

## William E. Glover

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**G**LOVER, WILLIAM E., was born November 28, 1801, in Mason County, Kentucky. At the age of sixteen, he went to Louisville, and apprenticed himself to learn the blacksmith trade, at the same time devoting much of his attention to studying the general features of engine building, and other branches of mechanical industry. He subsequently filled the position of engineer, for several years, on a steamboat. In 1833, he left the river, and engaged in blacksmithing in Louisville. In 1836, in connection with L. McDougall and William Inman, he purchased the foundry of Shreve Brothers, and, from that time, began his connection with one of the most valuable interests in the country. In 1838, they built the engines for the steamers "Diana" and "Edward Shippen," and, from that date, Louisville began to take a prominent position in engine-making and steamboat-building. In 1840, he built the first gas-works in Louisville, and, for a great number of years, his house was one of the most successful and influential iron manufactories and machine works in the country. Before the outbreak of the civil war, he closed up his manufacturing interests and entered largely into the tobacco business, in which he was successful, as in his former enterprises. He was, for many years, a member of the City Council; filled the position of trustee in the University of Louisville; was an officer in various business co-operations; and also served in the Lower House of the Legislature. He was a man of sound judgment and great business skill; was one of the founders of the business prosperity of Louisville, and stood very high in the confidence of the people. He died October 1, 1873. Mr. Glover was twice married, and left five sons and two daughters.