

lowed for two years. Since then he has been continuously and very progressively engaged in general farming and raising stock on a steadily increasing scale of magnitude and profit. He now owns and cultivates 800 acres and has a live stock industry in proportion, all of which he has accumulated by his own energy, thrift and wise management, having become one of the leading and most successful farmers and stock men in this part of the state.

Mr. Burnett was united in marriage with Miss Eliza B. Hopper on November 20, 1879. She is a daughter of Solomon and Eliza (Graham) Hopper, well known residents of Shelby county. Five children have been born of the union, three of whom are living—David E., one of the prosperous and influential citizens of this county, and Martin and Mabel, who are still living at home with their parents. The father's political affiliation is with the Democratic party and his fraternal connections are with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Modern Woodmen of America. Mrs. Burnett belongs to the M. E. Church, South. Mr. Burnett is a gentleman of sterling integrity and universally regarded as one of the most estimable, influential and commendable men in the county, numbering his friends by the host and performing every duty of citizenship with fidelity, intelligence and great breadth of view.

CHRISTIAN P. GLAHN.

The honored subject of this memoir was long numbered among the representative exponents of the great basic

industry of agriculture in Shelby county, having been the owner of a finely improved homestead farm in Black Creek township, and having ever commanded the high regard of the people of the community in which he so long lived and labored to goodly ends,—an honest, upright, unassuming gentleman, a devoted husband and father, and a man to whom friendship was ever inviolable. He left the heritage of a good name and it is most consonant that in this history be incorporated and perpetuated a tribute to his memory as one of the worthy citizens of the county. He was summoned to the life eternal on April 24, 1906, secure in the esteem and respect of all with whom he had come in contact in the varied relations of life.

Christian P. Glahn was born in Prussia, on January 17, 1839, and was a son of Christian and Mary A. (Wand) Glahn, the former of whom was born in Prussia and the latter in Germany. The parents severed the ties that bound them to their fatherland and immigrated to America in 1842, making Missouri their destination and first settling near Palmyra, Marion county, where the father bought a farm, the work of which was principally done by his sons. He himself was a wagon maker by trade, being a skilled artisan in this line, and he followed his trade in the village of Palmyra until 1865, when he removed with his family to Shelby county and purchased a small farm in Black Creek township, gradually adding to its area as his financial circumstances justified, until he became the owner of a valuable landed estate of 400 acres, in the vicinity of Hager's Grove. He continued to be identified with agri-

cultural pursuits on this place until his death, which occurred in 1889, his wife surviving him by several years and both having been held in high regard as folk of sterling worth of character. They became the parents of thirteen children, of whom five are living: Henry F., a farmer of Shelby county; August, residing at Los Angeles, California; Joseph, twin of August, engaged in farming in California; Benjamin L., a resident of Clarence, Shelby county; and Catherine, wife of Irving Lathrop, of Joplin, Missouri.

Christian P. Glahn, the subject of this memoir, was about four years of age at the time of the family immigration to America, and he passed the days of his boyhood and youth in Marion county, this state, where he was reared on and assisted in the work of the home farm and where his educational training, very limited in scope, was secured in the district schools of the pioneer days. In 1865 he came to Shelby county with the other members of the family and soon afterward he purchased 128 acres of land in section 6, Black Creek township, two miles south of the village of Leonard, where he developed a productive farm, making excellent improvements on the same, and where he continued to be known as a thrifty and successful farmer and stock-grower until the close of his life, on April 24, 1906. As his success became cumulative he made judicious investments in additional land, and at the time of his demise he was the owner of a valuable estate of 873 acres, which is still in possession of the family and which constitutes one of the model farm properties of this section of the state.

Mr. Glahn never sought public office, but his influence and co-operation were demanded by his appreciative neighbors, who called upon him to serve as road overseer and as school director. He was essentially loyal and public-spirited as a citizen and did all in his power to further the material and civic prosperity of the county in which he so long maintained his home and in which he was not denied the most generous measure of popular confidence and regard, based upon his intrinsic integrity and honor and his kindness in his relations with his fellow men. He gave a staunch allegiance to the cause of the Republican party, and was a zealous and devoted member of the Christian church, with which his wife also has long been identified, having taken an active part in its work until the infirmities of advancing years compelled her to relax somewhat her earnest efforts in this respect. Since the death of her honored husband Mrs. Glahn has remained on the old homestead, endeared to her through the gracious associations and memories of the past, and the fine farm has its practical management assigned to her worthy sons, who are numbered among the representative citizens of this part of the county, where they are well upholding the prestige of the honored name which they bear.

On February 22, 1870, Mr. Glahn gave worthy observation of the anniversary of the birth of George Washington by taking unto himself a wife, in the person of Miss Mary Arnett, who was born in Shelby county, on September 11, 1852, and who is a daughter of the late Micajah and Judith (Green) Arnett, who

were early settlers of this county, the father having been a native of Kentucky and the mother of Virginia. As already stated, Mrs. Glahn survives her honored husband, as do also eleven of their children. Concerning the children the following brief record is given as a fitting conclusion of this brief memoir: Benjamin F. is engaged in the practice of law in the village of Palmyra, Marion county; Fannie is the wife of Robert Ray, a farmer of this county; Christian P. is engaged in the practice of medicine at Palmyra; Charles E., James O. and Ernest are associated in the management of the home farm; Mary is the wife of Stephen A. Bryant, of Cleveland, Oklahoma; and Alma, Ethel, Milton and Gertrude remain with their mother on the old homestead.

JOHN PEOPLES.

This venerable and honored citizen, who resided on his fine homestead farm in section 29, Taylor township, was a resident of Shelby county from his childhood days and was a member of one of its sterling pioneer families, of which detailed mention is made in the sketch of the career of his brother, William Z. T. Peoples, on other pages of this work, so that a repetition of the data is not demanded in the present connection. Mr. Peoples lived retired for a number of years, after having devoted a long period to the great basic industry of agriculture, in connection with which he gained definite success and prosperity, as is attested by his ownership of the valuable homestead on which he resided until his death on January 11, 1911.

John Peoples was a native of Sullivan county, Tennessee, where he was born on September 6, 1833, and he was a child of about six years at the time of the family removal to Missouri, his parents first settling in Marion county, whence they removed to Shelby county about one year later. Here he was reared to maturity under the invigorating and somewhat strenuous discipline of the pioneer farm, in Taylor township, in whose primitive schools he gained his limited educational training. He often recalled the scenes, conditions and incidents of the days when this section was practically a wilderness, and he assisted in the breaking of many acres of the fine prairie land, in which connection he contributed materially to the development of the county in which he continued to maintain his home through the long intervening years, marked by the upbuilding of one of the most prosperous and attractive sections of the state. In 1861 Mr. Peoples initiated his independent career as a farmer and stock-grower, and in this line of enterprise he labored earnestly and effectively, so that he was not denied a due recompense. He lived virtually retired since 1885, and his homestead farm, equipped with substantial improvements and under effective cultivation, comprises 183 acres, which he disposed of in 1909.

Mr. Peoples gave his support to the enterprises and objects that have conserved industrial and civic progress, and his influence in the community was ever on the right side, as he was a man of inflexible integrity and honor, of mature judgment and of strong mentality. In politics he was aligned as a staunch ad-