

since 1905. For five years he was successfully engaged in business as a buyer and shipper of grain, at Clarence, this county, and he still devotes considerable attention to this line of enterprise. Mr. Harrison clings to the political faith in which he was reared and is a staunch advocate of the generic principles for which the Democratic party ever has stood sponsor. Both he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, and he is affiliated with the Shelbina camp of the Modern Woodmen of America.

On April 18, 1878, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Harrison to Miss Laura B. Penn, of Shelbyville, this county, a daughter of Rev. William Penn, who was a prominent and influential minister of the Methodist Episcopal church, South. Of the four children of this union, three are living—Ernest, who is engaged as engineer on the Santa Fe at Marcelene, Missouri; William Penn, a farmer; and Howard, also railroading. The family is one whose members are distinctively popular in the community and the attractive home is a center of gracious hospitality.

JOHN FREDERICK BURCKHARDT.

John Frederick Burckhardt passed his boyhood and youth on the home farm and early began to assist in its work, in the meanwhile duly availing himself of the advantages of the district school of the neighborhood. Later he continued his studies in the public schools of the village of Leonard. He left school at the age of nineteen years and thereafter he continued to be identified with the work

and management of his father's farm until 1902, when he purchased sixty acres of land in section 17 of his native township and initiated independent operations as a farmer and stock-grower. His early experience and consequent intimate knowledge of these two basic lines of industry enabled him to direct his energies with marked discrimination, and the result has been that his success has been of pronounced order. To his original tract he has added until he now has a well improved farm estate of two hundred and ten acres, of which one hundred and eighty acres are maintained under effective cultivation. His homestead has excellent buildings and the able management that he gives to his farm is well shown in its general air of thrift and prosperity. Mr. Burckhardt was reared in the faith of the Republican party and has never deviated therefrom since attaining to the right of franchise. Like his parents he is a member of the Presbyterian church, and in the same both he and his wife are zealous workers. They have a wide circle of friends in their home county and their home is one of gracious hospitality and refined atmosphere. In a fraternal way he is affiliated with the lodge of Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Bethel, this county.

On the 19th of April, 1902, was recorded the marriage of John Frederick Burckhardt to Miss Minnie E. Baker, who was born in Washington county, Ohio, on the 30th of October, 1879, and who came with her parents to Shelby county, Missouri, when a child. She is a daughter of Leander and Susana (McCammon) Baker, the former of whom

was born in Pennsylvania and the latter in Ireland. They are now residents of Shelby county, where Mr. Baker is a successful farmer. Mr and Mrs. Burckhardt have one child, Burdett Frederick, who was born in December, 1904.

RICHARD COLLIER.

The subject of this sketch is one of the best known and most highly esteemed citizens of his native county and city, and is at the present time incumbent of the position of postmaster of Shelbyville, of which city he was formerly mayor and in which he has held other offices of trust, betokening the high regard of the people of the community in which practically his entire life has been passed. He is a member of one of the old and honored pioneer families of this section of the state, and thus there are many elements which render consistent a review of his personal career and genealogical data in this publication.

Richard Collier was born in Shelbyville, Missouri, November 25, 1849, and is a son of James M. and Catherine B. (Gooch) Collier, both of whom were born in the state of Kentucky, whence their respective parents moved to Missouri in an early day. William Collier, grandfather of the subject of this review, was likewise a native of Kentucky, and he passed the closing years of his life in Grandy county, Missouri, where he developed a farm and was a well known pioneer. James M. Collier was reared to maturity in Missouri, where he received a common-school education and where he learned in his youth the trade of brickmason, which he followed for

some time, later becoming a successful contractor in connection with his trade. Just before the inception of the Civil war he settled on a farm near Oakdale, Shelby county, where the family home was maintained for several years. He finally took up his residence in Shelbyville, where he built up a successful contracting business, in the erection of brick buildings and other structures, and he was among the early incumbents of the office of sheriff of Shelby county. He was one of the argonauts who made their way to California during the memorable gold excitement of 1849 and succeeding years, and he made a very successful venture in taking mules across the plains to the mining districts, where he disposed of the animals at a large profit. He was identified with gold mining in California about four years and was very successful in his operations.

James Collier manifested unqualified loyalty to the Union at the time of the Civil war. He enlisted in 1861, in response to President Lincoln's first call for volunteers, becoming a member of a Missouri regiment and continuing in active service during practically the entire period of the great internecine conflict, within which he participated in a large number of the important battles on the sanguinary fields of the South. He was made captain of his company, and his regiment was commanded by Col. B. F. Benjamin. He continued throughout life to manifest a deep interest in his old comrades, though forgetting the animosities engendered of the great war between the states, and he was a popular and honored member of the Grand Army of the Republic. In