

county. The country was unimproved and he bore his full part in reducing it to cultivation, and in early life became inured to the hardships and privations of pioneer life. He secured such education as was possible in the primitive schools of that day, which was necessarily limited. He remained on the home farm assisting in its labors, and on the death of his honored father he became the owner of a part of it, to which he added from time to time, until at the time of his death he was the owner of a fine landed estate of 320 acres, well improved with model buildings and everything that goes to make up a modern farm. Besides attending to his farm labors and its allied industry of live stock, of which he handled a large amount annually, he was also largely interested with the late Dr. Dimmitt and John T. Cooper in founding the first bank of Shelbyville, which was opened for business in 1874, and was known as the Shelby County Savings Bank. Mr. Hughes continued to be interested in that bank for some years, when he disposed of his stock, but later became one of the original stockholders in the Citizens' Bank of Shelbyville, and continued to be a director of that bank until his death, which occurred at Shelbyville on May 4, 1908.

He was married in 1860 to Miss Mary E. Bowling, a daughter of Alexander Bowling, a native of Virginia.

One child was born to this union, Nellie E., who is now the wife of T. B. Damrell, of Shelbyville. Mrs. Damrell was a student of the Christian College, of Columbia, Missouri. Further mention of Mr. Damrell will be found on other pages of this volume.

Mrs. Hughes is still living and makes her home with her daughter at Shelbyville, where she continues as far as possible the church and charitable work begun by her husband.

In religion Mr. Hughes was not a member of any denomination, but aided generously all church organizations in the city and county, no matter what they belonged to. In fraternal relations he belonged to the Masonic fraternity, being a charter member of Shelbyville Lodge, No. 96, and was among the last of the charter members to pass away.

In politics Mr. Hughes was allied with the Democratic party, and was an intelligent advocate of the principles and policies for which it stood sponsor and rendered effective service in the promotion of the party cause, but would never consent to accept public office.

He was a man of the loftiest principles and strong intellectual powers, and will long be remembered as being among the most influential and honored citizens of Shelby county.

His memory is revered by all who remain to have remembrance of his gentle and noble life and who came within the sphere of his gracious and helpful influence.

#### JOHN M. TERRILL.

The life and labors of the late John M. Terrill, who died at his home in Shelbyville, on November 5, 1894, were such as to eminently entitle him to memorial tribute in this history, while added consistency is given from the fact that he was a native of this section of Missouri and a member of one of its honored pioneer families. He was a man of broad

mental ken, generous attributes of character and distinctive public spirit, and he did much to encourage and support measures and enterprises tending to advance the civic and material progress of the community. His life was ordered upon the loftiest plane of integrity and honor and he left that best of all heritages, a good name, which is "rather to be desired than great riches." Through his own ability and well directed efforts he accumulated a competency, but he ever had a deep appreciation of the responsibilities that success imposes and showed his stewardship by kindly succor and aid extended to "those in any ways afflicted in mind, body or estate." Loyalty is a fine thing in human nature, and this sterling citizen showed in all the relations of life the utmost loyalty, so that he richly merited the high esteem in which he was held by those with whom he came in contact.

John M. Terrill was born in Marion county, Missouri, on September 12, 1825, and, so far as available data indicate, his parents came to this state from Kentucky in the early part of the second decade of the nineteenth century, numbering themselves among the sturdy pioneers of Marion county, where they passed the residue of their lives and where his father was a farmer by occupation, tilling the willing soil and aiding in transforming the wilderness into productive fields and blossoming meadows. Owing to the exigencies and conditions of time and place, the subject of this memorial received in his youth only such educational advantages as were afforded in the primitive pioneer schools, but his alert and receptive mind-enabled

him to profit generously from the valuable lessons gained under the tutorship of that wisest of all head masters, experience, and he became a man of broad information and mature judgment. He became eventually the owner of a landed estate of 320 acres, in Marion and Shelby counties, and he was long numbered among the progressive and representative farmers and stock-growers of this favored section of the state. He devoted much attention to the buying and shipping of live stock, and in this field of enterprise he built up a large and prosperous business, being one of the leading dealers in this part of the state and gaining a wide acquaintanceship in the country throughout which his operations were extended. He continued actively identified with this line of business until about ten years prior to his demise, when, owing to impaired health; he removed from his homestead farm to Shelbyville, where he thereafter lived virtually retired until he was summoned from the scene of life's mortal endeavors. In Shelbyville he purchased the attractive and commodious residence in which his wife still maintains her home. He was one of the organizers and incorporators of the Citizens' Bank of Shelbyville and served as a member of its board of directors. His widow still retains his stock in this solid and popular financial institution and has also added somewhat to her holdings in the same.

Mr. Terrill was ever found ready to contribute generously of influence and means to the promotion and support of public enterprises that met the approval of his judgment, and few citizens were more liberal and public-spirited in this

respect. Mrs. Terrill has endeavored to emulate his example in this regard and is known as a woman of exceptional business acumen and as one who takes a lively interest in all that touches the welfare of the community. She was a charter member of the Shelby County Railroad Company, and had the distinction of being the only woman to become thus identified with the enterprise, to which she gave her support more through public spirit than from speculative motives. She is now associated with her brother, James Edelen, in the dry-goods and millinery business in Shelbyville, where she is thus an interested principal in the firm of James Edelen & Company, whose establishment is one of the leading mercantile concerns of the county. Mrs. Terrill is a devoted and zealous member of the Presbyterian church, as was also her husband, and in politics he was found arrayed as a staunch and effective exponent of the principles and policies of the Democratic party, though he never was a seeker of public office.

On November 13, 1866, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Terrill to Miss Nannie Edelen, who was born in Marion county, this state, on April 25, 1843, and who is a daughter of George and Ann (McElroy) Edelen, the both of whom were born in Kentucky. The parents were numbered among the sterling pioneers of this section of the state and the father was a merchant by vocation. The father died at Hannibal on October 20, 1843, and mother at Shelbyville on June 25, 1899, aged eighty-six years. Mr. and Mrs. Terrill had no children. Mrs. Terrill has been a prominent and popular member of the social circles of Shelby-

ville, and here her friends are in number as her acquaintances.

#### JAMES EDELEN.

One of the venerable and essentially representative business men of Shelbyville is James Edelen, who is here engaged in the general merchandise business, as head of the well known firm of James Edelen & Co. His career has been one of marked productive activity and much success, and he is one of the honored citizens of the county which has represented his home during the major portion of his life, being a native son of Missouri and a member of one of its sterling pioneer families. His status in the community renders specially consistent a review of his career within the pages of this historical publication touching Shelby county.

James Edelen was born in the little village of Warren, Marion county, Missouri, on July 25, 1839. His father, George Edelen, was born in the state of Kentucky in 1808, and was a scion of a worthy pioneer family of that commonwealth. George Edelen was reared to manhood in Kentucky and there he initiated his efforts in connection with the general merchandise business, with which he continued to be identified in his native state until about 1833, when he came to Missouri and settled in the village of Warren, Marion county, where he opened a general store, to the conducting of which he continued to give his attention until his death, which occurred in 1843, having been fairly successful in his business affairs after coming to Missouri. In 1838 he was united in mar-