-Irish descent, and natives of Sevier County, East Tennessee. Samuel's father, Alexander McCallie, was born in Pennsylvania, May 7, 1781. He came to Blount County, Tenn., at an early age date, and married Miss Esther B. McCroskey on November 10, 1803. He subsequently moved to Sevier County, where he died October 9, 1851. His wife died August 31, 1868. His father, John McCallie, was born in the Lowlands of Scotland, January 8, 1754, came to America in 1775, landing at Philadelphia, and located in York County, in that State, where he married Nancy Burney. After living in York County a few years he came to Blount County, Tenn., and died here March 21, 1831. His father, Alexander McCallie, lived and died in the Lowlands of Scotland. The father of our subject was born November 15, 1815, and died in Nashville, July 18, 1870. The mother was born January 18, 1816, and died March 10, 1874. They were married in Monroe County, Tenn., about 1839, and spent fourteen years of their married life on Fork Creek, and then settled permanently in Madisonville. He was a Democrat, and of the Presbyterian faith. The mother was a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Our subject was the second of two children. He received a liberal education in the country schools, and subsequently attended school at Merristown, Hamblen County. He began life as a farmer, and after the death of his father took charge of the home place and continued the hotel. (His father kept in a public inn in Madisonville, but was also engaged in agricultural pursuits, which he had followed, in connection with the tanner's trade, before coming to Madisonville.) On April 30, 1874, he married Miss Sarah T. Simpton, a native of Monroe County, born July 18, 1854. To them were born four sons and two daughters- one daughter deceased. The same year of his marriage he purchased and settled upon a farm on Fork Creek in the Fifth Civil District, but subsequently exchanged places with his brother-in-law, and settled

upon his present farm, in 1880, where he has followed farming. Mr. McCallie is a Democrat in politics, and he and his wife are members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

McCroskey, Rev. Selon

"a well known and popular preacher of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and a ~~retired~~ resident of the Third Civil District of Monroe County, is a native of that county, born January 11, 1830, a son of Samuel and Sarah (Tucker) McCroskey, both natives of Tennessee and of Scotch-Irish and German descent, respectively. The father was a native of Sevier County, born July 24, 1782, and died in Monroe County, September 28, 1848. The mother was born in Jefferson County, November 1, 1808, and died in Monroe County August 8, 1841. They were married in Monroe County, July 1, 1828, and spent all their married life on Fork Creek Valley, in that county. The father was a farmer, a Democrat in politics, and a prominent member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. For twenty years before his death he was an elder in that church. The mother was a member of the same, and a truly pious woman. The father was married three times: First, to Miss Mary McCollum, of Blount County, Tenn., November 12, 1816. She died December 26, 1817, leaving a daughter. July 4, 1822, he married Miss Elizabeth C. Grant, of Monroe County. She died August 23, 1824, leaving two children, a son and a daughter; the son died while still quite young. The third marriage was with our subject's mother, and of their family of six children our subject is the eldest. He received a fair education in his youth, and attended Hiwassee College before his marriage. At about the age of twelve he embraced religion, but never entered the ministry until thirty-one years of age. He had thought of nothing but farming up to the time he was twenty-nine years of age, when he became convinced that he was called upon to preach the Gospel. He determined to secure a better education, and in the early part of 1860 he, with his wife and five children, moved to Ewing and Jefferson College, Blount County, where he attended school about two years. He then returned to Monroe County, settled on his farm, and since that time has administered to the spiritual wants of his fellow men, being constantly in the work for the last fifteen years, and has served congregations in Monroe, Blount and McMinn Counties. The following are some of the important charges he has served as pastor: The Madisonville congregation for the last twelve or fifteen years of his twenty-two years of ministry; Rockville, Monroe Co., since 1869, except one year. He organized Rockville Church, and at the same time gave half of his time to the Sweetwater congregation for three years. About ten years ago he organized a church in Blount County, near Maryville, and has been a preacher for this congregation ever since, except three years. He is now pastor of the following churches: Madisonville, Rockville, Monroe County, Holston Church, Blount County, and Springfield also in Blount County. Our subject has been married twice, the first time, October 24, 1849, to Miss Nancy J. Mayo, daughter of the late Rev. B.H. Mayo, of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. She was born in Monroe County, July 17, 1828, and died in the same county, November 27, 1874. November 16, 1875, Mr. McCroskey married Miss Sibby E. Bagleton, of Blount County, Tenn., born June 7, 1841. He became the father of eight children by his first marriage, three of whom are dead, and four by his second marriage, one son being deceased. His first wife was a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and his second wife is a member of the same church. Our subject is independent in politics, is a strong Prohibitionist, and is working for the party. He has a son, John A. McCroskey, in Greene County,

