

SENATORS.

William Gaston	1838-40	David K. Green	1866-68
" "	1840-42	John P. Van Dorston	1868-70
John Crain	1842-44	" "	
" "	1844-46	Jediah F. Alexander	1870-72
Elias S. Dennis	1846-48	George Gundlach	1872-74
Joseph Gillespie	1848-50	" "	1874-76
" "	1850-52	F. E. W. Brink	1876-78
" "	1852-54	" "	1878-80
John E. Detrich	1854-56	Thomas B. Needles	1880-

REPRESENTATIVES.

Charles Slade	1826-28	Jesse R. Ford	1862-64
John S. Carrigan	1828-30	Isaac Miller	1864-66
" "	1830-32	Daniel Hay	1866-68
" "	1832-34	George Gundlach	1868-70
James Outhouse	1834-36	Samuel Burnside	1870-72
Joseph Huey	1836-38	Fred. A. Lietze	
" "	1838-40	Charles D. Hoiles	1872-74
John Scott	1840-42	Andrew G. Henry	
Elias S. Dennis	1842-44	J. K. McMasters	
William Woodburn	1844-46	Andrew G. Henry	1874-76
Berryman Creel	1846-48	Wm. H. Moore	
Richard S. Bond		Richard Tierney	
Edward Y. Rice	1848-50	William M. Evans	1876-78
Sidney Breese		George F. Berry	
William Brewer	1850-52	T. Duane Hinckley	
William H. Maddux		Samuel W. Jones	1878-80
William Young	1852-54	John L. Nichols	
J. Bradford	1854-56	Fred. Becker	
W. A. J. Sparks	1856-58	John L. Nichols	1880
Charles Hoies	1858-60	Ervin H. Simmons	
Joshua P. Knapp	1860-62		

No mention is made in this chapter of a number of lawsuits brought at a recent date by the county authorities against former county officials. This omission is intentional. The results of those suits fell so far short of expectations, that the propriety of instituting them may be questioned. The people, however, thought themselves cruelly outraged by a loose and worse than reckless management of county affairs; charges of corruption and even dishonesty were heard all over the county, so that the bringing of those suits was but natural.

The troubles of those days have happily passed; the county's ship of state is sailing safely and securely on smooth and quiet waters—and no breakers ahead. The little craft, kept steady by an ample supply of ballast, drawn from the sad experience of former years of folly and extravagance, is well manned and ably officered. "All Well" is heard fore and aft.

In closing this chapter, the writer wishes to state with feelings of gratitude, that he is indebted to county officers and many citizens for their ready aid in the compilation of these sketches.

CHAPTER XI.

THE BENCH AND BAR OF MARION AND CLINTON COUNTIES.

MARION COUNTY.

THE BENCH.



THE first circuit court of Marion county was held at the house of James Young, Thursday, May 29th, 1823, and the presiding judge was John Reynolds, one of the three associate justices of the supreme court of Illinois. Judge Reynolds was born of Irish parentage, in Montgomery county, Penna., Feb. 26, 1788. At the age of six years he removed with his parents to Tennessee, and received his primary education in the schools of

that State. In 1800 he emigrated to Illinois, and settled at Kaskaskia.

At the age of twenty he took a two years course in a Tennessee college, studying Latin and the sciences. In 1810 he commenced the study of law in the office of John McCampbell, Knoxville, Tenn., and in 1812 was examined at Kaskaskia, before judges Thomas and Sprigg, U. S. territorial justices, and admitted to the bar. He was afterwards appointed judge advocate by Governor Edwards, and in 1814 opened a law office at Cohokia, that being then the seat of justice of St. Clair county.

In 1818, on the admission of the State, he was elected one of the associate justices of the supreme court of Illinois by the general assembly then in session at Kaskaskia.

In August, 1830, he was elected governor of the State on the democratic ticket, and in 1834 was elected to Congress, vice Hon. Charles Slade deceased. He served in that body seven years, and, in 1846, was elected to the general assembly of Illinois, and was made speaker of the house. After contributing several valuable historical works to the literature of the country, he died at Belleville, Ill., May, 1865.

The second judge that presided over the circuit court of Marion county was Thomas Reynolds, chief justice of the supreme court, and, under the constitution of 1818, presiding justice of circuit courts.

In 1825, April term, James Hall, judge of the fourth judicial district, presided at the Marion circuit court. Judge Hall was an eminent scholar, profound jurist, and versatile writer. He was a man of fine literary attainments and scientific tastes, and for a while was editor of the *Western Monthly Magazine* and the *Western Souvenir*, both ranking among the leading periodicals of the day.

In 1827 he was elected president of the antiquarian and historical society, which was established at the capital of Illinois, and afterwards became editor of the *Illinois Intelligencer*, published at Vandalia.

He was a man of vigorous intellect, and left his impress upon the times in which he lived.

The October term of the Marion circuit court was held by James O. Wattles, judge of the fifth judicial district. Judge James Hall presided at the April term of 1826, and at the October term of the same year.

In 1827, March term, Thomas C. Browne, one of the supreme judges, held the Marion circuit court. He was one of the first four supreme justices of the State, and a prominent pioneer of Illinois, having settled at Shawneetown in 1812. He was a native of Kentucky, where he studied law and was admitted to the bar. His professional life, however, began at Shawneetown, where, in the absence of court-houses at that early day, court was held in flat-boats, made fast to the banks of the river, the grand jury occupying one boat; the court, attorneys and attendants being seated in another. Judge Browne was a man of excellent character, possessing high intellectual powers tempered with benevolence and charity, and was eminently social. He was several times a member of the territorial legislature, and wielded a powerful influence in that body. In 1818 he was elected one of the supreme judges of the State, and filled the office nearly thirty years—a longer period by several years than has been served by any other of the supreme judges. He presided at all the sessions of the Marion county court, except the September and October terms of 1830, when he was sick from the spring term of 1828 to the fall term of 1834 inclusive.

