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#### **Jacob Friedrich Gmelich**

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

**Hon. Jacob Friedrich** - Success is measured by the degree of an individual's accomplishments during his lifetime, what he does on his own behalf and in behalf of his fellow men are taken as true criterions of the measure of his success. If this be true, the late Hon. Jacob F. Gmelich, for many years an influential figure in Cooper County and Missouri, was a successful citizen in every sense. Coming to America from a foreign land in his boyhood days, making of himself a skilled artisan, becoming a shrewd and successful business man, engaging in politics and evincing ability as a statesman, he held two of the highest offices within the gift of the people of Missouri when at the zenith of his interesting career.

Mr. Gmelich was born July 23, 1839, and died Feb. 21, 1914. At the age of 12 years he accompanied his parents, Jacob and Barbara (Walter) Gmelich to America. After remaining in Ohio a short time, the family located at Peru, III., where Mr. Gmelich was reared and educated, learning the trade of watchmaker and jeweler. He spent two years in Chicago, employed at his trade; then spent one and a half years in St. Louis; was married in 1861, and in May of that year he located in Boonville. During the previous year he had made a trip to Boonville and purchased the stock and good will of a small jewelry store. During the Civil War he was a member of the Missouri State Guards, and participated in the Battle of Boonville. When Shelby's raiders captured Boonville, his store was looted, but Mr. Gmelich induced the commanding officer to give him a receipt for the watches belonging to his patrons which were taken away by the Confederates. His store was closed for six weeks, while he was away on soldier duty. In 1864, he went to St. Louis, made a visit to Peru, Ill., and then remained in St. Louis until the close of the Civil War in 1865. A brother, Gottlieb Gmelich, was a soldier in the Union Army. After the war, Mr. Gmelich built up an extensive business in Boonville and the surrounding country, and amassed considerable wealth. He purchased a three-story brick residence on High Street, where the family lived for 28 years prior to taking up his residence in Jefferson City. Upon his return from the State capital he began building one of the finest homes in Boonville, which was half completed when death called him.

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Mr. Gmelich served as president of the Boonville Commercial Bank for a number of years, and owned considerable real estate in Boonville, besides his controlling interest in the large jewelry store operated under the name of Gmelich & Schmidt. He was also interested in Kansas City real estate.

Mr. Gmelich's political career was a noteworthy one. He served as mayor of Boonville for eight years during a time when the duties of mayor included that of police judge. He was always a consistent booster for a greater and better Boonville and continuously advocated the securing of factories and public improvements for the city. One of his ambitions was to secure the building of a wagon bridge across the Missouri River. He became prominent in republican politics throughout the St ate, and in November 1904, he was elected to the office of State treasurer, and served in this high office from Jan. 1, 1905 to Jan. 1, 1909. He next State office was the post of lieutenant governor of Missouri, with Gov. Herbert L. Hadley's administration.

May 8, 1861, Jacob F. Gmelich and Miss Doris Mueller were united in marriage. Mrs. Doris (Mueller) Gmelich was born in Germany, Sept. 27, 1842, and is a daughter of Carl and Johanna (Bishop) Mueller, who emigrated from Germany and settled in Illinois, later locating at Collinsville,

III. When 14 years of age, the future Mrs. Gmelich came to America, accompanied by three sisters and a brother: Mrs Minna Mueller, East St. Louis, III.; Mrs. Eliza Raybock, widow of a Union veteran, Collinsville, III.; and Mrs. Christian Schappino, St. Jacobs, III; Emil Mueller, died in St. Louis. Two brothers were already in America, namely: Ernest Mueller, died later in California, at the age of 94 years; and August, died in St. Louis in 1898; Mrs. Annistina Schmidt lives in California; Mrs. Carola Witte, Aberdeen, S. D.

No children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Gmelich, but they have had an adopted child, a daughter of Emil Mueller whom they adopted at the age of one and a half years, Louise, wife of Max E. Schmidt, proprietor of the Gmelich and Schmidt Jewelry Store. The wedded life of Jacob and Doris Gmelich was a very happy and prosperous one. During their earlier years, when trials and vicissitudes often came upon them they stood side by side and bore their hardships with fortitude and with a bright and optimistic outlook into the future. The Gmelich store was frequently raided and stripped by the Confederates during the Civil War, and one of the interesting relics which is preserved as indicating customs of raiders during the Civil War is a receipt signed by the rebel commander

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For a bunch of watches taken by force from the Gmelich store and which reads: "Taken by Force of Arms - a Batch of Watches."

During the eighties, Mr. and Mrs. Gmelich made a tour of Europe and remained for six months. May 8, 1911, their fiftieth or golden wedding anniversary was celebrated in Jefferson City, Mo., in the governor's mansion. A dinner was served and the celebration was a notable one in the history of the State Capital, hundreds of people attending from all parts of the State. Two days later the golden wedding was again celebrated at the Schmidt residence in Boonville, many relatives and friends taking part.

During the early seventies, Mr. Gmelich served as a member of the Missouri State Legislature. At the time of his election to the position of lieutenant governor, the vote was so close that Gmelich's margin was but 75 votes over Painter, his opponent. Painter instituted a contest and it was found that Mr. Gmelich's majority was 275 votes. His attorney at that time was the present Senator Spencer of Missouri. A handsome silver loving cup was presented to Mr. Gmelich by the Senate of the 45<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of Missouri, over which he presided at the close of the session of 1909, as a token of their esteem for hi. A handsomely engraved golden loving cup, presented by relatives on the occasion of the golden wedding anniversary, and highly prized by Mrs. Gmelich bears the inscription, "1861-1911."

Mr. Gmelich was a member of the Evangelical Church, and lived an upright and Christian life. He was liberal to a fault, loved his home city, was charitably inclined and supported all worthy enterprises with a free purse and an influential voice. He was prominent in the affairs of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, was patriarch of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, and frequently attended the sessions of the Grand Lodge of America. Aug. 222, 1880, he received a commission as colonel of the First Regiment of Missouri, Patriarchs Militant. He served for one year as grand master of the Missouri Odd Fellows. His life was worth while; he left memories of a man who did his duty by himself, his family, his home city and county, and his country which had given him the opportunity to make of himself what he was.

#### Charles A. Sombart

(Transcribed by Laura Paxton)

**Charles A Sombart** - The Sombart family have been one of the most prominent and substantial families in Boonville for over 80 years. Members of this old pioneer family have been closely identified with the commercial and industrial history of Cooper County since the first advent of the ancestor of Charles A Sombart into Cooper county in 1837. They have been industrial developers and men of progress and initiative and

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have used their capital for the betterment and advancement of their home city. Charles A Sombart, retired miller of Boonville is a worthy descendent of excellent ancestors and has been a builder and developer of the most progressive type. He was born in Boonville Nov 22 1856.

The History of the Sombart family begins with William Sombart, who was born in Burg by Harrtingen on the Ruhr, Prussia, Sept 22 1796. He came of a good family and was well educated in his native land. He studied at the University of Berlin and became a skilled engineer. During the German War he volunteered in the army and fought under Marshall Blucher in the battle of Ligney, June 16 1815. When 22 years of age he was given the office of inspector of roads in Olpe, and later had charge of the roads in Gielenkirchen by Achen. Illness, caused by hardships endured during his was service necessitated his retirement from the service on a pension. He married Julia Westhoff, the daughter of a minister and after his marriage they resided at Bonn. In 1837 he immigrated to America and after a stay of some months in St. Louis he came to Cooper County and located on a farm near Billingsville where on account of having independent means of his own, he took life easy and lived comfortably. He retired from the farm in old age and located in Boonville, where he died at the ripe old age of 82 years. His wife died August 7 1872. They reared a family of seven children.

His son, Charles William Sombart, father of Charles A Sombart of this review was born in Olpe, Province of Westphalia, Prussia, May 2 1820. He first attended school in Germany and completed his education in Cooper County. He was reared on his father's farm and in 1849, he and his brother Julius, became inoculated with the prevailing "gold fever," and made the overland trip to California, where they remained until 1852. They engaged in mining and trading, and were very successful, laying the foundation of their future large fortunes. Upon their return to Boonville, in 1852, the brothers engaged in the milling business under the firm name of C W \$ J Sombart. They commenced with a small old fashioned mill, a short distance below the Sombart mill in Boonville, but a few years later acquired the present Sombart Milling Co. property. They soon built up an extensive milling business and by additions and improvements to their property created one of the most valuable and best known milling properties in central Missouri. In 1879 the concern was reorganized and became the Sombart Milling and Mercantile Company, C W Sombart, President.

Aside from his milling business, Judge Sombart dealt largely in the

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purchase and sale of real estate, and became the owner of much fine property in Boonville. He was interested in the "Star" line of Missouri River steamers. Jan 6 1852, he was married to Mrs. Catherine Thro, formerly Catherine Robinrith, born in Alsace, and coming from there to St. Charles County MO. She died May 10 1885. The following children were born to this marriage: William Alexander, Kate, Charles Augustus, of the review; Fannie, Frank Siegel, Robert Nathaniel, and Henry Edward. All of these are deceased excepting W. Alexander, a resident of Boonville; Charles A; and Robert N, who resides in St. Louis. Judge Sombart was married the second time to Mrs. Sophie Hain, widow of the late George Hain of Boonville. Judge Sombart departed this life in June 1898. He was prominent in the affairs of the republican party, but was never ambitious for political preferment. He served the people in various capacities, such as member of the Board of Education, and judge of the County Court. He held the latter office for four years and ably served the people of Cooper County during that time. Judge Sombart was a director in the old Central National Bank and the Commercial Bank of Boonville.

Charles A Sombart of this review was reared in Boonville and studied at the private school conducted by Prof. Allison, one of the founders of Kemper Military School at Boonville. When the Sombart Milling Company was incorporated in 1876, he became a member of the organization

with his brother, William Alexander and a cousin. After the death of Judge Sombart, he and a brother, Henry E Sombart, bought control of the milling company and conducted the business successfully until 1909, when Charles A Sombart became sole owner of the business, as a family corporation. Dec 25 1918, he sold the mill to a corporation and retired from active business, having been a miller from 1876 to 1896, and been engaged in the business for 42 years. Mr. Sombart has well earned his retirement. He has, like his father before him, always taken a commendable interest in local enterprises and invested his working capital so as to benefit his home city. He was one of the organizers of the Farmers Bank and the Citizens Trust Company of Boonville, and is financially interested in the Boonville National Bank. For some time he was president of the Farmers Bank, and was president of the Citizens Trust Company until its amalgamation. He is largely interested in Boonville real estate, and has always been a worker for the best interests of Boonville, its growth and advancement.

In 1905, Mr. Sombart erected the Hotel Frederick, an imposing modern

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structure costing over \$40,000. This investment was mainly for the purpose of providing Boonville with a modern hostelry, and has never paid him an adequate return on the investment. Mr. Sombart erected this building at a time when there was a crying need for a modern hotel in Boonville, and others were loath to place money in a venture which did not promise an adequate financial return.

Mr. Sombart has one of the most beautiful residence properties in Boonville, which he erected. Mr. Sombart also built the block at the southwest corner of High and Main Streets. He was married Feb 2 1887 to Mary Frances Brechwald of Galesburg Illinois a daughter of Charles Brechwald. Mrs. Mary Frances Sombart died at the age of 57 years on Nov 17 1917. Three children were born to this marriage, two of whom are living; Helen Frances and Frederick Charles at home in Boonville. Frederick C is a member of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons and Knights of Pythias. Mr. Sombart is a republican but has never had aspiration for office or political matters to any great extent. His children are members of the Episcopalian Church and his is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias.

# Charles J. Walden (Transcribed by Laura Paxton)

Charles J Walden editor and publisher of the "Weekly Advertiser". Boonville MO is a native Missourian and one of the "old Timers" in Newspaperdom in this section. He was born in Carroll County Oct. 27 1844 and is a son of James M Walden a native of Indiana. His father went overland to California and died there in 1851. His mother brought her family to Howard County in 1852 and in 1855 Charles was apprenticed to learn the printer's trade. He worked in the office of the "Howard County Banner" for four years and then studied for one year at Central College, Fayette.

In 1861 he enlisted for service in the Confederate Army under Gen. J B Clark and for six months served with the Richmond Grays. His last service was in the Trans-Mississippi department under the command of Gen. Joseph O Shelby. April 13 1865 he stacked arms with many of his comrades at Shreveport LA. Upon his return home he found things in such an unsettled state that he went to Illinois. After remaining there for about one year he returned to MO and settled at Glasgow in 1867.

In 1872, Mr. Walden purchased the "Weekly Advertiser" at Fayette. In 1895 he was editor of the Nevada MO, "Daily Mail" for one year. In 1896, Mr. Walden took charge of the "Sedalia Daily Sentinel" and published this paper for three years; was appointed beer inspector by Governor

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Stephens in 1898 and served two years. In 1890 he went to Brunswick and was engaged in newspaper work in that city until the construction work began on the St Louis World's Fair buildings. He then received the appointment as chief of the Labor Bureau in connection with the Exposition and remained in that capacity until the close of the Louisiana Exposition. In April, 1905, he purchased the "Weekly Advertiser". The "Advertiser" is a newsy, well edited and well printed newspaper which has a large circulation in Cooper County.

