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born in Roane County, Tenn., in 1814, to the marriage of Joseph D. and Margaret (Coffer) White. Joseph D. White died at Mobile, Ala., while a soldier under Jackson, in the War of 1812. He was a teacher and a son of William White, who died in North Carolina. Joel Coffer, the maternal grandfather of Mr. White, died in North Carolina, as did his wife. Jonathan D. White was married in 1841 to Miss Elizabeth Ann Estes, daughter of John C. Estes. He was one of the early settlers of Stone County, and one of its most extensive farmers.

**JAMES P. LEE.** The above worthy gentleman is a member of the well known firm of Merrick & Lee, general merchants at Swan, Mo., and is noted for honorable, upright dealing. He is a business man of high ability, a most reliable authority on all matters connected with his line, and a popular citizen, who deservedly enjoys the confidence and respect of a wide and constantly increasing circle. He is also engaged in farming and is as successful in that as he is in his business. Mr. Lee was born in Washington County, Penn., in 1855, and is a son of Arnold H. and Sarah A. (Perrine) Lee, natives of Washington County, Penn., also. In that county the parents resided for many years and then came to Greene County, Mo., where the father was killed in the Marshfield cyclone. He was a farmer and stockraiser and a man universally esteemed. He came of the old Virginia stock of Lees, and his father, Henry Lee, born in that State, died in West Virginia. The father was a cabinet maker by trade, and a soldier in the War of 1812. Isaac Perrine, the maternal grandfather, was probably born in Washington County, Penn., where he passed his life as a farmer and merchant. The parents of our subject reared six children, as follows: Samuel S., of Sparta; Rachel, of Spokane, Wash.; Elizabeth, also of Spokane; James P., our subject; Robert E., also in the State of Washington; Laura, wife of Chas. Browner, of Spokane; and two died in infancy, one being the eldest of the family. Our subject received a limited education in youth and when seven years of age began contributing to his own support, working for an uncle, who was a sheep dealer, for three years. The carver of his own destiny, Mr. Lee has made it an honorable one. He remained several years with his uncles, with but very little schooling, and finally decided that he could do better with strangers. He then farmed for about ten years, and then seeing that education was the open sesame to the storehouse of riches and success, he lost no opportunity of gathering practical knowledge, and attended school for some time. In 1876 he came to Christian County and engaged in agricultural pursuits until 1890, since which time he has been engaged in merchandising at Swan, but also carries on farming and stock dealing. He is doing a good business and is a popular man. On the 11th of August, 1878, Mr. Lee was married to Miss Alfredine A. Meyers, a native of Summit County, Ohio, and the daughter of Henry W. Meyers. Mr. Lee is an Odd Fellow, a member of Sparta Lodge No. 424, and is passing through the chairs. He is wide-awake and thoroughgoing, and by his industry, economy and good management has become well off. He assisted in supporting the family for some years before starting out for himself.

**HON. JOHN H. ANDERSON.** This part of Missouri has proved a mine of wealth to thousands of industrious and earnest farmers who have come hither from the East and by dint of hard work and enterprise have developed the resources which nature so liberally provided. Among these is John H. Anderson, who was born in North Carolina, in 1826, to the marriage of William and Jane (Scruggs) Anderson, natives of the Palmetto State, where they were reared and married. Later the parents moved to the Old North State and from there to Georgia, where they remained a few years. When our subject was five or six years of age the parents came by team to what is now Moniteau County, Mo., when that was thinly settled, and in 1846 removed from there

to Taney, now Stone County, and settled on Crane Creek. There they remained until the war, and in 1862 he removed with three of his sons to Texas. His death occurred at Ft. Griffin, Shackelford County, Tex., about 1883, when seventy-seven years of age. He followed farming through life and met with fair success. His father, Noble Anderson, was born in South Carolina, and his grandfather was a Revolutionary soldier. The mother of our subject died in the Lone Star State about 1886. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson were the parents of nine children: John H., subject; Polly, wife of David P. Parker, died at Aurora; Francis M., a farmer of Blanco County, Tex.; David died in Texas; Parsedda Trammell, of Texas; Martha Ann, deceased, was the wife of Hiram Leath; James N., of Brown County, Tex.; William C., also of Brown County, Tex., and Elizabeth, deceased, who was the wife of J. C. C. Simpson. Our subject was reared on a farm, secured a fair English education, and in 1846 came with his parents to what is now Stone County, Mo. In 1848 he married Miss Elizabeth Wright, daughter of Aaron Wright, who died in Tennessee. Mrs. Anderson died July 3, 1880. She was a member of the Missionary Baptist Church. Six children were born to this union: Nancy J. died young; David P. died when young; Adam, of Washington; Thomas B., of Stone County; Martha A., wife of Allen Gold, of Stone County, and an infant died unnamed. January 2, 1881, Mr. Anderson married Mrs. Eveline Gobel, daughter of Jeremiah Trice, a native of North Carolina, but who moved to Stone County after the war and spent his last days here. Four children have been born to the second union: John W., Bertha, Elizabeth and James Henry. With the exception of a few years during the war Mr. Anderson has lived on his present farm since 1848. He has 200 acres on Crane Creek, eight miles north of Galena, and is one of the pioneers and among the best known men of the county. He was justice of the peace for a number of years prior to the Rebellion, and during the exciting time attending the war he served in the Home Guards in 1861 and in July, 1862, he joined the Missouri State Militia. Still later he joined the Seventh Provisional, served as sergeant, and was mostly on scouting expeditions but was never captured or wounded. During the war he was elected as county judge but did not qualify as he was in the service. A number of years after the war he served a year as associate justice of the county Court, and then two years as presiding justice of the County Court and ex-officio probate judge. Previous to the war he was a Democrat, but since then he has been a Republican, although not an active politician nor an aspirant for official honors.

**WILLIAM A. MERRITT.** One of the honorable old pioneers of southwest Missouri is William A. Merritt, who was born January 24, 1837, a son of Audrey and Jane (Porter) Merritt, who were among the first white people to marry in Christian County, Mo. The paternal grandfather died in Kentucky, after which his son, Audrey Merritt, went to Christian County, Mo., which section he helped to survey. He was a hunter and farmer and died in 1839. The mother died about 1845, after having borne her husband three children: Joseph P., who is living in Marionville, Lawrence County, Mo., was a soldier in the Union Army during the war, and William A. being the only ones living. The eldest died in early childhood. William A. Merritt was reared in Christian County and in early manhood began clerking in a store, but in 1857 embarked in the mercantile business on his own responsibility and was in business until the opening of the Civil War. He then closed his business and in 1860 crossed the plains to Leadville, where he engaged in mining, and was later hired to cut timber in the Government service on the frontier and helped to build Fort Garland. He remained in the West until the war closed, then opened a lumber yard in Texas, and at a still later period was engaged in driv-