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WILLIAM A. HUGHES.

In even a cursory review of the careers of the honored business men and leading farmers of Shelby county there is eminent consistency and, in fact, imperative demand that recognition be given to the late William A. Hughes, who for seventy years was an honored resident of this county. He was a dominating figure in the business circles of the county, and through his well-directed efforts accumulated a modest fortune. Progressive in both private and public affairs, he proved a most valuable citizen, and he so ordered his course as to retain at all times the confidence and esteem of his fellow men.

William A. Hughes was born in Boone county, Missouri, on the 18th day of February, 1830. He was a grandson of Joseph Hughes, one of the first pioneers to enter the wilderness of Kentucky, having emigrated to the "Blue Grass" state in about 1766, which was several years before Daniel Boone ever made a track in its wilderness, and there he passed the residue of his life, making for himself

and family a home in what is now Jessamine county of that great state. It was there that the father of our subject, John Hughes, was born in 1777. He grew to manhood amid the pioneer scenes of Kentucky and bore his full part in clearing away the forests and helping rid the country of the treacherous, lurking red men who made life perilous to the early settlers.

During the war of 1812 he saw active service in the northern campaign, and after peace was restored he returned to his home and began the work of clearing a home for himself amid the dense forests of his native county. Not being content with the advantages offered him in Kentucky, in 1822 he gathered together his belongings and started for the then far west, coming to Boone county, Missouri, in that year. The Indians were still in possession of the country and all was still a forbidding wilderness. Nothing daunted by these surroundings, he began at once the work of establishing a new home, and continued to be a resident of that county until 1838, when he removed to Shelby county, securing a farm in Black Creek township, on which he resided until his death in 1865; having reached the advanced age of *eighty-eight years.

He was three times married. His first wife was Elizabeth Perry, who died in Boone county, this state. He chose for his second companion Mrs. Jane E. West, a daughter of Joseph Miller, of Bourbon county, Kentucky, and after her death he married Mrs. Isabella Shambaugh, a daughter of Jacob Vannort, of Virginia.

William A. Hughes was eight years of age when his parents moved to Shelby

county. The country was unimproved and he bore his full part in reducing it to cultivation, and in early life became inured to the hardships and privations of pioneer life. He secured such education as was possible in the primitive schools of that day, which was necessarily limited. He remained on the home farm assisting in its labors, and on the death of his honored father he became the owner of a part of it, to which he added from time to time, until at the time of his death he was the owner of a fine landed estate of 320 acres, well improved with model buildings and everything that goes to make up a modern farm. Besides attending to his farm labors and its allied industry of live stock, of which he handled a large amount annually, he was also largely interested with the late Dr. Dimmitt and John T. Cooper in founding the first bank of Shelbyville, which was opened for business in 1874, and was known as the Shelby County Savings Bank. Mr. Hughes continued to be interested in that bank for some years, when he disposed of his stock, but later became one of the original stockholders in the Citizens' Bank of Shelbyville, and continued to be a director of that bank until his death, which occurred at Shelbyville on May 4, 1908.

He was married in 1860 to Miss Mary E. Bowling, a daughter of Alexander Bowling, a native of Virginia.

One child was born to this union, Nellie E., who is now the wife of T. B. Damrell, of Shelbyville. Mrs. Damrell was a student of the Christian College, of Columbia, Missouri. Further mention of Mr. Damrell will be found on other pages of this volume.

Mrs. Hughes is still living and makes her home with her daughter at Shelbyville, where she continues as far as possible the church and charitable work begun by her husband.

In religion Mr. Hughes was not a member of any denomination, but aided generously all church organizations in the city and county, no matter what they belonged to. In fraternal relations he belonged to the Masonic fraternity, being a charter member of Shelbyville Lodge, No. 96, and was among the last of the charter members to pass away.

In politics Mr. Hughes was allied with the Democratic party, and was an intelligent advocate of the principles and policies for which it stood sponsor and rendered effective service in the promotion of the party cause, but would never consent to accept public office.

He was a man of the loftiest principles and strong intellectual powers, and will long be remembered as being among the most influential and honored citizens of Shelby county.

His memory is revered by all who remain to have remembrance of his gentle and noble life and who came within the sphere of his gracious and helpful influence.

JOHN M. TERRILL.

The life and labors of the late John M. Terrill, who died at his home in Shelbyville, on November 5, 1894, were such as to eminently entitle him to memorial tribute in this history, while added consistency is given from the fact that he was a native of this section of Missouri and a member of one of its honored pioneer families. He was a man of broad