

board, and in many other ways has been influential and effective in helping to advance public, business and social interests to the advantage of the people, the development of the locality of his home and the general welfare of the county and state.

On December 23, 1896, Mr. Baker was united in marriage with Miss Sarah Bell Perry, a resident of this county. Six children have blessed their union and five of them are living. They are: Ura A., John T., Walter O., Charles L. and George W., all of whom are still members of the parental household. Politically the father is a Democrat; fraternally he is an Odd Fellow, and in religious affiliation he belongs to the Missionary Baptist church. He is regarded as one of the leading citizens of his township, enterprising and progressive, intelligent and broad-minded, and true to every public and private duty.

#### HENRY F. SNIDER.

A native of Shelby county, and having passed his whole life to this time within its borders engaged from his youth in helping to promote its industrial, civil and social life, Henry F. Snider, of Jackson township, has been of great service to this portion of the state and admirably upheld the credit of his family, two other members of which have honorable mention in this work. He has been successful in building up his own estate, although he began the struggle for advancement among men with practically nothing in the way of capital but his own natural ability and determined spirit, and the same qualities have made

Snider, the story of whose lives of success and disaster is told in a sketch of his half-brother, Peter A. Snider, to be found on another page of this history. Since leaving the country school in which he obtained his scholastic training, Henry has been continuously and profitably engaged in farming and raising stock for the markets. He has a farm of 100 acres of superior land, all of which he cultivates with skill and industry, and

able interest in the affairs of his township and county, rendering the people excellent returns for their confidence in calling him to the school board, of which he has been a member and the clerk for a number of years, and in numerous other ways proving himself worthy of their regard and efficient in their behalf. He was married on October 25, 1883, to Miss Fanny B. Metcalf, of Howard county, this state. Of the four children which have blessed their union and brightened their household three are living: John W., who resides in this county; Lillian F., the wife of Forrest McGlasson, of Pullman, state of Washington; and Henry H., who still dwells under the parental roof-tree.

The father gives his political allegiance and support to the Democratic party and is at all times zealous in its service. Fraternally, he is allied with

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