In 1830, fall term, Judge Theophilus W. Smith held court for Judge Browne in this county. In 1835 the presiding judge of this court was Alexander F. Grant, who, under the act of January,

1835, pertaining to circuit courts, had been commissioned judge of the third judicial circuit.

His successor on this bench was JEPHTHA HARDIN, one of the numerous and distinguished Hardins then residing in the West, half-brother of the eminent Benjamin Hardin, and a distant relative of John J. Hardin, of Illinois.

He came from Kentucky to Shawneetown in 1815, and resided there during his lifetime. He was a man of fine intellect and unblemished character. He was an excellent judge of men and measures, and a keen observer of passing events. He had a natural disdain of scholastic learning, being himself pre-eminently a self-made man—a man of inexhaustible mental resources and great originality. All these extraordinary qualifications combined to render him a jurist of magnificent ability and unquestioned fidelity.

From 1837 to 1847 Walter B. Scatis, who, December 26th, 1836, was commissioned judge of the 3d judicial district, presided over the circuit court of Marion county. He was originally from Kentucky, where he had received a thorough training in all the intricacies of the law, and was an associate justice of the supreme court of Illinois from 1841 to 1847, and chief justice from 1854 to 1857. He was a fine jurist and an eminent land lawyer. His death occurred a short time ago at Chicago. He was succeeded in this circuit by William A. Denning, who was presiding judge from 1847 to 1851, and was commissioned judge of the 3d judicial circuit, December 4th, 1848, and was associate justice of the supreme court from 1847 to 1848.

From 1850 to 1854 SAMUEL S. MARSHALL presided over the circuit court of Marion county. He was commissioned judge of the 12th judicial circuit, March 26th, 1851, and filled the office with distinguished ability. He was born in Gallatin county, Ill., March 18, 1821, and received his early educational training under the immediate instruction of his parents. Later in life he passed two years at Cumberland College, Kentucky, and made very rapid progress in his various studies. His legal education was obtained in the office of his cousin, Henry Eddy, at Shawneetown, Ill. Having been admitted to the bar, he commenced practice in Hamilton county, Ill., and as an attorney, rose rapidly to distinction. Subsequently he was a leading member of the state legislature, and having been elected, in 1847, states attorney of the 3d judicial district, he, by his vigorous and persistent prosecution, soon checked and crushed the lawlessness and crimes that had long prevailed in two counties of the district. He served fourteen years in Congress, and was during the most of the time the acknowledged leader of the democratic side. His influence and leadership have long been recognized in the national democratic councils and throughout his native state as an advocate of popular education. Judge Marshall resigned the office of circuit judge Aug. 10th, 1854, and Downing Baugh was commissioned the next day to succeed him. The latter was presiding judge of this circuit from 1854 to 1856, and was followed by Edwin Beecher, whose commission as judge of the 12th judicial circuit bore date of June 25, 1855.

In 1857 Judge SIDNEY BREESE, of Carlyle, conducted the circuit court proceedings of Marion county, and was succeeded in 1858 by H. R. S. Omelveny, who presided over the circuit from 1858 to 1861 inclusive.

JUDGE OMELVENY was born in Todd county, Kentucky, in 1823. He came to this county in 1852, and at first practiced his profession at Central city. From 1862 to 1868 he was a law partner of Hon. T. E. Merritt, of Salem. In 1869 he removed to Cairo, and thence, in 1870, to Los Angeles, California, where he is still engaged in legal practice. He is an able attorney and emi-

nent jurist. His successor in this circuit was Judge Silas L. Bryan, who came to the bench in 1861.

JUDGE BRYAN was a native of Virginia, having been born in Culpepper county, Nov. 4th, 1822. During his early boyhood his parents died, leaving him to battle alone with the world. About 1842 he came to Marion county, and from that time to the day of his death this was his home. In 1845 he entered McKendree College, and in 1849 graduated from that institution. In 1851 he was admitted to practice law, and was for thirty years an honored member of the Marion bar. He was a member of the state senate eight years, and for twelve years, extending from 1861 to 1873, was circuit judge of this judicial district, and during that time presided at all the regular sessions of the court held at Salem. He was also a member of the convention that framed our present state constitution and took a conspicuous part in the deliberations of that body.

Judge Bryan had a well developed intellect, and was a man of fine philanthropic feelings, and a firm believer in the doctrines of Christianity. His devotion to the latter was best exemplified by his invariable custom of praying three times a day. Wherever he might chance to be, whether on the bench, in the street, or at his home when his accustomed hour of devotion arrived he would promptly kneel and engage in silent prayer. As judge, citizen, father, and husband he was highly esteemed and beloved. His death occurred March 30, 1880, and during the session of the circuit court of the county, held in the following August, resolutions of respect for the deceased were unanimously passed by the bar and spread upon the circuit court records. From 1873 to the present time, with two exceptions, Judge Amos Watts has been the presiding judge at all the sessions of the Marion circuit court. His two associate judges in this (3d) judicial district are Hons. William H. Snyder, of Belleville, and George W. Wall, of Du Quoin, Ill.

JUDGE WALL is a native of Ohio, whence, at an early age, he came with his parents to Illinois. He took a partial course of study at McKendree College, and, in 1858, graduated from the Michigan University. He immediately applied himself to the study of law in the office of C. J. Simons at Cairo, and subsequently attended the Cincinnati Law School, graduating therefrom in 1859. He was admitted to the bar in June of the same year, and soon afterward opened a law-office at Du Quoin, Illinois.

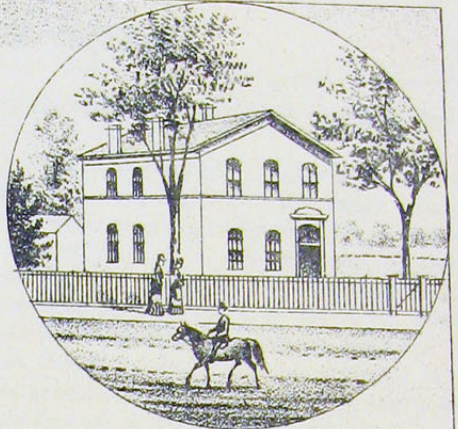
In 1861 he was a member of the state constitutional convention, and in 1864 was elected State's attorney of the third judicial district. He was also a member of the constitutional convention of 1870, and, in August, 1877, was elected circuit judge of the third judicial district of Illinois, which office he fills with eminent ability.

