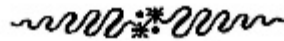


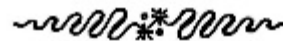
at the old fort where Nashville now stands. He was a weaver by trade but also carried on farming. He died in Tennessee. To John H. Davis and his wife nine children were born, of whom J. Rans Davis was the youngest. He and his elder brother came to Texas together and settled near each other, the latter being a married man. He was the first Sheriff of Hill county, and died in 1855, leaving a wife and two children to mourn his loss. Only one son is now living, William O. Davis of Houston. In 1876 a widowed sister came to the State with her two sons, but she died in 1879, and one of her sons in 1880. The other resides in Texas.



**J**OHN DOWNEY, a successful farmer of Hill county, was born in Ireland, January 6, 1824, the fourth of six children born to Terence and Mary Downey, also natives of Ireland. The parents came to America in 1856, settling in Virginia, where the father died in 1883, and the mother in 1871. Our subject remained with his parents until coming to America in 1854, and after landing at New York settled at Wellsburg, Virginia, where he was engaged in the saloon business. In 1863 he removed to Iowa, and in 1867 he came to Washington county, Texas, where he farmed on rented land three years. In 1870 Mr. Downey came to Hill county and bought 100 acres of his present farm, to which he has since added until he now owns 400 acres, 140 acres of which is under a fine state of cultivation.

He was married in 1859 to Miss Mary Boyle, a native of Ireland, but who came to America with her widowed mother, and settled in West Virginia, where the latter subsequently died. They have had six children, viz.: Terence J., born March 1, 1861, is at home; Mary A., born March 3, 1864, died April 6, 1869; Stella B., born May 26, 1868, is at home; John T., born June 11, 1869, died December 21, 1885; and Willie, born November 28, 1871, died October 2, 1874. The wife and mother died March 21, 1890, at about the age of fifty years.

Politically, Mr. Downey is identified with the Democratic party; socially, is a member of the Masonic fraternity; and religiously, he was raised a Catholic, as was also his wife.



**N.** McKEE, of Woodbury, Hill county, was born in Murray county, in 1818, a son of Thomas McKee, who was born in North Carolina in 1791, but was removed to Tennessee in 1823. His father, Alexander McKee, was born in North Carolina in 1750, and was a Revolutionary soldier. Our subject attended Mount Pleasant Academy in Tennessee and Princeton College, Kentucky one year; next followed farming a short time, and after reaching his majority united with the Cumberland Presbyterian Church and engaged in ministerial work on a circuit in Tennessee. Mr. McKee came to Hill county about 1852, and at that time everything seemed a broad expanse, almost a wilderness, with only an occasional hut near

some streams inhabited by rugged pioneers. At one of these houses our subject stopped for the night, and which was occupied by J. H. Dyer, afterward Judge Dyer. Mr. McKee was locating agent for a private company on the proposed line of railroad, which was to pass through the State from East to West near the thirty-second parallel. His father was also interested in the same business, and among the lands purchased was a league and labor right, considerable of which Mr. McKee came into possession of upon final settlement of the affairs of the company.

He was married in this county, at the age of thirty-nine years, to Louisa Elliott, who was born in Alabama in 1836, and they have had seven children, three now living: J. N., William Thomas, attending school at Woodbury, and Augustus H., also attending school at the same place. Parson McKee is still engaged in ministerial work, but has no regular charge at this time. He has lived a long and useful life, and is loved by all who know him.

**R** C. FRAZIER, of Hillsboro, Hill county, was born in Cherokee county, Texas, in 1850, and when two years of age he came to this county. At the age of seventeen years he attended school at Peoria, after which he remained with his mother, following the business of freighting, until twenty-four years of age, when he married. He next followed freighting from Calvert to Hillsboro and other towns a few months, and

then began farming and stock-raising. At one time he had 400 head of cattle, and this winter is feeding fifty head, and he also owns 616 acres of land, 175 acres of which is under a fine state of cultivation. He has been successful in all his business ventures; has served as Deputy Sheriff, under John P. Cox, four years; is a member of the Baptist Church, and takes an active interest in local politics.

December 3, 1874, Mr. Frazier married Ella Livingston, a native of Georgia, and a daughter of M. M. Livingston, of Leon county, Texas. Nine children have been born to this union: A. T., Lulu, W. H., James P. (deceased), R. M., Mary, Lucy, Cora (deceased), Charley.