Mr. Walden is the father of seven children as follow: Wilbur L, a linotype operator, employed on the "Globe Democrat", St. Louis MO; Jemmie M, wife of J G Jones, general manager of the Hamilton Commercial College, New York City; Jessie B., wife of William M Patterson, a bank cashier, Monroe City MO; Fred H, an advertising man employed on the "Globe Democrat" staff; Homer, located in Jersey City N J; Charles, buyer for a feed commission house of St Louis MO; whose headquarters are at Farmington MO; Spahr a druggist in St. Louis MO.

Mr. Walden is a democrat in Politics and the policy of the "Advertiser" is democratic. His family are worshippers at the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He is a Mason and a member of the Knight Templars.

Mrs. Walden served as postmaster of Fayette MO for four years and six months under the administration of Grover Cleveland.

#### Col. Thomas Alexander Johnston

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Col. Thomas Alexander Johnston. - When one thinks of the Kemper Military School of Boonville, it is only natural to think also of Col. T. A. Johnston, the commandant and head of this famous institution. The prestige, strength and popularity of this school throughout the Middle West is due to the executive and organizing ability of Colonel Johnston. Primarily founded in 1844 as a school of higher learning for young men, its popularity as a school for training young men both physically and mentally has been enhanced from year to year. The school has had its greatest growth since the year 1872, when Col. Johnston, a former student of the school, having graduated from the State University, became assistant principal, succeeding to the superintendency in 1881. In Col. Johnston are combined the attributes of a splendid teacher, a strict disciplinarian, an excellent business man and financier - a combination rarely found among scholarly men, or among those who have devoted their lives to teaching. Col. Johnston was born an educator, became a business man, and developed a talent as an organizer which is unsurpassed by men

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of his class. One has but to look at the group of splendid buildings, costing many thousands of dollars, which have been erected on the Kemper Military School grounds during his regime as superintendent of the school, see with pleasure the fine appearing young men who have had training and instruction in the halls of Kemper, to realize that this school is an institution of which any Cooper County citizen can rightly boast. Kemper Military School is distinctly a Boonville institution, its builder is a native son of Cooper County, and a descendent of one of the older Cooper County pioneers, who has spent practically all of his life in the county of his birth. Col. Thomas A. Johnston was born on a farm in Cooper County, 11 miles south of Boonville, Nov. 13, 1848. He is a son of John Benoni Johnston, and a grandson of Alexander Johnston, who settled in Cooper County in 1817, when this section of Missouri was largely an unpeopled wilderness. The family is of Southern origin, and its members were prominent families of Tennessee and the Carolinas.

The Johnston family is also one of the oldest in America. The history of the family in America begins with Gavin Johnston, a native of North Ireland, who came to America prior to the

Revolution and settled in Pennsylvania where he was killed by Indians while plowing in his fields. His family or descendents moved to North Carolina and settled in the vicinity of Waxhaw. Alexander Johnston, great-grandfather of Col. T. A. Johnston, was a soldier in the American Army of Independence, and fought at the Battle of "The Cowpens." After the close of the Revolution, Alexander removed to Tennessee, and settled in the vicinity of McMinnville, where he reared his family. His wife, prior to her marriage, was Margaret Barnett, a daughter of Robert Barnett, an officer in the American Army, who served in the Revolution. Alexander Johnston was father of four sons, Gavin, Robert B., James, and Alexander, who migrated to Cooper County, Mo., in 1817. He had one daughter, Mary.

Alexander Johnston, grandfather of Thomas A. Johnston, settled in the New Salem neighborhood, just north of the New Salem Church, and entered Government land. He developed a farm and there spent the remainder of his days. He was born July 16, 1787, and died Feb. 2, 1839. He married Rachel Thaxton, who died shortly after the birth of John Benoni Johnston, father of Col. T. A. Johnston. After her death he married Mary Hammond, born March 8, 1795; died Sept 22, 1863; married Dec. 6, 1813. To this marriage were born: Rachel Dillard, Nancy McFadden, Margaret Barnett, Finis Ewing, Sarah Jenkins, Robert Morrow, Harbert Hammonds, Martha Ann, Mary Jane.

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John Benoni Johnston was born Aug 30, 1812, and died Feb. 6, 1888. He entered land adjoining his father's home place, and spent his life as a farmer. He was twice married. His first wife of Elizabeth Ann Robinson, who was born May 21, 1818, and died Dec. 19, 1844. The date of this marriage was Dec. 17, 1835. There were five children born to this marriage: Mary Margaret, born Jan. 9, 1837, and died May 22, 1911. She became the wife of Shelton Parsons, Aug. 12, 1873, and at her death left a daughter, Maggie May. The other children were: Rachel Jane, Sarah Ann, Susan Ellen, and Elizabeth Robinson.

Rachel Jane Johnston was born Dec. 22, 1838, married Robert Willis March 26, 1868, and is mother of a son, William Benoni Johnston, of Boonville. Sarah Ann Johnston was born June 29, 1840, and died Sept. 21, 1909. She married Manson B. Simmons Feb. 28, 1866, and bore him seven children, four of whom are living: William Henry, Ella, Bettie Johnston, and John Kelly Simmons. Susan Ellen Johnston was born Jan. 4, 1842, and died Jan. 26, 1917. Elizabeth Robinson Johnston, the fifth child died in infancy. The second marriage of John Benoni Johnston was on June 1, 1846, with Miss Margaret Harris, who was born Jan 21, 1821, and departed this life Aug. 4, 1912. The children born of this marriage are: Robert Barnett, Thomas Alexander, William Franklin, Elizabeth, George Washington, and James Ewing. Robert Barnett Johnston was born March 6, 1847, spent his life as an agriculturist in Cooper County, and died March 23, 1908. William Franklin Johnston was born Feb. 21, 1857, and resides in Warrensburg, Mo. Elizabeth was born April 2, 1853, and is the wife of William A. Hurt, a farmer near Boonville. George Washington Johnston was born Aug.22, 1856, and died in New Mexico, Feb. 4, 1904. James Ewing Johnston was born Feb 1, 1859. He is an electrical engineer in Denver Colorado.

The Johnstons were adherents of William the Conqueror, and the ancestors of the Johnstons in America received a grant of land on the southern border of Scotland for their fealty to the king, the seat of the family being known as Johnstown on the River Annan in Annandale, Scotland. They took a prominent part in the border warfare between the Scotlish people and England, and were given the task of guarding the border until the pacification of the centuries old warfare which culminated in the union of Scotland and England under one crown. The direct ancestor of Col. T. A. Johnston, then, with hundreds of others who sought freedom from persecution, moved to the north of Ireland.

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The early education of Thomas Alexander Johnston was obtained in the district school and Kemper School. After completing his preparatory course at the Kemper School he entered the State University at Columbia, and was graduated from this institution in 1872 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts and later Master of Arts. He at once became a member of the faculty of the Kemper School, and upon the death of Mr. Kemper, he succeeded him as the principal, receiving a well earned promotion from assistant principal to the superintendency, March 9, 1881.

From the day on which Col. Johnston took charge of the Kemper School there has been steady and consistent progress. Ear year has seen an increase in the enrollment of the school, which now totals 510 pupils with a faculty of 28 members. New and more modern buildings have been erected to accommodate the increasing enrollment, and the military training which is given the students is recognized as official by the War Department of the Federal Government. The credit of this great growth is due to the enterprise, ambition, and able management of Col. Johnston, who like a good executive, has surrounded himself with capable assistants, who are also imbued with the desire to enhance and maintain the enviable reputation enjoyed by the Kemper Military School throughout the United States.

June 27, 1877, Thomas Alexander Johnston and Miss Carrie Frances Rea, of Saline County, Mo., were united in marriage. Mrs. Johnston was born near Slater, Mo., and is a daughter of Rev. Peter G. Rea, who was a prominent minister of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church for many years. The children born to this marriage are: Bertha, Rea Alexander, Harris Cecil, Alice Ewing. Major Rea Alexander Johnston is assistant superintendent and tactical military officer of the Missouri Training School at Boonville. He married Grace Mosher, of Oneida, Ill., and has one son, William Johnston. Bertha is the wife of Major A. M. Hitch, principal of the Kemper Military School. Major and Mrs. Hitch have two children, Charles Johnston and Thomas Kemper Hitch. Harris Cecil Johnston is quartermaster fo the Kemper Military School, and has charge of all supplies used. He married Georgia Wooldridge and has two children, Marjorie and Caroline. Alice Ewing is the wife of Major R. J. Foster, of the United States Army, stationed at Washington, D. C.

Colonel Johnston is a democrat: he is director of the Commercial Bank of Boonville, and is an elder of the Presbyterian Church of his home city.

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## Hon. John Cosgrove

(Transcribed by Laura Paxton)

Honorable John Cosgrove - For 56 years, John Cosgrove, dean of the Cooper County Bar, has successfully practiced law. During his 54 years of residence in Boonville, he has not only been an honored and respected leader of the legal profession in this section of Missouri, but he has been a very useful and progressive citizen, who has always had the vision of a greater and richer Boonville. Mr. Cosgrove has filled various official and honorary positions with both honor and credit to himself and to Cooper County and his time and talents have been devoted to the upbuilding of the National Assembly. Despite his advanced age of four score years, Mr. Cosgrove is an erect, upright, commanding figure-a man among men-vigorous and alert, both mentally and physically and a leader of men.

John Cosgrove was born near Alexandria, Jefferson County N Y, Sept 12 1838 a son of James and Mary (Farrell) Cosgrove who were parents of nine children.

James Cosgrove, the father, was born June 18 1797 and died Nov 6 1879. He was a son of Henry Cosgrove, a native of Ireland, who immigrated to America when a youth, later returned to Ireland, finally dying at the home of his son, Dr. Daniel Cosgrove. James Cosgrove married Mary Farrell, born Dec 25 1806 and died at Redwood N Y May 6 1892. James Cosgrove was a farmer all of his days and while not a wealthy man, was considered as well-to-do.

Reared on his father's farm, John Cosgrove had few of the advantages now easily obtained by the youth of the present day. Gifted with ambition to excel and to raise himself to a higher position in life, he attended the Redwood High School and prepared himself for the teaching profession. He taught three terms of school after 1859. He became imbued with the Western fever. With four companions he set out for Pike's Peak in 1859 with a hand-cart containing the baggage and provisions of the little company from Leavenworth Kansas, the party having come up the Missouri River and made a brief stop at Boonville. Mr. Cosgrove was so impressed with the beauty of the location of the then thriving town on the Missouri River and so taken with its possibilities that he ever bore the city in mind until his later permanent location seemed to fulfill a dream. The boys started out from Leavenworth, pulling their hand-cart, and after 30 days of arduous traveling three of the young fellows cried "enough," and started on the return trip. Young Cosgrove and Helmer, his other companion, however, were made of different material, and they determined to go the distance. Joining another

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cavalcade they eventually arrived at their destination. Denver, Colo., at that time, was but a small cluster of about 150 shacks. The boys prospected for gold in the mountains, and like countless others, sought in vain. After the two young adventurers decided that they had had enough of Western mining life, they walked back across the plains. Cosgrove stopped at Nemaha City, Neb., on the western bank of the Missouri River and bought a skiff with which he intended to journey down the river. Not long after embarking on the journey down the river, the boat struck a hidden shaq, filled with water and sank. The unfortunate traveler managed to get on an island in the river, was taken off to safety and made his way to White Clous, where he boarded the steamboat "latan," and arrived at St. Joseph MO, June 30 1859. He again worked his way to Quincy III, by way of the Hannibal and St. Joseph Railroad. From Quincy he took the Burlington Road to Chicago. Young Cosgrove had no money, but the long trip and the outdoor life had so filled him with resourcefulness that he persuaded the captain of the "H E Mussey," a lake steamer, to allow him to work his passage to Oswego N Y. During the second mate's watch some time during the voyage he was called out by the first mate to help furl the topsail. He climbed up the main mast, but was so weak from privation and semi-starvation that he lost his balance as the vessel keeled, and had it not been for his boot catching in the "rattle" where the ropes were criss-crossed he would have gone into the lake. When the vessel rolled back to an upright position he again took hold of the ladder and went down to the deck, dropping a distance of 10 feet. The first mate again ordered him to climb the mast. He was unable to do so and the mate accused him of mutiny and threatened him with punishment. The second mate then came on the deck and espoused his cause. He eventually arrived at Oswego. Young Cosgrove was acquainted with the captain of the steamboat which ran from Oswego down to Alexander and readily received permission to ride home. On the trip the engine of the boat broke down and it was 10:00 PM before the boat arrived at her berth in Alexandria Bay. He started out, tired, weary, and hungry to walk the four miles to his father's home. Two and a half miles on the road he stopped at a famous spring, drank his fill of water that tasted like nectar, rested, and arrived home like a returned prodigal son at daylight. So ended John Cosgrove's long quest for gold.

