

Mr. Baker was married in 1875 to Miss Sarah E. Bishop, a native of the township in which she now lives and a daughter of James Bishop, an esteemed resident of that township. Six of the nine children born of the union are living. They are: Nettie, Earl, Mabel, Roy, Elsie and Lulu May. The father is a firm and faithful member of the Democratic party in politics and always a zealous and effective worker for its success. He served acceptably and with credit four years as a member of the school board, giving his official duties careful, judicious and intelligent attention, and making the schools feel the impulse of the vigor of his management and his cordial interest in their welfare and advancement. In religious faith and allegiance he is a Methodist. No residents of the township are more favorably known or more highly esteemed than he and his wife, and they are well worthy of the general regard and good will bestowed upon them in all parts of the county where they are known.

JOHN HENRY MAUPIN.

School teacher, soldier and merchant, John Henry Maupin, of Maud, Jefferson township, in this county, has shown his adaptability to circumstances and requirements, and the able and faithful manner in which he has performed his duties in every occupation demonstrates that he is not only a man of adaptability, but one of ability, too, and well qualified for usefulness in any employment which he consents to take or any line of endeavor in which he chooses to engage. He has made a good record in every field

of action in which he has labored, and his demonstrated progressiveness as a citizen and worth as a man have won for him the high regard of the people of the whole township and other parts of the county in which he is known.

Mr. Maupin was born on July 31, 1836, in Augusta county, Virginia. His father, James Dabney Maupin, and his grandfather, Daniel Maupin, were born and reared in Albemarle county, Virginia. The father came to Missouri in 1851, bringing his family with him and locating in Monroe county, where he was successfully and profitably engaged in farming until his death in 1889. His wife, whose maiden name was Dorinda V. Kennerly, was also born and reared in Virginia. She was a daughter of Reuben and Tabitha (Wyatt) Kennerly, the former a native of South Carolina and the latter of Virginia. The children born in the Maupin household of this union were nine in number, and all grew to maturity. Six of them are living: Harriet K., the wife of P. M. Hanger, of Shelbina; Mary C., the wife of L. D. Kennerly; John Henry, the subject of this memoir; Tabitha, the wife of Nathaniel Threlkeld, of Shelbina; and Benjamin F. and Lee K. Their mother died in 1878. The father was a life-long Democrat of the most reliable kind, and was always active in the service of his party, but he never aspired to office or desired any of the preferments of public life or the honors or emoluments of official station.

John Henry Maupin obtained his education in part in the country schools of Virginia and this state, and completed it at the college in Paris, Missouri. After completing the course of instruction at

that institution he taught school for about twenty-five years, his service in this capacity being continuous except during the years of the Civil war and two years afterward. In June, 1861, he enlisted in the Confederate army, Company F, Missouri Infantry, and was soon afterward daring death on the battlefield. He took part in the engagements at Boonville, Pea Ridge, Newark, Kirksville and numerous others, but, while some of the fields on which he fought were very sanguinary, he escaped unharmed. He rose to the rank of lieutenant of his company and made a creditable record for gallantry on the field and fidelity to duty in every phase of the service.

At the close of the war he returned home and a little while later went West, where he engaged in freighting for about two years. He then came back to his Monroe county, Missouri, home and again engaged in teaching school. In 1883 he came to Shelby county and took up his residence at Maud, in Jefferson township, where he has ever since lived. Here he opened a drug store, which has occupied him from that time until the present. He has built up a fine trade, won the confidence of the people in his business and made his store one of the established and most appreciated institutions in the mercantile life of the township.

Mr. Maupin was married in 1887 to Miss Betty Harris, a daughter of Thomas H. and Betsy (Maupin) Harris, natives of Albemarle county, Virginia, but long esteemed residents of this county at the time of the marriage. The one child born of the union is now deceased.

In his political faith and allegiance Mr. Maupin is a pronounced Democrat and has at all times been very energetic and effective in the service of his party. He served as a justice of the peace for more than six years and as a member of the school board about the same length of time, rendering service satisfactory to the people in each capacity, winning a good name for himself as a public official and contributing as such essentially to the welfare and advancement of the township. In fraternal life he is connected with the Masonic order. In all the relations of life Mr. Maupin has lived acceptably and uprightly. He has been very successful in business and always taken an earnest and helpful interest in all that concerns the good of the region in which he lives, by whose people he is held in the highest esteem.

FRANCIS MARION DALE.

Although not a native of Shelby county, Francis Marion Dale, one of the substantial and progressive farmers of Jefferson township, has been a resident of it for a period of almost thirty years, and is therefore well known to its people and also knows them well. He has been an active and effective worker for the improvement and progress of the township in which he lives, and given close and energetic attention to the welfare of the whole county in many ways. By entering into the spirit of their enterprise and aspirations and taking his place and doing his full share of the work of promoting their interests he has won the confidence, esteem and lasting good will of the people and become truly