

Jane Lowman, of this county. They had six children, four of whom are living: William L., the subject of this review; Mettie, whose home is in Shelbyville; Charles B., a resident of Nashville, Tennessee; and Maud, the wife of Clement Tyre, of Lexington, Missouri. They are all esteemed citizens where they live, and in their daily lives exemplify the teachings and examples given them at the parental fireside by their excellent parents, being faithful in the performance of every duty in both private and public life. The mother now makes her home at Shelbyville with her daughter Mettie.

William L. Duncan began his scholastic training in a district school in this county and completed it in a graded public school in Shelbyville. From school he returned to his father's farm, the one on which he was born and on which he now lives, as has been noted, and began the career as a farmer and live stock man which he is still extending. He has enlarged the farm to 240 acres, cultivated it skillfully and energetically, improved it with judgment and good taste, and made it one of the attractive and valuable rural homes of the township. He has also taken a good citizen's full part in helping to advance the best interests of his township and county, and labored in all his efforts to promote the enduring welfare of the people, giving them the stimulus of his influence and the force of his example in good work for progress and development. On February 19, 1898, he was married to Miss Marietta Wood, a daughter of Wesley and Kittie (Robb) Wood, highly respected residents of this county. Politically he is a Democrat

and fraternally a Knight of Pythias. His wife belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church, South, and takes an earnest interest in church work. Both are among the most generally esteemed citizens of the county.

JOHN B. LOWMAN.

Now forty-four years of age, with good health, strength and a spirit of perseverance which is not daunted by difficulties; owning a fine farm, which he has improved with excellent judgment and good taste, and which he has brought to a high state of productivity through systematic cultivation according to the most approved modern methods in agriculture and provided with everything in the way of equipment required for its advanced and vigorous tillage and further development, John D. Lowman, of Black Creek township, this county, is on the highway to extensive prosperity and material consequence among men. And, having won the regard of his fellow men who live in the same township and county through his great public spirit and enterprise with reference to the progress and improvement of the county, and the readiness and intelligence with which he enters upon every worthy project designed to promote them, he has attained a position of influence that promises much for his future as one of the leading citizens of this portion of the state.

Mr. Lowman is a native of Shelby county and has passed the whole of his life to the present time within its borders. He was born on February 15, 1866, and is a son of Samson B. and

Mary (Wilson) Lowman, a sketch of whom will be found in this work. He had no educational facilities but those furnished by the country schools of this county, but he has been an industrious reader and student on his own account, and is a well-informed man. After leaving school he worked on his father's farm and assisted the family until 1891. He then bought a farm and began a progressive and profitable career in farming and raising live stock for himself, which he is still extending under flourishing conditions. His farm comprises 160 acres and he has made it one of the most attractive and valuable of its size in the township. Nearly all of the land is under cultivation, and every acre that is farmed yields first rate returns for the labor and care bestowed on it.

Mr. Lowman was married on August 20, 1902, to Miss Ida B. Fagan, of Marion county, Missouri. Mrs. Lowman is a daughter of George W. and Susan E. (Barnett) Fagan, residents of Philadelphia, Missouri. His political allegiance is given loyally and faithfully to the Democratic party, and, while he seeks no political honors or advancement for himself, he is impelled by the force of his convictions to zealous and effective efforts for the success of his party in all its campaigns. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, and his wife of the Missionary Baptist church. They stand well in their community socially, take an earnest interest and an active part in the work of all the intellectual and moral agencies alive and vigorous around them, and in every way do their part as upright, progressive and estimable citizens, and they are held in

high regard by all classes of the people wherever they are known.

SAMSON B. LOWMAN.

Although of Virginia nativity and parentage, Samson B. Lowman, of Black Creek township in this county, who has made his mark indelibly on the record of the county's history both as a farmer and a public official, and is one of its best known and most esteemed citizens, is of Pennsylvania ancestry. His grandfather, Bernard Lowman, was born and reared in the city of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, but in his early manhood moved to Middlebrook, Virginia, and there his son, William O. Lowman, the father of Samson B., was born in 1815. There also he grew to manhood, was educated and learned the trade of tanner, which he followed in his native state for a number of years.

In February, 1835, he was married to Miss Sarah Eagon, of Staunton, Virginia, and by this marriage became the father of four children, two of whom are living, Samson B. and his sister, Mary Jane, the wife of William H. Duncan, of Shelbyville, this county. In the fall of 1856 the father moved his family to Missouri, and, after passing the winter at Canton, Lewis county, settled in Shelby county, where he spent the remainder of his life and died in 1900, passing away at Shelbyville. In this county he was engaged in farming until about fifteen years before his death, when he retired on the competency he had acquired to enjoy the rest he had richly earned. In politics he was a Democrat, in fraternal life an Odd Fellow,