

1898, and Dillman Daniel, born in 1903. They are all living at home with their parents. The father is a Democrat of the most reliable kind in his political association, and a very earnest and efficient worker for the success of his party in all campaigns. Fraternally he is an Odd Fellow, a Modern Woodman and a Boyal Neighbor. His religious connection is with the Southern Methodist church and that of his wife is with the Christian sect. Both work well for all church interests.

JOHN S. BARTON.

This prominent, progressive and prosperous farmer and live stock man of Lentner township is not a native of Shelby county, but has lived in it from the time when he was two years of age. He grew to manhood drawing his stature and his strength from its soil, was educated in its district schools, and from his boyhood has been busily engaged in two of its leading industries. He is therefore to all intents and purposes a Shelby county product, and the people of the county admire and esteem him as a representative of their best citizenship and an extensive contributor to the progress and development of this part of the state.

Mr. Barton was born in Monroe county, Missouri, on June 10, 1849, and is a grandson of Squire P. Barton, one of the pioneers of northeastern Missouri, who was born and reared in Kentucky and came to this state in his early manhood and located in Marion county. He helped to break up the wild land of that region and to lay the foundations of civil

government for the county, being a man of great force of character and considerable intelligence. His son, Morgan P. Barton, the father of John S., was born in Marion county in 1824 and moved to Shelby county in his young manhood. He followed farming and raising live stock from the time of his arrival in the county to the end of his life on 160 acres of land three miles south of Lentner. His widow, now aged eighty-four years, is living on that farm.

The elder Mr. Barton was prospering finely and was well established in the confidence and esteem of the community in which he lived at the beginning of the Civil war. Being a man of strong convictions and a high sense of duty, and believing firmly in the doctrine of state rights, he followed his convictions to the field of battle in response to one of the early calls of the Southern Confederacy for volunteers, enlisting in the command of Gen. Joseph Porter and being hurried soon afterward to the front. After a service of four months he broke one of his hands in a fall from his horse at the battle of Kirksville and, being hard pressed, gave himself up to the Federal authorities, surrendering to Colonel Benjamin. He was transferred from prison to prison, at length reaching the one at Alton, Illinois, in which he died in 1863. His remains were buried in an Alton burial ground with military honors.

He was married on February 15, 1847, to Miss Elizabeth Ann McBroom, a native of Virginia. Of the nine children born to them seven are living: John S., the immediate subject of this brief memoir; Sarah G., the wife of John

Clay, of this county; Mary Susan, the wife of John Brison, of Kansas City, Missouri; Squire P., who is also a resident of this county; Stephen F., also a Shelby county citizen; William W., whose home is in Omaha, Nebraska; and Morgan H., who lives in Shelby county. In politics the father was a pronounced and energetic Democrat. His religious affiliation was with the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

His venerable widow, now eighty-four years old, as has been noted, is the oldest woman in Shelby county—a veritable and shining link between the bustling present, with its advanced development and strident progress, and the remote past of the pioneer days, with its ruggedness of life, its thrilling adventures, constant perils and almost ever-present privations and hardships. She has lived usefully and correctly among this people, and there is not one of them who does not do her reverence.

Her son, John S. Barton, was educated in the district schools of Shelby county, whither his parents moved from Monroe county in 1851. After leaving school he worked out on neighboring farms and assisted the family on the home farm until 1870, then bought the farm of 200 acres on which he now lives, and on this he has been actively, extensively and profitably engaged in farming and raising live stock ever since. He has been very successful in his operations, conducting them with intelligence and skill and managing his business with judgment and foresight. He has also been zealous and energetic in promoting the welfare of his township and county, serving as a member of the school board at several differ-

ent periods, and giving earnest attention to all projects for the advancement and improvement of the locality in which he has his home.

On December 22, 1872, Mr. Barton was united in marriage with Miss Sophronia Kidwell, a daughter of Henry and Nancy (Mullins) Kidwell, long esteemed residents of Shelby county. Of the seven children born of the union six are living: Lulu May, the wife of Rev. R. L. Carroll, of Liberty, Missouri; Etta B., the wife of Thomas Noel, of Lentner; George F., who still has his home with his parents; Edgar C., who is also a resident of Liberty; Jesse W., living in this county; and Eva V., who is still a member of the parental household. In political relations the father is allied with the Democratic party. He and his wife are active members of Missionary Baptist church. They are among the most highly respected citizens of Shelby county and fully deserve the regard and good will bestowed on them.

WILLIAM. GAMBLE.

Settling down to the quiet yet interesting and independent life of a farmer and live stock man after trying his hand at various other occupations and instructive experience in several different localities, William Gamble, of Legtner township, this county, has found the field of effort suited to his taste and made a success of gratifying proportions in working it. He has qualities of persevering industry and good business management that would have brought him profitable returns in almost any line of industry, but his bent is more decidedly in the line he is following than