McCroskey, Henry M. p. 1005

"a prominent citizen, merchant and planter of Monroe County, is a native of East Tennessee; born at his present location March 3, 1840; son of John and Priscilla (McCray) McCroskey, both of Irish descent and natives of East Tennessee, the father of Sevier and the mother of Washington County. The former was born March 17, 1788, and died in Monroe County November 10, 1866. The mother was born December 28, 1808, and died in Monroe County November 10, 1866. They were married in Washington County in 1836 and afterward located in Monroe County, where our subject is now living, and here they passed the remainder of their days. The father was among the first settlers of Monroe County and at the organization of the county (in 1820) he was elected high sheriff, an office he held ten consecutive years. He afterward gave his attention to farming, in which he was quite successful. He was a staunch Democrat and for about forty years was an elder in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, of which the mother was also a member. Our subject secured a good education in his youth and completed it at Hiwassee College. His first industrial employment was in agricultural pursuits on his father's plantation, and this has been his chief calling ever since. At about the age of twenty-two, in 1862, he enlisted in Company D, Sixty-second Tennessee Regiment of Infantry (Confederate Army). He went from East Tennessee to Mississippi, and was under Pemberton at the surrender of Vicksburg. He was paroled and subsequently exchanged when he entered the service in the East Tennessee and West Virginia department, and served the remainder of the war. Our subject returned home in the summer of 1865. He served in different departments; at first in the medical department as hospital steward and was afterward placed on detached duty in the ordinance department. His father died in 1866 and the old homestead has been in our subject's charge ever since. October 28, 1873, he married Miss Mary E. Pearce, a native of Chester County, Pa., born December 17, 1851. To them were born three daughters and three sons, one son being deceased. Our subject is a decided Democrat, and he and his wife are worthy members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. In 1872, a year previous to his marriage, our subject made a tour to Colorado, and spent six weeks in the Rocky Mountains in order to regain his health. In 1879 he, in partnership with A.H. Gallaher, established a general merchandise store at Glenloch. He is now engaged in the raising of Jersey cattle.

McCroskey, Thomas E.H. p. 1006

"a prominent lawyer of Madisonville, Monroe Co., Tenn., was born in the same county, on Fork Creek, July 13, 1843, and is the son of John and Priscilla (McCray) McCroskey, of Scotch and Irish descent respectively. The father was born in Sevier County, Tenn., March 17, 1788, and died in Monroe County November 10, 1866. He moved to Morganton, Blount Co., Tenn., at an early date, and was engaged in the mercantile business. When the lands of the Hiwassee Purchase were sold, he bought land in Monroe County and moved to it. In 1820, when the county of Monroe was organized, he was elected high sheriff and held this office for ten consecutive years; then turned his attention exclusively to agricultural pursuits. He was a member and elder in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church for many years. He had a good education, was a Democrat in politics and his sympathies were with the South in the late war. He was the son of John McCroskey, a native of Virginia, who settled in Sevier County

during the time of Sevier and Robertson. He was a corporal in the Revolutionary war and was at the battle of King's Mountain. The mother of our subject was born in Washington County, Tenn., December 28, 1808, and died in Monroe County, Tenn., November 23, 1879. She was also a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Her father was a native of Washington County, Tenn., and the McCrays were among the first settlers of East Tennessee. Her marriage with the father of our subject occurred in 1836, and the result was the birth of eight children, our subject being the fifth. He lived on the farm and received his education in Hisassee College. After the war he studied and graduated at the Lebanon Law School. Immediately after graduating he located at Kingston, Reane County, where he remained two years, then moved to Madisonville, Monroe County, where he secured a large and lucrative practice. He is a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, is a Democrat in Politics, and a member of the Masonic fraternity. June 11, 1872, he married Miss F. Pauline Barratt, a native of Abbeville, S.C., a daughter of John J. and Elizabeth C. Barratt, and a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Her father was killed at Sharpsburg while fighting for the Confederacy. To our subject and wife were born six children- five now living: John B., Thomas E., Henry, Blanche H., and Mary E. Pauline died when an infant. Mr. McGreskey is a good citizen and is very much interested in the development of the minerals of Monroe County.

McKenzie, Donald A. p. 1007
 "farmer of the Eleventh District of Monroe County, Tenn., was born in Blount County in the same State, December 29, 1825, the son of John L. and Mary (Grigsby) McKenzie. Donald McKenzie, the grandfather of our subject, came from the Highlands of Scotland a few years before the American Revolutionary War, and settled in Maryland. He was a soldier in that war and received a wound in one of the battles. He afterward moved to Blount County, Tenn. The father of our subject was born in Blount County, ~~Washington County~~ in January, 1800, and died in Monroe County in 1839. He was a successful farmer, a magistrate for several years, a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and a Democrat in politics. The Grigsby family are also of Scotch descent. The mother of our subject was born in Sevier County, Tenn., in 1803, and died in Monroe County in 1862. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. Our subject was the third of nine children- three now living. He received the rudiments of a common education at home schools, and this he has improved by general reading, observation, etc. He was only fourteen when his father died, but continued on the home farm, provided for his mother, educated the younger children, and also raised a son of his sisters. When the estate was divided among the heirs he purchased the others' shares and has since been very successful. December 17, 1856, he married Miss Sarah J. Blair, a native of Reane County, Tenn., born in March, 1836, the daughter of Josiah and Jane Blair, and a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. Of the eight children born to this union five are now living: Braxton B., Frank C., Elizabeth, Joseph B. and Martha A. Those deceased are John L., Mahala C. and Mary J. During the late war Mr. McKenzie was made captian of the militia.