**J** OHN T. FRAZIER, of Hill county, was born in Cherokee county, Texas, in 1845, the fifth of eight children born to Richard Frazier. John T. attended school at Hillsboro, and also spent two years at Oakland College, and at Alvarado, under John Collier. He quit school on account of ill-health and engaged in farming, settling on his present farm. Three years later the spirit of adventure struck him, and in 1881 he went to New Mexico, and while there the gold fever of Alaska broke out, and in company with a few others went to that frozen region. He remained in the interior three years, and was quite successful for an inexperienced man, having taken out dust amounting to \$6,000, which he brought to San Francisco on his return and had refined

and coined. In 1886 Mr. Frazier returned home and engaged in farming and stock-raising, and he now owns 100 head of stock and 273 acres of land, eighty acres of which is cultivated. He is also engaged in the hay business, having put up 200 tons in 1891.

In 1887 he was married to Alice, a daughter of John F. Porter, a pioneer of this State. Mr. and Mrs. Frazier have two children, Frank and Mary Lee. The family are members of the Baptist Church.



**S**AMUEL D. BRADLEY, to whom the title of "pioneer" justly belongs, has been a resident of Johnson county since 1851. It is a debt of gratitude the present generation owes to the past and to the future to record those acts of bravery and deeds of daring of those men and women who took up the burden of transforming the frontier into a center of commerce and agriculture. Jackson Bradley, the father of Samuel D. Bradley, came with his brother-in-law, Samuel Myers, from Mississippi early in 1851, arriving in Dallas, March 27, where he remained six months, and at the end of that time came to Johnson county, settling in what is called the cross timbers. He stopped there only a short time, going over into Ellis county, where he resided until 1853; then he came back and for one year made his home in the cross timbers, moving at the expiration of the twelve months to the farm adjoining the one on which Samuel D. Bradley now lives;

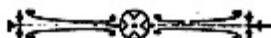
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the farm located by him at this time is occupied by another son.

At the time Mr. Bradley settled in Ellis county several colonists had located there, and before his return to Johnson county a number of families had settled in the cross timbers. In 1855 he bought a headright pre-emption of 320 acres, paying the State government \$20 for a State patent of the land; he purchased an additional eighty acres in the timber to secure timber privileges. There he tilled the soil and raised large numbers of live stock, making a marked success of agricultural enterprise. The people of Ellis county, showing the confidence which they reposed in him, elected him County Commissioner for several terms and for many years he was Justice of the Peace.

The precinct of Ellis county in which Jackson Bradley resided remained a portion of Ellis county until after the war, when it was attached to Johnson county through the efforts of Dr. Weaver of Alvarado, the Representative at the Legislature from Johnson county; by this act Johnson county acquired 160 square miles. This transfer was accomplished before Mr. Bradley's death, so that he may also be claimed by Johnson county as one of her very first settlers. He died in 1887, at the age of seventy-two years. He was highly respected by the people of both counties for his integrity of character and the honor and justice which marked all his dealings with his fellow-men. In 1835 he was married to Emily Myers, in South Carolina, before his emigration to Mississippi; they were both natives of the former State.

acres of the finest prairie land in Johnson county, 180 acres being in a high state of cultivation; the remainder is in pasturage. He devotes the greater part of his time and attention to the raising of live-stock; he feeds a few car loads of cattle annually, and has made a success of breeding graded horses for the market. He is recognized as authority upon all questions pertaining to the care of animals, and as a judge of all kinds of stock has no superior in the country.



**J**OHAN W. SHROPSHIRE, a farmer of Johnson county, Texas, a son of G. M. and F. O. Shropshire, and a brother of Dr. David N. Shropshire (see sketch), was born in Alabama, in 1845, and remained under the parental roof until 1861. He then enlisted in Company G, Twelfth Texas Cavalry, the first company to leave the county, and at Yellow Bayou, Louisiana, was, on May 18, 1864, wounded by a minie ball and taken prisoner. He was placed in the hospital at Helena, Arkansas, and there remained until December 20, 1864. Then while on his way from Helena, Arkansas, to prison at Camp Douglas, by the aid of a Federal soldier, Mr. N. V. McDowell, Company K, Fifteenth Illinois, who had been his nurse while at Helena, made his escape near Odell, Illinois. He remained in that State until the close of the war. About two years of his absence from his home he was thought to be dead by his parents and friends, having been reported

dead and buried at or near Yellow Bayou, Louisiana.

