

marked for further official honors, as he was elected county recorder in 1906, giving a most able administration and being re-elected in 1910, so that he is incumbent of the office at the time of this writing, being one of the faithful, efficient and valued officials of the county and commanding the confidence and esteem of all with whom he has come in contact, in official, business and social life. He is one of the interested principals in the Shelby County Abstract & Loan Company, whose facilities and functions are of the best order, and he has ever manifested a loyal interest in all that has touched the progress and material and civic prosperity of his home county and state, while he is recognized as one of the representative citizens of Shelbyville, one of the thriving little cities of Missouri.

In politics Mr. Damrell has ever been aligned as a stalwart supporter of the principles and policies of the Democratic party, in whose cause he has given most effective service, having been an active factor in campaign work and being one of the leaders of the party in Shelby county. He has held other offices of public order aside from those already mentioned and he is at the present time president of the city council. Prior to his election to county office he has served six years as city collector of Shelbyville. In a fraternal way he is affiliated with the local organizations of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Modern Woodmen of America and he holds membership in the Christian church. His wife is Noble Grand of the Rebecca Lodge and a member of the M. E. Church, South.

On December 25, 1895, Mr. Damrell was united in marriage to Miss Elwynna Evans, who was born and reared in Shelby county, and who was the daughter of John and Mary Evans, the former a native of Maryland and the latter of Shelby county, Missouri. Mrs. Damrell was summoned to the life eternal on February 28, 1901. No children were born of this union. On September 13, 1904, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Damrell to Miss Etta P. Foreman, who was born and reared in Shelbyville and who is a daughter of Aaron B. and Martha V. Foreman, who still reside in this city, Mr. Foreman being a native of Shelby county and his wife of Winchester, Virginia. The Foreman family was one of the earliest to become identified with the pioneer settlement of Shelby county, where Aaron Foreman, from whom Aaron B. Foreman is a lineal descendant, took up his abode in 1817, having come here in company with Edward Whaley and three other men. Mr. and Mrs. Damrell have no children.

#### EUGENE M. TERRILL.

The able and popular incumbent of the office of county clerk of Shelby county has passed his entire life in this section of Missouri, and he was for many years actively identified with agricultural pursuits.

Eugene M. Terrill was born on the old homestead farm, in Marion county, Missouri, on November 11, 1856, and is the younger of the two children of Oliver T. and Susan M. (McCullough) Terrill, both of whom were born in Kentucky, their marriage having been solemnized

in Marion county, Missouri. Samuel, the elder of their two sons, died when about fourteen years of age. Oliver T. Terrill was one of the valiant argonauts who made their way across the plains to California after the memorable discovery of gold in that state, where he remained two years, having engaged in teaming from Sacramento to the various mining camps and later having been identified with the operation of a ferry. He returned to the East by way of Cape Horn. Upon coming to Missouri he first located in Marion county, where he continued to reside until 1858, when he removed with his family to Shelby county, where he purchased a tract of land in Black Creek township, developing the same into one of the excellent farms of the county and was actively engaged in agricultural pursuits until 1879, when he received from the governor of the state appointment to the office of presiding judge of the county court to fill out an unexpired term. At the ensuing election he was elected by popular vote for a full term, and he gave an admirable and acceptable administration on the bench. After his retirement from office he lived virtually retired, in Shelbyville, until his death, which occurred in 1889. His devoted wife survived him by a decade, being summoned to eternal rest in August, 1902. Both were devout members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and they ever held the high regard of all who knew them. In politics Judge Terrill was a staunch supporter of the cause of the Democratic party.

Eugene M. Terrill was about two years of age at the time of the family removal to Shelby county and he was

reared to maturity on the home farm, early becoming familiar with the practical details of its work and in the meanwhile duly profiting by the advantages afforded in the district school. He later was enabled to continue his studies in the high school in Shelbyville, and thereafter he was associated in the work and management of the home farm until the death of his honored father, who left to him 120 acres of valuable land, which continued to constitute the scene of his well directed individual enterprise as a farmer and stock grower until 1898, when he removed to Shelbyville and became a clerk in the office of the county recorder. This position he held until the spring of the following year, when he was appointed deputy county clerk under Charles Ennis. In this capacity he rendered efficient service for the ensuing eight years, at the expiration of which there came fitting recognition of his eligibility and faithful service in his election, in 1906, to the office of county clerk, of which he has since continued incumbent. His previous experience and his natural aptitude for the facile handling of detail work has made him a specially efficient executive, and his administration will pass on record as one of the best in the history of the office of clerk of the county.

In politics Mr. Terrill gives an unqualified allegiance to the Democratic party, and its cause has found in him a staunch advocate and one well fortified in his convictions as to matters of public policy. As a citizen his viewpoint is liberal and public spirited, and he shows a lively interest in all measures and enterprises that tend to conserve the welfare of his

home city and county. He is a stockholder of the Shelby County Railroad Company, having become a charter member of the same. In Shelbyville he owns and occupies an attractive modern residence. He is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Modern Woodmen of America and the Court of Honor.

In June, 1879, Mr. Terrill was united in marriage to Miss Henrietta Speight, who was born in Indiana and reared in Shelby county, and who is a daughter of James Speight, who was for many years engaged in farming in this county. Of the *six* children of this union four are living, namely : Lida, who is the wife of Carl Ennis, of Shelbyville; Oliver J., Samuel M. and Nannie, who remain beneath the parental roof-tree.

#### FREDERICK M. FARR.

A scion of one of the pioneer families of Missouri and known as one of the substantial and representative citizens of Shelby county, Mr. Farr is now living a retired life in the city of Shelbyville, where he is enjoying the generous comfort and repose that are the just reward for former years of earnest and fruitful endeavor. He was long actively identified with agricultural pursuits in this county and still owns a valuable farm of 160 acres, in Taylor township.

Frederick M. Farr was born in Marion county, Missouri, on January 28, 1843, and is a son of William and Violet (Forsythe) Farr. His father was born in Virginia, whence he came to Missouri in an early day, becoming one of the pioneers of Marion county, where he was

engaged in farming and stock-raising until 1849, when he joined the exodus of gold seekers who were making their way across the plains to the new Eldorado in California. He never returned to his former home and passed the closing years of his life in Austin county, Texas, where he died in 1864. The maiden name of his first wife was VanVactor and for his second wife he married Miss Violet Forsythe, who was born in the state of Kentucky and whose death occurred in 1890. Of the six children only two are now living and of these the subject of this sketch is the elder; Frances is the wife of Charles Newman, of San Antonio, Texas.

Frederick M. Farr was reared to maturity in his native county, where his educational advantages were limited to the district schools. For several years he found employment at farm work and also cultivated rented land, and in 1868 he **took** up his permanent residence in Shelby county, where he eventually became the owner of a fine landed estate of two hundred acres, making the best of improvements on the same and developing one of the model farms of this section of the state. He started in life without financial resources and won success and independence through his own well directed energy and assiduous application. He placed true valuation on men and things, and has ever maintained the most wholesome appreciation of honest toil and endeavor, while his life has been guided and governed by the strictest principles of integrity and honor, so that he has not been denied the confidence and high regard of his fellow men. In 1909 he disposed of the