

county, Missouri. Here he engaged in general farming until his death, which occurred in 1908. His marriage occurred in 1859, and he and his wife were the parents of four children, two of whom are living, Valentine and his older sister Katharine, the wife of James Sass, of this county, a sketch of whom will be found in this volume. The father was a Republican in politics and a Lutheran in religion.

His son Valentine began his education in his native land and completed it in a district school in Shelby county, which he attended for a short time. He came to this country and Shelby county with his parents when he was eleven years old and grew to manhood here, where he has lived and labored ever since, giving all his energies to the advancement of his own fortunes and the development and improvement of the township and county in which he lives. While growing to manhood he worked on the farm operated by his father and he has been actively and prosperously engaged in the same occupation during all the subsequent years of his life.

Mr. Krauter began operations for himself with literally nothing in the way of capital or worldly possessions, and has made all he now owns by his own unaided efforts, to use his own expressive utterance on the subject, digging all he has out of the ground. His success in his careful and continued industry is a tribute alike to his own enterprise and good management and to the land which he has cultivated—the ground out of which he has dug the substance of his estate. He now owns 160 acres of land which he cultivates and twenty acres of

valuable timber land. He also carries on a very active and flourishing live stock industry, which he manages with the same care, intelligence and attention to details that he employs in his farming, and he makes it profitable by this method of conducting it.

Since the death of his father, as has been stated, he has lived with and cared for his mother, who is now sixty-nine years of age. In his political faith and allegiance he is connected with the Republican party, and although he has no aspiration to official station and desires nothing of public life, he is loyal and serviceable to his party and true to the political convictions he holds. In religion he is a Lutheran, cordially interested in his church and at all times ready to do what he can to advance its interests. He is also true to the locality in which he lives, giving his energetic and effective support to every commendable undertaking for its advancement, and helping in every way at his command to augment and intensify the mental, moral and social agencies at work among its people. The duties of citizenship rest upon him as an imperative obligation, and none of them is neglected or slighted by him. He is well worthy of the universal esteem in which he is held throughout Clay township and in all other parts of Shelby county.

JONATHAN JARRELL.

This successful, enterprising and progressive farmer and stock man of Black Creek township, this county, is a native of Kent county, state of Delaware, whose boast has long been that she represents

“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.