

with familiar associations among the early Lutheran settlers of Shelby county, and here the family has been domesticated from the time of its arrival. The father has been a steady and thrifty farmer and stock man ever since, and is now living on a farm of sixty acres near Clarence, where he carries on his two exacting and profitable industries, giving them the close and careful attention the German people give everything to which their duty leads them.

He has also been zealous and serviceable in promoting the good of his community as a farmer and a citizen, and is regarded as a very worthy and useful man. His political allegiance is given to the Republican party, in whose affairs he takes an active interest, and in church relations he and his wife are devout and consistent Lutherans.

Their son Valentine began the battle of life for himself by working out by the month, continuing his slow progress in this line of labor until February 23, 1902. On that date he was united in marriage with Miss Mary Agnes Claussion, of Shelby county. He then deemed it his duty to provide a permanent home for his family and bought 160 acres of land, which constitute the farm on which he now resides, and on which he conducts a thriving business in general farming and raising live stock. He has built his operations in these lines of useful endeavor from a small beginning up to a high state of development, and is regarded as one of the thrifty and successful farmers and stock men of Black Creek township. He was industrious and frugal as a hired hand, saving his earnings to get a start in life, and he

has followed the same rules of conduct as a landowner, making slow but steady progress at first, and enlarging his operations as success crowned his efforts. Four children have been born to him and his wife, and all of them are living and are still members of the parental family circle. They are John Henry, Rosa Matilda, Carl Edward and Katy Louisa. The father is a Republican in politics and he and his wife are Lutherans in religious faith and training. They are highly respected as sterling and estimable citizens.

#### GEORGE W. MOORE.

With a parentage combining the best traits of the Scottish yeomanry and those that are worthy and commendable in the people of Maryland, G. W. Moore, of Black Creek township in this county, who is one of the thrifty and successful farmers and stock men of that locality, has inherited qualities that have characterized the bone and sinew of two parts of the world which have made honorable records in history and are very fruitful in industrial life. And he has been true to his ancestry, and exemplified in his own career all that was sterling and productive in it and the sections from which his parents came.

Mr. Moore is, himself, a native of Shelby county, Missouri, where his life began on September 16, 1852. He is the only son and child of Hugh and Mrs. Alexine (Richardson) Moore, the former a native of Scotland and the latter of Maryland. The father was born in 1806 and came to the United States with his parents in 1820. As he neared and

passed his majority in age he traveled considerably, and finally located in this county as one of the most desirable regions he had seen for his purposes. He was a stonemason and worked at his trade in many localities. After settling in Shelby county he purchased some land and farmed in connection with his mechanical industry for a number of years, then gave up the trade and devoted himself exclusively to farming and raising stock until his death, which occurred in 1893. His wife died in 1875. They had one child, their son, George W. The father was a Democrat in political faith and he and his wife belonged to the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

Their son G. W., who has passed the whole of his life to the present time in this county, was educated in its district schools. After completing their course of instruction he worked on his father's farm and assisted the family until the death of his parents. He has since been active and constant in his work as a farmer and stock man, and by close attention to his business, and judicious judgment of it has made a great success of it. His farm comprises 180 acres of superior land and he has the greater part of it under excellent cultivation. He is a skillful farmer and a careful and studious stock-raiser, and he makes both industries minister to his advantage. His farm is well improved and fully provided with the necessary appliances for its successful tillage, and he has one of the most attractive and valuable country homes in his township.

Mr. Moore has not neglected the interests of his township and county while building his own fortunes. He has been

energetic and enterprising in aiding all commendable public improvements and worthy undertakings for the development and advancement of his locality. In politics he is a firm and faithful Democrat, with great interest in the success of his party and effective activity in promoting it. He is regarded on all sides as a very worthy and useful citizen and enjoys the esteem of all who know him. He was married on May 3, 1877, to Miss Elizabeth Perry, a daughter of B. F. and Margaret (Carroll) Perry, well known and highly respected residents of this county. Mr. and Mrs. Moore have had six children and four of them are living: Magazine, the wife of Don McIntyre, of Shelby county; and Mollie, George T. and Dulcie, all of whom are still living at home with their parents.

#### BENJAMIN F. PERRY.

The life story of this successful farmer and valued citizen of Shelby county, who lives in Lentner township, and is now retired from active pursuits, if written out in full would form a narrative of thrilling adventure, considerable romance and variety of feature and tragical experiences, followed by gratifying success in his business and the esteem and good will of the people among whom he has lived and labored during the last forty-four years, and to whom he has demonstrated his worth and his title to their regard by his industry and prosperity as a farmer and his usefulness as a man.

Mr. Perry was born in Morgan county, Indiana, on August 25, 1827. His father, William Perry, was a native of Kentucky. And in that state his grand-