

returned to his home in Howard county, but in the year 1864 he removed to Shelby county. He became the owner of a good farm in Jackson township and devoted his attention to diversified agriculture and stock-growing until 1874, when he disposed of his farming interests and took up his residence in Lakenan, in which village he is now living. For the past few years he has lived virtually retired from active business, and, now venerable in years, he is able to enjoy the generous rewards of former years of earnest toil and endeavor, the while he has the gratifying associations implied in the companionship of old and loyal friends and the high regard of the entire community which has so long represented his home. He has ever been a stalwart advocate of the principles of the Democratic party and has taken an intelligent and loyal interest in the issues and questions of the hour and in all that has tended to conserve the material and civic progress of his home county and state. Both he and his wife have long been consistent and active members of the Methodist Episcopal church, South.

In September, 1854, Mr. Douglass was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Andrews, whose death occurred in 1869. They became the parents of five children, all of whom are living, namely: Calvin, who is a representative farmer of Shelby county; Rhoda, who is the wife of Peter Chapman, of Monroe county; Isabelle, who is the wife of Alonzo Robbins, of Monroe county; Elizabeth, who is the wife of Charles Robbins, of Shelby county; and Minerva, who is the wife of John McClosky, of Monroe county.

In December, 1870, Mr. Douglass contracted a second marriage, being then united to Miss Anna E. Andrews, of Howard county, and of their four children two are living, Flavius, who is engaged in farming in Shelby county, and Jason, who is a successful business man of the village of Lakenan, this county.

JAMES F. HARRISON.

It is most consonant that in this publication be entered a brief review of the career of Mr. Harrison, who has been prominently identified with the agricultural industry and other productive lines of enterprise in this section of Missouri, which state has represented his home from the time of his birth, and who is not only a member of one of the old and honored families of this fine commonwealth of the Union, but is also one of the popular and influential citizens of Shelby county. He is still actively concerned with farming and stock-growing in this county, but maintains his home in the thriving and attractive little city of Shelbina, where he is the owner of valuable real estate, including his fine residence property.

Mr. Harrison was born on the parental homestead farm in Monroe county, Missouri, seven miles southeast of Shelbina, April 18, 1856. His father, Francis M. Harrison, was a native of Kentucky, where he was born June 8, 1827, and in 1830, when he was about three years of age, his parents removed from the Bluegrass state to Missouri and settled near the town of Old Clinton, Monroe county, where he was reared to manhood and given such scholastic ad-

vantages as were offered in the somewhat primitive common schools of the pioneer days. He continued to be concerned with farming interests in Monroe county until 1857, when he removed to Shelby county, where he operated a good farm in Salt River township. He was a man of broad and mature judgment, distinctive energy and good business ability, and thus he gained a success worthy of the name, while he ever held as his own the inviolable confidence and esteem of the people of this section of the state. He was long one of the representative farmers and stock-growers of Shelby county, and he also gained a wide reputation as an auctioneer, in which capacity his services were much in requisition. In 1876 he was elected sheriff and tax collector of Shelby county, in which dual office he served for two consecutive terms, and in which his administration met with unqualified popular approval. His death occurred March 9, 1908. He had the elements of character that ever beget popular trust and esteem, and no citizen of Shelby county had a wider circle of friends than did he. He was a most zealous worker in behalf of the cause of the Democratic party and was recognized as one of its leaders in this section of the state. He was a charter member of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, in Shelbina, and both he and his wife were devoted workers in the various departments of its service.

In 1848 was solemnized the marriage of Francis M. Harrison to Miss Nancy M. Collins, who was born and reared in Monroe county, this state, and whose father, the late James Collins, was one

of the honored pioneers of this section of the state. Mrs. Harrison survives her husband and maintains her home in the city of Shelbina. Of their seven children four are living, namely: Josephine, who is the wife of Robert V. Taylor, of Marshall, Missouri; Charles J., who is a prosperous business man of Clayton, this state; James F., who is the immediate subject of this sketch; and Norah, who is the wife of Albert S. Arnold, of East St. Louis, Illinois.

James F. Harrison was an infant at the time of the family removal from Monroe county to Shelby county, and he was reared to maturity on the old homestead farm three miles northeast of Shelbina, in Salt River township. After completing the curriculum of the district schools he was enabled to continue his studies in the public schools of the village of Shelbina, and after completing his school work he assisted his father in the operation and management of the home farm and also in the affairs of the office of sheriff and tax collector. Besides having held these offices his father also served for some time as constable of Salt River township. From his youth to the present time Mr. Harrison has given his allegiance to the great basic industries of farming and stock-growing, and in this connection he has gained distinctive success and prestige, as had also his honored father, under whose able and kindly instruction he was trained in a most thorough and effective way. He is the owner of a well improved farm of 130 acres, in Salt River township, and gives to the same a general personal supervision, though he has maintained his residence in Shelbina

since 1905. For five years he was successfully engaged in business as a buyer and shipper of grain, at Clarence, this county, and he still devotes considerable attention to this line of enterprise. Mr. Harrison clings to the political faith in which he was reared and is a staunch advocate of the generic principles for which the Democratic party ever has stood sponsor. Both he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, and he is affiliated with the Shelbina camp of the Modern Woodmen of America.

On April 18, 1878, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Harrison to Miss Laura B. Penn, of Shelbyville, this county, a daughter of Rev. William Penn, who was a prominent and influential minister of the Methodist Episcopal church, South. Of the four children of this union, three are living—Ernest, who is engaged as engineer on the Santa Fe at Marcelene, Missouri; William Penn, a farmer; and Howard, also railroading. The family is one whose members are distinctively popular in the community and the attractive home is a center of gracious hospitality.

JOHN FREDERICK BURCKHARDT.

John Frederick Burckhardt passed his boyhood and youth on the home farm and early began to assist in its work, in the meanwhile duly availing himself of the advantages of the district school of the neighborhood. Later he continued his studies in the public schools of the village of Leonard. He left school at the age of nineteen years and thereafter he continued to be identified with the work

and management of his father's farm until 1902, when he purchased sixty acres of land in section 17 of his native township and initiated independent operations as a farmer and stock-grower. His early experience and consequent intimate knowledge of these two basic lines of industry enabled him to direct his energies with marked discrimination, and the result has been that his success has been of pronounced order. To his original tract he has added until he now has a well improved farm estate of two hundred and ten acres, of which one hundred and eighty acres are maintained under effective cultivation. His homestead has excellent buildings and the able management that he gives to his farm is well shown in its general air of thrift and prosperity. Mr. Burckhardt was reared in the faith of the Republican party and has never deviated therefrom since attaining to the right of franchise. Like his parents he is a member of the Presbyterian church, and in the same both he and his wife are zealous workers. They have a wide circle of friends in their home county and their home is one of gracious hospitality and refined atmosphere. In a fraternal way he is affiliated with the lodge of Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Bethel, this county.

On the 19th of April, 1902, was recorded the marriage of John Frederick Burckhardt to Miss Minnie E. Baker, who was born in Washington county, Ohio, on the 30th of October, 1879, and who came with her parents to Shelby county, Missouri, when a child. She is a daughter of Leander and Susana (McCammon) Baker, the former of whom