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#### INTRODUCTION

Biographical sketches, reminiscences, and photographs of the Obear, Bryan and McIlvaine families compiled by Bryan Obear. Also includes brief biographies and photographs of Sloman Browne and Charles G. McHatton.

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#### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Bryan Obear was born on 17 April 1855 in St. Louis, Missouri, to Josiah H. and Maria Jane Bryan Obear. He attended Clay Public School, Franklin Public School, German Institute, Washington University, and Virginia Military Institute. He also studied law, though he chose not to practice.

Obear managed a farm in Boone County, Missouri, from 1875 to 1879. He then became engaged in the real estate business, his father's profession.

In 1882 Obear moved to Arizona and began working for a construction firm as an engineer. He left five years later, returning to St. Louis to take on the positions of secretary and treasurer of the Julian Mining and Mill Company.

By 1889 Obear was managing the Western Smoke Preventer Company in Chicago, Illinois. He remained there until 1894, when he moved to Crescent, Missouri, to raise stock. Six years later Obear was managing the Montague Compressed Air Company, the marketer of several of his inventions.

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