

lawyer is a debtor to his profession. If worthy, it gives him an honorable character and position. The lawyer should prize and love his profession. He should value its past renown and cherish the memory of great men, whose gigantic shadows walk by us still. He should love it for the intrinsic worth and innate truth of the fundamental truths which adorn it."

The bar of Greene county has numbered among its members some who have been an honor, not only to the county, but to the profession and the state as well. So far as material was accessible, sketches are given of each attorney who has practiced at the bar of the county, being residents thereof. Not one has been omitted with intention; and of some, more would have been gladly written were the proper data at hand from which to do so. The peculiarities and personalities which form so interesting and pleasant a part of local history, and particularly of the lives of the members of the bar, are in some measure lacking, more from the nature of the case than from a lack of interest or labor. Unlike the fair plaintiff in the famous *Bardell vs. Pickwick*, we have no painstaking "sergeant to relate the facts and circumstances of the case."

One of the first attorneys, if not the very first, to settle in Greene county, was Alfred W. Caverly, who located in Carrollton as early as 1822. He practiced law there for many years, and was quite a prominent figure in the political world. He is noticed under the head of members of the general assembly, in the chapter on National, State and County representation.

James Turney, at one time attorney

general of this state, was a member of the bar of Carrollton, coming here about 1828. He is spoken of more fully in the chapter on representation.

David M. Woodson, for so many years the circuit judge of this judicial circuit, was also numbered among the brighter lights of the Greene county bar. A full biographical sketch of this eminent jurist is given in connection with the courts of the county.

James Pursley, one of the legal fraternity of Greene county, came to Carrollton about the year 1850. He was quite a politician, and was elected to represent the county in the 19th general assembly, which he did to the satisfaction of his friends. He afterward removed to Memphis, Tenn., where he died.

J. M. Woodson, a son of Judge D. M. Woodson, practiced law in Carrollton for some years. He is now a resident of St. Louis, Mo.

Charles D. Hodges, ex-member of congress, county judge, etc., was for many years a practicing attorney at Carrollton, where he died in 1884. A full sketch of him is given elsewhere.

James W. English was born in Mason county, Virginia, March 11, 1829. His father, Nathaniel English, was a prominent physician, who married Hannah Worth. James was but eight years old when his parents moved from West Virginia to St. Louis, from which point they made their way to Jacksonville, Morgan county, Ill., in 1836. In 1844 Mr. English entered upon a classical course of study at the Illinois College, graduating with honor in 1848. He now took up the study of law in the office of Richard Yates, afterward gov-

ernor of Illinois, and William Brown. In 1850 he was admitted to practice as an attorney in the state of Illinois, and in 1860, in the Federal courts and the supreme court of the United States in 1873. For five years the young but able attorney struggled for a foothold among such legal lights as Murray, McConnell and others. In 1856 he came to Carrollton, where his ability was soon recognized and the following year he was elected to fill the responsible position of state's attorney. He served in this capacity in an able manner until 1860, entering upon his law studies with renewed zeal. In 1871 he moved to Leavenworth, Kansas, remaining a number of years. On being apprised of the mortal illness of his old friend and colleague, Judge Woodson, of Carrollton, and at the solicitation of his many friends in this enterprising town, he decided to return here. He practiced here for a period of twenty years, and his course was marked by no ordinary ability. Mr. English married Eliza Stryker, a daughter of Henry Stryker, formerly a merchant of Jacksonville, Oct. 6, 1852. Mr. English is now a resident of Jacksonville, Morgan county, Ill.

Benjamin Mason, an attorney, came to Carrollton about 1858, and remained in practice until cut off by the hand of death in 1866, or 1867.

Albert G. Burr came to Carrollton from Scott county, in 1868, and opened an office for the practice of law. He represented this district on the floor of the 40th and 41st congresses, and a sketch of him occurs in that connection.

Asa Potter, now of Brighton, Macoupin county, practiced here in Carrollton, for several years.

