

and in religious connection a member of the Southern Methodist Episcopal church.

Samson B. Lowman was educated in private schools at Middlebrook, Virginia, and, after completing his scholastic training, worked on the home farm with his father until 1860, having come to this state and Shelby county with his parents. In the year last named he bought 160 acres of land in Black Creek township and began farming and raising live stock on his own account. He has followed these pursuits with unceasing devotion from that time to the present, and has won a very gratifying success in pursuing them. In 1876 he was elected county surveyor and road and bridge commissioner of Shelby county, and he held the office until 1892, and during his tenure built the bridge over Salt river, between Shelbina and Shelbyville, the first iron bridge in the county. But ever since he located on his farm it has been his home.

As has been indicated, Mr. Lowman has been entirely successful in his business operations, and has also risen to prominence and influence in his township and county. His farm now comprises 360 acres, and all but twenty acres of it is under cultivation. With his intelligence and progressiveness in view, it is needless to say that his farming and live stock operations are conducted according to the most approved modern methods and with the application to them of all that is latest and best in theory and practice in the industries involved. And, with knowledge of his public spirit, enterprise and interest in his locality, it seems equally needless to say

that he is among the leading and most esteemed citizens of the county.

Mr. Lowman has been married twice. His first marriage took place on November 26, 1860, and was with Miss Mary Wilson, who died in 1877. They had four children and two of them are living: John D., an account of whose life appears in this volume, and his older brother, William M., both residents of this county. On June 26, 1879, the father was married a second time, being united on this occasion with Miss Angie Bryan, of Chillicothe, Missouri. Of the two children born of this marriage only one is living, Florence B., who is Mrs. Joseph C. Graddy, of Lexington, Missouri. The father is a Democrat in his political allegiance and belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church, South, in religious affiliation.

JAMES A. SMITH.

A native of Sussex county, Delaware, where his forefathers lived for several generations, and since 1865, except for a short interval of six months, during which he lived in Atchison, Kansas, a resident of Shelby county, Missouri, James A. Smith, of Lentner township, has passed the greater part of his life to this time amid scenes far different from those of his childhood, youth and early manhood, and among people whose habits and institutions are, in many respects, greatly unlike those amid which he grew to maturity. He has had experience in both country and city life, and followed Fortune's unreliable promise in several occupations. Yet he has at all times met the requirements of his

situation in a manly way and made the most of his opportunities for his own advantage and the good of his community.

Mr. Smith was born in Sussex county, Delaware, on May 14, 1843, and is a grandson of Marlow Smith, also a native of that state, and a son of John Smith, who lived in it all his life. He was a general farmer and also raised live stock on an extensive scale, owning 120 acres of land in a tract well adapted to his pursuits. He was a man of force and enterprise and succeeded well in all his undertakings, achieving a substantial prosperity and standing well in his county as a citizen. In political relations he was a Democrat, and in reference to all matters affecting the welfare of his locality was public spirited and progressive.

In Delaware he was united in marriage with Miss Mellie Traitor, who was born and reared in Maryland. They became the parents of ten children, seven of whom are living: John, whose home is in Worcester county, Maryland; Rufus, who resides in Sussex county, Delaware; Leolyn M., who lives in Denver, Colorado; James A., the subject of this brief review; David, who is also a resident of Sussex county, Delaware; William, who lives at Springwater, Oregon; and Mary, the wife of James Bunton, of Sussex county, Delaware. Both the father and the mother died in October, 1869, and within a few days of each other. They were well esteemed as useful citizens wherever they were known.

Their son, James A., obtained his education in the district schools of his na-

tive county, and after leaving school worked on the home farm with his father and assisted the family for a number of years. But the great West had a persuasive voice for him and kept tugging at his heart strings. And in 1865 he yielded to the call and came to Missouri, arriving in Shelby county on November 20th, and remaining here a short time. He then went to Atchison, Kansas, where he lived for six months, variously engaged. Returning to this county at the end of that period, he worked as a hired man on a farm for one year, then rented eighty acres of land, which he farmed on his own account for a time, with considerable success but not entire satisfaction to himself.

In order to more nearly accomplish his desires and have a permanent home for himself and his family, he bought a farm of forty-four acres, and on this he has ever since resided and expended his efforts with gratifying success and steadily increasing prosperity. He has greatly improved his farm, cultivated it with industry and skill, and brought it to a high degree of fruitfulness. As the place is not a large one, Mr. Smith is enabled to carry on what is called intensive farming, adapting his crops to the land as study and observation develop its characteristics, and thus makes every acre yield its due proportion of return for the labor expended on the farm and give him the best possible results. His farm is one of the most valuable and attractive rural homes in the township for its size.

On February 28, 1867, Mr. Smith was joined in marriage with Miss Susan M. Carothers, a native of this county. They

have had twelve children, ten of whom are living: Jerome, who resides at Pine, Oregon; Dollie, the wife of Boone Faddis, of Centralia, Missouri; Charles L., whose home is in Portland, Oregon; Annie, the wife of Amos Miller, of Monroe county, Missouri; James E., a resident of Canada; Lucy, the wife of John Winn, who also lives at Centralia, Missouri; Nora, a resident of Shelbyville; Armstrong and Maud, who are still at home with their parents; and Leona, the wife of Arthur Phillips, whose home is in this county.

In political faith and allegiance Mr. Smith is a member of the Democratic party and, although he never has sought or desired a political office for himself, either by election or appointment, he is loyal and energetic in the service of the organization and always helpful in its campaigns. His religious affiliation is with the Methodist Episcopal church, South, of which his wife is also a member, and to this also he is loyal and devoted, taking an active part in its work and aiding in every way he can to promote its best interests. In the affairs of his township and county he takes an active interest and serviceable part, doing all he can to help them to wholesome and enduring progress and development along lines of steady and substantial advancement.

GEORGE W. GREENFIELD.

One of the substantial farmers and stock growers of Shelby county, which has been his home from the time of his birth, Mr. Greenfield is a representative citizen of this section of the state and a

member of one of the honored pioneer families of Shelby county. Through well-directed effort he has achieved a large measure of success in connection with temporal affairs, and he is the owner of a finely improved landed estate in his native county, besides which he is a member of the directorate of the Farmers' Bank at Leonard. He is held in unqualified esteem in his native county and is well entitled to consideration in this history.

George W. Greenfield was born in Taylor township, Shelby county, Missouri, on September 16, 1848, and the old homestead which was the place of his nativity is but three miles distant from his present place of abode. He is a son of Samuel and Hannah (Michaels) Greenfield, whose marriage was solemnized in the state of Ohio in 1838. The father was born on Chesapeake Bay, in the state of Maryland, in 1812, and the mother was a native of Virginia, whence she removed with her parents to Ohio in an early day. Samuel Greenfield passed the first fourteen years of his life in his native state and then accompanied his parents on their removal to Ohio, where he was reared to maturity and where he received a common school education. He continued to reside in the old Buckeye state until about 1836, when the family removed to La Grange county, Indiana, and in 1840 came to Missouri and numbered himself among the first settlers of the present township of Taylor, where he secured a tract of wild land, which he reclaimed into a productive farm. He became one of the successful farmers and stock raisers of the county and added materially to his landed estate,