

cording to his own design. Therefore, in 1907, he started out for himself in independent practice, removing to Clarence for the purpose. In October of the year last mentioned he changed his residence to Shelbina, where he now enjoys a steadily increasing practice and is well established among the leading lawyers of the county.

Mr. Libby has taken nothing for granted and left nothing to chance in his professional work. He is well grounded in the basic principles of the law, and has also made himself master of the interpretations the courts have made of it. In addition, he has studiously acquired freedom and fluency in speech and alertness and skill in the trial of cases, so that he is both a judicious counselor and an able and resourceful advocate. He is, besides, a gentleman of high character and culture, exemplifying in his intercourse with his professional brethren and the people generally all the bland amenities of life and an exalted sense of uprightness and personal integrity.

In the public affairs of the county he has manifested a helpful practical interest and a constant readiness to aid in promoting every worthy undertaking for the good of the people among whom his useful labors are performed. In politics he is allied with the Democratic party, and is one of the most resourceful and effective workers for the success of his party in all its campaigns. His fraternal connections are with the Masonic order, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias and the Modern Woodmen of America. In each of these organizations he takes an active

interest and makes himself a serviceable and valued member.

On October 21, 1909, Mr. Libby was united in marriage with Miss Carrie Belle Young, a native of Linn county, Missouri, and a daughter of Robert and Emma (Bradley) Young. Her father, who is now deceased, was one of the most prominent and successful merchants of Brookfield, and one of the most highly respected and representative citizens of the county of his home. Mr. and Mrs. Libby are zealous and energetic members of the Christian church, sincerely devoted to its welfare and progress and earnest workers in the promotion of every phase of its useful activity. In all parts of Shelby county they are esteemed as among its leading citizens, and throughout a large extent of the surrounding country they are held in cordial and appreciative regard by all classes of the people.

WILLIAM A. MAUPIN.

Beginning life for himself as a farmer and breeder of superior strains of live stock, and forced by declining health to retire from pursuits so arduous and exacting, William A. Maupin, of Shelbina, has nevertheless continued to fill an important place in the community and contribute essentially to its advancement and the substantial welfare of its people. He is an extensive dealer in real estate of his own holdings and serves the Commercial Bank of Shelbina as a stockholder and director.

Mr. Maupin was born in Monroe county, this state, on March 4, 1860. He is a scion of old Virginia families which

dwelt on the soil and helped to promote the wealth and greatness of the Old Dominion for generations, keeping up in their daily lives the lofty standard of its citizenship and doing all in their power to dignify and adorn its domestic and social life. Mr. Maupin's grandfather, Thomas G. Maupin, left the home of his fathers when he was in the full maturity of his manhood, and came to the wilderness west of the Mississippi to aid in subduing it to civilization and found a new home and shrine for the family on the far frontier. He arrived in this state in 1832 and located in Monroe county, where at an advanced age he died on a farm he had redeemed from the waste and made fruitful and attractive.

His son, William H. Maupin, who was the father of William A., was born in Virginia on May 20, 1816, and was sixteen years old when the family moved to this state. For a number of years he worked on his father's farm, helping to break up the stubborn soil, and lending his assistance to the limit of his powers in making it over into a comfortable and valuable home. In January, 1848, he was married to Miss Lizzie Maupin, who was a distant relative of the family and a native of Kentucky. The young couple settled at once on a farm of their own and began a useful and profitable career as farmers and live stock producers. They flourished in their enterprise, making steady gains in material substance and winning their way to extensive popular appreciation and approval. Fourteen children were born to them, and of the fourteen seven are living: Mary A., the wife of R. G. Estill, of Kansas City,

Missouri; Thomas C., a prominent citizen of Monroe county; Judge R. G. Maupin, of Shelbina; William A., also living in Shelbina; Minnie, the wife of E. J. King, of Shelbina; Joseph F., of Shelbina; and Dr. Robert E., of Dwight, Illinois. The father gave his support through life to the Democratic party in political affairs and for long years was a devout and consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church, South. The mother of these children died December 19, 1878, and the father in 1888.

William A. Maupin obtained his education in the district schools of Monroe county, leaving the altars of Cadmus at an early age to engage in the struggle for advancement in life as a farmer and breeder of live stock. He continued his farming operations for a number of years until, as has been noted, the state of his health obliged him to seek a less active and exacting pursuit. He still retains his interest in his farm and live stock industry but does not give them his whole attention. He now resides in Shelbina and is an important factor in the business and social life of that city. His chief occupation is connected with the purchase and sale of real estate as a member of, or in connection with, the firm of Dennis & Maupin of Clovis, New Mexico. He has extensive holdings of his own and carries on an active and thriving business. He is also connected with the financial and mercantile activities of the community in other lines, being a stockholder in and one of the directors of the Commercial Bank of Shelbina, as has been stated, and having a part in the management of other fiscal or mercantile concerns. He is also zeal-

ous and industrious in making investments for those who have capital and leading them to a wise use of their money, his judgment in this respect being highly valued and generally relied on. He is active in the affairs of the county, state and nation as a Democrat of firm convictions and serviceable loyalty, and in the fraternal life around him as a Modern Woodman of America and a Knight of the Maccabees.

Mr. Maupin has been very successful in business and he stands high in the social world. On all sides he is regarded as a leading and representative citizen, and as such he enjoys the esteem and good will of the whole community. On October 8, 1886, he was married to Miss Carrie Morrison, of Monroe county. They have four children all of whom are living at home with their parents and adding brightness and happiness to the domestic fireside. They are three sons, Howard S., now attending the Chicago Medical University; James and Warren, and one daughter, Mildred.

For three generations this family has been a potential element in the development and progress of Missouri, and now that it is firmly planted on the soil of the state and become a part of its productive and advancing life, the increasing usefulness of its members in all social, political and religious relations, as time passes, may be counted upon for higher achievements and more extensive results. That is the promise embodied in its past and plainly shown in the present. For the children of the household are imbued with the spirit of their parents and are day by day exemplifying

the teachings given them by precept and example around the family hearthstone.

JOHN T. COOPER

Among the citizens of Shelby county, Missouri, from the beginning of its authentic history, none has stood higher in public esteem or been more entitled to universal regard than the late John T. Cooper, of Shelbyville, who became a resident of the county in 1846 and passed the remainder of his life in that city, ending a useful career as a merchant, manufacturer, farmer, stockman and banker, which covered nearly fifty years there, on July 31, 1893, and was altogether successful in every particular. He became master of every occupation in which he engaged and of every situation in which he found himself, and gave to this locality a fine example of the vigor, resourcefulness and self-reliance of American manhood.

Mr. Cooper was born in Scott county, Kentucky, on September 1, 1817, and was a son of Samuel and Jane (Tarlton) Cooper, also natives of Kentucky. He came to Missouri in 1842 and located in Paris, Monroe county, where he worked at his trade as a saddler and harness maker for a period of four years. He learned his trade in his native state and learned it well. He had also fine business ability, and this helped to develop and expand his usefulness to the communities in which he lived and his own prosperity. In 1846 he moved to Shelbyville, and here he founded his first saddlery and harness shop. He gave his business close and careful attention and, for a time, devoted himself exclusively