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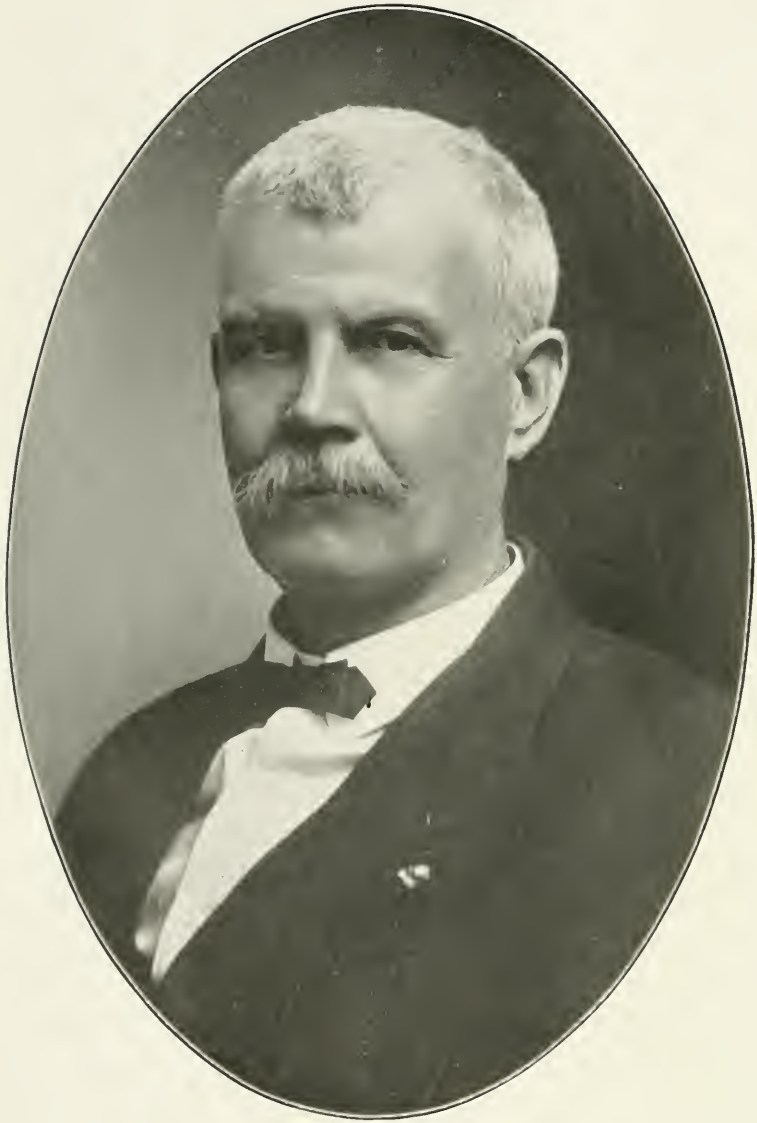
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FRANK B. WILSON.

Frank B. Wilson, the present postmaster of Greenfield, and also a member of the local bar, is widely and favorably known in Adair county. He was born in Brooklyn, New York, March 8, 1862, a son of James S. Wilson, who was born in Londonderry, Ireland, in 1823, and who after his emigration to the United States thoroughly identified his interests with those of his adopted country. In 1862 he went to the defense of the Union, enlisting in September of that year with the rank of first lieutenant in the One Hundred and Thirty-ninth Infantry Regiment of the New York State Volunteers. At the expiration of his term of enlistment he re-enlisted with the same rank and served until the close of the war. His son still has his discharge papers, which were dated June 19, 1865, and were signed at Richmond, Virginia. He was by occupation a blacksmith and was an excellent workman. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Elizabeth Harney, was born at Roxbury, in the vicinity of Boston. To their union were born seven children, namely, Elizabeth, Thomas, Emma, Margaret, Stella, Joseph and Frank B., who is the only one living.

Frank B. Wilson attended the public schools of New York city until 1876 and then, at the age of fourteen years, went to sea, remaining in the merchant service for three years. At the end of that time he located in Orange county, New York, and for four years was employed at farm work. In 1886 he came to Adair county, Iowa, and for eight years taught school in this and Guthrie counties. In the meantime he began his legal study, reading law with C. S. Fogg at Stuart and afterward with J. G. Culver of Greenfield. He was admitted to the bar in June, 1894, and opened an office for the practice of his profession in Greenfield, where he has since remained. He gave his entire time to his work as an attorney until January 30, 1915, when he was appointed postmaster of the city, in which capacity he is now serving.

Mr. Wilson was married on the 22d of May, 1900, at Alvin, Texas, to Miss Cebe M. Hulbert, who was born in Adair county and is a daughter of J. S. Hulbert. Her mother is deceased but her father survives and makes his home at Nampa, Idaho. To Mr. and Mrs. Wilson have been born five children: Selden H., Dorothy B. and Mary V., all in school; Harriet V.; and Frances B., deceased.

Mr. Wilson is a democrat and has always been loyal in his support of the candidates and measures of that party, believing firmly in the wisdom of its principles. His fraternal associations are with the Elks and the Knights of Pythias.

Although he has been the incumbent in the office of postmaster for only a few months he has already demonstrated his ability to discharge the duties devolving upon him with accuracy and dispatch and his uniform courtesy adds to his popularity as an official.

O. A. TUTTLE.

O. A. Tuttle is the owner of valuable property interests in Greenfield but is practically living retired, save for the supervision which he gives to his real estate. He has at different times been identified with agricultural and commercial interests and his success has been won through persistent, earnest effort. He was born in the state of New York, December 31, 1842, his parents being Orris and Annie (Smith) Tuttle, who were also natives of the Empire state. Both the father and mother were born, reared and educated in Oneida county and following their marriage they began their domestic life there, continuing to live in that locality until 1848. They then removed to Peoria county, Illinois, where they resided for four years and in 1852 they removed to Henry county, Illinois. They took up their abode upon a farm which Mr. Tuttle entered from the government and which was wild and unimproved land. Eventually they sold that property and came to Adair county, Iowa, where both Mr. and Mrs. Tuttle spent their remaining days. They had a family of twelve children but O. A. Tuttle is the only one now surviving.

The youthful experiences of O. A. Tuttle were such as usually fall to the lot of the farm lad. He attended the common schools and worked in the fields until he began farming on his own account in Illinois, being thus engaged until 1868, when at the age of twenty-five years he came to Iowa, settling in Adair county. Purchasing a farm in Orient township, he hauled lumber from Des Moines in order to build a house and he lived upon that place for four years. He then rented the farm and returned to Geneseo, Illinois, where he continued to reside for six years, after which he again came to this county and once more took up his abode upon his farm. There he resided until 1886, when he removed to Greenfield, where he established a grain and coal business, which he conducted with growing success for a number of years, securing a liberal and well merited patronage. He continued in business until he retired from active life. He is now enjoying well earned rest, having no business interests, save the management of his property. He has sold his farm but is still the owner of several houses in Greenfield, from which he derives a gratifying annual rental. He is also the treasurer of the Adair County Mutual Fire & Insurance Company, having occupied that position for a quarter of a century.

In 1867 Mr. Tuttle wedded Miss Mary Chamberlain, who was born in Logan county, Illinois, a daughter of Dr. Nathan A. and Sarah (Jamson) Chamberlain, the former a native of Vermont and the latter of Connecticut. At an early day they located in Illinois, settling in Logan county. Their family numbered two children, both of whom survive. The mother, however, passed away in Illinois, and the father's death occurred later in Missouri. To Mr. and Mrs. Tuttle have been born six children: Alonzo A., a banker, now residing in Idaho; Ralph R. and Ara C., both of whom are deceased; Effa M., the wife of Dr. Crawford, of Guthrie

Center; Amy L., the wife of H. W. Orr, of Waterloo, Iowa; and O. A., living in Greenfield. Mrs. Tuttle is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and her life has been the exemplification of her Christian faith. She is also a member of the Rebekah lodge and of the Woman's Relief Corps, in which she has served as junior vice-president and is at present special aid on the department president's staff.

Mr. Tuttle is a republican in his political views and has acceptably filled several local offices. He belongs to Greenfield Lodge, No. 375, I. O. O. F., in which he has filled all the chairs. He is now nearing the seventy-third milestone on life's journey. His life has been well spent, activity in business winning for him success, while substantial traits in other lines have gained for him the friendly regard of those with whom he has been brought in contact.

L. G. WOLFE.

L. G. Wolfe, who owns and operates a stock farm four miles east of Greenfield, in Lee township, was born in Jackson county, Iowa, a son of Jacob Wolfe, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work. Our subject remained at home until he had attained his majority and then began his independent career by working as a farm hand. A number of years later he took charge of the work of the homestead and subsequently purchased the place, which comprises one hundred and sixty acres on section 11, Lee township, this county. He grows the usual crops but gives particular attention to raising and feeding stock. He has made a number of improvements upon his place and his well directed industry yields him a competence.

In 1907 occurred the marriage of Mr. Wolfe and Miss Nettie Johnson, who was born in Warren county, this state, a daughter of John and Sarah Johnson. Her parents removed to Adair county many years ago and are now living in Grove township. Mr. and Mrs. Wolfe have a daughter, Elizabeth.

Mr. Wolfe is a republican but has never sought to hold public office although taking a citizen's interest in affairs of government. Both he and his wife belong to the Methodist Episcopal church, whose teachings form the guiding rules of their lives. He takes justifiable pride in the fact that he has been the architect and builder of his own fortune, as he began his independent career without capital or the aid of influential friends. He owes his success to his industry and sound judgment, qualities which do much to insure prosperity in any line of activity.

E. M. PIPER.

E. M. Piper, owning and operating an excellent farm of sixty-five acres in section 12, Summerset township, has lived in Adair county for almost a quarter of a century and enjoys an enviable reputation as one of the substantial and representative agriculturists of his community. His birth occurred in Ohio on the 21st of December, 1858, his parents being L. V. and Caroline (Martin) Piper, both of whom were natives of Vermont. Removing to Ohio, they resided in that state for

about five years and then returned to Vermont, where they spent the remainder of their lives. To them were born two children, namely: E. M., of this review; and Mary, who is the widow of D. A. Hites and makes her home in Des Moines, Iowa.

E. M. Piper attended the common schools in the acquirement of an education and spent the first twenty years of his life under the parental roof. He then made his way to Kansas but at the end of a year removed to Rock Island county, Illinois, where he resided for three years. On the expiration of that period he went to South Dakota, remaining in that state for eight years or until 1891, when he came to Adair county, Iowa, and here settled on a farm. Subsequently he bought one hundred and sixty acres of land in section 23, Summerset township, and later purchased a farm of sixty-five acres in section 12, Summerset township, on which he has made many substantial improvements and which he has operated continuously to the present time. In connection with the production of cereals he has always devoted considerable attention to the raising and feeding of stock and in both branches of his business has met with gratifying and well merited success.

In February, 1889, Mr. Piper was united in marriage to Miss Lee Adda McNay, a native of Washington county, Pennsylvania, and a daughter of W. B. and Mary (Lucas) McNay, who were likewise born in the Keystone state. In the year 1873 they removed to Peoria county, Illinois, and a decade later took up their abode on a farm in Adair county, Iowa. The mother here passed away, but the father survives and now makes his home with our subject. Mrs. Piper followed the profession of teaching for several terms prior to her marriage. She has become the mother of five children, as follows: one who died in infancy; Earl, who is deceased; Merle, twin of Earl, who is a student in Park College of Parkville, Missouri; A. Glenn, who has graduated from high school and is at home; and W. R., a high-school student.

In his political views Mr. Piper is a staunch republican. He rendered able service as a member of the school board for a number of years and is now acting in the capacity of township trustee, making a most creditable record in that connection. Fraternally he is identified with the Modern Woodmen of America and the Knights of Pythias, in both of which organizations he has filled all of the chairs. Both he and his wife belong to the Presbyterian church and take an active and helpful interest in its work, Mr. Piper having served as a trustee for fifteen years. They are well known here socially and have a large circle of warm friends who esteem them for their many excellent traits of character as well as for their hospitality and kindly spirit.

JOHN MICHAEL.

John Michael who is conducting a feed barn at Bridgewater, was born in the state of New York, October 22, 1859, a son of Jacob and Sarah (Day) Michael. The father, who was a native of Pennsylvania, was married in New York, in which state the birth of his wife occurred. They continued to reside there until called by death.

John Michael is one of a family of six children of whom four survive. He remained at home until 1885, when his marriage occurred, and continued to reside

in New York for four years thereafter, when he came to Adair county, Iowa, where he remained but a short time before removing to Horton, Kansas. A year later he returned to this county and purchased a farm in Washington township which he operated for fourteen years. At the end of that time he rented his place and removed to Colorado, where he took up a homestead, upon which he lived for two years, after which he sold his place and again became a resident of Adair county, locating in Bridgewater, where he owns and conducts a feed barn. He understands his business thoroughly, is energetic and reliable and has gained a large and lucrative patronage. He still owns his farm in this county, from which he derives a gratifying addition to his income.

Mr. Michael was married in 1885 to Miss May Skellenger, who was born in New York and is a daughter of John and Harriet (Batterson) Skellenger, both likewise natives of the Empire state. However, they removed to Iowa in an early day in the history of this state and resided here for four years, after which they returned to New York, where they lived for seven years. At the end of that time they came against to this county, driving through with teams and being eight weeks on the way. Both passed away here. They were the parents of four children, all of whom are still living. Mr. and Mrs. Michael have no children but have reared a nephew, C. E. Michael, whom they took when he was but eighteen months old. He is now living upon the farm belonging to our subject.

Mr. Michael is a republican and has consistently supported the candidates of that party at the polls. Both he and his wife hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal church of Bridgewater and no worthy cause appeals to them for support in vain. He is a successful business man and a valued citizen of his community.

JOHN KOSAR.

John Kosar owns and cultivates one hundred and twenty acres of land on section 29, Richland township, comprising one of the valuable farms of that township, and he enjoys an enviable reputation as a substantial and enterprising agriculturist of the county. His birth occurred in Adams county, Iowa, on the 28th of November, 1881, his parents being John and Barbara (Marik) Kosar, who emigrated to America in 1877 and took up their abode in Adams county, this state. The father first purchased eighty acres of land and subsequently bought another tract of the same size, devoting his attention to agricultural pursuits throughout his active business career. He passed away in Adams county on the 17th of July, 1912, but is survived by his widow, who lives on the home farm.

John Kosar of this review was reared to manhood under the parental roof and acquired his education in the district schools. In the spring of 1906, when in his twenty-fifth year, he started out as an agriculturist on his own account, operating a farm which he rented from his father and which he inherited after the latter's demise. The property embraces one hundred and twenty acres of land on section 29, Richland township, Adair county, and is a valuable and productive tract, the well tilled fields annually yielding bounteous harvests as a reward for the careful supervision and the energy of the owner. Mr. Kosar is a stockholder in the Nevin-

ville Telephone Company and is widely recognized as one of the enterprising and representative young citizens of his community.

In the fall of 1906 Mr. Kosar was united in marriage to Miss Josephine Kreisinger, who is a native of Bohemia and emigrated to this country as a young woman of twenty years. To them have been born three children, namely: Albina B., Nellie M. and William J. Mr. Kosar gives his political allegiance to the democracy, and he and his family are members of the Western Bohemian Brotherhood Association.

J. F. BAUDLER.

J. F. Baudler is president of the First National Bank of Fontanelle and in business circles occupies a most enviable position. He is honored and respected by all, not alone by reason of the success he has achieved but also owing to the straightforward business policy that he has ever followed. Moreover, his record proves that success is not a matter of genius or of luck, as held by some, but is rather the outcome of clear judgment, experience and enterprise.

