

throughout a wide extent of the country. He also buys and feeds mules for the market, handling, over 100 head annually.

Locally he is best esteemed for his public spirit and devotion to the welfare and improvement of Shelby county. He is an ardent worker and stimulating force in all matters of progress and development, with a fine initiative spirit for designs and great energy and zeal in working them out. For more than forty years he has been president of the school board, and for a long time has served in the same capacity in the Shelbina Fair association, which has prospered admirably under his skillful management.

On November 12, 1867, Mr. Keith married with Miss Martha Ellen Maddox, a native of Monroe county and a daughter of Marcus D. and Sarah M. (Sparks) Maddox, esteemed residents of that county. Eight children have been born of the union, seven of whom are living: Ernest, resident in this county; Lena, the wife of Samuel Kimble, also dwelling in Shelby county; Alonzo, whose home is here too; Harry, who lives in Shelbina; Bertie, the wife of Luther Fitzpatrick, of Monroe county; and Myrtle and Lester, who are still under the parental roof.

The father is an earnest and devoted member of the Democratic party in his political relations and a faithful and effective worker for the success of his party. His church affiliation is with the Southern Methodists, as is also his family. With his mind alert and fruitful and his hand open and free for every worthy undertaking for the good of his township and county in a material way,

and all his faculties ready at all times to aid in expanding and intensifying the power and usefulness of the moral agencies at work among their people, and with conscientious attention to every duty of citizenship, he is universally and justly regarded as one of the leading and most serviceable men in this part of the state.

JOHN WAY.

Born and reared in that great hive of industry, the state of Pennsylvania, in which almost every form of human endeavor finds expression if the latitude permits, and there trained to useful labor from his boyhood, enlisting in the Union army when he was eighteen, and during the four terrible years of our Civil war facing death on the battlefield and enduring the hardships and privations of the march and the camp, John Way, one of the progressive and prosperous farmers and live stock men of Salt River township, in this county, had a discipline in duty that fitted him for almost any requirement and made him equal to almost any emergency in peace or war.

Mr. Way was born on January 10, 1844, in Fayette county, Pennsylvania, and is a son of Frederick and Harriet (Sprinkle) Way, natives of Maryland. The father was born near Hagerstown in that state, in 1815, and after a residence there and in Pennsylvania of fifty-seven years, came to Missouri in 1871 and located in Shelby county, five miles southwest of Shelbina. Here he acquired land and was actively engaged in farming and raising live stock until 1891, when death

ended his labors. Before coming to this state he lived and operated on farms which he rented in various localities in the former states of his residence. Both on them and on his own land in this county he was successful and wrought out good results by his skillful and persistent industry and his excellent management.

He was married in Hagerstown, Maryland, to Miss Harriet Sprinkle, of the same nativity as himself, and they became the parents of eight children, six of whom are living: John, the interesting subject of this brief review; Harry, whose home is in Shelbina; Luther, a resident of Marion county; Cyrus, also a resident of Marion county; Mary Ann, the wife of Mark Henninger, of Santa Ana, California; Alexander, of Shelby county, Missouri; and Clark, of Shelbina. In political relations the father adhered to the Democratic party and gave it effective and appreciated service, although he never sought or desired a political office for himself. His religious connection was with the Presbyterian church. The mother died in Shelby county October 25, 1904.

John Way was educated in the district schools of his native county, but left school when he was eighteen to enter the Federal army in defense of the Union. He enlisted in 1862 in Company B, Sixteenth Pennsylvania Cavalry, under Corps Commander John B. Gregg and Col. K. E. Robinson, being enrolled in Pittsburg. He served throughout the war and was honorably discharged at Jarvis Hospital, in Baltimore, Maryland, in July, 1865. His military service was no child's play, but the most strenuous in its ex-

actions and experiences. He was in the Army of the Potomac, around which the war storm raged perpetually, and he was called on to take part in some of the most renowned and sanguinary battles of the mighty conflict, among them those at Chancellorsville, Petersburg, the Weldon railroad, Mine Run and Winchester, and he was present at Lee's surrender at Appomattox, where the banner of the Confederacy went down in everlasting defeat. At the battle of Winchester he was wounded and taken to an old tobacco barn, where he lay four days in agony and was then taken to City Point, and there the news of President Lincoln's assassination reached him.

After the war Mr. Way followed railroading on the section in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, until 1871, when he came to Shelby county, Missouri, with his parents. After a residence in this county of two years, he returned to Pennsylvania and again engaged in railroad work. Two years later he sold his interests in that state and came back to this county, arriving in 1875, and here he has been actively, extensively and profitably engaged in farming and raising live stock ever since. He now owns 140 acres of superior land and is prominently connected with the live stock industry, his specialty being feeding the best grades and strains of cattle and shipping his output to markets farther east. He has been very successful in all his undertakings and is regarded as one of the leading cattle dealers in this part of the state.

Mr. Way was married on August 13, 1867, to Miss Harriet Mull, of Fayette county, Pennsylvania. They have had

seven children, three of whom are living : William Upton, of Woodland, Missouri; Forest Cary, whose home is in Seattle, Washington; and Celia Way, the oldest of the three, who is the wife of Adolph Fitzpatrick. The mother of these children died September 11, 1894, and on October 25, 1896, the father married a second wife, being united in the second alliance with Miss Bettie Bennett, of Moberly, Missouri. They have two children, their daughters, Gladys and Della May, who are still living at home with their parents. In politics the father is an active, working Republican, but he never seeks an office of any kind for himself, either by election or appointment, preferring to serve the state from the honorable post of private citizenship. He is a member of the Missionary Baptist church, and his wife belongs to the same. He has been zealous and helpful in building up his township and county, and the people who live in them esteem him highly as one of their best and most useful citizens. Mr. Way was a member of the G. A. R. for some years, but the post has since gone out of existence, most of the members having died.

MARION M. MAUPIN.

Marion M. Maupin, of Lentner township, who is one of the most extensive and successful farmers and live stock dealers in Shelby county, is a native of Monroe county, Missouri, where he was born on June 13, 1858, and a scion of old Virginia families resident in the Old Dominion from colonial times. He has inherited the elevation of character and sterling manliness of his ancestors, and

is thoroughly imbued with the spirit of enterprise and progressiveness that fills the West with its energy and has made it so wealthy in production and potential in influence. He has therefore a combination of qualities which would insure business success in almost any field of effort and win him esteem and general consideration in any community.

Mr. Maupin is a grandson of Thomas G. Maupin, who was born, reared and passed his early manhood in Virginia, then moved to Missouri in the youth of this state but the full maturity of his own powers. His son, Thomas H. Maupin, the father of Marion M., was also a native of Virginia, born there in 1827. When he was but seven years of age the family moved to this state and located in Monroe county. There he grew to manhood and obtained his education in the district schools. There also he farmed and raised live stock to the end of his life, except during a period of four years which he passed in California at the height of the early excitement over the discovery of gold in that state. He was successful as a miner there and as a farmer and live stock man here, and when he died in 1905 was possessed of a considerable estate, all won by his own industry, thrift and excellent management.

In 1856 he was united in marriage with Miss Mary F. Maupin, of Marion county, Missouri, and by this marriage became the father of three children, of whom Marion M. is the only one now living. In political relations the father was a life-long Democrat, and from the dawn of his manhood to the end of his life was true and loyal to his party and