

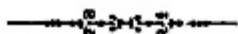
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the best improved farms in the county.

The last year of the war he entered the Confederate service, and was with Parsons' regiment in Louisiana and Arkansas until the war closed. About 1883 Mr. Davis served as County Commissioner for two years, being chosen to this position by his Democratic friends. He made an able official and many improvements were made in the county while he was in office.

He and his wife are the parents of the following children: William G., married to Ella Chambers; Martha Ann, wife of Hampton Savage of Grand View, Texas; Mary Edna, wife of William Harrell, of Grand View; and Finis E., a farmer and who married Sallie Wade, a daughter of Squire Wade, of Grand View, has two children; Eula E. and Henry. The paternal grandfather, Samuel Davis, was a Revolutionary soldier and the youngest of eight brothers. He was married to Jane Allison, a lady of Scotch-Irish descent, which blood also coursed through his own veins. The family worship in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.




**S**R. BOYD, of Hubbard City, Hill county, was born in Oktibbeha county, Mississippi, in 1858, the youngest of nine children of David Boyd, a native of South Carolina. The latter removed to Mississippi in 1835, where he remained until his death in 1856. He was a farmer by occupation, and during his residence in Mississippi he held the office of County Supervisor of Oktibbeha county. His wife, the mother

of our subject, was a Miss Elizabeth Robinson, of South Carolina, and a daughter of John Robinson. Only five of the children of Mr. and Mrs. Boyd, besides the one whose name heads this sketch survive, viz.: Mrs. Mary Arnold, of Georgetown, Texas; Mrs. Lucretia Ethridge, of Limestone county; A. R. Boyd, a physician of Billington, Limestone county; and T. D. Boyd, a farmer and stockman at San Angelo, Tom Green county.

The subject of this sketch, aside from his attendance at the country schools of his native county, spent three years at Cross Plains, Tennessee, and later took a one year's course in Vanderbilt University, at Nashville. He was a very ambitious boy, but without sufficient means to procure his education, except by intervals at work and in school. He passed the crucial test of a law examination in Choctaw county, Mississippi, was admitted to the bar, and located for practice at Chester, where he continued until 1885. In that year he came to Texas, locating in Ellis county, where he engaged one year in merchandising, and then came to Hill county, where he followed the same business at Mt. Calm. Two years later he removed to Hubbard City, where he now resides, and here he again resumed the practice of law. In 1890 Mr. Boyd formed a partnership with T. B. Whorton, and engaged in real-estate and insurance business; but Mr. Boyd still continued to practice his profession. In April, 1890, he was elected City Attorney of Hubbard City for a term of two years, is interested in the Artesian Well Company, in the Building Association, and is the attorney for both cor-

porations. He is secretary of the Masonic lodge, and the Keeper of the Records and Seal of the K. of P.

In 1883, Mr. Boyd married Miss Mary P. Buck, a cousin of Prof. Gorland Buck, Tax Collector of Hill county. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Boyd, as follows: Mary Eulalie, Samuel Theodore and Maggie Pearl. Mr. Boyd is an Elder in the old-school Presbyterian Church, and has been identified with the organization since twenty-one years old, and his wife is also a member and constant attendant of the same church.

  
**STROUD**, of the firm of Stroud Bros., wholesale and retail grocers of Hillsboro, was born in Freestone county, Texas, in 1856, a son of M. Stroud, who was born in Alabama in 1820. The latter came to Texas at the age of ten years, locating near the falls of the Brazos river, where he became an extensive farmer and stock-raiser. He was a soldier in the Indian wars of Texas, and also of the Confederate army, being a member of Parsons' brigade. Our subject's mother, *nee* Narcissa Oliver, was a sister of T. J. Oliver, president of what was formerly known as the Bank of Oliver & Griggs, and now the Fourth National Bank of Dallas, and was also a sister of Frank Oliver, of Grosebeck, Texas.

