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Cardwell are members of the Assembly Presbyterian Church. Mr. Cardwell is carrying a stock of drugs, books, paints and oils, wall paper and picture frames, with a capital of \$10,000. Besides this he is in partnership with his brother, W. K., in the furniture business with a capital of \$5,000. Mr. Cardwell's drug sales last year were \$27,000, and the sales in the furniture business were \$15,000. Mr. Cardwell for three years managed the *Mercer County Enterprise*, a weekly newspaper, the first newspaper ever published in Harrodsburg which was a financial success. He also owns ten residences known as "Cardwell's Square" and valued at \$10,000, besides owning and managing the Cardwell Opera House.

COL. JOHN B. CARLILE, Sr., member of the firm of Carlile & Litsey, Lebanon, was born in Green County, Ky., on the 7th of August 1826. Both his grandfathers, James Carlile and John Brawner, were soldiers in the Revolutionary war, soon after which struggle they immigrated to Kentucky, settling in Green and Adair Counties, James Carlile coming from North Carolina and John Brawner from Virginia. To James and Elizabeth Carlile were born nine children, William B., the father of our subject, being one of the number. William B. was born in Green County in 1799; devoted his life to agriculture, besides serving for several years as sheriff of Green County. He married Mary Brawner and had a family of seven children, John B. being the second. The latter was reared on his father's farm, attending the common schools of his neighborhood until sixteen years old, when he entered the business house of Lewis & Shreve as store boy. Thus early in life he began his mercantile career, which has only been broken for the period during his military and public life. In 1861 he was commissioned lieutenant-colonel of the Thirteenth Kentucky Federal Infantry, serving until the spring of 1863, when loss of health necessitated his resignation, having shared until then the fortunes of his command. He represented Green County in the State Legislature during the sessions of 1864-65, and in the latter year removed to Lebanon, where he has since been in active business. He was married in Green County in October, 1864, to Miss Mary Lisle, a daughter of Thomas W. Lisle, who represented Green County in the Constitutional Convention of 1849.

DR. WILLIAM A. CARRY was born in Anderson County, Ky., August 30, 1854, and was a son of Jonathan Carry, a native of Madison County, and who died in Anderson County,

March 25, 1886. Dr. Carry was brought up on a farm, and received a liberal education. Afterward he read medicine, and graduated from the Louisville Medical College, and moved to Mercer County in 1878, where he has since practiced his profession successfully. He married Miss Laura A. Miller, daughter of Robert Miller. Dr. Carry has always voted the Democratic ticket.

JAMES W. CARTER was born in Adair County, Ky., January 24, 1851, and is the ninth in a family of twelve children born to George W. and Polly A. (Rabern) Carter, the former of whom was a native of Russell and the latter a native of Pulaski County, Ky. They were of Irish and English descent respectively. George W. Carter was born in 1812, and received his education at Georgetown and Danville Academies. He commenced to teach at the age of seventeen and continued the same, most of the time in connection with agricultural pursuits, until 1878, when he retired from active business. He first bought a partially improved farm in his native county of Russell; from there he removed to Pulaski County, where he was married, and then removed to Adair County, where he bought the farm upon which he yet resides. He is and has been for a number of years a magistrate or justice of the peace of his district. From early life he has been a devoted and consistent member of the Baptist Church. He is also a member of the Masonic fraternity. His father, Thomas I. Carter, was a native of the "Old Dominion;" was a soldier in the war of 1812, and was killed in one of the early battles of the war. Mrs. Polly Ann (Rabern) Carter departed this life in 1867. She was a life-long member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Her father, John Rabern, was also a native of Virginia, but while yet a young man removed to the wilderness of southern Kentucky, where he was afterward married to a Miss Rainwater. James W. Carter received a fair common-school education in youth, and was employed on the home farm until he was sixteen years old, when he left home and was afterward employed on a farm and in the live stock trade until 1871, after which he farmed on his own account for two years. He then engaged in the grocery trade at Haskinsville, Green County, continuing until the fall of 1873. He then removed to Lebanon, Ky., where he was engaged in the commission and grocery trade, both wholesale and retail, until 1875. He then engaged in the liquor trade at the same place, which he continued until 1880. He then engaged in the lumber trade and hotel

business at Campbellsville, Ky., which he continued for three years, after which he took a tour through the Western States, returning to Taylor County, Ky., in 1884, where he has since been engaged in agricultural pursuits. In 1886 he was an independent candidate for the office of county assessor. Mr. Carter was married January 25, 1871, to Miss Martha E. Sublett, a native of Cass County, Mo., born September 16, 1856; she is a daughter of James A. and Elizabeth (Moore) Sublett, both natives of Taylor County, Ky., and of Irish and English descent respectively. Mr. and Mrs. Carter have been blessed with six children: John H. and an infant not named (both deceased), who were twins; Berry A. (deceased); Robert R., Minnie W. and Jesse A. Mrs. Carter is a devoted member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Mr. Carter belongs to no church, but is a member of the Masonic fraternity, the I. O. O. F. and K. of H.; in politics he is a Republican.