Upon his return home, John Cosgrove determined to secure an education. He attended the select school at Redwood and taught school in St Lawrence, Jefferson County N Y. At the outbreak of the Civil War

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he volunteered for service in the Union Army, but was rejected on account of physical disability or lack of strength. During the Civil War he was first lieutenant of a company of New York National Guards, and in 1864, his company was called for service at St. Albans, Vt., to repulse a rebel attack from Canada, serving for 100 days. While teaching school he read law in the law office of Hubbard & Lansing, Watertown, N Y. He was admitted to the bar in Oct. 1863, and practiced in

New York until Nov 1865, when he came to Boonville MO. Mr. Cosgrove arrived in Boonville Nov 19 1865, with a letter of introduction to Col. Jos. L. Stephens, then a prominent citizen of Cooper County.

He was without a single acquaintance in Boonville, but at once entered upon the practice of his profession. Being young and inexperienced the way was hard and his upward climb in his profession in competition with some of the leading lawyers of the State, who were then practicing in Boonville, was not without its difficulties and discouragements. He soon won an enviable position as an attorney and for the past 54 years has enjoyed a lucrative practice. Mr. Cosgrove was elected city attorney of Boonville in 1870 and again elected to the office in 1871. He served one term as prosecuting attorney of Cooper County being elected to this office in 1872. He was elected Congressional representative from the Sixth District in 1882 and served one term in Congress. Mr. Cosgrove was elected on the democratic ticket in succession to former Congressman John B Clark. He was a member of the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads, and the Committee for Private Lands. From this committee he reported a bill to compensate Mrs. Myra Clark Gaines who claimed title to several hundred acres of land which had been granted to General Clark, her father, by the Federal Government.

Nov 18 1874, MR. Cosgrove was married to Georgia Augusta Bliss a native of Vermont and cousin to Mrs. Frederick T Kemper, whose husband founded the famous Kemper Military School of Boonville. Six children have been born to this marriage: John Bliss, James Warden, Gertrude, George Taylor, Frederick Kemper, and Daniel W.

John Bliss Cosgrove was born in 1875 and died in 1892 at the University of Notre Dame, South Bend Ind., of pneumonia. James Warden Cosgrove was graduated from Missouri State University and is a practicing attorney at Muskogee Oklahoma. George Taylor Cosgrove died in infancy. Frederick Kemper Cosgrove died in infancy. Gertrude Cosgrove was formerly engaged in government work and is now teaching on Long Island N Y. She is a graduate of Missouri State University. Daniel W Cosgrove, the soldier of the family was born in 1882, graduated

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from Kemper Military School, pursued the regular classical course at the State University, received the Bachelor's degree and studied law in his father's office. He was admitted to the bar and served for two years as prosecuting attorney of Cooper County and then became his father's partner. In August 1917, he enlisted as a private at Chicago III., becoming a member of the 107th Illinois Infantry. He went into training at Camp Logan, Houston Texas and was promoted to a quartermaster sergeant of the first class and was assigned to service with the 108th United States Supply Train for service on the western front in France. Sergeant Cosgrove landed at Brest, France in May 1918, and his last station on the firing line was just northeast of Verdun. He was at Chateau Thierry and in the great drive begun by the Americans at the point which resulted in the defeat of the Germans. From Sept 2 to Nov 11 1918, Sergeant Cosgrove describes this great experience as "one continuous roar of heavy guns, bursting shells and the whirring of airplanes, without cessation"-when the turmoil suddenly stopped at 11:00of Nov 11-then everything went "dead."

Mr. Cosgrove has had various legal partners during his long years of practice, the firm having been known as that of Cosgrove & Wear, Cosgrove & Johnson, and after his term in Congress he was associated with W T Piggott, who has since served on the bench as judge of the Supreme Court of Montana. Mrs. Cosgrove is a member of the Episcopalian Church. For over 40 years Mr. Cosgrove has been an Odd Fellow. For the past four years he has been a member of the Boonville Board of Education, and was recently elected treasurer of the board. He, with others, organized the Boonville Electric Light Company and he served as president of the company; J F Gmelich was treasure and later became lieutenant governor; C C Bell was secretary. When the electric light plant was built by these citizens the price of artificial gas was dropped for the old arbitrary price of \$4.50 per 1,000 cubic feet to \$1.50 per 1,000. This was not a profitable venture

for Mr. Cosgrove and he acted as president and attorney for the company without receiving any remuneration for his services. He was also interested in the project of locating the Sahm Shoe Company here, and made an effort to get the stock subscriptions doubled, but his proposition was voted down by those interested.

The city of Boonville had no water company. John Cosgrove was one of the original incorporators of the Boonville Water Company, of which Col. John S Elliot, now deceased was the first president, with Mr. Cosgrove as treasurer and attorney. Mr. Cosgrove had 200 shares in

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the company. They had a 10 year contract with the city for supplying water. The city repudiated this contract and MR Cosgrove lost upwards of \$12,000 to \$16,000 through this effort to provide Boonville with a necessary modern convenience. The Boonville Water Company is the best in Missouri, without exception. At that time these public spirited men built the water plant everybody in Boonville relied upon cisterns for their water supply. The stock did not pay on the capital invested and when the city refused to renew the contract Mr. Cosgrove lost \$12,000.

When the city of Boonville voted to build a general sewerage system, the City Council hesitated to issue the necessary bonds to finance the undertaking. Mr. Cosgrove there upon agreed to take the tax bills at 100 cents on the dollar; the sewerage system was established and today Boonville has one of the best and cleanest sewerage systems in the State.

When the project of paving the main street of Boonville came up for discussion, Colonel Elliot and MR Cosgrove went on the bond of Thomas Hogan the contractor for the paving of three blocks on Main Street. Col. Cosgrove then purchased the tax bills so as to pay Hogan for putting down the paving. Some property owners refused to pay. Mr. Cosgrove sued for payment and won in the Circuit Court. The case was carried to the Superior Court and he again was sustained. Since that time the city has built miles of splendid paved streets.

Mr. Cosgrove is a director of the Commercial Bank and has various financial interest of importance. As a lawyer, he is widely and favorably known careful and painstaking in his practice, tireless and energetic, eloquent in pleading, and more than ordinarily successful in his practice before the courts. As a public speaker, he is logical, forceful, and is eloquent. Mr. Cosgrove is a commanding and forceful figure in the affairs of Boonville and Cooper County. He is well known throughout Missouri and for many years has been a factor in democratic politics in Missouri. When most citizens of his age are thinking or retirement and taking life easy for their remaining years, he is still attending to business with the same vim as of yore, and all indications are that he will continue to do so for some years to come.

## **Henry E. Sombart**

(Transcribed by Laura Paxton)

Henry E Sombart Time for the earthly sojourn is allotted to each man; its behooves him to accomplish his work among mankind while he may. The brief half century of time allotted to the late Henry E Sombart, prominent citizen of Boonville, was sufficient for him to achieve a success and leave a name which will go down in local history. Mr. Sombart was one of the best known and successful business men of Boonville and central Missouri-a builder of Boonville, a citizen who believed

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in making his home city better and more beautiful-a fitting example of his love of the beautiful being the handsome residence which he built for his family in Boonville. Henry E Sombart was born in Boonville June 3 1863, and died June 7 1916. He was a son of Judge Charles William Sombart and grandson of William Sombart a native of Germany who immigrated to America and settled in Cooper County in 1837. His mother was Mrs. Catherine (Thro) Sombart.

Henry E Sombart was educated in the public schools and at Christian Brothers College St Louis. When a young man he became associated with his brother, Charles A Sombart in the milling business under the firm name of the Sombart Milling Company. He continued in the milling business until 1908 when he disposed of his interest to his brother, Charles A Sombart and retired from active business to a considerable extent. He erected a splendid brick mansion on Fourth Street in Boonville in 1892. Mr. Sombart was active in local business and financial enterprises, was a director and organizer of the Farmers Bank of Boonville. He was owner of several buildings in the city and was interested in promoting many public enterprises.

Mr. Sombart was married on Nov 24 1887 to Miss Julia Sahm born in Boonville a daughter of George Sahm, pioneer shoe merchant and manufacturer of Boonville. To this marriage were born the following children: G William and Harry Edward.

G William Sombart was born Dec 8 1891. He was educated in the Boonville High School and the University of Notre Dame, Ind. HE is a partner in the Boonville Ice and Laundry Company of Boonville and has extensive business interests. Mr. Sombart was married June 10 1914, to Miss Bernice McCann of Versailles a daughter of J W McCann. William and Bernice Sombart have one child, Martha Anne Sombart, aged one and a half years.

Harry Edward Sombart, the soldier of the family was born Feb. 15 1896 and enlisted in the National Army Jan 5 1918 after receiving four years training and study at Kemper Military School from which he was graduated in June 1916. Private Sombart was in training at Camp Funston and was connected with the quartermaster's department. HE was honorably discharged from the service on March 22 1919, and is a partner in the Jeff Davis Shoe Co.

George Sahm father of Mrs. H E Sombart was born in Bavaria

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Germany August 1 1832 and came to America in 1848. After working at his trade of boot and shoemaker in Sandusky Ohio for three years, he came to Boonville. After working at his trade for three years here, he started a shop of his own in the spring of 1855. He built up a tremendous trade and expanded his business to such an extent that in 1877 he began the manufacture of his own stocks and for the general markets. In 1876 his son, George W became his partner and in 1880, Henry another son joined the firm. He was married to Miss Catherine Dick, who bore him the following children: George W., deceased; Mrs. Mollie Mittelbach, deceased; Henry J of Colorado; Joseph of St. Louis; Julia Sombart of New York City; and Mrs. Katie L Davis. Mr. Sahm held various official positions in the city such as school director and city councilman. He died Nov 17 1915. Mrs. Catherine (Dick) Sahm was born in 1834 and departed this life on April 25 1909.

Henry E Sombart was a republican. He took no part in political affairs except in such a manner as would benefit his home city. For a number of years he served a chairman of the Boonville Water Works Board, and was active in promoting the success of this undertaking, which has resulted in giving the city of Boonville the finest supply of pure water to be found anywhere in the West. He was a member of Sts. Peter and Paul's Catholic Church, was liberal in his support of this denomination and in fact was a liberal giver to all charitable and religious enterprises.

#### **Eugene Earle Amick**

(Transcribed by Laura Paxton)

**Eugene Earle Amick** The banking career of E E Amick president of the Boonville National Bank Boonville MO, began when he was fourteen years old at Bunceton, his home city. He rose from janitor and messenger boy to the position of cashier in eight years and at that time was in all probability the youngest bank cashier in the State. After assisting in the organization of the Boonville National Bank in 1916, Mr. Amick was elected president of this concern, which is the

largest, most important and the strongest financial institution of Central Missouri and the strongest in the amount of deposits of any bank in cities of the country in population under 5,000.

Mr. Amick was born on a farm in Cooper County December 3 1886. His father was Alonzo C or "Lon" Amick who was born on a farm in Cooper County in 1853 and died in 1903. Mr. Amick's grandfather, Leander Amick whose wife was Melissa Lampton, was a native of North Carolina, and was a pioneer settler of this county. Upon attaining manhood, "Lon" Amick married Miss Alice Grey Moore, a daughter of Joseph Moore who

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was a member of one of the oldest of the Missouri pioneer families. Joseph Moore was a son of Major Willion Hampton and Anne (Cathey) Moore. Mrs. Alice Amick resides at Bunceton and is aged 64 years. The children born to Lon C and Alice Amick are Harry Amick, an insurance man at Raton, N M; Eugene Earle Amick of this review; and Frances Amick a teacher in the High School of Butler MO.

Since leaving the district school, Mr. Amick has been a constant student and by close application has become well informed. It seems that he was naturally inclined and destined for the banking business. Entering the Bank of Bunceton when but fourteen years of age, he applied himself so diligently and painstakingly to the tasks at hand that he was advanced to the post of bookkeeper at the age of eighteen years. When he was twenty-two years of age he was serving as cashier of this bank. The opportunity presented itself and he came to Boonville and became associated with leading and progressive business men of this city in the organization of the Boonville National Bank, which is capitalized at \$200,000 and has interest bearing deposits of over \$2,000,000.

May 23 1917, Mr. Amick was united in marriage with Miss Gertrude Jones who was also born and reared in Cooper county and is a daughter of Gilbert F and Melcina Jones, residents of Bunceton. Mr. Jones has been a farmer and merchant in Cooper county.

Mr. Amick enlisted in the US Navy in July 1918, and was in training at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station until after the signing of the armistice, when he was released from active duty in Dec 1918. He is a democrat. He is a member of the Baptist church and is high in Masonic circles, a member of the Mystic Shrine, Ararat Temple of Kansas City and has taken all Masonic degrees excepting the Scottish Rite. He is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias. Personally Mr. Amick is agreeable, companionable and optimistic.

