

contributed essentially and wisely to the advancement of the region and helped to promote its judicious improvement, and he is esteemed by all classes of its citizenship for the uprightness of his life, his enterprise in building up its material development and the aid he has given in strengthening its moral and educational agencies.

On May 16, 1861, he was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth Marchand, a daughter of Abraham and Rachel (Saam) Marchand, all natives of Pennsylvania, where Mrs. Howell was born on September 7, 1837. By this marriage he became the father of seven children, six of whom are living—Aaron S. C., of Henry county, Missouri; William A., a resident of Shelby county; Mary Ella, the wife of Joseph White, also of this county; Rachel Rebecca, the wife of George Foster, of Macon, Missouri; and Owen Fletcher and Arthur S., both residents of Shelby county. In politics the father is a pronounced and zealous Republican, and in religious affairs he leans to the Presbyterian church, of which his wife is a member. Twenty-eight years of his life has been passed in this county, and they have all been fruitful in good to its people and their interests. He is justly esteemed as one of their best and most representative men.

GEORGE B. GARNER.

Owner of one of the splendid farms of his native township and held in high esteem in the community that has ever represented his home, Mr. Garner is one of the prominent and successful agriculturists and stock-growers of Taylor

township and is a member of one of the well known and highly honored families of the county. On other pages of this work appears a sketch of the career of his brother, Charles B. Garner, and incidental thereto is given due record concerning the family history, so that a repetition of the data is not demanded in the present connection, as ready reference may be made, through the index of this volume, to the article in question.

Mr. Garner was born on the old homestead farm in Taylor township, this county, on March 4, 1866, and he is indebted to the local schools for his early educational training, reverting with facetious satisfaction to the fact that he was a student in the Ernest schoolhouse, colloquially designated by the euphonious title of "Grub College." He continued to attend school at intervals until he was seventeen years of age, and in the meanwhile he contributed materially to the work of the home farm, thus learning the lessons of practical and consecutive industry and gaining experience that has been of inestimable value to him in his independent career. He continued to be associated in the work and management of the home farm until 1890, when he married, after which he rented a farm near the village of Leonard, where he remained one year, at the expiration of which he purchased forty acres of his present farm, in section 22, Taylor township, where the best evidence of his energy, ability and success is that afforded by his ownership at the present time of a well improved landed estate of 255 acres, all available for cultivation. He erected the present substantial buildings on the place, and the

other improvements are of the best type, so that he has every reason to view with satisfaction the progress he has made and the independent position to which he has attained through his own well directed endeavors. He is a staunch Republican in his political allegiance, taking a loyal interest in public affairs of a local order and having served both as clerk and director of the school board of his district. He gives a liberal support to the work of the Methodist Episcopal church in Evans Chapel, of which Mrs. Garner is a zealous member.

On February 13, 1890, Mr. Garner was united in marriage to Miss May S. Boring, who was born in Green county, Illinois, and reared in this county, being a daughter of George W. and Augusta Boring. The mother died in 1908 and the father lives in Clarence, Missouri. Mr. and Mrs. Garner became the parents of eight children, all of whom are living, namely: Florence Merle, Alfred E., Eva May, George Delbert, Charles E., Clara Hazel, and Lola Grace. One died in infancy.

RICHARD W. GILLASPY.

A representative of one of the old and honored families of Shelby county and a son of William L. Gillaspay, of whom more specific mention is made on other pages of this volume, the subject of this review has been a resident of this county from the time of his birth and is now numbered among the successful farmers and progressive citizens of Taylor township, his well improved farm being located in section 24.

Richard Wilson Gillaspay was born on

the old homestead farm of his parents, in Taylor township, this county, on June 28, 1866, and there he was reared to maturity, in the meanwhile having duly availed himself of the advantages afforded in the district school that was long known locally by the facetious title of "Grub College." He continued to attend school at intervals until he had attained the age of sixteen years, after which he continued to be associated in the work of the home farm until 1887, when he rented a tract of land and engaged in farming and stock-growing on his own responsibility. He was indefatigable in his efforts, which were directed with energy and discrimination, so that his success became cumulative. He continued his operations under these conditions for a period of six years, at the expiration of which he purchased forty acres, which he later sold and purchased eighty acres of his old homestead farm, to which he has since added until he now has an admirably improved farm of 160 acres, all of which is available for cultivation. He has erected substantial buildings on his farm, and the place gives the tangible evidences of thrift and prosperity.

Mr. Gillaspay has not failed to lend his co-operation in the support of all measures advanced for the general welfare of the community and, though he has never sought or desired public office of any description, he is a staunch supporter of the principles and policies of the Democratic party. Both he and his wife hold membership in the Missionary Baptist church and are zealous workers in the various departments of its religious and benevolent activities. They are