

HISTORY
OF
HICKORY, POLK, CEDAR, DADE
AND BARTON COUNTIES,
MISSOURI.

FROM THE EARLIEST TIME TO THE PRESENT, INCLUDING A
DEPARTMENT DEVOTED TO THE PRESERVATION OF
SUNDRY PERSONAL, BUSINESS, PROFESSIONAL, AND
PRIVATE RECORDS; BESIDES A VALUABLE
FUND OF NOTES, ORIGINAL OBSER-
VATIONS, ETC., ETC.

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to Kentucky early in the present century, and in 1837 came to Missouri, settling in Dade County in 1840 on a small improvement on the west fork of the Limestone, where they spent the remainder of their lives, the father dying in 1848, and the mother in 1856. Mr. Preston was a soldier under Gen. Harrison in the War of 1812, and was a well-to-do farmer and stock-raiser. The subject of this sketch, a farmer and stock-raiser, one of ten children, had a very limited education, and remained at home until twenty-three years of age; he worked as an employé till he had a capital of \$300 or \$400, when he went to Fort Scott, then a Government post, where he engaged for five years in furnishing supplies to the troops, from which he made considerable money. He returned to Dade County, and in 1851 married Susan, daughter of William and Susan Fryer, who came to Dade County from North Carolina about 1841, where they both died. He has a family of two sons and three daughters living. With the exception of about four years during the war, he has lived on his present farm of 360 acres since his marriage. From 1862 till the close of the war he served in the Confederate Army, first in a Texas regiment of cavalry, and afterward with Gen. Joseph Shelby in a Missouri regiment. He is a Democrat, and himself and wife are Cumberland Presbyterians. The children are: Christopher C., William; Nancy V., wife of John Hoshaw, of Lawrence County; Louie B., wife of William R. Kates; and Sallie, wife of Oliver Murry.

Cyrenus Z. Russell, county clerk of Dade County, Mo., was born in Peoria County, Ill., in 1840, and is the son of Abner and Samantha (Seward) Russell, and grandson of Abner Russell, who was a native of Massachusetts. Abner Russell, Sr., moved to Peoria, Ill., in 1836, and there died in 1857. Abner Russell, Jr., was a native of Erie County, N. Y., born in 1815, and was a minister in the Christian Church. He was engaged in his ministerial duties for many years. He moved with his parents to Peoria, Ill., in 1836, and was married in that State to Miss Seward. He is yet living, and resides in Kirksville, where he has resided since 1875. His wife was born in Broome County, N. Y., in 1820, and she too is living. The family consisted of nine children, five of whom are living. Of these children, Cyrenus Z. Russell was the eldest. He received a liberal education in the district schools of Illinois and Missouri, and was reared on a farm. During the late war he was a strong Union man, and, June 18, 1861, he enlisted in Company I, Twenty-first Regiment Missouri Infantry; fought at Athens, Shiloh, siege of Corinth, Battle of Corinth, Tupelo, and was in many skirmishes. He entered as a private, and was promoted to the rank of second lieutenant. After being commissioned he was on staff duty, and was mustered out and discharged at St. Louis in February, 1865.

After the war, or in 1866, he located in Marshall County, Ill., at Henry, and began a hardware and implement business, which he continued for some time. Previous to this, in 1865, he attended commercial college (Bryant and Stratton's) in St. Louis, and, in January, 1870, he went to Fort Scott, Kan., where he resumed the same line of business commenced in 1866. The firm of which he was a member was J. Russell & Co., J. Russell being our subject's uncle. He was first a clerk for his uncle, and afterward became partner. He remained at Fort Scott until January, 1874, when he became a citizen of Dade County, Mo., locating on a farm in Grant Township. In the fall of 1886 he was elected clerk of the county court of Dade County, by a good majority, and held this position for a period of four years. In December, 1886, he removed to Greenfield, where he has since resided. In 1867 he married Miss Ala Ann Teagarden, who was born in Kentucky, and who bore him five children: Charles E., who was named after Col. Ellsworth, of Chicago, Ill.; John A., William O., and Leulah and Beulah, twins. In politics Mr. Russell is a Republican, casting his first presidential vote for Lincoln in 1864. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., Lockwood Lodge, and is also a member of Post No. 75, G. A. R., at Greenfield. He and wife are members of the Christian Church.

Judge Frederick Schnelle, associate judge of Dade County Court from the Western District, was elected in November, 1888. He is a successful farmer and stock-raiser of Grant Township, and was born in Prussia in 1836. His parents, Henry and Mary (Linback) Schnelle, were natives of Prussia, the father born in 1808, and the mother in about 1811. They were married in their native country, and in 1852 came to the United States, settling in New York, and there remained until 1854, when they moved to Mason County, Ill. Here the mother died in 1855. Mr. Schnelle afterward married Mrs. Henrietta Linback, sister to his first wife. She died in 1882, and two years later Mr. Schnelle came, with his son, Frederick Schnelle, to Dade County, where he died July 3, 1887. He was a farmer by occupation. He served three years in the Prussian army. His father, Carl Schnelle, spent all his life in Prussia, and was a well-to-do farmer. Judge Frederick Schnelle was the second of three sons and five daughters, two sons and one daughter now living. He attended the common schools in his native country until fourteen years of age, after which he came, with his parents, to the United States, and attended school for two months in New York, obtaining a fair knowledge of the English language. He went with his parents to Illinois, and in 1861 was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Behrens, a native of Prussia, where her parents died when she was quite young. She came to the United States with friends in 1859. By her marriage to Mr. Schnelle she became