## La Roy O. Schaumburg

(Transcribed by Laura Paxton)

La Roy O Schaumburg, city attorney of Boonville MO was born in this city Jan 22 1891. His father, Otto Schaumburg was born in Hermann MO in 1854 and is the efficient superintendent of the brick manufactory in Boonville. Upon attaining young manhood, Otto Schaumburg was married to Mary Winkelmeyer who was born in Boonville in 1855, and is a daughter of Henry Winkelmeyer a former citizen of Boonville of German birth who followed cabinet making and was a pioneer furniture dealer and undertaker of Boonville. Four children were born to Otto and Mary Schaumburg; Martin B, manager for the Baker-Vawter and Wolfe Co at St. Louis; Mamie at home with her parents; L

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O Schaumburg of this review; Clarence deputy Circuit Court of Cooper County.

L O Schaumburg was educated in the public and high school of Boonville and then entered the Gem Business College of Quincy Illinois, where he completed the course of study in Dec 1909. For the ensuing two years he was in the employ of the Johns-Manville Co, St. Louis. HE then returned to Boonville and entered the employ of Judge W M Williams as stenographer. This

position afforded him the opportunity of reading law under the tutelage of Judge Williams and he remained with the Judge until the latter's death in the fall of 1916. Mr. Schaumburg then passed the bar examination and was admitted to the practice of law on Jan 3 1917.

Sept 2 1914, Mr. Schaumburg was married to Miss Jennie Barr of St Louis, who is a daughter of Mrs. Ann Barr. One child has been born of this union: Mary Frances, born March 5 1916.

Mr. Schaumburg is a republican and is at present serving as city attorney of Boonville, a position to which he was elected in April 1918. Although one of the younger attorneys of Boonville, he has an excellent practice. Mr. Schaumburg is a young man of pleasing personality and has decided ability in his profession. He is a member of the Evangelical church and is affiliate with the Woodmen of the World.

#### Hon. Charles Christian Bell

(Transcribed by Laura Paxton)

Hon. Charles Christian Bell - To obtain lasting place in the annals of his native city state and nation, a citizen must have been not only a doer and creator on his own behalf, but he must have accomplished things of lasting benefit to his fellow men. He should not be selfish and seeking solely to advance his own personal interest, it is necessary that his activities be so linked with the work of the whole people in some one department which will result in a common good, that history will record of him that "He strove that others might benefit, as well as himself." Many instances in the life story of Charles Christian Bell, a leading citizen of Cooper county and the State of Missouri when properly portrayed will indicate that during his entire successful career he has been actuated by a desire to assist his fellow men. Fame comes to a man of that type. More than local recognition usually falls to his lot. His acquaintance among public and influential men who are doers in this world of events, becomes wide and important, for the reason that his abilities and accomplishments received just and well merited recognition. Such a citizen is Charles C Bell of Boonville MO., Union veteran, president of the Central Missouri Horticultural Association, "The Apple King of Missouri," and

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public man of affairs, who was born in Altstadt, in the dukedom of Nassau, Germany August 30 1848.

John Adam Bell, his father, was born in Germany on Feb 3 1803 and was a son of Henry Bell who was a son of Thomas Bell. Thomas Bell was a Scotchman born near Edinburg and emigrated to Germany where he established himself in business and his descendents were men of affairs in their community for generations until John Adams Bell father of Charles C Bell took part in the Revolution of 1848, led by Carl Schurz, Fred Sigel and others against monarchy and the tyranny of the grandfather of the lately deposed Kaiser of Germany. John Adam Bell assisted in organizing volunteers to take part in the movement to establish a German republic. The revolt was crushed, and those who were prominent in the enterprise were compelled to flee the country. Mr. Bell had six sons. He resolved that none of them should ever live under a Kaiser. Accordingly, he disposed of his real estate and manufacturing business as best he could, and set sail for America, but met with shipwreck in mid-ocean. Putting back into Southampton, England, to repair the ship, they made another start and reached New York. Finally Mr. Bell, his wife six sons and two daughters landed at Boonville in October 1854. He bought a farm two miles south opposite Mt. Sinai schoolhouse and there spent the remainder of his life in the peaceful pursuit of agriculture getting the freedom and liberty which his independent spirit had craved and for which he had sacrificed so much in his native land.

He planted one of the first vineyards and orchards in that neighborhood and taught his son, Charles C, the art of fruit growing, thus teaching him a business which has been his to follow much of his active life. Mr. Bell died Dec 11 1865. His wife Katherine Sophia (Gross) Bell, was

born Jan 19 1810 and departed this life August 1 1868. The children of John Adam and Katherine Bell were as follows: Henry, born Feb 15 1830 died May 11 1904; Wilhelmine born Feb 13 1832 married Casper Manger, two of her sons are now millionaires in New York, died Sept 13 1905; Philip, born June 30 1834 was killed in the Union service during the Civil War; Katherina born August 27 1836 died Sept 18 1840; John August born July 17 1838 killed while serving in the Confederate army under Stonewall Jackson, Oct. 12 1863; Wilhelm Philip, born Sept 5 1840, died Jan 5 1841; William born Nov 29 1841 died Jan 9 1855; Catherina born Jan 10 1844 married Adam Cook-whose grandson, Lewis C Cook is now superintendent of the Bell Fruit Farm-died Jan 20 1896; Herman born Jan 22 1846 died March 8 1900; Charles Christian of this

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review; John William born on his father's farm Nov 29 1856 died Feb 15 1906.

August 2 1864, Charles C Bell enlisted in the Union service "cavalry." He was captured by Gen. Joe Shelby's command in October 1864, was held prisoner for two days and was then paroled but a few days later he again joined his command and served to the end of the war and was discharge July 11 1865. While living at Austin Texas he was from 1872 to 1876 a member of the "Travis Rifles," then the best drilled company in Texas. In 1879 he was commissioned by Governor Phelps first lieutenant of Missouri State Guards, serving three years.

After the close of his Civil War service and the death of his father Mr. Bell operated the home farm for three years. Upon the death of his mother, in 1868, he turned over the farm and estate to Col. Joseph A Eppstein, the administrator and determined to secure an education. He attended the business college in Boonville from which he was graduated in 1869, \$115 in debt. He then went to Colorado making the wearisome journey on foot. Upon his arrival in the mountains he and a friend staked out a claim in Idaho Gulch and began to mine for gold. Meeting an old comrade it was decided upon to open a fruit and confectionery store at Central City Colorado. This young firm became the pioneers in shipping Missouri apples to the Rock Mountain country, transporting them by wagons from Cheyenne Wyoming then the nearest railroad station and for a time they did a thriving business. In the spring of 1870, Mr. Bell disposed of his interest, mostly on time and returned to Boonville; his successor, however, soon failed, causing him to lose his investments. Being again without means, Mr. Bell's next venture was driving a team for the Rev W G Bell from Boonville to Austin Texas there being no railroad to Texas at that time. At Austin he secured employment as porter in a wholesale grocer house, but was soon promoted to be traveling salesman. He traveled mostly with team and buggy, but sometimes when the Indians were bad he would go horseback. He became widely acquainted in that, then frontier, country. Like all Texas frontiersmen, in those days, he carried a Winchester rifle and his Civil War revolvers for his personal protection.

From 1875 to 1877 he was in business at Austin for himself, having received the backing of a large St Louis firm. In Feb 1877, he disposed of his business in Texas and with a capital of about \$6000 he returned to Boonville and with his brother J W Bell established the firm, C C Bell & Bro., wholesale shippers of fruit and farm products.

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At that time this section of Missouri produced large crops of apples. The Bell Brothers handled the surplus of apples from Cooper and adjoining counties, building at Boonville a packing and fruit drying house and fruit jelly factory. These latter features of the business, however, proving to be unprofitable. In 1885, he purchased his brother's interest and made a specialty of buying, packing and shipping apples. From that time on his business reached very large proportions. He is justly entitled to the name "Missouri's Apple King," given him by the Interstate Fruit Growers and Shippers convention held at Cairo III. Mr. Bell's plan has been to pay the highest cash price for apples and to furnish the trade with carefully assorted and best packed apples and his "Bell-brand" is well known in America and on some foreign markets. Since 1906 he has not been

engaged in buying apples, but as a grower he has planted and operated several large orchards. His operations are now confined to a single orchard of about 80 acres at Bell Station four miles east of Boonville.

In 1886 Mr. Bell organized the Central Missouri Horticultural Association, serving as its secretary for 29 years and is not its president. At the annual meeting of the State Horticultural Society, Dec 6 1887, he was presented with a gold medal for the successful management of the horticultural exposition. For years he was the awarding judge of the fruit and horticultural department of the St Louis Fair and in 1904 awarding judge of the fruit exhibits at the Louisiana Purchase St. Louis World's Fair.

Mr. Bell called the first meeting in Chicago to organize the "International Apple Shippers' Association" in 1894 and was elected its first president. This is now the largest organization of its kind in the world. The object of this association was to secure the enactment of just and uniform laws throughout the country governing grades, weights, measurement, etc., and in recognition of Mr. Bell's service he was elected an Honorary member for life.

At the annual meeting of the Missouri Horticultural Society in Dec 1896, he was appointed to deliver in person to President-elect McKinley, a set of resolutions adopted by that body in regard to the introduction of growing sugar beets in Missouri, in which work Mr. Bell took a great interest, and he distributed the following spring, without compensation planting information and seed throughout the State.

Governor Dockery appointed Mr. Bell to make the Missouri Fruit Exhibit at the Pan-American Exposition held at Buffalo N Y in 1901,

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and the Charleston S C Cotton Exposition 1902, and there served as treasurer of the Missouri Commission. He has been for many years orchard appraiser for the Wabash Railway o in Missouri and the M K & T R in Missouri, Kansas and Oklahoma and his opinions and judgments as to values are accepted as authority upon matters pertaining to horticulture. He was elected a life honorary member by the Luther Burbank Society of California.

The political career of Charles C Bell has been a noteworthy one, and he has long been recognized as one of the leaders of the republican party in Missouri. From 1882 to 1885 he was a member of the Boonville City Council and president of that body. In 1886, 1887, 1888, he served as mayor of Boonville and while serving in this capacity he introduced and carried out a number of reform measures benefiting the city. From 1886-1897, he was president of the Boonville Board of Trade. In 1888, and again in 1890, he was a republican candidate for representative in the State Legislature. In 1892, he was elected delegate to the republican national convention at Minneapolis and was there chosen to represent Missouri on the committee to notify President Harrison and Whitelaw Reid of their nominations. he was presidential elector on the republican McKinley ticket in 1896. He was an intimate friend of the late Presidents Roosevelt and McKinley and as a delegate to the national republican convention in 1892 at Minneapolis, made a speech favoring McKinley's nomination in 1896. In 1900 he refused the nomination for Congressman against Dick Bland on the republican ticket. In 1912 he was a delegate to the Chicago progressive national convention, where he assisted in organizing the progressive party and represented Missouri on the Roosevelt presidential notification committee. In 1916, he was nominated by the progressive party of Missouri for the office of lieutenant governor.

Mr. Bell was one of the incorporators of the Farmers Bank, the Electric Light and Power Company Walnut Grove Cemetery, and of other organizations in Boonville and was vice-president of the Farmers Bank during its entire successful business career. He was appointed a delegate to the

national monetary convention at Indianapolis in 1897, and there introduced his copyrighted Financial Plan, which attracted much attention.

On April 30 1889, Charles C Bell and Miss Anna Augusta Luckhardt of Oregon Holt County MO were united in marriage. Mrs. Anna A Bell was born Sept 9 1869 and is a daughter of George P Luckhardt

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a native of Germany born Jan 17 1826 who came to America in 1850, first located at Johnstown Pennsylvania and there married Henrietta Francisca Von Lunen on Nov 4 1852. Five children were born to Charles C and Anna A Bell as follow: Minnie Henrietta, Clara Louisa, Capt. C C Bell Jr., Frances, and John. Minnie Henrietta is the wife of F Stanley Piper of Bellingham Washington. Clara Louisa is the wife of Major Roscoe W Stewart by profession an attorney of Springfield MO and is now serving in the judge advocate general's office at Washington D C. Capt. C C Bell Jr. is with Battery A, 37th Heavy Artillery Regulars, U S A now on duty in Honolulu. He was commissioned a captain at the age of 22 years. He was a student at Princeton University when he enlisted as private, but was soon promoted to second lieutenant. Frances aged 15 years is attending the Boonville High School. John the youngest son, is five years old.