JUDGE WILLIAM H. SNYDER commenced the practice of law at Belleville in the year 1845. He is a native of St. Clair county where his father, Adam W. Snyder, was one of the leading lawyers of his time. William H. finished his scholastic education at McKendree College. During the administration of James K. Polk, he was post-master of Belleville. His early legal education was obtained in the office of Gov. Koerner. He was adjutant of the fifth Illinois regiment during the Mexican war. He was twice a member of the state legislature, and was appointed state's attorney by Gov. Matteson. In 1857 he was elected judge of the circuit court, and served in that capacity four and a-half years. He was a member of the state constitutional convention of 1870, and in 1873 was again elected circuit judge, and in 1879 was re-elected. He is a genial gentleman, able jurist and popular and efficient judge.

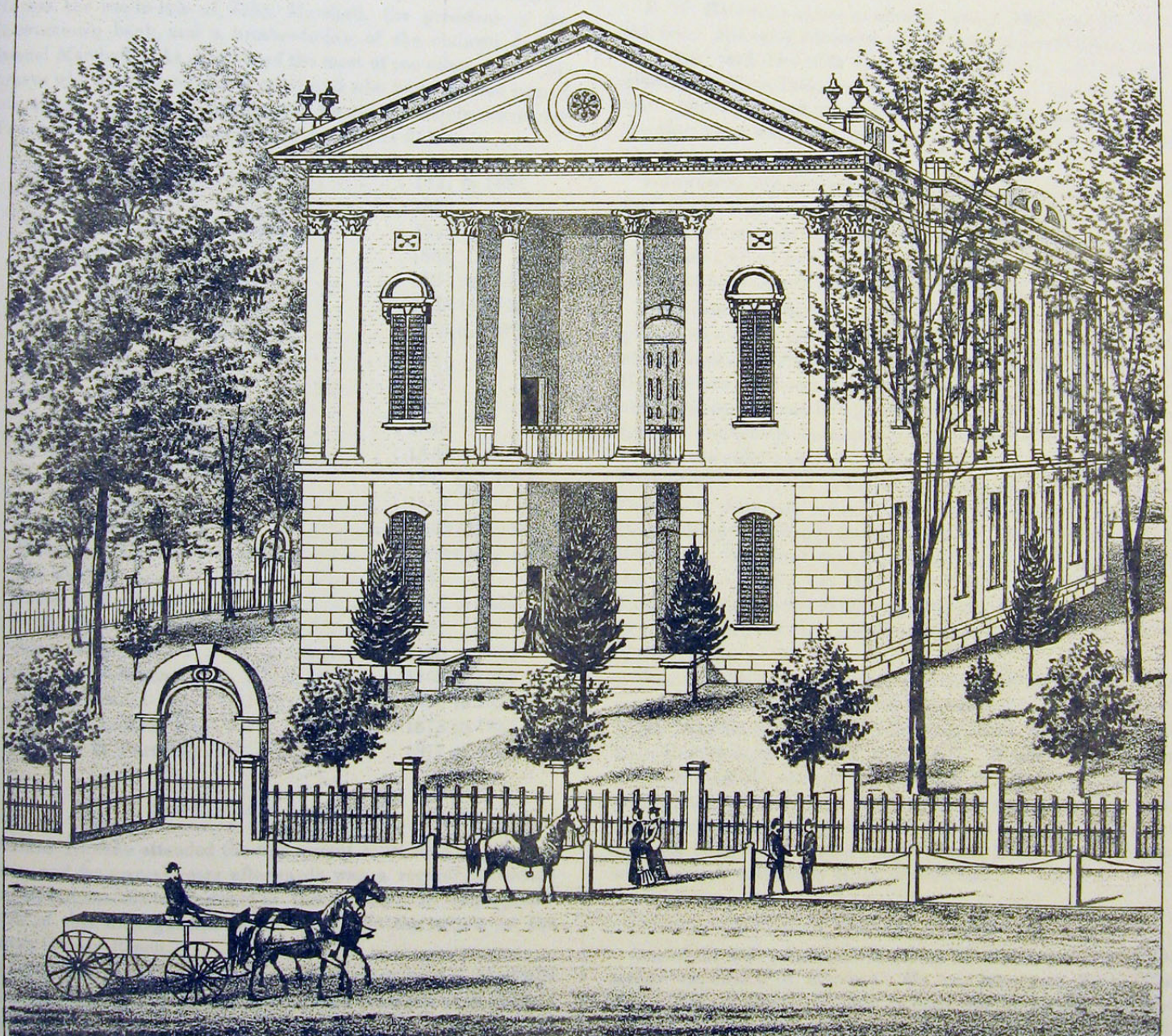
JUDGE AMOS WATTS was born in St. Clair county, Ill., October 21, 1825. His early education was obtained under a private tutor,



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who gave him instruction in the evening, after the day's work on the farm had been done. In this way he received all the literary education he ever acquired through the assistance of a teacher. In 1847 he was elected county clerk of Washington county, and was twice re-elected. He read law under the direction of P. E. Hosmer and in 1854 was admitted to the bar. In 1857 he was elected state's attorney, and in 1860 was re-elected. From 1866 to 1873 he applied himself closely to the study of law. In 1873 he was elected circuit judge of this circuit, and has proven himself an able and accomplished jurist.

STATE AND PROSECUTING ATTORNEYS.

