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Elijah W. Ogilvie

Elijah W. Ogilvie, a prominent citizen of Charleston, and the present treasurer of Mississippi County, was born in McCracken County, Ky., on May 6, 1851. He is a son of Lemuel and Martha (Winstead) Ogilvie, the former of whom was born on July 29, 1797, in Bedford County, Tenn. and the latter on July 23, 1808, in Williamson County, that State. The grandfather, Kimber T. Ogilvie, was born in Scotland in 1763, and was brought by his parents to North Carolina when he was quite small. He remained in the Old North State until after he was married, when he removed to Bedford County, Tenn., and remained several years, after which he removed to McCracken County, Ky., where he died on November 20, 1842. He was in the Revolutionary War, and participated in the battle of Guilford Courthouse. His wife was born in 1764, and died in December, 1842. They had five children - two sons and three daughters - who grew to maturity. Lemuel Ogilvie immigrated to McCracken County, Ky., in 1831, and purchased a farm. He was a resident of Paducah, Ky., at the time of his death, on March 12, 1857. His wife died November 15, 1863. They were the parents of eleven children: Benjamin F., Elizabeth (deceased), James B., John W., Martha H., Samuel, Andrew J., Maria L., Napoleon J., William H. and Elijah W. The last named was reared in Paducah, Ky., in which city his education was chiefly secured. In 1864 he engaged in agricultural pursuits, and continued until 1874, when he went to Charleston, and began merchandising, which he followed for four years, under the firm name of Ogilvie & Bro. He was then city marshal for four years, after which he was engaged in the mercantile business again until 1884, as a member of the firm of Ogilvie & Co. After the dissolution of that firm, he continued business alone, until 1886, since which time he has turned his attention to trading and looking after his stock farms. In 1886 he was appointed to his present office by the Governor. He has held the office of deputy collector from 1874 to 1887, with the exception of three years. He was city councilman for six terms. He has been twice married; the first time in August 1876 to Emma Overstreet, of Shelbyville, Ky., by whom he had two children. His wife and one of his children, a daughter, died in August 1879. The other child, Elmer F. is living. He was married the second time in 1880, to Eliza Ford, of Hartford, Ky. He is a member of the I.O.O.F. and is a Democrat. He and wife are members of the Baptist Church.

James J. Presson

Rev. James J. Presson was born in Anderson County, N.C. on January 31, 1829 and is a son of Samuel and Anna (Presson) Presson, both of whom were born and reared in North Carolina. The former was born in 1803, and was the son of William Presson, a native of North Carolina, who was the son of Robert Presson, also a native of the Old North State. The last named was a farmer, and had a limited education. He was the father of four boys and two girls, all of whom died in North Carolina, except William, who removed with his family to Tennessee about 1831. He was a very prominent farmer, and was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He died in 1850, aged seventy-seven years. Samuel removed with his parents to Tennessee, and settled in what is now Benton County, in which he lived, engaged in farming until his death in 1885. He had been an active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church for sixty years, in which he was a class-leader and steward. To him and wife were born twelve children: Riley A. (deceased), Sarah (deceased), Lydia Ann (deceased), George W. (deceased), Calvin (deceased), Samuel (deceased), Lorenzo (deceased), Neidem W., Rev. James J., Rev. Thomas H., Rev. William M. and Marinda (Mrs. Charles T. Craig). Rev. James J. remained with his father until he reached his majority, and resided in Tennessee until 1873, when he removed to Mississippi County and rented land near Bertrand. In 1875 he removed to the farm on which he now resides, two and three-fourths miles south of Bertrand. On July 23, 1853, he embraced religion, and has since been devoted to the work of saving souls. He was licensed to preach in 1862, and in 1866 was ordained deacon in the Methodist Episcopal Church South, by Bishop Payne, at Jackson, Tenn. He remained in active service in that church until August 1887, when he united with the Congregational Methodist church, and has an organization of seventy members near his home. He was united in marriage with Lousia J. Greer, daughter of Benjamin and Susan Greer. To them have been born eleven children, eight of whom are living; Susan A. (Mrs. Robert H. Craig), Needham W., Louisan B., John B., Samuel A. L., Sarah L. (Mrs. J.C. McDoo), Mary J. and Emma Belle. Those deceased are William H., Pritchett and Telitha C. Mrs. Presson is a consistent member of the same Church

as her husband.

Hiram Price

Hiram Price, a well-to-do farmer of Ohio Township, Mississippi Co., Mo., was born near Cincinnati, Ohio, July 23, 1830 and is a son of William and Sarah (Johnson) Price, natives of Virginia and New Jersey, respectively. William Price immigrated to Ohio when young, and located in Hamilton County, near Cincinnati, where he lived for several years. He then removed to Indiana, and died in Spencer County, of that State in 1855. He lost his wife ten years previously (in 1845). They were the parents of a large family of children, of whom the subject of this sketch is the only living member. He was but five years of age when his parents removed to Indiana, and he was there reared to farm life, remaining with his parents until the death of his mother. In 1852 he married Mary Watts, and located in Spencer County, Ind., where he remained until 1867, when he removed to Evansville, Ind., remaining there a couple of years. In 1869 he removed to Kentucky, and resided until 1874, when he went to Mississippi County, Mo., in which he has since resided. He now owns a fine farm of 270 acres, which is well improved. His wife died in 1867, leaving three children: Joseph W., Clara (Mrs. James T. Grant), and Anna (Mrs. D.G. Hartner). In 1868 Mr. Price married Mary E. Price, who died the same year, and in 1869 he married Melissa A. Chamberlain, by whom he has two children, Dolly and Della. Mr. Price is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and also of the I.O.O.F. lodge of Cairo, Ill.

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