Mr. Baudler is a native of Saxe-Coburg, Germany, where his birth occurred July 6, 1855. His parents were Ernest and Elizabeth (Kaiser) Baudler, both of whom spent their entire lives in Germany. The son was reared under the parental roof and was educated in the public schools of his native country. In accordance with the laws of the land he served for three years in the German army, from 1874 until 1877. His father was a farmer by occupation, and after leaving the army Mr. Baudler worked on his father's farm until 1883, when he came to the United States, bringing with him a capital of but twenty dollars. He first took up his abode in Bureau county, Illinois, where he was employed as a farm hand, thus gaining his start in the new world. In the spring of 1885 he was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Ritter, also a native of Germany, who came to the United States in 1884. Immediately following their marriage they removed to the west, making their way to Iowa. They settled in Jackson township, Adair county, where Mr. Baudler rented a half section of land owned by an Illinois man. The farm was badly run down at that time and was largely covered with a growth of briars, so that his neighbors predicted that he would starve to death before he could get the place into a cultivable condition. With determination and characteristic energy, however, he began his work, cleared the farm and in the course of time transformed the place into productive fields from which he annually gathered good harvests. He also extended his efforts to the live-stock business, beginning, however, with but five cows and five hogs. A few years later he bought with his first earload of cattle an eighty-acre farm, and from that time he has continued to prosper, increasing his farming interests and his live-stock business from time to time until he is now one of the substantial residents of Adair county. He still owns two hundred and forty acres of valuable land and has sold off two hundred acres since his removal to Fontanelle.

In 1904 he took up his abode in the town, where the succeeding years have been passed, and he is today one of the foremost business men of the city. Some time after removing to Fontanelle he purchased some stock in the First National Bank



J. F. BAUDLER

and in 1912 he bought the stock of William Johnson in the bank and was elected president of the institution. He still owns the controlling interest and remains at the head of the bank, carefully directing its policy and winning for it a substantial measure of success. He has made a close study of the banking business and his laudable ambition and energy have been elements in the growth of the institution.

To Mr. and Mrs. Baudler have been born four children, as follows: Katherine, the wife of Ernest Miller, who operates her father's farm; Lydia, who gave her hand in marriage to Diedrich Stamberger, of La Salle county, Illinois; Louise, who is the wife of Fred Welsch, of La Salle county, Illinois; and Pauline, at home.

Mr. Baudler and his family are all members of the German Lutheran church and are interested in those elements which are forces in the moral development of the community. In 1906 he returned to his native land for a visit, spending about six months in that country. His political indorsement is given to the republican party and he keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day. Though of German birth, he is strictly American in spirit and interests. The man who comes to the new world to establish his home should no longer remain a "German-American" or retain any other term which indicates in a way a half-hearted allegiance to his adopted land. Mr. Baudler, since becoming allied with the new world, is thoroughly American and his attitude toward all question relative to the welfare of his community is that of a public-spirited citizen. He has given generously to further plans for the public good and his business life has been such as has added to the material prosperity of the district in which he lives. His example indicates what may be accomplished when energy points out the way and his record proves that success and an honored name may be gained simultaneously.

LUCIAN MOODY KILBURN.

Lucian Moody Kilburn, of Greenfield, has devoted much of his life to agricultural pursuits, but has also engaged in the loan and insurance business and since 1888 has been president of the Adair County Mutual Insurance Association. He was born in Boseawen, New Hampshire, January 20, 1842. The Kilburn family is of English origin, the American ancestor being Thomas Kilburn, who was born in Cambridgeshire, England, in 1578, and came to America in 1639 accompanied by his three sons and two daughters, all of whom had then reached maturity. He settled in Weathersfield, Connecticut, but one of his sons, George Kilburn, went to Rowley, Massachusetts, and was there registered in 1640 as a freeman, or landowner. He was the founder of the branch of the family of which Lucian M. Kilburn is a descendant in the seventh generation. His grandfather, Eliphalet Kilburn, was a Massachusetts minuteman at the time of the outbreak of the war between the Colonies and the mother country. He participated in the battle of Bunker Hill and was also present at the capture of Burgoyne at Saratoga, New York. His son, Eliphalet Kilburn, Jr., was born in Boseawen, New Hampshire, in 1804, and in 1832 married Mehitable Foster, who was born in Canterbury, New Hampshire, in 1803. She was the daughter of Asa Foster, who also served as a soldier of the Revolutionary war but would never accept a pension or a land warrant for his services, believing it to be an improper thing to do so. He died at his home in the

old Granite state at the notable age of ninety-five years. Both Mr. and Mrs. Eliphalet Kilburn, Jr., have passed away, the former in 1863 and the latter in 1899 at the age of ninety-six years.

Lucian M. Kilburn pursued his education in the New London (N. H.) Literary Institute and the Elmwood Academy at Boseawen, New Hampshire. He left the latter institution in the fall of 1862 in order to respond to President Lincoln's call for three hundred thousand men for nine months' service, enlisting in the month of October as a private in Company E, Sixteenth New Hampshire Volunteer Infantry. He was at once elected by his company to the position of corporal and so served until honorably discharged at the close of his term. He participated in the engagement at Fort Burton, at the mouth of the Red river, in Louisiana, and after the capitulation of the fort was stationed therein with his regiment, remaining there for about two months. Later the Sixteenth New Hampshire participated in the Port Hudson campaign, and after its close Mr. Kilburn's term expired. Immediately afterward he returned home and for six months was ill with malarial fever. The regiment had been assigned to duty in the swamps of Louisiana, and the hardships undergone there destroyed the lives of half of the men and disabled three-fourths of the remainder. Privations, fever and malaria were rampant and the war took the full toll in health from the members of that regiment.

In November, 1868, Mr. Kilburn left New Hampshire and made his way direct to Fontanelle, Adair county, Iowa, although he had in the meantime spent a year and a half in the state of Massachusetts. He was accompanied by his brother Charles and his mother. His brother, Galen F., had already become a resident of Fontanelle, having made the journey from the east by stage in 1857, while Lucian M. Kilburn traveled by rail, the Rock Island having been built to Casey and the Burlington to Afton, Iowa. On reaching this state Mr. Kilburn turned his attention to farming, which has been his chief occupation throughout his life. He also taught school for two terms at Fontanelle. Mr. Kilburn has dealt in loans and insurance and has been connected with various other business enterprises as a side line at different times. Since 1888 he has been president of the Adair County Mutual Insurance Association, and he is also a director of the First National Bank of Fontanelle. He continued his residence in that place until the latter part of 1913, when he removed to Greenfield, where he now makes his home.

On the 19th of October, 1870, in Adair county, Iowa, Mr. Kilburn was married to Miss Elizabeth H. Pect, a daughter of Josiah W. Pect, and to them have been born four children, two sons and two daughters, but Charles W. died in 1897, at the age of twenty-five years, and a daughter died in infancy. Charles W. was a graduate of Highland Park College, Des Moines, with the class of 1894 and at the time of his death was assistant principal in the college at Memphis, Missouri. The surviving son, George G., born in 1874, was also graduated from the Highland Park College of Des Moines in 1894. The daughter, Mary L., is the wife of Rev. Raymond M. Shipman, a Methodist minister now occupying a pastorate at Mount Ayr, Iowa.

Although Mr. Kilburn has passed the seventy-third milestone on life's journey, he is hale and hearty, as alert mentally and physically as many a man several years his junior. His political allegiance has always been given to the republican party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. For twenty years he served as treasurer of Summerset School township. In 1893 he was elected to the Iowa

state senate from the Sixteenth district, comprising the counties of Adair and Madison, to fill a vacancy caused by the election of A. L. Hager to Congress, and in 1895 was reelected for a term of four years, serving in the twenty-fifth and twenty-sixth regular, the twenty-sixth special and the twenty-seventh sessions of the Iowa general assembly. His long residence in Adair county enables him to speak with authority concerning the events which have left their impress upon its history and, indeed, he has taken an active part in shaping that history.

HENRY SCHUTT.

Henry Schutt, who operates an excellent farm in Orient township, is a native of Germany, born March 16, 1869, and is a son of Fred Schutt. Both his parents were also born in the fatherland and there the mother passed away. The father, however, emigrated to America in 1883, taking up his abode in Cedar county, Iowa, where he resided for ten years. At the end of that time he removed to Crawford county, where he is still living.

Henry Schutt remained with his father until he became of age and then began farming on his own account in Crawford county. Subsequently he removed to this county and is now carrying on general agricultural pursuits in Orient township. He is at once practical and progressive in his methods, and his labor is rewarded by gratifying financial returns.

Mr. Schutt was married in 1896 to Miss Mary Schuldt, who was born in Germany, a daughter of Carl and Mary (Jacobs) Schuldt, both likewise natives of the fatherland. In 1884 the family removed to America and located in South Dakota. Subsequently they took up their residence in Shelby county, Iowa, but both parents passed away in Crawford county, Iowa. Mrs. Schutt is one of a family of seven children and by her marriage has become the mother of five, namely: Ida, Carl, Elsie, Clara and Anna.

Mr. Schutt votes the republican ticket and is now serving acceptably as school director. Both he and his wife are devout members of the Lutheran church, to the support of which they contribute. His life has been characterized by unswerving integrity, and all who know him respect him highly.

ADAM BURG.

Adam Burg, formerly of Jackson township, was for many years engaged in wagon making and gained an enviable reputation as an expert workman. His demise, which occurred in 1900, was deeply regretted by his many friends. He was born in Germany, April 9, 1850, but when an infant of six months was brought by his parents to America, the family home being established in La Salle county, Illinois. The father followed agricultural pursuits until his demise, which occurred in that county. The mother passed away in Adair county, Iowa, in 1906. They were the parents of eleven children, seven of whom are still living.

Adam Burg was reared in La Salle county, Illinois, and acquired his education in the district schools. He remained at home until he attained his majority and then learned the wagon making trade, which he continued to follow throughout his life. He was a rapid and accurate workman and as he was always honest and straightforward in his business dealings he was well patronized and highly esteemed in his community. At the time of his death he was residing in Jackson township and in his demise the community lost a valued citizen.

In 1876 Mr. Burg married Miss Louisa Bloom, a native of Germany and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Bloom. Her mother died when she was but an infant and not long afterward her father also passed away. She was given a home by strangers and remained in Germany until she was eighteen years of age. She then emigrated to America and located in Adair county, Iowa, where her marriage occurred. Following the demise of her husband in 1900 she purchased two hundred acres of fine land on section 15, Jackson township, this county. She is renting the farm to her son but still resides upon the place. She is a woman of excellent business ability and manages her affairs well. She is the mother of eleven children, namely: Conrad; William; John; Anna, the wife of Anthony Bellinghausen, a resident of Oklahoma; Minnie, who married E. J. Hall, of this county; Joseph; Mary, the wife of William Diers; Frank, deceased; Lena, who married Clarence Kriens; Leroy; and Martha L., at home.

Mr. Burg gave his political allegiance to the democratic party but never desired to hold public office as his business demanded his entire time. His integrity was never assailed and his many admirable traits of character bound his friends to him by strong ties of affection and respect and they still cherish his memory. Mrs. Burg is a devout member of the Roman Catholic church, whose teachings constitute the guiding rules of her life.

JOHN EHRENFRIED.

John Ehrenfried, the period of whose residence in Adair county covers forty-three years, was long and actively identified with agricultural interests here but is now living retired at Fontanelle in the enjoyment of well earned ease. His birth occurred in Germany on the 16th of September, 1844, his parents being Henry and Fredericka Ehrenfried, who spent their entire lives in that country. They had five children, three of whom survive.

John Ehrenfried acquired his education in the schools of his native land and remained at home until he had attained his majority. In 1868, when a young man of twenty-four years, he set sail for the United States and after reaching American shores made his way to Lee county, Illinois, where he worked on a farm for four years. In 1872 he came to Adair county, Iowa, and here continued working as a farm hand for four years more, on the expiration of which period he purchased eighty acres of land on section 9, Summerset township. He erected good buildings on the property and engaged in its operation, annually gathering good crops which found a ready sale on the market. In 1894 he sold the eighty acres and bought one hundred and sixty acres of unimproved land in the same township, which he also converted into a modern farm. He has developed two farms in Adair county and

thus contributed to its agricultural progress. Eventually accumulating a comfortable competence, he put aside the active work of the fields and purchased a handsome residence in Fontanelle, where he is now spending the evening of life in honorable retirement. He may truly be called a self-made man, for the prosperity which he now enjoys has come as the direct result of his own efforts and unflinching perseverance.

In 1874 Mr. Ehrenfried was united in marriage to Miss Amelia Flaeshman, a native of Germany and a daughter of George and Margaretta (Bomgardner) Flaeshman, who spent their entire lives in the fatherland. They had seven children, four of whom are yet living. To Mr. and Mrs. Ehrenfried have been born four children, as follows: Lena A., who is deceased; John A., on the farm; Emma, who is the wife of Fred Newman, a landowner of Jackson township; and Elsie, who gave her hand in marriage to William Schroeder, of Fontanelle.

Mr. Ehrenfried gives his political allegiance to the republican party and has ably served in the capacity of road supervisor. Both he and his wife are devoted and consistent members of the Lutheran church. He has never had occasion to regret his determination to seek a home in the new world, for here he found the opportunities which he sought and with the assistance of his estimable wife he has won well deserved and gratifying prosperity.

L. E. FOSTER, M. D. C.

Dr. L. E. Foster, who is one of the younger veterinary surgeons of this section of the state, is also one of the ablest and most successful. He was born in Madison county on the 2d of May, 1888, a son of Ashford L. and Jennie (Orr) Foster, natives respectively of Madison county, Iowa, and of Ohio. The paternal grandfather, John Foster, removed from Ohio to Madison county, Iowa, in the early days of its settlement and was a well known pioneer. The mother of our subject removed to Madison county in young womanhood with her parents. Ashford L. Foster followed agricultural pursuits during his active life but for the past fifteen years has lived retired in Winterset.

Dr. L. E. Foster was reared under the parental roof and attended the public schools in the acquirement of his elementary and secondary education, being graduated from the Winterset high school with the class of 1907. In the fall of that year he took up the study of veterinary surgery, entering the Chicago Veterinary College, from which he was graduated in 1910. For the next two years he was house surgeon of the college and assistant to the president and during that time he gained much experience that has been of great value to him since he began the independent practice of his profession. On the 1st of May, 1912, he located in Greenfield and in the intervening three years has built up an extensive practice. He is known as an able veterinarian not only throughout this county but throughout adjoining counties, and the large measure of success which he has gained is unusual for one of his years.

Dr. Foster is at present serving as deputy sheriff of Adair county, having been appointed to that office on the 1st of January, 1915. He belongs to Crusade Lodge, No. 386, A. F. & A. M., and is also a member of Creston Lodge, No. 605, B. P. O. E..

of Creston. He holds the complete confidence and respect of his colleagues in his profession as well as of the general public and personally he is very popular. Although his time is largely taken up with his work as a veterinary surgeon he finds opportunity to take an active part in movements seeking the advancement of his community and his public spirit is one of his marked characteristics.

JACOB GLADE.

A fine farm of three hundred and one acres in Jackson township is the visible evidence of the prosperity of Jacob Glade, a well known stockman. A native of Germany, he was born February 21, 1863, and is a son of Michael and Christina Glade, an account of whose lives appears elsewhere in this work. Our subject remained with his parents until he became of age and then began his independent business career, renting land which he cultivated for three years. At the end of that time he purchased a farm in Prussia township, this county, and devoted three years to its operation and improvement. At the end of that time he sold the place and subsequently bought three hundred and one acres on sections 27 and 34, Jackson township, where he still resides. He has made a number of improvements upon the place since it came into his possession and keeps everything in excellent condition. He makes a specialty of raising Poland China hogs and is one of the most successful stock-raisers in his township.