The first prosecuting attorney of the Marion county circuit was HENRY EDDY, a distinguished lawyer of Southern Illinois. He officiated in that capacity from 1825 to 1827, and at several subsequent terms of this court. He was employed in most of the important cases that came up from the southern part of the district. He was the son-in-law of John Marshall, the president of the Shawneetown bank, and a brother-in-law of the eminent Judge, Samuel Marshall. As sketches of the most of the other state's attorneys who have attended this court and who have become men of note appear elsewhere in this chapter, we append simply the names of such officers and the dates of their service, as follows:

William J. Gatewood	1827 to 1832
Henry Eddy	1832
Walter B. Scates and H. Eddy	1833
Henry Eddy	1834
John Dougherty	1835 to 1836
Samuel S. Marshall	1836 to 1838
William H. Stickney	1838 to 1842
Willis Allen	1842
Richard Nelson	1843
Willis Allen	1844
Henry W. Moore (pro tem.)	1845
Benjamin Bond (pro tem.)	1846
Samuel S. Marshall (pro tem.)	1847 and 1848
— Rawlings	1849
Robert Wingate	1850 (May term)
William R. Parish (pro tem.)	1850 (Aug term)
Lee Turney	1851
James C. Robinson	1852 to 1857
P. P. Hamilton (pro tem.)	1857
Amos Watts	1858 to 1864
J. Perry Johnson	1865 to 1868
John Michan	1869 to 1872
James S. Jackson	1873 to 1877
William D. Farthing	1877 to date.

NON-RESIDENT LAWYERS.

SIDNEY BREESE attended the first circuit court held in Marion county, and for several years afterwards was a regular attendant upon all the sessions of the court in this county. A biographical sketch of this distinguished jurist appears in the article on the Clinton County Bench.

LYMAN TRUMBULL, whose eloquence has since rung in the halls of our national legislation, and whose name is known in all parts of the land, came here in early days from Belleville to practice his profession.

CHARLES CONSTABLE, an eminent criminal lawyer, of Edwards county, and afterwards circuit Judge of the 4th Judicial district

was prominent among the attorneys from abroad, that from time to time practiced at this court.

FINNEY D. PRESTON was accustomed to practice here. He was born in Wabash county, Ill., Aug. 12, 1820. His father was one of the pioneers of the state, having originally come from Pennsylvania. Finney D. worked on a farm till 1839, and afterwards taught school. In 1844 he was elected clerk of the House of Representatives of Illinois, and in 1846 clerk of the State Senate. Subsequently he was clerk of the Supreme Court of Southern Ills. He studied law at Mt. Vernon, and in 1853 was admitted to the bar. He commenced practice at Olney, and has since been a member of the State Legislature, U. S. Mail Agent of the North-western States, and several terms States' Attorney.

JUDGE W. H. UNDERWOOD, of Belleville, has practiced here, but a more extended notice of him appears in the article on the Bench and Bar of Clinton county.

B. W. HENRY, a native of Shelby county, Ills., has pleaded at this bar. His early education was obtained in the Sullivan Academy. He read law with Hon. John R. Eden, and afterwards graduated from a Tennessee law school, and was licensed to practice. He commenced practice at Vandalia. He was a member of the State Constitutional Convention of 1870. He has always had an extensive practice.

EDWARD S. WILSON, a native of Illinois, has occasionally practiced at the Marion bar. He studied law with Judge J. C. Allen, and in 1861 received license to practice. He is now a resident of Olney, Ills., where he has a large real estate practice, and is one of the ablest attorneys in that portion of the state.

HON. JOHN A. McCLERNAND, of Springfield, Ill., whose distinguished services in civil and military affairs are matters of history, was accustomed formerly to practice in the Marion Circuit Court. Here too practiced occasionally Judge Joseph Gillespie, one of the early eminent lawyers of Illinois, an intimate friend of Abraham Lincoln, and closely associated in his profession at an early day with all the older attorneys of the state. He is still a resident of Edwardsville. Robert Wingate, now living at Jefferson City, Mo., Hon. S. S. Marshall, whose sketch appears among those of the Bench, Benjamin Bond, Richard S. Bond, Daniel White, W. H. Gray, Hon. Wm. A. J. Sparks, present member of Congress from this district, Gustave Van Hoorebeke, Frederick A. Lietze, Darius Kingsbury, Alexander White, and Harvey P. Buxton, all of Carlyle, have practiced here, and their sketches appear under the Bar of Clinton Co.

WILLIAM H. PARISH has been an occasional practitioner at this court. He is a native of Illinois, and received his literary training in the Danville High School. He commenced practice at Benton, Ill., and afterwards removed to Raleigh. In 1874 he was elected to the state senate, and was a prominent member of the independents in that body. He is a fine lawyer and an honest, upright man. Judge Aaron Shaw, of Richland county, an eminent criminal lawyer, and Hon. Amos Watts, present circuit judge of this district, were formerly attendants at the Marion bar.

FORMER MEMBERS OF THE BAR.

One of the most prominent members of the former bar of this county was Gen. I. N. HAYNIE. He was born near Dover, Tennessee, Nov. 18, 1824. In 1830 he came with his parents to Marion county. He commenced the study of law in 1844, and in 1846 was admitted to the bar. He served in the Mexican war as first lieutenant of company C, Sixth Illinois regiment, and on the declaration of peace resumed practice at Salem. In 1850 he was elected

to the Illinois legislature. In 1853 he graduated from the law department of the Louisville University with the highest honors of his class. He resumed and continued his practice at Salem till 1856, when he was appointed Judge of the Court of Common Pleas at Cairo, and removed to that city. On the breaking out of the late war, he retired from the bench, and organized the 48th Illinois Infantry regiment, of which he was commissioned colonel by Gov. Yates. At the battle of Shiloh he was severely wounded. In 1862 he was appointed brigadier general by President Lincoln, and subsequently made adjutant general of Illinois. This position he filled with great distinction up to the time of his death, which occurred March 20, 1865. He was pre-eminently a self-made man, a fine lawyer, and a highly respected citizen.

Col. STEPHEN G. HICKS, a native of Georgia, was practicing law at Salem, when the war of the rebellion broke out. He organized the fortieth regiment Illinois infantry, and became its colonel. He received a severe wound at the battle of Shiloh, and was borne to his home in Salem, where he remained till July, 1862, when he rejoined his regiment, and continued in the service till the close of the war. He was also a soldier in the Black Hawk war, and in 1846 served in the war with Mexico as captain in the third regiment Illinois volunteers, and in 1847 was promoted to lieutenant-colonel. On public occasions, when making speeches, he was always accustomed to express the desire that when he died, his body might be buried in the American flag. His request was granted.

