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Time has ripened the ability of Judge Charles Douglas Newell, a distinguished jurist, who for three terms has presided over the circuit court in the nineteenth judicial district of Kentucky. He is one of Maysville's loyal sons and represents the third generation of the family in this community. His grandfather, Hans Newell, was born April 18, 1803, in Belfast, Ireland, and when a young man responded to the call of adventure. He secured passage on a vessel bound for the United States and allied his interests with those of Maysville, where he married Miss Elizabeth Loughridge, also a native of Belfast. He followed the cooper's trade as a means of livelihood and passed away January 23, 1890, in Maysville. His family numbered three children: Sarah Jane, whose husband, W. W. Pike, was a printer and died in Cincinnati, in which city her demise also occurred; Henry L.; and W. W., now deceased, who was a well known grocer of Maysville.

Henry L. Newell was born September 27, 1837, and always resided in Maysville, becoming one of its prosperous merchants. Finding time for public affairs, he was long a member of the town council and served for five years as mayor, wisely administering the affairs of the municipality. He exercised a strong influence in the local councils of the democratic party and was an elder in the Presbyterian church, while fraternally he was connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Being a capable business man of strict honesty and a good citizen, he had a wide circle of steadfast friends. He responded to the final summons July 22, 1912, when seventy-four years of age. He had long survived his wife, who bore the maiden name of Ella Spalding and was also a lifelong resident of Maysville. She was born December 23, 1839, and passed away October 26, 1881. They had a family of nine children, three of whom died in infancy. The others were: Fannie Elizabeth and Charles Douglas, of Maysville; Ira E., who was prominently identified with local mercantile affairs and died in 1918 at the age of fifty-five years; Henry L., Jr., who was born in 1864 and passed away in 1889; Ella, who became the wife of W. R. Davis; and Nettie B., a teacher in the Institute for the Deaf at Indianapolis, Indiana.

Charles D. Newell was born March 2, 1861, and completed his high school course in 1876. He was graduated from the Maysville Literary Institute in 1881 and during the following year was employed as a bookkeeper. His evenings were devoted to study and in July, 1882, he was admitted to the bar. He at once opened an office in Maysville and practiced with gratifying success until 1886, when he was elected county attorney. His first term's record won him reelection, and in 1894 he resumed the private practice of law. In November, 1897, he was selected for higher honors, becoming county judge of Mason county, to which office he was recalled in 1901 and 1905. The prestige which he won in that connection led to his elevation to the circuit bench in November, 1909, and in 1915 he was reelected. In November, 1921, he began his third term of six years, and his long retention in this office is an eloquent testimonial to the quality of his service. He has jurisdiction over Mason, Bracken and Fleming counties and is noted for the accuracy and justice of his rulings, which are based upon a comprehensive knowledge of the law as related to the points in litigation. He was renominated by the democratic party

without opposition as their candidate for circuit judge at the November, 1927, election. The republicans offered no candidate in their primary for this office.

Judge Newell is a stalwart democrat and manifests a deep interest in matters affecting the welfare and progress of his community, district and state, lending the weight of his support to many worthy public projects. During the World war he was a leader in all patriotic activities in Mason county, and three of his sons were in the service of their country at that time. He is president of the Maysville Cemetery Company and wisely directs its affairs. He is identified with a number of fraternal organizations and has filled the office of noble grand in Ringgold Lodge, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; is a past chancellor commander of Limestone Lodge, Knights of Pythias; and also belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Knights of the Maccabees, and Wyandotte Tribe of the Improved Order of Red Men. He is a member of the Mason County and Kentucky State Bar Associations and maintains the dignity and honor of his profession, conforming his life to a high standard of conduct.

Judge Newell was married November 12, 1890, in Maysville to Miss Chloe Power, a daughter of John W. and Sarah B. Power, both of whom are deceased. The father followed the occupation of farming and was one of the extensive land-owners of Mason county. Mrs. Newell was educated chiefly in select private schools and, like her husband, is cultured and refined. To their union were born five children. Douglas P., the oldest, was made assistant cashier of the State National Bank of Maysville. He responded to the call to arms and was commissioned a first lieutenant in the officers training school at Fort Benjamin Harrison in Indiana. He was on duty in France from the spring of 1918 until September of that year, participating in the Meuse-Argonne offensive, and subsequently was sent to Coblenz, Germany, with the Army of Occupation. He rose to the rank of captain and resigned in 1919. Edwin K., the second son, is well known throughout Mason county as a road and bridge engineer. Prompted by a spirit of patriotism, he volunteered for service in December, 1917, and went to France as a member of the Thirty-third Corps of Engineers, with which he remained until the signing of the armistice. He was stationed in various sectors while at the front and proved a good soldier, bearing with patience and fortitude many hardships and privations. John Henry, the third son, also offered his aid to his country in its hour of need and in the spring of 1917 became a member of the United States Marine Corps. He was trained at Paris Island, South Carolina, and in October, 1917, was honorably discharged because of physical disability. The younger children are Charles Douglas, Jr., and Chloe Alma.

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