In 1889 Mr. Glade married Miss Carolina Hofmann, who was born in Adair county, Iowa, of the marriage of Peter and Margaret (Bitner) Hofmann. Her parents were both born in Germany, but in 1850 came to America, locating first in La Salle county, Illinois. After residing there for nineteen years they came to this county and located upon a farm. Eventually, however, they removed to Minnesota, where they are still living. Twelve of their fifteen children survive. Mr. and Mrs. Glade have five children, Charles P., Emil W., Minnie M., Ida S., and Lucy R.

The democratic party finds in Mr. Glade a stalwart supporter, as he believes firmly in the wisdom of its policies. He has served as road supervisor and school director and takes much interest in everything relating to the public welfare. Fraternally he belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America at Bridgewater. He is well known both within and without that order, and all who have been brought in contact with him recognize his ability and integrity.

ELLIS W. WOLFE.

Ellis W. Wolfe is the owner of an excellent farm of three hundred and twenty acres situated on sections 3 and 4, Lee township, and in the further development and improvement of the place he spends a busy life, his labors being attended with gratifying results. Iowa numbers him among her native sons, for his birth occurred in Jackson county, March 14, 1871, his parents being Jacob and Elizabeth (Ellis) Wolfe. The father was a native of Pennsylvania and the mother of Indiana and at

an early period in the development of Iowa they came to this state, remaining in Jackson county until they took up their abode upon a farm within the borders of Adair county. Their remaining days were here passed and they became the parents of five children, of whom four are yet living.

Ellis W. Wolfe continued at home until he reached his majority and then began farming on his own account by renting land. For fifteen years he continued to cultivate farms which he leased but during that period he carefully saved his earnings and as soon as possible made investment in property, becoming the owner of eighty acres in Grove township. There he lived for five years, at the end of which time he sold the property and bought a farm in Guthrie county, Iowa, which he owned for a short time. He then traded for a farm in Lee township, Adair county, but afterward disposed of that place and bought one hundred and sixty acres on section 3, Lee township. He afterward bought one hundred and sixty acres more on section 4, Lee township, and he now owns three hundred and twenty acres, all of which is improved. All the modern equipment of a farm is to be seen upon this place, which is divided into fields of convenient size by well kept fences, while commodious and substantial barns and outbuildings furnish ample shelter for grain, stock and farm machinery. He uses the latest improved machinery to facilitate the work of the fields and in all regards his place is a model farm. He devotes considerable attention to raising and feeding stock and that branch of his business is returning to him a substantial income.

In 1912 Mr. Wolfe was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Piers, a native of Michigan and a daughter of Thomas L. and Sarah Piers, both of whom are deceased. Our subject and his wife have one son, Leroy W. Mr. Wolfe votes with the republican party but has never been an office seeker, being content with exercising his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of his party. He belongs to the Odd Fellows Lodge No. 375 and his wife is a member of the Christian church. Mr. Wolfe deserves much credit for what he has accomplished, for he started out in life empty-handed and may truly be called a self-made man. He has worked persistently and energetically, overcoming all the difficulties and obstacles in his path, and today he is one of the substantial agriculturists of Lee township.

NIS CHRISTENSEN.

Nis Christensen owns and operates an excellent farm embracing two hundred and forty acres on sections 14 and 15, Grand River township. His birth occurred in Germany on the 22d of May, 1867, his parents being Nis A. and Kathrina (Evensen) Christensen, both of whom were natives of Denmark. The father still resides in Germany, but the mother has passed away. To them were born six children, four of whom survive.

Nis Christensen acquired a common-school education in his youth and when seventeen years of age set sail for the United States, desiring to test the truth of the many favorable reports which had reached him concerning the opportunities and advantages of this country. After landing on American shores he made his way to Council Bluffs, Pottawatamie county, Iowa, and began working as a farm hand, being thus employed for three years. Subsequently he cultivated a rented

farm in Audubon county, this state, for several years and then purchased eighty acres of land in Cass county, operating the place for four years. On the expiration of that period he disposed of the property and purchased his present home farm of two hundred and forty acres on sections 14 and 15, Grand River township, Adair county, where he has carried on agricultural pursuits continuously to date. He has made a number of substantial improvements on the place and in connection with the production of cereals makes a specialty of raising and feeding hogs, both branches of his business proving profitable. In its neat and thrifty appearance the farm indicates the supervision of a practical and progressive owner, and the well tilled fields annually yield golden harvests.

Mr. Christensen has been married twice. In 1890 he wedded Miss Louise Frost, by whom he had ten children, namely: George A.; Theodore; Clarence E.; Dora, who is deceased; Hans H.; Harry W.; William; Walter; Julius; and one who died in infancy. The wife and mother passed away in 1907 and two years later Mr. Christensen was again married, his second union being with Mrs. Christina Sorensen, who is a native of Denmark and emigrated to the United States in 1908. By her first husband she had two daughters, Christa and Esther.

Politically Mr. Christensen is a staunch republican and he has ably served as school director for two years. Fraternally he is identified with the Modern Woodmen of America, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Lutheran church, to which his wife also belongs. The hope that led him to leave the old world and seek a home in the new has been more than realized, for here he found the opportunities which he sought and by dint of untiring industry and energy has won a place among the prosperous and representative citizens of his community.

G. H. SAWYERS.

G. H. Sawyers is busily engaged in the operation of a well improved farm of two hundred and eighty acres which he owns on sections 2 and 11, Grand River township. His birth occurred in Ohio on the 8th of December, 1860, his parents being George and Margaret (Gillespie) Sawyers, who spent their entire lives in that state. To them were born twelve children, six of whom survive.

G. H. Sawyers acquired a common-school education in his youth and remained under the parental roof until after his father's demise. In 1880, when a young man of twenty, he came to Adair county, Iowa, and was here employed as a farm hand for fifteen years, on the expiration of which period he rented a tract of land, continuing its cultivation for two years. Subsequently he purchased a farm in Madison county which he operated for two years, when he disposed of the property and bought his present place of two hundred and eighty acres on sections 2 and 11, Grand River township, this county. He has erected modern and substantial buildings thereon and in his undertakings as an agriculturist has won a gratifying and well merited measure of success, being actively engaged in general farming and also raising, buying, feeding and shipping stock of all kinds. His prosperity has come as the direct reward of his indefatigable industry, though he attributes much to the



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assistance of his estimable wife, and his career is that of a self-made man whose record should serve as a source of inspiration and encouragement to others.

In 1888 Mr. Sawyers was united in marriage to Miss Josephine Bunce, a native of Madison county, Iowa, and a daughter of Hiland and Mary L. (Stockton) Bunce, both of whom were born in Missouri. They came to Adair county in the early '60s and here spent the remainder of their lives. Their family numbered six children, five of whom are still living. To Mr. and Mrs. Sawyers were born three children, namely: William, who is deceased; Ruby Irene; and Helen M. The wife and mother died on the 31st of July, 1914, and her remains were interred in the Roberts cemetery.

Mr. Sawyers gives his political allegiance to the democratic party and has acceptably served as school director and trustee. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, to which his wife also belonged. The period of his residence in this part of the state now covers thirty-five years and he has long been numbered among the representative agriculturists and enterprising citizens of the community.

E. N. PERKINS.

E. N. Perkins has devoted his attention to general agricultural pursuits in Adair county for the past third of a century and is the owner of a well improved farm embracing two hundred and forty acres of land on section 21, Richland township. His birth occurred in Washington county, Iowa, on the 6th of January, 1856, his parents being Joseph and Mary E. (Griffith) Perkins, the former a native of Kentucky and the latter of Ohio. Their marriage was celebrated in Iowa, Mary E. Griffith having come to this state in 1840 and Joseph Perkins a little later. The latter passed away here, but his six children all survive.

E. N. Perkins enjoyed the advantages of a high-school education in his youth and remained under the parental roof until he had attained his majority. He then followed farming on his own account for two years and on the expiration of that period made his way to Kansas, where he spent three years. At the end of that time he came to Adair county, Iowa, and bought an eighty acre tract of raw prairie land in Richland township, which he improved and to which he added by later purchase until his farm now embraces two hundred and forty acres on section 21. He has won a gratifying measure of success in its operation and makes a specialty of stock-raising, that branch of his business proving very profitable.

In 1889 Mr. Perkins was united in marriage to Miss Alice O. Epperson, a native of Illinois and a daughter of Henry and Carrie (Carnes) Epperson, who were also born in that state. The father is deceased but the mother is yet living. Mr. and Mrs. Perkins have become the parents of five children, as follows: Fairy, who is the wife of Albert Rectenbaugh; Dora, who gave her hand in marriage to Walter Herrick; Maud, the wife of Carl Dory; and Carl and Cressie, both at home.

Mr. Perkins gives his political allegiance to the democracy and has served as trustee for four years, making a most creditable record in that connection. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, to which his wife also belongs. He has ever shown great interest in all that pertains

to the general welfare, and has been known as a public-spirited man who has always found time to cooperate in movements for the public good. In all the relations of life he has been honorable and straightforward, and his example is well worthy of emulation.

B. T. STRONG.

B. T. Strong, a well known resident of Orient township, is engaged in raising hogs, sheep and Shire horses and also conducts a dairy. He was born in that township, January 13, 1871, a son of W. H. and Amy M. (Tuttle) Strong. The father, who was born in Pennsylvania, removed to Illinois at an early day in the history of that state and was there married. In the '60s he came to Adair county, Iowa, and located in Orient township, where both he and his wife passed their remaining days. More detailed mention of the family is found elsewhere in this work.

B. T. Strong remained under the parental roof until he became of age and then, in partnership with his brother, A. O. Strong, bought one hundred and seventy-five acres of fine land in Orient township. They pay a great deal of attention to the raising of hogs and sheep for the market and also breed high grade Shire horses. They likewise have a number of fine Jersey cows and conduct a dairy. Their various lines of business are well managed and their labor returns them a gratifying annual income.

In October, 1898, occurred the marriage of B. T. Strong and Miss May Ross, a native of Missouri. Her father, Mack Ross, is still living, but her mother, who bore the maiden name of Mattie Tipton, is deceased.

Mr. Strong is a republican and is at the present time serving for his third term as assessor of Orient township, his reelection proving the acceptable manner in which he discharges his official duties. He and his wife attend the Congregational church, and fraternally he is connected with Lodge No. 539, A. F. & A. M., at Orient. In his life he practices the principle of brotherhood, which is the foundation of the craft, and his friends are many.

FRED GLADE.

Fred Glade, who has lived in Adair county for almost four decades and is widely recognized as one of its prosperous agriculturists and esteemed citizens, is the owner of two hundred and twenty-five acres of land on section 33, Summerset township, a tract of eighty acres on section 9, Richland township, and twenty-five acres on section 4 of the latter township. His birth occurred in Germany on the 21st of March, 1862, his parents being Michael and Christina (Meisenheimer) Glade, who were also natives of that country. They emigrated to the United States in 1865, taking up their abode in Henry county, Illinois, but after residing there for two years moved to Bureau county, that state, where the father passed away. In 1876 his widow brought her children to Adair county, Iowa, here settling on a farm which

has remained her home continuously to the present time. She is well known and highly esteemed throughout the community, having won an extensive and favorable acquaintance during the long period of her residence here. She is now seventy-seven years of age. To Mr. and Mrs. Michael Glade were born eight children, seven of whom survive.

Fred Glade was but three years of age when he accompanied his parents on their emigration to the new world and a youth of fourteen when he came to this county with his widowed mother. He attended the common schools in the acquirement of an education and remained at home until twenty-five years of age. Subsequently he cultivated rented land for three years and on the expiration of that period bought his present farm, embracing two hundred and twenty-five acres of land on section 33, Summerset township, and a tract of eighty acres on section 9, Richland township. He also owns twenty-five acres on section 4, Richland township. He has made many excellent improvements on his place, and the well tilled fields annually yield golden harvests in return for the care and labor which he bestows upon them. He also makes a specialty of raising and feeding stock, both branches of his business bringing him a gratifying annual income.

In 1887 Mr. Glade was united in marriage to Miss Amelia Kalkkofen, a native of Bureau county, Illinois, and a daughter of Christopher and Fredericka Kalkkofen, both of whom are deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Glade have been born six children, namely: George, who has passed away; Bertha L., who is the wife of Reuben Faber, of Illinois; Elizabeth, who is engaged in teaching school; and Louis, Anna and William F., all at home.

At the polls Mr. Glade supports the men and measures of the democracy and he has done able service for his fellow townsmen in the positions of school director and road supervisor. Fraternally he is identified with the Masons, belonging to Lodge No. 138, A. F. & A. M., at Fontanelle, while his religious faith is that of the Lutheran church. In all his intercourse with his fellowmen, Mr. Glade has so demeaned himself as to gain their highest esteem and confidence.

H. H. GERKEN.

H. H. Gerken, one of the county supervisors of Adair county, makes his home in Greenfield, from which point he supervises important business interests, largely represented in six hundred acres of valuable farm land in this county. He is a native son of Adair county, born March 15, 1859, his parents being Christian and Mattie (Hillman) Gerken, who were natives of Germany. They came to the United States in 1853, settling in Adair county, where the father entered government land. Upon this tract, which was then wild and unimproved, he built a log cabin, which the family occupied for a number of years but eventually the pioneer home was replaced by a more modern and commodious residence. Year after year Christian Gerken continued the further development and improvement of his farm until death terminated his life's labors. His wife has also passed away. In their family were six children but only two survive: H. H., of this review; and F. W., now a resident of California.

Born on the old homestead farm, H. H. Gerken there remained until he attained his majority, when he started out in life on his own account by renting the old homestead for three years. During that period he carefully saved his earnings and industry and economy brought him sufficient capital to enable him to purchase one hundred and twenty acres of land in Grand River township. There he resided for twenty-seven years, on the expiration of which period he removed to Greenfield, where he now makes his home. He still retains the ownership of valuable farm property, however, having now six hundred acres of rich and productive land in Adair county, together with eighty-four acres in the state of Idaho. He carefully cultivated and improved his land, his farm work being conducted along modern methods, so that his fields annually brought forth golden harvests. Year after year the careful management of his interests contributed to his success and he has become one of the substantial citizens of the county. In addition to his farm property he is a stockholder in a bank in Greenfield, while his residence is one of the fine homes of the city.

In 1881 Mr. Gerken was united in marriage to Miss Anna Roeser, who was born in Cedar county, Iowa, a daughter of Peter and Katherine (Deaford) Roeser, natives of Alsace, which was at that time a province of France. They came to the new world in 1854, settling in Muscatine county, Iowa, but subsequently they removed to Cedar county and afterward became residents of Guthrie county, where their remaining days were passed. Their family numbered eleven children, of whom six are yet living. Mr. and Mrs. Gerken have become the parents of four children: John A., now at home; Ethel, the wife of Rev. A. B. Miller, of Leavenworth, Kansas; Gertrude, the wife of Raymond Kurtz, living upon the home farm; and Vera, the wife of Harry Kurtz, also upon the farm.

The parents are members of the Presbyterian church, in which Mr. Gerken is serving as a trustee. In the work of the church they are actively and helpfully interested and are generous contributors to its support. In his political views Mr. Gerken is a stalwart republican and is now one of the supervisors of the county, in which position he is serving for the sixth year. The record which he has made in office is most commendable, as is indicated by the fact of his reelection. He stands for progress and improvement in public affairs and his cooperation can always be counted upon to further plans and measures for the general good. His life, crowned with success and characterized by honorable dealing, has gained for him the respect, confidence and goodwill of all with whom he has been associated.

DAVID JOHN EATINGER.

