

county, Indiana, on August 19, 1838, and whose parents, Samuel and Hannah (Michaels) Greenfield, were honored pioneers of the county. Mrs. Hooper continues to reside on the homestead farm, is a devout member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and is held in affectionate regard by all who have come within the sphere of her gracious and kindly influence. Of the nine children, six are living, and concerning them the following brief record is consistently given in conclusion of this memoir: Sarah is the wife of Frederick Schurk, of Lincoln, Nebraska; Laura is the wife of William King, of Farragut, Iowa; Emma is the wife of George W. Halliburton, of Shelby county; and Martha, Jennie and Henry remain with their widowed mother, the last named having charge of the home farm, which comprises 120 acres and which is one of the well improved and attractive rural demesnes of the county.

LEWIS SMITH.

Numbered among the representative farmers and stock-growers of Taylor township is this well known and popular citizen, who has been a resident of Shelby county since his childhood days and who claims the fine old Buckeye commonwealth as the place of his nativity.

Mr. Smith was born in Richland county, Ohio, on February 27, 1854, and is a scion of a family founded in Virginia in the colonial epoch of our national history. In that Old Dominion state was born his grandfather, George Smith, who removed thence to Ohio and became

one of the pioneers of Holmes county, that state. Removed to Missouri in 1858 and continued to remain in Missouri until his death. George H. Smith, father of him whose name initiates this review, was born in Holmes county, Ohio, in 1832, and was reared to maturity in the old Buckeye state, where he received a common-school education and where was solemnized, in 1852, his marriage to Miss Mary Marks, who likewise was born in Ohio and who was a member of a family that settled there in the pioneer days. George H. Smith continued to be identified with agricultural pursuits in Richland county, Ohio, until 1858, when he came to Missouri and settled in Taylor township, Shelby county, where he purchased a tract of land and improved a productive farm. He became one of the successful agriculturists and stock-growers of the county and here continued to reside until his death, which occurred on May 26, 1907. He was the owner of 240 acres of land, and the major portion of this was reclaimed to cultivation under his direction. He was a citizen of sterling integrity of character and ever commanded the high regard of the community in which he so long maintained his home. He was a Republican in politics, but was not affiliated with any church. His wife, whose death occurred June 2, 1907, was a member of the German Lutheran church. They became the parents of four children, all of whom are living, namely: Lewis, who is the immediate subject of this sketch; James, who is a resident of Butler county, Kansas; Franklin, who is identified with business interests in the city of Hannibal, Missouri, where he maintains his

home; and Jane, who is the wife of S. V. Mackey, of Cheney, Washington.

Lewis Smith was but four years of age at the time of the family removal from Ohio to Missouri, and he has ever since been a resident of Shelby county. He was reared to maturity in Taylor township, and there his early educational discipline was secured in the Ernest district school and the school colloquially designated in those days as "Grub College." He continued to attend school at intervals until he was nineteen years of age, and in the meanwhile he early began to contribute his quota to the work of the home farm, with whose affairs he continued to be associated until 1879, when, at the age of twenty-four years, he began independent operations as a farmer and stock-grower, on a place of eighty acres that had been deeded to him by his father. He has improved the farm with good buildings, has added to its area until he now has 120 acres, the major portion of which is under effective cultivation, and on every side are evidences of thrift and good management. Mr. Smith is a man of indefatigable energy, enterprising methods and marked public spirit, and he has ever taken a lively interest in all that has touched the welfare and advancement of his home township and county, where he is well known and held in high popular esteem. Though he has never been ambitious for public office he has served with marked efficiency as school director of his district and is a staunch advocate of the principles and policies of the Republican party. Both he and his wife are zealous members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Evans Chapel and take an

active interest in the various departments of its work.

On February 4, 1879, Mr. Smith was united in marriage to Miss Lorena Jennings, who was born and reared in Shelby county and who is a daughter of Wiley D. and Jane Jennings, the former of whom was born in Tennessee and the latter in Illinois. They are now both dead. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have two sons, both of whom are popular young men of Shelby county: John Everett, who was born on December 28, 1879, and Prentiss Eugene, who was born on September 27, 1883.

JOHN A. GILLASPY.

Within half a mile of his present attractive residence, in Taylor township, Shelby county, the birth of John A. Gillaspy occurred on February 22, 1838, and this date has its own significance, indicating as it does that he is a representative of a pioneer family of this now favored section of the state. His parents were numbered among the early settlers of the county, where they ever commanded unqualified esteem and where they did well their part in conserving both civic and industrial development. Further than this, he whose name initiates this paragraph had the distinction of being the first white child born within the borders of Taylor township, where he is now a substantial citizen and representative farmer and stock-grower, and where his course has been so directed as to retain to him inviolable confidence and esteem, the while he has well upheld the prestige of the honored name which he bears and which has been