At the death of this veteran hero of three wars, his body was wrapped in the old battle-stained flag of the 40th regiment, and thus buried. He was born Feb. 22d, 1807, the anniversary of Washington's birthday, and died from the effects of his wound December 14th, 1869, the anniversary of Washington's death. He served in the legislature of Illinois with ABRAHAM LINCOLN and other eminent legislators of that time. He was a fine advocate, a fluent speaker, and, altogether, a self-made man.

BASIL B. SMITH, a former, well-known attorney of Salem, was born in Ohio, June 27th, 1829, and received his early education in the public schools of that State. He studied law under Gen. HAYNIE of Salem, and in 1856 was admitted to the bar. Being a man of fine business ability, and a clear, logical reasoner, he soon acquired an enviable reputation in his profession. He was a very fluent and eloquent speaker, ready debater, and, in all respects, one of the most popular attorneys that ever belonged to the Marion bar.

DEWITT C. JONES, commenced the practice of law at Salem about 1856. He was a partner of P. P. HAMILTON, and was a highly educated lawyer, fine speaker, and most excellent advocate. In 1875 he removed to Chicago, where he still resides.

JUDGE OMELVENY, whose sketch occurs with the bench, was for some time a practitioner in this county.

THOMAS F. HOUTS, who came to this county with his parents in 1840, studied law here, in 1842, with Col. H. P. BOYAKIN. His early education was mostly obtained in the public schools of Illinois, though he was for some time a pupil of Rev. W. F. BOYAKIN, of Salem. He was admitted to the bar, and became a law partner of I. N. Haynie, who was then just entering upon the practice of his profession at Salem. In 1856 Mr. Houts was licensed to preach, and in September following was admitted to the Southern Illinois Methodist conference, and has since been engaged in ministerial work.

In 1866 he received the degree of master of arts, *honoris causa*, from McKendree college. He was a fine lawyer and eloquent advocate.

W. B. ADAMS located at Centralia in 1858, and was a very successful lawyer. About 1863 he was accidentally killed in that city.

RICHARD S. NELSON, native of the Isle of Wight, opened a law office in Centralia about the year 1859. He had previously practiced at Metropolis and Mt Vernon. He was a well-read lawyer, and was specially successful in chancery cases. His death occurred about the year 1865.

E. S. BATES was for several years a resident lawyer of Centralia. He was State treasurer two terms, ending in 1872. He is now a resident of Chicago.

GEORGE A. SANDERS was a partner of Bates for several years at Centralia, and is now practicing at Springfield, Ill.

W. R. HUBBARD was formerly a resident lawyer of Kinmundy. J. O. CHANCE, J. A. NORMAN, F. E. HUDDLE, M. T. PETERS, W. WILLARD, P. P. HAMILTON, W. H. BRAZIER, J. G. LEMEN, A. B. GODDON, and H. P. BOYAKIN have all been resident attorneys of Salem, but of their professional standing sufficient data for sketches could not be obtained.

RETIRED LAWYERS.

Gen. JAMES S. MARTIN, who was formerly a prominent member of the Marion bar, was born in Virginia, August 19th, 1826. He received his early education at the Emory Henry College, of his native State. In 1846 he removed with his parents to Illinois and settled in Marion county. He served in the Mexican war as 3d Sergeant of Co. C., 1st Reg., Ills. Vols

He was twelve years county clerk of Marion county, and in 1861 was admitted to the bar. In company with two other attorneys he opened a law office at Salem, the style of the firm being Martin, Jones & Marshall. In 1862 he organized the 111th Ills. Inf. regiment, and was by Gov. Yates commissioned its colonel.

He was afterwards appointed Brigadier-general by President Johnson. In 1865 he was elected county judge, and served in that capacity till 1869, when he resigned and was appointed U. S. pension agent by Pres. Grant. In 1872 he was elected to the 43d Congress, and was an influential member of that body. In 1879 he was tendered and accepted the appointment as commissioner of the Southern Illinois Penitentiary, which position he still fills with credit to himself and honor to the state.

BENJAMIN F. MARSHALL is a native of Tennessee, his birth occurring July 9th, 1828. He came with his parents to Salem in 1834. He received his primary education in the schools of Salem. He studied law in the office of P. P. Hamilton, and in 1861 was admitted to the bar. He immediately became a member of the law firm of Martin, Jones & Marshall, at Salem, and commenced a general practice. In 1853 he was elected Circuit Clerk, and in 1862 was appointed Quartermaster of the 111th Ills. reg't. In 1864 he became a partner in law with Gen. Haynie, at Cairo, and remained there till 1876 when he returned to Salem, and became cashier of the Salem National Bank, which position he still holds. Mr. Marshall was 2d Lieutenant of Co. C., 1st Ill. reg't, during the Mexican war. In 1856 he was elected county judge, his term of office expiring in 1860. He is a most genial gentleman and highly respected citizen.

TILMAN RASER, a native of Pennsylvania, came to Illinois in 1857, and settled at Kinmundy, where he practiced law till the time of his death July 19th, 1881. He was a very useful attorney, and has filled several positions of public trust, among which was that of county judge of Marion county. He had a very fine law library, and was a scholarly and accomplished attorney.

PRESENT MEMBERS OF THE BAR.

In writing of the present attorneys of Marion county, it is not designed to give an extended biography of each, or to follow the too common custom of indulging in fulsome flattery and excessive

personal praise. Such a course would be as distasteful to the various intelligent gentlemen that compose the present bar of the county, as it would be inappropriate in a work of this character. It is sufficient to say in general terms that the legal ability and personal standing of this bar will compare favorably with those of the profession in other parts of the state. The following sketches are arranged, as far as possible, in the order in which the present attorneys commenced practice in this county.

The senior member of the present bar is WILLIAM STOKER, of Centralia, who in January, 1845, opened a law office in Salem, but who shortly afterwards, on account of granulated inflammation of his eyes, was compelled for the time being to abandon his profession.