The subject of this sketch was educated chiefly in Corsicana and Waxahatchie, and at the age of twenty-one years he left school and engaged as salesman for S. A. Pace, of Corsicana. He was thus engaged three years, devoting himself entirely to his em-

ployer's business, and acquiring a portion of that energy, push and good judgment which are necessary qualifications for a successful business man, and which he now possesses in a remarkable degree. After his retirement from Mr. Pace's employ, he engaged in business on his own account in the same city; but six months later, in 1881, he closed out and came to Hillsboro. Mr. Stroud then embarked in the grocery business in this city, under the firm name of Stroud & Yerby. They opened their store with a capital of \$4,000, and their first year's sales amounted to about \$25,000. The popularity of the firm soon made the trade increase, and their safe methods of business multiplied profits, until they were enabled to handle the largest stock of groceries in the county. In 1880, Mr. Yerby was succeeded by E. B. Stroud, and a stock of from \$12,000 to \$50,000 is now carried, and the yearly sales amount to \$150,000. Six men are now in the employ of the firm, and a branch house at Mertens carries a stock of groceries and hardware of from \$5,000 to \$8,000. During the recent fire in Hillsboro the firm lost quite heavily. These gentlemen have also handled cash and collection cotton for several years, the largest number of bales handled during a single season being 5,000. They have adopted a safe method of doing business, opening their books in the spring and holding them open until October or November, for the accommodation of reliable customers, and closing in the fall, and courteously insisting on collections, but in no way approaching severity or oppression.

In 1882 Mr. Stroud married Lilly Leo Scott, a daughter of J. B. Scott, a pioneer of Alabama. She is the youngest of a family of five children by the second marriage of her father. They have had two children: Ethel and Clyde. Mr. Stroud is a member of the K. of P., and also takes an active interest in political matters.



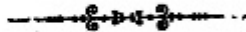
**J. NORWOOD**, of Cleburne, Johnson county, is a son of St. Clair and Catherine J. Norwood. The father was born and reared in Blount county, Tennessee, and is now living in Pikeville, Bledsoe county, that State, living the plain and uneventful life of a farmer. The mother is a daughter of Peter Hoodenpyle, one of the first settlers of Sequachee Valley, East Tennessee.

Peter J. Norwood, one of six children, was born in Pikeville, Bledsoe county, Tennessee, Oct. 3, 1842. He entered the Confederate army in August, 1861, enlisting in Colonel Henry Ashby's Tennessee Regiment of Cavalry and began his service in East Tennessee and Kentucky, near Cumberland Gap. He was in the fight at Fishing creek, and later the engagements at Chickamauga, Missionary Ridge and Lookout Mountain; from there went down to Jonesboro, Georgia; was with Hood on his return into Tennessee, and after the dispersion of his forces at Nashville was part of a detachment that made its way to the Eastern Army, then in North Carolina. Mr. Norwood served until the general surrender, was

a private throughout, was never sick or absent from roll call, and was captured but once, but was held only a short time. He was almost constantly on duty, on the march or skirmish, being in the cavalry service. After the close of the war he returned home, and shortly afterward went to Selma, Alabama, where for two years he was agent for the old Selma & Meridian Railroad Company. He then went to Bayou Bartholomew, Louisiana, where he was engaged in farming one year, but, on account of ill health, he returned to the mountains of East Tennessee, where he soon recovered. February 11, 1869, Mr. Norwood married Miss Ursuline Schoolfield, a daughter of P. H. Schoolfield, of that place. In 1871 Mr. Norwood came to Texas, settling near Garden Valley, Smith county, but after a brief residence there moved to Fort Worth and engaged in the dairy business. Four years later he moved to Kaufman county, purchasing a ranch of 4,000 acres eight miles south of the city of Kaufman, on King's creek, which he stocked and conducted successfully until 1881, and in that year decided to seek better quarters for his increasing flocks and herds. He settled on Pecos river, near Petrican Springs, but two years later came to Cleburne, Johnson county, where he has since resided.

After settling in this city Mr. Norwood purchased an interest in the insurance agency of E. T. Lewis, in connection with Zach Brown. The latter subsequently sold his interest to W. J. Rutledge, and in 1887 Mr. Norwood bought Rutledge's interest, since

which time he has been alone. This agency, of which Mr. Norwood is now sole proprietor, was founded in 1876, and is the oldest and only exclusive agency of the kind in the city. It represents twenty-one fire companies, four accident and one life company. Mr. Norwood has some of the largest companies in the world, and the capitalization of these companies amounts to over \$70,000,000. He has a well equipped office, and does a thriving business throughout the year. He is a member of the City Council, a director in the Farmers and Merchants' National Bank of Cleburne, a member of the K. of P., the K. of H., and the I. O. O. F. He is a shrewd, wide-awake business man, and a most excellent gentleman.