Mr. Bell is a member of the Evangelical Church. He is a past member in good standing of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Knights of Pythias lodges and is a prominent member of the Grand Army of the Republic. He is a member of the World's Court League, in favor of universal disarmament and against all militarism; he would like to see all implements of war consigned to the melting furnace, and made into agricultural machinery or anything that is useful and productive and not destructive. Mr. Bell has delivered numerous addresses on Horticulture and various subjects and in a recent talk promulgated the motto, "In Time of Peace, Prepare for Peace and Practice Peace."

An everlasting monument to the public sprit and philanthropy which have been the prime motives guiding the life career of this illustrious Cooper County citizen is exemplified in his gift to the city of a beautiful Lookout Park, which is build on the bluffs overlooking the Missouri River just north of the Bell residence. Mr. Bell built this little park of enduring stone and concrete as a memorial to his sister, Mrs. Manger. It has given pleasure to hundreds and thousands of people who can comfortably sit on the benches and gaze at the broad expanse of the Missouri River valley stretching below as far as the eye can reach. His creed in life has been expressed on a tablet inserted in the paving of the park, which reads:

"Get Busy, Stay Busy, Avoid Waster, Vice, Tobacco, Booze, And you will have Health, Honor, and Plenty."

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## Louis Sylvester Edwards

(Transcribed by Laura Paxton)

Louis Sylvester Edwards photographer, chairman of the Democratic Central Committee, and a native of Boonville is living in the house where he was born and reared and which was erected by his father in 1859. His father, the late O D Edwards was a native of England and settled in Boonville in 1859. He became a skilled photographer and did a thriving business during the Civil War. Mr. Edwards made photographs of such notable warriors as General Stuart and Gen. J B Lyons and was patronized by both Confederate and Union soldiers during the Civil War. For over fifty years he was successfully engaged in the photographic business in Boonville. He died in

1911 at the age of 76 years. Mrs. Sophia Ebert Edwards, mother of L S Edwards was born in St Louis Nov 12 1841 and died Feb 14 1919. There were three children born to O D and Sophia Edwards as follows: Rev Ward H Edwards, a member of the faculty of William Jewell College, and also a member of the Missouri State Library Board; Louis Sylvester is the eldest of the family; Daisy Edwards, wife of Roger Morton, Kansas City shipping clerk for the White Gas Engine Co.

After his graduation from the Boonville High School, L S Edwards attended the Singleton Academy at Boonville. Practically his entire life has been spent in photography and his photograph gallery is widely known and liberally patronized as a place where popular prices are charged for the work done.

Mr. Edwards was married in 1884 to Miss Belle Lucas of Holden MO a daughter of the late J A Lucas. Mr. and Mrs. Edwards have two children: Edith wife of Walter D Glascock, Kansas City MO, and employee of the Kansas City Bridge Co; Roger L Edwards, yeoman in the U S Naval Air Service was born Oct 8 1892. Yeoman Edwards is a skilled stenographer and upon his first attempt to enlist, he was rejected on account of light weight and was later called to the service. For some weeks he was stationed at Chicago with the recruiting office and was then sent to France and is now located at Pauillac France. He enlisted for four years.

Mr. Edwards is a member of the Christian church and is affiliated with the Woodmen of the World, the Royal Arcanum, the Improved Order of Red Men, the Knights and Ladies of Security and the National Union. He is a thorough democrat who has always been a hard worker in ranks of his party. He has served as secretary of the Central Committee three different times and is now chairman of the county central committee. Mr. Edwards has always taken an active part in democratic politics

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and is a frequent attendant at the state conventions and has a wide and favorable acquaintance among the leaders of democracy throughout Missouri.

#### Charles G. Miller

(Transcribed by Laura Paxton)

Charles G Miller city clerk of Boonville MO was born May 13 1857, in this city. He is a son of George and Sophia (Fox) Miller the latter of whom is the daughter of the first German to settle in Boonville. She is a daughter of Anton Fox, a native of Germany who arrived in Boonville March 8 1835 with his wife, two sons and three daughters: Charles Fox, Frank Fox, Mrs. Amelia Hissrich, Mrs. Rosa Vollrath, Mrs. Fannie Eppstein. All of these children are deceased. Mr. Miller's mother now Mrs. Julius Sombart was born in Boonville July 7 1837.

Beginning with Anton Fox and ending with the grandchildren of Mr. Miler, there have been five generations of the family who have lived in Boonville four of which were born in the city.

Charles G Miller was reared and educated in Boonville. He attended the Boonville public school and Kemper Military School of this city. After some years of experience in mercantile business in Chicago III and Glasgow MO, he returned to Boonville in 1885 and was employed with the Sauter Mercantile Co for 15 years. He became city clerk of Boonville in 1902 and has held the office for 17 years.

MR. Miller was married in 1882 to Miss Hattie Briggs, who was born in Howard County a daughter of Reuben P and Mary J (Thorpe) Briggs the latter of whom is a daughter of Jackson Thrope who was a native of Virginia and settled in Howard County MO in 1815. Three children were born to this marriage: Edwin B Miller part owner and business manager of a newspaper at

Plainview Texas father of two children, Ellen and Jean; Mrs. Emma Briggs Figge of N M., mother of three children: Mary Frances, Charles and Harriet; one child died in infancy.

Mr. Miller is a republican. He joined the Knights of Pythias in 1880 and is one of three of the Grand Lodge trustees of this order.

#### Frank C. Brosius

(Transcribed by Laura Paxton)

**Frank C Brosius-** The firm of Nixon and Brosius, engaged in the farm loan and real estate business in Boonville is one of the most important and one of the largest concerns of its class in central Missouri. The members of the firm are C W Nixon and Frank C Brosius both whom are natives of this section of Missouri. The business was founded in 1909 and its affairs were first conducted in the basement rooms of the old National Bank building. In 1917 a handsome suite of offices was established in the present location in the northern section of Main street. This firm makes farm loans in eight counties of central Missouri and do an aggregate business of over \$1,000,000 annually in farm loans besides a large business in buying and selling farms in central Missouri.

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Frank C Brosius, junior member of the firm was born Nov 18 1885, in California Moniteau County MO. He is a son of R B and Ella Jane Brosius, natives of Virginia and Maryland, respectively. Samuel Brosius the father of R B Brosius came to Missouri from Virginia in 1849 and settled in the vicinity of Prairie Home where he lived to the great age of 100 years and seven months. For a number of years R B Brosius operated a hotel at California and came to Boonville in 1899. He engaged in the mercantile business but is now living a retired life at the age of 82 years. Two children were born to R B and Ella Jane Brosius: Frank C of this review; and Clarence L of Wichita Kansas.

Frank C Brosius was educated in the public and high schools of Boonville and for eight years he was engaged in the Central National Bank working his way upward from the post of errand boy. In 1909 he associated himself with Mr. Nixon in the loan business.

Oct 30 1909 Mr. Brosius was united in marriage with Miss Jessie Wooldridge a daughter of Dr J H Wooldridge a pioneer in Cooper County and was well known in banking and financial circles. Mr. and Mrs. Brosius have two children: Jane Elizabeth aged 12 years; and Mary Ellen born Oct 5 1918.

Mr. Brosius is a Democrat. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church and is fraternally affiliated with the Masonic Lodge being a Knights Templar and a member of the Mystic Shriners.

## **Judge William Muir Williams**

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**Judge William Muir Williams** - Boonville and Cooper County has long been noted through out the state for the strong legal talent which has been developed in this city. Members of the bar of Cooper County have achieved national renown in the legal profession and many have held high official position in the courts and the halls of the Legislature of the most able of the attorneys who practiced for many years in Boonville was the late Judge William M. Williams who was a native of this city. Judge Williams was born Feb 4 1850 the son of Marcus and Mary J (Howard) Williams

Marcus Williams, his father was a native of the state of Virginia born in Rockbridge County and came to Missouri in 1840. He was a steamboat captain, miller and farmer and was a man of

varied pursuits who took advantage of the many opportunities which presented themselves to him in the course of the development of the new country with whose

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future he had aligned himself. Marcus Williams also operated a pottery and was a contractor and builder in Boonville in the early days.

W M Williams was reared in Boonville and was educated in the Kemper School. When 17 years of age he received the appointment of deputy collector of Cooper County and so successfully did he discharge the duties of his position that he was retained in this capacity for five years. While holding this position he began the study of law and after resigning from the position of deputy collector he entered the office of J W Draffen to complete his studies. One year later he was admitted to the bar and began the practice of law. A short time after his admission to the bar he became a partner of Mr. Draffen and the firm was known for years throughout central Missouri as one of the ablest, under the name of Draffen and Williams. Mr. Williams became prominent in his profession and was known as an able and profound attorney to whom was intrusted many cases of state wide importance. He practiced in Missouri and neighboring states and had charge of the merger of the two branches of the Presbyterian Church. He represented the International Harvester Co. in the conduct of the most important litigation which took place in Missouri. During the last ten years of his notable career Judge Williams practiced almost exclusively before the Supreme Court. In 1898 he was appointed a judge of the Supreme Court of Missouri but resigned from his high position after one year's service on the bench, before his time expired.

Dec 16 1875, Judge Williams was married to Miss Jessie Evans, daughter of Dr. E C Evans, formerly of Boonville, who survives him. Six children were born to this union: Besie, wife of J W Cosgrove, of Muskogee Okla.; Roy D Williams an attorney of Boonville; Mary, wife of H M Taliaferro, Grand Rapids, Mich.; Edna wife of T E Simrall, abstractor, Boonville MO; Jessie wife of Dr. Lloyd Thompson, St. Louis, MO.; Susan at home with her mother in Boonville.

Judge Williams died Sept 19 1916. He was a pronounced Democrat and for many years was one of the leaders of his party in Missouri. He was an active and influential figure in the State and national conventions of his party for many years. From the very beginning of the establishment of the Missouri Training School until his death, Judge Williams was president of the board of managers for the school. He was an elder of the Presbyterian Church and took a great interest in the affairs of this denomination. He was a member of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons and served as Grand Master of Missouri. Honors came easily to

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Judge Williams by reason of his great ability which was recognized universally by all with whom he came in contact. He was a life long student and reader who had a thorough knowledge of the law and had the gift of being able to expound and analyze its intricacies. He was a good citizen and his death was an occasion for sorrow and regret among the many who knew him.

## Roy D. Williams

(Transcribed by Laura Paxton)

**Roy D Williams** attorney at law, Boonville MO was born in this county Jan 1 1881, and although one of the younger lawyers of Cooper County is already giving evidence that the ability and genius of his father Judge W M Williams has been transmitted in some measure to his son.

Mr. Williams was educated in Kemper Military School and Missouri University at Columbia where he pursued the academic course. After serving as stenographer for one year in the office of Judge Shackelford, he entered his father's law office and studied law for three years and also filled the position of stenographer to his father. He was admitted to the bar in 1904 and practice with Judge Williams under the firm name of Williams & Williams until the latter's death in 1917. Mr. Williams has an excellent legal practice in Cooper and adjoining counties of the important

character and is attorney for most of the banking concerns in Cooper County. He is serving as trial lawyer for the Missouri Pacific Railroad Company in 10 counties of Missouri and handles the cases in which the railroad company is interested or is defendant. He was appointed to the important post of chairman of the State Tax Commission by Gov. Gardner on May 27 1919. This appointment came to him entirely unsolicited.

Mr. Williams was married in 1911 to Miss Anna S Williams a daughter of Dr. P E Williams formerly of Bunceton, Cooper County MO but now in charge of the State Hospital at St. Joseph MO.

MR. Williams' well appointed offices are located in the Trust Company building on North Main Street and he has what is probably the most complete law library in central or western Missouri, consisting of 3,000 well selected volumes.

Mr. Williams is a director of the Boonville National Bank and Citizens Trust Company. He is a Democrat and takes considerable interest in the affairs of his party. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church and the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, being a Past Master of the local lodge, a Knights Templar, and holds membership = with the Knights of Pythias.

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#### **Crockett Hickman**

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Crockett Hickman - The Hickman family, of which Crockett Hickman, the public administrator of Cooper County if worthy member is one of the oldest of the pioneer families in Cooper County. The advent of the Hickmans in this county begins with the settlement of Thomas Hickman, great grandfather of Crockett Hickman, who came from Kentucky in the year 1821 and settled at Old Franklin, across the Missouri River in Howard County. The great grandfather of the subject of this review was Capt. Thomas Hickman, a soldier of the War of 1812, who settled upon and developed a large tract of land in Howard County. His son, John L Hickman married Eliza Hutchinson, a daughter of John Hutchinson, another pioneer who settled at Old Franklin.

Thomas Hickman, father of Crockett Hickman, developed a large farm south of Boonville, in Cooper County and owned 640 acres. He was a very successful farmer and stockman who was well and favorably known throughout this section of Missouri. He was born in 1832 and died in 1911. His wife was Martha Crockett and was born in Boone County in 1832. She was the daughter of Samuel Crockett, a relative of the famous Davy Crockett of St. Alamo fame. Samuel Crockett was a native of Kentucky and was a Boone County Pioneer. Thomas and Martha Hickman were the parents of two children: Mrs. George K Crawford of Bunceton MO and Crockett Hickman of this review. Mrs. Hickman resides in Bunceton.

