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JNO. ALFRED HITTER, ST. MARTINVILLE.—The subject of this sketch was born in St. Martinville, November 4, 1848. His father, Sebastian Hitter, is a native of France. His ancestors were prominent in the French Revolution. He came to America in 1848. While on the journey across the ocean, cholera broke out among the passengers, and of the twenty-eight sufferers from this dreadful disease he was the only survivor. Shortly after his arrival in New Orleans he removed to St. Martin parish, where he now resides. Louise (Geiger) Hitter, the mother of our subject, was also a native of France, and removed to Louisiana when a child.

John A. Hitter was reared in St. Martin parish, and received his chief education at St. Martinville. At the age of sixteen years he accepted the position of salesman in a mercantile establishment in New Orleans, in which capacity he served four years, when he returned to St. Martinville and entered a mercantile business on his own account, in which he was engaged until 1882. In this, however, he was not successful, and he retired from business, embarking in other pursuits, which were attended with better success. He soon accumulated sufficient capital to put up a manufacturing and repairing establishment, where he manufactures and repairs buggies, harness, etc.

On the 22d of September, 1873, he married Miss Marie Broussard, of St. Martin parish. To them have been born six children: Josephine, Joseph, Louise, Celonine, Alphonse and Beatrice. Mr. Hitter and wife are members of the Catholic church.

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ROBERT HUGHES IRVIN, ST. MARTINVILLE.—Mr. Irvin is a native of Kentucky, born October 19, 1869. His father, Col. Wm. J. Irvin, was a native of Ireland, though reared and educated in the United States. He was a gallant soldier in the Civil War, and was a colonel in the Sixth Indiana Regiment. He was severely wounded during service, from the effects of which he subsequently died, December 3, 1875. R. H. Irvin's mother, Eliza O'Neil, was of Scotch parentage. She was reared in Louisville, Ky., where she married the subject's father in 1853. To them were born three sons and five daughters, of whom our subject is the third. He was reared and educated in Louisiana. He completed his education at St. John's College. After leaving school he took a course of civil engineering in Cincinnati, serving as an apprentice for five years. On the completion of his apprenticeship he became engineer for the F. O. & I. M. Railroad, where he was engaged for the period of one year. Since that time he has been engaged on different roads, until recently, when he became identified with the timber business of this parish.

Mr. Irvin is an ardent Democrat, and has figured prominently in the local politics of the parish. He was appointed census enumerator for the second ward, in St. Martin parish, 1890.

JULES JEANMARD, BREAUX BRIDGE.—Mr. Jeanmard was born in St. Martin parish January 15, 1840. He is the son of Francois and Eulalie (Artache) Jeanmard, the former a native of Italy and the latter of St. Martin parish, Louisiana. Francois Jeanmard removed to Louisiana when quite a young man, and resided here until the time of his death, in 1864. His wife died in 1845. At the age of ten years Jules Jeanmard removed to Texas, where he remained until he was eighteen years of age. He received his education in the schools of Beaumont; during this time he alternately went to school and tended a stock farm. At the breaking out of the war he came to Louisiana and joined the De-clouet Guards, which was afterward attached to the New Orleans Guard Battalion. He was in the engagements at Shiloh and Vicksburg, where he was prostrated with measles and sent to the hospital at Jackson, Mississippi. Having recuperated he went to Camp Moore and received his discharge. Later he entered the Thirteenth Louisiana Regiment, Company A, and participated in the battles at Baton Rouge and Port Hudson. With his division he was ordered back to Vicksburg, where they were detained until the 4th of July, and received orders to return to Jackson, Mississippi. Here they were engaged in the ten days' bombardment. They were then dispatched to Mobile, Alabama, and attached to Longstreet's division to assist in the Tennessee campaign, and were in the retreat from Atlanta. At Jonesboro, Tennessee, Mr. Jeanmard was severely injured and sent to the hospital at Montgomery, Alabama. He was at home on a furlough when the war ended. He suffered a complete loss of property from the effects of the war and had to begin life anew. Shortly after the war was over he entered an employment as ferryman for the parish of St. Martin, for which he received five hundred dollars a year. He was subsequently engaged in running a private ferry for a short period. He then removed to New Orleans, and was engaged in an ice factory there for one year, when he returned to St. Martin parish, and was there engaged as a mail carrier from BreauX Bridge to New Iberia. Shortly after this he began a mercantile business with his brother-in-law, C. C. Brown. In this they were not successful, and after conducting business for a short while dissolved partnership. He was assisted by Levi Loeb & Co., and our subject reopened a store in which he has been remarkably successful. He also owns a store in West Melville, St. Landry parish. Mr. Jeanmard is the father of six sons and three daughters, viz: Joseph R., Rosa, Charles, Frank, George, Jules, Jr., Anna, Henry.

