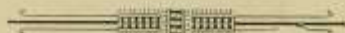


wife of William Hardy, a farmer of Harvey County, Kan.; Lemuel, a farmer in Fairmount Township, who first married Mary Glines and after her death Isabella Coss; Nehemiah, a farmer of Hamilton County, Neb., who married Ettie Walters; William, a farmer of this county who married Martha Bowman; John, a farmer in Hamilton County, Neb.; Nancy E., wife of Lewis Carter, a farmer of Brown County, Ill.; Thomas, a farmer of Perry Township who married Ettie Mathers; Josephus, a farmer of this township.

Our subject was a second time married in this township, taking as his wife Mrs. Mary (Bowman) Smith, widow of Frank Smith. Mrs. Martin was born in this county, October 21, 1858, and is a daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (Ayer) Bowman, both of whom are now deceased. Her father died in Kansas and her mother in Missouri, neither of them having attained old age. Her father was a native of Illinois and her mother of Ohio, and they were married in Pike County. Mrs. Martin was the eldest of five children, three sons and two daughters, and she was only eleven years old when her father died. At that youthful age she became self-supporting and did domestic work in Missouri and Illinois till her first marriage in the former State to Mr. Frank Smith. He died leaving her with two children, Joseph F. and Laura M. By her present marriage Mrs. Martin is the mother of one child—Kittie M.



SAMUEL ALLEN WHITE. A prominent position not only among the business men of Batchtown, but also among the leading citizens of Calhoun County, is held by this gentleman who is successfully engaged as a merchant. He erected in Batchtown a two-story structure, forty-five feet front and seventy-five feet deep, divided into two rooms and filled with a complete stock of groceries, dry-goods, fancy articles, boots and shoes, hardware, etc. He is an extensive dealer in farm machinery, wagons, and in fact, his store contains almost any article that may be desired. A view of this store building, warehouse,

the family residence, and also the flouring mill which Mr. White erected in 1868, may be found on another page of this volume. The flouring mill has been recently remodeled and fitted out with new machinery for the making of first-class brands of flour, meal and feed.

He of whom this biographical notice is written was born in Clarksville, Mo., March 16, 1845, and is a son of Joseph White. So far as information can be obtained it is supposed that the father was reared in the Territory of Wisconsin where he was born. He removed to Missouri, being one of the pioneers of Pike County, and purchasing a tract of land three and one-half miles from Clarksville, there spent the remaining years of his life. His death occurred in 1846; he was three times married and the father of eighteen children. Our subject's mother, whose maiden name was Julia Ann Tyler, was a native of Virginia and of the same family as President Tyler. After her husband's death she married Daniel T. Simpson. In 1851 she came to Calhoun County where she died in the year 1868.

Mr. White had one own sister, who is now dead. He was the youngest of his father's eighteen children and was in his sixth year when he came to Calhoun County with his mother. His educational training was begun in the district schools and completed at McKendree College, Lebanon, Ill., and at Bryant & Stratton's Commercial College at St. Louis, Mo. When twenty-one years of age he sold the real estate he had inherited from his father and invested \$2,500 in goods, with which he stocked a store in Gilead. He remained there two years and then moved to Batchtown, where he bought a small store. His business has increased rapidly and he is at present one of the most successful merchants in Calhoun County.

Mr. White was married in 1869 to Miss Azubah V. Nairn, daughter of John and Luna (Squier) Nairn. Her birth occurred in Calhoun County, and she is a niece of Charles C. Squier, whose sketch appears elsewhere in our ALBUM. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. White has been blessed with eight children, viz: Ida, Nettie, Dottie, Howard, Lillian, Curtis, Walter and one who died in infancy. Mrs. White is a consistent member of

the Methodist Episcopal Church, while Mr. White in politics is a staunch Democrat. Both are highly esteemed by all who have the pleasure of their acquaintance, and are actively interested in the prosperity of the township where they reside. As a merchant Mr. White is popular with his customers, whose respect he has won by genial manners, unfailing courtesy and fair dealing. Upright in principles, clear in perception and prompt in decision, with a competence acquired by unceasing industry in the community of which he is an honored member, he is now, and has been for many years, identified with the best interests of Calhoun County.



SMITH HULL, a prominent citizen of Pike County, a member of the Board of Supervisors, representing Kinderhook Township, has long been influential in the administration of its public affairs and a potent factor in advancing its social, educational and religious status. He has been successful in his business as a farmer, owns a valuable farm on section 7, Barry Township, and has a comfortable well-appointed home in the village of Kinderhook where he has resided several years.

Mr. Hull was born in Washington County, Va., July 31, 1817, and is a son of James Hull, who was a native of New York. His father was reared on the farm in the State of his birth and was married to Elizabeth Kinder, a native of Pennsylvania, who was partly reared in Virginia. A few years after their marriage in Washington County, that State, they came to Pike County with their family by team in 1829 and were among the first to locate in Barry Township, settling on section 19. They found plenty of deer, wolves and all kinds of wild animals in that sparsely settled region, and but few white settlers. Mr. Hull built a log cabin, entered one hundred and fifty acres of land and commenced the pioneer task of clearing, fencing, etc., and at the time of his death had a well-improved farm. He died in 1867 and his wife in 1874. They now lie sleeping their last sleep side by side in the Hull Cemetery. They were the parents of thirteen

children, eight sons and five daughters, as follows: Malinda, David D., Berthena, Smith, Andrew, Tate; Charles, Samuel, William P. and Annis, deceased; Joseph, Elizabeth and Martha.

Smith Hull is the fourth child and the second son of the family. He was twelve years old when his parents came to Pike County, and he gleaned his education in the log schoolhouse in Barry, which was furnished with slab seats, had a puncheon floor, was lighted by one window and heated by a fireplace with a mud and stick chimney. He remained with his parents until he was twenty-four years old, assisting his father on the farm, and in the meantime cleared and fenced twenty acres of it. November 1, 1840, he took a very important step in his life by his marriage on that date with Elizabeth McAtee. She was born in Bourbon County, Ky., May 18, 1817, and came to Pike County in 1829 with her parents, who were early pioneers of this region, and she was reared in the same place where her husband grew to manhood.

Before marriage Mr. Hull had built a hewed log house in Barry Township, on section 7, and took up his abode therein at once after marriage. He actively entered upon the development of the farm, placed the land under excellent cultivation and from time to time erected new buildings until he now has a finely improved farm of two hundred and thirty-six acres. In 1876 he removed to Kinderhook where he erected his present substantial, commodious residence and is living here in the enjoyment of a comfortable competency which he has procured by persistent labor and the sagacious management of his affairs. He and his wife have been blessed by the birth of four children, of whom two are living—Viannia, who resides at home with her parents, and Sarah E., who married Dr. Penick and lives with him on her father's old homestead.

Mr. Hull is a man whose calibre, business capacity and force of character have brought him to the front, and have given him a place of prominence in public affairs. He has been Supervisor, representing Kinderhook Township on the County Board for a long time, and is now serving his tenth year in that capacity, and during that long period has never missed a meeting of the Board. He was