

CHARLES J. MAURER

Among the earliest white settlers in the Choctaw Nation were Charles J. Maurer and his father, both of whom were native born Alsatians from the Rhine district.

Charlie was but four years old in 1850 when he arrived in Red River county, I. T., settling close to Pine Creek church, north of Clarksville. His father pursued his trade of wagon making at Doaksville, and in 1860 moved his shop to Boggy, at that period the most important trading post in the Indian Territory, being the center of commerce for the native and white settlers living within two hundred miles west, and the same distance north and south.

Young Maurer when only sixteen years of age assisted in J. P. Kingsberry's mercantile house, and in 1868 became a citizen through his marriage with Mary Freaney, sister to Clay Freaney, of Blue county, an extensive stockman.

By this union Mr. Maurer has two chil-

dren—Leonidas, aged sixteen years, and Cecil, thirteen.

After an experience of some years in the establishment of G. B. Hester in 1884, he opened business in his own name at Boggy, and has ever since been steadily accumulating. He has three farms containing over one thousand acres under fence, three hundred and fifty of which are in cultivation. Besides this he is the owner of some 700 head of cattle and other stock. Mr. Maurer has never interfered in political or public matters, and is much respected by the Indian people.