

Thomas Edford Ross

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page 169 TIRoss. Few men have attained greater prominence in Greene County in a social as well as business point of view than has Mr Ross, who by his pleasant and courteous manner has made many friends and built up a successful trade. He was born in Kentucky in 1826, and is the son of Caleb and Alifal (Hutchison) Ross, and the grandson of Wm Ross, who was born in Maryland, and came to Kentucky at an early day. Caleb Ross was also a native of Maryland, and was there married to Miss Hutchison. TIRoss left his native State in 1873, emigrating to Greene County Ark., and locating on a farm two miles north of where Marmaduke is now standing. This land he opened up and improved eighty acres, erected buildings and remained on the same for about five years, when he [p.169] sold out and moved to the village of Marmaduke. Here he has since been engaged in merchandising, and has built up a good trade. He has a convenient, substantial building for that purpose, two stories high, the upper portion of which is used for a dwelling. He was married, in Kentucky to Miss Martha Coles Otey who died, leaving two children: C. H., who resides in Greene County married, and the father of two children; and Susan, who married L. C. Harvey a farmer of Greene County and has two children. Mr Ross was married to the sister of his first wife, Miss Elizabeth Otey and they are the parents of three children: Frances Orlena, wife of James Stone, resides one and a half miles from Marmaduke and has four children; Margaret A., wife of A. B. Harvey is living in Marmaduke and keeps the hotel, also being engaged in farming, and has five children; and W.A., a merchant of Marmaduke. Mr Ross is a member of the Masonic fraternity and Evergreen Lodge of the I. O. O. F. He has been a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church since eighteen years of age.