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## Haston Yates

Haston Yates, a farmer of

Sassafras Ridge, Mississippi County, was born in Marshall County, Ky., February 23, 1840. His parents, John and Laura T. (Butler) Yates, were natives of North Carolina. The former moved to Kentucky, when a small boy, with his father, Joel Yates. The Butler family removed to Kentucky several years later, about 1828. Joel Yates and four children died in Marshall County, Ky. John died when the subject of this sketch was about six years old, leaving besides him a daughter, Harriet (Mrs. James Scillian). Both she and husband are now deceased. After Mr. Yates death, his widow married James Brien, who was a soldier under Gen. Jackson at New Orleans, and one of the oldest and most prominent settlers of the "Jackson Purchase" Kentucky. He entered a large tract of land in Calloway County and served several terms in both houses of the General Assembly, of Kentucky. While at Frankfort he divided Calloway County, and formed Marshall County, which latter was his home until his death. He was an honorable, high-minded man, and after his second marriage, it is said, never a cross word passed between himself and wife. Mr. Yates remembers with sincere gratitude, the kindness shown him by his step-father, whose wisdom, advice and apt council have followed him during life. He died in 1875 or 1876, leaving two children: Catherine (Mrs. Robert Dew, of Trigg County, Ky.) And Volney P. (of Marshall County, Ky.) The mother died in 1866. Haston lived with his mother until he was twenty years of age, and when twenty-one years old was married to Rhoda Downing, who was born in 1842, and is a daughter of Joseph and Adaline Downing, both of whom were born and reared in Marshall County, Ky. Mr. Downing afterward married P.J. Heath, by whom she had ten children: William H. (deceased), Sarah J., James B., Telitha C., John H., Thomas M., Richard, Reuben, Celia A. and Robert N. The parents are still residing in Marshall County, Ky. After his marriage, Mr. Yates located on his part of the home place, where he resided about eight years, when he sold out and came to Southeast Missouri, but after one year he returned to his native State. Remaining there six years more, he again came to Missouri and located on his present farm. To him and wife have been born six children: Temperance Adaline, Mary J. (Mrs. Oliver Roach), Rufus, Julia Florence, John Albert (deceased) and an infant (deceased and unnamed). Mr. Yates is a member of the Baptist Church.

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