

teemed on all sides as one of its most representative citizens.

He was married to Miss Eliza Deedman, like himself, a native of Kentucky, and by this marriage became the father of thirteen children, six of whom are living: Mary Ann, the wife of William Finney; Lucy, the wife of Charles Collier; James G., the subject of this sketch; Clementine, the wife of Jacob Melson; Jessamine; Susan, the wife of William Fitzpatrick; and Benjamin G. They are all residents of this county except Mrs. Collier, whose home is in Grundy county, Missouri. The father followed faithfully the fortunes of the Democratic party in political affairs, and gave his allegiance to the Christian church in religious matters.

The educational advantages of his son, James G. Blackford, were limited to the curriculum of the district schools of this county and his own study, reading and reflection. He left school in 1862, when he was eighteen years of age, and enlisted in the Union army, Company G, Second Missouri Cavalry, under command of Colonel Lipscomb and Brigadier-General McNeil. He served the full three years of his term of enlistment and took part in several of the historical battles of the war and numerous minor engagements. His discharge from the service came at the close of the war.

When the "war drum throbbed no longer and the battle flags were furled," he returned to his Missouri home, and since that time has been altogether occupied with progressive and profitable farming operations on his excellent farm in Jackson township, which now comprises 210 acres and is very pro-

ductive and nearly all under advanced and skillful cultivation according to the most approved modern methods of farming. As he was faithful to his country in time of war, so he has been faithful to his township and county in time of peace, taking an active interest in their advancement and improvement, and at all times showing an eager desire and a willing hand to aid in caring for and promoting their best interests.

On February 14, 1878, Mr. Blackford was united in marriage with Miss Mary Givans, of this county. They have had two children, both of whom are living, their sons, Wayne, who resides in Columbia, Boone county, and Lloyd, whose home is in Shelby county, this state. Like their parents, the sons are well esteemed by the people who know them, and regarded as excellent men and exemplars of the most sturdy and serviceable American citizenship.

#### FREDERICK G. SPEYERER.

Farming and raising live stock are two of the leading industries of Shelby county, and the men who have helped to develop them and build them up to their present high state of prosperity and activity are entitled to high praise and the general approval of the people whose welfare is promoted by them. In this number is to be found Frederick G. Speyerer, one of the progressive and successful farmers and live stock men of Lentner township, whose operations in the industries mentioned have long been extensive and fruitful in good for the township and the county.

Mr. Speyerer is a native of Germany.

born on May 29, 1842, and a scion of families long domesticated in that country. His father, John Speyerer, and his grandfather, Frederick G. Speyerer, were natives of the Fatherland, and their forefathers lived in it for many generations. The father was born in 1816 and came to the United States in 1852. His first location in this country was in the state of New York, where he remained until 1863. He then moved to Illinois, and in that state passed the remainder of his life, busily and profitably engaged in farming. He died there June 11, 1867.

Before he left his native land he served his required term in the German army, acquiring in its discipline a control of himself and a use of his faculties which was of benefit to him throughout the rest of his life. In 1841 he was united in marriage with Miss Catherine Heintz, who was also a native of Germany. They had nine children, three of whom are living: Their sons Frederick and John, who reside in Shelby county, and their son Michael, whose home is in Texas. In politics the father was a Republican in this country, and in religion he belonged to the Lutheran church.

Frederick G. Speyerer was but ten years of age when his parents brought him to this country. His opportunities for scholastic training were limited to those afforded by the district schools of Erie county, New York, but he was of a studious mind and read a great deal at home, and in this way acquired a large fund of general information. Soon after leaving school he became a sailor on the great lakes, and gave himself up to the hazards of wind and wave for a period

of ten years. At the end of that time he came to Missouri and located in Shelby county, and from the year of his arrival here he has been very actively and successfully occupied in farming and raising, feeding and shipping live stock.

He has taken an active part in the affairs of the township and county of his home, giving his energetic and helpful aid to every commendable undertaking involving the welfare of their people. Politically he is a Republican. Fraternally he is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and in religion he is affiliated with the German Lutheran church. On April 18, 1872, he was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth Dilcam, of Pennsylvania. Eight children were born to them and all of them are living: John B., who resides in Illinois; George F., whose home is in this county; Frederick C., a resident of the state of Wyoming; Elizabeth, who lives at Marceline, Missouri; and Etta V., Rosa C., Grace and Ino, all of whom are still at home with their parents. The latter stand well in the community in which they live and are highly respected by the people among whom they have so long lived and labored. They are regarded as excellent citizens, with an abiding interest in the substantial and enduring good of their county and a constant readiness to promote it in every way they can, and in reference to its every material, mental and moral need.

#### GEORGE W. STALCUP.

With good old Virginia ancestry to give him examples of upright and elevated living in his family history, and a