

blessed their union, their daughter Julia E., who is now the wife of Linn L. Byars, of Valley, Nebraska.

Mr. Freeland is an enterprising and progressive man, as is shown by his own success in everything he has undertaken and by his valued contributions in counsel, in activity and in material aid to every movement for the development and improvement of the town and county in which he lives and the promotion of the enduring welfare of their people. He is always at the front in all good works—material, political, intellectual and moral—and is esteemed by the people who have had the benefit of his services as one of the most representative and useful men among them. No one stands higher in Lakenan and Shelby county, and the regard in which he is universally held is acknowledged to be based on demonstrated merit.

REV. JAMES JOLLY WILSON.

This venerable and venerated patriarch in the Christian ministry, who was a commanding herald of the gospel for fifty-six years, and but recently retired from active service in his chosen line of beneficence, has passed the eighty-first milestone of his long journey of usefulness through the wilderness of human error in which he has contended against all forms of evil, and is now resting serenely from his labors, secure in the affectionate regard of the people who have so long had the benefit of his ministrations and the confidence and esteem of the whole body of the citizenship of Shelby and adjoining counties and in many other parts of the country.

Rev. Mr. Wilson was born on March 22, 1829, in Highland county, Ohio, and is a son of Joseph H. and Maria (Jolly) Wilson, also natives of that county, where the father was born on May 6, 1807, and they were married in 1828. The father grew to manhood in that county, and when he was old enough engaged in farming. He also kept a store and operated a tan yard at Petersburg, Ohio, for twenty years, and at the end of that period moved to Oxford, Indiana. There he followed farming until his death, in 1875. He was successful according to the standards of his day, and in all places of his residence rose to consequence and influence among the people. He and his wife became the parents of five children, but only two of them are now living, the interesting subject of this memoir, and his brother, Sanford H., who is a resident of Santa Clara, California. The mother of these children died some years before her husband, and he afterward contracted a second marriage, uniting in 1856 with Mrs. Priscilla Briden, of Tippecanoe county, Indiana. He was an elder in the Presbyterian church and a man of great activity and effectiveness in his congregation.

His son, James Jolly Wilson, began his education in the district schools of his native county and later attended Salem Academy, in Ross county, Ohio, for one year. In 1849 he entered Hanover College, in Indiana, which he attended three years. He then entered the ministry and was licensed to preach in 1853 at the church in which he was baptized as an infant. He began his career as a preacher in Oxford, Indiana, occupying the pastorate of the Presbyterian

church in that city three years. In 1857 he came to Missouri, practically a Christian missionary, and located in Knox county. For a number of years he preached throughout a large extent of the surrounding country in school houses and country churches, both of which in those days were few in number and it was far between them.

The new comer proved a veritable god-send to the region in which he took up his residence and his useful calling. He served as president of the board of education in Knox county before the Civil war and under his inspiring influence school houses soon began to rise in many places like exhalations from the ground, and the cause of public education received a stimulus that was of the greatest benefit to the county and highly appreciated by its inhabitants of that day. His influence as a minister was equally manifest in the quickening of religious spirit among the people, and this also resulted in the erection of many new altars for worship.

In 1868 Rev. Mr. Wilson moved to Shelby county, five miles northwest of Bethel, and there he dwelt and gave himself to his duties with great and constant devotion until November, 1909, when he retired from all active work in the ministry and found a restful home in Shelbyville. For forty-five years he had preached in Pleasant Prairie Presbyterian church, besides delivering a great many sermons and addresses in other places, and officiating at numberless other functions belonging to the clergy outside of the pulpit. He was in great demand for funeral services and one of the most popular men in this portion of

the state for uniting young couples in marriage. His genial manner and benignant disposition won him his way to the hearts of the people easily and gave him a specially strong hold on the regard of the young, while his high character, purity of life and unwavering fidelity to duty established him in general confidence and esteem so firmly that nothing could loosen his hold or alienate the people from him, even slightly.

Rev. Mr. Wilson was married on September 25, 1851, to Miss Zenetta C. Core, a daughter of John and Mary (Ferneau) Core, residents at that time of Pike county, Ohio, where the marriage took place. Four children were born of the union, but Sandford Core Wilson, of Shelbyville, is the only one of them now living. The father is now a member of Kirksville Presbytery and was chosen moderator of the session in 1904. He was then advanced in years, having passed his three-quarter century mark, but he was hale and vigorous in body, and the session over which he presided found that his mind was as active and keen and its resources were as ready for immediate use as they had ever been. His wisdom and skill in presiding fully justified the confidence of the body expressed in his choice.

The life herein briefly chronicled has been one of arduous effort, stern endurance and uncomplaining self sacrifice. But it has been fruitful in benefits to those among whom it has been passed, and in view of the good results it has so materially helped to bring about, its retrospect cannot but be pleasant to all who know its record, even the good man who has lived it. And all who have knowl-

edge of him and his great work, must rejoice and do rejoice that the evening of his long day of toil and trial is so mild and benignant. Moreover, all wish him yet many years in which to enjoy it.

FARMERS' BANK OF EMDEN.

This very useful, highly appreciated and widely popular financial institution, which has an excellent reputation for soundness, progressiveness and the use of good judgment in its management, was founded on April 14, 1904, with a capital of \$10,000, and the following officers in control: President, D. S. Sharp; cashier, R. L. Davis; directors, D. S. Sharp, E. L. Turner, W. S. Wood, Thomas J. Crane, P. H. Couch, U. J. Davis and R. D. Goodwin. In 1906 Marsh Booker succeeded E. L. Turner. The directorate of the bank remained unchanged until January 1, 1908. At that time R. D. Goodwin was elected president and several months later Howard Couch was chosen cashier, and F. M. Dill vice-president. The board of directors at present (1910) is composed of R. D. Goodwin, F. M. Dill, W. S. Wood, Thomas J. Crane, P. H. Couch, U. J. Davis and R. A. Humphrey.

The business of the bank has been good and active from its founding and has steadily increased from year to year. The institution is known throughout this portion of the state, in nearby sections of adjoining states and in banking circles generally, as one of the soundest and best managed banks of its size and character. Its past record is altogether to its credit, both as to progress and to safety, and the gentlemen at the head of

it give the best guaranty of its strength and reliability in their personal character and standing, and the success with which they have managed other business enterprises with which they are connected in leading ways.

Richard D. Goodwin, the president and controlling spirit of the bank, is a native of Shelby county and was born near Emden on November 19, 1846. He is a son of Henry H. and Mary (Durrett) Goodwin, natives of Virginia. The father was born in Louisa county, Virginia, in 1817, and came to Missouri in 1835. He located in St. Louis county and during the next two years followed farming there. He then came to Shelby county and here he lived until his death, in August, 1910, and was very actively and successfully occupied in general farming and raising live stock until a few years ago, when he retired from active pursuits. In the early days of his residence in this state he was a great hunter, the season's regular average tribute to his unerring rifle being twenty-five to forty deer, besides other game in profusion. He divided his land among his children, but before doing this he owned 340 acres.

This venerable gentleman, who forms a bright and interesting link connecting the early history of this county with the present state of affairs in it, was married in 1843 to Miss Mary Durrett, a daughter of Dr. Richard Durrett, a native of Virginia, but a resident of Shelby county, Missouri, at the time of the marriage. She and her husband became the parents of eleven children, eight of whom are living: Judith, a resident of this county; Richard D. the president of the bank;