HISTORY

—OF—

BENTON, WASHINGTON, CARROLL,
MADISON, CRAWFORD, FRANKLIN,
AND SEBASTIAN COUNTIES,

ARKANSAS.

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
OBSERVATIONS, ETC., ETC.

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County, Ind., and resided in that State until 1872, when they moved to Kansas and lived in the following counties of that State, in the order in which they are named: Lyon, Montgomery, Chautauqua and Elk, coming to Washington County, Ark., about 1880, where they are now residing. The father has been a farmer throughout life, and in his political views is a stanch Democrat. He and wife are members of the Baptist Church. The Laymons first came from Ireland to America about 1600, and finally located in Ohio. The Halls came originally from England. To Mr. and Mrs. Laymon six children have been born, two of whom are living: J. H. and H. H. J. H. Laymon, when a small boy, began learning the blacksmith's and gunsmith's trades, under Joshua Cotton, and followed these occupations in Sulphur City from 1880 until March, 1888, when the above partnership was formed. In January, 1886, he was commissioned postmaster at Sulphur City, which position he is now holding. In 1882 he joined the Baptist Church, and in 1887 was ordained a minister of that denomination. He is an earnest adherent of the Democratic party, and as a citizen is highly respected and esteemed, being a kind and considerate neighbor and friend. October 18, 1876, he was married to Miss Mary E., a daughter of Joshua Cotton. She was born July 28, 1854, in Pennsylvania. Four children have been born to them: Ida May, Clarence M., Cora B., and Laurance L., who died at the age of nineteen months.

Armstrong Hendricks, farmer, stock raiser and mechanic, of Prairie Grove Township, Washington Co., Ark., was born in Pulaski County, Ky., November 22, 1836, being a son of Green and Rutha (Hall) Hendricks, who were born, reared and married in their native State. They came to Arkansas about 1888, locating on the farm on which Armstrong Hendricks now resides, and owns, and here the father's death occurred in 1840, and the mother's in 1850. They were the parents of two sons: Armstrong and Gibson H. The former was reared in Washington County, and at the breaking out of the war enlisted in Col. Brooks' regiment, serving with him two years, and the following two years served on detached duty. He was in a number of engagements, but escaped unhurt, and after the cessation of hostilities returned home and began working at the blacksmith's trade, which he had learned previous to the war, continuing the same about three years, after which he began improving his home farm, which consists of 153 acres, with about seventy-five acres under good cultivation, on which is a good two-story residence. Besides this he has another good farm of 100 acres. He is doing well, and his farms yield him a comfortable competency.

May 13, 1875, his marriage with Miss Nancy B. Rainwaters was celebrated. She was born in Washington County, and is a daughter of Matthew Rainwaters, who was formerly from Tennessee. Mr. and Mrs. Hendricks are the parents of three sons: James Pressley, Edgar Austin and William Perry.

Alexander Hendry, carpenter and builder, was born in the parish of St. Fergus, Aberdeenshire, Scotland, October 18, 1820, and is a son of James and Margaret (Reid) Hendry. Alexander learned his trade in Aberdeenshire, and for a number of years worked in Glasgow. In 1853 he came to America, and spent twelve years in Tecumseh, Mich., where he was engaged in contracting and building. In 1866 he came to Fayetteville, Ark., where he has since been identified with the building and milling interests of the place. Among the many structures he has erected may be mentioned Judge Gregg's residence, the Washington County court-house and mills, the university, the public school buildings, the opera house and many others. He is now in the foundry and machine-shop business. Mr. Hendry was married in Scotland to Miss Mary Duncan, who died January, 1887, having borne one son and one daughter: John, a miller at Walla Walla, and Mary, wife of John Clancy. Mr. Hendry is a member of the Masonic fraternity, Baldwin Commandery No. 4.

Patrick Hennessey, who is accounted one of the best farmers of his vicinity, was born in County Cork, Ireland, March 17, 1818, and is the son of James and Fannie (Cantley) Hennessey, both natives of the same county as their son. The father was a farmer by occupation, and the Hennessey family from time immemorial have been Catholics. The mother died in Ireland, but the father died in Providence, R. I. They were the parents of six sons, all of whom came to this country. The second child, Patrick, was left an orphan at the age of six years, or nearly the same as an orphan, for his mother died, and his father was banished from home for threshing his landlord, with whom he had gotten into trouble. The children were thus thrown upon the world to look out for them-