After cessation of hostilities he returned to his home, engaged in agricultural pursuits, and in 1866 was married to Miss Susan C. McDowell, a sister of the Federal soldier who assisted him at the time of his escape from the Union soldiers. Susan McDowell was a daughter of Robert and Mary McDowell, and was born in the Buckeye State in 1848. She moved from her native State to Illinois, and was there married to Mr. Shropshire. In 1871 Mr. Shropshire and wife moved to Texas, located in Johnson county, and there they have since made their home. They have a fine farm of 286 acres with 180 acres under cultivation, and everything about the place indicates the owner to be a man of energy and thoroughness. He also owns an interest in a gin. In politics Mr. Shropshire is a staunch Democrat. He is interested in religious and educational affairs and at present is school trustee. Socially he is a Master Mason, a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the Knights of Honor. Mr. and Mrs. Shropshire are the parents of two children: Mary Catherine, now attending the Irving Institute at Cleburne, Texas, and Susan V., at home. Mr. Shropshire and wife and eldest daughter hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church South.

*Wm. Frazier*

**R**T. FRAZIER, of Hill county, was born in Benton county, Arkansas, in 1841, the fourth of ten children born to Richard Frazier, a native of Tennessee. The

latter removed with his parents to Arkansas in 1821, and in 1843 he came to Texas, settling in Cherokee county, and in 1852 he came to Hill county and pre-empted 320 acres of land, a part of which is now the home of our subject. He married Agnes Clark, a daughter of James Clark. Richard Frazier died in this county, in 1853.

At the age of twenty years the subject of this sketch entered the Confederate army, joining Company D, Burford's Nineteenth Texas Cavalry, and served principally in Arkansas. He participated in the battles of Yellow Bayou, Marinaduke's raid, and fought Banks down the Red river. In 1865 he was ordered to Texas, was discharged near Marlin, and returned home and engaged in farming and grazing. From 1868 to 1872 this business grew to considerable proportions, but since then, the range having been shut off, he has reduced the dimensions of this interest, and has given more attention to farming. He owns 450 acres of black land, 200 acres of which is under a fine state of cultivation.

In 1873 Mr. Frazier married Zantippe Hedgpeth, a native of Tennessee, and they had nine children: Philip (deceased), Samuel, Nellie, Lottie, Annie, Thompson, Sallie, Eva and Robert.



**N. EDMONDS**, of Hill county, was born in Fayette county, Alabama, in 1846, a son of W. A. Edmonds, who was born in Georgia, in 1816. He was the

great-grandson of John Edmonds, who was born and reared in Wales, and came to America in 1872, having been banished for dogging a pet deer belonging to one of the princesses. At the age of sixteen years he settled in Jamestown, where he married and reared a family. Mr. Edmonds and his son Harry were in the engagement with Indians when General Braddock was defeated and the son was killed. John Edmonds had four other sons and one daughter, — Frank, Sidney, William, John, — the youngest of whom was the great-grandfather of our subject. The four sons passed unhurt through the Revolutionary war, and the daughter married Matthew Cox. W. A. Edmonds, our subject's father, moved to Tuscaloosa county, Alabama, in 1843, and in 1851 he was elected Tax Collector of Fayette county, which office he held by re-elections until 1864. Between the years of 1864 and 1874 he was disfranchised, and in the latter year was elected to the same office, which he held until 1878. In 1824 he married Frances Appling, a native of Georgia, and they had ten children, viz.: John A., whose whereabouts is unknown; Sarah, wife of W. M. McDuff; A. N., our subject; Mary, wife of O. M. Richards; Fatima, wife of William Stanley; Elizabeth, now Mrs. W. D. Bagwell; Charles; William; Elvira and J. H.; Eva, deceased, was the wife of B. F. White.

The subject of this sketch, A. N. Edmonds, attended school during the winter seasons, and in 1863 enlisted in Company K, Eighth Alabama Cavalry, under Colonel Ball, and served principally in Georgia. He was shot



through the jaw near Rome, the ball passing out of his mouth. He was captured and taken to Nashville, then to Louisville, and finally to Camp Douglas, Chicago, where he was discharged June 18, 1865. Mr. Edmonds then received transportation home, where he was engaged in farming until 1876, and in that year he came to Texas. He now has a fine farm of 200 acres, 140 acres of which is under a fine state of cultivation.

In 1869 he was married to Elizabeth, a daughter of J. F. McDuff, of Alabama. Mrs. Edwards died February 4, 1891; she was a consistent member of the Baptist Church. They had eight children, viz.: Reuben; Eliza, wife of A. L. Bradley; Fatima, wife of G. L. Berry; Sallie; James; Ella and Emma, twins, and the latter died in 1883; and Sidney. Mr. Edmonds is a Deacon in the Baptist Church.



