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Edwin A. Frye obtained his education in the public schools of Shelby county, ending his specific scholastic training with the course of instruction they afforded. After completing that he continued the assistance on his father's farm which he had been giving from his boyhood, and then rented land which he farmed on his own account until 1896. In that year he turned his attention to another line of endeavor, engaging in the insurance business, with headquarters in Hunnewell, carrying on also operations in real estate and loans. He devoted himself to these avenues of business with success in a financial way and with growing eminence and esteem among the people. He was one of the stockholders in the Farmers' and Merchants' Bank, of Hunnewell, and a member of its board of directors at the time of his death, April 29, 1910.

He was ever active and intelligent in his efforts to promote the welfare of the community in which he lived. In political allegiance he was a firm and faithful Democrat, loyal to his party and as earnest and zealous as any in his efforts to maintain its supremacy. Fraternally he was a member of the Court of Honor, and in church affiliation was allied with the Southern Methodists. No man in the city was more highly esteemed.

WILLIAM B. HERRON.

The family of which William B. Herron, of Hunnewell, is a scion illustrates in three generations of its life the gen-

eral trend of American history from colonial times to the present day, or almost until this period. That history has been a continual flow of the tide of emigration from the Atlantic toward the Pacific and a conquest of one portion of the wilderness after another, the sons taking up the march of advance in the wake of the setting sun where the fathers laid it down, until the whole continent became covered, settled and subjugated to the requirements of civilization.

Mr. Herron's grandfather, David Herron, was a native of Pennsylvania, and felt the "call of the wild" when he was a young man. He left the scenes and associations of his boyhood and youth and plunged into what was then the wilderness of Indiana, locating in the portion now forming Ohio county of that great, populous and progressive state. There the father of William B. was born and reared, and he in turn took up his pilgrimage toward the Farther West when his time came for the task, moving onward with the tide of progress to Missouri, where he passed the remainder of his days.

William B. Herron was born in Dearborn county, Indiana, on January 28, 1866, and is the son of Jesse T. and Augusta (Lamkin) Herron, natives of Indiana, where the father's life began on July 21, 1834. The father grew to manhood in his native state and obtained his education there. On leaving school he turned his attention to the occupation to which he had been reared, farming and raising live stock, and in that he was engaged during the remainder of his residence in Indiana and for a short time after his arrival in the state of Missouri

in the spring of 1868, tilling the soil of Shelby county. In 1875 he abandoned farming and turned merchant, carrying on extensively as a grocer at Clarence until 1903, when he sold his establishment and retired from business. He died in Clarence on October 24, 1905. He was a Republican in politics, a Freemason in fraternal life and a member of the Methodist Episcopal church in religious connection, and was zealous and faithful in his duty in all. Called upon to lay down his trust at the advanced age of seventy-one, he went to his tomb respected by all who knew him and his memory is cherished by the people among whom he lived and labored as that of one of the best citizens of the county.

On March 16, 1865, he was joined in marriage with Miss Augusta Lamkin, whose life, like his own, as has been stated, began in Indiana. Of the four children born to them all are living: Their first born, William B.; Cora, the wife of R. R. Smith, of Craig, Missouri; Kate, the wife of Dr. F. E. Magoon, of St. Louis; and Minnie, who lives in Clarence, this county.

On the completion of his education, which was obtained in the public schools of Clarence, William B. Herron entered his father's grocery as a clerk and salesman, in which he was employed until 1890, when he entered general merchandising as an employe of B. P. Rutledge, of Clarence. He remained with Mr. Rutledge ten years, with the exception of a few months, and devoted himself to the business of the house with such close and studious attention that he acquired a thorough knowledge of it and became so confident of his proficiency that in

1901 he entered the lists as a general merchant himself in Hunnewell. The next year he took H. Kirkwood in as a partner, and the firm then became Herron & Kirkwood. They disposed of this business December 1, 1909. Mr. Herron was elected cashier of the Farmers' and Merchants' Bank on March 15, 1909. He is still rendering satisfactory service to the bank and the community in that capacity and, by his business acumen, personal influence and enterprise in his work is greatly helping to build up the trade of the institution and enlarge and strengthen its hold on the confidence and regard of the people.

Mr. Herron's political faith is given to the Republican policies and principles in national affairs, and while he is not an extreme partisan, he acts upon his convictions by loyally supporting his party and its candidates at all times. Fraternally he is a Knight of Pythias, a Modern Woodman of America and a member of the Masonic order, being the treasurer of his lodge in the society last named. On March 25, 1884, he was married to Miss Belle Hill, a native of Shelby county, in this state, who was reared and educated at Clarence. They have had two children, but one of whom is living, their son, Claude E., who is a resident of Hunnewell. Mr. Herron is a gentleman of fine public spirit, which he manifests by his cordial and intelligent interest in all the affairs of the community of his home and his earnest efforts to promote the welfare of the people in every way. He enjoys in a marked degree the regard and good will of all classes of the citizenship of the county.