Lusk, J.H. p. 1023
 "a well-known salesman of Athens, was born in Sevier County, East Tenn.,

March 7, 1840, a son of Fielding M. and Sallie (Varnell) Lusk. The parents were natives of Sevier County. The father was born about 1814, of Dutch descent. He was married in 1837, and in 1841 moved to McMinn County, where he now resides. He is a prosperous farmer, a staunch Democrat, and worthy member of the Missionary Baptist Church. His wife was born about 1815, of Irish ancestry, and died in McMinn County, in September, 1886. She was the mother of six children, of whom our subject is the second, and was a member of the Baptist Church. From a girl she was a true Christian. By his own efforts our subject secured a common education, and worked on his father's farm until the outbreak of the Rebellion. In August, 1861, he enlisted in Company A, Third Battalion Tennessee Cavalry, Confederate service, and was finally received into Gen. Stevenson's command, serving in East Tennessee and Kentucky. The fall of 1862 he was detailed ward master of the hospital at Knoxville, where he remained until the fall of 1864. For one year, after the close of the war, he was in the saw mill business. In 1868 he entered the store of J. Turley, at Cog Hill, McMinn County, as salesman and was in the employ of that house for ten years. In 1879 he located at Athens, and for four years was with the firm of Henderson, Dement & Co.; the following two years with Smith & Co. Since that time he has been with William Brooks and S.P. Ivins. Our subject is one of the most popular and efficient salesmen in the county, where he is universally known and highly regarded. He is a consistent member of the Missionary Baptist Church, and a Democrat. On February 5, 1873, he married Miss Jennie Harrison, who was born in South Carolina in 1851. She is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, and mother of four sons, all of whom are living.

~~Russell, William~~

Thompson, M. P. p. 1030

" a member of the well-known firm of Thompson & Varnell, of Mouse Creek Station, was born in Cumberland County, Tenn., March 5, 1857. He is the youngest of four sons, and sixth of eight children born to John and Frances (McFall) Thompson. The father was born in Rhea County about 1820. About 1859 or 1860, he moved to Overton County, and there remained five years; with that exception, most of his life was spent in his native county, where he died August 15, 1882. He was a fairly successful farmer, and a Democrat. The mother is of Scotch-Irish descent, born in Sevier County, Tenn., about 1825, and is now a resident of Spring City, Rhea County. Our subject secured a good academical education in Rhea County, and for some time worked on his father's farm. In February, 1880, he established a general merchandise store at Fiketon. In January, 1884, he came to his present location, and for eighteen months was engaged in the wholesale produce business. In March, 1885, in partnership with Dr. S.M. Carter, he opened a general merchandise store. In February he bought Dr. Carter's interest in the concern, and received into partnership W.L. Varnell. Although Mr. Thompson began life a comparatively poor man, he has accumulated a fair portion of this world's goods, and has a flourishing business. He is a staunch Democrat; not a member of any church, but is in sympathy with the Missionary Baptist. March 22, 1883, he wedded Miss Nannie Wattenbarger, who was born in McMinn County in 1861. To this union was a son was born in McMinn County in 1884 in 1881 December 25, 1884- Walter C.

Willson, William P.

"a well-known enterprising planter, of McMinn County, is a native of East Tennessee, and was born in Monroe County September 4, 1845. His parents are William P. and Julia (Henry) Willson. The father is of Irish descent. His father, James Willson, came to America from Ireland with a brother, ~~Adam Willson~~ and he (James) settled in East Tennessee, and his brother, Adam Willson, went to Missouri. The father was born in Sevier County, Feb. 12, 1812, and is still living, a resident of Monroe County. The mother was born February 1, 1812, in either East Tennessee or Alabama, and is still living in Monroe County. The parents were married about 1830, and have spent the greater part of their married life in East Tennessee. Our subject is the seventh of twelve children. He received a good education, in his youth, in Monroe County. His first employment was in agricultural pursuits on his father's farm. In the spring of 1872, or thereabout, he purchased and settled on a farm, in Bradley County, where he resided one year; then sold it, and for the next year he lived with his father in Monroe County. In the spring of 1873 he purchased the farm where he now lives and moved to it the next year. Our subject has been a live and progressive man, but not ambitious for wealth. He now owns upward of 520 acres of land, which is perhaps as fair a tract of land as there is in the county. On September 26, 1872, he was united in marriage with Miss Cornelia R. Callaway, a native of McMinn County, and born September 6, 1849. This union has resulted in seven children, five sons and two daughters—two daughters dead. Our subject is a Democrat, and is not a member of any church, but is a firm believer in the Bible and the Christian religion, and is in sympathy with the Missionary Baptist Church. His wife is a member of the Missionary Baptist Church. Our subject has made the raising of live stock a speciality. In the fall of 1881, our subject made a western tour prospecting for a cattle range on the Pacific coast.

