

daughter of Noah and Sarah (Hinton) Cadwell, prominent residents of this county. Eight of the nine children born of the union are living—Mary Frances, the wife of H. M. Bragg; Sarah Ellen, the wife of Moses McIntosh; Allie, the wife of Orville Thompson; Jessie, the wife of William F. Stewart; John T., Charles H., Harry S. and Abbie Jewel. They are all residents of Shelby county, and the two last named are still at home with their parents. The father is a Republican in his political belief, an Odd Fellow and a Modern Woodman of America in his fraternal and a member of the Missionary Baptist church in his religious relations.

#### JOHN FORMAN.

As a worthy representative of one of the honored pioneer families of Missouri, of which state he is a native son, having been a resident of Shelby county for fully half a century, Mr. Forman is well entitled to consideration in this publication, and the more so from the fact that he has contributed his quota to the civic and material upbuilding of the county, which has been his home from his childhood to the present day, except for a period of a few years passed in the great western mining regions of the west, many years ago. He is now venerable in years, but is still actively identified with agricultural pursuits and stock-growing, through the medium of which he has gained success and independence, being one of the representative citizens of Taylor township, where his well improved farm is located in section 28.

John Forman was born in Ralls county, Missouri, on March 16, 1832, and is a son of Benjamin F. Forman, who was born in beautiful Shenandoah county, Virginia, on March 18, 1794, being a scion of a family founded in the Old Dominion in the colonial era of our national history. The lineage is traced back to staunch English origin. Benjamin F. Forman was reared to maturity in his native state, and in 1814, when twenty years of age, he came to the wilds of Missouri, which was then considered to be on the very frontier of civilization. He first located in Boone county, where he remained about eight years, at the expiration of which he removed to Ralls county, where he secured a tract of wild land and initiated the reclamation of a farm. In that county he continued his residence until 1842, when he removed with his family to Shelby county, where he purchased 120 acres of land, in Taylor township. Here he developed a productive farm, to which he continued to give his supervision until his death, which occurred in 1874. He was a millwright by trade, but after coming to this state his principal vocation was that of farming. He endured the full tension of the pioneer epoch and his name merits a place on the roll of the sterling early settlers of Missouri. On his farm he erected a mill, the motive power for which was provided by horses, and in the operation of this primitive mill he was enabled to provide the pioneer settlers with wheat and buckwheat flour, this being one of the first mills erected in the county and supplying settlers over a wide area of country. Mr. Forman was a man of

strong individuality, staunch integrity of character and of much energy and enterprise, so that he naturally wielded beneficent influence in the community. His political allegiance was given to the Democratic party, and both he and his wife were zealous and consistent members of the Missionary Baptist church.

In the year 1823 Benjamin F. Forman was united in marriage to Miss Mary Bowling, who was a native of Kentucky, and who proved a faithful and devoted wife and helpmeet, being one of the noble pioneer women whose strength and fortitude were well exercised in the days when conditions in this section were of the most primitive order, necessitating many deprivations and hardships, as viewed from the standpoint of the present day. She was summoned to the life eternal in 1854, and of the eleven children, four are now living, namely: Stephen, who resided in Monroe county, this state (since died); John, who is the immediate subject of this review; Daniel, who resides in Elk county, Kansas; Aaron B., who is living in Shelbyville, Shelby county, Missouri; and Thomas W., of whom specific mention is made on other pages of this work.

John Forman was reared under the conditions and influences of the pioneer days, and his reminiscences of the same are most graphic and interesting. He was a lad of about ten years at the time of the family removal to Shelby county, and here his educational advantages were limited to a somewhat intermittent attendance in the old Sanders schoolhouse, a most primitive "institution of learning," in Taylor township.

Necessarily arduous labor fell to his portion in connection with the work of the pioneer farm while he was yet a mere boy, but he waxed strong and vigorous under this sturdy discipline, continuing to be associated in the work and management of the home farm until 1854, after which he was employed by the month on neighboring farms for several years, within which time he broke many acres of virgin prairie.

