

Augustus Turner, one of those venerable old gentlemen, of whom so many are made mention in the present volume, native to Kentucky, who honor Audrain County by their residence, and whose white hairs and bent forms remind us of the long and useful lives they have lived, is now past the allotted age of three-score and ten, and was born in Madison County, Kentucky, away back in 1812, the year the signal shot of the Second War for Independence was fired. On both sides of his family, Mr. Turner comes of well known names in Kentucky and Missouri, the Turners and Tolson. His father was Enoch Turner; his mother's maiden name was Susan Tolson. Every old Kentuckian is familiar with these family names, for both were among the worthy people of that state. Enoch Turner and wife had a family of fourteen children, as follows: Augustus, Mariam, Abigail, Jemima, Elizabeth, Susan, Thomas, Katie, Martha, Benjamin and Mattie. The others died in tender years. But three of his family are still living, Augustus, Abigail and Elizabeth. The family came to Missouri as early as 1816, and settled in Boone County. There the father died in 1840 and the mother in 1855. Augustus, Turner, the subject of the present sketch, after he grew up, was married to Miss Ladonia Hill, a daughter of John Hill and wife, whose maiden name was Rebecca Brink. They were also from Kentucky. Mrs. Turner had two sisters and one brother, Sabina, Serena and Foster. Mr. and Mrs. Turner have a family of five children: Sarah R., Susan, Foster, Mary T. and Queen B. The mother of these died November 21, 1857 in Randolph County. Mr. Turner was married a second time. This was in 1875. Miss Sabina E. Hill, a sister of his first wife, then became his wife. Mr. Turner has followed farming from boyhood and has been fairly successful. He has an excellent farm in Audrain county and is comfortably fixed. He owned a number of slaves before the war, and these remained with him until the spring of 1883, when he removed from his former place and left them where he had previously resided. Mr. and Mrs. Turner are members of the Baptist Church.