Benson, William B.

"a prominent citizen of Dayton, and chief clerk in the Coal and Iron Company, was born in Rhea County, June 4, 1844, and is a son of Bartley S. and Lina (Riddle) Benson. Our subject is the youngest of seven children, and secured by his own efforts a good education in his youth. He lost his parents when but a child, and found himself forced to make his way in life by his own efforts. He began as a farm hand, and worked three years in Hamilton at \$4 per month. In 1857 he came to Rhea County, and with his only surviving brother, James Benson, rented a farm where North Dayton is now standing, and was engaged in farming up to the fall of 1861, at which time he went to Kentucky and entered the Federal Army, remaining in service up to the latter part of 1864. In 1863 he was captured at Rogersville Tenn., and sent as a prisoner of war to Richmond, Va., where he remained four months. He then was sent to Andersonville prison, Georgia, and in May, 1864, made his escape by deceiving the guard. After a tedious and tiresome journey of nearly thirty days he reached Chattanooga and rejoined his old regiment at Knoxville in June, 1864, and was mustered out of service in December of the same year, and came back to what was then Smith's Cross Roads, but now Dayton. In 1865, he, in partnership with J.P. Walker, established a store of general merchandise, and continued twenty months with Walker, then bought him out and continued the same business. December 14, 1869, he married Miss Julia A. Collins, a native of Rhea County, born in 1847, and the daughter of Henry Collins. Mr. Benson is not a member of any church, but his wife and two daughters are members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Our subject enjoys the distinction of being

the oldest merchant in Dayton. For twenty consecutive years he was postmaster at Dayton, and he secured the change of names from Smith's Cross Roads to Dayton. In 1885 he sold his mercantile interest to the Dayton Coal and Iron Company, and in the spring of 1886 he went to Texas and established a cattle ranch in Stephens County, and is still interested in this enterprise. He soon afterward entered the employ of the Dayton Coal and Iron Company, and is now chief clerk of the store.

Collins, James P.

"an enterprising farmer of the Fifth Civil District of Rhea County, Tenn., was born in Sevier County, the same State, January 6, 1811, a son of Henry and Rebecca (Pierce) Collins. John Collins, grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was a native Virginian, and died in Jefferson County, Tenn., ~~Henry Collins~~ when Henry, the father of our subject, was about fourteen years of age. Henry Collins was born in Shenandoah County, Va., in 1783, and died at the residence of his son, our subject, in 1848. In 1797 the Collins family moved to Jefferson County, Tenn. Henry moved to Sevier County, Tenn., and from there to Rhea County, in 1813, and was among the first settlers of the latter county. He was in the war of 1812, was a sergeant three months, and then came back home and took a team and wagon, and was afterward with Gen. Jackson's army; he was in several battles and numerous skirmishes. He was justice of the peace for several years, but resigned to accept the office of sheriff, which position he held for three terms, when he was again made a justice of the peace. He was a Jackson Democrat and a Clay Whit. The mother of our subject was born near Greeneville College, Greene Co., Tenn., in 1783, and died in DeKalb County, Ala., in 1847, while her husband was making that his home. They had ten children, our subject being the only one living. His advantages for an education were poor, but, by improving his time and opportunity, is considered a well-informed man. He lived with his parents until January 13, 1842, when he married Miss Susan H. Darwin, a native of either Jackson or Rhea County, born March 26, 1822, and died July 30, 1866. She was the daughter of James A., and Bertha Darwin, and was a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. There were seven children left to mourn her loss: James D., Henry C., William G., Alfred S., Elizabeth B., Millard F., and Thomas C.; all now living. Ann E. died just two days before the death of her mother, and was about four years old at that time. Our subject at the time of his marriage purchased 200 acres of land, and a tannery business; he has since improved and purchased, but has quit the tannery business, after working at it for fifteen years. Just after the war he was appointed by the chancery court to serve as clerk and master of Rhea County, has held the office for six years, and since that time has been justice of the peace. In 1836 he was in the Cherokee service, and assisted in removing the Indians from the Hiwassee and Ocoee Purchases. He is a Mason, and a Republican."

Haggard, Andrew P., A.M.

