

ern markets. He was very successful in his operations on the farm, and continued them along progressive and profitable lines until February 1, 1907. At that time he moved to Shelbina, and during the subsequent years has been very successfully engaged in auctioneering and dealing in live stock generally. He understands his business thoroughly and gives it his whole attention. His success is therefore a logical result of capacity, enterprise and first rate management, combined with excellent judgment. He was married in 1878 to Miss Amanda T. Gentry, of Ralls county, this state. They have had ten children, three of whom are living, John and Paul, of Rexford, Kansas, and Mark, of Shelby county, Missouri, all of whom have inherited the business capacity of their father and are doing well in their several callings and localities, and, like him, are highly respected by the people around them.

ARTHUR E. JORDAN.

This enterprising, prosperous and highly successful farmer and live stock man and respected citizen of Jackson township in this county, was born in the state of Indiana on August 26, 1863, and came with his parents to Missouri and Shelby county when he was eight years of age. He is a son of Philip W. and Nancy H. (Coffman) Jordan, an account of whose lives will be found in a sketch of his brother, William A. Jordan, published in this volume and containing a narrative of the family history.

Mr. Jordan acquired his education in the Oak Dale, Shelby county, public school, and, after completing the course

of study available to him in that temple of Cadmus, began at once a career as a farmer and producer and shipper of live stock, which he has continued to the present time and in which he has succeeded admirably by reason of his good judgment, fine business capacity and the close, intelligent and careful attention he has always bestowed upon his business.

He has also taken an earnest interest and active part in the affairs of his township and was a member of the school board for some years. He is a Democrat in political allegiance, belongs to the Court of Honor fraternally, and is connected with the Christian church in religious alliance. He takes an ardent interest in his party, his fraternity and his church, and his membership is highly valued in each. In 1892 he was united in marriage with Miss Ina Vanarsdall, of Marion county, Missouri. They have had two children and both of them are living and still members of the parental family circle. They are a daughter named Nancy Ruth and a son named Guy. The parents stand high in the estimation of the people of the township, and common consent will attest that they are well deserving of the regard in which they are held.

WILLIAM A. JORDAN.

Successful and progressive as a farmer and producer of live stock, and successful because he is progressive, William A. Jordan, of Jackson township, is also a man of influence and high standing as a citizen, and he holds his rank in this respect because of the elevated character and usefulness of his citizen-