

to America, her death occurring in the city of St. Louis in 1881. The father, Saul Salinger, died during our subject's youth, having been a farmer in the old country. In 1872 Mr. Salinger was united in marriage to Miss Lona Fillman. He is one of the wealthy men of the county and, besides owning about 2,000 acres of land in Monroe County, he has a splendid brick residence in Brinkley, which was erected in 1887, and a substantial and commodious brick business block which was built in 1888. In 1882 he gave up merchandising and turned his attention to the real-estate business, but since 1887 has been following his old calling. He is a member of the A. F. & A. M., the K. of P. and the K. & L. of H.

**James S. Seale.** An important branch of industry is that represented by Mr. Seale, carpenter, blacksmith and general wood workman of Clarendon, and his superior work has entitled him to the distinction of a representative business man. He was born in Shelby County, Ala., in 1850, a son of Willoughby and Sarah (Ford) Seale, who were born in South Carolina and Georgia, in 1818 and 1820, respectively. They were married in Shelby County, Ala., and are still living there, the father being a prominent farmer and wagon maker. He served in the Confederate army the last year of the war. His father, Herod Seale, served in the War of 1812, was a mechanic by trade, and died in Calhoun County, Miss., in 1875. Rev. John Ford, the maternal grandfather, was a Methodist minister and died in Macon, Ga. James S. Seale is the second in a family of four sons and one daughter, and was brought up and educated in the State of Alabama, but his advantages, as far as his schooling was concerned, were very limited indeed. He learned the trade of wagon maker of his father in his youth, and in 1873 came to Monroe County, Ark., and until 1887 lived on a farm four miles north of Clarendon, since which time he has been a resident of the town, and has worked at his trade the greater part of the time and is considered an excellent carpenter and blacksmith. Besides his fertile farm of 250 acres, of which 100 acres are under cultivation, he owns an excellent house and lot in town, all of which is the result of earnest

and consistent endeavor on his part. He has always been a Democrat in his political views, and his first presidential vote was cast for Grover, in 1872. He belongs to the Knights of Honor, and his wife, whom he married in 1875 and whose maiden name was Mattie Arnold, is a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. She was born in Calhoun County, Miss., is the mother of five children, three daughters living, and is a daughter of Warren Arnold.

**Miles A. Simmons, Jr.**, a merchant and planter of Palmer Station, is a son of Miles A. Simmons, Sr., a resident of Mississippi, who was born in Georgia in 1820, of English ancestry. He was married in 1842 to Miss Elizabeth Revel, born in the State of North Carolina in 1825. They were the parents of ten children, four of whom are still living: Charles F., Miles A., Jr. (the principal of this sketch), Virginia W. (the wife of John E. Done) and Eazer P. Mr. Simmons is the patentee and manufacturer of the famous "Simmons Liver Regulator," and has been engaged in the manufacture and sale of that medicine for thirty-nine years, now, however, being retired from business. He and his wife are living in the State of Mississippi, where they moved in 1844. He is a member of the Masonic order and of the Methodist Episcopal Church. His wife belongs to the Baptist Church. Miles A. Simmons, Jr., was born in Mississippi in 1860, and was married at the age of twenty to Miss Inez L. Smith, daughter of Capt. W. F. and Electa Smith. She was born in Springfield, Ill., in 1860. They have one son, William F. Mr. Simmons commenced clerking in his brother's drug store at the age of eighteen, and two years later bought his brother's interest, a short time after selling out to his father and removing to St. Louis, where he was engaged as book-keeper. In 1887 he came to Palmer, and was occupied in getting out railroad ties until 1889, when he started in the mercantile business, his present calling. He is also postmaster of Palmer, and is the railroad agent at that place. Besides his other interests he owns a large steam cotton-gin and corn-mill, and a farm of 640 acres with some eighty acres under cultivation. Mr. Simmons is a mem-

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Grandson of John Ford Seale ~ Great-Grandson of Willoughby & Sarah (Ford) Seale

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