**J**AMES A. DRENNAN, a farmer and stock-raiser of Johnson county, and also Postmaster at Equestria, was born in De Soto county, Mississippi, September 30, 1841, a son of Joseph A. Drennan, a native of Wilson county, Tennessee. The latter moved to Texas in 1851, settling in Upshur county, where he remained until his death. His father, James A. Drennan, was a native of Greenville district, South Carolina, and a son of Irish parentage. Joseph A. Drennan was a mechanic by occupation, which, in addition to farming, he followed through life; was a member of the Masonic order, and a devoted member of the Cumberland

Presbyterian Church. He died in Upshur county, Texas, in 1881, was a Christian gentleman, and was highly respected as such in his community and neighborhood.

The subject of this sketch began life for himself as a farmer in Upshur county, Texas, where he moved with his father in 1851. In 1878 he came to Johnson county and lived a short time six miles east of Cleburne, after which he moved to his present farm of 640 acres, 108 acres of which is under a fine state of cultivation. Mr. Drennan served through the late war, in Company H, Third Texas Cavalry, under General Ross, ex-Governor of Texas. He was wounded at the battle of Iuka, Mississippi, but was only disabled about four weeks. He was married February 14, 1869, to Miss Harriet B., a daughter of Paskell K. Williams, a native of South Carolina. Mr. and Mrs. Drennan have had nine children, namely: Joseph F., Robert P., Walter G., Lillie M., Lucy E., Joe A., James A., John S. and Harriet B.




**G.** HORNE, of Woodbury, Hill county, was born in Lawrence county, Alabama, in 1825, a son of A. O. Horne, who was born in Tennessee, in 1791. The latter emigrated to Alabama about 1812, and previous to his departure and the same year he married Elizabeth Thorubough, and they had ten children, viz.: Dr. W. T., who died at Austin in 1877; Dr. James A., deceased in Austin in 1846; Mrs. Sarah O. Brown, who also died in Austin, in

1878; M. G., our subject; A. G., deceased at Austin in 1856; A. O., a merchant near that city; Mary E., deceased in 1852, and two who died in infancy. Mr. Horne was a great reader, a well posted man on the political issues of the day, was a Democrat politically, a man of considerable ability as a public speaker, held the office of County Clerk in Alabama, and later was a member of the Legislature of that State, and was an active and faithful Christian man. While a member of the Alabama Legislature, his family removed to Washington county, Illinois, where he soon joined them. Two years later they went to Johnson county, Missouri, where Mr. Horne finished reading law, and was admitted to the bar, but never practiced. He came to Texas in 1846, settling in Travis county, where he died in 1882. His father, William Horne, was a native of Tennessee, to which State his father had moved from England in early Colonial days. Our subject's maternal grandfather, William Thornbaugh, was a native of Virginia, and a soldier in the war of 1812.

M. G. Horne, our subject, read law in early life, but was never admitted to the bar, and at the age of twenty-one years he engaged in farming, which occupation, together with ginning and milling, he has pursued through life. In 1857 he came to Woodbury, Hill county, where he was one of the pioneer settlers, and erected the first gin in the community. During the late war Mr. Horne was engaged in milling, at that time having the only mill in this portion of the county, and could do no greater service to the com-

munity than by providing for the widows and orphans and others in straitened circumstances. He has taken an active part in the promotion of all laudable enterprises in his community, and assisted in the building of churches, schools, etc. The pioneer church of the neighborhood was of rude logs, twelve feet square, and was also used as a school house until 1860, afterward a large frame church was built, then the brick church was erected. Among the citizens of the community at that time were W. R. Nunn, Haywood Weatherby, Rev. T. N. McKee, W. M. Nunn, Mr. Yarbro, Mr. Carmichael, Mr. Hughes and Rev. N. P. Modrell, who organized the church.

At the age of twenty-two years, Mr. Horne married Catherine Brooks, of Alabama, who from youth was an earnest, quiet and consistent Christian. They had three children: Robert M., Elizabeth E. (now Mrs. Couchman), and William T. The wife and mother died in 1874, and in 1875 Mr. Horne married Mrs. Plummer, formerly Susan Chapman, of Missouri. She had two children by her former marriage: Philip and J. E. Mr. Horne has been an Elder in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church many years, and has been superintendent of the Sunday-school twenty years. Mrs. Horne died January 13, 1892.

