

Hubbard D. Helm

ELM, HUBBARD D., Farmer and Politician, was born February 21, 1822, in Newport, Kentucky. His parents were Francis T. and Sallie B. Helm; the former a native of Virginia, the latter of the District of Columbia. His father was a son of William Helm, a captain in the Revolutionary army; was a midshipman in the navy, during the early part of the war of 1812; was afterwards transferred to the army, with the rank of lieutenant; came to Kentucky in 1817, and located at Newport; was the first Mayor of that city; was, for fifteen years, Deputy Clerk of Campbell County; was, for a number of years, postmaster of Newport; and died in 1872. His mother, Sallie B. McKinney, was the daughter of Col. John McKinney, a native of New Jersey; an officer in the Revolutionary War, afterwards in the regular army, and was stationed at Newport, Kentucky, in 1816. Hubbard D. Helm was educated in Cincinnati, and in the schools of his native county; and, at manhood, turned his attention to farming, to which he has since largely given his energies. In 1856, he was first elected Sheriff of Campbell County; re-elected in 1858; again elected in 1864, and re-elected in 1866, 1868, and 1870; was Master Commissioner of the Chancery Court of Campbell County, from 1860 to 1862; and, in 1869, was admitted to the bar, but has never practiced law. In politics, Mr. Helm has always been a Democrat of the strictest school; and has been a power in his party, at times absolutely controlling the politics of his county. In 1860, he voted for Stephen A. Douglas; but, during the civil war, stood on the side of the South in principle and sympathy. Religiously, he is connected with the Catholic Church.