Giles H. Turner practiced law at the bar of Greene county, and was a resident of Carrollton for several years. He is now a resident of Des Moines, Ia., where he enjoys a large practice.

Josiah Lamburn was a very bright and shining light of the legal fraternity of Greene county, but like many another man, he took to drink, and died of delirium tremens.

John J. Fitzsimons, a young lawyer of much promise, died in Carrollton, in 1874, while holding the office of state's attorney. He had not been in practice long, but gave evidence of rare ability and judgment.

John J. Fitzsimons, deceased, was born in county Meath, Ireland, on the 1st day of Nov., 1843, his parents being Robert and Mary (Toney) Fitzsimons. His mother died before he had reached the age of 2 years, and when John J. was in his 12th year, he came to America, whither his father had preceded him some 10 years. He was transferred from school at Cork to the St. Louis University, and remained in attendance at that institution until he graduated, at the age of 18 years. The civil war had then come on, and he went into the Confederate service as a clerk in the quartermaster's department. He remained in the service about one year, when he was taken sick, and brought home. He was employed in a clerical capacity for a time in one of the Federal army stations, at St. Louis, but, his father being a sculptor, he went into the marble business at Belleville. From there he came to Carrollton, where he was also employed for a time in the marble business. This, however, did not agree with him, and he commenced

the study of law, and soon after gave up the marble business for the legal profession. He studied with Benj. Mason, and was admitted to the bar Nov. 4, 1864, at Carrollton. He continued the practice of his profession in this city until the time of his death. In June, 1872, he was appointed by the governor to the office of state's attorney, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of William Brown. At the election in November following, he was elected to the office by the people of the county, on the democratic ticket, and was holding that position at the time of his death. He was married on June 16, 1874, to Mary Walker, a native of Christian county, Ky., and daughter of Joseph and Delia (Coffman) Walker. Her father died in Carrollton, in 1871, on the 6th day of August. Mr. Fitzsimons died on the 16th day of June, 1874. He was a leading member of the bar, and was rapidly rising in his profession.

Edward P. Gilson came to Carrollton, enrolling himself among the legal fraternity, in 1878, and remained several years. He was a native of Macoupin county, Ill., born in 1853. His father was a grain merchant at Brighton, where Edward passed his early years. He graduated from Blackburn University, in 1875, and going to Chicago studied law in the office of Lyman Trumbull. He was admitted to the bar in 1877, and came to Carrollton soon after.

In 1878, a law firm under the name of Root & Gardner opened an office in Carrollton and practiced for some little time. H. T. Root was a native of Michigan, born Nov. 5, 1853. When he was still young his parents removed to

New York state, but when 14 years of age the subject of this sketch came to Illinois. He took a preparatory course of study at Shurtleff College, but entered Princeton College, New Jersey, in 1872, graduating therefrom two years later. He then became a student at the Columbia Law Institute from which he graduated. J. C. F. Gardner was a native of Nantucket, Mass., and also a graduate of Columbia Law Institute.

S. G. Lewis came to Carrollton about the year 1880, and commenced the practice of law. He removed from here to Taylorville, Christian county, where he now lives.

Edward D. Baker, afterward member of congress from this state, U. S. senator from Oregon, and colonel of the 1st Cal. or 71st Penn. Reg. in the late war, and who fell upon the field of battle, at Ball's Bluff, in 1861, was long connected with the bar of this county, having been almost raised in Carrollton.

