

and now owns 160 acres of land, of which 100 are under cultivation. He has resided in Cedar County since 1875, and is a member of the Farmers' Alliance. His wife was a Miss Margaret Lucinda Bryson, who was in Tennessee in 1831, and by her he has eight children: Amanda P., wife of A. W. Martin; Narcissus P., William B., Robert E., Linda W., wife of C. N. Philpott; Alice, Maggie and Jessie. Mrs. Vassar's parents are Samuel and Isabel Bryson. Mr. Vassar cast his first vote for Fillmore for the presidency, and is now a Democrat in politics. He served for about seventeen months in the Mexican War, being in Company H, under Capt. Simmons. Owing to the death of his father when he was seven years of age, Mr. Vassar's educational advantages were very limited, but he is considered a man of sound judgment, and is well informed on all the topics of the day.

G. L. Walker, ex-county clerk and collector of Cedar County, Mo., was born in Dade County, Mo., in 1841, his parents being Col. Benjamin F. and Nancy (Leeper) Walker, and his grandfather Thomas Walker. The latter was a native of Bucks County, Penn., and by profession was a physician, graduating under Benjamin Rush, of Philadelphia. He afterward located in Washington County, Va., and at the age of sixty years was married and had a family of four children, all of whom he lived to see grown and married. He lived in Claiborne County, Tenn., for several years, and in 1837 came to Dade County, Mo., and located one mile south of Arcola, where he died in 1845, at the age of ninety-seven years. He was a remarkably well preserved man for his years, and at the time of his death had not a decayed tooth in his head. He served in the Black Hawk War in 1832, and owing to this he was disinherited by his parents, who were Quakers. He practiced his profession through many years, and, although totally blind the last fifteen years of his life, still continued his practice, his wife taking him to his patients and preparing the medicine at his direction. He was in many respects a remarkable man. Col. Benjamin F. Walker was born in Claiborne County, Tenn., in 1820, and in 1836 came to Greene County, Mo., where he married and lived two years, going then to Dade County, in which he afterward became surveyor and represented it in the State Legislature. In 1848 he located in Cedar County, which he also represented in the State Legislature several terms, and of which he was public administrator and surveyor. During the late war he raised the first company in Cedar County for the Confederate States Army, and at the organization of the regiment was elected lieutenant-colonel, and at the death of Colonel Cawthon was promoted to the rank of colonel. In 1868 he located in Washington County, Ark., which he represented in the State Legislature, and was also a member of the