

one of its zealous and effective workers in all campaigns. He never sought or desired a political office for himself, but worked for the principles of his party because he believed in them and from a stern and exacting sense of duty.

His son, Marion M. Maupin, grew to manhood on the family homestead and assisted in its labors while attending the district school in the neighborhood and after leaving school until 1881. He then bought a portion of the land on which he now resides eight miles southwest of Shelbina, and began farming and raising live stock on his own account. Seeking no other occupation for his energies and devoting them to these with ardor and excellent judgment, he has been very successful. His methods have been progressive and all his operations have embodied the best thought and intelligence available concerning the lines of activity in which he has been engaged.

Mr. Maupin now owns 940 acres of fine land and has it nearly all under vigorous and skillful cultivation, and his live stock industry is in proportion to his acreage. He has some of the land farmed by tenants, but he gives it all his personal attention and supervision. In his stock industry he has 'somewhat specialized jacks and jennets, but he has also raised and shipped large numbers of Duroc-Jersey hogs, and he has not confined his output to the two lines mentioned but has been an extensive shipper of general live stock to the Chicago and Eastern markets. He is also a stockholder in the Old Bank of Shelbina.

In the public affairs of his township and county Mr. Maupin has always manifested a cordial interest and taken an

active part. He has served the people well and wisely as school clerk during the last fifteen years, and in many other ways has contributed materially and extensively to the development and improvement of the region in which he lives. No enterprise of value to the people has been without his active and serviceable aid and intelligent and stimulating guidance. And his services are highly appreciated by those who have had the benefit of them.

On February 23, 1881, he was married to Miss Emma Francis, a daughter of Thomas and Millie (Miles) Francis, highly esteemed residents of Monroe county. Six children have been born of the union, four of whom are living: Thomas Eugene, who resides in this county; Myrtle E., the wife of E. L. Smock, of Monroe county; Nannie B., the wife of Benjamin Stewart, also a resident of Monroe county; and Varian F., who is living at home with his parents. The father's political allegiance is given firmly and faithfully to the Democratic party, and in its service he is always energetic and influential. He is representative of all that is best in Shelby county citizenship, and is correspondingly esteemed by the people of the county, who know his worth and hold his usefulness in high regard. Mrs. Maupin is a member of the Christian church.

LEE DIMMITT.

Beginning active efforts for himself in the struggle for advancement among men when he was but a youth, and now occupying a place of prominence in the industrial and public life of his com-

munity, with a competence secured for himself and his family largely through his own industry and good management, although he is now but little over forty years old, Lee Dimmitt, of Jackson township, in this county, has given in his career a good illustration of the virile strength of Missouri bone and sinew in application to the industries of life, when directed by intelligence, mental force and high character.

Mr. Dimmitt was born in Shelbyville, this county, on May 26, 1869, and is a son of Dr. Pellip Dimmitt, a sketch of whom appears in this volume. In that sketch the history of the parents and family in general will be found. The son of the household of those parents whose life story it is the purpose of these paragraphs to record, attended the public and select schools of Shelbyville until he reached the age of fourteen. Being of good stature and physical development and ambitious to begin making his own way in the world, young as he was then, his father gave him a tract of land which that wise parent had purchased for him when the whole region was as yet but little removed from its original savage state, and which he had cleared and reduced to some degree of systematic productiveness. Aiding him further in the erection of a dwelling and other necessary buildings, the father then told him to go ahead and make the most of his opportunity. On this land and what he has added to it by purchase since receiving it, he has been actively, judiciously and energetically engaged in farming to the present time (September, 1910). In the fall of 1910 he moved to Shelbyville for the purpose of educating his

children. He has been very successful in his undertakings. In connection with his farming he has carried on a lively and profitable industry in raising live stock for the markets, and for a number of years has devoted his efforts in this line principally to thoroughbred horses and jacks. His farm at present comprises 320 acres and it is all under cultivation except twenty acres of timber land which forms a part of it. The farm is ample for the live stock business conducted on it in addition to extensive general farming operations.

Mr. Dimmitt is a man of great public spirit and gives a goodly portion of his thought and energy to the general welfare of the township and county of his home, welcoming with helpful hospitality every good suggestion for improvement made by others and studying the needs and best interests of the region for himself. He has been school clerk for a period of fourteen years and also school director. He is now president of the Shelbyville & Hunnewell Telephone Company, and for years was a stockholder and director in the Shelbyville Bank, the fine old institution which once belonged to his father and got its strength and standing with the people under the wise and vigorous management of that accomplished financier.

On September 23, 1891, Mr. Dimmitt married Miss Roma S. Kennell, of Shelby county, a daughter of Daniel and Mary (Van Houten) Kennell, who were born in Ohio and came years ago from that state to Shelby county. Mr. and Mrs. Dimmitt have had six children, three of whom are living—Alma Agee, born in 1896; Clatis Kennell, born in

1898, and Dillman Daniel, born in 1903. They are all living at home with their parents. The father is a Democrat of the most reliable kind in his political association, and a very earnest and efficient worker for the success of his party in all campaigns. Fraternally he is an Odd Fellow, a Modern Woodman and a Royal Neighbor. His religious connection is with the Southern Methodist church and that of his wife is with the Christian sect. Both work well for all church interests.

JOHN S. BARTON.

This prominent, progressive and prosperous farmer and live stock man of Lentner township is not a native of Shelby county, but has lived in it from the time when he was two years of age. He grew to manhood drawing his stature and his strength from its soil, was educated in its district schools, and from his boyhood has been busily engaged in two of its leading industries. He is therefore to all intents and purposes a Shelby county product, and the people of the county admire and esteem him as a representative of their best citizenship and an extensive contributor to the progress and development of this part of the state.

Mr. Barton was born in Monroe county, Missouri, on June 10, 1849, and is a grandson of Squire P. Barton, one of the pioneers of northeastern Missouri, who was born and reared in Kentucky and came to this state in his early manhood and located in Marion county. He helped to break up the wild land of that region and to lay the foundations of civil

government for the county, being a man of great force of character and considerable intelligence. His son, Morgan P. Barton, the father of John S., was born in Marion county in 1824 and moved to Shelby county in his young manhood. He followed farming and raising live stock from the time of his arrival in the county to the end of his life on 160 acres of land three miles south of Lentner. His widow, now aged eighty-four years, is living on that farm.

The elder Mr. Barton was prospering finely and was well established in the confidence and esteem of the community in which he lived at the beginning of the Civil war. Being a man of strong convictions and a high sense of duty, and believing firmly in the doctrine of state rights, he followed his convictions to the field of battle in response to one of the early calls of the Southern Confederacy for volunteers, enlisting in the command of Gen. Joseph Porter and being hurried soon afterward to the front. After a service of four months he broke one of his hands in a fall from his horse at the battle of Kirksville and, being hard pressed, gave himself up to the Federal authorities, surrendering to Colonel Benjamin. He was transferred from prison to prison, at length reaching the one at Alton, Illinois, in which he died in 1863. His remains were buried in an Alton burial ground with military honors.

He was married on February 15, 1847, to Miss Elizabeth Ann McBroom, a native of Virginia. Of the nine children born to them seven are living: John S., the immediate subject of this brief memoir; Sarah G., the wife of John