"A legal practitioner of Dayton, and a native of Georgia, was born in Murray County, in that State, August 21, 1862. He is a son of Pleasant A. and Elizabeth (Callahan) Haggard, both natives of Tennessee; the father of Sevier County and the mother of Overton County. The father was born about 1827, is still living, and is a resident of Murray County, Ga. The mother was born about 1829, and died in Murray County, Ga., June 12, 1872. They

were married in Overton County, Tenn., and afterward settled in Murray County, Ga. The father has been a successful farmer all his life, is a Republican, and a worthy member of the Missionary Baptist Church, of which his wife was also a member. Our subject is one of a large family of children. He enjoyed excellent educational advantages, and graduated from the Sumach Seminary, Georgia, April 20, 1883, an institution of learning that he entered in the fall of 1879. He subsequently received a diploma from the National Normal University, Lebanon, Ohio, both classical and commercial, and took his first course of law at the same institution. He afterward completed his profession in Georgia under the solicitor-general, A.T. Hackett. After practicing his profession a short time in Georgia, in September, 1885, he came to Dayton, Tenn., and since that time has been one of that State's able attorneys. October 27, 1885, he married Miss Rena Clark, a native of Ringgold, Ga., born May 24, 1869, and to them was born, January 30, 1887, one child, a daughter, named Georgia. Our subject is a Democrat in politics, and he and his wife are members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church."

Winton, J.A., p. 1081

"farmer, was born February 2, 1819, in Reane County, where he grew to manhood. He was educated at Emory and Henry College, Washington County, Va. After beginning life for himself at his majority, he engaged in teaching at Saltville, Va., and has since been engaged as a farmer. February 2, 1843, he married Susanna, daughter of John and Susan Baker, who were among the earliest settlers of Washington County, Va. She died in March, 1873. November 27, 1877, he married Carrie P. Corry (nee Smith), a daughter of John Y. Smith, an old citizen of Reane County, and a prominent lawyer. They have one child, John Lenoir. Mrs. Winton died in 1881. Our subject has been a Methodist, of the Southern Branch, since 1838. He is a Democrat, and first voted for Clay. He was justice of the peace about two years, and is an F & A. M. He is the fourth of the eleven children of James and Rhoda (Mitchell) Winton, natives of Reane County, where they died March 17, 1849, aged sixty two years, and September 3, 1886, aged ninety-one years, three months and fourteen days, respectively. The latter was of Dutch stock. The grandparents were John and Arabella (Cunningham) Winton, the former of Irish stock, and born November 8, 1761, and the latter born May 18, 1763. John was a successful financier, and amassed a large fortune before his death. He settled near Muddy Creek Station sometime before 1785. Our subject owns a fine farm of about 500 acres on the Tennessee River, and is a highly respected, well-informed man."

Blair Family p. 1081

"The Blair Family has, since the very earliest settlement of East Tennessee, been prominent in its history, and still has many representatives in Loudon and the surrounding counties. These are all descendants of John Blair, a soldier at King's Mountain, and a pioneer from South Carolina to Washington County, Tenn., where he died in 1819. His family of six sons and four daughters- Hugh, John, James, William, Thomas, Samuel, Jane, Mary, Martha and Rachel- came from Washington County to the present site of Loudon about 1790, and soon after, what was long known as Blair's Ferry was established. Hugh, the eldest of this family, was a cripple, who never married, and always made his home with his brother James. But little is known of the four daughters and of the second and sixth named sons. James

was born in 1777, and married Jane Carcichael, a member of another pioneer East Tennessee family. They remained in the vicinity of Blair's Ferry, where they accumulated considerable property and many slaves. They raised five sons and two daughters, and had two infant daughters, deceased. William, the fourth mentioned above, married Sarah Simmons, who died in 1849, six years after his own death. Four sons and six daughters were reared by them. The fifth named above, Thomas, remained in Blair's Ferry a short time, and went to Indiana. John, the eldest of James Blair's family, was born July 19, 1800, and married Elizabeth Johnston in 1827. He then located on the farm now owned by his son, Dr. J.L. Blair. He was an officer in the State militia, and was for many years a justice of the peace. His death occurred January 18, 1858, his wife having preceded him November 14, 1845. Dr. J.L. Blair is the eldest of five sons and five daughters, and of three survivors of these, himself, Dr. Hugh A., of Wilson County, and Martha A., now Mrs. George W. St. John, of Washington County. Dr. J.L. was born in 1828, and in 1853 married Margaret L. Barkley, a native of Jonesboro. Of their two sons and three daughters, two of the latter are deceased, as is the mother also, who died January 5, 1871. In 1872 the Doctor married Mrs. Lucy A. Osborn (nee George), a native of Blount County, to whom two sons and four daughters have been born. The Doctor was educated chiefly at Hiwassee College, and in 1852 attended the Union Medical College, of New York, since which time he has practiced in this locality. Returning now to the James Blair family, we will mention Wiley, who was born in Loudon in 1813, and married Mary M. Johnston, rearing a family of three sons and two daughters, one of whom, Rachel E. C., is now deceased. The other daughter, Laura J., is the wife of William R. Blair, of this county. James M., W.W. and H.E.F. are the sons, the first of whom, James M. was born in 1844, since which time he has lived in this vicinity. W.W. was born in 1851 and married Frankie M. Browder; they have three daughters. H.E.F. was born in 1854 and married Martha K. Eldridge. They have two sons and two daughters. William, the fourth named son of John Blair, had four sons and six daughters; the first of these, John, was born in Loudon (then Roane) County, in 1808, and married Mary C. Edwards, a native of Virginia, to whom one son, William R. (a prominent farmer of Loudon County) and one daughter, Sarah J. (now the wife of John Hall, of Loudon County,) were born. John Blair and wife died in 1875 and 1880, respectively. Of the other children of William Blair, Vincent and Hugh reside in Texas, and Elizabeth, now a widow of A. Andrew Allen, resides in Loudon County. The rest are deceased."