R. L. Doyle was also one of the legal fraternity of Greene county.

Among the lawyers who have practiced at the bar in this county, was F. E. Huddle. He was born at Tiffin, Seneca county, O., March 6, 1856. He was the son of Benj. Huddle, a carpenter and joiner by occupation, and Rachel Kagy. When four years old, his parents moved to Marion county, Ill., where a purchase of land was made. On the old homestead young Huddle remained until he had attained his 16th year, when he received full permission from his father to go out into the world. On leaving the parental roof, he had \$50 in money. Proceeding to Tiffin, O., he entered the Heidleberg College, where he worked for his board and tuition, re-

maining one year. In the meantime he received the news of a serious accident that had befallen his father, and he returned home, where he obtained a position as clerk in a dry goods store. Afterward, becoming a school teacher, he took up the practice of law, the dream of the farmer boy being to become a successful lawyer, and he accordingly applied himself with diligence. June 8, 1877, at the June term of the supreme court, he was admitted to the bar at Mt. Vernon, Ill. Locating at White Hall in July, he entered upon a very successful practice, when but 22 years of age. Mr. Huddle married Ida B. Lester, of Marion county; one child—Edwin B. He is, at this writing, engaged in running the Bloomington *Through Mail*, a literary magazine, of no small merit.

LAWYERS OF THE PRESENT.

Among the prominent attorneys of Greene county, of the present day, there are the following gentlemen: H. C. Withers, J. R. Ward, John G. Henderson, S. F. Corrington, H. H. Montgomery, E. A. Doolittle, Leander R. Lakin, in Carrollton; W. M. Ward, in Greenfield; M. Meyerstein, and T. R. Henshaw, in White Hall, and Patterson & Starkey, D. F. King and Duncan C. McIver, in Roodhouse.

James R. Ward, one of the most able and leading attorneys of this congressional district, is a son of McKinley and Eliza A. (Jones) Ward. He was born on a farm in Madison county, Ill., May 7, 1852, where he grew to manhood, laboring upon the farm, and received his early education. In 1867 and 1868 he attended the Lincoln University, and later at Jacksonville, where

in June, 1873, he graduated from the Illinois College at that place. He then proceeded to Columbia, Missouri, and began a course of law studies under Philemon Bliss, who at one time was chief justice of the supreme court of that state. He was admitted to the bar in the state of Illinois at Mt. Vernon, in June, 1874, and was licensed to practice by the supreme court of Missouri, at St. Louis, June 21, of the same year. On September 23, following, he located at Carrollton and here first began the practice of his profession. In November, 1876 he was elected state's attorney for Greene county, by a greater vote and majority than was cast in the county for the president, Samuel J. Tilden. His business now increased so rapidly in civil cases that at the expiration of his term as state's attorney he declined to be a candidate for re-election and supported D. F. King for that position, the latter having been a law student of Mr. Ward's. During this term of office, however, he established the reputation of being an able and successful prosecutor of criminals, rarely losing a case, and since that time he has been retained to defend nearly all of the important cases of that character in this county. He has been engaged as counsel in the most important civil cases arising since he began the practice of his profession. His earnest and faithful efforts for his clients, his careful and adroit management of a case, his knowledge of men which he utilizes in the selection of juries, have in civil and criminal cases secured victories for his clients. Possessing a thorough knowledge of the law, a retentive memory and uniformly giving to every case, regardless

of the amount involved, or the wealth or poverty of his client, a thorough and exhaustive examination and preparation, have characterized his eminent success as a lawyer and given him the appellation of "the poor man's lawyer friend."

John G. Henderson, a prominent attorney of Carrollton, was born near White Hall, Greene county, Ill., Sept. 22, 1837. His father, John P. Henderson, was a native of Kentucky, and a son of Rev. John Henderson, one of pioneer Christian preachers, of Greene county. His mother, Susan (Green) Henderson, was a native of Ohio. John G. spent his early life on the farm. He was educated at Jacksonville, Ill., and subsequently taught school during which time he also studied law. He afterwards read law with John L. McConnell, of Jacksonville, and on the 10th of Aug., 1858, though not yet 21 years of age, was admitted to the bar at Jacksonville, to practice in Illinois. He subsequently practiced law, and also taught school, in Morgan county, until 1861, when he opened a law office at Griggsville, Pike county, and entered upon the duties of the legal profession in earnest. But he afterwards engaged at teaching for a while, his last term being taught in 1863, at Naples, Scott county, where he practiced law until 1866. He then located at Winchester, and in 1877 was elected county judge of Scott county, serving in that capacity five years. Since that time he has given his entire attention to the legal profession, practicing in both Scott and Greene counties, and his practice increased so largely in Greene county, he decided to remove to Carrollton, which