  
ELIAS McKEY, of Files, Hill county, was born in Navarro county, Texas, in 1849, the eldest living child of Elias McKey, of Alabama. The latter came to

Texas with his father, Thomas McKey, in 1834, settling on the Brazos at Marlin, where Thomas McKey died, in 1836. Elias McKey married Maria Wright in 1846, the eldest child of Thomas Wright, of Texas, who settled in Navarro county, where they lived until 1851, when they moved to Hill county. Here he accumulated considerable land and stock interests before his death, which occurred in 1862. Mr. McKey's mother, Maria McKey, died in 1861. He has one sister living, Mrs. Mahala Ingle, who resides in the West. In 1869 Mr. McKey married Sarah Miller, of Georgia, who came to Texas in 1850. Mr. McKey lived for several years in Ellis county, on Chambers creek; in 1874, moved back to Hill county and bought his present farm of 150 acres of raw land. Besides improving this he has made another purchase of 221 acres, and now owns 371 acres, and also 425 acres of land in Ellis county.

Our subject's parents died when he was only thirteen years of age, and he was early thrown upon his own resources. At that age he began trading in stock in Hill county, where he moved with his parents at the age of two years, settling on Richland creek. For several years prior to 1874, Mr. McKey resided in Ellis county, on Chambers creek, but in that year he returned to Files Valley, Hill county, and bought his present farm of 150 acres of raw land. Besides improving this place he has made an additional purchase of 221 acres, and now owns 371 acres, and also 425 acres of land in Ellis county. For an orphan boy, without the advantages of an education, the achievements of Mr. McKey

in the business and social circles place him in an enviable position.

In 1869 he married Sarah Miller, a daughter of J. M. Miller, of Georgia, who came to Texas in 1850. Thirteen children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. McKey, six now living, namely: Valelah, Edna, Leroy, Effie, Willa, Allie and May. Mr. McKey is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and his wife of the Methodist Church.



**W**ILLIAM A. LOVELESS is a prosperous farmer of Hill county, Texas, and is justly entitled to appropriate mention in this volume.

His father, Quinton J. Loveless, was born in South Carolina in 1819. He was reared on a farm there, and at the age of nineteen years entered upon an apprenticeship to the blacksmith trade. He continued work at that trade until the breaking out of the war. At the age of twenty-one he was married to Eliza Hanks, who was born in South Carolina in 1820, daughter of George and Mary Hanks. Her father and mother were natives of Virginia, and when quite young went with their parents to South Carolina, being among the pioneer settlers of Anderson district. Soon after their marriage Quinton J. Loveless and his wife moved to Georgia and located near Cartersville, where he worked at his trade two years. He then moved to Mississippi, and in that State died, in 1862. In politics he was a Whig. He served as Postmaster of Cripple Deer, Mississippi, from 1845 to 1851.



In religious matters he was active and earnest, being a member and steward of the Methodist Episcopal Church. To him and his wife eight children were born, namely: James M., a sketch of whom is given on another page of this work; George Milton, the second-born; Elbert, deceased; Quinton S., a farmer and stock-raiser of Titus county, Texas; Henry A. deceased; William A.; Eugenia, wife of R. M. Olinkscales, of Albany, Texas; Frances Elizabeth, wife of H. D. Carmichael, of Woodbury, Hill county, Texas.

When only seventeen years of age, in 1861, George M. volunteered in the Southern army and was sent to Virginia, where he was when last heard from. His nurse, who was one of his messmates, reported that he was in a hospital sick, one side having perished away, the army having left him there, and it is supposed that he died there.

William A. Loveless was born in Mississippi, in 1855. In 1869 he came to this State with his mother and settled in Titus county. After remaining there a year they moved to Hill county, where he rented land for four years. The three brothers who were then at home bought the farm that William A. now owns. The Loveless family came to this State with comparatively little means, but they are now looked upon as being among the solid farmers of Hill county. William A. owns 220 acres of fine land and has it well stocked and improved. In politics he is Democrat.

Mr. Loveless was married in 1879, to Miss Mattie A. May, who was born in Mississippi in 1858. She came to Texas with her

mother. Her parents, William and Mary Ann May, were born in Mississippi. Mr. and Mrs. Loveless have six children: Lillie Pearl, Elmer Cecil, Maude Vienna, William Carl, Myrtle Lee and Robbie Quinton.

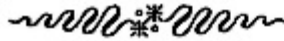
In connection with the family history of Mr. Loveless, it should be further stated that his maternal grandfather, Luke Hanks, was a cousin of George Washington's mother and was personally acquainted with Washington. Grandfather Hanks served as a soldier in the Revolutionary war.



**J**OEL ELAM, a farmer by occupation, and one of the first business men of Oleburne, was born in Spartanburg district, South Carolina, April 10, 1818. He began life for himself as a tinner in La Fayette, Alabama, under the firm name of Elam & Towers, and he subsequently went to Talladega, Talladega county, Alabama, where he engaged in the same business. In 1856 he came to Texas, settling in Rusk county, eight miles from Henderson, where he followed farming. He has been a member of the Baptist Church for years, and also served in the Confederate army, in Company E, Texas Infantry.