Pemberton, Daniel p. 1118

"farmer, was born in Sevier County, Tenn., September 25, 1833. He is the son of North Carolina parents. He was raised on a farm, and received a common-school education. Early in life he farmed. In 1857 he married Miss Martha Markin, born December 28, 1842, daughter of Andy Markin. She was born in Kentucky. To the marriage of our subject have been born five sons and five daughters, one of the latter being deceased: Mary E., Martha N., Tennessee Belle (decd), James E., William G., David Sherman, Alice, Charles M., Birdie A. and John Edward. Our subject commenced in the world without capital, and by energy and perseverance he has climbed to the height of success, and has succeeded in becoming the owner of nearly 500 acres of land in District No. 5, Anderson County, Tenn. He is a close tiller of the soil and raiser of stock. He was farming in Anderson County when the war broke out, but his zealous and patriotic spirit prompted him,

and true to his country, he enlisted as private in Company C, Second Tennessee Mounted Infantry. He was in several hard fought battles, as Murfreesboro, Fishing Creek and Cumberland Gap. He received an honorable discharge at the close of the war, and returned to his family in Anderson County. With them and on the farm he now owns he has toiled since the war. He is a member of the Missionary Baptist Church, and is a good Christian man. He is an honest and ardent Republican, believing his politics right, and his character is without reproach. "

Whaley, John H. p. 1121

"carpenter, a prominent citizen of Clinton, was born November 30, 1861, and is the son of Hercules and Mary J. (McAdeo) Whaley. The father was born in Rhea County, November 14, 1824, and was by occupation a trader. He died in 1864. The mother was born in Clinton in 1834, the daughter of John McAdeon, and a sister of Prof. McAdeo of Knoxville. She is now living in Clinton. Our subject was reared in Clinton and in Texas. Until 1877, he attended school at the former place, and then began farming and working at his trade, and is now one of the best carpenters and contractors in Clinton. March 1, 1885, he married Clara Cullom, who was born October 6, 1865, the daughter of Gen. William Cullom. They have two children. Both he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, of which he is a steward, and one of the Sunday school superintendents."

Mitchell, G.B. p. 1156

"was born in Grainger County, July 25, 1830, the son of Greenberry and Susan (VINEYARD) Mitchell. The grandfather, a soldier of the Revolution, came from Virginia, and died in Missouri. The grandmother died in Grainger County. The father was born September 28, 1786, and was a successful farmer. For many years he was a magistrate. He was also a sergeant in the war of 1812, and died in Grainger County February 20, 1860. The mother was born in Virginia, November 10, 1787, and died February 5, 1874, in Grainger County. Both were Baptists. Our subject, the youngest of eleven children living, was educated in the common schools, and for a long time cared for his parents. He has always been a farmer. October 25, 1848, he married Artalissa A. McKinney, born January 20, 1832, in Grainger County, the daughter of John A. and Rebecca McKenney. They have been blessed with two sons and four daughters, two of the latter being deceased. She was a Baptist, and died January 25, 1882. On March 1, 1883, Mahala (Perrin) Parrott, the widow of Joseph H. Parrott, became his wife. She was born October 25, 1846. They have one daughter. Both are Baptists. Our subject is a Republican and a Mason. Since 1879 he has been a magistrate. Besides the homestead given him by his father, he has added considerable land, and is a prominent citizen. The Mitchell and Vineyard families are both pioneers."