DR. HENDERSON L. CARTWRIGHT was born November 12, in the year 1849, in Adair County, Ky., where he grew to manhood, and in 1883 he located at Junction City, Boyle County, where he has since resided. His father, Manson W. Cartwright, was born in 1803 in Russell County, where he served as magistrate and member of the court of claims, and in 1859 he removed to his present home in Adair County. He is a farmer, and lost five slaves as the result of the late war. He was the son of Joseph Cartwright, a native of Virginia, who removed to Kentucky when a young man (his father, Samuel, having preceded him) and died in 1849 at a great age. Samuel Cartwright, the first settler on Cartwright Creek, removed to Middle Tennessee previous to the year 1800. Joseph married Mary White, of Adair County, and their offspring were White, Nathan, John, Manson W., Hulda (Smith), Lucy (Judd), Frances (Grant) and Sallie. Manson W. married Catherine, daughter of Adam and Susan (Walker) Yeiser, of Adair County, born in 1813, and from their union sprang Dr. Henderson L., Mary S. (deceased), Dr. Walker F., Lucy M., Susan C., Cora H., Dr. Adam Y. and Dr. Thomas S. Dr. Henderson L. Cartwright has been twice married; first, July 8, 1875, to Miss Hulda J., daughter of George W. and Sallie (Nell) Breeding, of Adair County, born 1857, died 1882, and to them were born Estella and Manson W., Jr. He was next married, November 20, 1884, to Miss Effie H. Wood, of Rockford, Ill., born in 1860. The Doctor was favored with a liberal education, and in 1871 commenced the study of medicine with Dr.

U. L. Taylor, of Columbia, Ky., and having attended two full term courses of lectures, graduated in 1875 at the medical department of the University of Louisville, Ky. He first practiced at Breeding's, in Adair County, afterward at Pace's in Cumberland County, and in 1883 located at Junction City, in Boyle County, where he has since enjoyed a successful and lucrative practice. He is a member of the Christian Church, also of the Masonic fraternity, and is identified with the Democratic party.

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN CENTRAL KENTUCKY. The counties of Nelson, Washington and Marion (all originally Nelson County) may be considered the cradle of the Catholic Church in Kentucky. The first permanent settlements made by Catholics in the State were made in Nelson County, and the first Catholic congregation was organized in the same community. The first Catholic emigrants to Kentucky were William Coomes and Dr. George Hart. The date of their coming is in dispute among writers of Kentucky history, Mr. Collins placing it at 1775, and Mr. Webb, in his "Centenary of Catholicity in Kentucky" as "between the years of 1773 and 1785"—quite a "latitude of expression." These gentlemen first located at Harrodstown (now Harrodsburg), but in a very few years, being joined by other Catholic families, removed to Bardstown. Dr. Hart was an Irishman, young, buoyant, an ardent Catholic—like most of his race—and lived for many years an honored citizen of Nelson County. He is believed to have been the first physician to practice medicine in Kentucky. Mr. Coomes was originally from Maryland, but settled in Virginia, and from thence removed to Kentucky. While residing in Harrod's Station Mrs. Coomes opened a school, which was probably the first school taught in the State. The first priest who appeared in Kentucky was Rev. M. Whelan, about the year 1787, and was sent to minister to the Catholic families in Kentucky by Bishop Carroll of Baltimore. Father Whelan was an Irishman, and had been a chaplain in the French Navy, sent to assist us in our Revolutionary struggle. After remaining in the community until the spring of 1790 he returned to Maryland. He left no churches or chapels built in Kentucky as monuments to his zeal, but it is left on record that he was a faithful and conscientious priest, and labored earnestly for the advancement of his church. Six months later Rev. William de Rohan came, and under his administration the church of the Holy Cross, the first Catholic Church erected in the State, was built. It

December, 1877, at the age of seventy-two years. Patsey (Bradshaw) Todd was born in the above county, and died in February, 1882, aged seventy-two years. Mr. and Mrs. Merritt are both active members of the Christian Church.

