

James W. Patterson, like many of the early settlers of Howard county, is a native of Kentucky, and was born in Shelby county, May 22, 1808. His father, William Patterson, and his grandfather, James Patterson, were both natives of Virginia and of Scotch extraction. The father of James came to Kentucky in 1792; he died in 1821. His mother's maiden name was Mary Allen. She was born near Harper's Ferry, in Virginia; her death occurred in 1854. The subject of this sketch in 1824, was apprenticed to learn the tanner's trade, and served four years. In 1828 he came to Boonville, Cooper county, Missouri, and worked at his trade a few months and then removed to Fayette and become a partner of William Givens in the tannery business. After the death of his partner he continued the business until 1837, and then engaged in farming until 1842, when he resumed his former occupation, doing an extensive business until 1854. He then returned to his farm where he has since lived and accumulated a competency. During the war he remained at home, but in common with others he suffered very greatly, pecuniarily estimating his loss at \$40,000. His landed estate before dividing with his children was about 1,000 acres; his homestead comprises 452 acres. In 1868, he was elected to represent the county in the state legislature and filled the position with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of his constituents. He was married, January 6, 1836, to Miss Jane Turner, who was born in Howard county, March 3, 1816. Mrs. Patterson's father, James Turner, was a native of Madison county, Kentucky. He came to Old Franklin in 1809. The family of Mr. and Mrs. Patterson consists of five children living: Elizabeth, now Mrs. Berkley; Mary J., now Mrs. Jordan; Laura R., Robert A., James W. One son, William, is deceased.