

the Court of Honor, and to the welfare and progress of this order he is earnestly and actively devoted. His religious connection is with the Methodist Episcopal church, South, of which he is a live and helpful member, giving a good man's share of attention to the affairs of his congregation and his due portion of assistance toward all its worthy and beneficent undertakings of every kind..

HEDGEMAN PICKETT.

Of old Virginia ancestry, but a native of Missouri, and having passed the whole of his life to the present time (1911) within its borders, Hedgeman Pickett, of Bethel township, combines in his character and make-up the best traits and characteristics of the people of both states, and is a credit to each. His grandfather, Sanford Pickett, came from his native state of Virginia to Missouri among the early pioneers of this part of the state and located on a farm in Shelby county, where he died after years of great usefulness to the locality.

Hedgeman Pickett, who was born in Bethel township, this county, on January 1, 1859, is a son of Hiram and Elizabeth (Rookwood) Pickett, natives of Fauquier county, in the Old Dominion, where the father was born on August 10, 1822. He came to Missouri when he was thirteen years of age with his parents and grew to manhood on the family homestead, near Bethel. After completing his education he began a very successful career as a farmer, which lasted until his death on March 29, 1890. He was also prominent and influential in the public life of the county, displaying

great enterprise and public spirit in its development and improvement, carrying into matters of general concern the same energy, breadth of view and progressiveness that characterized him in the improvement and cultivation of the 960 acres of land he owned when he died.

His marriage with Miss Rookwood occurred in 1854. They became the parents of twelve children, eight of whom are living—Sanford H., a resident of Quincy, Illinois; Hedgeman, the immediate subject of this memoir; Jennie Lee, the wife of John H. Bue, of this county, a sketch of whom will be found in this work; Annie, the wife of J. A. Green, of Woodward, Oklahoma; John and James S., residents of this county; Gabrella, the wife of C. R. Douglas, also residing in Shelby county, and Oscar W., whose home is in Shelby county, too. Jennie and Annie, named above, are twins: The father was a Democrat of the most pronounced and active type in his political relations.

Hedgeman Pickett obtained his education in the district schools of Bethel township, which he attended at intervals until he reached the age of nineteen. He then engaged regularly in the employ of his father and continued the relation until 1880. In that year he rented a portion of the farm on which he now resides and bought two years later what he had been renting, its extent being eighty acres. He has ever since been energetically, studiously and successfully occupied in farming and raising and feeding live stock, advancing to great prosperity in his business and high standing and universal esteem as a man and citizen. His farm now comprises 600 acres, all

but forty of which are under skillful and systematic cultivation according to the most approved methods of husbandry. It is one of the best and most valuable farms in the township, and has been made so by his persistent industry and the wisdom and intelligence with which he has managed his business and looked after every detail of the work.

But Mr. Pickett has not employed his energy and capacity wholly in his own affairs. He is a progressive and public-spirited man and takes great interest in the needs and possibilities of the community around him and does all in his power to promote its welfare. He is a school director and has been road commissioner, rendering approved service to the people in both offices and retaining their confidence and regard by his general and active work in their behalf in many ways and holding their admiration and his widespread popularity by the excellent example he gives as a citizen.

Mr. Pickett was married on February 17, 1880, to Miss Sarah Catherine Allen, who was born in Shelby county on September 17, 1861, a daughter of David and Sarah Ann (Ford) Allen, natives of Kentucky, but long esteemed, prominent and useful residents of this portion of Missouri, having come to Shelby county many years ago. The union has resulted in the birth of six children, five of whom are living—Edgar, who is farming on his own account in this county, and Sylvia, Frank, Bessie and Charles, who are dwelling yet under the family roof-tree and helping to enliven the parental family circle. In politics the father is a Democrat of firm convictions and continued loyalty to his party. He

is influential in its councils and effective in its service, but he neither seeks nor desires any of its honors or emoluments for himself, being well content to serve the state from the honorable post of private and faithful citizenship. His wife is an active and interested member of the Missionary Baptist church.

MARION F. SNIDER.

Owning 211 acres of excellent land in Jackson township, this county, and making this the base of active, enterprising and progressive industries in farming and raising live stock, Marion F. Snider stands among the leading men in the township engaged in those pursuits. He is also held in high esteem as one of the influential and serviceable citizens of the township, with cordial interest in the progress and development of the region in which he lives, integrity and uprightness of life as a man, and energy and breadth of view with reference to public affairs as the foundation on which the popular estimation of his worth rests.

Mr. Snider was born in Shelby county, Missouri, on May 6, 1850. He is a half-brother of Peter A. Snider, in a sketch of whom, to be found elsewhere in this book, an account is given of the lives of his father and mother, John Henry and Sarah (Utz) Snider, long residents of the county and accounted as among its most estimable citizens. After obtaining the limited education which the Shelby county country schools of his boyhood and youth afforded, the subject of this brief review worked on his father's farm and assisted the family until 1872.