

MERVIN M. DAWSON

(Farmer, Stock-raiser and Stock-dealer, Post-office, Welch).

Mr. Dawson, a son of Nathaniel W. Dawson, of this county, was brought up to the business of farming and handling stock, and although comparatively a young man yet, is steadily coming to the front in these lines. His father is a Kentuckian by nativity, from Henry county, and came to Missouri with his family in 1849. He located in Monroe county, where, he bought a farm and began his career here as a farmer and stock man. He was entirely successful in these lines, and although retired from active work for some years past, bears the reputation of having shipped more stock from this county than any other man in the county. He is now 67 years of age, and is living in quiet and comfort on his homestead, in the bosom of his family and the enjoyment of the esteem of all who know him. His good wife is also still living to accompany him on down the stream of life, as she has done for so many long and happy years. They have reared a family of nine children, six sons and three daughters, all of whom are married and all reside in the county but two — one, the wife of John Brockman of Audrain county, and Ellis, of the State of Colorado. Mervin M. is the keystone of the family of children, there being four older and four younger than he. He was born in Henry county, Ky., October 13, 1845, and was therefore principally reared in Monroe county. He was married in this county February 3, 1867, when Miss Rebecca F. Threlkeld, a daughter of William Threlkeld, became his wife. After his marriage Mr. Dawson quitted the paternal roof to establish a home for himself and his family. He came to the place where he now resides