

ocratic party, in whose affairs he shows an earnest interest and takes an active part, rendering his party good service in all its campaigns, although seeking none of its official favors for himself.

As an active and devoted member of the Masonic order and the order of Knights of Pythias, he has for years been zealous and energetic in the fraternal life of the community; and as a communicant of the Southern Methodist Episcopal church he has contributed essentially and substantially to the moral and spiritual welfare of the section in which he lives. He has also done a good citizen's part toward promoting the material welfare and progress of his locality, supporting with ardor and practical service every worthy undertaking in which the lasting good of his township and county has been involved, or whereby the comfort and convenience of its people could be enlarged and advanced. He is esteemed as one of the best citizens of his home town, and is widely and favorably known throughout the county and a large extent of the surrounding country.

#### GEORGE T. GILMAN.

The scion of old New England families and inheriting their traits of ingenuity, thrift and readiness for every emergency, George T. Gilman, one of the respected and influential citizens of Clarence, has known how to promote his own interests under all circumstances and has also been potential in furthering the welfare of the community of his home and promoting the best interests of its people.

Mr. Gilman is a native of Piscataquis

county, Maine, where he was born on November 29, 1858. His grandfather, James Gilman, was a native of New Hampshire, and his son, George W. Gilman, the father of George T., was born in Somerset county, Maine, on August 24, 1828. In his early manhood the father was proprietor of hotels in Maine and California for a number of years. He came to Missouri in 1868 and settled on a farm three miles southeast of Clarence, on which he was energetically, progressively and profitably engaged in farming and raising live stock until 1897. He then moved to Clarence, and during the rest of his life enjoyed the peaceful existence of a well-to-do retired farmer, highly esteemed by his fellow citizens and in all respects worthy of the regard and good will they bestowed upon him.

In 1900 he made a trip to his old home in the far East to visit the scenes of his early life and his relatives in that part of the country, and while there died at Foxcroft, Maine, on June 8 of that year. It was in Foxcroft, also, that he was married, being united there in 1855 with Miss Martha Thompson, of that town. They became the parents of two children, both of whom are living: George T. and his older sister Abbie, the wife of C. F. Osgood, of Garland, Maine. In politics the father was a Republican of pronounced convictions and faithful party service, and in fraternal relations was connected with the order of Odd Fellows.

George T. Gilman did not accompany his father to the Pacific coast, but remained in the home of his ancestors and grew to the age of sixteen there. He was educated in the district schools of his native county and at an excellent academy

in Foxcroft, in that county. Upon the completion of his education in 1874 he came to Missouri and joined his father, who had been here in Shelby county for six years before his arrival. He worked with his father on the farm and in the live stock industry conducted on it until the father retired in 1897, when he took practical charge of the business. But about the same time he, also, moved to Clarence, putting the farm of 400 acres out to be farmed on shares, as it has been ever since, he still retaining the ownership and superintending the farming operations.

On January 24, 1889, Mr. Gilman was married to Miss Ella M. Chinn, a daughter of George W. and Maria (Abington) Chinn, and a resident of Clarence at the time of the marriage. They have one child, their daughter, Abbie L., who is living at home with her parents. The father, like his father, but as a matter of firm conviction for himself, has been a life-long Republican in political faith and activity, and, like his father, also, has rendered his party energetic and effective support without political ambition or aspirations to public office. His fraternal connection is with the Masonic order. He is a friend to all good agencies at work among the people of his community, and helps to support all without regard to sect or partisan considerations. He is universally regarded as one of the most active and helpful citizens of Clarence and Shelby county, and is always reliably numbered among their most progressive and representative men.

In January, 1911, Mr. Gilman purchased the interest of E. C. Shain in the

Shelby County State Bank of Clarence and was elected president of the same to succeed Mr. Shain. Mr. Gilman is a gentleman of wide business experience and enjoys the confidence of the people of the entire county.

#### JOHN M. McCULLY, M. D.

Dr. McCully, who is engaged in the successful practice of his profession at Clarence, is recognized as one of the able and representative physicians and surgeons of Shelby county, and in view of this fact he is well entitled to consideration in this compilation, which has to do with the history of the county and its people. He is a scion of one of the honored pioneer families of Missouri, where his grandfather, John McCully, a native of Tennessee, took up his abode in an early day, becoming one of the sterling pioneers of Randolph county, where he passed the residue of his life and where he followed agricultural pursuits.

Dr. McCully was born in Randolph county, this state, on May 8, 1851, and is a son of William and Frances C. (Yates) McCully. William McCully was born in Randolph county, Missouri, on June 4, 1828, and was there reared and educated. He was identified with the great basic industry of agriculture throughout his entire active career and in this connection he so ordered his efforts as to gain a generous measure of success, becoming one of the substantial citizens of Shelby county, whither he removed from Randolph county in the year 1860 and where his death occurred in the year 1901. He left an estate whose valuation was conserva-