James Goodpasture was one of the pioneers of the Wolf's Hill, or Abingdon settlement, in Virginia, where all his children were born except the youngest. He emigrated to Tennessee in the latter part of the eighteenth century, and located, first, near Southwest Point, a Federal fort on the Indian line. But in 1800 he moved west, across the Indian territory, called the wilderness, and made a permanent settlement on Flat Creek, then in Smith, but now in Overton County. When the Indian title to the wilderness was extinguished, and Overton County erected, he was elected captain in its first military organization. He was a great admirer and partisan of President Jefferson, for whom his youngest son, born two months after his in- auguration, was named. He married a Miss Hamilton >v 1776, and had eight children. He died about 1820.