

Rosie (Weinman) Werr, also natives of Germany, but long residents of this county. The father was born in 1833 and married in Germany. He brought his family to the United States in 1886 and settled near Bethel, in Shelby county, Missouri, and here he was actively, energetically and profitably engaged in farming and raising stock until his death, which occurred in 1905. He and his wife were the parents of eight children, six of whom are living: George; Maggie, the wife of John Bower; John, whose home is in Black Creek township; Fred; Rosina, the wife of Christian Claussen; and Henry, all residents of Shelby county and good factors in its industrial, mercantile and social life. The father was a Lutheran in church connection and a Republican in political faith and allegiance. He was successful in his business in this country and rose to general esteem and popularity among the people, who recognized his worth, intelligence and excellent citizenship, and found him upright and reliable in every relation in life and warmly interested in the welfare of the community in which he lived and expended his strength in useful and productive labor.

John Werr grew to the age of sixteen in his native land and obtained his education there. He came to this country with his parents in 1886 and has ever since been a resident of this county. For some years after his arrival in this locality he worked on the home farm with his father. He then hired out as a hand on other farms in the neighborhood until 1899, when he bought a farm of eighty acres and began operations on his own account. He was frugal and thrifty

while he was working for others, and he has applied the same qualities to his efforts in his own behalf, in which he has also shown great industry and excellent judgment. He has been successful from the beginning of his enterprise and his progress in it has been steady and substantial. He now owns 160 acres of first rate land and has it all under advanced and productive cultivation. His stock industry is in just proportion to his farming operations, and is managed with the same care and skill that he bestows on them, and he is prosperous in both.

On February 12, 1899, Mr. Werr was united in marriage with Miss Sarah Neuschafer, a daughter of John and Catherine (Reinheimer) Neuschafer, esteemed residents of Shelby county. Two children have followed the union and they still sanctify and brighten the family altar. They are Evers and William, and both are attending school. The political faith of the father is firmly anchored to the Republican party and he is an energetic and effective worker in behalf of its principles and candidates. He and his wife are leading members of the Lutheran church in their neighborhood, and by all classes of the people living around them and wherever they are known elsewhere they are held in high esteem and cordial regard. They are model farmers and excellent citizens.

#### HENRY ARNOLD.

This leading farmer, esteemed citizen and public-spirited man of Black Creek township, this county, has shown in his successful and somewhat striking career in this country that, in spite of adversi-

ties and trials which attended him for years from his childhood, he is made of the fiber and possesses the qualities which command success and compel even troubles to minister to the progress of the man who has them. He is a native of Germany, where he was born on February 14, 1864, and is a son of Henry and Mary (Neuschafer) Arnold, also natives of the Fatherland and belonging to families long resident in that country.

The father passed the whole of his life in his native land, conducting a promising business as a farmer, and dying there in 1867. He was married in 1860, and by his marriage became the father of one child, the interesting subject of this brief sketch. He obtained a limited education in the place of his birth, his opportunities being scant because he lost his father by death three years after his own life began, and the mother was left in straitened circumstances. When the son was seventeen years old he and his mother determined to try for better conditions and more extensive opportunities than their own land seemed to offer, in the land of promise in which so many of their countrymen had found fortune and favor.

Accordingly they came to the United States in 1881 and located in Shelby county, and here the son has been continuously, actively and very successfully engaged in farming and raising stock ever since. He had nothing to start on, but he met his requirements bravely and resolutely, and has made every day of his labor tell to his advantage. The qualities of industry, frugality and good management that have made his race so

thrifty and progressive, and won it the high rank it has attained in the industrial world, were manifest in him and he stemmed the tide of poverty and disaster that seemed against him with a patient and determined spirit, and he has won the success in life that he must have felt was due him if he made the proper efforts to secure it. He now owns 380 acres of good land, having recently added twenty acres to his farm, and has the greater part of it under advanced cultivation, with good buildings for the accommodation of his family and the products of his land and a complete equipment of good farming implements, including everything necessary for the complete and profitable farming of his estate. His stock industry is also extensive and is managed with great skill, intelligence and thrift.

Mr. Arnold is also a stockholder in the Bank of Lentner and the State Bank of Clarence. He was married in 1888 to Miss Anna Reinheimer, who was at the time a resident of Shelby county. She is a daughter of Peter and Catherine (Noah) Reinheimer, who are well known in the county and held in respect by all who know them. Mr. and Mrs. Arnold have had eight children, five of whom are living, and all still at home with their parents. They are: Edward, Martin, Anna, Henry P. and Ireta D. The father is a pronounced Republican in his political convictions and allegiance, and takes an active part in the affairs of his party, although he has never been a candidate for any political office. He and his wife are zealous and devoted members of the Lutheran church.