

dertaking in this line of endeavor. The first religious services ever held in Shelbina were conducted in his store, and he also originated the first Sunday school in the town and for many years served as its superintendent. The First Southern Methodist Episcopal church in the community was indebted almost wholly to him for its existence and the edifice in which the congregation worshiped. But he was far from being sectarian in his devotion to religious institutions. He aided generously all church organizations in the city and county, no matter what denomination they belonged to.

On April 22, 1862, he was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth Minter, a daughter of Dr. Antony and Jane (Bybe) Minter. Eight children were born of the union, five of whom are living: Jessie, now Mrs. A. R. Wherritt, of Pleasant Hill, Missouri; Lena, now Mrs. George H. Mansfield, of New Jersey; Margaret, still at home; Victor M., a leading business man of Shelbina; Clifford L., engaged in business at Shelbina.

Mrs. Reid, the mother of these children, is still living in Shelbina, where she continues, as far as possible, the church and charitable work begun by her husband, and where she enjoys the confidence, esteem and admiring regard of all the people. Her husband had the happy faculty of making his business highly successful without exciting the envy or ill will of his fellow men. And she has the equally valuable gift of doing good without ostentation or having the loftiness of her motives called in question. Husband and wife are firmly enshrined in the regard and good will of the people as leading citizens of the

city and county, and promoters of every good work in the service of their residents.

#### ALBERT F. HUGGINS.

A valiant soldier during the Civil war, the marks of whose cruelty he still bears, an industrious potter for many years in Illinois and this state, and an active and successful politician, Albert F. Huggins, of Shelbina, has borne a faithful and serviceable part in many lines of endeavor and has won high and well deserved credit for himself in all. Yet, notwithstanding the adventures he has had, the sufferings he has undergone and the success he has won, he bears his excellent reputation modestly and claims no credit for himself beyond that of having performed with fidelity every duty that has been assigned to him.

Mr. Huggins was born in Parke county, Indiana, on February 3, 1843, and is a son of David F. and Nancy J. (Clendening) Huggins, the former a native of Indiana and the latter of North Carolina. The father obtained a district school education and worked at his trade as a potter to the end of his life. In 1852 he moved from Indiana to Illinois, where he remained and kept his family until 1869. In that year he came to Missouri and located in Shelby county, taking up his residence at Lakenan. In that village he built a pottery which he conducted until he was killed in 1902. He was married to Miss Nancy J. Clendening, who was born and reared in North Carolina. They had six children, three of whom are living: A. F. Huggins, of Shelbina, the immediate subject of this brief memoir; Elizabeth, the wife of C. H. Ayers, of Lakenan; and H. D. Huggins, a prominent resident of

Shelbina. In politics the father was a Republican and in fraternal life a Freemason.

His son, Albert F. Huggins, was reared by the parental fireside and secured his education in the public schools, attending them in Winchester, Illinois. Immediately upon leaving school he enlisted in the Union army as a member of Company H, One Hundred and Twentieth Illinois Infantry, and was soon afterward at the front battling for the salvation of his country from dismemberment. He remained in the army three years, taking part in the spectacular march of General Sherman's command from Atlanta to the sea. At the battle of Resaca, Georgia, he received a severe wound and was taken from the battlefield to the field hospital at Chattanooga. From there he was transferred soon afterward to Nashville, and then to Louisville, and a little later to Jefferson Barracks, near St. Louis, Missouri. But wounded and suffering though he was, he was not allowed to remain at this fourth halting place. He was taken to Camp Butler at Springfield, Illinois, from there to Quincy in the same state, and then to Chicago, where he was soon afterward transferred to the invalid corps, which was the Second battalion of the Veteran Reserve corps. He remained in Chicago many months, and was there when the remains of President Lincoln were brought to the city in 1865, a short time before his honorable discharge from military service, and his return to the pursuits of peaceful industry.

After the war he was engaged in the pottery business with his father at Whitehall, Illinois, until 1869, when the

whole family moved to Missouri. For twenty years after that he was occupied in the manufacture of pottery at Lakenan, this county, in association with his father. In 1890 he was appointed postmaster of Shelbina by President Harrison, a position to which he was again appointed by President McKinley, and which he lost during the first term of President Roosevelt because of factional difficulties in the party. But he was once more appointed in President Roosevelt's second term, and is still filling the office.

Throughout the whole of his manhood Mr. Huggins has been a Republican in political faith and very active in the service of his party. He has at all times been a wheelhorse in the local party campaigns and has held many offices in county and state conventions. In fraternal life he is a Freemason of the Knights Templar and 32nd degree, an Odd Fellow and a Knight of Pythias. He was married on February 2, 1870, to Miss Mary A. Ayers, of Whitehall, Illinois. They became the parents of four children, three of whom are living, as follows: Richard, a resident of Shelbina; Allie, who lives in St. Louis; and Eva M., who is now Mrs. Shell D. Erwin, of Le Grande, Oregon.

Mr. Huggins has the esteem and good will of all who know him. He is regarded as an excellent citizen, a useful factor in the development and improvement of the community in which he lives, and a valuable addition to any social circle with which he mingles. No resident of Shelbina has a better reputation or a wider circle of admiring friends; and none is more deserving of the esteem of the people.