David John Eatinger was for many years successfully engaged in farming in Orient township, and his friends still cherish his memory although thirteen years have come and gone since he was called to his reward. A son of John and Christine (Cumrine) Eatinger, he was born in Portage county, Ohio, December 3, 1825. He grew to maturity there and there received his education. On starting out on his independent business career he turned his attention to farming and stock-raising and in 1863 was attracted by the splendid opportunities offered by the western country and located in Illinois. Two years later he came to Adair county, Iowa,

and for nine years farmed a tract of land which now practically covers the northern part of the city of Greenfield, which was then, however, but an insignificant hamlet. At the end of that time he took up his residence upon a farm on section 27, Orient township, and during the remainder of his life followed agricultural pursuits there, raising the usual crops and also many head of stock. He was industrious, understood well the various phases of agriculture and as he managed his financial affairs well it was natural that he should gain more than a competence. He lived to see a marvelous development in his adopted county and was always willing to cooperate heartily in any movement seeking its advancement. When he and his wife came to this county they made the journey in a covered wagon, shipping their goods to Pella, which was then the nearest railroad point. Their land was unimproved and it was necessary to erect buildings, the lumber for which was hauled from Des Moines. That city was also the market where they secured the greater part of such provisions as they could not raise upon their land.

Mr. EATINGER was married on the 25th of August, 1855, to Miss Elizabeth HANK at Lacon, Marshall county, Illinois. She was born at Ottersheine, Rhinefalls, Germany, August 18, 1832, a daughter of Stephen and Rachel HANK. When a young woman of twenty-two years she emigrated to America, making the journey on the sailing vessel Waldron, which took thirty-three days to make the trip across the Atlantic. On the 18th of August, 1914, she celebrated her eighty-second birthday but still takes a keen interest in the events of the day. To Mr. and Mrs. EATINGER were born eleven children, seven of whom survive, namely: Mrs. Mary Rivenburgh, who is mentioned elsewhere in this work; Mrs. Elizabeth Spencer; Mrs. Christine Likens; Mrs. Barbara Coleman; David John, Jr.; Conrad Joseph; and August Charles. Mrs. Clara Reed passed away in 1904, Mrs. Rachael Batié in 1885, U. S. Grant in 1881 and Albert Blanchard in 1902.

Mr. EATINGER voted for whom he considered the best man, regardless of party ties, and never sought to hold office. He was one of the best known pioneer settlers of the county and also one of the most honored, and his demise, which occurred on the 16th of March, 1902, was the occasion of much sincere grief. He was buried in Orient cemetery. The present prosperity of the county and its high state of development is due primarily to the courage, perseverance and foresight of such men as he—men who patiently and determinedly conquered the wilderness and developed in its place a prosperous farming community.

M. T. SEXSMITH.

M. T. Sexsmith, who passed away June 9, 1907, after a period of residence covering four decades in Adair county, was during all those years actively and successfully identified with agricultural pursuits and at the time of his demise owned six hundred and fifty acres of valuable land. His birth occurred in the state of New York on the 14th of March, 1842, and he is a son of Matthew and Jannette (Kinmonth) Sexsmith, natives respectively of New York and Scotland. The father was an extensive lumber dealer and spent his entire life in New York state. His wife also passed away there. To them were born eight children but all are now deceased but four: a son, William, who is living in Creston, Iowa; two daughters who

reside in Buffalo, New York; and a daughter who makes her home in East Meredith, New York.

M. T. Sexsmith, who was reared and educated in the state of New York, removed westward to Illinois but after a year spent in Henry county, that state, returned to New York and there remained during the winter. In the fall of 1866 he came to Adair county, Iowa, purchasing and locating on a farm in Summerset township which he improved and continued to operate until called to his final rest. Success attended his undertakings as an agriculturist and at the time of his demise he owned six hundred and fifty acres of rich and productive land. The family also own a handsome residence in the city of Greenfield, where Mrs. Sexsmith now makes her home. Mrs. Sexsmith and her daughter Gertrude manage the rental of the farm property and conduct all their business interests in an able manner that insures them a gratifying income.

On the 15th of April, 1874, Mr. Sexsmith was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth, a daughter of Thomas and Catherine (Moore) Donnelly, and a native of New York. Her parents spent their entire lives in New York state. They had six children, four of whom survive, namely: Thomas, a resident of the state of New York; J. M., a practicing physician of Troy, New York; Mrs. Elizabeth Sexsmith; and Mary, who lives in the state of New York. The family of Mr. and Mrs. Sexsmith numbered three children. Thaddeus J. was graduated from the Greenfield high school and was also a student in the Highland Park College at Des Moines. After leaving school he returned home and assisted in the operation of the farm until his demise, which occurred on the 25th of September, 1907. Gertrude is a high-school graduate and is still at home. Edua K. pursued a high-school course and is also a graduate of the University of Iowa, while at the present time she is attending the medical department of the University of Illinois.

Mr. Sexsmith passed away on the 9th of June, 1907, when sixty-five years of age, and his remains were interred in the Greenfield cemetery, the community thus losing one of its substantial agriculturists and highly respected citizens. Mrs. Sexsmith and her daughter are members of the Presbyterian church and are well known and highly esteemed in the locality where they reside.

DAVID EDWARDS.

David Edwards is now living retired in Fontanelle but for a long period was connected with agricultural interests, and through the careful management of his farm and his well directed business affairs in that connection he won the competence that now enables him to rest from further labors, enjoying all of the comforts and some of the luxuries of life. He was born in Fulton county, Illinois, on the 14th of July, 1840, and is a son of David and Melinda (Heddy) Edwards, the former a native of Kentueky and the latter of South Carolina. They were married in the former state and afterward removed to Fulton county, Illinois, where they cast in their lot with the pioneer settlers. They established their home upon a farm and there the father resided until his death, which occurred in March of the year in which his son David was born. The mother afterward married a Mr. Hackey and



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David Edwards remained with his mother and stepfather until his thirteenth year, when he left home and took up his abode with a sister in Knox county, Illinois. There he lived for three years, at the expiration of which period he began working as a farm hand and from that time forward has provided for his own support, so that he deserves all the credit that is implied in the term of self-made man.

Mr. Edwards was twenty-two years of age when, in response to the country's call for aid, he enlisted on the 6th of August, 1862, for service in the Union army, being enrolled as a member of Company E, One Hundred and Third Illinois Volunteer Infantry. With that command he was assigned to duty in the Army of the Tennessee and was with Sherman during the charge on Kenesaw Mountain. In that conflict, on the 27th of June, 1864, he was wounded, after which he was sent to the hospital at Allatoona, Georgia. Following his recovery he rejoined his command in June, 1865, at Alexandria, and he was mustered out of the service in Louisville, Kentucky, receiving an honorable discharge in Chicago on the 6th of July, 1865. His military record was most creditable, for he never faltered in the performance of duty, whether it took him to the firing line or stationed him on the lonely picket line.

When the war was over Mr. Edwards returned home to Fulton county, Illinois, and that fall was married. About that time he purchased from his father-in-law one hundred and sixty-five acres of land and began farming on his own account, but in the fall of 1869 sold his land and with his wife and two children came by covered wagon, drawn by a team of horses, to Iowa. He took up his abode in Richland township, Adair county, where he had previously purchased four hundred and twenty acres of land. His home place comprised three hundred and twenty acres, upon which he built a log cabin, hewing the logs and splitting the clapboards. His home was primitive in character but it sheltered stout and determined hearts, for it was the purpose of himself and wife to gain a start on the western prairie that they might eventually provide a good home and living for their family. Mr. Edwards broke the sod, turning the first furrows and converting the wild land into cultivable fields. As the years passed, his labors wrought a marked transformation in the appearance of his place. Success attended his efforts and as his financial resources increased he purchased other lands from time to time until he was the owner of sixteen hundred acres. For several years he cultivated from six hundred to eight hundred acres himself and he became an extensive cattle feeder, being widely recognized as one of the foremost farmers and stockmen of Adair county. He added many modern equipments and improvements to his place and conducted his interests along progressive lines. About six or seven years ago he divided nine hundred and sixty acres of land among his children, showing that his ambition to gain a good home and a competence for the members of his household had been realized. In March, 1913, he removed to Fontanelle, where he purchased the J. H. Hulbert mansion, one of the finest if not the finest residence in Adair county, it costing thirteen thousand dollars to build the house without counting anything for grounds or other improvements. Prior to this time Mr. Edwards had replaced his pioneer cabin with a country residence costing seven thousand dollars.

On the 28th of September, 1865, Mr. Edwards was united in marriage to Miss Polly Ann Maxwell, of Fulton county, Illinois, by whom he had ten children, namely: Anna, Eliza, Frank, Absalom, Martha, May, Sarah, Charles, Alma and Gertie. His first wife died some years ago, after which he wedded Miss Mary Myers, of

Adair county, by whom he had one child, a daughter, Belle, but the mother died in 1914.

Mr. Edwards is a republican in his political views but the honors and emoluments of office have no attraction for him. He has always preferred to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs and has lived the life of an active, energetic farmer who has carefully and intelligently directed the work of the fields and his stock-raising interests. In time he became one of the most substantial citizens of his part of the state and it is fitting that the evening of his life should be spent amid such pleasant surroundings as he finds in his attractive home without the necessity of working longer in order to meet life's demands. He may truly be called a self-made man and his record should serve as a source of inspiration and encouragement to others, showing what may be accomplished through individual effort.

J. M. BRAWDY.

J. M. Brawdy, who owns and operates a quarter section of excellent land in Jackson township, was born in a log cabin in Adair county on the 2d of March, 1874. His parents, Grandison and Eliza (Simpson) Brawdy, settled in this county when this part of the state was still a pioneer region. The first buildings erected upon their farm in Jackson township were of logs, as were most of the pioneer structures. The father placed his land under cultivation and continued to farm until his demise, which occurred in this county. The mother also passed away here. They were the parents of eight children but two are deceased.

J. M. Brawdy received his education in the early schools of this county and during his boyhood and youth had the usual experiences of boys reared upon the western frontier. He early became familiar with agricultural work and continued to give his father the benefit of his labor until he was of age. He then worked as a farm hand for several years, after which he farmed independently for five years. At the end of that time he engaged in the butcher business at Bridgewater and so continued for twelve years, after which he again turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, buying his present farm. He carries on general farming.

In 1903 Mr. Brawdy married Miss Fannie Davis, who is a native of Iowa and a daughter of Lewis and Alice (Clark) Davis. Mr. Brawdy is a democrat. Fraternally he belongs to the Independent Order of Oddfellows at Bridgewater, in which lodge he has filled all of the chairs. His wife is a devoted member of the Christian church and takes an active part in its work.

FRED C. QUEECK.

Fred C. Queeck devotes his time to general farming and stock-raising in Jackson township, where he cultivates three hundred and eighty acres of land in partnership with his brother. A native of Mendota, Illinois, he was born on the 4th of August, 1889, his parents being Paul and Augusta (Bruckner) Queeck, both of whom were natives of Germany. He spent his youthful days under the parental roof and the

public schools afforded him his educational privileges. On attaining his majority he began working for others, spending two years in that way, at the end of which time he and his brother Charles began cultivating their father's land. They now operate three hundred and eighty acres, constituting one of the fine farms of Jackson township. They have brought the fields to a high state of cultivation and carry on their farm work according to modern, progressive methods. They also raise and handle considerable stock, making that a profitable feature of their business.

In June, 1914, Mr. Queek was united in marriage to Miss Freda Bredahl, who was born in Carroll county, Iowa, a daughter of Nels and Bertha (Bandow) Bredahl. The father was a native of Denmark and when a young man left that land for the new world, making his way to Carroll county, Iowa, where he met and married Bertha Bandow, who was a native of that county. Their marriage was blessed with five children, of whom three are yet living. Mr. and Mrs. Queek have but one child, Louise Elizabeth.

The parents are members of the Lutheran church and take a helpful interest in its work while guiding their lives according to its teachings. Mr. Queek votes with the republican party but aside from exercising his right of franchise takes no interest in politics, preferring to give his undivided attention to his business affairs. He has always followed farming and knowledge of practical methods of agriculture, laudable ambition and unfaltering enterprise constitute the secret of his growing success.

N. R. WARD.

N. R. Ward owns and operates an excellent farm of one hundred and thirty acres on sections 5 and 8, Richland township, and in the conduct of his agricultural interests is meeting with well merited success. His birth occurred in De Kalb county, Illinois, on the 6th of March, 1855, his parents being Marcine and Rachel (Babcock) Ward, both of whom were natives of Canada. In 1854 they removed to De Kalb county, Illinois, taking up their abode in the city of De Kalb, where the father worked a shoemaker. Subsequently he removed to Missouri, later came to Adair county, Iowa, and some years afterward established his home in Nebraska, where both he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives. They became the parents of eleven children, eight of whom survive.

N. R. Ward received a common-school education in his youth and after attaining his majority left the parental roof and followed farming as a renter for some years. In 1882 he removed to Nebraska and in that state lived for about thirteen years. He homesteaded a farm and his first dwelling was a sod shanty, which remained his home for six years. On the expiration of that period he sold the place and for two years was engaged in merchandising but then again turned his attention to agricultural pursuits and continued farming in Nebraska for five years more. In the fall of 1894 he returned to Adair county and here cultivated a rented farm for three years before purchasing his present place of one hundred and thirty acres in Richland township. He has made many substantial improvements on the property, erecting good buildings for the shelter of grain and stock and otherwise enhancing its value. His undertakings as an agriculturist have been attended with a gratifying

measure of success and he has long been numbered among the prosperous and enterprising citizens of the community.

In 1876 Mr. Ward was united in marriage to Miss Emma Ewing, a native of Adair county, Iowa, and a daughter of T. M. and Elizabeth (Evans) Ewing, the former born in Ohio and the latter in Wales. In 1855 they took up their abode on a farm in Adair county, Iowa, and here Mr. Ewing continued to reside until within a few years of his demise, which occurred in Fontanelle, December 31, 1908. His wife is still living and has now attained the age of seventy-six years. To them were born ten children, seven of whom survive. To Mr. and Mrs. Ward have been born eight children, as follows: Elsie M., who is deceased; Grace C., the wife of W. S. Bennett; Pearl, who gave her hand in marriage to George Thompson, of Mount Etna, Adams county, Iowa; Ralph M. and Fred E., both of whom have passed away; Avery E., a resident of Greenfield; and Floyd and Ernestine, both at home.

Mr. Ward gives his political allegiance to the republican party and has served in the capacity of school director, the cause of education ever finding in him a staunch champion. Fraternally he is identified with the Masons, belonging to Lodge No. 138, A. F. & A. M. As a citizen of Adair county he has assisted to the extent of his ability in advancing its interests and may be depended upon to give his support to every measure that will promote the public good.

JOHN ROBERTS.

Farming interests in Harrison township find a well known and worthy representative in John Roberts, who is living on section 26. He was born in Indiana on the 11th of May, 1836, his parents being James and Nancy (Dickens) Roberts, both of whom were natives of Kentucky. They were probably married in that state and subsequently removed to Indiana, where they remained until 1854, when they started across the country with two yoke of oxen and a two horse team, with Kansas as their destination. On reaching Nodaway county, Missouri, however, the wife and mother died and the emigrant train, consisting of the father and his family, three uncles and a brother-in-law, with their families, diverted their course and came north into Iowa with the intention of going to Boone county. On reaching Adair county, however, they decided to locate here and the five families took up their abode in Harrison township, where James Roberts spent his remaining days, passing away at the ripe old age of eighty-two years.