Mr. Elam was married April 14, 1840, to Miss Elliner Stamps, a native of Alabama, and they had eight children, viz.: Polly, the wife of Mr. Brock, of Parker county, Texas; Alice, who married Mr. Haynes, and both are now deceased, leaving three daughters, all now married; Banner, died soon after his

mother; Anna, who married Mr. Gun, and died leaving three children; Tonie, Dom Pedro and May, all living; Briton, residing in Ellis county, with wife and one child, named Banma; James F., living in Cleburne: he married Miss Callie Colman, a native of Tennessee; Ida; Lucy, deceased, and Jennie F. Mrs. Elam died October 21, 1866, and Mr. Elam October 27, 1870, married Miss Florine S. Pope, daughter of Jesse and Dellie (Pinckard) Pope. Her grandparents all came from Virginia. By the last marriage there have been two children: Jessie P. and Joel H. Mrs. Elam is a member of the Missionary Baptist Church.



**W. SHEPHERD**, a furniture dealer of Hillsboro, was born in Iredell county, North Carolina, January 7, 1863, a son of George T. and Mary L. (Irvin) Shepherd. The mother was a daughter of Joseph Irvin, a native of North Carolina. Her people are of Scotch descent and settled originally in our country when it was a British dependency.

George T. Shepherd is one of the most substantial men of his native town, was the founder and is president of the First National Bank, is a large land-owner, and holds many positions of trust and honor in business circles. His father, James Shepherd, was born in North Carolina about 1790, and died in 1880, at the age of ninety years. His wife is still living, at the same age, and enjoys good health. Both the Shepherds and Irvins are noted for their longevity. George L. Shep-

herd enlisted in the war and was commissioned Quartermaster.

The subject of this sketch was educated principally in the public schools of his native county, but most of his knowledge has been acquired since he came in contact with the business affairs of the world. He superintended his father's farm until 1886, when he came to Hillsboro and engaged with Dunham & Patty for four months. Mr. Shepherd then went to Houston, and was in the employ of the Houston Manufacturing Company six months; thence to Corpus Christi, where he was foreman in the construction of the bridge over the bay, and commanded a salary of \$150 a month and expenses. On account of ill health he quit this work, and engaged with the Mexican National railroad a few months; next returned to Houston and had charge of the tram road to the pineries for the Houston Company; from there he went to Tyler, where he was foreman of the yards for the Tyler Lumber Company three months; then returned to Hill county, settling at Itasca, where he was salesman and bookkeeper for M. B. Palmor & Co., and in November, 1888, he opened a furniture store in that city, with a stock of \$600. The business grew under his management until in January, 1890, when he sold out to Carlyle Clack: it invoiced fully \$2,500. November 26, 1890, Mr. Shepherd bought his present business of J. L. Barnes, and he now carries a stock of \$4,000, and from present indications the first year's sales will amount to \$20,000.

In November, 1888, he was united in mar-

riage to Miss Manie Bineyard, of Louisiana, and a daughter of E. M. Bineyard. Mr. Shepherd is a member of the Masonic order, and is Secretary of the chapter of Hillsboro. Mrs. Shepherd is a member of the Episcopal Church.

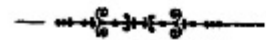


**N**EWTON J. KING, a prominent citizen of Whitney, Hill county, was born in North Carolina, April 15, 1820, a son of James and Rebecca (Ratcliff) King. The father died in North Carolina, in 1848, at the age of fifty-six years, and the mother in Georgia, in 1862, aged seventy-five years. The parents had fifteen children, viz.: Bettie, wife of Jonathan Coyins; Sarah, widow of Richard Cox; Johnson, deceased; Rodden, deceased; Harrison, deceased; Posey; Edmond, deceased; Kinsey, Turner, deceased; Caroline, wife of Drew Weeks; Newton J., our subject; Myra, wife of Andrew Culvord; Emeline, deceased, wife of John Logan; Lucinda and James, deceased.

