

## Richard Parker Butler

**B**UTLER, RICHARD PARKER, son of General Percival Butler, was born in Jessamine County, Kentucky, September 27, 1792. He is of Irish extraction, and his father, General Percival Butler, was one of the five patriot brothers who became distinguished soldiers in the Revolutionary War. (See sketch of Gen. Percival Butler.) He passed some time in the select schools of the country, and completed his education at Transylvania University. After leaving the University, he began the study of the law. The second war with England coming on soon after, he accompanied his father, as Assistant Adjutant-General of Kentucky, in his campaign against the Indians, with the army of the North-west. On returning home, in 1813, he finished his legal preparations, under Hon. Joseph Cabell Breckinridge, but never entered upon the practice of his profession. After the death of his father, in 1821, he became Clerk of Gallatin County; and, after the organizing of Carroll County, he, also, became clerk of the circuit court, and held the position until 1852, when he retired to his farm; but, since the close of the civil war, has resided in Carrollton. Although always a Democrat, he has never figured in political affairs. Religiously, he is connected with the Presbyterian Church. He is a man of uncommon conversational powers, plain and agreeable in manners, is yet active and vigorous, is well read in the affairs of the day, and has been one of the most intelligent and valuable citizens of Carroll County. Mr. Butler was first married, September 29, 1818, to Miss Pauline G. Bullock, daughter of Judge Garland Bullock, of Gallatin County; and, after her death, in 1840, September 14, to Eliza Blythe, daughter of Dr. James Blythe, of Hanover, Indiana. He has no living children.