

development and acquirements in the public schools, attending them at Hunnewell. Since leaving school he has been continuously engaged in farming and raising live stock with increasing prosperity and progressive intelligence. He has not only given his business close and careful attention in a manual way, but has studied its requirements and possibilities, applying to his operations the best information he could gather from reading and reflection, and he has been successful accordingly. He is a stockholder in the Farmers and Merchants' Bank and has interests in other profitable connections.

On December 19, 1895, he was united in marriage with Miss Olive Dill, who was born on November 6, 1873, and is a daughter of F. M. and Heneretta (Selsor) Dill, highly respected residents of this county. One child has been born of the union, a son named Francis Marion, who is living at home with his parents. The father is a zealous and active member of the Republican party in his political alliance. His fraternal connection is with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and he and his wife are devoted adherents of the Southern Methodist Episcopal church.

PETER A. SNIDER:

(Deceased.)

After a trying and adventurous experience during the first few years of his manhood, which embraced the hazards of sectional strife on the battle fields of the Civil war and confinement in a military prison, a surveillance of

months under a military parole and a residence and struggle for existence in a state distant from his home and all the associations of his boyhood and youth, Peter A. Snider settled down to farming and raising live stock, and became one of the prosperous, enterprising and progressive men engaged in those pursuits in Jackson township of this county.

Mr. Snider was born near Columbus, Ohio, on June 29, 1841, and was a grandson of Peter Snider, a native of Germany, who came to this country and located in Pennsylvania in his early manhood. He is a son of John Henry and Barbara (Rupright) Snider, the former born in Pennsylvania in 1818, and the latter a native of Germany. After their marriage they lived for a time in Franklin county, Ohio, near the capital city of Columbus. They moved to Hannibal, Missouri, in 1842, and after a residence of four years in that city, came to Shelby county and took up their residence on a farm on which the village of Kendall now stands. The father also opened a general store there, which he conducted for six or seven years, then moved his stock of goods to Hunnewell, but still retained his farm at Kendall. He continued his mercantile operations at Hunnewell until the troublesome times incident to the Civil war destroyed his business and ended his mercantile career. He then returned to his farm, where he died in 1863.

His first wife, the mother of Peter A. Snider, their only child, died while the latter was still in his childhood, and some time afterward he was united in marriage with Miss Sarah Utz, a resi-

dent at the time of Shelby county. By his second marriage he became the father of eight children, seven of whom are living: Charles, a resident of Lakenan; Marion F., a sketch of whom appears in this volume; John and Henry F., who also reside in this county, a sketch of the latter being included in this work; Belle, the wife of Frank Erwin; Joseph, another prosperous Shelby county citizen; and Ida, the wife of Thomas O'Daniel. In his political allegiance the father belonged to the Democratic party and gave it loyal and effective service. His religious affiliation was with the Presbyterian church.

Peter A. Snider obtained his education in the district schools of this county and a graded school in Hunnewell. After leaving school he worked on the farm with his father until 1862, when he enlisted in the service of the Confederate army under Gen. Joseph Porter. But he found military life altogether intolerable to him, and, after being in the army two months, just before the battle of Kirksville he returned to his home and surrendered to Federal General McNeil, who was then in command of this military district. Under orders from General McNeil he was taken to St. Louis and incarcerated in a military prison. After languishing in this place of torture from October, 1862, to September, 1863, he was released on parole to await further orders. He then again returned to his home, and six months later was set free from his parole.

Being thus at liberty to do as he pleased, and finding the state of life in his home locality one of incessant strife and deadly hazard, he went to Califor-

nia to remain until the war should be over. In 1866 he came back to Shelby county and began farming and raising live stock, in which he has been continuously and profitably engaged until his death, May 29, 1910. He prospered in his undertakings since the war, in a worldly way, and rose to high esteem and consideration among the people of his township. He owned 160 acres of good land, which he had highly improved, and nearly all under intelligent and profitable cultivation.

In November, 1867, Mr. Snider was united in marriage with Miss Martha Utz, of this county. They had six children, five of whom are living: Anna May, the wife of Oscar Blackford, of Shelbina; Noah, an esteemed resident of this county; Barbara, the wife of W. S. Parker, also living here; Winifred, the wife of Larue Wood, of Sedalia, Missouri; and Abbie Belle, who is still at home with her mother. In politics the father was a staunch and active Democrat, and was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, South. He was held in high approval by the people around him and was considered a most estimable and worthy citizen.

WESLEY BAKER.

Of Pennsylvania ancestry and Iowa nativity, and for some years a resident of Kansas and twenty-one years of Missouri, Wesley Baker, of Jackson township, in this county, where he is a prosperous and progressive farmer and live stock man and a highly esteemed citizen, has had the influence of four of the great states of the American Union in molding