**M** H. YEAGER, a farmer of Johnson county, is a native of Washington county, Tennessee, and the third of six children born to C. F. and Selma (Hoss) Yeager, also natives of Tennessee. Our subject entered the Confederate service in August, 1861, in Company G, Twenty-ninth Volunteer Infantry, and served with this command through the war. He was in the battles of Corinth, Tupelo, Chickamauga, Missionary Ridge and Kenesaw Mountain, where he was taken prisoner in June, 1863, while on picket duty. He was taken to Camp Douglas, Illinois, and was exchanged in March, 1865, a few days before Lee's surrender. He remained in Tennessee from 1865 until 1873, engaged in teaching, and was also admitted

to the Tennessee bar. He practiced law in that State two years, and then, in 1873, settled at Alvarado. Three years later Mr. Yeager came to Cleburne, and bought a one-half interest in the Cleburne *Chronicle*, W. H. Graves being his associate. For six years they did all their editorial work, after which Mr. Yeager was connected with other county papers, until January, 1890, when he retired to farm life. He improved 200 acres of fine land one mile from this city, where he erected a beautiful dwelling, and now gives his entire attention to this place.

He was married in 1882, to Miss Mary V. Hightower, a daughter of V. N. and Matil-(Perkerson) Hightower, natives of Georgia. Mr. Yeager is a Democrat in his political views, and religiously is a member of the Methodist Church; his wife is a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.



**M** F. BRANCH, of Hill county, is a prosperous tiller of the soil, and not without justice is he conceded to hold an enviable position among the prominent and successful self-made men of Hill county, Texas. He became a resident of the Lone Star State in 1873, but since 1878 has been one of the progressive and law-abiding citizens of Hill county. He resided in Denton, Texas, for about two years, then went to Llanier county, soon after to Picoak county, where he was in the stock business until his removal to Louisiana, at the end of one year. Upon locating in Hill county he purchased a

place by every means in his power, and they have amply repaid him in affection and obedience. Mr. Branch and his wife have five children: Amanda E., born August 29, 1875; Nancy T., born February 18, 1877; Mary L., born January 30, 1879; Jesse L., born June 19, 1881; and Alexander V., born October 28, 1882. Mr. Branch is a Democrat politically. His grandfather, John Branch, was a soldier in the Florida war. The father of Mrs. Branch, Joseph Roberts, settled in Rusk county at an early day, and there he followed the occupation of tanning in connection with that of farming, becoming well-to-do. He married Rachel Stenson, and was called from life about 1858. His children were named as follows: Virgil A., in Erath county, Texas, a prominent farmer; Amanda, the wife of the subject of this sketch; Samantha E., wife of E. Brown, married second time to Moses Ledwell, now a farmer in Erath; Henry O., a resident of Hopkins county, Texas; and Andrew B., a prominent farmer of Denton county, Texas.

Mrs. A. F. Branch, of this sketch, has an uncle on her mother's side whose name is Henry Stenson. He is a prominent doctor, having a large practice in Thorndale, Milam county, Texas, and also runs a farm in the country. His age is sixty-five years.



**J**OSEPH W. McCLUNG, of Johnson county, is the eldest son of William W. and Mary A. McClung, and a grandson of Reuben McClung, of Cobb county, Georgia. The latter was a man of profound re-

ligious convictions and was a deacon in the Missionary Baptist Church. Mr. and Mrs. William McClung were the parents of thirteen children, viz.: Joseph W., our subject; Elvira J., deceased, was the wife of Larkin M. Hewett, of Benton county, Alabama; Martha A., deceased, was formerly Mrs. Absalom Carter, of Cass county, Texas; George A., deceased; James R., W. J. and J. L., who died of diseases contracted in the army; Sarah E., the wife of J. M. Davis, of Cass county, Texas; Mary M., wife of John Heafner, of Taylor county, this State; Nancy C., now Mrs. James Hogue, of Cass county; Emily F., wife of J. J. Baker, of Shackelford, Texas; J. F., a Baptist minister of Cass county; and Amanda, who died in girlhood.

