

1867 he bought a farm, of fifty acres and to its development, improvement and proper cultivation he devoted himself with all his energy until a short time ago. He now has his farm worked by a tenant but still employs himself in light tasks in connection with its management. He has prospered as a farmer and stock man, and has attained to general esteem and approval as a citizen. He gives his earnest support to the Republican party in political affairs and is potential in its service. His fraternal relations with the Grand Army of the Republic are maintained in active membership and devoted loyalty to that organization, and his religious convictions find expression in zealous and helpful connection with the Southern Methodist Episcopal church. He was married in 1867 to Miss Angeline Davis, of New York state. They have had three children, two of whom are living: Alma, at home, and Linneus I., who resides in the state of Texas. The mother of these children died February 8, 1905.

CHARLES A. GRAVES.

Among the substantial, prosperous and progressive farmers and live stock men of Jackson township, this county, none stands higher than Charles A. Graves, whether his industry, good management and success in his business or the elevated character and continued usefulness of his citizenship is taken as the gauge of his merit. He is well and widely esteemed for both, and it is conceded on all sides that he is fully worthy of the high rank he holds in the general

esteem of the people wherever he is known.

Mr. Graves was born in Marion county, Missouri, on March 31, 1858, but has been a resident of Shelby county for many years. He is a son of James and Martha (Janes) Graves, natives of Kentucky, who were married in Kentucky, and had eleven children, three of whom are living: Ellen, the wife of John W. Hubbard, of Monroe City, Missouri; Henrietta, the wife of R. D. Rogers, who resides in Oregon; and Charles A., the interesting subject of this brief review. The father settled in Marion county, this state, long before the Civil war and was busily engaged in farming and raising live stock until the end of his life. He belonged to the Democratic party in political allegiance and the Catholic church in religious faith and obedience, and gave earnest attention to the interests of both.

Charles A. Graves obtained a limited common school education in the country schools of this county, and after leaving their course of training began the struggle for advancement in life by working on farms in the neighborhood of his home, in addition to what he did there, assisting his mother, who was then a widow. Some time later he moved to this county and bought a farm. On this he has worked hard and steadily, but with judgment and profit, ever since, making it highly productive and improving it with judicious taste, re-creating it into one of the attractive rural homes of the township in which it is located. He has carried on, in connection with his farming operations, a

flourishing live stock business, raising many head of stock and feeding numbers for the markets. In both lines of his endeavor he has been very successful, because he has applied intelligence as well as great energy to his work. His farm now comprises 160 acres and is nearly all under cultivation.

Mr. Graves has suffered many disasters in his career as a farmer and stock man, but these never disheartened him. On the contrary, they seemed to awaken latent powers of enterprise in him and stimulate him to broader vision and still greater activity. In the local affairs of the county, and especially those of his township, he has taken a very earnest interest and rendered very helpful service. He has been a member of the school board three years, is a stockholder in the Hunnewell bank, and in many other ways has contributed to the advancement and improvement of this portion of the state and the enduring welfare of its people.

He was first married on February 1, 1880, to Miss Louisa Howe, a resident of Shelby county, and by this marriage became the father of five children, all of whom are living. They are: Artie, who resides in Marion county, Missouri; James, whose home is in the state of Montana; Estes Varian, a resident of St. Louis, Missouri; Josie, the wife of M. Miller, of California; and Letha Ethel, who also lives in California. The father was married again December 20, 1905, uniting with Mrs. Cora E. (Kellogg) Snider, of this county. They have one child, their son Charles Lyman, who is still at home with his parents. The father is a Democrat in his political re-

lations and belongs to the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in his religious affiliation. He is regarded as one of the leading and most useful citizens of his township.

JAMES W. HOWE.

James W. Howe, widely known in northwestern Missouri as one of the most successful and progressive farmers and public spirited citizens of Shelby county, whose fine farm of 420 acres is located in Jackson township, is a native of this county and was born on July 7, 1846. His father, Samuel R. Howe, was born in the state of Kentucky and came to Missouri at an early date, while the greater part of the state was still on the frontier and its resources were yet waiting for the commanding might of mind and the energy of the pioneers and their followers to call them into productiveness and the service of mankind. He located in Shelby county and here he was continuously and successfully engaged in farming and raising live stock until his death in 1877.

He was married to Miss Nancy Davidson, of this county, and they became the parents of eight children, all of whom are living: Susan, the wife of J. E. Howell; John, also a prosperous farmer; James W., the immediate subject of this memoir; Eliza Ann, the wife of George See; Francis, another contributor to the agricultural greatness of Shelby county; Margaret, who resides in the neighborhood of her birthplace; Rebecca, the wife of Harvey Rivercomb; and Louisa, the widow of the late Charles Graves. They are all residents of this county. The father was a Democrat in politics and a