

John H. Turner, Jr., farmer and stock raiser. Mr. Turner, who is a lifelong resident of Howard county, and has a splendid grain and stock farm of 800 acres, besides giving his attention to the ordinary farm interests, is now making a specialty of raising and handling short-horn, high-grade cattle, of which he has some of the finest quality in the county. He has been engaged in this line for the past five years, but is constantly adding to his stock by purchase of the best breeds that can be had, and the present year bought several, including both sexes, of the celebrated Pole-Angus breed, imported direct from Scotland. Besides his large farm in this county, which is exceptionably well improved, he owns real estate also in Chariton and Macon counties, and is in every sense of the word a thorough-going, enterprising, educated farmer and stockman. He was born in Howard county, Missouri, June 9, 1837, and was reared in this county, where he has since lived. In youth he attended the ordinary schools of the county, and after his common school course had the benefit of two years' tuition in the State university at Columbia. Returning home after his university course, he engaged in farming, and his career as a farmer has been marked by the most gratifying success. On the 11th of May, 1860, he was married to Miss Bettie Jackson, a refined and accomplished young lady of this county, daughter of Thomas Jackson and niece of Governor Claiborne F. Jackson. Mr. and Mrs. Turner have an interesting family of five children - Thomas J., Henry A., Lee, Lucile and Richard F. Mr. T. is a brother to William Turner, another leading farmer and stock raiser, and both are sons of Talton Turner, one of the old and highly respected citizens of the county.