

THOMAS J. SHOCKER.

Thomas J. Shocker, a prominent citizen of Mansfield, Ohio, was born March 4, 1848, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, a son of Harry S. and Eliza Carr (Adams) Shocker, who removed from their old home in Philadelphia to Salem, Ohio, in 1860. During the year 1862 Thomas J. Shocker, after several unsuccessful attempts, finally got to the front in the army of the Union. Too young to be mustered into the service of the government, he went with Captain Edward Holloway, of Company B, Twelfth Ohio Cavalry, and was with the company until the close of the war, undergoing all the hardships of army life in camp, in the field, on the march, in battle and as a prisoner of

war. After completing his service in the army he returned to Salem, Ohio, whence the family removed, in 1865, to Alliance, Ohio.

Thomas J. Shocker in his youth learned civil engineering and was with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company on its Eastern division. Later he became a fireman for the same company and was soon promoted engineer on a locomotive, which position he held for many years; in 1887 he left this service and was given a position as the foreman of the engine house of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at Mansfield, which position he still retains.

November 1, 1870, he was married to Miss Mary Koons, at her home in Richland county, and to this marriage there have been born the following children: Harry Daniel, born August 28, 1871; Gracie, born March 1, 1874, and died when five months old; Emma, born July 14, 1875, grew up a beautiful girl, graduated at the high school when eighteen years of age, and died August 17, 1895; and Thomas J., Jr., born August 17, 1881.

Harry Daniel Shocker is an engineer, beginning work for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company when but seventeen years of age, and being placed in charge of a locomotive when twenty-two, since which time he has been continuously in the service of the company. He was married June 7, 1899, to Miss Maud Clifford, at her home in Mansfield. Thomas J. Shocker, Jr., has a good common-school education, and spent two years in attendance at the high school, and afterward took a commercial course at the Mansfield Business College, graduating at this latter institution in 1899. He is now collector for the Mansfield Savings Bank.

The father of Thomas J. Shocker died at Alliance, Ohio, and his mother at Crestline. They reared six children, viz.: Harry, Thomas J., John Samuel, William and Mary. Harry served his country four years during the Civil war, as the first sergeant of his company. He is now engaged in building locomotives in the Baldwin Locomotive Works in Philadelphia, having been thus employed ever since the close of the war. John Shocker is a passenger conductor on the Cleveland, Akron & Columbus Railway, having held his present position for the past twenty years. Mary married C. L. Jackson, who is a passenger engineer on the Pennsylvania Railroad, having his position for many years.

Thomas J. Shocker is a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and has held his membership for the past ten years. He is also a member of the Masonic fraternity, and has been since 1885, having passed all the chairs but two. Politically he is a Thomas Jefferson Democrat, and he and his family are all members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

The parents of Mrs. Shocker were Daniel and Jane (Reed) Koons, the

former born in 1808 and died in 1877, and the latter born in 1816 and died in 1894. They were the parents of fourteen children, of whom six still live, as follows: John, who is in the service of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, and married Miss Helen Shalters at Alliance, where they now reside; Jenetta, now the wife of Michael Young; Delilah, who married William Kerchiee, and is now residing with him in Youngstown; Lillie, now living at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and Abraham, who married Isabella Hoffman, with whom he is now living at Crestline, Ohio. Margaret, recently deceased, married James Hackett, of Shiloh, Richland county, who is now a retired farmer.