John Roberts was a youth of eighteen years when the family came to Adair county. He had attended the district schools of Indiana and he had not only learned from books but had also gained many valuable lessons from the school of experience. After coming to Iowa he assisted in the development and improvement of the home farm, remaining with his father up to the time of his marriage, which was celebrated September 20, 1860, Miss Emily McDonald becoming his wife. The young couple began their domestic life upon a tract of rented land and for about five years he cultivated the farm upon which he now resides. At the end of that time he bought eighty acres in Grand River township, on which he continued to make his home for nineteen years and which he still owns, having in the meantime brought it to a high



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state of development and improvement. In 1888 he removed to his present place in Harrison township. This farm of two hundred acres belongs to his wife and was entered from the government by her father, William McDonald, who came to Adair county from Missouri in 1851, being the first settler in this section of the country, his nearest neighbor at that time being ten miles distant. William McDonald lived and died in the home which is now occupied by Mr. Roberts, passing away in his eighty-third year. This house is the original log cabin built by Mr. McDonald when he came to the county and is the oldest residence in the county. It bears little resemblance to the original building, however, for it has been weather boarded and various additions have been made, transforming it into a more modern home. Mrs. Roberts is probably the oldest resident in the county in point of continuous residence here.

To Mr. and Mrs. Roberts have been born seven children: James W., who follows farming in Grand River township; Charles F., of Clay county, South Dakota; Leonard, who farms in Grand River township; Mary Almina, the wife of Elmer Beeman, of Harrison township; Thomas A., a resident of Morton county, North Dakota; Josiah B., who lives in Guthrie county, Iowa; and John I., at home.

Mr. Roberts votes with the republican party. He came to his majority about the time the party was formed and he has always been an advocate of its principles. He served for several years as township trustee and at an early period was school director. He and his wife are of the Christian faith but advanced age has made it almost impossible for them to drive to town to attend worship. They have long been highly esteemed residents of the community—people of genuine worth whose good qualities of heart and mind have endeared them to many. Mr. Roberts is now in the eightieth year of his age and such has been the course that he has followed that he can look back over the past without regret and forward to the future without fear.

CHARLES WEINHEIMER.

Charles Weinheimer, a substantial agriculturist and representative citizen of Adair county, within the borders of which he has resided for more than thirty years, owns and operates a well improved farm comprising one hundred and sixty acres on section 29, Summerset township. His birth occurred in Bureau county, Illinois, on the 18th of June, 1870, his parents being Fritz and Elizabeth (Decker) Weinheimer, both of whom were natives of Germany. They emigrated to the United States as young people and located first in Bureau county, Illinois, while in 1884 they took up their abode on a farm in Adair county, Iowa. Here the father successfully carried on agricultural pursuits until called to his final rest in April, 1912, his death being the occasion of deep and widespread regret throughout the community. His widow, who survives, also enjoys an extensive and favorable acquaintance here. They became the parents of eight children, all of whom make their home in Adair county.

Charles Weinheimer was a youth of fourteen when he came to this county with his parents and his education was acquired in the common schools. He continued working for his father on the home farm until two years after he had attained

his majority and subsequently spent one year in the dairy business in Chicago. On the expiration of that period he purchased his present farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Summerset township, the operation of which has claimed his time and energies continuously since. He has erected substantial and commodious buildings on the property and also owns a half interest in the old homestead place of one hundred and twenty acres. In connection with the cultivation of cereals he makes a speciality of the raising of hogs, both branches of his business proving profitable under his able management.

In 1896 Mr. Weinheimer was united in marriage to Miss Maggie Leuthauser, a native of Adair county, Iowa, and a daughter of J. N. and Anna (Wademeyer) Leuthauser, both of whom were born in Germany. The former crossed the Atlantic to the new world in an early day, first settling in Bureau county, Illinois, and subsequently in Adair county, Iowa, being here married. To him and his wife, who are yet living, have been born nine children, all of whom survive. Mr. and Mrs. Weinheimer have become the parents of three children, as follows: Fredericka E. and Carl H., both at home; and one who died in infancy.

Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise Mr. Weinheimer has supported the men and measures of the republican party, but he has never sought nor desired the honors and emoluments of office as a reward for his fealty. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the German Lutheran church, to which his wife also belongs. In all the relations of life he has been true to high principles of manhood, and his salient characteristics are such as have won for him the honor, respect and goodwill of his fellowmen.

ANTON LAMBI.

Anton Lambi, who owns an excellent farm of two hundred and eighty acres in Jackson township, is a native of Germany, born March 21, 1847, of the marriage of Philip and Christina (Frai) Lambi, both of whom were born in the fatherland. In 1865 the family emigrated to America and for a year they made their home in New York city. At the end of that time they decided to take advantage of the west and removed to Bureau county, Illinois, settling upon a farm there. Both parents continued to reside in that county until their deaths. They were the parents of six children, three of whom are living.

Anton Lambi remained under the parental roof until he was twenty-four years of age and then rented land, which he farmed for five years. In 1879 he came to this county and purchased the two hundred and eighty acre farm in Jackson township where he still resides. He has erected a number of excellent buildings, planted a fine grove and otherwise improved the place. He has followed general farming and stock-raising and has so wisely managed his affairs that he has gained a competence which insures him of the comforts of life.

In 1876 Mr. Lambi married Miss Clara Schreiver, a native of Germany, and to their union were born four children, two of whom are deceased. Those living are Stephen, of this county; and Elizabeth, now Mrs. Jacob Beitz. The wife and mother died in 1879 and in 1881 Mr. Lambi was married to Miss Katherine Burg, who was born in Lee county, Illinois, of the marriage of Conrad and Katherine

(Keizer) Burg, both natives of Germany. They came to America in 1854 and settled in Lee county, Illinois, where the demise of the father occurred. The mother passed away in this county. Mrs. Lambi is one of a family of eleven children, seven of whom survive. By her marriage she has become the mother of eight children: Anna, at home; Julia; Frederick; Jacob; Katherine; Frank; and two who are deceased.

Mr. Lambi is a republican and has filled the offices of road supervisor and school director. Both he and his wife are communicants of the Roman Catholic church and aid in carrying on the work of that organization. When they began their married life they were in limited financial circumstances but by means of continued and well directed labor they have gained a gratifying measure of material prosperity. They also have the respect and goodwill of those who come in contact with them, for they have many admirable traits of character.

J. E. REIS.

The excellent condition of his farm of two hundred and forty-nine acres in Jackson township bears witness to the energy and good management of J. E. Reis, who was born in Lee county, Illinois, September 3, 1868. Extended mention of his parents, George and Margaret Reis, appears elsewhere in this work.

Our subject remained under the parental roof during the period of his minority and on beginning his independent career he decided to follow the occupation to which he had been reared and purchased two hundred and forty-nine acres of land on section 19, Jackson township. He has since given his time to the operation and improvement of that farm and has erected a number of fine buildings. He raises a large number of hogs annually for the market and also grows the usual grains. His labor yields him a good financial return and his farm is one of the valuable properties of his locality. He also owns stock in the Fontanelle Lumber Company and in the Farmers Bank of that town.

Mr. Reis casts his ballot in support of the principles and candidates of the democratic party but has never desired to hold office. His religious faith is that of the Roman Catholic church. His life has been one of well directed industry and the success which he has achieved is well deserved. In gaining his prosperity he has at no time resorted to questionable business methods, and his integrity and uprightness have won him the confidence and esteem of all who have been associated with him.

WILLIAM I. SULLIVAN.

William I. Sullivan is engaged in general farming in Summerset township and is making a specialty of the raising of hogs, which branch of his business is proving satisfactorily profitable. He was born in Washington township, Adair county, Iowa, April 13, 1860, a son of T. H. and Christina Sullivan, mention of whom is made in connection with the sketch of his brother, Jay Sullivan, on another page of this

work. He remained at home until he attained his majority and then began farming on his own account by renting land for a number of years. During this period he carefully saved his earnings and thus became enabled to purchase a part of the old homestead, acquiring the ownership of eighty acres, which he has splendidly improved since that time. He cultivates his farm according to the most modern methods and has an excellent equipment for stock-raising, making a specialty of hogs. The stock which he raises is of high grade and brings gratifying prices when placed upon the market.

On September 9, 1883, Mr. Sullivan was united in marriage to Miss Ollie Odle, a native of Missouri and a daughter of James C. and Christianna (Tartar) Odle, both of whom were natives of Illinois. They went to Missouri at an early day and afterward the mother passed away in Kansas, but the father survives and now makes his home in Colorado. Mrs. Sullivan is one of a family of nine children, of whom six are yet living, and by her marriage she has become the mother of three children: Alta C., now the wife of O. E. Heacock of Waurika, Oklahoma; Crissie M., the wife of Warren Goodman of Greenfield, Iowa; and Velma W., the wife of A. E. Brown of this county.

The parents are members of the Christian church of Fontanelle, Iowa, and Mr. Sullivan holds membership in the Odd Fellows lodge at Fontanelle. His political allegiance is given to the democratic party, and although he does not seek nor desire office, he is interested in all that pertains to the public welfare. His has been an active career, crowned with a substantial measure of success. His entire life has been passed in Adair county and among his acquaintances—and they are many—he is held in the highest esteem.

GEORGE S. BENNETT.

George S. Bennett, who is now living retired in Greenfield, has been a resident of Adair county for the past three decades and has been long and successfully identified with agricultural pursuits here. His birth occurred in Kane county, Illinois, on the 13th of December, 1844, his parents being Richard and Electa (Hitchcock) Bennett, both of whom were natives of New York. In the year 1844 they removed westward to Illinois, first locating in Kane county and subsequently in Stark county, that state. In 1848 they took up their abode on a farm in Wapello county, Iowa, but later disposed of the property and removed to Keokuk county, where they spent the remainder of their lives. They became the parents of seven children, all of whom are yet living.

George S. Bennett acquired a common-school education in his youth and when nineteen years of age enlisted for service in the Civil war as a member of Company F, Thirty-third Iowa Volunteer Infantry, remaining with that command for eighteen months. He participated in the battle of Spanish Fort, which continued for thirteen days and nights, and fortunately escaped injury, although often in the thickest of the fight and never faltering in the performance of any task assigned him. After being mustered out at Davenport he returned to the parental roof, remaining with his father until twenty-four years of age, when he was married and established a home of his own. In 1885 he came to Adair county, purchasing a farm of one

hundred and forty acres in Richland township which he operated continuously and successfully for twenty-two years. On the expiration of that period he disposed of the property and bought a quarter section of land in Orient township, which is still in his possession and is a highly improved, productive and valuable tract. At the present time, however, he is living retired in Greenfield, enjoying the fruits of his former toil in well earned ease.

Mr. Bennett has been married twice. His first wife bore the maiden name of Mary Sunderland, was a native of Jefferson county, Iowa, and a daughter of William and Matilda Sunderland. By this union there were five children, as follows: William S., who is a resident of Adair county; Elizabeth B., the wife of J. N. Caps; Earl S., living in this county; James A., who makes his home in Rock Island county, Illinois; and Matilda, deceased. The wife and mother passed away on the 8th of August, 1890, and in 1892 Mr. Bennett was again married, his second union being with Miss Margaretta Patterson, a native of New York and a daughter of R. C. and Elizabeth (Stewart) Patterson. Her parents, natives of Pennsylvania, were residents of the Empire state for some time but subsequently removed to Warren, Illinois, and there spent the remainder of their lives. To them were born six children, all of whom yet survive. Mrs. Bennett is a woman of liberal education who followed the profession of teaching for twenty years.

In his political views Mr. Bennett is a stalwart republican, exercising his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of that party. He has acted as school director and road supervisor of his township and has proved an able and faithful public servant. He still maintains pleasant relations with his old soldier comrades as a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and in matters of citizenship has ever been as loyal to his country as when he followed the stars and stripes on the battlefields of the south. Mr. and Mrs. Bennett attend the services of the Presbyterian church, are widely recognized as people of genuine personal worth and upright, honorable lives and enjoy the friendship and regard of all who know them.

C. W. STEWARD.

C. W. Steward is a representative and successful agriculturist of Adair county, owning and operating a valuable farm comprising two hundred and two acres on section 13, Washington township. His birth occurred in Bureau county, Illinois, on the 22d of July, 1868, his parents being H. C. and Sarah (Saffer) Steward, the former a native of Maine and the latter of Ohio. They were married in Illinois and in 1871 took up their abode on a farm in Adair county, Iowa. Both survive, now making their home in Greenfield. The period of their residence in this county covers forty-four years and they have won an extensive and favorable acquaintance within its borders.

C. W. Steward was but three years of age when brought to Adair county by his parents and here he has remained continuously to the present time. He attended the common schools in the acquirement of an education and remained under the parental roof until he was married and established a home of his own. He purchased a farm of two hundred and two acres on section 13, Washington township, and has since been busily engaged in its cultivation and improvement, erecting good

buildings for the shelter of grain and stock and enhancing its value in other ways. In connection with the production of cereals he devotes considerable attention to live stock, raising and feeding stock of all kinds. In addition to his home farm he owns ten acres of land in Florida. His undertakings as an agriculturist have been attended with a well merited measure of success and he is widely recognized as one of the substantial and enterprising citizens of this county.

In 1897 Mr. Steward was united in marriage to Miss Carla Chaney, a native of Adair county, Iowa, and a daughter of Charles and Elizabeth (Brown) Chaney, both of whom are deceased. To our subject and his wife have been born five children, namely: Reba M., Sarah L., Charles William, Horatio C. and Wilbur A.

Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise Mr. Steward has supported the men and measures of the republican party and he has done effective work as a public servant in the capacity of school director, supervisor, trustee and assessor. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he is serving as a trustee and to which his wife and children also belong. He has spent nearly his entire life in this county, and that his career has ever been upright and honorable is indicated in the fact that the associates of his boyhood and youth are still numbered among his staunch friends and admirers.

CHARLES C. EVANS.

Charles C. Evans, a retired agriculturist and honored Civil war veteran of Adair county, has lived in Summerset township for the past half century and his present farm, which comprises one hundred and sixty acres on section 17, has been his home for about forty-seven years. His birth occurred in Evans Mills, New York, on the 29th of June, 1827, his parents being Amos and Sarah (Brown) Evans, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of New York. Both passed away in the Empire state. To them were born seven children, two of whom survive.

Charles C. Evans attended the common schools in the acquirement of an education and remained at home until twenty-eight years of age. He then removed westward to Livingston county, Illinois, and there carried on farming until the time of his enlistment for service in the Union army as a member of Company K, Fifty-ninth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, with which command he remained for two years. He participated in the battles of Franklin and Nashville, Tennessee, and though often in the thickest of the fight, was fortunate in that he escaped even the slightest injury. He was mustered out at Nashville on the 17th of June, 1865, and then came to Adair county, Iowa, purchasing the tract of one hundred and sixty acres in Summerset township on which he has resided continuously since. He developed the raw prairie into a productive and valuable farm, erected thereon substantial and commodious buildings and planted a fine grove of maple trees some of which are now three feet in diameter. Mr. Evans taps the trees and makes an excellent quality of maple syrup. The active work of the fields, however, has been relegated to others and he is now practically spending the evening of life in well earned ease, enjoying the competence which has come through the wise and able direction of his interests in former years.



CHARLES C. EVANS



MRS. CHARLES C. EVANS

In 1867 Mr. Evans was united in marriage to Miss Sarah A. Miller, a native of Ohio and a daughter of George and Maria (Histe) Miller, who were also born in the Buckeye state. They came to Iowa in August, 1858, purchasing land in Summerset township, Adair county, where they continued to reside during the remainder of their lives. They became the parents of eight children, five of whom are still living. To Mr. and Mrs. Evans have been born six children, namely: Etna, deceased; Clara, who is the wife of D. N. Henry and resides in South Dakota; Lura, who gave her hand in marriage to William Havens, of this county; Albert, a resident of Fontanelle, Iowa; Alta, the wife of Frank Lovely, of Greenfield, this state; and Lyle, who operates the old homestead farm.

