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## William Josephus Perrin

**P**ERRIN, WILLIAM JOSEPHUS, Lawyer, was born August 3, 1825, in Harrison County, Kentucky. His father, S. C. Perrin, was a native of the same county, and was a merchant, clergyman, and lawyer; was, at a time, Judge of Kenton County Court; for a number of years, clerk of that county; represented Harrison County in the Legislature for several terms; and was the son of W. C. Perrin, a soldier of the war of 1812, who was one of the pioneers of Harrison County, from South Carolina, and was of French Huguenot extraction. His mother's maiden name was also Perrin. She was daughter of Gen. Josephus Perrin, general of State militia, and soldier in the army in the war of 1812, and one of the early settlers of Harrison County from South Carolina. The subject of this sketch was raised on the farm, and attended the private schools of the country. In 1841 and 1842, he attended Bacon College, at Harrodsburg, and acquired a fair classical education, after which he spent two years on the farm. In 1844, he began teaching in his native county, which avocation he continued until the commencement of the Mexican War, in 1846, when he enlisted in Humphrey Marshall's cavalry regiment, from Kentucky, and was with Gen. Taylor. But, in 1847, on account of bad health, he was discharged, and returned home. The following year he spent in mercantile business, in Covington. In 1849, he was elected one of the constables of Harrison County, and performed the duties of that office for three years. In 1852, he resumed teaching school, at Falmouth and other points, and continued this pursuit for five years, using all his leisure time in reading law. In the Fall of 1857, he was admitted to the bar, and, in the following year, began the law practice at Falmouth. In 1860, he removed to Covington, and became his father's deputy in the clerkship of the Kenton County Court. For over two years he occupied this position. In 1863, he resumed teaching again, and this time in Kenton County. In 1866, he returned to Falmouth, where he has since resided. During this year, he was elected Attorney for Pendleton County, and, in 1870, was re-elected, holding the office eight years. In 1874, he was elected Judge of Pendleton County, and now holds that position. Politically, he has always been a Democrat, and, during the rebellion, his sympathies were with the South. Religiously, his preferences are with the Christian Church. He is a man of great energy, of untiring perseverance, and of irreproachable character in public and private. In the Fall of 1851, Judge Perrin was married to Miss Nancy D. Oldham, daughter of Thomas J. Oldham, a farmer of Pendleton County, Kentucky.