DR. JOHN M. MEYER was born December 1, 1817, in Barnwell District, South Carolina, where he was reared to manhood. In 1835 he entered Centre College, Danville, Ky., where he graduated in the regular course in 1840. He then commenced the study of medicine at Lexington with Dr. Benjamin W. Dudley, and graduated from the medical department of Transylvania University in 1843. He located in Boyle County, on the Perryville pike four miles west of Danville, where he has since enjoyed an extensive and lucrative practice. His father, Michael Meyer, was born in 1780, in Barnwell District, South Carolina, was a planter and slave-holder, and died about 1836, at the age of fifty-six years. His brothers were Jonathan and David. Their father was Davis Meyer, born in Pennsylvania and died at the age of ninety years. Michael married Miss Rebecca Jackson (thought to be related to Gen. Andrew Jackson), and from their union sprang Anslem D., James J., Dr. John M., Elizabeth (Marshall), Rebecca (Love), and Martha (Stallings). December 12, 1844, the Doctor was married to Miss Mary R., daughter of Samuel and Maria (Ball) McDowell, of Boyle County (born July 18, 1823, died July 1, 1885), and to them were born Joseph, Maria Ball (McGoodwin), Florence, Mary (Lyne), Oscar, Thornwell and Carolina. The Doctor owns and resides on a farm of 200 acres of well improved and productive land. He has a fine herd of thirty registered Jersey cattle, among them one that is classed as a twenty-pound cow. Dr. Meyer is an Ancient Odd Fellow. He has for thirty years been elder in the Presbyterian Church. He lost thirty-five slaves as a result of the late war. In politics he is a Democrat.

RICHARD C. MILBURN was born January 28, 1830. His father, Israel Milburn, was born in Marion County in 1801. He married Miss Margaret Thurman in 1822, and to them were born five sons and three daughters: William, John H., Israel, Thomas C., Richard C., Civilla (Curtsinger), Mary A. and Elizabeth. Israel Milburn died in 1831, and his widow subsequently married Shadrick Inman; she died in 1855, leaving by her second marriage three sons and one daughter. Israel Milburn was a stone-mason, and one of the best of his craft. He was a mem-

ber of the Baptist Church, and a man of strict business principles and unbending integrity. He was a soldier in the war of 1812, and participated in the battle of New Orleans. His father, Robert Milburn, was a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and proclaimed the gospel throughout Kentucky at a day when the Indians were numerous and troublesome, and when the settlers took firearms to church. Rev. Robert Milburn died some time in the first decade of the present century; his father, Hobart Milburn, was a native of Virginia and came to Kentucky prior to the war of the Revolution, in which he engaged. Richard C. Milburn received a common-school education in his native county of Marion, and remained on the home farm until he attained his majority. Having learned the blacksmith's trade, he carried on that business in Kentucky and later in Dallas, Tex., after which, in 1861, he returned to Kentucky and located at Haysville, in Marion County, where he remained for a few years, then removed to Springfield, and after three years returned to his present location in Precinct No. 2, where he purchased land in 1867 and carried on farming in connection with blacksmithing. His farm of 170 acres is well kept and improved and very productive. He was married, February 25, 1852, to Miss Elizabeth Brown. They are the parents of four sons and two daughters: Thomas, Frederick, Henry, William B., Sallie, wife of John Ware of Bradfordsville, and Minnie. Elizabeth (Brown) Milburn was born December 29, 1829. She is a daughter of Alexander and Margaret (Mouser) Brown, both natives of Kentucky. Mr. and Mrs. Milburn and all their family are consistent members of the Baptist Church in which Mr. Milburn has for thirty years held the office of deacon. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, which he joined in 1854. His political views are Democratic.

WILLIAM B. MILBURN was born November 25, 1858, and is the youngest of four sons and two daughters born to the union of Richard C. and Elizabeth (Brown) Milburn. William B. Milburn received a good education in the schools of his native county of Marion, and in 1879 took up the profession of teaching, which he soon after abandoned as uncongenial with his tastes; he then returned to the trade of blacksmith, which trade he had learned with his father previous to his career as a teacher. He is yet in partnership with his brothers, and doing a successful and lucrative trade in blacksmithing and wagon and carriage making at Bradfordsville. February 28, 1883, he was

