

tired from this business in 1902, and upon his career in connection with the practical activities of life there rests no shadow of wrong or injustice. Thus it may well be understood that he holds as his own the unqualified confidence and esteem of the people of the community in which practically his entire life has been passed. From 1897 until 1905 Mr. Dimmitt was editor and publisher of the Shelby County Guard, a weekly paper, and he made the same an effective exponent of local interests and also of the cause of the Democratic party, of which he has ever been a staunch adherent. Mr. Dimmitt is one of the extensive landholders of the county, where he is the owner of 1,060 acres, and in the thriving little city of Shelbyville he is the owner of an entire block of buildings used for business purposes. For twelve years he was a stockholder and director in the Citizens' Bank of Shelbyville, and he served fourteen years as a member of the board of education of this city. He is one of the substantial capitalists and progressive and public-spirited citizens of Shelby county, and his aid and influence are ever to be relied upon in the support of measures and enterprises tending to advance the material and civic welfare of the community. He was one of the charter members of the Shelby County Railroad Company, in which he is still the owner of a considerable amount of stock. His various business interests are still centered in Shelbyville, though he now resides in Shelbina, as has already been noted, having purchased an attractive, modern residence in the latter village. Both he and his wife hold membership

in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

June 4, 1872, bore record of the marriage of Mr. Dimmitt to Miss Ann Elizabeth Vaughn, who was born and reared in Shelby county, and who is a daughter of the late Wilson Vaughn, a prominent business man and influential citizen of Shelbyville. To Mr. and Mrs. Dimmitt have been born five children, all of whom are living and concerning whom the following brief data are entered: Philip V. is now a resident of the city of St. Louis, where he is engaged in the post-office; Walter T. is engaged in the jewelry business at Shelbyville, this state; Roy is identified with business interests in the city of Birmingham, Alabama; Joseph holds a position in a business house in St. Louis; and Bertha remains at the parental home.

ROBERT T. JACKSON.

The senior member of the real estate firm of Jackson & Neff, of Shelbyville, the subject of this sketch, is a native son of Shelby county, with whose annals the family name has been identified for nearly seventy years, and he is one of the well known citizens and successful business men of the county, where he commands unqualified popular esteem. He is the owner of a valuable farm property in the county, and was for many years actively identified with agricultural pursuits.

Mr. Jackson was born on the old Marmaduke homestead farm, in Black Creek township, this county, on May 23, 1851, and is a son of Thomas and Mary (Fer-

guson) Jackson, both of whom were born and reared in North Carolina, where the respective families were founded in an early day. The father was born in the year 1807, and in 1841 he came to Missouri and settled on the old Marmaduke farm, as it is now known, near Shelbyville, where he continued to devote his attention to agricultural pursuits for fourteen years, at the expiration of which he removed with his family to a farm about ten miles northwest of Shelbyville, in Lentner township, where he continued engaged in general farming and stock growing until his death, which occurred on April 27, 1867, at which time he was about sixty years of age. At the time of his death he was the owner of a well improved farm of 170 acres, and was one of the substantial citizens of the county, where he was ever known as a man of the highest integrity and as one whose life was one of signal usefulness and honor. In politics, while never a seeker of office, he was a staunch and intelligent advocate of the principles of the Democratic party, and during the Civil war he favored and supported the cause of the South. Both he and his wife were consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. They were married in North Carolina in 1830, and Mrs. Jackson was summoned to the life eternal in 1881, at the age of seventy-three years. Of their seven children all are living save one. Perry is a prosperous farmer of Shelby county; Mary Jane also resides in this county and is not married; Martin is a resident of Linn county, Oregon; Sarah E. is the wife of Elias Edmonds, of Shelby county; Thomas is a resident of Josephine coun-

ty, Oregon; and Robert T., of this sketch, is the youngest of the children. The one deceased is Perthia, who was the wife of William K. Grundy, and who died in Shelby county.

Robert T. Jackson secured his early education in the district schools of Shelby county, and through his active association with men and affairs he has become a man of broad general information and marked business ability. After his school days he was associated in the work and management of the old homestead farm until 1874, after which he continued in the same line of enterprise on his own responsibility, becoming one of the successful farmers and stock raisers of the county and continuing to be actively concerned in the operation of his well improved farm until 1898, since which year he has maintained his home in Shelbyville. He is still the owner of his farm, which comprises 140 acres, and which is located in Lentner township. Upon locating in Shelbyville he established himself in the real estate business, in connection with which he has built up a prosperous enterprise and handled a large amount of property. Since 1906 he has been associated in this business with Andrew J. Neff, under the firm name of Jackson & Neff. He has also rendered efficient service as a carrier on one of the rural free mail delivery routes from Shelbyville. He is a loyal and public spirited citizen, his political allegiance is given to the Democratic party. He is affiliated with the Court of Honor and both he and his wife hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

On December 10, 1870, Mr. Jackson

was united in marriage to Miss Catherine F. Carroll, who was born and reared in Shelby county, where her father, the late Phasant B. Carroll, was a representative farmer. Of the four children of this marriage three are living—Nona Virginia is the wife of Vergil F. Hirrilinger, a farmer of this county; Thomas is a resident of the city of Seattle, Washington; and Nellie is the wife of L. E. Carson, of Shelby county.

WILLIAM R. TURNER.

No monarch is so independent as the farmer who holds title to productive acres of ground, and there is a decidedly ethical significance in the sovereignty of the soil. No man was ever contaminated by association with nature, and to our nation the farm has given brain and brawn. Along whatever paths their ambition may lead them, men who have known the solace of association and generous companionship with nature ever find allurements in the great basic industry under whose influence they were reared. It is emphatically one of the attractive features of this historical compilation that within its pages are found represented many of its successful and enterprising farmers and stock-growers, and not a few of these claim Shelby county as the place of their nativity. Of this number is William R. Turner, who is the owner of one of the fine farm estates of the county and who has made so distinctive a specialty and success of the breeding of high-grade sheep that he has gained the local sobriquet of "Sheep Turner", to which, owing to the wide

reputation he has attained in this field of enterprise, he can find no objection.

William R. Turner was born on his father's homestead farm, in Black Creek township, this county, on February 12, 1856, and is a son of Holman and Catherine A. (Settles) Turner, the former of whom was born in Kentucky on February 21, 1828, and the latter of whom was born in Virginia on June 21, 1833. The marriage of this worthy couple was solemnized on February 6, 1851, and of their nine children seven are now living, namely: Mary Jane, who is the wife of Rev. William N. Wainwright, a clergyman of the M. E. Church, South; and now a resident of Monette, Missouri; William R., who figures as the immediate subject of this review; Susan C., who is the wife of Newton Garrison, deceased, of Bethel township; Lillian, who is the wife of John J. Hewitt, of Shelbyville, this county; James, who is a representative farmer of Shelby county, as is also Charles; and Anna, who is the wife of Thomas Herbst, of this county. The honored father came to Missouri in an early day and located on a farm about ten miles east of Shelbyville, where he became one of the substantial pioneer agriculturists of Shelby county. He was a successful mule dealer, buying mules' colts and keeping them until three years old and had a very fine bunch of mules on hand when death claimed him on December 4, 1866, at which time he was but thirty-nine years of age. His widow now survives and lives on the old home place two miles north of Shelbyville. Both were devout members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and in