

state of Washington. In politics the father was a firm and faithful member of the Democratic party. In fraternal relations he was long connected with the Masonic order and in religious allegiance was attached to the Christian church.

Jacob Sidner Smith obtained his education in the district schools of Monroe county and when he left school went to work on his father's farm, on which he had been reared and had learned the art to which he has ever since been devoted. He did not remain at home long, however, but after working with and for his father a short time, went to Kentucky, the home of his ancestors, where he remained a few years, and where he was united in marriage on December 20, 1860, with Miss Sarah E. Houston, of Newtown, Scott county, in that state. He returned to Missouri with his bride in 1861, and located in Shelby county, and here he was energetically and profitably engaged in farming and raising live stock until 1908, when he retired from active pursuits and moved to Clarence. He has 240 acres of fine land, all under cultivation, and its products yield him a very comfortable living.

Mr. Smith and his wife have had twelve children, eleven of whom are living: Virginia Ella, the wife of J. F. Lariak, of this county; Mary Addie, the wife of P. P. Barton, of Kansas City, Missouri; Robert K., who also lives in Shelby county; Annie Fletcher, the wife of J. W. Brewer, of Kansas City, Missouri; Emma Susan, the wife of F. S. Barton, of Shelby county; Abner G., who resides at Liberty, Missouri; Nora Agnes, the wife of D. M. Butner, of this county; Leslie G., also residing in this

county; Fannie Kate, the wife of William Cross, another resident of Shelby county; Sallie H., the wife of Edward Savage, of Kansas City, Missouri; and Emmett S., of Shelby county.

In his political faith and allegiance the father trains with the Democratic party and is zealous of its service, although asking nothing from it for himself. From his youth he has provided for himself without outside aid or any of Fortune's favors, and he has so faithfully performed his duties in all relations that everybody who knows him thinks and speaks well of him.

LEWIS J. PETERMAN.

The ordinary observer and the superficial judge of affairs measures success in life among men by results. The deeper thinker and more judicious analyst of men and events measures it according to the direction in which a man moves, being convinced that the only real success is to work in the right direction, whatever the results may be. Tried by either standard Lewis J. Peterman, a retired merchant and farmer of Shelby county, now living in ease and comfort in Clarence, has been a successful man. The results he has achieved are gratifying in magnitude and character, and he has always expended his efforts in the direction of not only enlarging his own worldly estate, but as well in promoting to the best of his ability the welfare of his community and the good of the people among whom he has lived.

Mr. Peterman was born in St. Joseph, Michigan, on April 28, 1861. He is a grandson of Jacob Peterman, a native

of Pennsylvania, and a son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Shale) Peterman, natives of England. The father was born on December 10, 1819, in Westmoreland county, and when he was about twenty-five years of age moved to Michigan, where he was actively and successfully engaged in farming until April, 1869, when he moved to Missouri and located in Shelby county. He purchased 200 acres of good land one mile east of Enterprise, and on that fruitful and responsive farm he expended his efforts successfully and profitably until 1880, when he retired and moved to Clarence. But he was not destined to enjoy long the rest for which he longed and which he sought by his retirement from active pursuits. He died in April, 1880, a few days after his removal to the city. In early life he was a carpenter, but the greater part of his time on earth, after reaching maturity, was passed in farming.

He was married in 1842 to Miss Elizabeth Shale, native of England, as has been noted, and by this union became the father of nine children, five of whom are living: Frankie, the wife of W. M. Davis, of San Diego, California; William, a resident of New York City; Addie, the wife of Thomas Freeman, of St. Clair county, Missouri; Charles and Lewis J., residents of this county. In politics the father followed faithfully the fortunes of the Republican party, and in religious affiliation he was actively connected with the Methodist Episcopal church.

Lewis J. Peterman obtained his education in the district schools of Shelby county, and when he left school to begin

the battle of life, worked on the old homestead until 1884, passing one year (1880) or the greater part of it, in Clarence with his mother, just after the death of his father. In 1884 he moved to Oregon, where he was engaged in ranching three years. At the end of that period he sold his ranch and changed his residence to Tulare county, California, and there he followed buying and shipping fruit with moderate success until 1895. He then returned to Clarence, Missouri, and during the next two years carried on a lively trade in boots and shoes, and for the latter portion of the time, also in gents' furnishings. But his health began to give way under the close confinement of the store, and in 1897 he sold his business in the mercantile line and returned to farming on 160 acres five miles south of Clarence. He retired from the farm, however, within a short time and took up his residence in Clarence, where he has ever since been living in ease and freedom from toil. He retains his farm and employs the revenues from it in comfortable living, the land being in charge of a tenant, who farms it largely under his supervision and direction.

Mr. Peterman was first married on June 24, 1885, to Miss Stella Gorby, of Shelby county, Missouri, and by this marriage became the father of two children, both of whom are deceased. Their mother died on December 20, 1891, and on December 28, 1897, the father contracted a second marriage, being united on this occasion with Miss Emma Whiles, of Macon county, Missouri. They have one child, their son William Lewis, who is living at home with them. In political affairs the father adheres with fidelity to

the Republican party, and he is at all times zealous and effective in its service, but never seeks any of its positions of honor or profit for himself. His fraternal affiliation is with the orders of Modern Woodmen of America and the I. O. O. F., and in religious matters he is connected with the Methodist Episcopal church. He has won a competence for life by his industry, enterprise and good management, and holds a high place in public estimation because of his usefulness as a citizen and his worth and excellence as a man.

THOMAS A. BEAN.

This highly esteemed citizen of Clarence, who is now living in ease and comfort in his attractive home, retired from active pursuits after many years of toil and trial, is a native of Bucks county, Pennsylvania, where he was born on November 4, 1836. He is of Irish ancestry, both his father and his mother having been natives of the Emerald Isle. The father, William Warren Bean, was born in Dublin, Ireland, and came to the United States in 1833. He located in Bucks county, Pennsylvania, at that time one of the most progressive and prosperous sections of the country, and there he followed architecture and building, and in addition engaged extensively in farming until 1843.

In that year he sold all his interests in Bucks county and moved to Philadelphia, where he carried on a large grocery business until his death in 1855. He was united in marriage with Miss Fannie Briton, like himself born in Ireland, as has been stated, and by this marriage be-

came the father of seven children, three of whom are living: Daniel, whose home is in Fresno, California; Martha, the wife of George Bright of St. Louis, Missouri, and Thomas A. The father was a devout member of the Presbyterian church and took a great interest in the welfare of the congregation to which he belonged. His political faith was anchored firmly to the principles of the Democratic party, and in the success of that organization he at all times manifested the most earnest interest. He was a very active worker for the good of the party and during his life spent a large amount of money in its behalf, although at no time desirous of holding any of the offices in its gift, either by election or appointment.

Thomas A. Bean obtained his education in the district schools of his native county, and on leaving school in 1858 came to Missouri and located in Monroe county. There he worked on a number of different farms until 1862, when he moved to Shelby county. In this county he was continuously, energetically and profitably engaged in farming and raising live stock until 1901. He then sold his farm and retired from active work. He and his wife passed the next four years in visiting their children in Idaho, Washington, and Montana, and also visited Oregon. Returning to Missouri in 1905, he bought the home he now occupies in Clarence, and with his wife he has made this a center of refined and gracious hospitality and one of the popular resorts of the city ever since.

Mrs. Bean, whose maiden name was Sarah S. Meadows, was born on December 25, 1837, and is a daughter of Ander-