Mr. Evans was reared in the political faith of the whig party and cast his first vote for Zachary Taylor in 1848 but since the organization of the republican party has continuously supported its men and measures. The honors and emoluments of office, however, have never had any attraction for him, as he has preferred to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs, in the careful management of which he has won a gratifying measure of success. He and his wife attend the services of the Methodist Episcopal church and are widely recognized as people of genuine personal worth and commendable characteristics. Mr. Evans has now passed the eighty-eighth milestone on life's journey and enjoys the respect and veneration which should ever be accorded one who has traveled thus far on this earthly pilgrimage and whose career has been at all times upright and honorable.

JOHN EYMANN.

John Eymann, who owns one hundred and fifty-four acres of good land in Orient township, is one of the excellent citizens whom Germany has given to Iowa. His birth occurred in the fatherland, May 4, 1857, and he is a son of Cornelius and Katherine (Berkholder) Eymann, both natives of Germany, where they passed their entire lives. To them were born three children, but our subject is the only one now living.

John Eymann received a good education in his native land and remained at home until he was twenty-three years of age. In 1880 he came to America, as he had heard much concerning the unusually good opportunities here for the young man ambitious to make his way in the world. He first located in Mahaska county, Iowa, and worked as a farm hand there for two years. At the end of that time he came to Adair county and continued in the employ of others for two years. In the meantime he carefully saved his earnings and then rented a farm, which he operated for thirteen years, after which he purchased one hundred and fifty-four and a half acres on section 5, Orient township, where he now resides. The place is splendidly improved and Mr. Eymann uses up-to-date methods in his work as an agriculturist.

In 1884 Mr. Eymann married Miss Elizabeth Eymann, who, although of the same name, is not a relative. Her birth also occurred in Germany and she is a daughter of Peter and Mary (Grabill) Eymann, both natives of the fatherland. In 1883 they emigrated to the United States and located in New Jersey, where her father passed away. Her mother is still living at the venerable age of eighty-eight years. They were the parents of ten children, but five of whom survive. Mr. and

Mrs. John Eymann have two children: Helena, who for six years taught school but is now the wife of John Gildermister; and Cornelius, a resident of Greenfield.

Mr. Eymann gives his political allegiance to the republican party and has served ably as school director. He and his wife both attend the Congregational church and their lives are forees for good in their community. The prosperity which they now enjoy is due entirely to their own labors and thrift. They have the confidence and goodwill of all who know them and there are many who are their warm friends.

HARRY B. DORSEY.

Harry B. Dorsey is the owner of a farm, of one hundred and sixty acres on section 3, Lee township, and his energies are directed continuously to the further development and improvement of his property, which now constitutes one of the good farms of the locality. He was born in Pennsylvania, October 21, 1854, a son of Edward and Mary A. (Bryson) Dorsey, the former a native of Maryland and the latter of Ohio. In 1862 they became residents of Illinois, settling in Mercer county, where they lived for some time. In 1869 they came to Iowa, establishing their home in Johnson county, where they remained for eight years. On the expiration of that period they came to Adair county and took up their abode upon a farm within its borders, the father devoting his attention to general agricultural pursuits until he removed to Greenfield, where he lived retired, both he and his wife passing away in that city.

In their family were eleven children, seven of whom are yet living. This number includes Harry B. Dorsey, who remained under the parental roof until he was twenty-six years of age. During that period he acquired his education in the public schools and received ample training in farm work. For some years following his marriage he cultivated a rented farm but during that period carefully saved his earnings until he was able to purchase a tract of land in Grove township, where he lived for three years. On the expiration of that period he sold out and removed to Greenfield, remaining for seven years in the city in order that his children might enjoy the benefits of education in the schools there. At the end of that time he was appointed superintendent of the poor farm and acted in that capacity for thirteen years, making an excellent record in his management of the place. At the end of that time he purchased his present home property, comprising one hundred and sixty acres of land on section 3, Lee township. This is splendidly improved and constitutes one of the excellent farms of the locality. Mr. Dorsey is engaged not only in the cultivation of the cereals best adapted to soil and climate but is also engaged quite extensively in raising stock.

In 1882 Mr. Dorsey was united in marriage to Miss Linie Dumean, a native of McLean county, Illinois, and a daughter of John and Sarah E. (Sackett) Dumean. The father served throughout the entire period of the Civil war as a member of Company I, Third Illinois Cavalry, and was killed just at the close of hostilities. The mother, a native of Ohio, is still living at the age of seventy-two years. They had two children, namely: Mrs. Dorsey; and Augusta, the wife of Roy McRay, of Adair county, Iowa. To Mr. and Mrs. Dorsey have been born four children, as follows: Bertha A., a high-school graduate and former school teacher who is now

the wife of Richard Peters, of York county, Nebraska; Eva Pearl, also a high-school graduate and former school teacher who is now the wife of Fred Vangorden, of Nebraska; Sherman H., a college graduate and mechanical engineer by profession who now makes his home at Springfield, Ohio; and Arthur L., who is a high-school graduate and is still at home.

Mr. Dorsey exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party. He has served as a member of the school board and he is interested in fraternal matters as a member of the Odd Fellows Lodge No. 173, while both he and his wife are connected with the Rebekah lodge. His elder son is a member of the Masonic fraternity and the younger has membership with the Odd Fellows. Both Mr. and Mrs. Dorsey hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal church and have guided their lives according to its teachings. Those who know them appreciate highly their many sterling traits of character and recognize that the principles which govern their conduct are those which measure up to the highest standards.

A. D. WEAVER.

A. D. Weaver is a well known agriculturist of Adair county who has lived here during the past forty-five years and is now busily engaged in the operation of an excellent farm. His birth occurred in Washington, Pennsylvania, on the 17th of March, 1860, his parents being Sebastian and Lavina (Connor) Weaver, the former a native of Germany and the latter of Pennsylvania. Sebastian Weaver crossed the Atlantic to the United States in early life and took up his abode in Pennsylvania, where he was married. In 1870 he came to Adair county, Iowa, and entered a tract of land which is now included within the home farm of his son, improving the property and devoting his attention to its operation throughout the remainder of his life. Both he and his wife died thereon.

A. D. Weaver pursued his education in the common schools and spent the first twenty-four years of his life under the parental roof. He was subsequently engaged in the cultivation of rented land for twelve years and on the expiration of that period bought the old homestead of eighty acres, while later he augmented his holdings by additional purchase until they now embrace two hundred and forty acres of rich and productive land on section 2, Grand River township. He has erected good buildings thereon and the property is lacking in none of the improvements and conveniences of a model farm. In connection with the raising of grain he makes a specialty of raising and feeding stock of all kinds, finding this branch of his business very profitable.

On the 5th of November, 1884, Mr. Weaver was united in marriage to Miss Clara Barnett, a native of Keokuk county, Iowa, and a daughter of Alford and Priscilla (Reynolds) Barnett. They came to Iowa in an early day but subsequently removed to California and in that state spent their last days. To Mr. and Mrs. Weaver have been born ten children, as follows: Leroy E.; Walter L.; Charles S.; Iva G., who is the wife of Clarence Beam, of Madison county, Iowa; Everett; Lettie L.; George G.; Rex Chester; Osie; and Lenna May, who is deceased.

Mr. Weaver exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the democratic party and has ably served as school director. His wife is a devoted and consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church. He has won a handsome competence as the result of his untiring industry and capable management and has long been numbered among the substantial and representative citizens of this county.

GUST G. RECHTENBACH.

Gust G. Rechtenbach owns four hundred and eighty acres of splendid land in Jackson township which comprises the old family homestead. He was born in Lee county, Illinois, on the 27th of March, 1858, a son of A. W. and Amelia Rechtenbach, both natives of Germany, who in 1846 emigrated to America. They first located in Bureau county, Illinois, but subsequently removed to Lee county, that state, whence, in 1869, they came to Adair county, Iowa. The father followed agricultural pursuits here until his demise, and the mother has also passed away.

Gust G. Rechtenbach remained under the parental roof until he was twenty-one years of age and then purchased land, to the cultivation of which he devoted his time. Subsequently he bought the homestead on section 20, Jackson township. He carries on general farming and stock-raising.

In 1888 Mr. Rechtenbach married Mrs. Augusta Kiesel, nee Westphal. She was born in Germany, a daughter of Frederick and Fredericka Westphal, who are now residing in Bridgewater, this county. She was first married to William Kiesel, who has passed away, and to their union were born three children: Frederick, a farmer of this county; Emma, the wife of John Burg, Jr.; and Martha, who married Frank Kembury. All reside in this county. Mr. and Mrs. Rechtenbach have become the parents of eight children: Herman; Lena, at home; Augusta, the wife of Max Mangels, of this county; Ernest, Elsie, who married P. Finley; Daniel; Harlan; and Earl.

Mr. Rechtenbach is a republican and has served as trustee and as road superintendent. Both he and his wife belong to the Methodist Episcopal church and their lives conform to the teachings of that organization. Mr. Rechtenbach owes his success to his energy, foresight and wise management, and none begrudges him the prosperity which is his.

JOHN H. CRAVEN.

John H. Craven, successfully operating his farm of one hundred and twenty acres in Orient township, is a native of Montgomery county, Iowa, born October 7, 1875. His parents, Henry and Martha (Shaw) Craven, were both born in England, where they continued to reside until 1874, in which year they came to the United States and located at Red Oak, Iowa. Both have passed away. Four of their five children survive.

John H. Craven was reared under the parental roof and on attaining his majority began his independent business career, renting a farm, which he operated for five years. In the meantime he carefully saved his money, as he was determined to purchase land as soon as possible. At the end of that time he bought the one hundred and twenty acres in Orient township where he is now living and in the intervening years he has made a number of excellent improvements on the farm. He raises Poland China hogs and Holstein cattle and gives much attention to dairying. His business affairs are well managed and he is both practical and progressive in his work as a farmer and stockman.

On the 8th of February, 1903, occurred the marriage of Mr. Craven and Miss Clara Grabil, a native of Pennsylvania and a daughter of Daniel and Sophia Grabil. Mrs. Craven was called to her final rest on the 9th of January, 1906. She was the mother of two children, both of whom are deceased. On the 19th of January, 1908, Mr. Craven was again married, his second wife being Mrs. Etta (Welch) Nottingham, a native of Iowa and a daughter of George and Mary (Pritchard) Welch. Her father has passed away, but her mother is still living in Greenfield. Mr. and Mrs. Craven have two children, Martha E. and Howard D. By her previous marriage she had two daughters, Edna M. and Margaret, who is deceased.

Mr. Craven is a republican in politics and for eight years served his district as school director. He is a prominent member and trustee of the local Methodist Episcopal church, to which his wife also belongs. His life has conformed to high moral standards and he holds the unqualified respect of all who know him.

PAUL QUEECK.

Paul Queeck, a prosperous and enterprising agriculturist of Adair county who has lived on his present place in Summerset township for the past twenty-two years, is now the owner of six hundred and twenty acres of valuable land in the county. His birth occurred in Germany on the 20th of May, 1863, his parents being Frank and Barbara Queeck, who spent their entire lives in that country. To them were born five children, four of whom survive.

Paul Queeck acquired his education in the schools of his native land and there spent the first twenty-one years of his life. On attaining his majority, having determined to test the truth of the many favorable reports which had reached him concerning the opportunities of the new world, he crossed the Atlantic to America and took up his abode in La Salle county, Illinois, where he followed farming for four years. In 1893 he came to Adair county, Iowa, and purchased a tract of eighty acres in Summerset township on which he has resided continuously to the present time. As the years have passed and prosperity has attended his undertakings, he has augmented his holdings by additional purchase until he now owns six hundred and twenty acres of rich and productive land within the borders of the county. He has improved the property by the erection of commodious and substantial buildings for the shelter of grain and stock and has enhanced its value in considerable degree. In connection with the cultivation of cereals he is also engaged in dairying and likewise makes a specialty of raising and feeding stock, these branches of his business adding materially to his annual income.

While still living in the fatherland Mr. Queck was united in marriage to Miss Augusta Bruckner, a native of Germany and a daughter of Frederick and Margaret Bruckner, who were also born in that country. The father died in Germany, but the mother still survives and is now eighty-three years of age. To Mr. and Mrs. Queck have been born eleven children, as follows: Lena, who is the wife of A. H. Schroder; Charles; Frederick; Emma, who gave her hand in marriage to Edward Freeman; Rosa, the wife of Adolph Sieg; Lilly, who is the wife of Paul Baudler; Freda, at home; Henry; Paul and August, twins; and Ernest.

Mr. Queck exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party and has ably served in the capacities of school director and road commissioner for several years. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Lutheran church, to which his wife also belongs. The hope that led him to leave his native land and seek a home in America has been more than realized. He found the opportunities he sought,—which, by the way, are always open to the ambitious, energetic man,—and making the best of these he has steadily worked his way upward. He possesses the resolution, perseverance and reliability so characteristic of his nation, and he is considered one of the best citizens of Adair county.

F. R. JOHNSON.

F. R. Johnson, a worthy native son and substantial agriculturist of Adair county, residing on section 24, Richland township, now owns and cultivates three hundred acres of valuable land. His birth occurred in Washington township, this county, on the 30th of August, 1867, his parents being Jehu and Rachael (Davis) Johnson, both of whom were natives of Indiana. They came to Iowa with their respective parents, who settled in Adair county, and they were the third couple to be married in this county. The father of our subject bought a farm in Washington township which he operated continuously and successfully during the remainder of his life, passing away in 1912, while the mother was called to her final rest in 1913. They had gained an extensive and favorable acquaintance here, so that their deaths were the occasions of deep and widespread regret.

F. R. Johnson received his education in the district schools and when a young man of twenty-two years started out as an agriculturist on his own account by purchasing eighty acres of land in Washington township which he cultivated for six years. On the expiration of that period he disposed of the property and bought a tract of sixty acres and his wife had inherited eighty acres. Since then he has bought additional land and now owns two hundred and twenty acres in Richland township in his home farm, on which he has resided since 1896. He likewise has another farm of eighty acres on section 25 of that township, so that his holdings aggregate three hundred acres. As a general farmer he has made a careful study of agriculture, and his progressive methods combined with intelligent direction and a willingness to work have proved strong forces toward the acquirement of success.

In 1896 Mr. Johnson was united in marriage to Miss Caroline Truman, of Richland township, her father being Joseph Truman, one of the early settlers of this county. To Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have been born seven children, namely: Alice, Harold, Donald, Florence, Ruth, Gladys and Beulah, all of whom are still at home.

In his political views Mr. Johnson is a republican, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Evangelical church, to which his wife also belongs. Fraternally he is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, belonging to Orient Lodge, No. 518. As a lifelong resident of Adair county he has assisted to the extent of his ability in advancing its interests and may be depended upon to give his support to every measure that will promote the public good.

MARION YOUNG.

Marion Young is living retired in Greenfield after long connection with agricultural pursuits in this state and he is still the owner of an excellent farm of one hundred and sixty acres of well improved land in Grove township. He was born October 13, 1837, in Ohio, and has therefore passed the seventy-seventh milestone on life's journey. He is a son of Louis and Barbara (Workman) Young, both of whom were natives of the Buckeye state. In 1868 they removed to Jasper county, Iowa, and there settled on a farm, where their remaining days were passed. In their family were nine children, of whom six are still living.

