

early settler of Jackson County, and served as Sheriff in an early day. He took part in the Mexican War, and during the gold excitement went to California, where he died. The father of our subject was a shoemaker by trade, but on emigrating to this country, he located in Jackson County, where he engaged in coal mining. He afterward followed the same pursuit in Rock Island. Later he removed to Carondelet, Mo., where he carried on coal mining until his death in 1864. His wife was a faithful member of the Baptist Church, and passed away in 1877. Their family numbered three children, two of whom are still living.

John R. Kane, the only son, was reared in Murphysboro from an early age, and attended the public schools until his father's death. He was soon afterward thrown upon his own resources, and began to earn his own livelihood by clerking in a store in this place. In 1879, when twenty-three years of age, he was appointed Deputy County Treasurer under Philip Kimmell, and served for one term. In 1882 he was nominated for the position of County Clerk on the Democratic ticket, and having been elected, entered upon the duties of the office the following December. In December, 1886, he was re-elected to that position, serving altogether eight years. He made a faithful officer and is recognized as a capable and trustworthy man.

In his business relations Mr. Kane has been a member of the Big Muddy Lumber Company, with which he was connected until the spring of 1892, when he went to Boulder, Colo., on account of his wife's health. He there remained for a year, and was engaged in the feed business. In the spring of 1893 he returned to his old home, purchased an interest in the Abstract and Title Guarantee Company, and became its Treasurer and manager. This company was organized in October, 1892, by two old businesses being consolidated. The capital stock is \$50,000, and they have a complete abstract of all property in the county. The President is George W. Hill; Vice-President, J. M. Herbert, and Secretary, W. W. Kimball.

On the 26th of April, 1885, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Kane and Miss Maggie Murphy, who was born in De Soto, this county, her father,

Riley Murphy, being one of its early settlers. Two children grace their union, Charles R. and John H. Socially, Mr. Kane is connected with Amity Lodge, I. O. O. F., and the encampment, and represented the subordinate in the Grand Lodge. He has also held some of its offices. In 1878 and 1879 he served as Township Collector, and was a member of the School Board from 1890 until his removal to Colorado. The best interests of the community have ever found in him a friend, and his worth and ability are recognized by his many acquaintances.

**JAMES TODD**, who is one of the oldest settlers of Perry County, has been successful as a farmer, and his understanding of agriculture in its various departments is broad and deep. He owns four hundred acres of land, one hundred of which he has improved and has erected thereon attractive and commodious buildings. Mr. Todd is a native of Ireland, having been born in Londonderry, in 1830. His parents, Joseph and Anna (Shannon) Todd, having decided to come to America when he was a lad of nine years, he accompanied them on their journey across the Atlantic and has ever since made his home in the New World.

The parental family included eight children, of whom our subject was the eldest. The other members of the household are: Patrick A., a farmer in Washington County, this state; Catherine, the wife of Charles Latchner, of St. Louis; Mary J., deceased wife of Peter Rendelbarger; Richard P., also deceased; Joseph, who resides in Texas; Annie, Mrs. Patrick Smith, and Thomas, who resides on the old homestead and is the possessor of about three hundred acres of land.

The father of our subject established the first sawmill in Perry County in 1854, and with the aid of his sons conducted that enterprise until 1870. He departed this life in 1880, at the age of eighty-two years. His father, the grandfather of our subject, after coming to the United States followed his trade of a baker for a number of years, and settling in St. Louis in 1842, remained in the