The subject of this sketch remained with his mother until twenty-four years of age, and during that time was her only support. In 1846 he enlisted in the Mexican war, and served eighteen months, and is now a Mexican pensioner. After his return home he went to school one year, and in 1852 started for the gold fields of California. Mr. King took ship at the Isthmus, and was one of ten thousand who was there waiting for transportation, and only sail ships could be had. After a long and tedious passage they landed in the gold fields, and Mr. King was success-

fully engaged as a miner about two years. By hard work he secured money enough to give him a good start in life, and in 1854 returned to Texas, coming by water to Shreveport, and then across to Hill county. He took up a claim of 160 acres of land in Bosque county, on the Brazos River, which he improved, and he now owns 370 acres in that and Hill counties. By hard work and close management he has secured a competence, and he and his wife now reside at Whitney. Mr. King has served in two wars, and when the Civil war broke out he shouldered his gun and enlisted, in 1862 in Company A, First Texas Heavy Artillery, and was soon promoted as Captain of his company. His regiment helped capture the city of Galveston, and was in many shelling with the fleet.

He was married November 15, 1855, to Miss Evaline V. Basye, who was born in 1835, a daughter of Isaac Basye, who died in 1876. She was the eldest of ten children, namely: Evaline, wife of Newton J. King; Sarah, wife of Guss Lee; James H., deceased; Isaac L., deceased; Mary, deceased; Harrison, deceased; Martha, wife of Charles Enbank; George; Josephine, wife of James Weeks. Mr. and Mrs. King are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and the former is also a Freemason.



**F**ERRY W. WILIE, a prosperous farmer, near Mount Calm, was born at Holly Springs, Mississippi, July 9, 1843, a son of Alexander B. Willie, a native

of Tennessee. The latter subsequently moved to Mississippi, where he served as Deputy Sheriff and Constable. During the war he was Captain of a militia company of his county, and died September 13, 1866. He married Miss Elizabeth A. Thompson, a native of Tennessee, who is now living near Mount Calm, in Limestone county, Texas. The parents had nine children, viz.: Virginia L., deceased near Mahara in 1890, was the wife of C. H. F. Wood; Terry W., our subject; Mary P., who married Jonathan Rice, and both died in McLennan county; Laura, wife of E. R. Herring, a farmer of Limestone county; Albert C., Justice of the Peace and a farmer of Limestone county; James C., a stock-raiser of Poca City; Gertrude, deceased when young; A. L., a physician at West Station; Ada, wife of Prof. J. E. Murray, of San Angelo, Tom Green county; and George L., who resides with his mother in Limestone county.

Terry W. Willie came with his parents to Texas in 1858, locating in Limestone county, where they rented land near Springfield two years, and then bought and improved a farm. In 1861 he enlisted in Granbury's company, Seventh Texas Infantry, and was sent to Hopkinsville, Kentucky, where he was taken sick and sent to the hospital at Clarksville, Tennessee. After his recovery he returned to his command, working his way to Nashville, when they were all taken prisoners at Fort Donelson, Tennessee. Mr. Willie then joined the Texas Rangers, was in the battle of Shiloh and many skirmishes, was in the advance of Bragg's command through Ken-

tucky, and afterward with the rear guard of that general's retreat to Perryville, and was in the battle there. He was also in the battle of Stone River and on to Tullahoma, where he was captured while on skirmishing duty, and carried to Cowan Station and there paroled, but not set free. He was then sent to Nashville, next to Louisville, then to Camp Chase, Ohio, and afterward to Camp Douglas, Chicago, where he remained a prisoner until June 14, 1865.

At the close of the war Mr. Willie landed at Shreveport, Louisiana, without money or good clothing, and 250 miles from home. He soon found employment to drive stock to a place near his home, for which he received 25 cents per day, and arrived home July 16, 1865. He lived with his father and an uncle until the following June, when he was again employed to drive stock, being absent three months. He next took a drove of horses to Louisiana, which he sold successfully, and his father then gave him and his younger brother a tract of land. Soon afterward Mr. Willie purchased his brother's interest in the land, and in 1874 he erected a comfortable house, and has since been engaged in improving his place. From time to time he has added to his land until he now owns 500 acres, 150 acres of which is cultivated, and he also owns 400 acres three miles from the home farm.

Mr. Willie married Miss Callie B. Adams, a daughter of Samuel Adams, who came to Fannin county, Texas, in 1852. They had five children, only one of whom still survives: Walter A., born January 14, 1876, is at

home. The wife and mother died September 28, 1881, and December 4, 1883, the father married Maggie A., widow of Mr. Tummins, and a sister of his former wife. They have had four children, three of whom still survive: Terry W., born September 8, 1886; Charles L., December 16, 1887; and Denny E., September 27, 1890. Mr. Wilie has served as County Commissioner four years, is a member of the Masonic fraternity and the Baptist Church; his wife is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