Crockett Hickman was educated in the district school and attended the Kemper Military School. After farming for some years he became connected with the Central National Bank of Boonville and at the end of 14 years he was serving as head bookkeeper of the bank. In 1911, Mr. Hickman engaged in the real estate and insurance business with offices in Boonville. Mr. Hickman does considerable business in real estate and handles farm loans in addition to his duties as public administrator.

Mr. Hickman was married in 1906 to Miss Gertrude Gibson, who was born in Boonville a daughter of John J and Medora Gibson the former born in Cooper County and died in 1898. Mr. and Mrs. Hickman have an adopted child, Martha Frances, aged three years.

It is worthy of mention that Thomas Hickman father of Crockett Hickman crossed the Great Plaines in 1862 and spent about four years in the West engaged in freighting and mining.

Mr. Hickman is a Democrat of the stanch variety. He was elected

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in the office of public administrator in 1912 and was re-elected to the office in 1918. He is a member of the Baptist Church and is a Knight Templar Mason.

### George A. Weyland

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George A Weyland - An interesting and sturdy character who carries his years lightly and is a s vigorous mentally and physically as most men who are years younger-is the average summing up of a friendly disquisition on the characteristics of George A Weyland, the aggressive and capable member of the widely known and extensive firm of Roeder & Weyland, dealers in agricultural implements, wagons, carriages, farm machinery of every description. This firm is the most extensive in central Missouri and is one of the oldest established concerns of this section of the State. Its extension and the prestige which it enjoys of late years has been due principally to the salesmanship, and vigorous personality of Mr. Weyland, who is one of the most successful men in his line in Missouri. He has worked his way upward to a position in the business world of Cooper County and central Missouri through his own efforts and has won his position through the exercise of a tireless energy, prompted by ambition and aided by a strong physique and an active and well developed mind.

Louis Weyland father of George A Weyland was born in Germany and left his native land because of participation in the Revolution of 1846 and was exiled. He came to this country and located in Boonville in 1848. He had learned the trade of carriage builder. This he followed in Boonville.

Mr. Weyland established a shop south of the old court house on Court Street where he plied his trade until 1871. He then located at the northeast corner of High and main streets and built up an extensive business. He made carriages and wagons and in later days operated a repair shop until 1908 remaining in business in Boonville for 60 years. Not long after his arrival in Boonville, he was married in 1848, to Catherine Weiland, who was born in Nassau Germany. Louis and Catherine Weyland were parents of the following children: Mrs. Elizabeth Hill, Los Angeles Calif.; Katie died at the age of six months; Mrs. Mollie Delano, Los Angeles, Calif.; Matilda, died at the age of 19 years; William living at DeSota MO; E C Weyland, resides in Piedmont, Wayne County, MO; H P Weyland lives at Muskogee Okla.; Chas. C Weyland, owns and operates the Weyland carriage shops in Boonville; George A Weyland of this review.

Reared and educated in Boonville, it was only natural that George A

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Weyland should adopt the trade of his father. He finished learning his trade of carriage maker in the shops of E M Miller, the most famous carriage and bus maker in the world in his day. This was at Quincy III, and the Miller establishment manufactured none but the highest grad carriages and buses for use in the large cities of the country. Mr. Weyland returned to Boonville in 1880 and made a contract with George Roeder, the elder, to take employment with the Roeder & Weyland prior to the elder Roeder's death. Jan 1 1906 the firm became known as Roeder & Weyland.

In 1880 George A Weyland and Miss Sophia Heckerman of Prairie Home MO were united in marriage. Mrs. Sophia Weyland is the daughter of Christian Heckerman. Six children are living out of seven born to this marriage: Cozy, Gertrude, Stella, Viola, Grover C., Lon H. cozy Weyland is operating nurse in the hospital at Clinton MO. Gertrude is the wife of Claude L Driskill

manager of the Antrum Lumber Company of Binger Okla. Stella is the wife of Lieut. Phillip A Dickey who served with the A E F in France and is now located in Denver Colo. Viola is at home with her parents. Grover C Weyland is manager of the J I Case Ploy Works Kansas City MO. Lon H Weyland aged 24 years is a sergeant in the 35th Division and has seen much active service on the battle front in France. He enlisted in the Regular Army in November 1917, was trained for service at Fort Sill Okla. and went to France with his command in February 1918. Sergeant Weyland participated in the battle of Chateau Thierry and fought in the great battle of the Argonne Forest.

While Mr. Weyland is a Democrat he is proud of the fact that his father was a Union man and a Jeffersonian Democrat as well. He has generally taken an active and influential part in Democratic politics and served as a member of the City Council, having been the only citizen ever elected on the Democratic ticket from his home ward. During his term as city councilman from April 1913, to April 1915 many public improvements of benefit to the city were made.

He is a member of the Boonville Board of Public Works. During his entire active life Mr. Weyland has been a doer and is always found in

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the forefront of all good movements for the benefit of Boonville and Cooper County.

#### William Mittelbach

(Transcribed by Laura Paxton)

**William Mittelbach**, druggist and secretary of the Boonville Board of Education, is one of the most useful and highly respected business men of Cooper county. Mr. Mittelbach was born in Boonville April 2 1856, and is a son of Frederick Mittelbach a native of Germany who emigrated from his native land in 1849, first resided in Cincinnati Ohio for a short time and came to Boonville in 1852.

Frederick Mittelbach was born Jan 10 1826, at Seeheim-Hessen, Germany and died at Boonville MO, August 12 1902. He opened a shoe shop in this city and made boots and shoes until the factories began turning them out by the aid of machinery when he embarked in the retail shoe business until his death. He married Elisabeth Hoflander on Jan 7 1865. Elisabeth Hoflander Mittelbach was born in Germany August 9 1830 and was a daughter of John Ernst Hoflander, one of the pioneers of the Billingsville neighborhood in Cooper County. She died Jan 23 1911. To Frederick and Elisabeth Mittelbach were born eight children: William, subject of this review; Fannie, born Oct 22 1857, died Sept 2 1903; John George, born July 13 1859, deceased; Amelia Laura, born Jan 18 1862, resides in Boonville; John George, born Nov 4 1864, is a shoe merchant in Iola Kan; Henry Mittelbach born Oct 23 1867, died Oct 20 1915, at St Joseph MO; Friedrich born June 12 1870 died March 12 1871; Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Lamora born July 25 1874 resides in Chicago III.

William Mittelbach of this review was reared in Boonville and received his early education in the public and high school here. After graduation from the Boonville high school he studied for two years in the State University at Columbia. He then entered the drug business and was for four years under the tutelage of the late Dr. Ernest Roeschel the pioneer druggist of Boonville and a splendid citizen. In 1877 he entered the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and was graduated in 1879. After spending one year in St. Louis he went west to Santa Fe, N.M., in 1880. This was before the advent of the railroads into the southwest and the railroad reached Santa Fe that same year and its arrival as witnessed at Albuquerque by Mr. Mittelbach. Soon afterwards he returned to Missouri with the intention of beginning his business career in St. Louis.

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He was persuaded however, by his father to open a drug store in Boonville. This he did in Oct. 1880 and for 38 years, Dr. Mittelbach has been engaged in business in this city and is the oldest druggist in Boonville at this day. The Mittelbach Drug Store is one of the landmarks of Boonville and is a modern well stocked establishment which enjoys a splendid trade.

Dr. Mittelbach was married to Mollie Sahm in 1882. She was a daughter of George Sahm, a pioneer shoe merchant of Boonville. She died in 1892, leaving two children; Leola, a teacher in the primary department of the Kansas City Public Schools; Leonore, wife of D C Durland of New York City. Doctor Mittlebach's second marriage in 1899 was with Miss Sophia Reinhart of Boonville a daughter of Charles Reinhart Sr., a former confectioner and baker of this city.

Dr. Mittelbach is a Republican and is a member and active worker in the Evangelical Church of this city. No man in the history of Boonville has held more positions both honorary and active than this esteemed citizen. For the past 20 years he has been connected with the Walnut Grove Cemetery Association in the capacity of Superintendent and secretary, a position which he has held for the past six years. The success of this association has been due in a great extent to his tireless interest and management of the affairs of the cemetery. For the past 26 years he has been a member of the Board of Education and has filled the post of secretary of the board for the entire time. Dr. Mittelbach is a member of the Knights of Pythias and stands high in Pythian circles. He was the first chancellor commander of the local lodge when it was organized in 1883. He served as member of the Grand Lodge of Knights of Pythias several terms, representing the local lodge. Since the organization of the Boonville Commercial Club in 1909 he has served as treasurer of the organization. For 24 years he has served as treasurer of the Missouri State Pharmaceutical Association and also filled the office of president of this association. He was formerly active in the affairs of the National Pharmaceutical Association and served as president of the National Association of State Boards of Pharmacy. Dr. Mittelbach has served as president of the State Board of Pharmacists and has filled all offices of the American Pharmaceutical Association, serving as first, second and third vice president and for five years was a member of

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committee on membership. He has been mindful of his civic responsibilities and has served two terms as a member of the City Council. Dr. Mittelbach enjoys the respect and esteem of all citizens of Boonville and Cooper County.

#### Charles Edward Andrews

(Transcribed by Jim Thoma)

Col. Charles Edward Andrews, a leading citizen of Cooper County of the past decade and a scion of an old pioneer family of Boonville was one of the best known citizens of this section of Missouri. He was a man of intellect and presence, who conducted his business on a large scale and had various interests in different sections of the country. Col. Andrews was for years engaged in business in Boonville, first in partnership with his father, the late David Andrews, and then on his own account. He became interested in farm development and did considerable business in lands; his financial interests were large and extensive. He was vice-president of the Kasigan Oil and Gas Company of Independence, Kansas.; vice-president of the Independence (Kans.) Plate Glass Company; a stock holder in the Boatman's Bank of St. Louis; formerly owned the Sicher Hotel, now the Antlers Hotel, of Sedalia, and had other extensive property interests in Sedalia. Among his business associates in that city was John H. Bothwell, prominent attorney and banker.

Col. Charles E. Andrews was born in Boonville, Feb. 8, 1849, and departed this life Nov. 24, 1917. He was reared and educated in Boonville, attending Kemper School, and Westminster College, Fulton, Mo., graduating therefrom in 1867, and entered his father's hardware store as a partner in the business when he attained his majority.

He was engaged in business until 1889 when he retired from business and dealt in farm lands and real estate for a number of years. Mr. Andrews made a business of buying farms, building them up as regards soil and improvements and then selling at a profit.

Charles Edward Andrews was united in marriage Nov. 9, 1880, with Miss Jennie Dobyns of Memphis, Tenn. Four children were born to this union: Florie, Hardage Lane, Charles Edward Jr., and David Adair. Florie is the wife of Todd M. George, treasurer of Jackson County, Mo. Mr. and Mrs. George reside in Lees Summit, Mo., and have three children: Todd M. Hardage, Virginia, and Florie Ann. Hardage Lane Andrews was born in 1889. He is an official of the General Electric Company of Schenectady, N. Y. His profession is that of railway and traction engineer in which he is a recognized expert. He married Mittie Huff. During the World War he was connected with the building of submarine destroyers in the service of the United States Government. Charles Edward

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Andrews, Jr., was born in 1886. He is in the employ of the General Electric Company of Schenectady, N.Y. During the World War he was in the Government service. David Adair Andrews was born in 1893. He volunteered for service in the World War and was a second class petty officer in the dirigible balloon section of the air service, National Army.

Mrs. Jennie (Dobyns) Andrews is a member of an old Southern American family. She is a daughter of Col. Thomas Jefferson Dobyns who served as colonel of the Second Polish Brigade of Louisiana in the Civil War. He organized three companies of Confederate soldiers in Louisiana and commanded the Second Louisiana Regiment during the war. His command was known as the "tiger Rifles" on account of the fierceness in which they waged battle. This was a strong fighting organization which fought with General Lee at Gettysburg. He was born in 1801 and died in 1865 as a result of chills and fever contracted during his arduous service. He was a loyal southern man, so loyal that when he had gone to a health resort called the "Springs," a man called out to hem "Lee has surrendered," he replied as he was getting a during from the spring, "I hope I may never live to see Lee surrender." A few weeks later he was again at the spring taking a drink. A fried called to him, "General Lee has surrendered." Col. Dobns rolled over, paralyzed and never moved again. He had married Martha Caroline Sharpe Feb 12, 1837, who was the first white child born in Moulton, Ala., Sept. 29, 1819, and died in Memphis, Tenn., in February, 1887. Eight children were born to Col. Thomas J. and Martha Caroline Dobyns, seven of whom were reared, as follows: Mollie Thomas, born in Randolph, Tenn., died in Boonville, Mo., in 1912, was the wife of Capt. D. DeHaven, a citizen of Boonville, who during the Civil War had charge of all the Confederate aunboats and was stationed at Selma. Ala.: Flora Roselle, born in Randolph. Tenn., deceased wife of James Clare McDavitt, of Kentucky, former Lieutenant of Cavalry in the Civil War; Eloise Lee, born in Randolph, Tenn., widow of Edward L. Colburn, a Civil War veteran, formerly resident of Pine Bluff, Ark., and now living in Denver, Colo.; Eliza Senora, born in Randolph, Tenn., wife of S. W. E. Pegues of Oxford, Miss., now a government official in the pension department at Washington, D. C.; Emily Coons, died in May, 1918, was wife of Joseph Philip Angell, of Pine Bluff, Ark.; Thomas Jefferson, Jrl, born in June, 1851, former railroad man, unmarried, died in St. Louis, Mo., in 1881; Mrs. Jennie Andrews of this review; Deslond Beauregard, called "Carrie," born at Amite Citry, La., wife of Cyrus Garnsey of New York, has a winter residence in Memphis, Tenn. Mr. Garnsey gave

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His services without price to the government as assistant fuel inspector during the World War, and Mr. and Mrs. Garnsey lost their only son, Lieut. Cyrus Garnsey (III), in the battle of the Argonne Forest. Lieutenant Garnsey was in the artillery and had been twice cited for bravery in action with the A. E. F.

