

live stock on his farm and he and his wife now reside in the home of his son, Dr. George E. Farr, in Shelbyville. He rents his farm and continues to give to the same a general supervision in the matter of regulating its operation and keeping everything up to the customary high standard. He was one of the charter members of the Shelby County Railroad Company, giving both his influence and tangible aid in support of the enterprise. In politics, he is a staunch advocate of the principles of the Democratic party, and both he and his wife hold membership in the Baptist church.

In January, 1867, Mr. Farr was united in marriage to Miss Frances Ann Turner, of Shelby county, where she was born and reared and where her parents were pioneer settlers. Mr. and Mrs. Farr became the parents of ten children, of whom eight are living. Concerning them the following brief data is consistently entered: Thomas F. is a prosperous farmer of this county; William A. is a resident of Miltonvale, Kansas; Mary Alma is the wife of Charles P. McCracken, of Knox county, Missouri; Frances E. is the wife of Henry M. Turner, of Cherry Box, Missouri; Dr. George E., of Shelbyville, is the subject of an individual sketch on other pages of this work; Zilpha is the wife of Otis McCully, of Cherry Box, this state; Martha is the wife of Lon P. Wright, of Cherry Box, this county; and Prudy T. is now Mrs. Notley Keith, of Cherry Box.

#### GEORGE E. FARR, M. D.

Dr. Farr is one of the representative younger members of the medical profes-

sion in his native county and is engaged in active practice in Shelbyville. He is recognized as an able physician and surgeon, well fortified in both the theoretical and practical branches of his exacting profession, and he has gained a representative support since establishing his home and headquarters in the thriving little city of Shelbyville. He is a son of Frederick M. Farr, a review of whose career appears on other pages of this volume, so that further reference to the family history is not demanded in the article at hand.

Dr. Farr was born at Leonard, Shelby county, Missouri, on October 31, 1878, and his early educational discipline was secured in the district schools, after which he was a student in Leonard Academy for a period of nine months. Later he completed a course in Oaklawn College, at Novelty, this state, in which institution he was graduated as a member of the class of 1898. Thereafter he was a successful teacher in the schools of Shelby and Knox counties until 1900, in the fall of which year he was matriculated in the University Medical College of Kansas City, Missouri, in which he was graduated in 1906, with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. He initiated the active work of his profession by locating at Cherry Box, Shelby county, where he remained eleven months, and for the ensuing eighteen months he was engaged in practice at Novelty, this state. On January 8, 1909, he located in Shelbyville, where he purchased the practice of Dr. Bob. Maupin, and where he has gained a secure hold upon popular confidence and esteem, both as a physician and as a citizen. He is a member of the

Shelby county Medical Society and the Tri-State Medical Society, and is local medical examiner for the New York Life Insurance Company, the Missouri State Life Insurance Company, the International Life Insurance Company, of St. Louis, and the Bankers' Life Insurance Company, of Des Moines, Iowa. In politics he is a staunch adherent of the Democratic party, and he is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Modern Woodmen of America. The doctor is a bachelor.

#### WILLIAM A. HUGHES.

In even a cursory review of the careers of the honored business men and leading farmers of Shelby county there is eminent consistency and, in fact, imperative demand that recognition be given to the late William A. Hughes, who for seventy years was an honored resident of this county. He was a dominating figure in the business circles of the county, and through his well-directed efforts accumulated a modest fortune. Progressive in both private and public affairs, he proved a most valuable citizen, and he so ordered his course as to retain at all times the confidence and esteem of his fellow men.

William A. Hughes was born in Boone county, Missouri, on the 18th day of February, 1830. He was a grandson of Joseph Hughes, one of the first pioneers to enter the wilderness of Kentucky, having emigrated to the "Blue Grass" state in about 1766, which was several years before Daniel Boone ever made a track in its wilderness, and there he passed the residue of his life, making for himself

and family a home in what is now Jessamine county of that great state. It was there that the father of our subject, John Hughes, was born in 1777. He grew to manhood amid the pioneer scenes of Kentucky and bore his full part in clearing away the forests and helping rid the country of the treacherous, lurking red men who made life perilous to the early settlers.

During the war of 1812 he saw active service in the northern campaign, and after peace was restored he returned to his home and began the work of clearing a home for himself amid the dense forests of his native county. Not being content with the advantages offered him in Kentucky, in 1822 he gathered together his belongings and started for the then far west, coming to Boone county, Missouri, in that year. The Indians were still in possession of the country and all was still a forbidding wilderness. Nothing daunted by these surroundings, he began at once the work of establishing a new home, and continued to be a resident of that county until 1838, when he removed to Shelby county, securing a farm in Black Creek township, on which he resided until his death in 1865; having reached the advanced age of eighty-eight years.

He was three times married. His first wife was Elizabeth Perry, who died in Boone county, this state. He chose for his second companion Mrs. Jane E. West, a daughter of Joseph Miller, of Bourbon county, Kentucky, and after her death he married Mrs. Isabella Shambaugh, a daughter of Jacob Vannort, of Virginia.

William A. Hughes was eight years of age when his parents moved to Shelby