

Alexander Campbell was born in Woodford county, Kentucky, June 18, 1798, and was a son of Gilbert and Mary Campbell, his father being a native of old Virginia. Alexander Campbell was united in the bonds of matrimony, in Switzerland county, Indiana, with Sophia Cunningham, who was born in Vermont in 1811 and was a daughter of William and Caroline (Bacon) Cunningham, she dying in Switzerland county, Indiana. They were the parents of nine children, as follows: Caroline Spencer; Mary Buttery; Gilbert M.; William, who served in Company B, Fifty-second Regiment Indiana Volunteer Infantry, in the Civil war, and now lives in Kansas; Sarah E.; Lewis, who served in the Thirty-seventh Regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry, now lives in Illinois; Edward A., who served in the One Hundred and Forty-third Regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry; George R. and James Edward. Mr. Campbell was a carpenter by trade and followed it until his death, November 18, 1865. He was a Republican in politics. His wife died September 21, 1896, aged eighty-four years.

Gilbert M. Campbell was reared on the farm and received his education in the public schools. He was living in Indiana when the Civil war was in progress and on February 26, 1862, enlisted in Company B, Fifty-second Regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry, under Captain William Strickland and Colonel Reynolds. He fought at Shiloh, Corinth, Nashville, and was in the Third Brigade, Second Division, at Fort Pillow; was in the service from the time of enlistment until May 26, 1865, and was with General Sherman at Vicksburg, and under General A. J. Smith for a time; and was in Price's Raid, and at Blakely, Alabama, in Arkansas and Missouri. He enlisted for a

second term of service and was honorably discharged May 26, 1865.

After the close of the war he continued to reside in Indiana until 1866, and lived in Illinois from 1866 to 1872, when he came to Nodaway county, Missouri. He purchased wild and undeveloped land in Atchison township, which he has worked into excellent farming land, having a tract of eighty acres. He is a man of high character, honest and upright in all his dealings, and enjoys the respect of all with whom he is acquainted.

Gilbert M. Campbell was united in marriage, in Iroquois county, Illinois, December 25, 1867, with Mrs. Amy Campbell, the relict of David O. Campbell, a soldier of the Civil war who died six weeks after his marriage. He was a member of the Seventy-seventh Regiment, Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and died of fever at Peoria, Illinois. Mrs. Campbell is a daughter of Abraham and Eliza (Girard) Dimmars. Her father died in Ohio in the sixty-seventh year of his age, and his wife died March 14, 1891. They had three children: Amy, the wife of our subject; Elihu; and Mary Symes, deceased. Three children were born to Gilbert M. Campbell and his wife, who grew to maturity and are now living: Maud, the wife of Elmer Derrickson, of Taylor county, Iowa; Mary B., who lives at home; and Ina E., who also lives at home. Two children are deceased: Frank and Lily B. Politically the subject of this sketch is a Republican. He is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic.

HENRY TOEL.

The best stepping-stone to public favor is duty well done. This fact has been exemplified in the successful career of the man

whose name is the title of this notice. Devotion to duty, however hard and exacting, has been Mr. Toel's most distinguishing characteristic, and his fellow citizens have come to regard him with the highest approbation, and, as one of the most prominent of these has asserted, "there is no man in Nodaway county more deserving than Mr. Toel of a record in any work devoted to local biography."

Henry Toel, ex-sheriff and ex-recorder of Nodaway county, Missouri, was born in the Grand Dukedom of Oldenburg, Germany, February 19, 1828. His father, Rev. Henry Toel, was a Lutheran minister of whose five children Henry was the eldest. The men of the family depended on farm work for a livelihood, and when Henry Toel started life it was as a farmer. He married, in his native land, in 1852, and with his family and a few hundred dollars left Europe, in 1861, and came to the United States.

Mr. Toel stopped first in Whiteside county, Illinois, and there remained until 1867, when he removed to Marshall county, Iowa. The following year he went into Missouri and settled in Nodaway county. He farmed with varying success until 1875, when he removed to Maryville, and soon thereafter he was appointed deputy sheriff. He was nominated and elected sheriff by the Republicans in 1878, and was re-elected in 1880, and, the party still desiring to honor him, he was elected county recorder in November, 1882, and completed six years of continuous service as a public official in 1884.

In his official capacity Mr. Toel proved himself well adapted to all requirements and demands and did his duty promptly and fearlessly, fulfilling the edicts of the law, whether it was in the execution of con-

demned criminals, as in the case of the Talbott brothers, or in the performance of the more agreeable administration of the ordinary affairs of the office. He has not been permitted to pass entirely out of the domain of politics. For three years after the expiration of his term of service as county recorder he was engaged in the grocery trade in Maryville, and for the past ten years he has been doing a gradually increasing insurance business and, as opportunity offered, dealing in real estate.

Henry Toel married Margaret E. Eggs, and their children are: Sophie, the wife of Lewis Jones, of Oklahoma; Mary, the wife of Rev. J. L. Jones, of Maryville, Missouri; Mrs. Elizabeth Weaver; Mrs. John W. Heren; Henry Toel, a farmer; J. W. Toel, a traveling salesman; George C. Toel, of the firm of Toel & Son, of Maryville; Minnie, the wife of George Lorange, of Maryville, Missouri.

DAVID WOODARD.

The versatility of Americans is proverbial, and their adaptability to the changing conditions of peace and war is one of their most remarkable characteristics. In all parts of our country are men who, upon the call to arms, dropped the hoe or left their places at the desk or bench to take up the rifle, and who, when peace came again, at once put themselves in accord with the even tenor of civil life. Many such citizens live within the borders of Nodaway county, Missouri, and it is our purpose now to give some account of the life of one of these, David Woodard, of Lincoln township, whose postoffice address is Elmo.

David Woodard was born in North Carolina November 26, 1812, a son of Braxton