Marion Young was reared and educated in Ohio, the days of his youth being quietly and uneventfully passed until in early manhood he enlisted for service in the Civil war, becoming a member of Company E, One Hundred and Sixty-eighth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, serving in response to the last call for men for one hundred days. He took part in some important engagements and escaped without injury, being mustered out at Camp Denison, Ohio. He then returned home, where he lived until 1867, when he removed to Marion county, Iowa. He located on a farm there and continued his residence in that county until 1881, when he sold his property there and came to Adair county, Iowa. Here he invested in land, becoming owner of a farm in Walnut township, upon which he lived for seven years. In 1902 he retired and removed to Greenfield, where he is now living but still owns a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Grove township, which is well improved. He was progressive in his farm work and the result of his labors was seen in carefully cultivated fields. He practiced the rotation of crops and utilized modern scientific methods in his work, so that excellent crops were annually gathered. He now owns and occupies a fine residence in the city of Greenfield.

In 1859 Mr. Young was united in marriage to Miss Mary M. Gossett, a native of Ohio, and a daughter of Joseph and Louisa (Rader) Gossett, who were also born in that state. The father died there and the mother afterward passed away in Marion county, Iowa. In their family were eight children, all of whom survive. Mr. and Mrs. Young have become the parents of twelve children: A. H., a resident of Jennings, Oklahoma; Louisa A., deceased; Melvina, who has also departed this life; L. E., a resident of Adair county; J. H., of Alberta, Canada; Ida, the wife of C. P. Doop, of South Dakota; Verda J., the wife of Thomas Griffith, of Delta, Colorado; Nora V., the wife of D. W. Lankton, of Sidney, Iowa; Estella M., the wife of J. M. Jamison, of Des Moines, Iowa; Edna B., the wife of Charles O'Laughlan, a resident of Utah; Mary L., deceased; and J. E., who is living in Adair county. There are also thirty-eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Young are members of the Church of Christ and he belongs to the Grand Army post, thus maintaining pleasant relations with his old army comrades. In politics he has always been a republican since casting his first presidential ballot for Abraham Lincoln. He has filled the office of justice of the peace, in which connection he rendered decisions that were strictly fair and impartial. He also served for eighteen years as school director and has ever been a champion of the cause of education. His has been an active, useful and well spent life and now in the evening of his days he can look back over the past without regret and forward to the future without fear. He is always considerate of the rights of his fellowmen and has endeavored to conform his own life to high standards, thus gaining the warm regard of all with whom he has been brought in contact.

GEORGE R. HANKS.

A busy life has been that of George R. Hanks, for he has been actively engaged in farming for many years, manifesting that constant watchfulness which is so necessary in the development of the fields and cultivation of crops. His home is now on section 8, Grand River township, and he has made his home in Adair county since 1892. He was born in Boone county, Illinois, September 4, 1840, his parents being Warren and Julia (Hutchins) Hanks, the former a native of Vermont and the latter of New York. They were married in the Empire state and afterward removed to Wisconsin, settling near Kenosha, while subsequently they established their home in Boone county, Illinois, where they lived until 1852, when they journeyed across the country with ox teams to Iowa. George R. Hanks drove one of the ox teams, while his father drove the cattle. The mother died while the family were residing at Rockville and was laid to rest in the cemetery there. Soon afterward the father went with his family to Jones county, Iowa, and still later to Linn county, while subsequently he removed to Story county, where his death occurred in 1888 or 1889, when he was eighty-one years of age. In the fall of 1861 he had gone to Colorado and at Denver he enlisted for military service, becoming a member of the Eighth Colorado Cavalry, doing active duty in fighting the Indians. Subsequently he returned to Story county.

George R. Hanks received only such educational advantages as the district schools afforded. When a boy of but fourteen years he entered the employ of A. J. Wightman, at Spring Valley, Dubuque county, and worked for him in the fields through the summer months, while during the winter seasons he attended the public schools of the neighborhood, remaining with Mr. Wightman for three years. In 1861 his patriotic spirit was aroused by the attempt of the south to overthrow the Union and he enlisted from Jasper county as a member of Company B, Thirteenth Iowa Volunteer Infantry. On the expiration of his first term of three years he reenlisted at Vicksburg in the same company and regiment and thus served until the close of the war. He took part in the campaign under Commanding Generals Grant and Sherman and participated in many of the leading battles of the war. He had three brothers who were also in the service, as well as the father, the one family thus giving five men to the service and all of them returned home. All of them served throughout the entire period of the war and the younger brother was



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but fifteen years of age at the time of his enlistment. No one can call into question the valor, the loyalty or the bravery of this family.

After the war George R. Hanks returned to Iowa, settling in Story county, where several members of the family had previously located. There he purchased a farm of one hundred and twenty acres near Cambridge but for two years after his return from the war he was engaged in teaming from Nevada, Iowa, to Des Moines. On the expiration of that period he took up his abode upon his farm and carried on general agricultural pursuits in Story county for thirty-three years. In 1892 he sold his Story county farm and came to Adair county, purchasing three hundred and twenty acres of land where he now resides, on sections 8 and 9, Grand River township. One hundred and sixty acres of this land he has since deeded to his two sons. He purchased his farm for seventeen dollars per acre and it is today worth one hundred and twenty-five dollars or more per acre. The result of his labors is seen in the fields, which bring forth rich harvests and which are divided into convenient size by well kept fences. The latest improved machinery is used in facilitating the farm work and the modern equipments of the place indicate the progressive spirit of the owner.

In 1866 Mr. Hanks was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Nelson, of Story county, and to them have been born six children: Ella, now the wife of William Breezely, of Pueblo, Colorado; Lydia, the wife of Charles Batterson, of Albert Lea, Minnesota; Jesse W., at home; Julia A., the wife of W. E. Shehan, of this county; Della, the wife of Lee R. Hughes, of Guthrie county, Iowa; and Oscar G., whose home is in Stuart, Iowa. The wife and mother passed away in July, 1909, her death being deeply regretted wherever she was known throughout the county.

In his political views Mr. Hanks is a republican and his fellow townsmen, appreciative of his worth and ability, have frequently called him to public office. He has served for two or three terms as township supervisor and has also occupied the position of justice of the peace. He belongs to Meyers Post, G. A. R., of Greenfield and thus maintains pleasant relations with his old army comrades. The greater part of his life has been spent in Iowa and the progressive spirit which has led to the rapid development and upbuilding of the state has been manifest in his business career. He has led an active, useful life and now retiring somewhat, he has divided his landed possessions with his sons and is thus relieved in a measure from former arduous labor.

FRIEDRICH ROHNER.

Friedrich Röhner, the period of whose residence in Adair county covers more than four decades, was long and successfully identified with agricultural pursuits here and still owns three hundred and sixty acres of valuable land in Prussia township but since 1913 has lived retired at Fontanelle. His birth occurred in Germany on the 12th of September, 1849, his parents being Michael and Dorothy (Einsle) Röhner, who spent their entire lives in that country. To them were born nine children, five of whom survive.

Friedrich Röhner acquired his education in the schools of his native land and there spent the first seventeen years of his life. In May, 1867, attracted by the

many favorable reports which he had heard concerning the opportunities and advantages of the new world, he crossed the Atlantic to the United States and took up his abode at Wyandot, Illinois, there securing employment as a farm hand. In February, 1874, he came to Adair county, Iowa, and purchased a farm of eighty acres in Prussia township. As the years passed and his financial resources increased, owing to his well directed industry and capable management, he augmented his holdings by additional purchase until they now comprise three hundred and sixty acres of rich and productive land. In 1913, however, he put aside the active work of the fields and took up his abode in Fontanelle, where he owns a handsome residence, and has since enjoyed honorable retirement. In connection with the production of cereals best adapted to soil and climate he made a specialty of raising and feeding stock, and both branches of his business returned to him a gratifying annual income. His farm property is well improved in every particular and the land is in a high state of cultivation.

In 1880 Mr. Röhner was united in marriage to Miss Louisa Rietheimer, a native of Germany and a daughter of George and Josephine (Hummel) Rietheimer, who spent their entire lives in the fatherland. Mrs. Röhner emigrated to the United States in 1878 and by her marriage has become the mother of seven children, namely: Henry, who operates one of his father's farms; Kathrine, the wife of William Neumann, of this county; William, who is deceased; William F., residing on the old homestead; Carl, an agriculturist of Richland township; Friedrich, Jr., who also lives on the old homestead place; and Louisa D., still under the parental roof.

Mr. Röhner gives his political allegiance to the democracy and his fellow townsmen, recognizing his worth and ability, have called him to positions of public trust. He has served on the school board for about twenty-three years, held the position of trustee for fifteen years and for six years acted as assessor, ever discharging his official duties in a most prompt and capable manner. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Lutheran church, to which his wife also belongs. He has never regretted his determination to seek a home on this side the Atlantic, for here he has found the opportunities which he sought and in their wise utilization has gained a gratifying measure of prosperity that has won him a place among the representative and esteemed citizens of his community. He may justly claim the proud American title of a self-made man, for his success has come as the direct result of his own labors, untiring perseverance and unflinching energy.

S. E. LILLY.

S. E. Lilly is the owner of an excellent farm of one hundred and sixty-seven acres in Lee township and is a progressive and successful farmer and stock-raiser. A native of Ogle county, Illinois, he was born on the 8th of October, 1853. His parents, George and Maria J. Lilly, were both natives of Pennsylvania but were numbered among the early settlers of Illinois, where the mother passed away. The father subsequently removed to Buchanan county, Iowa, and eight years later, or in 1868, came to this county, where he passed his last days. He was married again,

Mary Gifford becoming the wife, and they had nine children. To his first union were born two children, but our subject is the only one now living.

S. E. Lilly remained under the parental roof until he was fifteen years of age and then began working as a farm hand. He was so employed for several years and also spent two years on the great plains hunting buffalo. In 1873 he returned to Adair county and again turned his attention to agricultural pursuits. Following his marriage in 1877 he purchased a farm, which he operated until 1912, when he bought his present home place, which comprises one hundred and sixty-seven acres in Lee township. He has already made a number of improvements and keeps all of the buildings in excellent condition. He makes a specialty of raising hogs for the market and studies carefully all phases of that business. As his animals are of good grade and are in excellent condition when sold, he receives a good price for them and his resources are steadily increasing.

In 1877 Mr. Lilly was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Evans, a daughter of William and Mary (Williams) Evans, both natives of England, who emigrated to America and settled in Pennsylvania many years ago. In 1870 they came to this county and settled upon a farm, where both passed away. They were the parents of eleven children, of whom eight survive. To Mr. and Mrs. Lilly have been born five children: Nellie E., formerly a teacher, now the wife of Foral Woods, of Greenfield, Iowa; George W., at home; Charles S., who is farming in this county; Edna E., deceased; and John E., at home.

Mr. Lilly votes the democratic ticket and believes firmly in the wisdom of the principles of that party, but has never taken an active part in political affairs. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Congregational church. His industry and careful management of his affairs have been rewarded by the attainment of material success and his adherence to high standards of conduct has gained him the respect and friendship of those who know him.

T. P. BROWN.

T. P. Brown, one of the substantial and representative agriculturists of Jackson township, owns and operates a well improved farm of one hundred and seventy acres on section 3. His birth occurred in Madison county, Iowa, on the 6th of March, 1867, his parents being Thomas and Catherine (Curry) Brown, both of whom were natives of Illinois. They came to Iowa as children with their respective parents, settling in Madison county, where their marriage was celebrated. In February, 1881, they came to Adair county and took up their abode on a farm in Jackson township adjoining the present home place of our subject on the east. In 1891 they removed to Fontanelle, where Thomas Brown passed away on the 16th of July, 1910. His widow still makes her home in Fontanelle and is well known and highly esteemed throughout the community in which she has now resided for more than a third of a century.

T. P. Brown acquired his education in the country schools and on attaining his majority began farming on his own account, cultivating rented land. In 1899 he purchased his first land from his father, coming into possession of a tract of forty acres adjoining his present place on the east, while four years later he bought eighty

acres four miles north of Bridgewater, the property lying in section 8, Jackson township. The latter farm remained his home for seven years and on the expiration of that period, in 1910, he purchased one hundred and seventy acres of land on section 3, Jackson township, which he has cultivated continuously to the present time. He is a general farmer and meets with handsome returns as the result of his well directed labor.

On the 6th of March, 1890, Mr. Brown was united in marriage to Miss Minnie Jeffryes, of Adair county, her father being Fred V. Jeffryes, who was one of the early settlers of the county and is now deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Brown have been born five children, namely: Nelson P., Vera F., Bessie E., Harold R. and Loraine M. Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise Mr. Brown has supported the men and measures of the republican party, believing that its principles are most conducive to good government. The period of his residence in this county now covers thirty-four years and he is widely recognized as one of its successful agriculturists and enterprising citizens.

ALFRED H. SCHRODER.

Alfred H. Schroder is engaged in the real-estate business in Fontanelle, in which connection he has gained a good clientage, having negotiated many important realty transfers. He has lived in Fontanelle since 1911 and for a time was engaged in the automobile business but subsequently turned his attention to his present line. He is a native of Germany, born February 4, 1880, his parents being Fritz and Henrietta (Schmidt) Schroder, both of whom were natives of the same country, whence they came to the new world in 1884, settling upon a farm in Adair county, Iowa. The father, who devoted his remaining days to general agricultural pursuits, passed away February 27, 1913, but the mother survives.

Alfred H. Schroder was one of a family of seven children, of whom three are yet living. The days of his boyhood and youth were spent under the parental roof and during that period he acquired a public-school education. His early training was that of the farm and when he started out in business life on his own account it was as a farmer. For ten years he engaged in the cultivation of rented land and in 1911 he took up his abode in Fontanelle, where he began dealing in automobiles. Later he turned his attention to the real-estate business, in which he is now engaged and he handles both town and farm property. He knows what real estate is upon the market and places a correct valuation thereon, so that he is able to make judicious purchases and profitable sales for his clients.

On the 30th of April, 1902, Mr. Schroder was united in marriage to Miss Lena Queck, a native of Germany, and a daughter of Paul and Augusta Queck, who were likewise born in that land. The parents came to America in 1888, settling upon a farm in Adair county, where they still make their home. Moreover, their family circle, which includes eleven children, still remains unbroken by the hand of death—a notable record. Mr. and Mrs. Schroder have become the parents of five children: Paul E., Emma, Margaret, Alfred and Rudolph.

In his political views Mr. Schroder is a republican and keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day but has never been a politician in the sense of

office seeking. He was for two years a school director but otherwise he has not held public office, preferring always to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs. He and his wife are consistent members of the Lutheran church. They occupy one of the most attractive homes of Fontanelle, standing in the midst of two and a half acres of land which is highly improved. Mr. Schroder is enterprising and progressive in his business methods and advancing step by step he has already reached a far point on the highroad to success.

JOHN BOEHLER.

John Boehler was a successful farmer of Jackson township, owning and operating one hundred and sixty acres on section 17. A native of Germany, he was born June 17, 1862, and was a son of Jacob and Barbara Boehler, who were also born in that country and there passed their entire lives. In 1888, when a young man of twenty-six years, our subject emigrated to America and, making his way westward, located in Adair county, Iowa. For some time he worked as a hired hand, thus acquiring the necessary capital to purchase a farm of his own. He became the owner of one hundred and sixty acres on section 17, Jackson township, and made a number of improvements upon the place. He followed general farming and at the time of his death was well-to-do.

In 1889 occurred the marriage of Mr. Boehler and Miss Barbara Fleischmann, also a native of Germany and a daughter of Philip and Anna M. Fleischmann, both of whom died in the fatherland. She came to America in 1888. To Mr. and Mrs. Boehler were born eight children: Mary, deceased; Robert E., who is residing with his mother; William F.; Louisa M.; Lillie E.; John; Emma B., deceased; and George G.