Mr. Stoker is a native of Ohio, where he was born in 1822. His early education was obtained in the public schools of his native state and in those of Nashville, Ill., near which place he settled with his parents in 1838.

In 1842 he commenced the study of law in the office of Benjamin Bond, at Carlyle, Ill. His examination and admission to the bar occurred in the latter part of the year 1844. After passing through the Mexican war he, in 1848, opened a law office at Louisville, Clay county, Ill., and remained there till 1854, when he removed to Centralia, where he has since continued the practice of his profession. His practice is general, though his preference is for special pleading, in which he has obtained well merited prominence. He is at present in partnership with his son, the style of the firm being W. & E. L. Stoker.

HON. MICHAEL SCHAEFFER was born in Centre county, Pennsylvania, Nov. 9, 1821. In early life he attended the public schools of his native state, and afterwards took a preparatory course in the Meyerstown Academy. In 1842 he entered Pennsylvania College, at Gettysburg, and graduated in full classical course in 1846. During seven years that followed he studied law, taught school, and engaged in mercantile pursuits.

In 1853 he was examined and admitted to practice. In 1857 he opened a law office in Salem, Ill., in connection with the late Judge Bryan, the firm being Bryan & Schaeffer. He continued practice here till 1876, when President Grant appointed him Chief Justice of the supreme court of Utah territory, which office, though beset with grave difficulties, and involving most complex litigation, he filled with distinguished ability. In 1879 he resumed the practice of law in Salem, where he still resides, a highly esteemed citizen, and sound, reliable attorney, whose long experience and sterling integrity have secured for him an extended patronage.

Prominent among the attorneys residing at Salem is HENRY C. GOODNOW, who is a native of Ohio, and received his primary education in the public schools of that state. He afterwards pursued a partially classical course of study at the Ohio University; studied law; was examined, and admitted to practice. In 1859 he came to Illinois, and in company with W. W. Willard opened a law office at Salem. This co-partnership continued till 1869, since which time he has had an office by himself. He is an energetic, careful lawyer, and enjoys a lucrative practice.

One of the early members of the present bar is JOHN B. KAGY, who is widely known for his legal ability and successful practice. Mr. Kagy was born in Ohio, in 1830, and received his literary training at the Seneca county Academy of his native state, graduating from that institution in 1854. In 1856 he entered the law office of Noble & Noble, at Tiffin, Ohio, and for two years applied himself closely to the study of law. In 1860 he removed to Illinois, and settled on a farm nine miles east of Salem. He completed his legal education with the Salem bar, and in 1861 passed a suc-

cessful examination before the supreme court at Mt. Vernon. He immediately opened an office at Salem, a co-partnership having been formed under the name of Kagy, Brazier & Kagy. He remained a member of said firm about eighteen months, when he established an office by himself. In 1873 he became a member of the law firm of Bryan & Kagy, which continued about two years. Subsequently he practiced by himself till 1878, when he formed a copartnership with his present partner, the style of the firm being Kagy & Feltman. He is a careful counsellor and able advocate.

HON. THOMAS E. MERRITT, one of the most widely known attorneys in this part of the state, is a native of New York city, whence he emigrated to Illinois in 1841. His primary education was obtained in the public schools of Belleville. After working seven years at the painter's trade, in a St. Louis carriage factory, he, in 1851, removed to Salem, Illinois, and commenced the study of law in the office of P. P. Hamilton. In 1862, he was examined before the Supreme Court of Mt. Vernon, and admitted to the bar. The same year he entered upon the practice of his profession in Salem. In 1868, he was elected to the house of representatives of Illinois, and was a member of that body for several subsequent terms.

In 1878, he was elected to the state senate, in the debates of which he took a conspicuous part, as his numerous speeches published in the metropolitan journals of the country fully attest. Mr. Merritt's legal ability, combined with his ready wit and fluency of speech, renders him one of the most successful attorneys in Southern Illinois.

COL. L. F. CASEY, the leading attorney at Centralia, is a native of Jefferson county, Illinois. In early life he attended the public schools of his county, and afterwards pursued a partially classical course at the Mt. Vernon and Hillsboro Academies. In 1842, he commenced the study of law in the office of Judge Scates, at Mt. Vernon.

He was admitted to the bar in 1848, and immediately opened a law office at Mt. Vernon, where he continued in practice till 1852, part of the time as partner of late Judge Breese. In 1852, he removed to Eastern Texas, and opened a law office at Shelbyville, where he practiced his profession till 1866, when he removed to Centralia, Illinois, and during the year formed a co-partnership with Capt. Dwight, which still continues. Col. Casey was a member of the Illinois legislature during the session of 1846-47.

From 1854 to 1860, he was prosecuting attorney for a district of seven counties in Texas, and for four years was a member of the senate of that state. His ability as an attorney is first-class, and is so acknowledged by the legal fraternity of the state.

CAPT. JAMES S. JACKSON, of Iuka, was born in Kentucky, Sept. 15, 1831, and received his early education in the common schools of his native county. He came to Marion county, Ill., in 1850, and till 1861, worked at his trade of blacksmithing.

In 1861, he entered the army, as Captain of Co. G., 22d Ill. Vols., in which capacity he served till March 12, 1865, when he was honorably discharged. In November, 1865, he was elected county clerk of Marion county; read law, and was admitted to the bar in June, 1866.

In 1872, he was honored with the office of states' attorney of his county, and filled the office very creditably during the term of four years. In 1878, he was a member of the 31st general assembly of Illinois, and took an active part in the deliberations of that body. On March 4, 1873, he was stricken with paralysis, from which he is still a sufferer. As a detailed sketch of his life appears elsewhere in this work, it is only necessary to add here that, although unable

to walk, he still practices his profession, and is a safe, careful attorney.

CAPT. S. L. DWIGHT, of Centralia, is a native of Jefferson county, Ill., where he obtained a common school education. He afterwards took a partial classical course in McKendree College. His legal studies were commenced in the office of Tanner and Casey, at Mt. Vernon, and finished in the office of Col. Casey, at Centralia.

