

concern in all that tends to advance the material and civic welfare of the community, and in this respect Mr. Forman is essentially progressive and public spirited. He is a stalwart in the local camp of the Democratic party, but the only office in which he has consented, to serve is that of school director, of which he was incumbent for a number of years. He and his wife hold membership in the Christian church.

On December 18, 1873, Mr. Forman was united in marriage to Miss Jennie Mayes, who was born, reared and educated in this county, being a daughter of James and Louisa Mayes. Mr. and Mrs. Forman have four children, namely: Ella, who is the wife of Joseph Van Skike, of Shelby county; Benjamin F., who is associated in the work and management of the home farm, and Alice and Marvin.

HUGO POWELL.

This esteemed citizen of Shelbina, who has recently moved to that city after farming and raising live stock in Shelby county with great industry and a gratifying measure of success for a period of over thirty-four years, is a native of Germany, and was born in the city of Breslau in that country on May 20, 1827. Before he was a year old his parents, Arthur and Laura (Frost) Powell, also natives of Germany, emigrated to the United States and located in Allegheny, Pennsylvania. There the father worked at his trade as a brewer until 1848, when he returned to his native land, where he died in 1852. He and his wife were the parents of two children, of whom Hugo

is the only one living. The mother died in Allegheny, Pennsylvania, in 1847, and the year following the father took her remains back to Germany.

He obtained a limited public school education in the schools of Allegheny, Pennsylvania, and after leaving school went to the city of New York, where he served as a cash boy in a store five years. In 1853 he enlisted in Company F, Sixth New York Regular Cavalry, under the command of General Scott. While in the military service under this enlistment he learned the trade of clothing cutter. But he was devoted to the Union and found a charm in military life which had not been fully dispelled by his short term in the army. He therefore enlisted again in 1861, at the very beginning of the Civil war, becoming a member of Company F, Excelsior Brigade, New York, which was commanded by Colonel Sickles, who later became one of the distinguished generals of the Union army and lost one of his limbs in the deluge of death at Gettysburg. Mr. Powell served in this brigade eighteen months, then received a serious injury by falling off a bridge while doing duty as a picket during the battle of Fair Oaks, Virginia. This incapacitated him for further military service, and he was honorably discharged from the army on August 28, 1862, in the city of Philadelphia.

His next move in life was to work at his trade as a clothing cutter, which he followed for five years in New York city. At the end of that period he came West and located for a short time at Beloit, Wisconsin, and there he was engaged in merchant tailoring and dealing in gents' furnishings for three years.

From Beloit he moved to Hannibal, Missouri, where he followed the same business nine years. He then took up his residence in Shelby county and changed his occupation to farming and raising live stock. He has been industriously occupied in these pursuits ever since until a few months ago, when he determined to retire from active pursuits and moved to Shelbina, where he is now living in comfort and contentment after a long and arduous struggle for advancement in prosperity and enduring many privations and hardships at different periods of his life.

Mr. Powell has been successful in his undertakings, winning a competence for himself and his family and rising to a high position in the regard and good will of the people of this county. He has been active in promoting their welfare and given them an excellent example in elevated citizenship. His political connection is with the Republican party, of which he is an earnest and zealous member, and in religion he is affiliated with the Christian church at Lentner. Fraternally he belongs to the Masonic order and the Grand Army of the Republic. On July 10, 1866, he was united in marriage with Miss Eusebia Meeter, of Beloit, Wisconsin. She is still living. They have no children. Mr. Powell's four score and three years sit lightly on him. He is still a man of vigor and enterprise, as earnestly interested in the progress of his county and state, as faithful and energetic in the performance of the duties of citizenship, and as genial, obliging and companionable in social relations as he ever was. He is justly

esteemed as one of the best and most estimable men in Shelby county.

HUGH W. WOOD.

Aiming at no high-flown or spectacular success in life, and seeking no avenues to preferment but that of honest fidelity to daily duty in his chosen vocation, but adhering steadfastly and zealously to that, Hugh W. Wood, one of the substantial and prosperous farmers and stock men of Lentner township in this county, has made steady progress in advancement and attained a position of prominence and permanency in the respect and good opinion of the people in all parts of this and the adjoining counties.

Mr. Wood is wholly a product of Shelby county. He was born within its borders on April 11, 1861, obtained his education in its public schools, has passed all the active years of his life to the present time (1910) in helping to promote its industrial and commercial growth and the elevation of its civil and social institutions, and taken the mistress of his home and helpmate in life's arduous struggle from among its agreeable daughters. All that he is, therefore, Shelby county has made him, and all that he has done and achieved has redounded to its credit and advantage.

It is to be said, however, that he had native force and capacity which enabled him to take advantage of the opportunities presented for his betterment, and has shown great industry and business acumen in managing his affairs. He is a son of John Wesley and Kitty (Robb)