he did in Feb., 1884, and his office and residence are now there, although he still practices in Scott county, during each term of court. He was married April 10, 1884, to Isabel Springer, nee Hanback. In 1878, at the St. Louis meeting of the American Association, of Science, Judge Henderson became a member, and for two years, was secretary of the anthropological sub-section of the association, and at the Boston meeting was elected a fellow of the association. He has written for that society several papers, mostly on the subject of anthropology, of which he has made a life study, and has accumulated a fine library of works on that particular subject. He is also said to possess the finest library in the Mississippi valley, of French and Spanish works on the early history of said valley. He has now, at the point of completion, a work on ancient names of the United States and British provinces, which has occupied much of his time for the past 20 years. Politically speaking, he is an active democrat, and has taken a prominent part in politics since he attained his majority. Judge Henderson is a member of the Illinois Natural History Society, and an honorary member of the St. Louis Historical Society. Several of his articles have been published by the Southwestern Society, under which institute he has done considerable scientific research.

Stephen F. Corrington came to Greene county in 1858, and located at Carrollton, where he has since resided, thus being one of the old settlers of the county. He immediately opened up a law office, and entered upon its duties. In 1859, he was elected county superintendent of

schools, and justice of the peace, both of which he held until 1869, his duties as justice, however, not expiring until 1873. In 1870, he was elected city clerk, and continued in that capacity, with the exception of one year, until 1883. In 1872 he was appointed master in chancery, which office he still continues to hold. In Oct., 1881, Mr. Corrington entered into the business of insurance (fire, tornado, and life), and real estate, in connection with W. H. Barnett, the style of the firm being Barnett & Corrington. In Oct., 1883, Barnett sold his interest in the business to C. H. King, the firm then being Corrington & King. In Aug., 1884, S. F. Corrington bought out the interest of Mr. King, and gave it to his son, Frank, The firm then being Corrington & Son. This firm is probably doing quite as extensive a business as any other concern of the kind in the county. Mr. Corrington was born in Millersburg, Bourbon county, Ky., Feb. 1, 1830, his parents being Rev. Elijah and Ailsie (Gray) Corrington, the former of English, and the latter of Irish, descent, but the health of Mr. Corrington being poor, they returned to Kentucky, the mother carrying her son on horseback to their native home. In 1833, the family again came to Illinois, coming first to Greene county, where Rev. E. Corrington entered and bought quite an extensive tract of land, and then settled in Jacksonville, Morgan county, going into business at that place. He continued in business there for a little over a year, when he joined the Illinois conference of the M. E. church, and was assigned to various charges in Morgan and other counties. He afterward removed to

Carrollton, where he lived until his death, which occurred in 1863. His wife preceeded him in Dec., 1862. Stephen F., the subject of this sketch, received his early education in a private school in Jacksonville, and in 1848, he entered McKendree college, at Lebanon, Ill., where, on account of his previous preparation, he was enabled to graduate three years later. He then taught school about six months, in connection with his sister, now the wife of Hon. Thos. B. Redding, a prominent lawyer and scientist of Newcastle, Ind. He then began the study of law with Judge William Brown, and was admitted to the bar in 1854. He afterward entered into partnership with William String, which continued about a year. While in Jacksonville, he was also engaged in the mercantile business about one year, but this proving unsatisfactory, he disposed of his interest in the business to his partner. While there he was nominated for county judge, but withdrew, and was nominated and ran for county clerk, but as he was a young man, and opposed by an old and popular candidate, he was defeated by a small vote. He was married in Jacksonville, in 1856, to Susan F. Bell, a daughter of Jeremiah Bell, now of Jersey county. They are the parents of nine children, eight of whom are living—Rosa, wife of W. A. Albright; Ailsie, wife of T. P. Clemmons, both living in Carrollton; Annie L., died at the age of 15, in Dec., 1876; S. Emma, by profession a stenographer, and assisting her father in his office; Frank F., the active member of the firm of Corrington & Son, insurance and real estate agents, located at Carrollton, Ill.; Eliza E., William J., Mabel R., and