Col. Thomas Dobyns was a son of Thomas Dobyns who was a soldier in the war of 1812. Mrs. Martha Caroline Dobyns was a second cousin of Gen. Robert E. Lee.

Members of the Dobyns and Sharpe families have figured prominently in the affairs of the nation for over 200 years and by virtue of this ancestry, Mrs. Jennie (Dobyns) Andrews is a member of the Colonial Dames, and the Daughters of the American Revolution. She organized the local Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and this chapter is named in honor of her great-great-grandmother, Jemima Alexander Sharpe, who was a heroine of the Revolutionary War, working on the battlefields caring for the wounded and the dying. Her husband was lost while fighting in the Indian Wars and who had five sons who fought for the American Independence in the American Revolution. Mrs. Andrews is also a member of the United States Daughters of 1812, Americans of Armorial Ancestors, the Colonial Daughters of American, and the Daughters of the Confederacy. She has good and just right to be proud of the interesting fact that she has had ancestors and descendants who served their country in every war in which Americans have been engaged since the early settlement and colonial days.

Alexander's History of Mecklenburg County has this to say of Jemima Alexander Sharp, "On one occasion, Jemima, in company with Mrs. Jackson, the mother of a subsequent Vice-President, and others volunteered as nurses to go from Charlotte, N. C., to Charleston to the prison ships as nurses. They set out on foot, traveling through a thinly settled country, struggling bravely on these brave, tender, noble women of this Revolutionary day - Bible loving, church going women who were willing to endure all things in the path of duty."

Mrs. C. E. Andrews is a member of the Virginia Historical Society, Washington Headquarters Association, Maryland Historical Society, and the "Ark and the Dove" of Maryland, the latter being the name of the vessel bringing over her first ancestors to settle in Maryland and which arrived a few years previous to the arrival of the Mayflower at Plymouth.

Col. Charles Edward Andrews while a student in Westminster College, embraced the Presbyterian faith. He was a Democrat and prominent

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In the affairs of his party, served as a delegate to the national convention which nominated W. J. Bryan for President. He was a man distinguished and commanding in appearance, handsome and possessed of a fine physique, and because of his fine military bearing he was called "Colonel" by his friends and acquaintances until the title became appropriate. Practically his entire life was spent in Boonville and he loved his native city. He was kind and had kind deeds to his credit, kindly in thought and action. He gave liberally to all worthy enterprises to assist his home city, was owner of extensive properties in Cooper and Saline counties, and was connected with various large enterprises elsewhere. Other concerns in which he was interested was the Western States Portland Cement Company of Independence, Kans., of which he was the largest stockholder and vice-president. He was a large stockholder and vice-president of the West St. Louis Water and Light Company. At one time he was the largest taxpayer in Cooper County.

Colonel Andrews easily made and retained friendships, on account of a pleasant and winning disposition and was respected and loved by those who knew him best. He was a devoted husband, a loving and indulgent father and loved his home and friends. His greatest pleasure was to spend his leisure time in his own home surrounded by his children, entering into their sports and teaching them truth, honor, and rectitude by his living example - principles which have been followed by his sons, who are successful and talented men.

James Wellington Draffen

(Transcribed by Laura Paxton)

James Wellington Draffen-One of the best known and most distinguished members of the Cooper county bar was the late James W Draffen of Boonville. Mr. Draffen was born in Albemarle County Va., March 24 1824 and died April 21 1896. He was a son of Thomas and Mary (Douglas) Draffen both natives of Virginia, and migrated to Cooper County MO 8n 1836. They settled on a farm in this county whereon James W Draffen was reared. After attending the district school he studied for two years at the Kemper school. He then studied law in the office of his uncle John Draffen a prominent attorney of Lawrenceburg KY. He was admitted to the bar in 1852 and entered the office of Judge Washington Adams in Boonville. Two years later he began the practice of his profession alone. Later he formed a partnership with George Vest, who became US Senator from Missouri and also practiced in partnership with Col. J L Stephens, William D Muir and H A Hutchinson. He then formed a partnership with the late Judge W M Williams, which continued until his death. This firm was one of the

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ablest in Missouri and handled many notable cases and much important litigation their practice extending over the entire State and even beyond its borders.

In July 1859, Mr. Draffen was married to Miss Louise Tichenor, of Newark N J a daughter of David S and Jane S Tichenor. Mrs. Draffen was born Dec 29 1835 and died April 22 1911. Eight children were born to James W and Louise Draffen as follows: David T, deceased; Edwin L, member of New York Appraisal Co., New York City; William M, deceased; James Wellington, Los Angeles, Calif.; Whilton Vest; Frank D, Boonville; Martin T, an officer at Missouri Training School, Boonville MO; Mary H., wife of F T Pigott, Boonville.

Mr. Draffen was a stanch Democrat. Although always greatly interested in matters of public concern, he never sought nor desired official position, notwithstanding the fact that he was frequently solicited by the leaders of his party to become a candidate for high office. He was an able lawyer and a good citizen who had the sincere respect and regard of his fellow citizens and the members of the bar throughout the State.

Judge Phillips delivered the following touching tribute to the life of his long time friend: "For a quarter of a century I met him, term after term, at the Circuit Courts of central Missouri. We were generally arrayed on opposing sides. He was a foreman worthy of any man's steel and an adversary in the arena of the forum never to be despised. I bear testimony, here in the presence of his casket, that a more honorable practitioner, a more chivalrous opponent, free from all petty meanness and trickery, I never encountered. Do you ask for a record of his achievements? Look into the volumes of your Supreme Court, extending from the 25th through 100 volumes, and from the 17th to the 50th volumes of the Court of Appeals and you will find his name connected with much of the important litigation of the central part of the State. His briefs are his monuments. In their sententious vigor, lucidity of statement and conciseness of argument, with appropriate citation of authorities, they stand as models, worthy the study and imitation of every young lawyer.

"His client's cause was his won and to him his client was always in the right. There was not money enough in Christendom to induce him to betray the cause, however small, of the humblest man committed to his keeping. If it were true that 'an honest man is the noblest work of God' Draffen was God's nobleman. There was not an element of dishonesty in his composition."

At the meeting of the members of the bar held at the court house

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in his memory, the following resolutions were passed: "Whenever he accepted a retainer, he seemed to abandon everything, save honor, in his client's interests. He was untiring in his efforts, often forgetting or appearing not to car for, that remuneration which was due for his valuable

services. His record as a bold adroit and able lawyer and advocate commanded the admiration of his associates, and is worthy of the emulation of the younger members of the bar. His integrity was of the highest order. His strong characteristics won him a host of friends, in and outside of his profession and gave him great influence with courts and juries of the country. His integrity and dauntless courage, coupled with his open advocacy of every cause in which he believed made a valuable and worthy citizen, whose death will be seriously felt by all classes. He left behind him the record of an honorable man, an able lawyer, an affectionate husband and father and a good citizen."

Whitlow Vest Draffen, successful attorney of Boonville and a worthy son of a distinguished father was born in Boonville May 4 1870 and is a son of James Wellington and Louise J Draffen. He was educated in Westminster College at Fulton MO and the State University at Columbia. Mr. Draffen studied law in his father's office and was admitted to the bar in 1896. He is an excellent attorney, well versed in the lore of the legal profession and is an able pleader in the courts of central Missouri.

Mr. Draffen is a member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Knights of Pythias, the Royal Arcanum and the Woodmen of the World.

#### Walter B. Windsor

(Transcribed by Laura Paxton)

Walter B Windsor owner of "Fairfield" farm of 337 acres in Clarks Fork township six and a half miles southeast of Boonville, is of the progressive type of agriculturists and stockmen who have made good in Cooper County. He and his sons are owners of a total of 557 acres of rich land. They are cultivating in addition to this land, another very fertile tract of bottom land comprising a total of 150 acres. The Windsor farm is well improved with a modern residence of eight rooms, silos, metal grain bins, barns and buildings all in good shape. The farm is devoted to stock raising, all of the grain and forage raised on the place being fed to live stock which is sold on the hoof. Mr. Windsor maintains a herd of pure bred Angus cattle because of the uniformity and beef producing qualities of the breed. His Poland China hogs are pure bred as are his Oxford and Shropshire sheep. There are sold from the farm and shipped to the markets one load each of cattle, hogs and sheep each year. Mr. Windsor is an ardent soil conservationist who believes in getting

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the maximum yield from the land and keeping it in first class condition through fertilization and crop rotation. He has raised as high as 85 bushels of corn to the acre, 40 bushels of wheat, 50 bushels of rye and 55 bushels of oats. This is a record which can not be excelled anywhere in Missouri or the West. The Windsor farm, "Fairfield," is the old home place of his father, the late John H Windsor, who was one of the most successful stockmen of his day in Cooper County. John H Windsor was a son of Horace Simeon Windsor, who settled in Cooper County over four score years ago. The family is of English descent and the history of the Windsors in America begins with Thomas Windsor, of Fairfax County, Va.

Walter B Windsor was born April 23 1862. He was educated in the district school and the academy at Boonville. With the exception of eight years spent as a traveling salesman he has always been engaged in farming. Mr. Windsor is a natural salesman and made a success on the road; for a number of years he traveled for the McCormick and Deering harvester companies and has sold farming machinery, live stock, blooded stock for breeding purposes, and made good. He began farming on a 200 acre tract when he was 20 years of age and has steadily increased the acreage owned by himself and his sons. Some idea of the magnitude of the farming operations carried on by Mr. Windsor and his sons can be gleaned from the fact that this season

(1919) they will harvest 300 acres of wheat, 200 acres of corn, 50 acres of oats, and 20 acres of alfalfa.

May 30 1888 Walter B Windsor and Miss Elizabeth Ann Jewett were united in marriage. This marriage has been blessed with children as follows: Elmer and Jewett, twins, educated in the Boonville High School and Business College, born April 29 1891; Dorsey W, born Feb 24 1897 educated in the Boonville High School and Business College, and like his two older brothers is a farmer; Alma May born July 25 1893 educated in Boonville High School and the Warrensburg Normal School and Boulder University Colorado six years a teacher and for the past two years has been in charge of the home district school; Annie Laura, born April 17 1895 educated in Boonville High School. The mother of these children was born April 3 1863 in Cooper County and is the daughter of Samuel L and Martha Jewett both deceased. The Jewetts are an old pioneer family of Cooper County.

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Walter B Windsor is a Democrat of the true and tried variety which knows no deviation from Democratic principles. During the administration of Gov. William J Stone he was appointed by the Governor to the office of county assessor for Cooper County and filled this office creditably for four years. His family worships at the Baptist Church. MR Windsor is a member of the Knights of Pythias, the Woodmen of the World, the Modern Woodmen of America and the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Boonville having attained to a membership in the Commandery at Boonville. Mr. Windsors' recreation is in hunting and fishing, organizing and carrying out "fish fries," picnics, and barbecues, in which he is a past master. In fact no "barbecue" or fish fry is held in his neighborhood without he is one of the mainstays and leading promoters. At the great barbecue held in his neighborhood some years ago and which was financed by the merchants of Boonville and to which the entire county was invited, he had charge of the roasting and basting of the meats over long pits of hot coals and the job was done in an expert manner to satisfy the finest Epicurean tastes. Over 5,000 people attended this barbecue and it was the greatest event of that year. It is probably that no Cooper county citizen has more warm friends in this section of Missouri than "Walt" Windsor, who is a welcome addition to any and all gatherings because of his unfailing good nature, his desire to please and his many likable qualities.

