

# KENTUCKY.

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## A HISTORY OF THE STATE,

EMBRACING

A CONCISE ACCOUNT OF THE ORIGIN AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE VIRGINIA COLONY; ITS  
EXPANSION WESTWARD, AND THE SETTLEMENT OF THE FRONTIER BEYOND  
THE ALLEGHANIES; THE ERECTION OF KENTUCKY AS AN  
INDEPENDENT STATE, AND ITS SUBSEQUENT  
DEVELOPMENT.

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ty, Ky., February 23, 1848, and is a son of John M. and Mary (Ramsey) Tanner. John M. Tanner was also a native of Clark County, was an enterprising farmer and died March 6, 1877; he was a son of Branch M. Tanner, a native of the same county. Mrs. Mary Tanner, also a native of Clark County, was a daughter of James Ramsey. J. A. Tanner was reared on his father's farm and received a common-school education. He was a very successful farmer in Clark County until 1883, when he opened a general store at Skinner's Mills, Clark County, and has been actively engaged in merchandising ever since, besides carrying on his farm. October 16, 1877, he married Eliza J. Douthitt, of Montgomery County, Ky., who has borne him one child, viz: Eliza J. Mrs. Tanner died October 10, 1878, a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. April 6, 1886, Mr. Tanner married Mrs. Kate Miner, a lady of culture and refinement. Mr. Tanner is a Democrat politically. He is a genial gentleman of fine business capacity and is very popular in the community.

REV. JAMES J. TAOFFE was born in County Longford, Ireland, in 1859, came to the United States in 1874, was educated at Emmitsburg, Md., graduated in literature in 1876, and then entered the theological institute at Niagara, from which he was graduated in 1879. He was ordained in Brooklyn, N. Y., February 6, 1881, and came to Covington, Ky., the same year, and was assistant priest at the cathedral fourteen months, then was given a charge at White Sulphur, Scott County, and in June, 1886, was transferred to Flemingsburg, where he has the care of a small congregation of fifty-five. The church edifice is 52 x 38 feet, is very neat in appearance, and the congregation is entirely out of debt.

HON. J. T. TARTAR, county judge of Pulaski County, Ky., was born in that county, December 18, 1850, a son of Enoch L. and Lucinda (Bernard) Tartar. Enoch Tartar was born in Pulaski County in 1822, and is a farmer, residing sixteen miles west of Somerset. He never aspired to office. He has been a strict member of the Baptist

Church for many years and is a liberal contributor to all church and charitable organizations. He is a son of Chrisley Tartar, a native of Culpeper County, Va., who was a blacksmith by trade. Chrisley was a son of John Tartar, whose father was a native of Germany. Mrs. Lucinda Tartar was born in Russell County, Ky., a daughter of Abner Bernard, also of Russell County. Judge Tartar received his education at the common schools and at the Masonic College, Somerset, Ky. He commenced teaching school in 1868, and in all has taught twenty-three schools. In 1877 he was elected to the Legislature and re-elected in 1879. He read law and was admitted to the bar in 1881, and was elected county judge in 1882 and re-elected in 1886. January 4, 1872, he married Miss Maggie Weddle, of Pulaski County, Ky., a daughter of Solomon and Patsey Weddle. Eight children have blessed their union, viz: Bettie G., Brutus C., Cassius M., Helen G., Anna C., Roscoe C., Jerome T. and Christian L. Mr. and Mrs. Tartar are members of the Baptist Church. He is a Royal Arch Mason and a Republican.

SAM O. TATE, a merchant of Monticello, Ky., was born in Pulaski County, Ky., January 29, 1864. He is the second in a family of ten children born to Stephen H. and Minerva J. (Lewis) Tate, viz: William H., Sam O., John W., Gilson P., Flonnie, Anna, Ellen, Hattie, Mallie and Bonnie. Stephen Tate, also a native of Pulaski County, has for many years been a prominent merchant in that county, and has also engaged in agricultural pursuits. He is a son of John Tate, who was born in Virginia. Minerva J. (Lewis) Tate, was born in Pulaski County, Ky., a daughter of John Lewis. Sam O. Tate received his education at the common schools and at Lexington, Ky. He was in his father's store occasionally as a clerk until 1883 when he was steadily employed there for two years. In 1885 he went to Monticello, Wayne County, Ky., and opened a general store, where he has since been actively engaged in business. He is a member of the Baptist Church, of the K. of H., and has taken one degree in Masonry. Politically he is a Republican.