

excellent service during a period of twelve years. He was elected county school commissioner of that county in 1896 and held the office two years, vacating it in 1898 and taking up his residence at Shelbina. He brought with him into Shelby county a number of select shorthorn cattle with several jacks and jennets of a superior strain and stallions of high grade. With these he started an active industry in breeding stock, and also gave his services as a bookkeeper to the Commercial Bank of Shelbina and afterward, for a short time, to the Old Bank of the city. In 1906 he was elected cashier of the Farmers' and Merchants' Bank, as it was then called, but which, owing to a reorganization and change of management, is now known as the Shelbina National Bank. But he did not remain in this position long. Stock-breeding was more to his taste than banking, and in 1907 he retired from a business that was not entirely agreeable to him in order that he might give his whole time and attention to one that was. Since then he has been continuously and extensively engaged in raising stock, breeding considerable numbers of his own and handling many more by purchase and exchange.

In this industry his interest is absorbed and to its study and development his time is given. He has become thoroughly familiar with all the details and features of the business and is recognized wherever he is known as an authority of extensive information and entire reliability on the subject and all matters connected with it. In this connection it should be noted that he served for years as secretary of an industrial association

made up of Shelby and Monroe county shorthorn breeders, and also as manager and conductor of its sales of stock, which took place annually, the two positions being awarded to him without opposition, so complete was his mastery and knowledge of the business considered.

Mr. Bailey has taken considerable interest in the public affairs of his county, state and country. He is an ardent believer in the principles of the Democratic party and an earnest and effective worker in its behalf. He is also prominent in the fraternal life of the community as a member of the Masonic order, having served as Worshipful Master of the Lodge, High Priest of the Royal Arch Chapter, and Worthy Patron of the local organization of the order of the Eastern Star. He and wife hold membership in the Southern Methodist church and are energetic and zealous workers. On September 1, 1892, he was married to Miss Prances Quisenberry, of Santa Pe, this state. They have had five children, three of whom are living and still under the parental roof. They are Blanche, Twila and Phyllis.

JUDGE NEWTON ADAMS.

This venerable citizen of Shelbina, has outlived the allotted time of man, as prescribed by the palmist, but he is still hale and hearty, and takes an active interest in all that pertains to the progress and advancement of the people among whom he has so long lived and labored. Judge Adams is a native of the "Blue Grass" state, having been born in Henry county of that state on January 1, 1823.

His parents, James and Katherine (Thornton) Adams, were natives of Kentucky and Virginia respectively, the father, like himself, being a native of Henry county, and there passed the active years of his life engaged in farming. In 1864, however, he severed the ties that bound him to his native state, and joined his children, who had preceded him to the great state of Missouri, making his home with them until his death, which occurred in Monroe county in 1874.

He was twice married. His first wife, the mother of the interesting subject of the article, died in Kentucky, in 1845. Six sons and three daughters were born to them, all of whom are now dead but two sons and a daughter. The father chose for his second wife, Susan Kerlin, a widow. To them was born one son, Joseph W., who is now a resident of Chariton county, Missouri.

The grandfather of Judge Adams was William Adams, a native of Ireland. He emigrated to America just prior to the revolution and settled in Pennsylvania. He was a soldier in the war of the revolution, serving for nearly two years. When the colonies secured their independence, and peace was at last restored he emigrated to Kentucky, and there passed the residue of his life. Four of his sons saw service in the war of 1812, three of them were in the Northern campaign, and one was with General Jackson at New Orleans. One son, William, died in Canada, while in the service.

Judge Newton Adams grew to manhood among the pioneer scenes of his native state, and endured many of the hardships and dangers incident to the settle-

ment and development of that great commonwealth.

He attended the primitive schools of the day, but was early in life compelled to make his own way in the world, and began laying the foundation of his own fortune by working on nearby farms. The wages were small and thinking to better his condition, in 1850, he severed the home ties and started for Missouri, which was at that time attracting so many of the young men of that section. The trip was made by water to Hannibal, and he arrived there on Christmas day of the same year.

He at once made his way inland to Monroe county, and purchased a farm of two hundred and forty acres, five miles south of Shelbina.

The land was unimproved, and he at once set about making a home for himself, enduring all the hardships and privations incident to the founding of a home in a new country. He continued to reside on that farm until 1864, bringing it to a high state of productiveness. In that year he disposed of the land and removed to Shelbina, where he made his home until 1883, when he purchased another tract of land in Monroe county, six miles southwest of Shelbina.

This land he improved and resided upon until 1889, when he disposed of it and removed to Columbia, Missouri, that his children might have the advantage of the excellent schools of that place. After a residence of two years in Columbia, he again returned to Shelbina, and purchased a farm one mile south of the city on which he lived until 1906, when he retired from all active pursuits, and is now

passing the evening of his long and active life in the city of Shelbina, surrounded by a host of friends who respect him for the many sterling qualities of mind and heart they know him to possess.

While a resident of Shelby county, Judge Adams was called upon to serve as county judge of the county, being first appointed to fill an unexpired term in 1871, and elected in the fall following to succeed himself in the same office, and in this connection it might be well to state that he was the first Democrat elected to office in Shelby county after the war. While a resident of Monroe county he filled the office of justice of the peace for a number of years, and also of county assessor for one term.

In politics the judge was first a "Know Nothing," but after the death of that party he aligned himself with the Democratic party, and for many years was considered one of the leaders in Shelby county.

He was married in Monroe county, March 2, 1851, to Mrs. Martha (Sparks) Heridon, who like himself is a native of Kentucky. Ten children have been born to them, seven of whom are living—Sarah, William, Lucy, Mattie, Newton T., Jane and Vinnie.

In religion he and wife are members of the Presbyterian church, the judge having united with the church when he was twenty years of age. He was also one of the charter members of the church at Shelbina and an elder of the same. Fraternally he belongs to the Masonic fraternity, becoming a Master Mason in 1862, and has filled the chairs of Sr.,

Deacon and Worshipful Master of Shelbina Lodge, No. 228.

CHARLES S. BARKER.

In the productive fields of peaceful industry, in military service during the great Civil war, in connection with the management of mighty utilities of every day service to the people, and again in farming for a period, and then in the employ of the national government, Charles S. Barker, of Shelbina, has been of great service to the citizens of Missouri and several other states. His life of sixty-five years to this time has been a very busy one from the age at which he became able to work, and all his pursuits have ministered directly and substantially to the comfort, convenience and general well-being of the public. His long and faithful devotion to duty and his excellent record in every way have brought him the continued esteem of all who know him and registered him in the regard of the people as one of the most useful and worthy citizens of this county.

Mr. Barker is a native of Shelby county and was born on November 17, 1844. He is of Scotch ancestry on his father's side, his grandfather, John Barker, having been born in the romantic land of Scott and Burns. In the war of 1812 he raised a company of soldiers, with his brother George as captain. He emigrated to this country in early manhood, locating in Clinton county, Pennsylvania, where Jonathan Barker, the father of Charles, was born on July 27, 1808. From his youth until November, 1840, he was boatman on the Susque-