

Kentucky. Two children have been born of the union, a son named Chester P., who is living at home with his parents, and a daughter named Alberta, who is the wife of B. F. Floweree, an esteemed resident of Shelby county. In politics the father is a pronounced and unwavering Democrat of the most reliable kind. In fraternal relations he is a Freemason, and in religious connection he and his wife are zealous working members of the Missionary Baptist church, he having served as clerk of the congregation to which he belongs during the last fifteen years with credit to himself and benefit to the church and greatly to the satisfaction of the whole congregation.

#### JOHN J. HOLLYMAN.

The untimely death of this excellent farmer, fine stock man and most highly esteemed citizen of Tiger Fork township, Shelby county, which occurred on November 13, 1899, when he was but little over fifty-five years of age, stopped in its midst a very progressive and successful business career in the allied industries to which it was devoted, and cast the whole community in mourning over the loss of an inspiring force, a leader of thought and action and a very useful man in all practical requirements of every day life, which had been at work among its people.

Mr. Hollyman was born on August 23, 1844, in Shelby county, Missouri, and here he resided all the years of his life. He was a son of Charles N. and Nancy (Eaton) Hollyman, natives of Kentucky, where the former was born in 1810. He came to Missouri in the very early days

and for a short time lived in Marion county. From there he moved to Shelby county, and on its fertile soil and amid its inspiring and progressive institutions he passed the remainder of his days, dying on March 25, 1882. He spent his years in this state in farming and raising live stock, and in his time was considered one of the very best farmers in Shelby county. His marriage, which took place in 1835, resulted in three children, all of whom are now deceased.

John J. Hollyman attended the district schools in Shelby county and also the public schools in Lexington, Kentucky, whither he went during the Civil war and remained three years. After his return to this county he finished his education in one of the schools here. He remained on the home place with his parents, assisting them until death robbed him of them. He then bought the place and on it he passed the rest of his own life and the remaining years of a very successful career as a farmer and also as an extensive breeder and feeder of stock, which he shipped in large consignments to the Chicago and other markets. He began as a farmer and stock man with 160 acres of land, and when he died he owned 480 acres, which his widow now controls and manages with a skill and intelligence that keep the old spirit in the industries conducted on the place and maintain the profits at the highest range of the times.

Mr. Hollyman was prominent in local public affairs as a Democrat who never wavered in loyalty to his party or flagged in zeal in its service. But he would never consent to accept a political office either by appointment or election,

although frequently and earnestly solicited to do so by his friends among the party leaders and also those who marched with the rank and file. He preferred the independent and honorable position of private citizenship as a man and the duties and interests of his farm to all official cares and all artificial distinctions born of temporary elevation in public life. At the same time he gave close and intelligent attention to the needs and possibilities of his township and county, and omitted no effort possible on his part to provide for the one and develop the other to the highest extent. Every form of public improvement or enterprise for the good of the people had his hearty, cheerful and helpful support from start to finish.

On April 26, 1883, he was united in marriage with Miss Anna V. Bell, who was born on July 17, 1855, in Shelby county, Missouri, and is a daughter of J. W. and Elizabeth B. (Ferguson) Bell, the former a native of Kentucky and the latter of Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. Hollyman were the parents of two children, both living: Charles N., who lives at Laredo, Texas, and Frank, a resident of this county. Their mother is a member of Mt. Zion Baptist church, and one of the active workers among those who belong to it, doing everything she can to advance the interests of the congregation and the church in general.

#### JAMES W. TURNER.

Having passed the limit of human life as designated by the Psalmist, although bearing well and with spirit the burden of his years, James W. Turner, one of the prosperous and enterprising farmers

and stock men of North River township, in this county, is entitled, on account of his age, to the veneration the people bestow upon him. But he has another title to their regard and good will and to their gratitude and esteem as well. That is that more than half a century of his useful life has been passed among them and the greater part of this period has been devoted in a leading and substantial way to the development and improvement of the locality in which his labors have been expended.

Mr. Turner was born on December 10, 1839, in Garrard county, Kentucky, and is a grandson of James Turner, who was also a native of that state and when he left it, and came westward with the advancing tide of migration toward the Rocky mountains, became one of the very early settlers in this portion of Missouri. He settled on a farm in our adjoining county of Marion, and on that farm he passed the remainder of his days, dying on it at last and being laid to rest in the very soil he had hallowed by his labors. His son, Thomas W. Turner, the father of James W., was born in 1818 in Garrard county, Kentucky, where he grew to manhood and was married at the very dawn of that estate. In 1840 he brought his young family to Missouri and located on a farm in Marion county, also, near where his father lived. On this farm he was actively, extensively and prosperously engaged in farming and raising live stock during all the subsequent years of his life except the last two or three, which he passed in Shelby county at the home of his son James, where he died on October 10, 1899.