HISTORY

OF

PIKE COUNTY

ILLINOIS;

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nearly all kinds of mechanical labor; but his general occupation is farming and stock-raising. He resides on sec. 5; owns 293 acres of valuable land.

Joshua Rainwater, teacher of Honey Creek school, this tp., was born Dec. 11, 1858, and is a son of John Rainwater, deceased, who died in Nashville, Tenn., during the Rebellion. His father was educated in Pittsfield, and has chosen teaching as his vocation. His school is well conducted, and he has won the confidence of parents and pupils.

Joseph M. Russell, a native of this county, was born in Martinsburg tp., May 7, 1837, and is a son of John and Mary Russell, deceased, so well known in the early history of this county; his father helped survey the present town plat of Pittsfield. The Indians were their nearest neighbors, and the wolves made the night hideous with their howling. Our subject was raised on a farm, and now resides on sec. 19. Ang. 26, 1859, he married Martha Kiser, daughter of Samuel Kiser, deceased. They have 6 children,—Eliza, John, Mary, George, David and Elmer. Mrs. Russell was born in Warren county, Ind., March 5, 1843, and was brought by her parents in the fall of 1844, to this county, where she has since resided.

Anthony Sonner was born Oct. 17, 1830, in Highland county, Ohio, and is a son of Jacob Sonner, deceased. He came to Pike county in 1860, where he has since resided; he is a miller by trade, but has been engaged in farming since coming to Illinois, until the last 3 years. In Oct., 1855, he married Miss Sarah Hicks, and they had 6 children; of these, 3 are living,—Charley, Ora and Brady.

Evans Scott, physician, was born in Somerset county, Pa., Feb. 7, 1839. He was educated partly in Ohio and partly in Pennsylvania. He graduated at the Medical College at Keokuk, Iowa, in 1884; he served over 3 years in the late war in the 3d Ill. Cav.; the greater part of the time he had charge of a ward in a hospital at Keokuk. He began practice at Time, in 1865. He now has a large practice.

Richard Thornton was born in this tp., May 18, 1840, and is a son of Nathan and Lucinda Thornton. He was raised on a farm and is now engaged in farming and stock-raising, and resides on sec. 17. He was married March 16, 1864, to Margaret Watson and their 4 children are James A., Benjamin F., Flora H. and Nella J. Mrs. Thornton died Jan 20, 1875, and March 10, 1876, Mr. T. married Phila V. Johnson, daughter of Charles V. Johnson: they have one child, Richard S.

John L. Troutner was born in this tp., May 11, 1847, and is a son of the late Rev. Joseph Troutner, who came to this county from Ohio, in 1838, settling near Pittsfield, and was a farmer and stock-raiser, and was also Deputy Sheriff of the county about as early as 1841; he was Justice of the Peace 24 years in succession, and was School Treasurer 142 years; also filled other offices of trust; he clerked in the first store at Pittsfield; he died at his residence in