tember, 1863, he removed to White-Hall, and engaged here in the mercantile business. This he continued until the spring of 1865, when he removed to Carrollton. From there he went to St. Louis, in January, 1866, and engaged in the wholesale clothing trade. After one year in that business, he returned to White Hall and engaged in the retail dry goods trade, which he continued two years. In his store he studied law, having determined to devote his life to the legal profession and devoted his attention to his studies with such assiduity that he was admitted to the bar in fall of 1867, while yet selling goods. He opened an office in 1869 and has since continued the practice of law. In this profession he has made for himself a reputation second to none in this part of the state. On the 17th day of May, 1861, he was married to Mary Hettick, a daughter of Perry and Sarah (Armstrong) Hettick,, natives of Ohio and Tennessee, respectively. Mr. Hettick was an extensive farmer near Scottville. He died in 1883. By this marriage there are four children—Sarah S., William, Yetta, and Mark. Mr. Meyerstein is a member of Carrollton lodge No. 50, A., F. & A. M. In his profession he holds an enviable position and enjoys an excellent reputation.

D. F. King, the present state's attorney, residing in Roodhouse, is a native of Texas, born Jan. 9, 1853. He was the third child of a family of seven children of Alexander and Mary (Wagoner) King, of whom mention is made in the Representative chapter. David was educated in Blackburn University, at Carlinville, Ill., after which he taught school and read law under M. Meyer-

stein, of White Hall, and then taught school and studied law at home until 1876, when he removed to Texas, and was there admitted to the bar during the same year. He remained in Texas less than one year, returning to Greene county, where he was admitted to the bar in 1879. In 1877, he was elected county superintendent of schools, which office he held until Dec., 1880, when he resigned. In the fall of the same year he was elected state's attorney for the county, which office he still retains, having been re-elected in 1884. In Sept., 1874, he was married to Nancy, a daughter of Jesse Morrow. She was born in Greene county. By this union there are four boys—Jesse A., John B., Oliver and Frank. Mrs. King is a member of the Campbellite church. Mr. King is a member of the Roodhouse lodge, No. 681, I. O. O. F., and of the Worcester lodge, No. 113, K. of P. He has represented the Odd Fellows lodge in the grand lodge of the state one term, and has been a member of several democratic state conventions, and of all the county conventions since 1876.

James L. Patterson, of the law firm of Patterson & Starkey, Roodhouse, is a native of St. Louis county, Mo., was born Aug. 29, 1846, being a son of Lemuel J. and Ann E. (Hume) Patterson, both natives of Missouri. Lemuel J. came to Illinois in 1844, and settled at Schutz's Mill, Greene county. For many years he was engaged in the merchandise business, and was one of the representative men of the county, having served the people in the capacity of sheriff four years, and justice of the peace several terms, in each of which positions he gave entire satisfaction to

his constituents. He is now a resident of the city of Roodhouse, and is much respected by his neighbors and friends. James L. Patterson, the subject of this sketch, received his preliminary education in the district schools of this county, and later attended the Winchester High School. In his 18th year he began reading law, under Judge Hodges, at Carrollton, and five years later, in 1870, was admitted to the bar. He had previously taught school for nine years, was deputy assessor for the same length of time, and township treasurer for five years, in T. 12, R. 13, now Patterson township, named so in honor of his father. In Oct., 1877, he came to the city of Roodhouse, and engaged in the practice of his chosen profession, in which he has been eminently successful, now being rated as one of the most successful attorneys in this part of the state. Mr. Patterson has been attorney for the C. & A. R. R. for the past eight years, and has a very extensive railroad practice, in addition to his general. The firm of which he is the head, was established Feb. 3, 1882, and has ever since practiced in the various courts of Illinois and Missouri, their practice being second to no other firm in this part of the state. In March, 1868, James L. Patterson and Mary E. Wilmington were united in marriage. She is a native of St. Louis county, Mo., and a daughter of Edwin Wilmington, a native of England. By their union, Mr. and Mrs. Patterson have been blessed with two children—Buell and Harry. Mrs. Patterson is a member of the M. E. church, and Mr. Patterson the Baptist, having united with that organization in 1867. He is also a member of White

