

William A. Michael
History of Caldwell County, Missouri

to this county, and now owns a large farm here. William A. Michael, one of the children born of his father's second marriage, first saw the light in Adams county, Ill., March 1, 1845. He was reared to a farm experience but his educational advantages were interrupted by the mutterings of war, and when sixteen years of age he enlisted in Co. E, 6th M. S. M. cavalry, Col. Catherwood commanding. His term of service extended over a period of three years, during which time he participated in twenty-seven engagements, both in Arkansas and Missouri—the battle of Lone Jack being not an unimportant one. Returning home, he attended school some time and then began farming and stock raising, and his present farm of 180 acres is as well improved and beautifully located as any place in the township. September 13, 1869, Mr. Michael was married to Miss Lucy E., the daughter of Hon. Daniel Proctor, of this township. She was born in McLean county, Ill., October 26, 1850. Their family numbers seven children: Ida M., Daniel L., William A. B., Eldro U. and Leda V. living, and Edgar and an infant deceased. Mr. Michael has held numerous township offices of responsibility and honor. He is a warm advocate of superior educational advantages for the young of the county. He is a member of the M. E. Church. At this time he is raising Norman horses, Durham cattle and Poland-China hogs—all of a very fine trade.