

**"LOUIS BURKEY, farmer.** Mr. Burkey is a worthy representative of that industrious, thrifty class of farmers of German nativity of whom there are many in Audrain County. His parents, Peter and Magdaline (Sipp) Burkey, came to the United States in 1855, and when they landed here the father had but \$32 in the world. The father was a poor man when he married, and in Germany it is by no means as easy to get a start in life as it is in this country. His life long hope was to be able to accumulate enough to bring himself and his family to America, believing that he could do well in this country. It took the savings of over twenty years of hard work and economical living in the Old Country to bring them across to the New World. They came on out to Missouri and settled in Audrain county. Here the father worked out for a year, and then rented land for three years, by which time he had saved up enough to buy a place of his own. Such is the difference in the chances of rising in the world in Germany and in the United States. He died a few years ago and was well fixed in life. His children all have comfortable homes of their own. If these industrious Germans can thus succeed in this country, why cannot every other honest man succeed as well? Industry, economy and sober living will accomplish it for any man of good intelligence. Louis Burkey, the subject of this sketch, was born in Hesse Darmstadt, Germany, August 12, 1837, and was brought up to the weaver's trade. Coming over with his father to this country in 1855, he worked on a farm here until he was able to get land of his own. He was married in 1866 to Miss Catherine Ess, a daughter of John Ess, formerly of Germany, but later and now of Audrain county [sic]. Mr. Burkey went to work with the energy and intelligence characteristic of his race, and now has a fine farm of nearly 300 acres. He has a good class of stock and deals to some extent in cattle and mules. There is an excellent measure or vein of coal on his place, which adds greatly to its value. Mr. Burkey is school director of his district, and is one of the solid, substantial men of the community. He and his wife have four children: Magdaline, Louisa, Minnie and Newton Frederick. He has three sisters, Barbara, Margaret and Catherine. His wife has five sisters and two brothers, Magdaline, Lizzie, Nellie, Louisa, Eleanora, John William and Henry Newton."