

he was married to Miss Louisa Hueter and they became the parents of four children, two of whom are living, Theodore and his sister Martha, the wife of John Rufner, of Shelby county.

Three years after the father's death, the mother, finding herself without much prospect of advancement in a worldly way, and having small children to rear, educate and prepare for the battle of life, determined to seek the greater freedom of choice and abundance of opportunity offered by this country to workers, and in 1872 brought her family to Missouri, locating in Shelby county, and here the members of the family who are living have ever since been domesticated, mingling freely in the activities of this locality and taking their part in its productive industries with advantage to themselves and benefit to the township and county of their residence, in whose prosperity and progress they have shown themselves to be deeply and earnestly interested.

Theodore Heinze's scholastic training was begun in his native land and completed in the district schools of Shelby county. He began his life work here on a farm, and he has been engaged in farming and raising live stock ever since. By thrift, industry and good management he has acquired the ownership of 175 acres of good land, and he has improved his farm with commodious and comfortable buildings, equipped it with all the necessary appliances for advanced agriculture and brought the land to a high state of cultivation. His stock industry is as extensive as his facilities allow and is as flourishing and profitable as first rate management can make it.

Mr. Heinze was married on December 7, 1892, to Miss Louisa Rathjen, of Shelby county. They have had five children, but only three of them are living—Martine, Dora and Alvina—all of whom are still at home with their parents and popular members of the family circle. In politics the father adheres to the principles of the Republican party and is zealous in the support of them. His religious connection and that of his wife is with the Lutheran church, and in the affairs of the congregation to which they belong they both take an earnest interest and an active part. They are esteemed wherever they are known as worthy and estimable citizens, enterprising in the management of their own affairs and energetic in helping to promote the enduring welfare of the community around them.

JOHN H. WERR.

The interesting subject of this brief memoir is well worthy of honorable mention in a work that purports to show in personal histories the qualities of industrial force, productive energy, sterling manhood and elevated citizenship which have given Shelby county its distinctive character and won its advanced state of progress and development. For, while the story of his life presents no spectacular features or high adventures for contemplation, it shows well what thrift and enterprise can accomplish through steady application to the ordinary affairs of life.

Mr. Werr is a native of Würtemberg, Germany, where he was born on April 4, 1870. He is a son of George and

Rosie (Weinman) Werr, also natives of Germany, but long residents of this county. The father was born in 1833 and married in Germany. He brought his family to the United States in 1886 and settled near Bethel, in Shelby county, Missouri, and here he was actively, energetically and profitably engaged in farming and raising stock until his death, which occurred in 1905. He and his wife were the parents of eight children, six of whom are living: George; Maggie, the wife of John Bower; John, whose home is in Black Creek township; Fred; Rosina, the wife of Christian Claussen; and Henry, all residents of Shelby county and good factors in its industrial, mercantile and social life. The father was a Lutheran in church connection and a Republican in political faith and allegiance. He was successful in his business in this country and rose to general esteem and popularity among the people, who recognized his worth, intelligence and excellent citizenship, and found him upright and reliable in every relation in life and warmly interested in the welfare of the community in which he lived and expended his strength in useful and productive labor.

John Werr grew to the age of sixteen in his native land and obtained his education there. He came to this country with his parents in 1886 and has ever since been a resident of this county. For some years after his arrival in this locality he worked on the home farm with his father. He then hired out as a hand on other farms in the neighborhood until 1899, when he bought a farm of eighty acres and began operations on his own account. He was frugal and thrifty

while he was working for others, and he has applied the same qualities to his efforts in his own behalf, in which he has also shown great industry and excellent judgment. He has been successful from the beginning of his enterprise and his progress in it has been steady and substantial. He now owns 160 acres of first rate land and has it all under advanced and productive cultivation. His stock industry is in just proportion to his farming operations, and is managed with the same care and skill that he bestows on them, and he is prosperous in both.

On February 12, 1899, Mr. Werr was united in marriage with Miss Sarah Neuschafer, a daughter of John and Catherine (Reinheimer) Neuschafer, esteemed residents of Shelby county. Two children have followed the union and they still sanctify and brighten the family altar. They are Evers and William, and both are attending school. The political faith of the father is firmly anchored to the Republican party and he is an energetic and effective worker in behalf of its principles and candidates. He and his wife are leading members of the Lutheran church in their neighborhood, and by all classes of the people living around them and wherever they are known elsewhere they are held in high esteem and cordial regard. They are model farmers and excellent citizens.

HENRY ARNOLD.

This leading farmer, esteemed citizen and public-spirited man of Black Creek township, this county, has shown in his successful and somewhat striking career in this country that, in spite of adversi-