

Saline county, this state, where her father, the late B. G. Doyle, was a successful farmer. Of the six children of this union, one, a son, Gordie W. Turner, died at the age of two years, and the other five are still living, namely: Adelaide May, who is the wife of Marion Feeley, a farmer of this county; and (Vera Florence, Cleveland Doyle, are in Colorado) Wade Grafflin, and Richard Lee, are at the parental home.

SENATOR GEORGE W. HUMPHREY.

Eminent in his profession, distinguished in official relations and upright in his private life, Hon. George W. Humphrey, one of the leading lawyers of Shelby county and state senator from the Ninth Missouri senatorial district, well justifies his right to the high place he holds in the councils of the state and the confidence and esteem of the people. In every relation, public and private, he has exhibited an elevated standard of excellence and proven himself to be a high type of the citizenship of the state.

Senator Humphrey was born near Rushville, Illinois, on August 21, 1865. He is a son of William T. and Mary (Rodifer) Humphrey, the former a native of Kentucky and the latter of Missouri. The father was a farmer and lumber merchant, whose undertakings were extensive and profitable, and gave scope for the full exercise of his superior and commanding mental faculties. He is now living retired from active pursuits at Shelbina. Always patriotic and devoted to the welfare of his country, when the Civil war broke out he followed his

convictions into the Confederate army, and during the momentous conflict which shook this country to its very foundations, rendered active and heroic service to the cause he favored. He participated in numerous engagements, and on one occasion faced it in captivity, being sentenced to be shot at Palmyra with a number of other prisoners. A few hours before the time fixed for the execution of the sentence he was released, and thus escaped the fate he seemed destined to, which the other prisoners suffered. It is worthy of note in this connection, that the first money ever earned by his son, Senator George W. Humphrey, was expended for a handsome monument, which he caused to be erected in the cemetery at Palmyra to the memory of Hiram Smith, the man who was substituted for his father at the time of the execution of Confederate prisoners at that place.

The family, on the father's side, is of English ancestry, but has long been resident in this country. The grandfather of the senator, William Henry Humphrey, was born in Harrison county, Kentucky, and came to Missouri in 1839, making the journey on the rivers. He located in Lewis county, where he took up a tract of wild land and by skillful and systematic husbandry transformed it into a well improved and highly productive farm. On this he passed the remainder of his days, dying at a good old age and leaving behind him the priceless legacy of a good name and in addition a valuable monument to his thrift and enterprise in the excellent farm which he had redeemed from the wilderness and made fruitful in all the products of advanced

agriculture. His offspring numbered five, four sons and one daughter. Of these two sons are living.

Senator Humphrey was reared in Lewis county, this state, and obtained his education in the public schools and at La Grange College. He taught in the public schools for a number of years and for some time was the superintendent of those in Shelbyville. In 1890 he began the study of law in the office and under the direction of Hon. R. P. Giles, of Shelbyna, who was elected a member of the United States House of Representatives in 1896. He was admitted to the bar in 1893, and for nearly a year was a partner of Hon. James T. Lloyd, the present representative of the district in the congress of the United States.

In 1907 he formed a eo-partnership with J. T. Gose, who is still associated with him. From the dawn of his manhood, and even long before that, he has taken a deep and earnest interest in public affairs, both local and general, being a close and reflective student of political policies and governmental theories. He is therefore wise on the subject and the people know it. They showed their confidence in his intelligence and public spirit by electing him to represent them in the state senate in the fall of 1904. The period since his election has been an exacting and fruitful one, and has given him exceptional opportunities for demonstrating that the public confidence expressed in his election was not misplaced. He has been prominent in every session of the legislature since his election, including the extra session of 1905, which had highly important matters for the

welfare of the state to consider and dispose of.

In the most elevated legislative forum in the state Senator Humphrey has served on many important committees, including the committee on appropriations, of which he was chairman in the session of 1907, and others of which he was made a member by special resolution of the senate. He was president pro tempore of the senate in 1909 and 1910, and as such served as governor during the absence of the governor and lieutenant governor from the state. It is worthy of note that in the whole history of Missouri he has been the second man who has enjoyed the distinction of occupying the governor's chair as a member of the political party whose candidate was not elected to the office, and also that of being the only president pro tempore of the senate who has done this. While president pro tempore of the senate he appointed all committees for the entire session. These are small and accidental events, it is true, but they are significant in showing that a man universally esteemed throughout the state had been placed in a position of exalted trust and prominence, and was therefore ready for the performance of a duty for which he had not been especially chosen. With one voice the people of the state rejoiced that their welfare had fallen into such clean and capable hands for proper preservation and promotion.

Senator Humphrey has been the legal counselor of the city authorities of Shelbyna during all of the last twelve years and has rendered them satisfactory service in that capacity. He has also served

the city as mayor, giving it a clean and progressive administration and looking carefully after all its interests. All his life he has shown a deep and abiding interest in the welfare of the community of his home and given his active and intelligent aid to every worthy undertaking designed to promote the comfort, convenience and substantial good of its people.

In fraternal relations he is united with the Masonic order, the Knights of Pythias and the Order of Elks. His religious affiliation is with the Baptist church. On November 25, 1903, he was married to Miss Gertrude List, an adopted daughter of the late W. H. Warren, of Shelbina, a sketch of whom will be found in this work. Mr. and Mrs. Humphrey are the parents of three children, their sons, William W., George R. and Patrick List, who bless and brighten the domestic shrine by their presence and the hopes of future good which they inspire in their parents and all who know them.

WILLIAM STEINBACH.

A sterling citizen and native son of Shelby county, Mr. Steinbach has been identified with the agricultural industry in said county during his entire active career, marked by industry and generous accomplishment, and he is now the owner of a fine landed estate of 255 acres, where he continued to reside until April, 1909, when he took up his abode in his native village of Beth'el, where he owns and occupies an attractive and commodious residence.

Mr. Steinbach was born in Beth'el, this county, on December 22, 1851, and is a son of Philip and Elizabeth (Froelich)

Steinbach, whose marriage was solemnized in the year 1844 and both of whom were natives of Germany.

Philip Steinbach was born on February 6, 1824, and was reared and educated in his native land, whence he immigrated to America as a young man. In 1845 he became a member of the German colony founded at Bethel, Shelby county, Missouri, and he became one of the prosperous farmers and stock growers of the county, having continued his residence in the village of Bethel until the disbanding of the colony, after which he resided on his farm. He passed the closing years of his life, however, in Bethel, where he died on April 6, 1909, at the venerable age of eighty-five years. His life was one of signal integrity and honor, and he was not denied the fullest measure of popular confidence and esteem in the community that so long represented his home and the scene of his earnest and fruitful endeavors. He was one of the organizers of the Bank of Bethel, of which he was president for ten years and of which he continued a director until the time of his death. He contributed materially to the industrial and social upbuilding of the county and was a broad-minded and loyal citizen. His political support was given to the Republican party, with which he identified himself at the time of its organization, and both he and his wife, who died on October 7, 1888, were consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal church. They became the parents of nine children, of whom seven are living — Philip, William, George and Henry, all of whom still reside in this county; Elizabeth, who is the wife of Julius Will, of Green City, Sulli-