Vineyard, Tilghman A. p. 1160

"a well-known farmer and stock dealer of the Eight District, was born near where he now lives, April 15, 1833, and is the son of Martin and Jane (Nance) Vineyard. The family is of German descent. The father was born in Grainger County, Tenn., and died in the same county, at the residence of his son, our subject, March 15, 1853, and was fifty-three years of age at the time of his death. He was a Missionary Baptist minister, and a farmer, and was successful in life. The Nance family are of English-Irish descent. The mother was born in Grainger County; Tenn., and

Tenn., and died in the same county in June, 1847, and was about forty-five years of age. There were by this marriage twelve children, our subject being the fifth, only three of whom are now living. He received an academical education in his youth, at Flat Creek Academy, Knox County, Tenn. He remained with his parents until their death, and took care of and helped educate the younger members of the family. After his father's decease, he purchased the old homestead from the other heirs, and since that time has added considerably to this, and improved the whole, having just completed a nice residence. In the early part of the war he was detailed to furnish saltpetre. In the summer of 1863 he enlisted in Company E, of the First Tennessee Cavalry, Confederate service, but served only a short time, and was in many skirmishes. He acted as orderly sergeant. After his marriage he taught school in Grainger County for several years, but his principle occupation has been farming and stock raising. November 25, 1854, he married Louisa Jane Davis, a daughter of John and Elizabeth Davis, born in Grainger County, Tenn., June 9, 1835. By this union three sons were born: John R., Samuel S. and Buford F. Our subject and wife are members of the Mouth of Richland Baptist Church. He has made what he has by industry, judicious management and economy, and the assistance of his wife. He is a Mason."

Bryan, Prof. W.S. p. 1162

"principal of Dumplin High School, was born at Mossy Creek July 1, 1857, the son of Prof. R.R. and Rebecca (Langbord) Bryan. The father, born in Sevier County April 11, 1822 and died January 26, 1879, was the son of Thomas Bryan, and was educated at Strawberry Plains Academy, and was the first professor in charge of what is now Carson College, and conducted it before and two years after the war, and then retired on account of his health. He had the reputation of being one of the finest English scholars in East Tennessee. He was a Baptist. Peter, the grandfather, was a member of the Territorial Legislature which framed the constitution of Tennessee. The mother, born in Blount County March 18, 1832, is the daughter of Rev. James Langbord (deceased), a Baptist divine. She is a Baptist, and is living near Mossy Creek. Her marriage to our subject's father occurred September 5, 1850. When our subject was five years old they left the vicinity of Mossy Creek for Sevier County, but at the close of the war returned. He graduated from Carson College in 1881, and in the fall took his present position, since held, with the exception of two years' teaching elsewhere. This school has seven grades and ten teachers, and has a scientific and classical course of as high a grade as any in the county, except the college colleges at Mossy Creek, so made by our subject's management. January 15, 1882, he married Maggie, a daughter of Madison Cate, and born March 31, 1861. He and his wife are Baptists. Their children are Gertrude, born June 1 1885, and Nellie, born May 20, 1887."

Carmichael, J.W., M.D. p. 1164

"was born in Jefferson County, two miles from Dandridge, September 11, 1849, and is the son of Lemuel and Susanah (Miller) Carmichael. The father was born in Jefferson County in 1817, and was the son of Lemuel Carmichael, a native of Buncombe County, NoC., who immigrated to Tennessee at a very early day, and was one of the pioneers of Jefferson County. The father was a farmer by occupation, and lived a long and useful life, being in his seventieth year when he died April 29, 1887. He was an honest and upright citizen, a believer in and of the Baptist faith, and was universally respect-

ed by all who knew him. The mother was also born in Jefferson County, in 1819. She is a pious, Christian lady, a woman of great social and moral worth, a member of the Baptist Church, and lives near Sevierville, Tenn. Our subject was reared on the farm, and acquired his literary education at French Broad Academy, in Sevier County, and at Mossy Creek College, Jefferson County. He then taught school at Catlettsburg, Sevier County, for two years, and then took up the study of medicine under Dr. J.C. Cawood, of Dandridge. In 1883 he attended the medical department of Vanderbilt University, Nashville, and graduated from that noted institution in February, 1887. He began practicing, however, in August, 1877, and continued, with the exception of time spent in attending lectures, up to the present. He is a well-read physician, and has built up one of the best practices in the county, and established for himself a fine professional standing. He is a member of Jefferson Medical Association, and also of Brazelton Lodge No. 190, F.& A.M. He is a public-spirited and enterprising citizen, broad and liberal in his views, and always encourages public enterprises of a worthy nature, and has always taken an interest in school and church matters. He has prospered in his practice, and from nothing has worked his way up to influence and affluence, and is now in very good circumstances. He is progressive in spirit, and is always to be found in the front rank in all public movements in his neighborhood, and is universally esteemed and respected. He was married May 1, 1877, to Ellen V. McClary, who was born in Sevier County, Tenn., on January 24, 1861, and is the daughter of Jacob and Eliza A. (Henderson) McClary, of Sevier County, one of the oldest families of East Tennessee. To this union two boys have been born: Cawood, born on April 3, 1878, and Henry Newman, born December 2, 1882. Both our subject and wife are members of Duplin Baptist Church. "

