

at an early age worked on farms in the neighborhood of his home, and also at railroading until 1885. He was thrifty and economical, and by the year last mentioned felt himself able to engage in a permanent occupation, and therefore bought a farm near Shelbina. He prospered on this, and in 1896 bought another farm of eighty acres, on which he has been actively and profitably engaged in farming and raising live stock from that time to the present. In 1909 he purchased ninety acres adjoining. As his prosperity has increased he has purchased additional land, and now owns 260 acres, all of which he has under advanced and productive cultivation.

Mr. Wright has his farm well improved with good buildings and fully equipped with all the necessary appliances for its tillage according to the most approved modern methods, and he studies his business in all its features with a view to securing the best results for all his outlay of toil and care in connection with it. He is regarded as one of the enterprising and progressive farmers and stock men of his township, and the appearance of his farm indicates that he deserves the reputation he enjoys.

On November 22, 1887, he was united in marriage with Miss Amanda L. Peters, who was born in Scotland county, Missouri, on May 8, 1859, and is a daughter of William and Matilda (Rice) Peters. Seven children have been born of the union, five of whom are living, and are at home with their parents. They are: Artie Francis, Benjamin Alexander, William P., Porter Clifford and

Gladys Loree. In politics the father is a Republican.

JOHN H. MOORE.

Born April 24, 1848, in Bethel township, this county, and having passed all his subsequent years within the county, John H. Moore, of that township, where he carries on an extensive business as a farmer and stock man, has witnessed the progress and development of the region and has done his part to aid in promoting them. In his boyhood the locality of his present residence was but little removed from its wild state, or at the most was still but sparsely peopled and its settlement was in a primitive state. But he, when he grew to manhood, and many others like him, gave attention to the needs of the locality and under their quickening labors it has grown to greatness, wealth and power, with every element of its civilization intense with activity and enterprise.

Mr. Moore is a son of Elisha and Admonia (Brown) Moore, the former a native of Kentucky and the latter born in the same state, but brought to Missouri by her parents at a tender age. The father came to Ralls county, Missouri, in about 1829, but settled in this county in 1836, and passed the remainder of his days here actively and profitably engaged in farming and raising live stock. He was first married in 1830 to Miss Amanda Gentry, a native of Ralls county, in this state. They had three children. Their mother died in 1843, and the father afterward contracted his marriage with Miss Admonia Brown. Five

children were born of this union, four of whom are living, William, John H., Tandy G. and Mary E., the wife of S. Bragg, of Bethel. The father was a Whig in politics. His death occurred in 1851 and that of the mother on August 7, 1891.

Their son John H. began his education in the district schools of this county and completed it at a high school. Since leaving school he has been continuously and energetically engaged in farming and raising stock, and by industry and good management has become one of the most extensive farmers in the county. He owns over 1,200 acres of land, which is of good quality and the greater part of it is under advanced and skillful cultivation. The stock industry connected with the farming operations is also extensive and conducted with great enterprise and excellent judgment. Mr. Moore is also a leading stockholder in the Shelby County Railroad Company and has other interests of value in the county and elsewhere.

On July 15, 1879, he was united in marriage with Miss Nannie Moran, a daughter of Solon and Mary Winifred (Martin) Moran, natives of Madison county, Kentucky, who came to Missouri when their daughter, now Mrs. Moore, was but six months old. By her marriage to Mr. Moore she has become the mother of eight children, seven of whom are living—Mary Edna, the wife of Walter Singleton; James C., Lulu D., Hattie, Lucy R., John, Jr., and Frankie, the wife of Charles E. Baldwin, of Knox county, Missouri. In politics the father is an active, working Democrat, always zealous and effective in the service of

his party, but never desirous of official station of any kind, although he, has served on the school board for a period of over twenty-five years. He does not belong to any fraternal or social organization, but is a devoted and serviceable member of the Baptist church. He has been very successful and always manifested a lively and helpful interest in everything pertaining to the welfare of his township and county. He is looked upon as a model farmer of large enterprise and great progressiveness and is universally esteemed as a citizen and a man correct in his demeanor in every relation of life. And as he has passed all the years of his life in the locality of his present home the people around him have full knowledge of his worth.

RICHARD O'DONNELL.

This prosperous and highly respected retired farmer of Shelby county, whose well improved and skillfully cultivated farm of eighty acres lies in Salt River township, is a good illustration of the adaptability of the Irish race and its readiness to grapple with any condition in life and secure advancement if given a fair chance. He came to this country after going from his native land to Australia and passing a few years there. He had practically nothing when he came, but the qualities of pluck, perseverance and shrewdness, with which nature had endowed him, and he is now a man of substance, with a comfortable competence for life and stands high in the esteem of all who know him.

Mr. O'Donnell was born in Ireland on September 15, 1833. His father, John