In 1860, moved by a spirit of adventure and a desire to improve his material fortunes, Mr. Forman made the long and hazardous trip across the plains to California, utilizing an ox team for transportation and being four months en route. After his arrival in the Golden state he secured work on a ranch, being thus employed during the first winter, and, after devoting two years to ranching and gold mining, he purchased a team and outfit and engaged in freighting from Marysville, California, across the mountains to the mining camps at Virginia City and Carson City, Nevada, this venture proving fairly successful. He continued to be thus engaged until 1866, when he again made the long overland journey and returned to Shelby county, Missouri. For a short time he remained with his brother Aaron in Shelbyville, and he then rented land and was thereon engaged in farming until 1868, when he purchased his present farm of eighty acres, in section 28, Taylor township, where he has lived and labored during the long intervening years, marked by well directed effort and due material success. He has made his farm one of the valuable places of

the county, the same having been improved with substantial buildings and being under effective cultivation, while he has also devoted no little attention to the raising of live stock of excellent grades.

Mr. Forman is one of the honored and influential citizens of his township, has ever shown a loyal interest in those enterprises and measures that have tended to advance the general welfare of the community, is a stalwart advocate of the principles and policies for which the Democratic party stands sponsor and has served as road overseer and school director. Both he and his wife have long been active and devoted members of the Missionary Baptist church at North River.

On April 26, 1871, Mr. Forman was united in marriage to Miss Martha J. Rodgers, who was born in Marion county and reared in Shelby county, where her parents, the late Jonathan and Eliza (Davis) Rodgers, were early settlers, having been natives, respectively, of Pennsylvania and Kentucky. Mr. and Mrs. Forman became the parents of five children, all of whom are living and concerning whom the following brief data are entered in conclusion of this sketch: Miss Lillian M. remains at the parental home; Charles E. is engaged in business in Great Falls, Montana; John W. is a resident of the same state, being engaged in ranching in Fergus county; and Orville R. and Benjamin C. remain at the parental home, being associated in the practical work and management of the farm and being popular young men of their native county.

### JACOB HOOFER.

The honored subject of this memoir, who died at his fine homestead farm, in Taylor township, on April 5, 1900, passed the major portion of his long and useful life in Shelby county and was a member of one of the earliest pioneer families of this section of the state, to whose civic and material development he contributed his quota. His life was marked by signal industry and was guided and guarded by the loftiest principles of integrity and honor, so that he was not denied the fullest measure of popular confidence and esteem. He achieved success and independence through his own efforts and made his life count for good in all its relations, so that it is most consistent that in this work, devoted to the county that so long represented his home, there should be incorporated a tribute to his memory, thus perpetuating a brief record of his worthy life and worthy deeds.

In one of the picturesque cantons of the fair little republic of Switzerland, Jacob Hooper was born on September 9, 1832, and he was about four years of age at the time of his parents' immigration to America. His father, Ulery Hooper, was born in Switzerland in the year 1801 and was there reared to maturity, as was also his cherished and devoted wife. In 1836 they came to America and, after remaining for a short time in Pennsylvania, they made their way westward to the wilds of Shelby county, Missouri, then an isolated and sparsely settled section, and one that represented the virtual border of civilization. The father purchased a tract of wild land

from the government, the same having been located in Taylor township, and his thrift and energy not only enabled him to gain more than average success according to the standard of the locality and period, but he also became influential in the affairs of this section, where he developed a productive farm and where both he and his wife continued to reside until their death. He established one of the first orchards in the county and the same was long one of the largest in this section, the seed for the orchard having been brought by him from Pennsylvania. Of the eight children only two are now living—Frances, who is the widow of Charles E. Bowen and resides in Knox county, this state; and John, who is a resident of Hanson, Kansas.

