

followed farming there in a vigorous and progressive way, and with great success, until 1907, when he retired from active pursuits and moved to St. Louis, where he is now enjoying the competence he acquired by his long years of arduous labor, the esteem of the people, which he won by his worth as a man and his usefulness as a citizen, and the rest he so richly earned. He also was a man of prominence during the days of his activity and wielded considerable influence in Lincoln county, being elected county assessor in 1880 and re-elected in 1882. After that he served for a number of years as chairman of the county central committee of the Democratic party, of which he has been a life-long member, and won high commendation for his wisdom in the councils and his activity and effectiveness in the detail work of his party through many hard-fought campaigns.

He was married in 1861 to Miss Mollie Shelton, of Lincoln county, in this state. They had four children, all of whom are living: Robert L., Cooper S., and Lucy, who are all residents of St. Louis, and Dr. Harry B., of Shelbyville. Their mother died in 1878, and in 1881 the father married a second time, making Miss Martha Light, a native of Virginia, his wife on this occasion. They have had two children, their son Wallace T. and their daughter Mary I., both of whom are living and reside in St. Louis. The father is a member of the Masonic order and of the Missionary Baptist church.

Dr. Harry B. Hammond obtained his academic training in the district schools of his native county and a graded public

school in Troy, Missouri. After leaving school he worked for the street railway company in St. Louis two years. In 1895 he entered the dental department of Washington University, St. Louis, and was graduated from that institution with the degree of D. M. D. in 1898. He began practicing at Shelbyville the same year and has been continuously and successfully engaged in his professional work there from that time to the present (1910). He is considered invaluable to the professional life of the city, as his practice is very large and his patrons are devotedly loyal to him and constant in their esteem of him and his work.

On October 22, 1897, Dr. Hammond was united in marriage with Miss Anna M. Knest, a daughter of John C. and Katherine Knest, popular residents of St. Louis. They have one child, their son Thomas B., who is living at home with his parents. The Doctor is a Democrat in politics, an Odd Fellow in fraternal relations and a Baptist in religious affiliation. He is a leading member of the Missouri Dental Association and the Washington University Alumni Association. He takes an earnest interest and helpful part in all matters of local improvement, and is accounted one of the best citizens of Shelbyville and Shelby county.

FRED CRAIGMYLE.

The interesting subject of this brief memoir is in all essential respects a self-made man. He began the battle of life for himself at the age of twenty, and without variance or a shadow of turning he has remained in his part of the great field of human endeavor from that

time to the present (1910), except that he is now living on and cultivating a farm of 175 acres of his own, which he has acquired through his industry, thrift and excellent management.

Mr. Craigmyle was born in Shelby county, Missouri, on February 18, 1873. His grandfather Craigmyle was a native of Kentucky, as was also his father, having been born in that state in 1821. He came to Missouri in about 1855, and took up his residence in Marion county, but after a residence of a few years in that county he moved to Shelby county and located on a good farm near Oakdale. There he followed farming and general stock raising until his death in November, 1878. He was successful in his undertakings and prospered here in a gratifying manner.

On May 30, 1861, he was united in marriage with Miss Sallie Evans, a native of Maryland. They became the parents of three children, all of whom are living and reside in Shelby county. They are: Kate, the wife of Fred Beottcher, John T. and Ferd. The father was a Democrat in political faith and a member of the Southern Methodist church in his religious connection. The mother is still living and has her home on the old homestead.

Their son Ferd. was educated in the district schools of Shelby county, but his opportunities in this respect were limited. For his services were needed on his father's farm during the working seasons, and even in the winter months he was often obliged to remain away from school to perform some duty at home. In April, 1890, he purchased a farm of 160 acres and set up for himself

as a farmer of extensive operations. He worked hard and saved his revenues, making every hour of his time and every stroke of his arm tell to his advantage, and managing his affairs with excellent judgment in order to secure a foothold in the struggle among mankind for advancement. On this land he carries on general farming and handles large numbers of live stock of various kinds. Every year of effort has added to his success and prosperity, and he is now one of the substantial and well-to-do farmers of the township in which he lives. His farm is near Oakdale in Jackson township.

On February 15, 1899, he was united in marriage with Miss Maud Coomes, a native of Shelby county. They have one child, their son Lloyd, who is at home and going to school. In politics the father is a firm and faithful Democrat, and while he neither seeks nor desires a political office of any kind, he takes an active interest and a helpful part in the affairs of his party, giving it loyal support on all occasions and doing what he can to help make it successful in all its campaigns. In religious affiliation he is connected with the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

As a good citizen should, Mr. Craigmyle has manifested a deep and earnest interest in the growth, development and improvement of his township and county, and he has at all times done what he could to push their car of progress along on lines of wholesome advancement. His worth as a man and his usefulness as a citizen have won him the confidence and respect of all classes of people wherever he is known.

HENRY VON THUN.

Although he has passed nearly the whole of his life to this time in Shelby county, and is thoroughly imbued with the spirit and aspirations of its inhabitants, Henry Von Thun, of Black Creek township, where he is one of the substantial and progressive farmers and stock men, is not a native of this state or country. He was born in the province of Victoria, Australia, on October 31, 1861, and is a son of Nicholas and Caroline (Burkhart) Von Thun, and a brother of John G. Von Thun, a sketch of whom will be found in this volume. Reference is made to that sketch for the history of the parents.

The family moved to the United States and located in Shelby county, Missouri, in 1868, when Henry was seven years old, being among the early arrivals in the German Lutheran settlement here. He obtained his education in the district schools of this county, and while attending them assisted the family by working on the home farm and hiring out on other farms and cropping on his own account. In 1866 he engaged in farming and raising live stock for himself, and he has continued his operations in these lines of interesting and profitable effort from then until now. His present farm comprises 160 acres and the greater part of it is under advanced and skillful cultivation. The stock industry carried on in connection with the farming operations is extensive and it also is profitable. Mr. Von Thun is a man of intelligence and good judgment in his lines of work, and he puts all his energies and acquirements in service to make a success of it. In this he has suc-

ceeded admirably, winning a competence for himself and establishing himself firmly in the regard and good will of the people around him.

On January 14, 1892, he was united in marriage with Miss Mary Neuschafer, a daughter of John and Catherine (Reinhimer) Neuschafer, esteemed residents of this county. Five children were born of the union, all of whom are living and still members of the parental family circle. They are Anna, Bertha, Lena, Virgie and Mary Evelyn. The parents are devoted and active working members of the German Lutheran church, and in politics the father is a Republican of firm convictions, always loyally supporting the principles and candidates of his party and working for its success, although he is not himself desirous of holding any political office.

His devotion to his party springs from a sense of duty, and is kindred in its source and its results to his deep and serviceable interest in the welfare of his township and county. In their behalf he is always ready to do anything in his power to advance their interests, promote their improvement, or enlarge the conveniences and comforts of their people. He is true to every duty of good citizenship, and the people who live around him and know his worth and fidelity, esteem him highly and accredit him as one of the best and most useful men among them.

PETER KELLER.

Peter Keller, one of the prosperous, enterprising and progressive farmers of Black Creek township, Shelby county, is a member of that industrious and thrifty