

but a short time and then gave way to J. W. Thompson, who held the office until 1895. B. F. Dobyns was also vice-president for a short time. He was succeeded by T. M. Sparks, who filled the office until his death in 1896. Then Martin S. Buckman was elected and he is still rendering valued service as vice-president.

The next cashier after Mr. Bragg was Alonzo W. Combs, who resigned soon after his election and was followed by John R. Lyell. The present cashier, Arthur E. Jones, began his term of service in 1900, and has filled the position continuously ever since. The officers of the bank at the time of this writing are: President, John R. Lyell; vice-president, Martin S. Buckman; cashier, Arthur E. Jones; directors, in addition to the above, J. R. Morgan, W. A. Maupin, W. B. Kendriek and Charles B. Martin. In 1908 the institution underwent another reorganization, raising its capital stock to \$40,000 in the new arrangement.

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### JOSEPH H. HICKMAN.

This venerable citizen of Shelby county, who has his home in Hunnewell, was born in the county on November 20, 1840, his life beginning in what is now Jackson township, and before the county was organized as a separate municipality in the state. It is easy to infer that if he came into being before Shelby county was organized his life began amidst the constant hazards, continual privations and hardships and arduous requirements of pioneer existence and his habits were formed and his faculties developed in accordance with the requirements of

such a state of life. In fact, he has shown throughout his long and useful career the qualities of self reliance, resourcefulness and readiness for any emergency that is born of the frontier, and his early training has been of the greatest service to him under circumstances far removed from the requirements of the pioneer life.

Mr. Hickman is a worthy scion of a family of military renown, his grandfather, William A. Hickman, having taken part in the War of 1812 and fought valiantly under General Jackson in the decisive contest against the flower of the British army at New Orleans, which quieted all objection to the dominion of the United States over the territory they had purchased from France, and convinced all beholders of the power of this nation to defend with the sword every domain it might acquire by diplomacy or purchase. The grandfather was a native of Alabama and became a resident of Missouri early in the 30's, locating in Marion county, where he passed the remainder of his days in farming and raising live stock.

Joseph H. Hickman is a son of David and Sinah (Davis) Hickman, the former born in Alabama in 1808, and the latter a native of Kentucky. They were married in 1828 and moved to Missouri in 1829, making their first home in this state in what is now Marion county. In 1830 the father bought a farm of 160 acres within the present limits of Shelby county, but long before the county was organized. He and his young wife were among the first settlers of this portion of the state and shared with the few other hardy adventurers who started its redemption

from the wilderness all the hardships and privations, the perils and inconveniences of its frontier period, steadily working their way onward to independence and substantial comfort. They engaged actively in farming and raising stock until the death of the father on the farm he had made from the untrdden wilds, which occurred on August 17, **1844**. On this farm also their nine children passed their early lives, taking their places in the work of building a home and risking the dangers through which their efforts had to pass to success. Of the nine children born on this farm only three are now living. They are : Hansford B., of Barry county, Missouri; Jesse H., of Hunnewell, an account of whose life will be found in this work; and the immediate subject of this brief memoir. In politics the father was a Whig and in religion a Baptist.

His son, Joseph H. Hickman, was reared on the homestead and educated in the primitive frontier schools of his boyhood and youth. They did not offer much in the extent of variety of their course of instruction, and their appliances were of the crudest character. The school houses were built of logs fashioned according to the only available model of the time and furnished with slab benches of the coarsest and most unfinished kind. The schools therefore provided neither much sustenance for the mind nor comfort for the body. But such as they were, Mr. Hickman made the best possible use of them, and thus laid the foundations for the fund of general information which he now possesses, and which has been ripened and developed in the stern school of experi-

ence which he has subsequently attended. He remained on the farm with his mother until 1867, when he moved to Hannibal and took employment as a day laborer in a lumber yard. In 1870 he returned to Shelby county and again entered upon the occupation to which he had been reared, that of tilling the soil and raising live stock, in which he has ever since been actively and successfully engaged, except for a short time during which he was merchandising in Keokuk, Iowa, in sewing machines and musical instruments and supplies. He has also owned and operated in connection with his farming operations a saw mill at Hunnewell.

In politics Mr. Hickman has been a Republican from the organization of the party, and for many years he has been a consistent and zealous member of the Christian church, being now one of the elders of the congregation in which he holds membership, and at all times rendering helpful service in all its worthy undertakings. He is also active in the service of his political party, supporting its principles and candidates loyally, although he has never himself sought or desired a political office of any kind. On March 11, 1867, he was married to Miss Fannie Reed, a native of Clark county, Missouri. All of the four children born to them are living: Homer C. and Charles A., of Hunnewell (see sketch of Charles A. in this volume); Mamie, wife of R. L. Yancy, of this county; and Anna, wife of Ennis D. Noland, of Chillicothe, Illinois. Having lost his father when the son was but four years old, Mr. Hickman has been obliged to make his own way in the world from an early

age, and he has so conducted his affairs that he has been successful in business, and in addition has won the lasting regard of all who know him. He is accounted one of the most sterling and worthy citizens of the county.

#### JESSE H. HICKMAN.

This esteemed farmer had been living retired from active pursuits for a number of years in Hunnewell, after having passed the heat and burden of an active life of arduous labor in cultivating the soil, rendering good service to his country in the Civil war and in other lines of effort. He was a son of David and Sinah (Davis) Hickman, whose life story will be found recorded at some length in a sketch of his brother, Joseph H. Hickman, also a resident of Hunnewell, which appears on another page of this work.

Mr. Hickman was born in Jackson township, Shelby county, Missouri, on March 11, 1838. His father died when the son was but six years old, and the care of the family then devolved on the mother. She was a resolute woman of the frontier, inured to its hardships and privations and familiar with its dangers from attacks of savage beasts and wild Indians, by whom the plains and forests of the unpeopled West were still claimed as their rightful domain, and the early settlers were considered as legitimate prey to satisfy the hunger of the one or glut the fury of the other. She knew the difficulties and the magnitude of the duty before her, but she entered upon it with real heroism and performed it with ability and fidelity.

The son grew to maturity on the pa-

rental homestead, remaining at home and assisting in the labors on the farm until 1863. He then felt it his duty to offer his life in behalf of the integrity of the Union and become a part of the army fighting in its defense. In April of the year last mentioned he enlisted for the remainder of the war in the Federal army, Company G, One Hundred and Eleventh Missouri Cavalry, in which he continued to serve until he was honorably discharged in 1865. His service was rendered in Arkansas, at Duvall's Bluff, Grand Prairie and Cross Roads, under the command of Col. William D. Wood. After the war Mr. Hickman returned to the farm and remained on it with the rest of the family until 1867. On December 6 of that year he was united in marriage with Miss Emma Hubbard, a resident at the time of Marion county, in this state, but a native of Ohio.

Mr. Hickman then took a farm of his own and for many years thereafter passed the greater part of his time on it, pushing with all his enterprise his dual occupation of farming and raising live stock. He was successful in his undertakings and became one of the prosperous and substantial citizens of Jackson township, Shelby county, in which his operations were conducted. As time passed and he began to feel the weight of years upon him he determined to give up active work and enjoy for the remainder of his days a rest which he felt that he had richly deserved. He accordingly sold his farm and all that belonged to it and took up his residence in Hunnewell, where his death occurred April 15, 1910.

He and his wife became the parents of