

Samuel M Briscoe is the youngest child of Thomas S. and Margaret A. Briscoe. He was born on the 8th day of April, 1863, in Scott County, Iowa. When about one month old his parents removed

to Linnaeus, Linn County, Missouri, where his mother died. He was then with the other children, two girls, taken to Newark, Delaware, and resided with an aunt, Mrs. Mary E. Griffith, until he was eight years old. In May, 1871, he came to Hartford City, and lived in the family of Robert L. Kunkle, until August of the same year when his father remarried and then he lived with him if his first schooling was in the district schools of the State of Delaware. After coming to Hartford City he attended the graded schools and graduated in the class of 1881. When but twelve years old he commenced to clerk in the grocery store of S. H. Patterson & Co. He clerked during the summer and attended school during the winter. In February, 1879, he went to work in the clerk's office of the county, and held the position of deputy clerk from that time until January, 1883, except when in school. In January, 1883, he went to Indianapolis and during the session of the Legislature was assistant journal clerk of the House of Representatives. On the first day of May, he accepted the position of bookkeeper in the Citizens Bank, and in January, 1885, was elected assistant cashier of that institution, which position he still holds. The first of July, 1885, he purchased the Hartford City Telegram, and has published it since, never assuming entire editorial control of the paper on account of his position at the bank. His father does the principal work on the paper, he (Sam) acting as publisher and business manager. Has traveled a great deal for a young man, through the south, east and some parts of the west.