

ing to advance the general welfare. He was a Republican in his political adherence, served for many years as a member of the school board of his district, was actively affiliated with the Grand Army of the Republic and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and was one of the pillars of the Presbyterian church at his home, in which he was a deacon at the time of his death, which occurred on the 4th of October, 1909. Of this church his wife also has been a devoted member for many years, and she still resides on the old homestead farm. Mr. Burckhardt was one of the prominent factors in the organization of the Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Company, of Shelby county, and was vice-president of the same at the time of his demise. He served many years, and with marked interest and efficiency, as statistical reporter of Shelby county, supplying data for the government.

On the 18th of December, 1870, was solemnized the marriage of John G. Burckhardt to Miss Frances Vawter, who was born at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on the 3d of January, 1843, and who survives him, as has already been stated. Of the seven children of this union all are living except one, Louise C., who died in womanhood. Concerning the others the following brief record is entered: Sarah A. is the wife of Henry Beckley, of Shelby county; John F. Margaret is now Mrs. Harry Barnes, of this county; Elizabeth is the wife of Andrew Easdale, of this county; George has charge of the old home farm; and Mayme is the wife of Arthur Hamilton, of Woodlake, Nebraska.

VALENTINE NOTHNAGEL.

This prosperous and progressive farmer of Black Creek township, Shelby county, who has used all his opportunities for his own advantage and the good of the township and county in which he lives, is a native of the city of Griesheim, near Hanover, in Germany, where he was born on July 4, 1875, and came to this country with his parents in 1881, when he was but six years old. The family located at once in Shelby county, and here Mr. Nothnagel has lived ever since. He grew to manhood in this county and has been from his childhood interested in its people and one of the active factors in promoting their welfare and the development of the locality of his home. Even though he began his education in his native land, he may be appropriately claimed as a product of this county, for he completed his scholastic training in its schools, married among its citizens and has devoted all his energies to magnifying its industries and adding to its wealth and power.

Mr. Nothnagel is a son of Peter and Catherine (Bork) Nothnagel, also natives of Germany, the father having been born in the same place as his son. The parents were married on December 5, 1872, and became the parents of four children, two of whom are living, Catherine, the wife of William Gerlich, of this county, and Valentine. Having heard the word of promise from the New World, which offered better chances for advancement in life than the Old, the father determined to move his family to this country and brought it to the United States in 1881. They found a new home

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