

ville. He carried on an active and extensive business as a general farmer, and also conducted one of equal magnitude in raising and shipping live stock for the Eastern markets. He was very successful in all his undertakings, devoting to them his whole attention and applying to them all his energy and intelligence, except what was given in behalf of the general interests of his township and county. He was so zealous in his industry and the management of his operations that he never laid aside his instruments of progress or abated his earnestness in the use of them until death ended his labors on January 26, 1909.

His union in marriage with Miss Frye took place in about 1850, and by it he became the father of eight children, three of whom are living: Maggie, the wife of I. N. Looney, of St. Louis, Missouri; Lula, the wife of Charles Ennis, of Shelbyville; and Robert E., the subject of this brief review. The father was an active and zealous Democrat in his political relations, a member of the Masonic order in fraternal life, and gave his religious allegiance to the Southern Methodist church.

Robert Edgar Taylor, like most of his boyhood associates, obtained his education in the public schools of Shelbyville. And, like the greater number of them also, began a career as a farmer and stock breeder as soon as he left school. The beginning of this career was on his father's farm and under the direction of that enterprising and progressive man, and the son continued this relation until 1899, when he bought the farm and began operations for himself on it.

All its industries and interests were thus transferred from father to son, although the former remained in his position as adviser of the latter to the end of his life. The business has gone on in the same steady strides of advancement and enlargement ever since the son took hold of it, and he has shown that his early training under the eye of a master in it was not lost upon him. He has kept up the general farming and also the live stock industry to their full capacity, and has also kept pace with the march of modern progress in conducting them.

He united in marriage with Miss Ollie Dines, a native of Shelby county, on September 16, 1891. The two children born to them are both living and still members of the parental household. They are Daniel E. and Clifford Lee, both youths of promise and giving excellent fruits of their home training in their fidelity to duty and admirable traits of character. The father is a Democrat in his political faith and activity and devoted to the welfare of his party. He is an Odd Fellow, and belongs to the Southern Methodist church.

HENRY G. MILLER.

The history of this sturdy farmer and stock man, sterling citizen and stimulating force in the affairs of Black Creek township, this county, and that of the family to which he belongs, presents a feature of very unusual occurrence and interest. Both he and his father were soldiers in defense of the Union during our Civil war of unhappy memory, and each saw three years' service in that sanguinary and momentous conflict, the

father as a corporal in his company and the son as a private in his. Of the military experiences they had, both have been restrained by natural modesty and genuine worth from saying much, especially in their own behalf. But the knowledge of others, based on well ascertained facts, has established the truth that they bore well their part in the shock of battle or frenzy of the charge, and bravely endured the hardships and trials of duty in camp and on the march.

Mr. Miller is a native of Shelby county, Missouri, born on March 20, 1842, and is a scion of old Alabama families. His grandfather was a native of that state, and not the first representative of the family that lived there. In that state also the father and mother of the interesting subject of this sketch were also born and reared. The father, Solomon W. Miller, came to Missouri in 1836, and located in Shelby county. He bought a farm of 120 acres of land near Shelbyville, and on that he lived and labored with well applied industry and fidelity to every requirement of duty until 1856. He then built a mill, known all over the surrounding country as "Miller's mill," and for a long time one of the landmarks and central gathering places for farmers and others for many miles around. He was successful and prosperous in both his farming and milling operations, and became a man of substance and of prominence in the community. The mill was built in the neighborhood of Shelbyville.

Solomon W. Miller was united in marriage with Miss Jane Tolliver, a native of Alabama, the marriage taking place in Indiana. Seven children were born

in the household, four of whom are living, and all but one of them residents of Shelby county. They are: Henry G., to whom these paragraphs are specially devoted; Fannie, the wife of Samuel Allison; Joseph H., also a successful Shelby county farmer; and Emma, the wife of John Ruckman, of the state of Oklahoma. In politics the father was a Democrat, and in religion a Universalist.

He was a son of the South, but he was not favorable to the institution of slavery, and was strongly opposed to the dismemberment of the Union. And he showed the strength of his convictions by following them to the battlefields of the Civil war, which so violently wrenched the institutions and was so fatal to the life and prosperity of the country, serving as a corporal of the company in which he enlisted, as has been stated above. He was discharged from the service in 1865 after being in it three years.

His son, Henry G. Miller, obtained his education in the district schools of Shelby county, and after leaving them at once turned his attention to farming and milling. From then until now (1910) he has been energetically occupied in these industries, except during the three years of his service in the Union army during the Civil war, mention of which has been made in the opening paragraph of this sketch. He lives on an excellent farm of 160 acres near Shelbyville, which he cultivates with vigor, intelligence and profit, and his mill is one of the established and popular institutions of this part of the county, of which he is also one of the leading and most representative citizens, held in

high esteem by all who know him and earnestly devoted to the best interests of the township and county in which he dwells and to the prosperity and advancement of which he so essentially and judiciously contributes.

Mr. Miller was married on February 15, 1866, to Miss Mary S. Collier, a native of Grundy county, Missouri. Seven of the ten children born to them are living: Sallie F., the wife of E. C. Grossenbacher, whose home is in Texas; Mary C., the wife of Amos Forman, a resident of this county; Lizzie B., the wife of C. H. Walker, who lives in Quincy, Illinois; James W., who is in business in St. Louis; Effie E., the wife of W. I. Forman, of Shelby county; Maggie I., who also has her home in Shelby county; and Ida, who is residing at home. The father is a Democrat in politics and a Universalist in religion. He gives diligent attention to the claims of both his party and his state, and is valued as a member and worker in both. In his business operations he has been uniformly successful and prosperous, and in citizenship no man in the county stands higher.

ROBERT L. CARMICHAEL.

Transferring to this state and Black Creek township, Shelby county, the elevated ideas of manhood and public duty he inherited from his ancestors and acquired from association in the place of his nativity, and coming to this locality with his parents at the age of sixteen, Robert L. Carmichael made himself a very useful and esteemed citizen here and helped materially in the work of

building up the township and county of his residence, in which he lived and labored for the last forty-four years. His death occurred February 1, 1911.

He was born in Hampshire county, Virginia, now West Virginia, on October 28, 1850, and was a son of Robert and Lucy A. (Louthan) Carmichael, of the same nativity as himself, and a grandson of Daniel Carmichael, who came to this country from Scotland, where he was born and where his forefathers lived many generations before that event occurred. The father was born on November 15, 1814, and brought his family to Missouri in 1866. He located on a good farm in Shelby county and lived on it until his death on November 3, 1899. He was a planter in his native state and a farmer here, passing the whole of his life from boyhood in agricultural pursuits, and he attained considerable success in his work, which he managed with skill and prosecuted with vigor and enterprise of the most commendable character.

He was married to Miss Lucy A. Louthan, and by this union he became the father of six sons, five of whom are living: John W., Daniel A., James H., W. E., and Robert L., all residents of Shelby county. In politics the father was a Democrat of the old school and a devoted member of his party, giving it loyal and effective support at all times. His religious association was with the Methodist Episcopal church, South. He was a man of strong character, considerable intelligence and elevated manhood, and he became one of the prominent and influential citizens of this county.