

“greatness, not bigness,” where he was born in 1854. He is a brother of James Wesley Jarrell, who is also a resident and prosperous farmer and stock man of the same township in Shelby county in which his brother Jonathan lives. A sketch of him will be found in this volume, and in that the family history will appear at some length. The brothers have been residents and important factors in the agricultural life of the county since 1865, when they came to this locality with their parents after a residence of a few years in Rush county, Indiana.

Jonathan Jarrell was a boy of eleven years of age when he came to Shelby county, and in the district schools of this county he completed the education he had begun in those of Rush county, Indiana. During the last forty-five years he has lived in Shelby county, and during the whole of that period, after he reached years of maturity, he has been actively and progressively engaged in farming and raising live stock. His present farm comprises sixty acres of fine land, is well improved with good buildings and has been brought by his industry, enterprise and thrift to a high state of development and productiveness. His stock industry is as large as his acreage justifies, and is conducted with the same care, attention to every detail and extensive and accurate knowledge of its requirements that distinguish him in his farming operations, and in both he has been so successful as to have won a reputation as one of the best and most progressive men in his township engaged in these interesting and profitable pursuits.

In his political faith and activity Mr.

Jarrell is a devoted member of the Democratic party and one of the ardent workers in his township for its success and advancement. In religious allegiance he is allied with the Christian church, and in its welfare he also takes an active and serviceable interest. He has been effective and loyal in his work for the development and improvement of his county and township, and his enterprise and public spirit in their behalf are well appreciated by their people.

Mr. Jarrell was married in 1890 to Miss Eliza Fink, a resident of Shelby at the time of her marriage. They have one child, their son Roy, who is still a member of the parental household and following in his father's footsteps by fidelity to every duty and laborious efforts to aid in advancing the interests and prosperity of the family to which he belongs. The father is one of the best known and most esteemed citizens of his township, and his long life of usefulness among the people of this section gives him full title to the general regard in which he stands. He has shown himself to be a good citizen as well as a good farmer, and there is no one who knows him that does not respect him.

JAMES WESLEY JARRELL.

Like his younger brother, Jonathan Jarrell, who is a resident of Black Creek township, this county, and a sketch of whom appears in this work, James Wesley Jarrell, of the same township, and one of its progressive and wide-awake farmers and stock men, is a native of Kent county, Delaware, where he was born in 1852. He is a son of John P.

and Elyda (Minner) Jarrell, of the same nativity as himself. The father was born in 1827 and left his native state of Delaware with his wife and the children they then had in 1857, locating in Rush county, Indiana, where the family lived until 1865, and then moved to Missouri, taking up a new residence in Shelby county. The father was a farmer all his life from youth to his death, in 1892, and was closely connected with and interested in the welfare and prosperity of this county during the last twenty-seven years of his earthly career. He was successful in his operations, according to the standards of his day and was true to all the duties of citizenship in every respect. His marriage with Miss Minner took place in 1848, and they became the parents of five children, all of whom are living. They are: James Wesley, Jonathan, William, Samuel T. and George W., and are all residents of this county but Samuel T., whose home is at Tyrone, Oklahoma. The father was a Democrat in his political faith and a member of the Christian church in his religious affiliation.

James Wesley obtained his education in the district schools of Rush county, Indiana, and those of Shelby county, Missouri. While attending school and after completing his education he worked on his father's farm, remaining at home and assisting the family until 1876, when he engaged in farming and raising stock on his own account on seventy acres of land given him by his father. In the spring of 1910 he disposed of his old homestead and purchased ninety-five acres in the same township, where he now

resides. He has been successful in both lines of his industry and is universally regarded as one of the substantial and progressive men in his township. For, while advancing his own interests and enlarging his prosperity, he has taken an earnest interest and an active part in promoting the enduring welfare of the locality in which he lives and contributing to the substantial good of its people.

He was married in February, 1876, to Miss Mary Jane Philliber, a resident of this county. They have had six children, four of whom are living: Nora, the wife of Walter Howerton, of Knox county, Missouri; John, who is a resident of Shelby county; and Lily May and Bertha, who are still living at home with their parents. The father is an earnest and effective worker for the principles and candidates of the Democratic party in his political relations, although he has never sought a political office of any kind for himself, either by election or appointment. His religious connection is with the Christian church, of which he is an earnest, loyal and devoted member. A residence of forty-five years in Black Creek township has given him a very extensive acquaintance with its people, and those living in other parts of Shelby county, and has also given them an intimate knowledge of his worth as a man and his usefulness as a citizen, in consequence of which he is well esteemed in all parts of the county. His wife also stands well in the regard and good will of the people, and so do the other members of his family, all of whom exemplify in their daily lives the sterling traits of character that distinguish their parents.