

## William W. Baldwin

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**B**ALDWIN, WILLIAM W., Agriculturist, Stock-breeder, and Trader, was born January 23, 1827, in Mason County, Kentucky. His father, Garrison Baldwin, emigrated from Virginia at an early day, and was a prominent farmer of Mason County. W. W. Baldwin was educated in the private schools of his native county. He has always lived on a farm, and is now one of the most extensive farmers and mule traders of Mason County. He has been an extensive breeder of Short-horns, usually taking the premiums with his stock in the county fairs; and is the most prominent stock man, and the largest trader and feeder of mules in the county, maturing and selling four or five hundred mules every year. He has also engaged largely in the tobacco trade. In 1866, he leased the Calhoun Plow Factory, of Maysville, and carried it on successfully for ten years, trading chiefly with the South, and usually spending his Winters in New Orleans, in the interest of his factory. In 1858, he was nominated by the Whigs for Sheriff of the county, but declined to make the race; was nominated, by the Bell and Everett party, for the same office, in 1860, and was elected; was re-elected in 1862, holding the position two terms; and, in 1871, was elected, by the Democrats, to the Lower House of the Legislature. He was originally identified with the Whig party. During the civil war, his sympathies were with the South, but he took no active part in the great conflict. He is one of the most active, successful, enterprising, liberal, public-spirited, and thorough-going business men of Mason County. He is a man of great physical strength and fine bearing. Mr. Baldwin was married, November 20, 1850, to Miss Martha A. Tabb, of Dover, Kentucky. They have six living children.

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