

county and after completing it helped his father on the home farm until he reached the age of twenty-four years. He then determined to found a home of his own, and to this end he bought a farm of 125 acres in this county near Bacon Chapel. In connection with his farming he has for years operated a saw mill, which is one of the great conveniences of the neighborhood, and is known far and wide for the excellence of the work done on it.

Mr. Quigley has not been wholly absorbed in his own affairs, although he has at all times given them close and careful attention. The interests of his township and county have appealed to him with force and he has responded to the appeal with energy and intelligence, giving the region around him the benefit of his breadth of view, progressiveness and enterprise in connection with local public affairs, and doing whatever he could to promote the welfare and advancement of the people. In 1905 he was appointed game warden by Governor Folk, and although he occupied the office only two years, he made a record of efficiency and fidelity in it which is still highly commended and stands strongly to his credit.

On February 5, 1884, he was united in marriage with Miss Mary Z. Farrell, a native of Shelby county, Missouri. They have had three children, two of whom are living and both still at home with their parents, a son named Everett and a daughter named Nellie. In political affairs the father adheres faithfully to the principles of the Democratic party and is one of its most energetic and efficient workers in all campaigns. In fraternal

relations he is connected with the Knights of Pythias, and in religious affiliation with the Christian church. The people of his township esteem him highly as one of their best and most useful citizens, and this estimate of him is held good throughout the county. It is based on well demonstrated merit, has been sustained by consistent fidelity to duty and uprightness of life, and is borne modestly by him although freely accorded by all classes of Shelby county residents.

JOHN C. PRIEST.

One of the most popular and esteemed citizens of Shelbyville and one of the most successful men in the business world of the city is John C. Priest, who has been a farmer and stockman and extensively engaged in the real estate, abstract and loan business from the dawn of his manhood, and who has won success and prominence in every line of activity in which he has been occupied, winning his way to prosperity and consequence by the application of good common sense to his business and to popular favor by his genial nature, obliging disposition and high character.

Mr. Priest is a native of Shelby county and was born within its borders on February 1, 1855. His grandfather, Louis Priest, was a native of Virginia, and in that state, also, his father, Madison J. Priest, was born, his life beginning in 1811 and the place of his nativity being Frederick county. He was reared to manhood on his father's farm in that county and obtained his education in the schools of the neighborhood. In 1836,

when he was twenty-seven years old, one year after his marriage, he brought his young wife to Missouri, both determined to brave the perils and privations of the western wilds in the hope of finding a fortune amid its boundless opportunities, and, at any rate, of securing a better chance of advancement than their own state at that time seemed to offer. They located in Shelby county on government land which they took up, and on this they expended their efforts to good purpose until the death of the husband in 1884. Mrs. Priest was born and reared in Hampshire county, Virginia, and her maiden name was Sarah A. Vandiver. They became the parents of five children, four of whom are living: William L., of Shelby county; Mary E., the widow of Robert M. Sprinkle, who lives in West Virginia; Silas W., whose home is in Leonard, this county; and John C., the immediate subject of this review. In politics the father was a Democrat and took an active interest in the affairs of his party. He was also energetic in promoting the welfare of his community by every means in his power.

John C. Priest obtained his education in the district schools and the Shelbyville high school. After leaving school he worked on the farm at home until 1894, laboring in connection with his father a portion of the time and on his own account during the remainder. In the year last mentioned he moved to Shelbyville, and here he has been continuously, prominently and successfully engaged in the real estate, loan and abstract business ever since. He has also, during the later years, been engaged in

farming and raising live stock in a general way and on a large scale.

In 1883 Mr. Priest was united in marriage with Miss Emma C. McMurray, a daughter of John F. and Martha C. (Dunn) McMurray, of Shelby county. Four children were born of the union and all of them are living. They are: Jessie, Minter, Vincil and Tommy D., the last three named are still living at home with their father. The mother died in 1894, and in 1896 the father married a second time, his choice on this occasion being Miss Nellie J. McMurray, a sister of his first wife. She, also, has passed away, leaving Mr. Priest a widower for a second time. In politics he is a Democrat and an earnest worker for his party. He is at the present public administrator of Shelby county and was mayor of Shelbyville two years, from 1902 to 1904. His fraternal relations are with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and in religious affiliation he is allied with the Methodist Episcopal church, South. Fortune has favored him in his business ventures because he has made her do it by his capacity, shrewdness and close attention to his affairs. And the people esteem him highly because they have found him worthy of their regard.

JAMES J. HILES.

Serving his country well in war and during the greater part of the rest of his life to this time (1910) helping to expand its greatness and augment its power through peaceful industry, James J. Hiles, of Black Creek township, Shelby