# John Thomas Pigott (Transcribed by Laura Paxton)

John Thomas Pigott one of the best known of the successful merchants of the Boonville of a decade or so ago was a native Missourian. Mr. Pigott was born in St. Louis June 14 1823 and died Nov 29 1907. He was a son of John T Pigott, who was born in Dublin, Ireland and died in Missouri when his son, John Thomas was but a boy in years. Mr. Pigott was reared in St. Louis and when a young man he opened a book store at Lexington MO. He came to Boonville in 1867 and he and William E Walton made the first set of abstract books in Cooper County. He engaged in the mercantile business in partnership with William H Trigg and Company and was successfully engaged in business until 1899. Prior to this he was engaged in banking until 1880. In 1899 Mr. Pigott retired from active business and went to his farm southeast of Boonville where he remained until his death in 1907.

On March 17 1859 Mr. Pigott was married to Josphine Trigg, a daughter of William H Trigg of Boonville. Five children were born to this marriage: Frank, Los Angeles California; John C, member of the dry

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goods firm of Pigott and McKinley Boonville MO; Harry h living at Helena Montana; Fred a farmer living near Boonville.

John Thomas Pigott was for 60 years a Mason and at the time of his death he was the oldest Mason in Cooper County.

#### **David Andrews**

(Transcribed by Laura Paxton)

David Andrews - The Andrews family is one of the oldest pioneer families of Boonville, and the name has been an honored one for many years. Ninety years ago, David Andrews, father of the late Charles Andrews of Boonville, settled at Old Franklin where he remained until the fickle Missouri washed away the business section of the old pioneer town. He then came to Boonville where he identified himself with the business interests of the city and was one of the builders of Boonville. David Andrews came to this section of Missouri, a poor youth, aged 19 years-so poor that he had but one shirt to his back and this one he took off and washed in the Missouri River as the boat he was traveling on came near to the frontier town of Franklin. This boat, upon which he traveled, was drawn by horses hitched to long ropes and drawn through the water in this manner, the horses walking along the banks of the river.

David Andrews was born in Pittsburgh PA., May 2 1809, and died in Boonville, April 30 1893. He came West in 1820 and lived with a brother, Thomas Andrews, in St. Louis until 1828 when he came to Old Franklin and thence to Boonville. Thomas Andrews, his brother, was one of the first stockholders in the Boatsman Bank of St. Louis, as was his brother, David Andrews, at a later date. David Andrews learned the trade of tinner in his brother's shop in St. Louis. Upon his arrival at Franklin he established a tin shop and then returned to St. Louis for his bride whom he married that same year. She was Margaret Baird, who was also born in Pittsburgh PA., Jan17 1818, and died in March 1901. On two occasions after establishing himself in Boonville, after the decadence of Old Franklin, Mr. Andrews had the misfortune to have his shop destroyed by fire. Each time he rebuilt and succeeded in amassing a competence despite adversity.

During the Civil War he made canteens for the Southern soldiers. This brought him into conflict with the Union forces and he was taken prisoner by General Lyon's command. Previous to his being taken prisoner, some soldiers had waylaid him, knocked him down and left him lying for dead. His faithful wife found him, succored him, and he was then placed under arrest and taken to the prison in Jefferson City. His wife also went to the State Capital and so determined and energetic was she that she succeeded in getting him freed, in spite of the fact that General

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Lyons insisted that Mr. Andrews be shot for a rebel sympathizer and adherent. David Andrews was of Irish descent and was an energetic man of business who had the gift of finance and able management of his business affairs. He amassed a fortune of over \$300,000 and was one of the wealthiest citizens of Boonville in his time. He opened a hardware store in Boonville, one of the first to be conducted in the city and the business prospered. By fair and honest dealings and by the exercise of energy and the strictest of integrity, Mr. Andrews carved an honored and respected place in the business world of Boonville and his name will always be known as that of one of the real pioneers of the city. He took an active and influential part in civic affairs during his long residence here, served as a member of the City Council and was mayor of the city for some years. He was father of 11 children, ten sons and one daughter, five of who were reared to maturity: Hardage Lane, David, Florence, Charles Edward, Lonnie or Alonzo. Hardage Lane Andrews learned the trade of jeweler, but never followed it. He went West in 1850 and eventually located in San Jose, Calif., as one of the pioneer pork packers on the Pacific Coast. He amassed a comfortable fortune and died at the age of 50 years, worth \$60,000. David Andrews also went West to the Pacific Coast and was associated with his brother, Hardage L., in the pork packing business. He died in San Jose, Calif. Florence Andrews married ex0Congressman John T Heard. of Sedalia. She was born Sept 7 1846 and died Sept 14 1886. "Lonnie" or Alonzo Andrews was born in 1854 and died in 1875. All of the deceased children of David Andrews lie sleeping in the beautiful Walnut Grove Cemetery in Boonville. Although some of them had wandered far from

the city of their birth, it was the wish of each that his final resting place be in the home town which they loved so well, and where their happiest days had been spent. David Andrews was a man eminently fitted for the period in which he lived. He was a member of the Methodist Church and was a devout man who feared God and loved his fellow men, his wife and his children. He was a democrat and a stanch believer and upholder of democratic principles of government.

#### Charles W. Nixon

(Transcribed by Laura Paxton)

**Charles W Nixon**, Senior member of the firm of Nixon and Brosius, engaged in the farm loan and real estate business, Boonville, is a native of Cooper County and was born in Pilot Grove, Feb. 28 1870. He is a

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son of David F and Christina (Schlotzhauer) Nixon, well known residents of Pilot Grove.

David F Nixon was born in Ross County Ohio Feb 19 1842. His father, William H Nixon was born in Loudoun County VA, in 1816 and died in 1901. His parents were David and Rachel (Carr) NIxon both natives of Virginia and settled in Ross County Ohio where they reared a family of eight children of whom William H Nixon was the eldest. Mrs. Elizabeth E (Edmiston) Nixon, mother of David H Nixon was born in Ross County Ohio in 1815. She resided at Old Chillicothe when Indians were plentiful in the forests of the neighborhood and she died in 1887. She was a daughter of John and Miss(Teeter) Edmiston, natives of Tennessee. The Nixons are of Scotch descent. Three children were born to William H and Elizabeth Nixon; John W., was a veteran of the Civil War and ranked as sergeant; David F Nixon of this review; and Emily deceased wife of James Benner.

In October of 1861, David F Nixon enlisted in Company C, 73rd Ohio Regiment of Volunteers and served until his honorable discharge in 1864. He was hit by a shell in the right leg at the second battle of Bull run and also hit by a minnie ball in his left thigh. He participated in the battles of Cross-Kris, Fort Republic, McDowell, More field and Romney, besides many minor battles and skirmishes. He was transferred to the Veteran Reserve Corps in 1863 and was a member of Company A 21st Regular Regiment. HE was a corporal and was on duty at Trenton N J saw a lot of hard work in the ensuing year and was mustered out of service in 1864.

In 1866 David H Nixon came to Pettis County MO and located on a farm. Not long afterward he came to Cooper County and purchased a farm located 2 1/2 miles south of Pilot Grove where he farmed extensively for a number of years and was a successful breeder of Shorthorn cattle. MR. Nixon has disposed of all his land excepting a tract of 94 acres. In 1916 he left the farm and moved to a home in Pilot Grove.

Jan 30 1868 David H Nixon and Christine Schlotzhauer were united in marriage. The children born of this marriage are: Alexander Nixon, cashier of the Bank of Woolridge; Rudy died in 1905; Katie is at home with her parents; Charles W Nixon of this review is the eldest of the family.

David H Nixon is a Republican and served a term judge of the County Court for the western district of Cooper County. He is a stockholder in the Woolridge Bank and assisted in the organization of the

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Pilot Grove Bank serving as president of this bank for two years. He is affiliated with the Grand Army of the Republic and the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. Charles W Nixon received his education in Pilot Grove College, founded and conducted by the Johnson family and which was in charge of William F Johnson for some years. Mr. Nixon farmed in the vicinity of Pilot Grove for

three years and continued in farming near Bunceton MO until 1902, when his election to the office of county clerk on the Republican ticket required his residing in Boonville. He served for four years in this office and in June 1905, became associated with Mr. Brosius in the loan and land business.

In August of 1894, Charles W Nixon was united in marriage with Miss Margaret Rodgers, a daughter of E H Rodgers, who now makes his home in Boonville with Mr. Nixon. Mr. Rodgers was born in West Liberty, W VA., in1842 and was a soldier in the Union army during the Civil War. After the close of the war he came to Cooper County and became a large land owner in this county . Prior to this advent in Cooper County he had married Mary Elliot who was born in West Virginia in 1843 and died in 1915.

The children born to Charles W and Margaret Nixon are: Mary Jane, a graduate of Sweet Brier College, West Virginia, class of 1919; Margaret a graduate of Boonville High School class of 1919; David a graduate of Boonville Public Schools, class of 1919; Helene aged six years.

Mr. Nixon is a member of the Presbyterian Church and is fraternally affiliated with the Knights of Pythias and the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, having attained a membership in Ararat Temple Mystic Shrine. He is also a member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks.

#### Rev. Fr. Theodore Kussman

(Transcribed by Laura Paxton)

**Rev Fr. Theodore Kussman** - For nearly 34 years Father Kussman has been in charge of Sts. Peter and Paul's Catholic Church in Boonville MO. Two years after taking charge of this church, on August 17 1885, he was made irremovable rector and will remain in Boonville during the rest of his natural life as rector of this large and prosperous church which is one of the oldest in central Missouri and which celebrated Father Kussman's golden jubilee on May 27 1916.

Theodore Kussman was born in Germany Jan 19 1843. He is a son of Christopher and Clara Gertrude (Sperlbaum) Kussman who immigrated to America in 1847 and settled in St. Louis where the father plied his trade of carpenter and cabinet maker.

Theodore Kussman attended the parochial school and Christian

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Brothers College in St. Louis. He then spent two years as student in St. Francis Seminary near Milwaukee. He next studied for three years at the Theological College in Cape Girardeau MO and was ordained in the priesthood May 27 1866. Father Kussman's first charge was as substitute priest at Kirkwood for six months. He was then pastor of the Richwood MO church for one year. He was pastor of French Village Church for two years and also had charge of the DeSota MO church at the same time. For the next four years he filled the post of pastor of the Palmyra Church and also cared for two other churches in the vicinity of Palmyra. For the next 12 years he was pastor oft he Springfield MO Catholic Church and has spent 34 years in Boonville. During his long years of service in Boonville he has built the large church which is still standing and doubled the size of the rectory. The celebration of his golden jubilee on May 27 1916 was a great occasion in the history of the church.

#### Dr. Charles E. Doerrie

(Transcribed by Laura Paxton)

**Dr Charles Doerrie** the veterinarian, Boonville, Mo., besides being a successful practitioner, is a manufacturer. His manufacturing business was first established in 1893 at 404 East Vine St. The Doerrie office residence and factory is now located at 722 Main St, Dr Doerrie having

recently purchase the Col. John S Elliot property. Dr. Doerrie came into possession of an excellent recipe for a facial cream which he has named "Hattie's Complexion Beautifier." This is a splendid fact and skin preparation for the use of both women and men and each year it is becoming more and more popular with the trade. Over 70 gross were manufactured and sold in 1918 and this business was accomplished without advertising, the goods being sold only through agents and the drug trade in all parts of the U S. The quality of the product speaks for itself, and the user of a first jar of the beautifier is generally a continuous customer who tells of its qualities to others of her acquaintance. Dr Doerrie has been manufacturing and selling the preparation under the name of the Beautifier Co., Boonville MO.

Charles Doerrie was born in Illinois June 23 1862 and was yet an infant when his parents located in St. Charles MO. Henry Doerrie his father died when Charles was but a child. His mother Mrs. Louisa (Kemper) Doerrie reared the two children to maturity. Dr. Doerrie has a sister, Mrs. Minnie Shubert residing southeast of Boonville. The Doerrie family came to Boonville in 1881 and the mother makes her home in Boonville. After the death of Mr. Doerrie she married Peter Young who is now deceased.

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Dr. Charles Doerrie came to Boonville in the fall of 1882, and followed farming and coal mining for the first 10 years of his residence in Cooper County. He studied veterinary surgery at the New York Veterinary College and began the practice of his profession in 1893. During the past 26 years his practice has ranged over Cooper, Howard, Saline, Moniteau, Morgan and Chariton Counties.

April 22 1886, Dr. Doerrie was married to Miss Alice G Bull, of Cooper County She is a daughter of Thomas Bull of this county. Three children have been born to Charles and Alice G Doerrie. Van Lee, resides at home, student in the State University is the only child living. Van Lee Doerrie tried on seven different occasions to enlist in the National Army and was finally accepted. After seven days he received notice to report for duty at Austin Texas the armistice was signed and the war ended. He is a student of architecture at the State University. By a former marriage Dr. Doerrie has a daughter Mrs. Wash Robertson of Moulton Iowa.

Dr Doerrie is a republican who has served as a member of the Boonville City Council. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and is affiliated with the Ancient Order of United Workmen, the Woodmen of the World and Travelers' Protective Association.

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