

his life and labors. He is a stockholder and director of the Farmers' Bank of Leonard, is a Republican in his political allegiance, has never been a seeker of official preferment, though he has served efficiently as school director of his district, and he is affiliated with Cherry Box Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is liberal in his support of the work of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which his wife is an earnest member.

On January 31, 1893, Mr. Kemp was united in marriage to Miss Martha Hamrick, who was born and reared in this county, being a daughter of William F. and Martha J. Hamrick. Mr. and Mrs. Kemp became the parents of eight children, all of whom are living, namely: Olin, Vincent, Freda, Ruth, Theodore, Elsie J., Richard and James.

FORREST G. BODWELL.

Dependent largely upon his own resources since his boyhood days, it has been given Mr. Bodwell to achieve a success of no stinted order and one that stands creditable to him as one of the most earnest and indefatigable workers of the world. He has been a resident of Taylor township for more than forty years, in fact since his boyhood days, and here, beginning with no financial reinforcement or fortuitous influence, he has directed his labors with such discrimination and ability that he is now numbered among the substantial agriculturists and stock-growers of the county, being the owner of a well improved farm of 240 acres—a palpable evidence of his success and independ-

ence. He has not, however, hedged himself in with the confines of mere personal advancement but has stood exponent of loyal and liberal citizenship, has guided his course along the lines of strictest integrity and honor, and thus has merited the staunch hold which he maintains upon popular confidence and esteem.

Mr. Bodwell is a scion of families founded in New England in the colonial epoch of our national history, and is himself a native of the old Bay state, having been born at Haverhill, Massachusetts, on February 9, 1851, and being a son of Aaron G. and Lucy (Howe) Bodwell, whose marriage was solemnized in the year 1843. His father was born in Massachusetts, on August 7, 1818, and his mother was a native of New Hampshire, where she was born on April 9, 1818. The father, who was a shoemaker by trade, came with his family to Missouri in 1854, settling in Lewis county, where he continued in the work of his trade until his death, which occurred in 1859. Of his four children, the subject of this sketch is now the only survivor. In 1861 the widowed mother became the wife of James W. Jeffries, and they took up their residence in Shelby county, where Mr. Jeffries was engaged in farming until his death. Mrs. Jeffries is still living, having reached the ripe old age of ninety-three years.

Forrest G. Bodwell was about three years of age at the time of the family removal to Missouri, and was only eight years old at the time of his father's death. He came to his stepfather's farm in Marion county in 1861, just

after his mother's second marriage, and here he was reared to the sturdy discipline of the farm, in the meanwhile securing such educational advantages as were afforded in the district school, colloquially and facetiously known as "Grub College," in Taylor township, the family having removed to Shelby county in 1866. He continued to attend this school at intermittent intervals until he was about twenty years of age, and in the meanwhile he continued to assist in the work of the home farm until 1881, when he purchased forty acres of his present homestead, in section 27, Taylor township. As success attended his indefatigable efforts he made judicious investments in adjoining land, until he now has a fine farm of 240 acres, the major portion of which is under cultivation, while everything about the place bears evidence of thrift and prosperity. He has given his undivided attention to the management of his farming interests and, starting with nothing, is now one of the leading agriculturists and stock-raisers of this section. His career has been marked by hard and persistent work and he has a full and practical appreciation of the value and dignity of honest toil and endeavor. In politics Mr. Bodwell is enlisted under the banner of the Democratic party, in whose cause he takes a lively and intelligent interest, and in public affairs of a local order he gives his aid and influence in the support of all measures projected for the general good of the community. He is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, has served for several years past as clerk of the school board of his district, and

he contributes in liberal measure to the work of the Christian church, of which his wife is a zealous member.

On November 15, 1877, Mr. Bodwell was united in marriage to Miss Mary E. Evans, who was born and reared in this county and who is a daughter of Eleazer and Melinda (Walker) Evans, both of whom are now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Bodwell became the parents of nine children, all of whom are living except one, James, who died at the age of two weeks. Elizabeth L. is the wife of John B. Alexander, of Macon county; Samuel G. is a successful farmer of Shelby county; Lula G. is the wife of Chester Gillaspy, of this county; and Ruby, Rose, Mary C., Florida and George remain at the parental home.

JOHN A. CHRISTINE.

John A. Christine, of Salt River township, one of the most extensive and prominent farmers of Shelby county, has demonstrated in his long career of fifty-four years of usefulness among the people here that his mettle is of the firmest fiber, his manhood of the most vigorous kind and his self-reliance and capacity are of a character that yields to no difficulty, is daunted by no danger and disturbed by no disaster. He has met every requirement of every situation in which he has found himself in a masterful way, performed every duty properly belonging to him with fidelity and recognized every claim of elevated citizenship with entire devotion to his county, his state and his country.

Mr. Christine, a native of Shelby county, born on January 26, 1857, ob-