

dale, a daughter of James and Sallie (Deaver) Ragsdale, of Monroe county, this state. Mrs. Spencer was born on December 3, 1849, and is still living. She and her husband became the parents of eight children, seven of whom are living. They are: James E., died September 29, 1910; Sidney H.; Ripley C.; Nellie A., the wife of T. J. Greening; Richard R.; Earl; Leta, the wife of Clancy Fitzsimons; and Orrie M., the wife of Charles M. Yancy. They are all residents of Shelby county. The parents were active and useful members of the Christian church. They were esteemed as among the best and most worthy citizens of the county and enjoyed the regard and good will of the whole people.

#### SIDNEY H. BROWNE, JR.

Of good old Pennsylvania stock, and inheriting from his ancestry the traits of industry, thrift and persevering self-reliance which are characteristic of the people of that great industrialhive, Sidney H. Browne, Jr., one of the enterprising and prosperous farmers and live stock men of Jackson township, in this county, has employed his native ability and used his opportunities to great advantage in improving his own worldly condition and helping to push forward the welfare and progress of the locality of his home. He has aptly exemplified on the soil of Missouri the qualities of diligence, frugality and good management that have so signally advanced the prosperity and made the greatness of his ancestral state, although he is not a native of it.

Mr. Browne, was born in Quincy, Illi-

nois, on February 1, 1871, and is a grandson of George Blight Browne, a well-to-do business man of Pennsylvania, and a son of Peter A. and Lavena (Jordan) Browne, also natives of Pennsylvania, the latter born in the city of Philadelphia. The father's life began in 1837 and he became a resident of Missouri in 1872, after a residence of some years in Quincy, Illinois, and Hannibal, Missouri. On their arrival in this state the parents located at Hunnewell, where they lived one year. They then moved to a farm one mile and three-quarters from that town. The father engaged in farming and raising live stock, and also dealt extensively in cultivators for the benefit of the farmers living around him, and for his own profit as well. He was in this line of mercantile business about eight years. On March 10, 1900, his life ended on the old homestead.

He and his wife were the parents of six children, five of whom are living: Elizabeth J., the wife of F. E. Swift, of Hunter, Oklahoma; George Blight, a resident of Burlington, Iowa; Sidney H., the subject of these paragraphs; Penelope, the wife of J. A. O'Daniel, of Hunnewell; and Kenton S., who also lives at Hunnewell. The father was a Republican in his political faith and allegiance, and earnestly interested in the welfare of his party, although he was never a very active partisan. His fraternal affiliation was with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Sidney H. Browne, Jr., had the preparation for the battle of life usually secured by boys of his class and surroundings. He was trained to useful labor on his father's farm and in scholastic

development and acquirements in the public schools, attending them at Hunnewell. Since leaving school he has been continuously engaged in farming and raising live stock with increasing prosperity and progressive intelligence. He has not only given his business close and careful attention in a manual way, but has studied its requirements and possibilities, applying to his operations the best information he could gather from reading and reflection, and he has been successful accordingly. He is a stockholder in the Farmers and Merchants' Bank and has interests in other profitable connections.

On December **19, 1895**, he was united in marriage with Miss Olive Dill, who was born on November **6, 1873**, and is a daughter of F. M. and Heneretta (Sellsor) Dill, highly respected residents of this county. One child has been born of the union, a son named Francis Marion, who is living at home with his parents. The father is a zealous and active member of the Republican party in his political alliance. His fraternal connection is with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and he and his wife are devoted adherents of the Southern Methodist Episcopal church.

#### PETER A. SNIDER:

(Deceased.)

After a trying and adventurous experience during the first few years of his manhood, which embraced the hazards of sectional strife on the battle fields of the Civil war and confinement in a military prison, a surveillance of

months under a military parole and a residence and struggle for existence in a state distant from his home and all the associations of his boyhood and youth, Peter A. Snider settled down to farming and raising live stock, and became one of the prosperous, enterprising and progressive men engaged in those pursuits in Jackson township of this county.

Mr. Snider was born near Columbus, Ohio, on June **29, 1841**, and was a grandson of Peter Snider, a native of Germany, who came to this country and located in Pennsylvania in his early manhood. He is a son of John Henry and Barbara (Rupright) Snider, the former born in Pennsylvania in **1818**, and the latter a native of Germany. After their marriage they lived for a time in Franklin county, Ohio, near the capital city of Columbus. They moved to Hannibal, Missouri, in **1842**, and after a residence of four years in that city, came to Shelby county and took up their residence on a farm on which the village of Kendall now stands. The father also opened a general store there, which he conducted for six or seven years, then moved his stock of goods to Hunnewell, but still retained his farm at Kendall. He continued his mercantile operations at Hunnewell until the troublesome times incident to the Civil war destroyed his business and ended his mercantile career. He then returned to his farm, where he died in **1863**.

His first wife, the mother of Peter A. Snider, their only child, died while the latter was still in his childhood, and some time afterward he was united in marriage with Miss Sarah Utz, a resi-