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FRANK L. JEWELL, M. D., ST. MARTINVILLE.—Dr. Jewell is a native of Louisiana, and was born in St. Landry parish January 16, 1839. He is the son of John M. Jewell, who was a native of Kentucky, reared and educated there, but removed to Louisiana when quite a young man. He located in St. Landry where he married our subject's mother, Miss Clarissa Lewis, a native

The subject of this sketch received his education at St. Charles College, Grand Coteau, and was for three years subsequent to leaving college engaged with his father in his mercantile business at this place. He began planting in 1877, which, however, he only followed a short while, and since that time until 1884 was a clerk in different mercantile establishments at this place. In 1884 he was appointed constable and deputy sheriff, in which capacity he serves at present. He was married July 15, 1886, to Miss Erenly Elia Guilbeau, daughter of Adolph Guilbeau, of this parish. They are the parents of two children—Grover and Edna. Mr. Broussard is a member of the Farmers' Alliance, also of the K. of P. order. In politics he is a Democrat.

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A. CLEOPIAS BROUSSARD, LAFAYETTE.—A. Cleophas Broussard, planter and butcher, living in Ward 3, is a native of Vermilion parish, born September 25, 1846. He is the son of Edward T. and B. (Broussard) Broussard, both natives of Louisiana. His grandparents were natives of Acadia. The father of our subject was a planter and stock raiser, and dealt very heavily in cattle. He was also a large slave owner before the war. He married our subject's mother in St. Martin parish, and became the father of fifteen children, four of whom are now living. Mr. Broussard and wife died of yellow fever the same year in Vermilion parish. They were both members of the Catholic church.

The subject of this sketch received a good business education at St. Charles College, Grand Coteau. In 1864 he enlisted in the Confederate States army and served for eight months until the close of the war. After this he returned home and engaged in farming, which occupation he has followed since. In December, 1887, he turned his attention to the butcher business, in which he has continued until the present time. He owns a plantation of one hundred and seventy-five acres of land, ninety of which he cultivates, the principal products being cotton, corn and sweet potatoes. His plantation is situated near Lafayette, and is well improved. At present he and his brother-in-law are preparing a race track with a view of having the parish fair there in the near future. The track is two-thirds of a mile in circumference.

Mr. Broussard married, in 1872, Miss Arsene Guidry, a native of Lafayette parish. They are the parents of twelve children, four sons and eight daughters, of whom eight are now living. Mr. Broussard and family are Catholics.

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CHARLES C. BROWN, CARENCRO.—Charles C. Brown, merchant and planter, was born at Breaux Bridge, St. Martin parish, August 3, 1850. He is the son of Dr. William E. and Margaret (Claudel) Brown, natives of Pennsylvania and France, respectively. Dr. William E. Brown was a graduate from

Jefferson College, Philadelphia. He practised his profession for some time in Tennessee, and in 1846 or 1847 he removed to Breaux Bridge, St. Martin parish, where he practised for many years. Several years prior to his death, in 1859, he was a resident of New Orleans. Our subject's mother is still living at Breaux Bridge.

Charles C. Brown is the oldest of a family of five children. He spent his school days at the place of his birth, and when but a boy of ten years he became a clerk in a mercantile house. In 1870, in partnership with his brother-in-law, Jules, he embarked in the mercantile business on his own account. In 1875 he removed to Carencro, where he has since conducted his business with marked success. Mr. Brown now owns about one thousand acres of land near Carencro, which he cultivates chiefly in cotton. He is also quite a large stock raiser and dealer. While a resident of Breaux Bridge, he was a member of the council, and he has served for some time in this capacity at Carencro. Since 1887 he has served as a member of the police jury, and is the chairman of the parish Democratic Executive Committee, of Lafayette parish.

Mr. Brown married, in 1874, Miss Andrea Ynojoso, of Lafayette parish. To this union three children have been born: Samuel P., William E. and Sarah W. George E., the junior member of the firm of Brown Brothers, is a native of St. Martin parish, Louisiana. He was educated at Breaux Bridge, and early in life married Miss Genevieve Milaudon, a native of Paris, France. She was a highly accomplished lady. She died in 1890, having become the mother of one son, Thomas Weston.

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B. A. BOUDREAU, LAFAYETTE.—B. A. Boudreau was born and reared in the parish where he now resides. His education was received in the schools of the parish. His father is a planter of Lafayette parish. His mother was a native of St. Landry parish, Louisiana. She is now deceased.

Mr. Boudreau is a prosperous planter and stock raiser, and this he has closely followed since the beginning of his business life. His farm is a good one and well improved. He cultivates about thirty acres in cotton and corn, but gives his chief attention to stock raising. Mr. Boudreau is united in marriage with Miss Cora Duocet. To them have been born three children, all of whom are living. Mr. Boudreau is not a politician, but in principle he is a staunch democrat. In religion he is a Catholic.

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O. BERTRAND, LAFAYETTE.—O. Bertrand was born in Scott, Lafayette parish, Louisiana. His father was a native of Lafayette parish, and in later years was a merchant in New Orleans. He died in that city in 1875. The mother of our subject is also deceased.

Wm. E. Brown may not have completed his studies as a result of a fever related