

His son, Robert L. Carmichael, obtained his education in the public schools of his native county, and while attending them assisted his father in the management of the plantation there. After his arrival in this county he continued this filial course until the death of his parents, when he took charge of the farm and had been actively, progressively and profitably occupied with its cultivation and the conduct of his large and remunerative live stock industry. In connection with the home farm he also cultivated what was long known as the Furnam farm, which he became possessed of. His joint farm now comprised 300 acres, and is one of the most valuable landed interests in the township of Black Creek.

Mr. Carmichael was married on March 9, 1876, to Miss Sallie A. Taylor, a daughter of B. F. and Eliza (Williams) Taylor, who have long been highly esteemed residents of this county. The Carmichael offspring numbered five, and four of the children are living: Lena M., whose residence is still with her parents; Winnie, the wife of Albert Kennel, a resident of this county; Ethel, the wife of W. W. Elgin, who lives on the old family homestead; and Lucy T., the wife of R. A. Moore, also living in Shelby county. Thus Mr. Carmichael's children dwelled with and around him, within easy communication with their parents and one another, and was thereby enabled to keep up to a large extent the old spirit of the family circle of the past. His political allegiance and support were given loyally to the Democratic party, and he was prominent in its councils and active and effective in its service. He

had no direct religious affiliation except through that of his wife, who is a member of the Missionary Baptist church, but he aided in the support of all denominations with a liberal hand.

THEODORE B. DAMRELL.

A representative of the third generation of the Damrell family in Missouri, the subject of this review has long held precedence as a progressive and upright business man who has been very successful in his various enterprises, and as a citizen well worthy of the high regard in which he is uniformly held in the county that has been his home during the major portion of his life. He is now a resident of Shelbyville, he has given effective service in various offices of public trust, and is actively engaged in the business of buying and shipping high-grade horses, jacks and mules, in which line he has built up a large and flourishing business.

Theodore B. Damrell was born on the homestead farm of his father in Jefferson township, Monroe county, Missouri, on May 9, 1859, and is a grandson of Judge Edmond Damrell, who was one of the pioneer settlers of that county and one of the first judges of the County court, having been a man of prominence and influence in his community and having continued his residence in Monroe county until his death, in the fulness of years and honors. Alpheus T. Damrell, father of him whose name initiates this article, was born in Monroe county, this state, in 1832, and there he passed his entire life, having been reared to the sturdy discipline of the pioneer farm-

stead and having gained his early education in the common schools of the locality and period. After leaving school he continued to be associated in the work and management of the home farm until he had attained to his legal majority, when his father gave him a tract of land in Jefferson township, that county, where he developed a valuable farm and became known as one of the thrifty and successful agriculturists and stock growers and as a representative citizen of that section of the state, where he continued to maintain his home until his death, which occurred on March 20, 1877. At the time of his death he was preparing to move to Salt River township, Shelby county, Mo., and after his death his family removed to the farm mentioned.

In the year 1853 was solemnized the marriage of Alpheus T. Damrell to Miss Lupine Stribling, who was born in Monroe county, this state, in 1839, being a daughter of Toliver Stribling, a sterling pioneer of that county. She still survives her honored husband and now, venerable in years and secure in the affectionate regard of all who know her, she maintains her home in the city of Shelbyville. Of the ten children eight are living and all save the youngest still reside in Shelby county, namely: Leonidas, Toliver S., Theodore B., Lydia, Orlando, Edwin M., Eppie, and Lovie Lupine. Lydia is the wife of Marcellus C. Coomes, a representative farmer of this county; Eppie is the wife of William H. Moore, who is likewise identified with agricultural pursuits in this county; and Lovie L. is the wife of James W. Miller, of St. Louis, this state. In poli-

tics the honored father was a staunch advocate of the principles and policies of the Democratic party and he wielded no slight influence in public affairs of a local order, having been one of the leaders in the ranks of his party in Monroe county. He was signally loyal and public-spirited as a citizen and his aid and influence were ever given in support of measures and enterprises tending to conserve the progress and prosperity of the community. He was a charter member of the Masonic lodge at Florida, Monroe county, and passed its various official chairs. His religious faith was that of the Christian church, and his wife has long held membership in the same church. His name merits perpetuation in this work as one of the worthy citizens who have contributed to the material and civic upbuilding of this favored section of the state.

Theodore B. Damrell, the immediate subject of this review, passed his boyhood and youth on the home farm, in whose work he early began to lend his aid, waxing strong in mind and body and duly availing himself of the advantages of the common schools of the locality. He continued to be associated in the work and management of the old homestead farm until the death of his father and shortly afterward removed with the family to the homestead in Salt River township, Shelby county, near Shelbina. The older brothers had established themselves independently and he remained with his widowed mother, supervising the work of the farm, until 1879, when he removed to Lewis county and established his home near La Belle, where he built up a prosperous business as a

dealer in horses of the better grade and where he continued to reside until 1886, when he returned to Shelby county, where he engaged in general farming, in connection with the handling of fancy horses and mules. In 1889 he left his farm and took up his abode in the city of Shelbyville, where he became senior member of the firm of Damrell & Sanders, dealers in general merchandise. This association continued for a period of six years, at the expiration of which Mr. Damrell's brother, Edwin M., purchased Mr. Sanders' interest in the business, which was thereafter successfully continued under the firm title of Damrell Brothers until 1901, when the stock and business were sold to the present owner, Preston B. Dunn, Jr. Since that time Mr. Damrell has given his attention principally to the buying of horses, mules and jacks of the best type, and he has built up a large business, shipping principally into the western states and being one of the leading dealers in this kind of stock in this section. He is a stockholder of the Citizens' Bank of Shelbyville, of whose directorate he is a member, and was a charter member and director of the Shelby County Railroad Company, the construction and operation of whose line was promoted and financed by the citizens of the county. Mr. Damrell never denies the support of his influence and tangible aid in the furthering of measures advanced for the general good of the community, and his attitude is essentially that of a broad-minded, progressive and loyal citizen, while his course in life has been so guided and governed that he has never been denied the fullest measure of popular confi-

dence and esteem. He has served for eight years as a member of the board of aldermen of Shelbyville and at the present time is serving his first term as a member of the board of education of his home city. He is a stalwart in the local camp of the Democratic party and takes an active part in its work. He is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Modern Woodmen of America, and both he and his wife are zealous members of the Christian church, giving a liberal support to the various departments of its work.

On January 19, 1888, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Damrell to Miss Nellie E. Hughes, who was born and reared in Shelby county, being a daughter of the late William A. Hughes, an honored pioneer settler and the organizer of the first bank in the county. Mr. and Mrs. Damrell have one daughter, Mary Hughes Damrell, who remains at the parental home and is one of the popular figures in connection with the social activities of the community.

JAMES M. HOLLIDAY.

The subject of this sketch has been an intimate friend of the writer for more than fifty years, and at our own request the county historian has kindly permitted us to write this brief sketch of the life of our friend as connected with the people of Shelby county.

James M. Holliday was born in Scotland county, Missouri, January 2, 1839, moved to Shelby county, Missouri, with his parents in the month of November, 1852. His father, his father's brother, and their mother were among the pio-