Hall lodge No. 80, A. F. & A. M., of White Hall lodge, I. O. O. F., A. O. U. W., and K. of P., in two of which he has held most of the offices, at different times. He has been superintendent of the Baptist Sunday school ever since the organization of that society in Roodhouse, and under his efficient management, the school has flourished, now having large classes and a fine orchestra. Mr. Patterson was president of the town board at the time of the organization of Roodhouse as a city, and for five years has been clerk of the district board of education. In politics he is a democrat, and has been chosen as a delegate to every congressional convention held in the 12th district, and has at various times acted as chairman of the same. Since coming to Roodhouse, Mr. Patterson has done much toward the improvement of the city, being associated with Mr. Roodhouse in the erection of many of the best buildings in the city. They laid out the public square, and did much toward bringing trade to the city. Truly, it may be said that he is a representative man.

W. M. Ward, a practicing attorney at Greenfield, is a son of Jesse and Mary Ward, the former a native of Kentucky and the latter of Virginia. The father of W. M. was a farmer by occupation and was among the first settlers of Jersey county. W. M. was born Dec. 24, 1838, and attended the common schools until he was 18 years of age. He then took a trip to the Rocky mountains, where he spent eight years in various occupations. He was first engaged in mining, then was in the attorney-general's office, and was out on an expedition after the Red men and followed

them into their mountain fastnesses, and had some practical experience in Indian fighting. During his stay in the west he had a varied and checkered experience. In the winter of 1867, he returned to Brighton, and soon after entered the office of Asa Potter and engaged in the study of law, in which he continued about three years. On July 26, 1870, he was united in marriage with Louisa Prosser. By this union they have had three children, of whom two are now living—Louisa M. and Jessie W. He left the office of Asa Potter in

1872, and went into the employ of the R. & R. I. R. R. Co., as a machinist, where he remained one year. He then moved his family to Greene county and engaged in the milling business, which he followed until 1875, at which time he sold out his interest and located at Greenfield. On May 10, 1875, he received an appointment as postmaster, and June 5, got his commission. In 1876, he received the appointment of notary public, was admitted to the bar in Jan., 1877, and has since been engaged in the practice of law.

CHAPTER XII.

THE MEDICAL PROFESSION OF GREENE COUNTY.

From time immemorial the medical profession has been held in highest repute by all men, civilized or barbarous. Whether he is the learned disciple of Galen or Hippocrates, who has made a professional study of the healing art in all its branches, or the medicine man of the untutored savages, who, from the experience gathered from years of observation, uses the healing properties of the herbs and roots about him, honor awaits him on every hand, while the power of life and death, so far as it can be commanded by finite man, is placed in his keeping. The weary, suffering patient, lying upon his bed of pain, and the no less weary, anxious watcher, await the coming of the doctor with eagerness, and upon his arrival note every movement and expression, seek-

ing for the ray of sustaining hope. The medical fraternity of Greene county, have, with but very few exceptions, been an honor to this honorable profession. Ever ready to respond to the call of duty, they have defied the cold of winter's chilling breath, the summer's heat, or rain and darkness of all times. They have been compelled to thread the mazes of the primeval forests, or to cross the trackless prairie, facing the fierce snow storm from the north, at risk of life or limb, often with no hope of fee or reward, but only the consciousness of having performed a good action, in listening to the cry of anguish of those in distress. All this has been done by the physicians of Greene county, without complaint. If the good deeds done by these noble,

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