united in marriage with Miss Celesta F. Ware. They are the parents of one daughter, Myrtie M., born January 5, 1884, and one son, Wm. R. R., born April 20, 1886. Celesta (Ware) Milburn was born September 2, 1861. She is a native of Pulaski County, Ky., and a daughter of Rice Ware and Sarah (Cooper) Ware, of English lineage and natives of Pulaski County. Rice Ware is yet living, aged forty-four years; the mother died January 26, 1883, aged thirty-seven years. She was a daughter of Levi Cooper, whose father, Malachi Cooper, was a Baptist minister who came to Kentucky in 1796. He was pastor of the church at Somerset for many years and was much devoted to his religious duties, and highly esteemed by his people. He was a persistent worker in the temperance cause, and was one of the strongest pro-slavery men of his day. He reared a family of three sons and five daughters, of whom was Sarah, the mother of Celesta (Ware) Milburn. Sarah was also the name of the grandmother of Malachi Cooper. Mr. and Mrs. Milburn are members of the Baptist Church. He is a member of the I. O. G. T. and a worker in the temperance cause. His political views are Democratic, and he takes an interest in political affairs. In 1883 he was elected marshal of the village of Bradfordsville, and in that capacity served one year.

EDWARD L. MILES, born August 15, 1825, is a son of Henry and Ann (McAtee) Miles. Henry Miles was born in Maryland, came to Nelson County, Ky., with the earliest Catholic settlers, and was wounded in a fight with the Indians in coming down the Ohio River. He was not a wealthy man at the start but left an estate of 1,000 acres at his death in 1830 at the age of sixty-nine years. His father, Philip Miles, was a native of Maryland, of Scotch-Irish descent, and married a Miss O'Brian. Mrs. Ann Miles was a daughter of George McAtee, who married a Miss Hamilton of Maryland, and both came to Nelson County, Ky., at an early day. Edward L. Miles was born where he still resides in Nelson County, was educated at St. Joseph's College, Bardstown, and graduated in 1846. In May, 1848, he married Anna Bradford, daughter of David and Amanda (Davis) Bradford. David Bradford was an attorney and for many years was superintendent of the mint at New Orleans. After his marriage Mr. Miles purchased a farm near Bardstown, but five years later removed to the old homestead; about 1857 he went to Louisiana and purchased an interest in a sugar plantation of 1,000 acres; at the close

of the late war he sold his interest in the land and returned to New Hope, Ky., and in the winter of 1867-68 built a distillery, starting with a capacity of 200 bushels, which had been increased in 1881 to 1,000 bushels. In 1871, however, he sold out to Tom Shirley. At present he owns 1,000 acres of farming land, and his residence is a fine brick erected by his father over seventy years ago, but recently remodeled and enlarged. Mr. and Mrs. Miles are members of the church of Rome.

THOMAS W. MILLER was born December 3, 1811, in Madison County, Ky., and is a son of Daniel Miller and Susana Miller, *nee* Woods. These parents removed from Virginia to Kentucky near the close of the last century, the former being a native of Albemarle County, where he was born in 1764, and the latter a native of Nelson County, Va. They settled on a farm eight miles from Richmond, Ky., where their lives were passed. Daniel Miller was a Jeffersonian Democrat. He was long known as Maj. Miller, a title derived from his official commission as a major of Kentucky militia. He served three terms in the Kentucky Legislature, from Madison County, and died in that county in 1841. They had ten children: Mary, Robert, John (who was killed at the battle of Richmond, Ky.), James, Elizabeth, Susan (Hume), Margaret (Shackelford), Malinda (Shackelford), Thomas W. and Christopher Miller. Thomas W. Miller, of Stanford, is the only surviving member of this family. He was married in Madison County, in 1841, to Miss Mary J. Hocker, a daughter of Col. Nicholas Hocker, and they were residents of Madison County until 1864, when they removed to Lincoln County. They reared but one child, S. Malinda, the wife of J. S. Owsley, of Lincoln County.

ROBERT MILLER was born November 7, 1823, two miles east of Richmond, and is a son of Robert and Sallie (Estill) Miller, to whom four sons and three daughters were born, five of whom were reared, Robert being the sixth in order of birth. Robert Miller, the father, was born March 1, 1775, in Albemarle County, Va., and was brought to Madison County, Ky., by his parents in 1784, and settled at Oldtown, four miles south of Richmond. He became an active and leading farmer, conducted a hotel in Richmond in early life and served in the Kentucky Senate two terms; in politics he was a Whig and in religion was originally a Baptist, but later united with the Christian Church. He died June 21, 1861. He was a son of John and Jane (Delaney) Miller,