

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

Baptist in religious faith and allegiance. He was an important man in the early history of the county, having great force of character, an extensive knowledge of affairs and excellent judgment, and helped materially to lay the foundations of civilization and governmental institutions in this part of the state.

James W. Howe obtained his education in the country schools of Shelby county, and when he had gone as far with it as his circumstances would allow began life for himself as a farm hand in the employ of his father on the home place. He remained there until 1865 engaged in farming and raising live stock with increasing success. During the Civil war he served about three months in the Union army under the command of Colonel Graham, but did not see much active service. From 1881 to 1885 he farmed in Monroe county, this state, but in the year last named returned to Shelby county. Here he has been energetically and profitably engaged in his chosen pursuits of farming and raising live stock ever since. His farm comprises 420 acres of superior land, the greater part of which is under cultivation, and has been brought to a high state of development and judicious improvement.

Mr. Howe is a man of great public spirit and one of the stimulating forces in all worthy enterprises for the progress and improvement of the township and county in which he lives. Nothing of value involving the good of the region or the enduring welfare of its people escapes his notice or goes without his active aid and encouragement. He is intelligent and far-seeing with reference to

such matters, and the people hold him in high esteem as the source of much of what is best in their advancement and one of the most estimable and representative of their citizens. He is a member of the Hunewell school board and a stockholder in the Hunnewell bank, and in addition is connected with other institutions of value and service to the inhabitants of the township and county.

On January 2, 1881, he was united in marriage with Miss Drucilla Mayes, a daughter of William T. and Sarah (Robb) Mayes, of this county, where Mrs. Howe was born on March 12, 1859. They have had five children and all of them are living. They are Olie R., Arthur E., Chester W., Sadie May and James Albert. All are still members of the parental household except Arthur E., who lives in Kansas City, Missouri. The father is a Democrat in his political allegiance and a member of the Masonic order fraternally.

#### EUGENE C. PHILLIPS.

The descendant of old Irish and English families which have resided in this country for generations, the paternal grandfather having emigrated to New England from the Emerald Isle and the ancestors of the mother having come over in the Mayflower, Eugene C. Phillips, of Jackson township, Shelby county has passed the seventy years of his life up to this time (1911) in a manner worthy of his forebears and in keeping with the family traditions of patriotism and elevated citizenship. He has also exemplified in his career the versatility of the Irish race and the