In November, 1866, he was examined and admitted to practice. He immediately formed a co-partnership with his preceptor, Col. Casey, with whom he is still associated in the practice of his profession, the style of the firm being Casey & Dwight. In 1870, he was elected to the state legislature, and served in that body two years.

In the late rebellion, he entered the army as a private, and was promoted to the captaincy of Co. I, 60th Illinois Infantry. Capt. Dwight is a most genial gentleman and excellent lawyer.

HON. WILLIAM WALKER, of Odin, is a native of North Carolina, and obtained an academic training in literature and science at Windsor, in that state. He was educated in law at Raleigh, N. C. and in January, 1857, was admitted to the bar.

He commenced practice at Plymouth, in his native state, and was clerk of the superior court of Washington county, to which position he was elected in 1857, on the whig ticket. This office he in 1859 resigned, and continued his practice till 1861, when he entered the confederate service, as captain of Co. G, North Carolina Cavalry. He was afterwards promoted to lieutenant-colonel of the same regiment, which office he resigned in 1863, and resumed the practice of law at the Roanoke district court. In 1867, he removed to Illinois and opened a law office at Odin, where he has since remained. In 1877, he was elected county judge of Marion county, and still fills that office with great credit to himself and satisfaction to the people of the county. He is a most refined and courteous gentleman, and enjoys a well merited popularity.

S. A. FRAZIER, of Centralia, a native of Indiana, was born in 1845, and at the age of five years came with his parents to this county.

His early education was obtained in the public schools of the county. In 1864 he entered the North-western Christian University at Indianapolis, Indiana, and there took a select course of study, embracing three years. In 1868 he commenced the study of law in the office of Wm. Stoker, Centralia, remaining a student in this office till 1869, when he was examined and admitted to the bar.

He practiced with his preceptor till 1871, when he opened an office of his own, and has since practiced by himself. He is engaged in general practice, but prefers that of probate and chancery, with which he is thoroughly conversant and successful. Mr. Frazier is a most agreeable gentleman, highly accomplished attorney, and an influential member of the republican party.

Prominent among the younger members of the county bar is HENRY C. FELTMAN, of Salem, who came with his parents from his native city, St. Louis, to Salem in 1852. Having obtained a common school education, he commenced the study of law in the office of John B. Kagy, at Salem, and remained under his instruction for a period of two years.

In 1872 he was examined before the Supreme Court, at Ottawa and received license to practice. He immediately opened an office at Salem, and afterwards formed with his preceptor the present law firm of Kagy & Feltman. He has filled the office of mayor of Salem, and is at present a member of the state Board of Equalization from the sixteenth Congressional District. He is a young lawyer with a promising future.

D. D. HAYNIE, of Salem, brother of General I. N. Haynie, was

born in Marion county, where he lived on a farm till the age of nineteen, when he entered the State Normal University near Bloomington, Ill. Having remained there a year, he returned and took up the study of law in the office of B. B. Smith, at Salem. He pursued his legal studies two years, and in 1871 was admitted to the bar. In the same year he opened an office at Salem, where he is still engaged in a general practice. He is a clever, genial gentleman, and as he is a young attorney, has his professional reputation for the most part yet to establish.

J. C. GUNN, of Kinmundy, is a native of Tennessee. He studied law at Richview, Ill., and was admitted to the bar thirty years ago. He practiced several years at Richview, and in 1870 came to Kinmundy. For some twenty years, extending up to April, 1881, he had not been in active practice. He was justice of the peace and police magistrate eight years in Centralia, and is at present city attorney of Kinmundy.

J. J. SCHOOLFIELD, of Iuka, a native of Maryland, studied law with John N. Furbur, of Kentucky. In 1866 he was admitted to the bar at Brookville, Kentucky, where he practiced till 1872, when he came to Iuka, where he has since followed his profession.

The present states' attorney of Marion county, WILLIAM W. FARTHING, was born in the county, February 15, 1847. He received a common school education, and afterwards took a partial course of study at the Washington Seminary, this state. In 1868, he commenced the study of law in the office of Hon. T. E. Merritt, of Salem, and continued his legal studies there till 1870, when he was admitted to the bar. In 1874 he opened a law office at Odin, and applied himself to a general practice. In 1876 he was elected states' attorney, and in 1880 was re-elected. He fills the office with honor to himself and satisfaction to the people of the county. His present practice is good, and his future full of promise.

J. F. DONOVAN, of Kinmundy, was born in New York city, whence, at an early age, he came to Sparta, Ill. When twenty-three years of age, he commenced the study of law in the office of W. R. Hubbard, at Kinmundy. In June, 1874, he was admitted to the bar, and has since practiced his chosen profession very successfully at Kinmundy, of which he is, at present, post-master.

EUGENE L. STOKER, of Centralia, was born in Illinois, August 14, 1850, and received his early education in the public schools of Centralia. In 1865 he entered McKendree College, taking a classical course, and graduating in 1870. He immediately commenced the study of law in his father's office, at Centralia, and in June, 1874, was licensed to practice. Soon after his admission to the bar he became the partner of his father, the style of the firm being W. & E. L. Stoker, which co-partnership still continues.

W. E. C. LYONS is a native of St. Clair county, Illinois. His parents were of Scotch-Irish descent, and came from South Carolina. His primary education was obtained in the public schools of his native county. He took a preparatory course at McKendree College, a classical course at Monmouth College, from which, in 1868, he graduated. His legal education was received in the office of Gen. I. B. Jones, at Sparta, Illinois, and his admission to the bar bears date of 1874. He was for some time city attorney of Centralia, but is at present not in active practice.

One of the rising members of the Centralia bar is CHARLES E. JENNINGS, who is a native of the county, his birth dating January 7, 1855. His early education was obtained in the public schools of the county. He took a scientific course at Irvington College, Washington county, Illinois, and, in 1878, graduated from the Union Law School of Chicago, the diploma of which was, without further examination, his passport to admission to practice by the Supreme

Court at Mt. Vernon, June, 1878. In the same year he formed a co-partnership in law with the late Judge Bryan, of Salem, which firm continued till the death of the latter, in 1880. Since that time Mr. Jennings has practiced by himself. He is a young man of sterling character, and in his chosen profession has the brightest prospect.

