

children Crayton is the elder and Russell is now a resident of Cedar county, Nebraska. The father was originally a Whig and later a Republican in politics, and both he and his wife held membership in the Universalist church. Samuel R. Woodward was born in Connecticut in 1829, and was a member of a family of English extraction that was founded in New England in the colonial days of our national history. He was reared and educated in his native state, and he removed to the state of New York when a young man. There he was engaged in the navigation of canal boats for a period of twenty years, at the expiration of which, about the year 1865, he removed with his family to Missouri and settled in Knox county, where he purchased a tract of land, becoming one of the fairly successful farmers and stock growers of that county, where he continued to reside until his death, which occurred in 1875. His devoted wife was summoned to the life eternal in 1852.

Crayton Woodward passed his boyhood days in his native county of New York state, where he was afforded the advantages of the common schools and a well-conducted select school. He was fifteen years of age at the time of the family removal to Knox county, Missouri, where he duly assisted in the work of the home farm, being associated with his father until the latter's death, and thereafter continuing independent operations as a farmer and stock grower in that county until his removal to Leonard, Shelby county, in 1902. He was known as an energetic and thrifty exponent of the great basic industry of agriculture and was not denied a due measure of

success in connection with his long continued operations in connection therewith. As before stated, he still continues in the ownership of his old homestead farm, which is well improved and under effective cultivation.

In politics Mr. Woodward is found loyally arrayed under the banner of the grand old Republican party, in whose cause he has been an active worker in a local way. He received from Postmaster General Payne appointment to the office of postmaster at Leonard in 1902, under the administration of the lamented President McKinley, and in this position he has since continued the efficient and popular incumbent. He has also served as school director for more than five years past, and is known as a loyal and public spirited citizen. Mrs. Woodward is a member of the Norwegian Lutheran church.

On March 30, 1872, Mr. Woodward was united in marriage to Miss Laura M. Johnson, who was born and reared in Knox county, this state, where her father, the late Cornelius Johnson, was an early settler. Of the six children of this union four are living, namely: Samuel, a successful farmer of Taylor township, Shelby county; Russell, who now resides in Knox county, Missouri; Augustus, who is a twin of Russell, and who is identified with agricultural pursuits in Shelby county; and Guy, who remains on the old homestead in Knox county.

CECILIUS C. CALVERT.

Although he bears a distinguished name and had men of prominence and influence among his ancestors, Cecilius C.

Calvert, present postmaster of Emden, in this county, is a modest gentleman of merit, and makes no claim to recognition except what he presents in his character, his conduct as a man and his usefulness as a citizen. He is a native of Missouri, born on April 1, 1844, in Marion county, but his grandfather, also named Cecilius, was born and reared in England and came to the United States in his young manhood, locating in Virginia before the formation of the Federal Union. From Virginia he moved to Missouri in 1818 and took up his residence in what is now Marion county, where he died in 1850.

Coming down to the next generation, Mr. Calvert is a son of Gabriel and Sarah A. (Rollins) Calvert, natives of Kentucky. The father was born in Bourbon county, in that state, in 1814, and was brought to Missouri by his parents when he was four years old. He was reared and educated in Marion county, and as soon as he was of a suitable age began farming and raising live stock in that county, and followed those pursuits in the same locality until his death in 1898. He was very successful as a farmer and when he died left 200 acres of superior and well improved land to his heirs. In the days of his young manhood the law required citizens to muster at regular times under fixed regulations for military training. Gabriel Calvert was the fifer of the organization in his neighborhood, and it is a common tradition handed down from the older inhabitants that he was one of the best of his day.

He was married in 1839 to Miss Sarah A. Rollins, a native of Kentucky, but residing in Marion county, Missouri, at the time of the marriage and for some years

previous. They had twelve children, six of whom are living: Thomas J., of this county; Cecilius C., the theme of this writing; Sarah, the wife of B. V. Ferguson, of Marion county; George A., of Monroe county; Julia, the widow of the late John Wood, of Shelby county; Ziba, who lives at Shelton, Nebraska; and Bol-lar, who is a resident of Marion county, Missouri. In politics the father was a Republican and always deeply interested and active in the service of his party.

Cecilius C. Calvert obtained his education at Hickory Grove district school, in Marion county, which he attended during the winter months until he was thirteen years of age. He then worked on his father's farm until the beginning of the Civil war, when he felt impelled by his love of the Union to enlist in its defense. He enlisted in March, 1862, in Company K, Eleventh Missouri Infantry, under Col. Henry S. Lipscomb, and served until December, 1864, when he received an honorable discharge at Cape Girardeau, in this state. During his service he took part in the battles of Newark and Kirksville, Missouri; Gainesville, Arkansas, and the two days' engagement at Cape Girardeau. The command then followed Price and Marmaduke to Little Rock and took possession of that city and closed the campaign at Frederickstown, Missouri.

After his discharge from the army Mr. Calvert returned to his Marion county home and remained there working on the farm and assisting the family until 1866, when he was united in marriage with Miss Eliza Spaw, of Iowa, a daughter of William J. and Mary Ann (Ashpaw) Spaw, formerly of that state but long

residents of Missouri. He then rented a farm in Marion county, which he occupied until 1873. In that year he moved to Macon county on eighty acres of land which he purchased, and on which he raised stock and carried on general farming operations until 1889, when he sold out there and changed his residence to a farm of 240 acres in Shelby county, about three miles from Emden. He directed the cultivation of this farm and the stock industry in connection with it until 1905, then divided it among his children.

After this disposition of his farm Mr. Calvert moved to Emden and took charge of a feed and grist mill, which he owned and operated until 1907. This mill he then sold, after which he passed a year in South Dakota. Returning to Emden in 1908, he bought back the mill property, and he now operates the mill very profitably. He also keeps a general store and has a large and active trade. In October, 1908, he was appointed postmaster of Emden and is still in service in that capacity.

From his happy union with Miss Spaw in the marriage which was solemnized in 1866, ten children have been born, eight of whom are living, and all residents of Shelby county but one. They are: Laura, the wife of E. P. Parsons; James; Sarah, the wife of William E. Dye; Adie, the wife of James Vanoy; Anna, the wife of W. C. Habig, of South Dakota; Julia, the wife of William Adudell; and George and Frank. The father is a Republican in politics. Fraternaly he is connected with the Grand Army of the Republic, and in religious affiliation he and his wife are energetic working members of the Primitive Baptist church.

WILLIAM J. COTTON.

This extensive, enterprising and successful farmer and live stock breeder and dealer, furnishes an impressive illustration of the worth of industry, thrift and intelligent use of the opportunities afforded by this prolific and rapidly improving country and what they can accomplish in the way of making fortune and good repute for a laborious man and worthy, public spirited citizen. He lived on rented land for some years after he began farming, and although he finally inherited a farm of considerable extent, it was in a state of primeval wildness when he took charge of it, and he was obliged to do almost as much as any pioneer to reduce his holding to systematic productiveness.

Mr. Cotton was born on April 29, 1857, at Shelbyville, Missouri, and is a grandson of Chester K. Cotton, a native of Connecticut and one of the earliest settlers of Shelby county. He was for many years engaged in general merchandising at Shelbyville, and prospered finely in his business. The parents of William J. were William B. and Mary (Parsons) Cotton, the former born in Baltimore, Maryland, in 1835, and the latter a native of this county. He came to Missouri with his parents when he was quite young and was reared and educated in this county, attending school in Shelbyville, where he lived. As soon as he was old enough and sufficiently trained for the purpose, his father took him into the mercantile establishment as a partner under the firm name of Cotton & Son, which became a very popular and prosperous firm, doing a large business and