HIMEL, Clifford, M. D

St. James Parish, Louisiana

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Himel, Clifford, M. D., practicing physician, St. James, La., was born in St. James parish, Dec. 24, 1875; son of Ovide and Eugenie (Bourdreaux) Himel, both natives of Lafourche parish, La.  The father was a sugar planter throughout his active career.  He is now deceased but is survived by his wife.  Mr. Himel's plantation was partly in Lafourche and partly in Assumption parish. He was twice married.  Seven children were born to the first union and 4 to the second, these being, in order of their birth, as follow:  Oscar, now a resident of Assumption parish; Nelson, planter, at Convent; Numa, practicing physician at Welcome; Hector, inspector for the St. James Levee Board; Ernst, planter, at Welcome; Mary, widow of Arthur Blanchard, engineer, of New Orleans; Josephine, at Welcome; Lynn, dentist, at Napoleonville; Henry, attorney, Convent; Clifford, the subject of this sketch; Edward, bookkeeper, at Abbeville.

In the course of his education Clifford Himel attended the University school, Knoxville, Tenn., and later Tulane university.  When his academic education had been completed he entered the medical department of the University of the South, Sewanee, Tenn., from which he graduated with the degree of M. D. in the class of 1900.  Shortly following the completion of his professional education he located at St. James and there began the practice of medicine, but after about 6 months moved his offices to Labadieville, where he remained in practice about 9 years.  In January, 1910, however, he returned to St. James and has since been engaged in practice there.  The doctor is physician to the St. James Lumber Co., and is a member of the St. James parish Medical and the Louisiana State Medical society.

Nov. 12, 1902, Dr. Himel was married to Miss Lucille Boirrier, a daughter of Octave and  Laura (Landry) Boirrier, of St. James parish.  The mother was born in Ascension parish and the father in St. James.  The latter follows the vocation of a sugar mill engineer.  Both of Mrs. Himel's parents are living at this time.  No children have been born to Dr. and Mrs. Himel.

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