

children: Atha T., Jesse C. and Ernest. Dr. Williams is a member of the County Medical Society (of which he was president in 1908), the State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. In fraternal societies he is allied with the Masonic Order, in which he is a Royal Arch Mason, and he is a member of the Knights of Honor and the Modern Woodmen of America.

Dr. Williams is not only versed most thoroughly in his profession but is also well-informed along other lines, and from the faithful performance of each day's duty he gains inspiration and encouragement for the labors of the next. The doctor is of the type of the old line physician in conservatism and at the same time is a great student and well informed on all topics of the day, but he wants to be sure he is right before he goes ahead, and this trait has won the confidence of all those who meet him. Dr. Williams is an enthusiastic automobile aficionado and takes a great deal of pleasure in this recreation.

### Clay

James W. Clay, one of the prominent members of the bar of Kentucky, maintains his residence at Henderson County, where he has been actively engaged in the practice of his profession ever since his admittance and which is also his native city, born there in 1874. He is the son of James Franklin and Elizabeth (Eaves) Clay.

Mr. Clay received his preliminary education in the public schools of Henderson, graduating from the high school and later taking a full course at the Cumberland University Law School, from which he graduated in due time. Upon being admitted to the bar, he became associated with his father, who was already well established in the practice of his profession, and in that connection the firm became Clay & Clay and has continued in the present time.

Mr. Clay married Lillian Stoner on December 21, 1898, who was the daughter of George M. D. Stoner, of Nelson County, Kentucky. Mr. and Mrs. Clay have one son, George Ston-

er. Mr. Clay is a member of the Masonic Order, belonging to Jerusalem Lodge, No. 9, F. & A. M., of Henderson, Kentucky, and he is a member of Lodge No. 21, K. P., and Henderson Lodge No. 206, B. P. O. E.

### Beam

More than 40 years ago, J. H. Beam founded the Early Times Distillery, located at Early Times, a few miles distant from Bardstown, Nelson County, Kentucky; and he has since continuously conducted the enterprise, which he has developed into one of the largest and most important of its kind in Nelson County. He is also president of the Farmers' Bank & Trust Company of Bardstown, and is one of the substantial capitalists, representative businessmen and highly honored citizens of his native state.

Mr. Beam was born in the town of Mooresville, Washington County, Kentucky, on November 13, 1839, and is a son of David and Elizabeth Settles Beam. David Beam was born in the town of Loretto, Nelson County, a section now included in Marion County, in 1800. He was there reared to adulthood, received the advantages of the common schools of the locality and period and assisted his father in the operation of a small distillery. A few years prior to attaining his majority he removed to Mooresville, Washington County, where he followed agricultural pursuits and conducted a distillery until his death in 1852, at the age of 52 years. His father was a native of Maryland, whence he came to Kentucky in an early day, establishing his home in the township of Loretto, which is now in Marion County, where he continued to live until his children were all of mature age. He passed the closing years of his life in the home of his son, David, and attained to the patriarchal age of 104 years. Elizabeth Settles Beam, mother of the subject of this review, was born and reared in Nelson County and of the 10 children in the family, five are now living; Joseph, who resides in Nelson County and who is 80 years of age; David, who is a resident of Bardstown and who is 77 years of age;

Isaac, who maintains his home in the state of Kansas; Mrs. Matilda Marshall, who is a widow and resides in the state of Missouri; and J. H.

J. H. Beam was afforded the advantages of the common schools and was but 14 years of age at the time of his father's death, so that he early began to assume the practical duties and responsibilities of his life. When but 18 years of age he purchased a distillery and began operations upon a modest scale. In 1866 he founded the Early Times Distillery, of which he has since been the owner and which is one of the largest in a county that is widely known for its production of fine bourbon whiskey. In the vicinity of the distillery, Mr. Beam owns and conducts a fine farm of 500 acres and on the same is established his spacious and attractive residence, which is one of the fine homes of Nelson County. He was one of the organizers of the Farmers' Bank & Trust Company of Bardstown and is now its president, having shown marked discrimination and due conservatism in the directing of the affairs of this substantial and popular financial institution. He is a member of the Baptist church.

Mr. Beam's first marriage was to Miss Maria Nall, who died in Nelson County on February 9, 1891. Of the two children of this union it may be stated that Edward is superintendent of the Early Times Distillery and that John died at the age of seven years. The second marriage of Mr. Beam was celebrated in October, 1896, when he wedded Miss Margaret Thompson, of Springfield, Kentucky, and she died in June 1903, leaving no children.

### Simmons

Walter Clarence Simmons, M. D. is recognized as a man of broad mind and scholarly attainments who has carried his investigations far and wide into the realm of knowledge. His attention is most largely given to his professional service, and whatever tends to promote the interest of his profession and place before man the key to the mystery of that complex problem we call life at once attracts his interest and cooperation.