JOHN E. BRYAN, of Salem, was born in the county, July 4th, 1851. He received a common school education in the Salem schools, and in 1875 became a student of law in the office of Hon. T. E. Merritt. He afterwards continued his legal studies with his uncle, Judge Bryan, and in 1878 was examined before the Supreme Court at Mt. Vernon, and admitted to the bar. He was appointed master in chancery, which office he filled two years, and is at present township treasurer of schools. He is a young man of vigorous intellect.

JOHN J. RASER, who has been practicing law at Kinmundy since 1877, was born in the city of New York in 1854. He received his early education near Philadelphia, Pa., and at the age of 21 commenced the study of law in the office of Tilman Raser at Kinmundy. Two years later he was admitted to the bar, and immediately commenced practice. Subsequently he formed a co-partnership with Tilman Raser, which continued till the death of the latter in June, 1881.

MEIGS R. MYER, of Centralia, was born in Fountain county, Indiana, April, 1853. His common school education was obtained at Paxton and Centralia, Illinois. He afterwards passed a year at the University of Notre Dame, Indiana, and took a course of study at the Irvington College of Illinois. In 1876 he commenced the study of law in the office of the Messrs. Stoker at Centralia, and in 1879 was examined and admitted to practice. The same year he opened a law office at Centralia, where he is still engaged in a general practice.

WILLIAM R. BURTON, who opened a law office at Salem in the spring of 1880, was born in Franklin county, Missouri, in 1844. At an early age he removed with his mother to Indiana, where he obtained his early education in the public schools. He was a soldier in the late war, being a member of the 23d Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and during the Vicksburg campaign was severely wounded. He preserves the battered bullet that shattered his leg as a souvenir of patriotic devotion to his country, and a memento of the greatest civil war of modern times. At the close of the war he returned to his home in Indiana, and soon afterwards entered the North-western University at Indianapolis, taking a classical course, and graduating in 1870. He read law in the office of Payne & Burke at Liberty, Indiana, and in 1872 was admitted to the bar. He immediately commenced practice with Mr. Burke, of Liberty, and remained there till 1877, when he returned to Missouri, and thence in 1880 to Salem, where he has since devoted himself to his chosen profession. Mr. Burton is a gentleman of fine moral and intellectual culture, a fluent speaker, and one of the ablest attorneys of the Marion bar.

G. PIERCE DUNCAN was born in Marion county, Illinois, June 13, 1854, and obtained a primary education in the public schools of the county. In 1875 he entered the Agricultural College at Irvington, Illinois, and took a two years' course. In 1872 he commenced his legal studies in the office of W. D. Farthing at Odin, and finished them in the office of Casey & Dwight at Centralia. In 1878 he was admitted to the bar, and in 1880 opened a law office at Centralia, where he has since practiced his profession. As a young attorney he has good prospects.

The present Master in Chancery of Marion county is HENRY C.

MOORE, who is a native of Monroe county, Illinois. Having received a common school education, he read a course of law in the office of Judge Omelveny at Central City. In 1863 he was examined before the Supreme Court at Mt. Vernon, and admitted to the bar. After practicing a year at Central City he was in 1864 elected circuit clerk of the county, and in 1868 re-elected. In 1879 he was appointed to his present position by Judge Watts, and is not engaged in the active practice of his profession.

DWYER TRACY, who has been justice of the peace at Salem for the past twelve years, is a native of the county. He obtained a common school education, studied law in the office of Gen. I. N. Haynie, and in 1863 was licensed to practice. For many years past his time has been occupied with the duties of justice of the peace.

WILLIAM H. MASON, a native of New Hampshire, was educated at the Hancock Academy in that state. He studied law in Indiana, and in 1856 was admitted to the bar. In 1858 he was licensed to practice in Illinois, but he has since devoted his time and attention to other pursuits.

URIAL MILLS was born in Berkshire county, Massachusetts, in 1799. He studied law in Ohio, and in 1837 was admitted to the bar by the Supreme Court of Illinois. The same year he opened a law office at Salem, and for some twelve years continued in active practice. He is still a resident of Salem, but, as an attorney, he has long since been on the retired list.

JACKSON C. DOUGHTY, of Centralia, was born in Ohio, and received his early education in that state. In 1852 he was admitted to the bar in his native state, and in 1872 was licensed to practice in Illinois.

CLINTON COUNTY.

Prior to 1835 the judges of the supreme court of Illinois performed the duties of circuit judges. In that year, a law was enacted establishing the distinctive office of circuit judge and dividing the state into separate judicial districts, which continued till February, 1841, when the old system was re-established and remained in force till the adoption of the new constitution in 1848. From 1848 to 1877 one circuit judge was elected in each judicial district of the state, and performed all the duties incumbent upon his office. In the latter year (1877), the legislature passed a law organizing appellate courts, and also enlarging the circuits by consolidating two into one, and providing for the election of three circuit judges in each of the enlarged districts.

THE BENCH.

Clinton county was organized in 1824, and the first circuit court of the county was held in 1825. Judge Samuel McRoberts, one of the five circuit judges in the state at that time, presided. He was a fine lawyer, and a very kind-hearted man. He was United States senator from 1841 to 1843, and took a prominent part in the Oregon question, which at that time agitated congress. His death occurred March 22, 1843. He was on the bench in this circuit from 1825 to 1827, and was succeeded in the latter year by Theophilus W. Smith, who from 1825 to 1842 was one of the supreme judges of Illinois. He was a native of New York, and was considered one of the most talented supreme judges of his time. His decisions occupy a large part of Scammon's Reports, and bear favorable comparison with those of any of the supreme judges. He was the presiding judge of this circuit from 1827 to 1835, when he was succeeded by Thomas Ford, who, by request, held the April term of the circuit

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