Jacob Hooper was reared to maturity on the pioneer homestead in Taylor township, early gaining his full share of experience in connection with the arduous work of the farm, and finding but meager opportunities for diversion or for the securing of an education. His only schooling in a specific way was confined to about two terms in the primitive district school, but his was an alert and receptive mind and he effectually made good the early handicap through the lessons gained in the valuable school of experience and through self-discipline. He continued to be associated in the work and management of the home farm until he was seventeen years of age, when he indulged the spirit of adventure by aligning himself with the sturdy argonauts who were making their weary and hazardous way across the plains to the New Eldorado in Califor-

nia. He was one of the historic "Forty-niners," and in that memorable year that marked the discovery of gold in California he crossed the plains with an ox team and joined the throng of gold-seekers. He remained in California for three years and his efforts were attended by an appreciable success, as he accumulated a considerable amount through his labors as a miner.

In 1852 Mr. Hooper returned to the parental home, where he remained until 1857, when he purchased 120 acres of most productive land in Taylor township. Here he developed one of the valuable farms of the county, being energetic, progressive and indefatigable and making his one of the model farms of this section. In 1865 he removed to Iowa and purchased a farm in Free-mont county, where he continued to be successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits until 1890, when he returned to Missouri and located in Polk county, where he remained for three years, engaged in farming. He then sold his property there and returned to his old home in Shelby county, where he purchased the present homestead farm occupied by his widow, in section 23, Taylor township. Here he passed the residue of his life, secure in the esteem of all who knew him. He was a Republican in his political adherency and took an intelligent interest in the questions and issues of the hour, while he was ever loyal to all civic duties and responsibilities, though never a seeker of public office of any kind.

On March 5, 1857, Mr. Hooper was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Ann Greenfield, who was born in La Grange

county, Indiana, on August 19, 1838, and whose parents, Samuel and Hannah (Michaels) Greenfield, were honored pioneers of the county. Mrs. Hooper continues to reside on the homestead farm, is a devout member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and is held in affectionate regard by all who have come within the sphere of her gracious and kindly influence. Of the nine children, six are living, and concerning them the following brief record is consistently given in conclusion of this memoir: Sarah is the wife of Frederick Schurk, of Lincoln, Nebraska; Laura is the wife of William King, of Farragut, Iowa; Emma is the wife of George W. Halliburton, of Shelby county; and Martha, Jennie and Henry remain with their widowed mother, the last named having charge of the home farm, which comprises 120 acres and which is one of the well improved and attractive rural demesnes of the county.

#### LEWIS SMITH.

Numbered among the representative farmers and stock-growers of Taylor township is this well known and popular citizen, who has been a resident of Shelby county since his childhood days and who claims the fine old Buckeye commonwealth as the place of his nativity.

Mr. Smith was born in Richland county, Ohio, on February 27, 1854, and is a scion of a family founded in Virginia in the colonial epoch of our national history. In that Old Dominion state was born his grandfather, George Smith, who removed thence to Ohio and became

one of the pioneers of Holmes county, that state. Removed to Missouri in 1858 and continued to remain in Missouri until his death. George H. Smith, father of him whose name initiates this review, was born in Holmes county, Ohio, in 1832, and was reared to maturity in the old Buckeye state, where he received a common-school education and where was solemnized, in 1852, his marriage to Miss Mary Marks, who likewise was born in Ohio and who was a member of a family that settled there in the pioneer days. George H. Smith continued to be identified with agricultural pursuits in Richland county, Ohio, until 1858, when he came to Missouri and settled in Taylor township, Shelby county, where he purchased a tract of land and improved a productive farm. He became one of the successful agriculturists and stock-growers of the county and here continued to reside until his death, which occurred on May 26, 1907. He was the owner of 240 acres of land, and the major portion of this was reclaimed to cultivation under his direction. He was a citizen of sterling integrity of character and ever commanded the high regard of the community in which he so long maintained his home. He was a Republican in politics, but was not affiliated with any church. His wife, whose death occurred June 2, 1907, was a member of the German Lutheran church. They became the parents of four children, all of whom are living, namely: Lewis, who is the immediate subject of this sketch; James, who is a resident of Butler county, Kansas; Franklin, who is identified with business interests in the city of Hannibal, Missouri, where he maintains his