

### **Biographical Sketch of Elias Miers, Lafayette County, Missouri**

Elias Miers, plasterer and farmer, P. O. Dover; was born in Frederick county, Va., October 29, 1829; reared and educated in his native state. In his youth he learned the trade of plastering, which he followed for some time before leaving Virginia. In the spring of 1857 he came to Missouri, settling in this county, where he has followed his profession in connection with his farming. In October, 1864, he enlisted in the confederate service, company B, Col. Gordon's cavalry, under Gen. Shelby. He took part in the battles of Independence, Westport, Carthage and other engagements in which his command participated; was honorably discharged on the 13th of June, 1865. In 1860, February 9th, he was married to Miss Sally Lovelady, of this county, and whose parents were among the first settlers in Lafayette County, and also the first couple married in the county. Mrs. Lovelady gave birth to the first pair of twins born in the county. Mr. and Mrs. Miers have three children living: Mary E., Betty V., and Emma L. Mr. Miers owns a splendid farm of 124 acres. Mrs. Lovelady, the mother-in-law of Mr. Miers is living with him; she is the daughter of Solomon Cox, who was one of the first settlers in the county, if not the first. She is now 88 years of age, in excellent health for a person of her age; rides horseback. Mrs. Lovelady can tell many interesting anecdote of "pioneer life" in this county.