Joseph W., our subject, was born in Gwinnett county, Georgia, February 27, 1832, and at the age of three years his parents moved to Campbell county, Georgia. He remained at home until arriving at man's estate, when he married and moved to Sevier county, Arkansas, in 1856, one year later to Miller county, same State, and in 1867 to Cass county, Texas. In 1880 he came to his present location in Johnson county, and all the subsequent years were spent in tilling the soil, in which success attended his efforts in every case. In 1862 Mr. McClung, in company with four brothers, enlisted in the Southern army, in the Nineteenth Texas Infantry, under Colonel Richard Waterhouse. He was at the battle of Perkins' Landing, Milliken Bend, Mansfield, and at the Jenkins and Ferry fight, where he was severely wounded, the ball passing through his body,

and on its way piercing the left lobe of his right lung. Being unable for further service he was honorably discharged.

At the age of twenty-one years Mr. McClung was married to Amanda, a daughter of Joseph and Ellen Jer Endsley, of Campbell county, Georgia. They are the parents of ten children, viz.: Mountsie, wife of Calvin Brown, who is now Treasurer of Cass county; William L., a Baptist minister at Midlothian, Texas; James H., a farmer of Johnson county; Levina E., wife of Joseph Herring, of Cass county; Mary E., wife of S. P. Johnson, also of Cass county; Amanda C., now Mrs. A. L. Mahany, of Johnson county; the seventh child died in infancy; Robert F., Samuel W. and Joseph L., at home. Mr. and Mrs. McClung have also kindly cared for a number of children left homeless by deceased relatives. In politics Mr. McClung is a Democrat; socially, is a Master Mason and a member of the Alliance; and religiously, both he and his wife are members of the Missionary Baptist Church.

**J.** G. ABNEY, Judge of the Hill County Court, was born on the 20th of February, 1855, in Harrison county, Texas; was there reared and received his education in the public and select schools of Marshall and Gilmer, Texas, finishing at the University of Virginia. Succeeding this he read law under Mabrey & McKay, of Marshall, and was admitted to the bar before Judge Z. Norton at Longview in 1875. He at once opened an office in Marshall, and there practiced his profession until February, 1880,

when he moved to Hillsboro, which has since been his home. He is an active practitioner and has met with a fair degree of success. He was elected Mayor of Hillsboro in April, 1882, and held the office one term. In November, 1888, he was elected County Judge, and re-elected in November, 1890, and in discharging the duties of this position was always considered impartial in his decisions. The principal event of importance which occurred during his term of office as County Judge was the building of the courthouse. Judge Abney was prominently connected with this enterprise by reason of his office. It was put up at a cost of \$90,000, and is probably one of the handsomest and best buildings of the kind in the State.

Judge Abney was married December 15, 1884, to Miss Nettie Thompson, of Dayton, Marengo county, Alabama, of which place she is a native. They have two children—John, born November 12, 1886, and Frances, born October 10, 1889. The Judge's immediate ancestors came from South Carolina, the old family seat being the Edgefield district, where his father and grandfather were born. The family came to Texas in 1853, and the father died in the Confederate army on the retreat from Corinth. Judge Abney is a member of the Methodist Church, and in social as well as public life is highly esteemed.

**S.** E. MOSS, banker, Morgan, Texas.—Mr. Moss, president of the National Bank of Okburne, Johnson county, Texas, but a resident of Bosque county, is one

and Ellis counties, coming here in 1848.

Mr. Houchin is a member of the Democratic party, of the Knight Templar degree of Masonry, has been Master of the lodge and High Priest of Royal Arch Chapter. Mrs. Houchin is a member of the Missionary Baptist Church, and both she and her daughter have taken a degree in Eastern Star lodge and Good Samaritan.

**R**L. CARTWRIGHT, a prosperous farmer of Hill county, was born in San Augustine, Texas, March 15, 1860, a son of Columbus Cartwright. The latter was a son of Matthew Cartwright, a native of Tennessee, who came to Texas in 1823, and to San Augustine in 1825. The family originally came from England, and have always been large land owners. At one time the family owned 800,000 acres of land, and have yet something over a quarter of a million acres. Columbus, the father of our subject, married Miss Sally Lane, of Tennessee, and a daughter of Robert Lane, a native of the same State. The parents had six children: R. L., our subject; J. M., a farmer and stock-raiser of San Augustine; Clinton, also a farmer of San Augustine; Americas II., Mary C. and Ella, at home.