Cate, I.M. p. 1165

"farmer, was born in Sevier County, Tenn., May 13, 1850, the son of Perry and Sarah (Underwood) Cate. The father, born in Sevier County, in 1820, was a farmer and merchant in Sevier County for several years, before and after the war, but is now a farmer, and a highly respected member of the Baptist Church. Joshua, the grandfather, was born in North Carolina, and came, when two years old, with his parents, to the Indian-infested regions of East Tennessee. An aunt was killed by the Indians in North Carolina. The mother was born in 1820, in Sevier County, the daughter of George Underwood, a farmer. She was a Baptist, and died in 1873. Our subject attended school at Dandridge, Mossy Creek, and Duplin Valley, and in 1871 engaged in farming and saw milling in Jefferson County. He owns 160 acres in the Eleventh District, and also eighty-three acres, seventy-three of the first and fifty of the last, in timber. He also owns, with his father, a saw and grist mill, with a daily capacity of 4,000 to 6,000 feet of lumber and 100 bushels of corn. He is a Baptist, a Mason, and a highly respected man. May 3, 1870, he married Millie, a daughter of J.M. and Mary (Denton) Thomas, and born May 26, 1851, in Cocke County. J.M. was born in 1825, the son of George Thomas, of England, and died in January, 1886. Mary was born in 1827, the daughter of Abraham Denton. She is a Baptist, and now lives in Jefferson County. Their children are Ida C. (1871), Sallie A. (1873), Mollie E. (1876), Effie C. (1878), Perry B. (1882) and Lera E. (1886). The wife is a Baptist."

Fagala, G.W. p. 1168

"was born in Georgia, December 6, 1853, and is the son of David and Penelope F. (Randles) Fagala. The father was born in 1811, in Sevier County, Tenn., and was reared in that county. He was a farmer and blacksmith. He removed to Georgia soon after the Indians were removed from that territory. He came back to Tennessee, and died in Jefferson County, in 1866. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church, of which he was an elder, and was also a member of the Masonic lodge, at Dandridge, and was buried with Masonic honors. He was a man generally esteemed for his good qualities and sterling work. The mother was born in Sevier County, ~~through~~ Tenn., in 1822, and is the daughter of William Randles. She is now living in Sevier County, though makes her home among her children. She is a pious, Christian lady, and a member of the Presbyterian Church. Our subject was reared on the farm, and acquired a practical education in the schools of Jefferson County. He has followed farming as a vocation, though in early life he learned and followed the boot and shoe trade. He now owns and cultivates a fine river farm in the Fourth District, and is making a success of life. He is public-spirited and progressive, and always lends a helping hand to all laudable enterprises which tend to the benefit of the rising generation, and is always found on the side of public schools and education for his and other children. He is a man of good character, and stands well with his neighbors. He was married September 25, 1873, to Mattie C. Mitchell, who was born in Jefferson County, in 1852, and was the daughter of W.H. Mitchell. To this union five children were born, one of whom died. The wife was a member of the Presbyterian Church, and died April 2, 1879. He was married a second time, in October, 1880, to M.A. Hays, who was born in Jefferson County in 1844. To this union two children have been born. Both our subject and wife are members of the Methodist Church, South, of which he is a local minister."

Fox, William C. p. 1170

"one of the leading farmers of the Sixteenth Civil District, of Jefferson County, Tenn., was born in Sevier County, Tenn., January 2, 1852, and removed to Jefferson County with his parents five years later. He is the son of Eli and Mattie (Bird) Fox. The father was born in Sevier County, Tenn., in 1816, and is the son of George Fox, a native of Tennessee. He has followed farming as a life-time vocation, and is now one of the oldest and most respected farmers of the Sixteenth District of Jefferson County. The mother was born in Sevier County, in 1818, and is the daughter of Louis Bird. The parents are pious Christian people, and are members of the Methodist Church. Our subject was reared on the farm, and acquired his education in the schools of the county and at Dandridge. He has followed farming as a vocation, has made a success of life, and now owns and cultivates a fine river farm of 288 acres. He is a public spirited man, and enjoys the esteem and respect of all who know him. He realizes and appreciates the benefit of public schools, and has always contributed his mite to the advancement and progress of education, and has served as school commissioner of Cedar Dale School. He was married September 22, 1875, to Ellen Zirkle, who was born in Jefferson County December 25, 1851, and is the daughter of Reuben Zirkle, one of the oldest and most respected citizens of the Sixteenth Civil District of Jefferson County. To this union six children have been born, as follows: Hattie, born June 25, 1876; William N., born December 29, 1877; Marietta, born August 25, 1879; Alonzo E., born October 18, 1881; Lora B., born October 22, 1883, and George R., born January 13, 1886. Both our subject and wife are members of the Methodist Church."