

same place. He was very successful in all his undertakings, making everything pay that he put his hand to, and showing his broad intelligence, business acumen and masterly management in all. He owned 760 acres of land, which was farmed by tenants, and had considerable town property in addition.

Mr. Crow was never married, but, although he had no family claims to impel him to action, he was, nevertheless, one of the most useful and progressive men in his community in all that pertains to the general welfare and the substantial and lasting good of the people. In political affairs he was firmly attached to the Democratic party, and one of its most energetic working members. He never aspired to public station nor was willing to accept a political office of any kind, either by appointment or election. But no duty of citizenship was neglected by him, and all were performed with vigor, intelligence and an ardent desire to advance the best interests of his county, state and country. He was regarded as one of Shelby county's best and most representative men, and was universally esteemed as such throughout the county and the whole of northeastern Missouri.

MARTIN S. BUCKMAN.

Of Kentucky ancestry and immediate parentage, and imbued with the spirit of enterprise and daring which laid the foundations of the great state in which his parents were born, and the breadth of view and progressiveness which have so largely aided in building the superstructure of the commonwealth, Martin S. Buckman, of Salt River township, in

this county, has repeated in some measure on the soil of Missouri the performance of his progenitors in the blue grass region. True, he has not been called upon to face the dangers, endure the hardships or engage in the large undertakings which were portions of the lot of his ancestors in the wilds of Kentucky in its frontier days, but whatever has come his way to do or endure he has confronted with a manly spirit and overcome by persistent and well directed energy, and has therefore met in his day the duty of life as faithfully as they did in theirs.

Mr. Buckman was born in Monroe county, Missouri, on December 3, 1856, and came into life, therefore, 'after the frontier period had passed, although the country here was even then sparsely settled and very largely undeveloped. His grandfather, John R., and his father, Joseph R. Buckman, were natives of Kentucky, where the father was born on November 5, 1813. He came to Missouri in the early days and located in Monroe county, where passed the remainder of his days busily engaged in farming and raising live stock and rearing to maturity, with the best instruction and example he could give them, his numerous offspring. He was a man of energy and determination, and was successful in his ventures, retiring in 1877 from larger operations to a farm of 240 acres in this county.

He was married in 1838 to Miss Martha Simms, of the same nativity as himself, and by this marriage they became the parents of ten children, nine of whom are living: John G., whose home was in Monroe county, this state, died

December 25, 1909; Benjamin, who resides in California; Frank, who lives in Shelby county; Mary A., the widow of the late George W. Drake, whose present home is in Quincy, Illinois; Douglas, also a resident of Monroe county, Missouri; Martin S., the subject of this brief review; Kate, the wife of Stephen Seward, of Monroe county; Elizabeth, who lives in this county; and George, who has his residence in the state of Nebraska. The father died in 1880. He was a Democrat in politics and a Catholic in religious faith and allegiance. He was twice married, his first wife having died in 1865. His second wife was Frances Fowler. George was born to the second marriage. His second wife died in 1872.

His son, Martin S. Buckman, grew to manhood on his father's farm and obtained a limited education in the district schools of Monroe county. After leaving school he worked on the home farms in Monroe and Shelby counties with his father until 1880. Then, by the death of the father the conditions of the home were changed, and he bought a farm of 240 acres of his own in Shelby county. On this as a nucleus he has ever since been energetically and skillfully engaged in farming and raising live stock, increasing his land and his business as Fortune has smiled on his enterprise and ability, until he now owns about 1,000 acres of good land and has it all under cultivation and brought to a high state of improvement and productiveness. He also holds stock in the Commercial Bank of Shelbina and is one of its directors, besides being interested in other industries of value.

On January 30, 1882, he was united in

marriage with Miss Emma Simms, of Monroe county, Missouri. They had eleven children, ten of whom are living: Olive, the wife of Loren Yates, of Monroe City; Lambert, Lillian, Alfred, Grigg, Julius, Benjamin, Mary (deceased), Otis, Martha and Genevieve. In politics the father is a Democrat and in religion a Catholic.

CHARLES N. SCHWIETERS.

Thrown on his own resources at the early age of fourteen years, and at that age leaving his home to try his fortunes in a distant and strange land in which he had no relatives and few, if any, acquaintances, Charles N. Schwieters, one of the substantial retired farmers and live stock men of Salt River township, Shelby county, has, in his subsequent career and achievements fully justified the faith of his friends and his own in his ability to take care of himself in a worldly way and make his own progress a certainty, and at the same time be of good service to any community which might have the benefit of his citizenship and good example of industry.

Mr. Schwieters was born in Prussia, Germany, on October 2, 1848. His father, Casper, and his grandfather, Joseph Schwieters, were natives of the Fatherland also, as was his mother, whose maiden name was Mary Gayner, and in that great empire their forefathers had lived many generations before them. The father was born in 1813 and married to Miss Gayner in 1846. They became the parents of seven children, four of whom are living: Sophia, the wife of Christopher Kuelme, of Lentner,