The subject of this sketch received his education in the Vanderbilt University, at Nashville, Tennessee, and after leaving school he engaged in the stock business, in which he has since continued. He came to Hill county in June, 1883, where he has 675 acres, and is also interested in his father's

farm of 4,600 acres, adjoining. Here the father and two sons, R. L. and J. M., are engaged in the cattle business, and are also giving special attention to the raising of horses. They have just purchased at a great expense a thoroughbred registered stallion, which is the best horse in the State, and have also four or five registered mares. Their stallion Plucetto was sired by Falsetto, a four mile racer and the sire of Dew Drop that sold for \$29,000 at three years old. Plucetto's dam was a registered dam of as good pedigree as Falsetto.

Mr. Cartwright married Miss Terie Bickham, who was born July 10, 1862, a daughter of John S. Bickham and an own cousin of Dr. C. J. Bickham, a noted physician of New Orleans, Louisiana. The Bickham family are originally from Massachusetts. Mr. and Mrs. Cartwright have had three children: Lena L., born February 6, 1884; Columbus J., November 12, 1887; Elisha B., January 9, 1891. Mr. and Mrs. Cartwright are members of the Methodist Church, and the former is identified with the Democratic party.

**W**ILLIAM M. EWING, farmer, Cleburne, Texas.—Mr. Ewing has been a resident of Johnson county, Texas, since 1870, and is one of its most progressive and successful agriculturists. He resides on the Stephenville road, three miles west of Cleburne, and has a good farm of 272 acres with 125 under cultivation. His principal crops are cotton, corn and wheat. When



a self-made man and what he has accumulated in the way of this world's goods is the result of his own good fighting qualities.



**M**D. COLVILLE, a successful farmer of Hill county, was born in Tennessee, September 9, 1830, a son of Joseph and Anna (Gambell) Colville. The parents moved to Arkansas in 1839, and after the discovery of gold in California the father and eldest son started in pursuit of the riches of that State, never again to return. After a long and tedious journey across the plains they located at a paying mine, and had been at work digging the precious metal from its hiding place until they were attacked by the wild savages, and were both killed and scalped! The mother died in 1874, at the age of seventy-two years. Mr. and Mrs. Colville had twelve children, viz.: Sarah, wife of S. A. Prior; Elizabeth, wife of W. R. Serry; Margaret J., now Mrs. John Ford; Olivia A., the wife of A. J. Goard, died in 1869; Adaline, wife of J. Robbins; Mary L., now Mrs. J. P. McDonald; Martha L. was married to M. Wilson, and after his death to James Knox; Andrew G., killed in California; Samuel, died in 1869; and M. D. Laura C. married G. T. Wilmoth.

After the father's death M. D. Colville and his older brother were left in charge of the family, and, although young and inexperienced, paid off all the debts and came out conqueror. Our subject was a soldier in the late war, but was in no regular-fought battles, and was held along the line to keep back

the Indians. In 1873 he moved to Texas, and settled where he now lives, about seven miles southwest of Hillsboro. He purchased 165 acres of raw land, 110 acres of which is now under a fine state of cultivation. Mr. Colville was married, October 15, 1854, to Miss Matilda Vaughan, who was born November 8, 1836. They have had fourteen children, eleven of whom are now living, namely: Joseph A.; James A.; Sarah C., wife of W. F. Anderson; Samuel F.; Martha, wife of A. B. Harris; Mollie, wife of A. R. Smoot; Elizabeth, wife of George Perry; Alexander, Caroline, Lillie D. and P. D. Mr. and Mrs. Colville are members of the Methodist Church South.



**M**I. SATTERFIELD, a successful farmer of Hill county, was born in Walker county, Georgia, in 1833, a son of Arthur Satterfield, who was born in South Carolina in 1804. The latter located in Georgia when a young man, and served in the Florida war. He married Delilah Jenkins, a native of Georgia, and they had seven children, viz.: Reuben, who was killed at the second battle of Manassas; J. M., a farmer of Georgia; Marion, of Arkansas; Elijah, of Hill county; William and Mahalie Ray.

W. I. Satterfield, our subject, received only a limited education, and at the age of twenty-two years he engaged in overseeing. In 1861 he enlisted in Company G, Ninth Georgia Infantry, under Colonel Hovey, Lee's army, Longstreet's corps, Anderson's brigade and Hood's division, and participated in the bat-