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Easton, in Marion Township, is one of the largest towns in the county outside of St. Joseph, and is a good business point. It is on the Hannibal & St. Joseph Railroad, twelve miles east of St. Joseph.

In 1848, Mr. E. Don McCrary purchased four hundred acres of land where now stands the town of Easton. In 1854, Mr. McCrary opened a store on his farm, and the same season laid off the town. The second store was established in 1855, by Kernes & Lumback. The latter disposed of his interest to Kernes, George Berry, Isaac Gibson and C. Benight, and the business was carried on by this firm till the breaking out of the war.

Dr. I. S. Talbott was the first physician to locate in the place.

PRESENT BUSINESS FIRMS.

Engaged in general merchandise are McCray Bros., Birt, Boyer & Co., Keys & Leftwick, William Tuck.

H. B. Iba, shoemaker and postmaster.

Colt Bros. & Co., millers.

One hotel kept by Jacob Hopper.

SCHOOLS AND CHURCHES.

One school house ; frame building.

One church, Presbyterian; built in 1868. Rev. E. B. Sherwood, present pastor.

EMILY SIBLEY COLT, M. D.,

wife of C. C. Colt, Esq., of St. Joseph, is a daughter of Elisha Sibley, of Henrietta, Monroe County, New York, and here she was born February 27, 1839. After receiving a fair business education at the common schools, she entered the Wesleyan Seminary, of Lima, New York, and was in due time graduated from this Institution, with honor. In 1864, she married in Monroe County, New York, C. C. Colt, Esq. They have by this marriage two children — Gertrude Agatha and Irving Sibley. In 1865 they went West, and settled on a farm near Easton, Buchanan County, Missouri. In 1872, they moved to St. Joseph. Endowed with an excellent education, and inspired with an ardent desire of devoting the means afforded by literary and scientific opportunities, to the benefit of suffering humanity, Mrs. Colt determined to qualify herself for the profession of medicine. She accordingly devoted the energies of her intellect and two years of her time to the pursuit of his study, under the guidance of a skillful physician of St. Joseph. She afterward attended the lectures of Hahnemann Homoeopathic Medical College, Chicago from which institution she was graduated with high honors and the degree of M. D., in February, 1881.

Information on Marion Township

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