

BIOGRAPHICAL RECORD OF JEREMIAH BENNETT

JEREMIAH BENNETT, one of the honored pioneers of St. Clair County, residing on section 26, O'Fallon Township, was born near Hillsboro, Guilford County, N. C, January 19. 1819, and is of English descent. His grandfather, Elijah Bennett, was born in England, and having emigrated to this country in Colonial

days, served in the War for Independence, participating in many engagements of the Revolution. He was a farmer by occupation and died at his home near Hillsboro, N. C. in 1837, at an advanced age.

The father of our subject, John Bennett, was also a native of North Carolina, and in 1825 emigrated to Tennessee with his family. He there engaged in farming and operating a distillery until 1833, when he removed to Savannah, Ga. He afterward went to the Cherokee Nation, and his death there occurred. His wife, who bore the maiden name of

Rosanna Lineberry, died at the age of seventy-three years. They were married near Greensboro. N. C, and unto them were born these children: Eman-

uel and Daniel, who died in infancy. Sarah, who was born near Greensboro in 1812, married John Moreland in Tennessee. In 1836, they removed to Missouri and resided on a farm near Vienna, where Mr. Moreland engaged in business as a stock-dealer and shipper. They had two sons who are now farming and stock-raising in the Cherokee Nation, and a daughter, now Mrs. Eliza John, who resides on the home farm in Missouri.*

Emily married Elijah Hathaway, and died at the age of seventy-five years. They had five children: James, Eliza. Pleasant, Sarah and Paraleah. Polly was married in Tennessee in 1833, to William Moreland and they have four children: John, G., Washington. Sarah and Russell. Our subject is the next of the family. John, born in 1821, is deceased. William died in 1854. Eliza was the youngest of the family.

The subject of this sketch removed with his parents to Tennessee when six years of age, and in 1835 removed to a farm near Lebanon, St. Clair County, Illinois. Since which time he has resided upon his present farm, a period of more than half a century. The county was then wild and unimproved and from a tract of raw land he developed a good farm. He experienced all the hardships and trials of pioneer life and since has been engaged in agricultural pursuits and in operating a coal mine. On the 29th of October, 1840, Mr. Bennett wedded Mary E. Alexander, who was born October 22, 1824, near Lebanon, on the farm of her parents, David and Catherine (Thomas) Alexander. After her mother's death, her father married Naomi

Chase. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Bennett were born six children: Eliza J., born March 1, 1841, was married in 1859, to John T. Pulliam, a retired farmer of

Wichita, Kan., and they have four children: Charles, Caroline, John and an infant. Emily, born October 9. 1844. and John D., August 17, 1847. died

in infancy. Daniel S., a prominent engineer of this county, was born October 23, 1849, and on January 1, 1872, married Emeline Cooper, by whom he has six children: Jeremiah, Arthur, Harry, Lutie, Daniel and Walter. Margaret, born February 10, 1851, was married in 1875 to Jonathan Wright, a native of England. and they have seven children: Hugh. Rosa M., Albert S., Jeremiah B., William, Elsie M. and John. William H. was born February

1, 1859, and was the youngest of the family. Mrs. Mary Bennett died September 11, 1880. Mr. Bennett was a second time married, this union being with Mrs. Amanda Wolford, widow of Peter Wolford. She was born near Knoxville. Tenn.,

January 31, 1837, and is a daughter of Absalom and Frances (Quails) Hart, the former a native of North Carolina, the latter of Tennessee. They were married in 1834, and removed to Perry County, Mo., in 1843. The daughter was there

married to Mr. Wolford in 1852, and unto them was born a daughter, Frances Jane, who was married April 19, 1881. She died leaving four children. In 1861, Mr. Wolford enlisted in the late war and died in the fall of the same year at Cape Girardeau of congestive chills.

Mr. Bennett became one of the most extensive farmers and wheat-growers of St. Clair County, cultivating at one time five hundred acres of land.

In 1871, he sank a coal shaft upon his farm which is still in operation. It is now leased to B. Yoch of Belleville, who has improved it to the extent of \$40,000. This mine yields the finest coal in the county. Mr. Bennett has been prominently identified with the history of this community for a half-century. He was one of the organizers and the first president of the vigilance committee for the detection and punishment of horse thieves and other law-breakers. He is a self-made man, who by his well-directed efforts and perseverance has acquired a handsome property.

**This account is incorrect it should read as follows: In 1836, they removed to Missouri but John Moreland died soon after. Their son John P. Moreland resided on a farm near Vienna, where Mr. Moreland engaged in business as a stock-dealer and shipper. He had two sons who are now farming and stock-raising in the Cherokee Nation (Oklahoma), and a daughter, now Mrs. Eliza Jones, who resides on the home farm in Missouri.*