

seven children, three of whom are living: William Upton, of Woodland, Missouri; Forest Cary, whose home is in Seattle, Washington; and Celia Way, the oldest of the three, who is the wife of Adolph Fitzpatrick. The mother of these children died September 11, 1894, and on October 25, 1896, the father married a second wife, being united in the second alliance with Miss Bettie Bennett, of Moberly, Missouri. They have two children, their daughters, Gladys and Della May, who are still living at home with their parents. In politics the father is an active, working Republican, but he never seeks an office of any kind for himself, either by election or appointment, preferring to serve the state from the honorable post of private citizenship. He is a member of the Missionary Baptist church, and his wife belongs to the same. He has been zealous and helpful in building up his township and county, and the people who live in them esteem him highly as one of their best and most useful citizens. Mr. Way was a member of the G. A. R. for some years, but the post has since gone out of existence, most of the members having died.

MARION M. MAUPIN.

Marion M. Maupin, of Lentner township, who is one of the most extensive and successful farmers and live stock dealers in Shelby county, is a native of Monroe county, Missouri, where he was born on June 13, 1858, and a scion of old Virginia families resident in the Old Dominion from colonial times. He has inherited the elevation of character and sterling manliness of his ancestors, and

is thoroughly imbued with the spirit of enterprise and progressiveness that fills the West with its energy and has made it so wealthy in production and potential in influence. He has therefore a combination of qualities which would insure business success in almost any field of effort and win him esteem and general consideration in any community.

Mr. Maupin is a grandson of Thomas G. Maupin, who was born, reared and passed his early manhood in Virginia, then moved to Missouri in the youth of this state but the full maturity of his own powers. His son, Thomas H. Maupin, the father of Marion M., was also a native of Virginia, born there in 1827. When he was but seven years of age the family moved to this state and located in Monroe county. There he grew to manhood and obtained his education in the district schools. There also he farmed and raised live stock to the end of his life, except during a period of four years which he passed in California at the height of the early excitement over the discovery of gold in that state. He was successful as a miner there and as a farmer and live stock man here, and when he died in 1905 was possessed of a considerable estate, all won by his own industry, thrift and excellent management.

In 1856 he was united in marriage with Miss Mary F. Maupin, of Marion county, Missouri, and by this marriage became the father of three children, of whom Marion M. is the only one now living. In political relations the father was a life-long Democrat, and from the dawn of his manhood to the end of his life was true and loyal to his party and

one of its zealous and effective workers in all campaigns. He never sought or desired a political office for himself, but worked for the principles of his party because he believed in them and from a stern and exacting sense of duty.

His son, Marion M. Maupin, grew to manhood on the family homestead and assisted in its labors while attending the district school in the neighborhood and after leaving school until 1881. He then bought a portion of the land on which he now resides eight miles southwest of Shelbina, and began farming and raising live stock on his own account. Seeking no other occupation for his energies and devoting them to these with ardor and excellent judgment, he has been very successful. His methods have been progressive and all his operations have embodied the best thought and intelligence available concerning the lines of activity in which he has been engaged.

Mr. Maupin now owns **940** acres of fine land and has it nearly all under vigorous and skillful cultivation, and his live stock industry is in proportion to his acreage. He has some of the land farmed by tenants, but he gives it all his personal attention and supervision. In his stock industry he has somewhat specialized jacks and jennets, but he has also raised and shipped large numbers of Duroc-Jersey hogs, and he has not confined his output to the two lines mentioned but has been an extensive shipper of general live stock to the Chicago and Eastern markets. He is also a stockholder in the Old Bank of Shelbina.

In the public affairs of his township and county Mr. Maupin has always manifested a cordial interest and taken an

active part. He has served the people well and wisely as school clerk during the last fifteen years, and in many other ways has contributed materially and extensively to the development and improvement of the region in which he lives. No enterprise of value to the people has been without his active and serviceable aid and intelligent and stimulating guidance. And his services are highly appreciated by those who have had the benefit of them.

On February **23**, 1881, he was married to Miss Emma Francis, a daughter of Thomas and Millie (Miles) Francis, highly esteemed residents of Monroe county. Six children have been born of the union, four of whom are living: Thomas Eugene, who resides in this county; Myrtle E., the wife of E. L. Smock, of Monroe county; Nannie B., the wife of Benjamin Stewart, also a resident of Monroe county; and Varian F., who is living at home with his parents. The father's political allegiance is given firmly and faithfully to the Democratic party, and in its service he is always energetic and influential. He is representative of all that is best in Shelby county citizenship, and is correspondingly esteemed by the people of the county, who know his worth and hold his usefulness in high regard. Mrs. Maupin is a member of the Christian church.

LEE DIMMITT.

Beginning active efforts for himself in the struggle for advancement among men when he was but a youth, and now occupying a place of prominence in the industrial and public life of his com-