

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-

hanna river. In the autumn of 1840 he came to this state and founded a new home on Salt river, in Shelby county, buying a tract of land which gave him water power for a mill. He developed his land and made it fruitful, and also built up an extensive trade at his mill, which he continued to develop until the high water of 1846 swept it away, following these pursuits steadily, industriously and profitably until his death on May 3, 1894.

Besides Jonathan Barker, others of his immediate family were instrumental in aiding the development of the country they had chosen for a home. His brother George, who came to this country in 1820, was a surveyor for forty years. He also built the first mill at Walkerville, the place taking its name from Jonathan Walker, an own cousin of the father of Charles Baker, and the grandfather, Charles Smith, built the old court house in Shelbina.

In November, 1842, he was married to Miss Emeline R. Smith, a resident of this county at the time but a native of Kentucky. Their offspring numbered ten and five are living, widely scattered in location and pursuits, but all exemplifying the lessons and examples given them around the family hearth in useful avocations and contributions to the growth and development of our common country. They are: The subject of this brief review; Washington D., a resident of Gridley, California; Mary F., now Mrs. William Kealey, of Shelbina; Amanda, wife of Samuel E. Baker, of Shelbina; Helen N., who is married to James S. Barker and lives at Gridley, California; and Jennie, who is Mrs. Will-

iam Baird, of Spokane, Washington. The father was a Whig in national politics until the death of the Whig party and the formation of its vigorous and aggressive successor, the Republican party, after which he gave his allegiance to the new organization and faithfully supported it as long as he lived. He was also a devout and serviceable member of the Baptist church for a great many years. He died after nearly completing his eighty-ninth year of life on earth, and left behind him as a priceless heritage for his children a good name and the record of well spent years and powers, in addition to the material accumulation they had enabled him to gather.

Charles S. Barker grew to manhood on his father's farm in Shelby county and obtained his education at the district school of the neighborhood, his experiences in these respects being like those of nearly all the children of the frontier. When the Civil war began he was but sixteen years of age, but he felt a stern call to duty in defense of the integrity of the Union, and, boy as he was, enlisted in the Federal army in a company that was soon afterward placed under the command of General John McNeil, of St. Louis, whose principal headquarters were at Cape Girardeau, in this state. The company participated in the battles of Cape Girardeau, Bloomfield and Kirksville in Missouri, and in many minor engagements. Mr. Barker escaped uninjured from the war and soon after its close became an employe of the Hannibal & St. Joseph Railroad Company, which he served with fidelity and ability for a period of eighteen months. He then moved to Lockhaven, Pennsylvania,

to be still connected with the railway service and take an appointment in it under the Pennsylvania system, in which he was employed five years.

In 1878, with the training he had secured in his experience in the railway service, and his faculties broadened and brightened by work in a different section of the country, Mr. Barker returned to Missouri and during the next five years devoted his energies to building bridges. He next engaged in farming for eight years on the old family homestead. In 1901 he entered the postal service of the United States in Shelbina and is still connected with it. He has given his support loyally to the Republican party from the dawn of his manhood, for many years has found the consolations of religion as an earnest worker in the Baptist church, of which he is a member, and has enjoyed fraternal life as a member of the Masonic order. On December 15, 1891, he was united in marriage with Miss Jennie Parrish, of Macon county, in this state. The two children that have blessed their union, their daughters Virginia Frances and Ruth, still abide with them in their pleasant home in Shelbina, which is a favorite resort of their hosts of admiring friends.

FARMERS' AND MERCHANTS' BANK OF HUNNEWELL,

This valued financial institution, which has been of great service to the community in which it has been operating for about two years, has already secured a hold on the public regard and confidence that assures its continued and increasing success, and promises great things for

the future in the way of convenience to the people and development of the town and surrounding country, which have been greatly in need of the facilities it affords for the quick dispatch of business and convenience in transactions.

The bank was founded in November, 1908, with a capital stock of \$10,000 and the following directorate: President, Albert L. Vaughn; vice president, W. B. Arnold; cashier, W. B. Herron; directors, Albert L. Vaughn, W. B. Arnold, John W. Carr, Harry Duer, Ben Parsons, Jerry Jeffries, E. A. Frye and C. L. Landrum. Mr. Frye died in April, 1910, and he was succeeded by J. Weldon Hardesty. From the day on which its doors were opened for business it has been doing well and steadily increasing its trade, while the public appreciation of its wise management, liberal policy and manifest soundness has grown as its operations have expanded. Located, as it is, at the junction of three rich and progressive counties, and having the enterprising people of them all to draw upon for business, the bank is bound to succeed and make its mark in the financial world. It is, moreover, under the management of careful and capable men, who, in protecting and advancing their own interests in connection with it, will do all in their power to promote the welfare of its patrons and facilitate their business operations to the fullest extent consistent with safety and good banking direction. The bank does a general banking business, embracing every approved and up-to-date feature, and lays all its resources under tribute to provide for the wants of the community and its people in every possible way.