

William Shields, farmer, section 15. James Shields and William Johnson were both early settlers of Howard county, and here each reared a family of children. Of the family of the former Thomas Shields, who was born in Kentucky before his father left that State, was married here to Miss Frances, daughter of William Johnson, she also being a native of Kentucky.

William Shields, the subject of this sketch, was born of this union September 19 1835. His father who was a successful farmer, died July 27, 1865, his mother surviving her husband about sixteen years, dying only two years ago, October 20 1881. William followed farming after he grew up until the outbreak of the war, and then enlisted in the Confederate service and participated in the Boonville and Lexington battles, and in several of the others that followed in which Price's army took part. While with General Poindexter he was captured at Laclede, and afterwards confined in the military prisons of St. Louis and Alton about six months. After this he rejoined Price and was with his command in the last campaign in this state. He continued in the service until the general surrender at Shreveport, Louisiana. Returning home, he resumed farming, which he has since followed. May 8, 1872, he was married to Miss Mary J., daughter of James P. Manion, after which he settled on his present farm, contained 160 acres of land, a part of the original tract purchased by his father. Mr. and Mrs. Shields have two sons, James and Sonie. Mr. S. is a member of the Christian church.