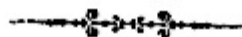


**W**ILLIAM B. NAUGLE, a representative farmer of Hill county, is a son of William Naugle, who was born in North Carolina in 1807, a son of — and Elizabeth Naugle, natives also of North Carolina. Politically, William Naugle was a Whig; religiously, a member of the Methodist Church; was a farmer by occupation; a man of good habits, even temper, and was universally liked by those who knew him. Our subject's mother, *nee* Mary A. Bogin, was born in South Carolina in 1815, a daughter of Isaac and Mary Bogin. Mr. and Mrs. Naugle were married in 1838, and had six children, *viz.*: William B., our subject; James O., who died in Arkansas in 1886; Elizabeth, wife of Wesley Cain, of Mississippi; Mary J., wife of A. J. Foster; Tabitha, wife of J. T. Griffin; and Leaner, of Mississippi.

The subject of this sketch was born in Mississippi in 1842, and in 1869 came to

Texas, first locating near Covington, where he farmed on rented land several years. He then bought his present home, where he located in 1871. Mr. Naugle enlisted in the Confederate service when eighteen years of age, in 1861, in the Seventeenth Mississippi Regiment, Company A, and served to the close of the war. He was wounded at the battle of Chickamauga, and was taken prisoner a few days before the surrender. After returning home he began life for himself with about \$500, and he now has about 600 acres, with 350 acres under cultivation, and well stocked.

In 1867 Mr. Naugle married Miss Rachel Easter, a native of Mississippi, and a daughter of Jasper M. and Sarah (King) Easter, natives of South Carolina. Eight children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Naugle, namely: James F., William J., Charles W., Ira T., Mary M., Rachel E., Sarah E. and Etta. Politically, Mr. Naugle is a Democrat; socially, a member of the Masonic order; and religiously, both he and his wife are members of the Baptist Church.



**M**EREDITH S. HOLLAND, who is prominently identified with the progressive agriculturists of Hill county, was born in the State of Tennessee in 1847, and is a son of James and Frances (Scott) Holland. James Holland was the son of William Holland, who married Nancy Morris; she was reared in Sumner county, Tennessee, twenty miles east of Nashville. By that



marriage were four daughters and three sons. William Holland's father was Asa Holland, who was brought up in Bedford county, Virginia, and was a farmer during life. After his death, in that county, his wife removed to Smith (now Mucon) county, Tennessee, when William was about fourteen years of age, and settled on the dividing ridge between the Cumberland and Barren rivers. James Holland was born July 4, 1817, and in early life began his military career. He served as Captain of the State militia several years, and in 1846 enlisted in the Mexican war as a volunteer in Colonel Bob Bennett's company, Colonel M. H. Campbell's regiment; he was mustered into the service June 2, 1846, and served little more than one year; he participated in the battle of Monterey, September 21, 22 and 23. The journey to Tampico bay was made by land, thence by water to Vera Cruz, and thence overland to the city of Mexico, after which he participated in the battle of Cerro Gordo; he then went to Jalapa, returning to his home by way of New Orleans. Since that time he has followed the vocation of farming. He was married to Fannie Scott, a daughter of John Scott, and they have reared a family of ten children, seven sons and three daughters; four sons and one daughter are living. The father is now (1892) seventy-four years old, but the mother has been dead several years.

Meredith S. Holland remained under the parental roof until he was twenty-one years of age; he had been trained in all the details of farm work, and when he started out in life for himself he followed the same vocation.

He rented land in his native State for a period of eight years, and in 1876 he came to Texas, and rented land in Fannin county, for one year; next he located about three miles north of Itasca, and in 1890 removed to the place where he now lives. Although he started in business for himself with little capital he has accumulated a competence, now owning 289 acres of land, 214 of which are well stocked and in an advanced state of cultivation.

In 1868 Mr. Holland was married to Miss Arminda Harlin, who was born in Tennessee, September 20, 1848, a daughter of John and Polly (Meadow) Harlin, also natives of Tennessee. Of this union seven children have been born: Perry M., Ida, Robert, deceased, Dora, Clay, Horace and Ada. Mr. Holland is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and both he and his wife belong to the Baptist Church; he has served as a Deacon for eight years. Politically he affiliates with the Democratic party, and is a staunch supporter of the principles of that party.



**W**ILLIAM C. SENTER, a successful farmer and a highly respected citizen of Johnson county, Texas, is a son of James C. and Frankie (Jackson) Senter. His father was born in North Carolina, in 1806; moved from his native State to Virginia, and from there to Tennessee, where he died in 1842. He was a self-made man and a prominent minister in the Missionary Baptist Church. The mother was a native of Ten-