Mr. Boehler was a democrat and rendered acceptable service as school director. He was a member of the Reformed Lutheran church and the Odd Fellows lodge at Bridgewater, but his family attend the Methodist Episcopal church at that place. He passed away June 6, 1913, and was laid to rest in the Witt cemetery, leaving a widow and six children as well as many friends to mourn his demise. He measured up to high standards of manhood and held the unqualified respect of all who came in contact with him whether in business or social relations. Mrs. Boehler still owns the home farm in Jackson township, which she operates with the help of her sons. She manages her business affairs well and her many admirable qualities endear her to a host of friends.

E. E. JOHNSON.

E. E. Johnson, a worthy native son and representative agriculturist of Adair county, owns and operates an excellent farm comprising two hundred acres of land on section 25, Washington township. His birth occurred in that township on the 5th of May, 1863, his parents being Jehu and Rachel (Davis) Johnson, both of whom were natives of Indiana. The father came to Adair county, Iowa, in 1853

and six years later wedded Miss Rachel Davis, their marriage being the thirteenth to be performed in this county. Mr. Johnson entered a tract of land and erected thereon a log cabin which he covered with walnut shingles and in which the family made their home for twenty-seven years. It was then replaced by a modern and more pretentious structure and Mr. Johnson also erected the other necessary buildings on his farm. He gave his political allegiance to the republican party and cast his first vote for Abraham Lincoln. In the demise of Mr. and Mrs. Johnson the community lost two of its esteemed pioneer residents. They were the parents of nine children, five of whom survive.

E. E. Johnson received his education in the common schools and remained under the parental roof until thirty-one years of age, when he was married and established a home of his own. He purchased a farm of two hundred acres on section 25, Washington township, the operation of which has claimed his time and energies continuously since and on which he has made a number of substantial improvements. In connection with the cultivation of cereals he makes a specialty of raising and feeding stock of all kinds, this branch of his business materially augmenting his annual income. He is a stockholder in the Adair Telephone Company and has long been numbered among the substantial and enterprising citizens of his native county.

In 1894 Mr. Johnson was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary L. Seley, a native of Union county, Iowa, and a daughter of W. B. and Lueretia (Finley) Seley, both of whom were born in Pennsylvania. They came to Iowa in an early day, locating first in Union county, later in Adams county and subsequently in Adair county, here spending the remainder of their lives. They became the parents of sixteen children, eleven of whom are yet living. To Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have been born six children, namely: Marion, who is deceased; Elmer E.; Rachel; Ruth; Thomas; and William.

Mr. Johnson exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party and has served his fellow townsmen in the capacity of trustee and school director. His wife is a devoted and consistent member of the Congregational church, exemplifying its teachings in her daily life. They have made many friends and are accorded the hospitality of the best homes.

WILLIAM JOHNSON.

Through his own unaided efforts William Johnson has become the owner of eight hundred and one acres of fine land and is one of the prominent residents of Orient township. He was born in Arkansas, November 14, 1837, a son of Richard and Nancy (McMerry) Johnson, both natives of Tennessee. His great-grandfather served with the troops from Virginia in the Revolutionary war and held the rank of major. The family removed to Arkansas at an early day in the history of that state and there both parents of our subject passed away, the father in 1859 and the mother in 1860. Six of the eight children born to their union survive.

William Johnson remained at home until he reached the age of twenty years and then went to Tennessee, where he remained a short time, after which he removed to Ohio. He enlisted in Company I of the One Hundred and Fifty-fourth Regiment of the State Militia, but was later mustered into the Federal service. He was

discharged in Columbus, Ohio, and for several years worked in the Buckeye state. In 1870 he came to Adair county, Iowa, and for three years was in the employ of J. D. Spalding. At the end of that time he began farming on a two hundred and eighty-one acre tract which is still his home farm. He set out a grove of trees which has now grown to a good size and which adds both to the value and the attractiveness of his farm. He has specialized in raising hogs and sheep and as he understands the business thoroughly and studies the markets carefully the sale of his stock yields him a gratifying annual return. From time to time as his resources have increased he has invested in additional land and now holds title to eight hundred and one acres.

On the 4th of December, 1873, occurred the marriage of Mr. Johnson and Miss Margaret Craig, who was born near Glasgow, Scotland. Her parents, Alex and Jane (Dickey) Craig, located in Maryland on emigrating to America but in 1870 they removed with their family to Iowa and here both passed away. In their family were five children. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have six living children: Henry R., John A., William, Alex, Lloyd A., and Nellie, the wife of Maurice Tuttle. One child has passed away.

Mr. Johnson is a republican and cast his first presidential ballot for Abraham Lincoln. For years he served on the school board and as township trustee and in both capacities proved able and conscientious. Although he began his independent career without capital he was not discouraged, as he believed that in this country industry, determination and sound judgment are rewarded by success, and his faith has been justified, as he is now one of the most extensive landowners of this county. Mrs. Johnson belongs to the Methodist church.

C. H. SHADE.

C. H. Shade, residing on section 6, Orient township, owns one hundred and sixty acres of land constituting one of the best farms in the county and enjoys an enviable reputation as an enterprising and progressive agriculturist. His birth occurred in Peoria county, Illinois, on the 9th of August, 1862, his parents being Alexander and Lucinda (Eads) Shade, who were natives of Pennsylvania and Illinois respectively. They were married in the Prairie state and located on a farm near Bloomington, where they made their home until 1876. In that year they came to Iowa, first locating in Union county and subsequently removing to Cass county. Alexander Shade passed away at the home of our subject in December, 1903, but the mother survives and yet resides in Cass county, Iowa.

C. H. Shade was reared under the parental roof and in his youth acquired but a limited common-school education. The work of the home farm largely devolved upon him, as his father was in poor health, and he remained with his parents until his twenty-sixth year, assisting his father and also cultivating independently a small tract of rented land adjoining the home place. He was married in 1890 and about two years later purchased a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Union county, operating the same successfully until 1900, when he sold the property. In 1901 he came to Adair county and bought a tract of one hundred and sixty acres on section 6, Orient township, which he has cultivated continuously to the present time

with excellent results. He is a stockholder in the Greenfield Creamery Company and has long been numbered among the substantial agriculturists and representative citizens of his adopted county.

On the 26th of March, 1890, Mr. Shade was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary V. Haynes, her father being M. Frank Haynes, who removed from Ohio to Union county, Iowa. To Mr. and Mrs. Shade have been born three children, namely: Ara Laurie, Addis Darline and Mildred Clair, all at home.

In politics Mr. Shade is a staunch republican, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, to which his wife also belongs. He has a host of friends in this part of the state who have found him to be active and enterprising, faithful in the discharge of his obligations and entirely trustworthy in every relation of life.

MILTON ALBERT GETTIS.

M. A. Gettis, who is holding the office of county auditor, was born in Clinton county, Iowa, January 19, 1861. His father, J. D. Gettis, a native of Ohio, was born September 16, 1830, of southern parentage; his father, Ira E. Gettis, being a native of Maryland, and his mother, Mary Daniels Gettis, a native of Virginia. J. D. Gettis removed to Clinton county, Iowa, in 1849, and married Miss Elizabeth Anthony in 1851. Her parents, James Anthony and Sarah Oakley Anthony, were both natives of Rhode Island. They moved to western New York in about the year 1827, and settled near Buffalo. There Elizabeth was born July 16, 1835. In 1841 she came to Iowa with her parents, who located on government land in Clinton county. J. D. Gettis was a builder and millwright by occupation and lived at various times in Clinton, Jones, Tama and Hardin counties. During his active life he served in various local offices, and did some preaching in the early days, being an ordained minister of the Christian church. He came to Adair county in 1873 and he and his excellent wife now reside in Greenfield. In the family were three children, but William H. died at the age of forty-six years and Sarah died in childhood.

M. A. Gettis was educated in the common schools of this county and the Fontanelle high school, and before he reached the age of eighteen years began teaching in Washington township. He afterward attended school one year at Gould College, Harlan, Kansas, one term at the Iowa State Teachers College, and two years at Palmer College, LeGrand, Iowa. He taught commercial branches in Palmer College one year and was secretary of the board of trustees and accountant for the college for three years. (Palmer College has since been removed to Albany, Missouri.) In connection with his experience in teaching he was superintendent of graded schools for several years, at Brownville, Nebraska, at Fontanelle, Iowa, and at Mitchellville, Iowa. In all his school work he proved a capable teacher, loyal to the best interests of his pupils and faithful in the discharge of every duty devolving upon him.

Mr. Gettis is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and also of the Christian church. His life is controlled by high ideals and right motives and he enjoys the respect and goodwill of those who know him best. When not engaged in school work he has spent most of his life on the farm and is familiar with the tasks and problems of practical farm work. He was secretary of the school board for nine



MILTON A. GETTIS

years while living in Summerset township, and took an active interest in community affairs. He moved to Greenfield in 1902 and since then has had several years' experience in bookkeeping and office work. In 1914 he was elected to the office of county auditor on the democratic ticket and is now filling that position in a very creditable and satisfactory manner. Mr. Gettis has spent nearly all his past life in Iowa, and being only twelve years old when the family moved to Adair county, he has witnessed its growth and development for about forty-two years, and his labors have been of a character to contribute to its progress.

HENRY J. BUCHHOLZ.

Henry J. Buchholz, who is engaged in stock-raising in Lee township and who is highly esteemed by those who know him, is a native of Germany, born July 28, 1884. His parents, Fred and Sophia (Eichstand) Buchholz, are likewise natives of the fatherland. In 1885 the family crossed the Atlantic to America and made their way westward to Adair county, Iowa, locating upon a farm northwest of Greenfield, where the parents still reside. All of their six children are living.

Henry J. Buchholz remained at home until he attained his majority and then rented land for six years. At the end of that time he had accumulated sufficient capital to enable him to buy one hundred and sixty acres on section 29, Lee township, where he has since resided. He has a well improved farm and as the land is productive and his methods are practical he raises good crops annually. He is a progressive and efficient agriculturist and stock-raiser and has given especial attention to feeding hogs for market.

On the 14th of January, 1909, Mr. Buchholz married Miss Emma Warrior, who was born in Nebraska, a daughter of Henry and Laura (Lau) Warrior, both natives of Wisconsin, who in 1895 removed with their family to Adair county, Iowa. They are still residing in Lee township. Mrs. Buchholz received a high-school education. By her marriage she has a son, Marion F., whose birth occurred on the 3d of July, 1913.

Mr. Buchholz is a republican and there has never been any question as to his public spirit or loyalty to the general good. Both he and his wife take an active part in the work of the Methodist Episcopal church, to which they belong. His prosperity is the result of his enterprise and sound judgment—qualities which insure his continued success—and his personality is such that he has gained many warm friends.

D. J. HEPLER.

D. J. Hepler is a representative resident farmer of Lee township living on section 9. He was born in Jasper county, Iowa, on the 23d of September, 1867, a son of David and Priscilla (Hanna) Hepler, both of whom were natives of Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, where they were reared and married. They resided in the Keystone state until after the birth of five of their children and about 1866 they

came west to Iowa, settling in Jasper county, where the father purchased one hundred and twenty acres of land. He lived there for eight years and about 1874 came to Adair county, purchasing a half section in Prussia township on section 4. He lived upon that farm for twenty-two years, carefully cultivating and improving it until 1896, when he retired from active life, removing to Greenfield, where his death occurred in September, 1908. For more than two years he had survived his wife, who passed away in January, 1906.

D. J. Hepler was a little lad of seven years at the time of the removal of the family to Adair county, where he was reared upon the home farm, while his education was acquired in the district schools. In the spring of 1888, some months prior to the time when he attained his majority, his father gave him his time and he began farming on his own account. For two years he and a brother rented the home place and continued its cultivation in partnership. At the end of that time they dissolved their business connections, however, D. J. Hepler taking over the home place, which he operated alone for six years. He then bought one hundred and twenty acres on section 13, Lee township, and carried on farming there for five years, at the end of which time he sold that property and invested in his present farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 9, Lee township. To this place he removed and he has since occupied it. The result of his labors are manifest in the carefully tilled fields which bring forth golden harvests and in the well kept appearance of the place in every particular. In addition to his other interests he is a stockholder in the Greenfield Creamery Company.

On November 20, 1889, Mr. Hepler was united in marriage to Miss Catherine Holiday, of Grand River township, a daughter of William and Matilda (Anderson) Holiday, pioneer settlers of Adair county, still residing in Grand River township. To Mr. and Mrs. Hepler have been born a son and daughter: Lester R., who is engaged in farming in Lee township; and Matilda C., a high-school student in Greenfield.

Politically Mr. Hepler is a republican and is now serving on the board of trustees in his township. He belongs to Greenfield Lodge, No. 375, I. O. O. F., and to the Modern Woodmen. Almost his entire life has been passed in Adair county, where he is widely and favorably known. He has always followed general agricultural pursuits and in his business has so directed his labors that substantial results have accrued, and he is now the owner of an excellent farm property.

HERMAN C. KREIS.

Herman C. Kreis, an enterprising and progressive young agriculturist of Adair county, has spent his entire life on the farm which he now operates and which comprises one hundred and twenty acres of rich and productive land on section 10, Summerset township. His birth occurred on the 16th of February, 1883, his parents being Fred and Augusta (Miller) Kreis, both of whom were natives of Germany. They emigrated to the United States in an early day, located first in Bureau county, Illinois, and subsequently took up their abode in Adair county, Iowa, here spending the remainder of their lives. They were the parents of five children, as

follows: Mary, who is the wife of W. A. Whistler, of Omaha, Nebraska; Herman C., of this review; Henry, living in this county; and two who have passed away.

Herman C. Kreis attended the common schools in pursuit of an education and on attaining his majority rented the old homestead farm, which he has operated continuously and successfully since. The property embraces one hundred and twenty acres of land on section 10, Summerset township, and the well tilled fields annually yield golden harvests as a reward for the care and labor which he bestows upon them. He makes a specialty of raising, buying and selling horses, finding this branch of his business also remunerative.

In 1904 Mr. Kreis was united in marriage to Miss Freda Heuckendorf, a native of Germany and a daughter of Henry and Lena (Schroeder) Heuckendorf, who are now residents of Fontanelle. They came to this country when their daughter Freda was eight years of age. Mr. and Mrs. Kreis have two children, Clarence H. and Ernest W.

Politically Mr. Kreis is a staunch republican and he is now serving in the capacity of school director, the cause of education ever finding in him a stalwart champion. His religious faith is that of the German Lutheran church, to which both he and his wife belong. His life is characterized by upright, honorable principles, and Adair county numbers him among her representative agriculturists and worthy native sons.

WILLIAM F. PAXTON.

William F. Paxton is engaged in general farming on section 1, Summerset township, where he has a good property comprising one hundred and sixty-six acres. He was born in Tama county, Iowa, on the 19th of April, 1868, a son of Frank and Clarissa (St. John) Paxton, both of whom were natives of Ohio. Soon after their marriage they came to Iowa and were accompanied by Amos Paxton, the paternal grandfather of William F. Paxton. This was about the year 1855. They settled in Tama county, where the father and grandfather cut timber, which they hauled to the mill and had lumber sawed, from which to build their houses. After it was sawed, however, they needed money so badly that they sold the lumber and built log houses for themselves. Times were so hard and conditions so unpleasant that when sitting at the table eating his corn bread, which was the principal food of the family, the grandfather would frequently cry and wish himself back in Ohio working in the paper mills at seventy-five cents per day but he did not have the money to return and accordingly was forced to remain. In time conditions changed as the result of their labors. The land which was entered by the father and grandfather is still in the possession of the family and is today worth more than two hundred dollars per acre. Frank Paxton died about eleven years ago but his widow survives and yet owns the home farm of three hundred and five acres, although she resides in Montour.

William Paxton remained with his parents during the period of his boyhood and youth and was reared amid the wild scenes and environments of pioneer life, sharing in all the hardships and privations incident to the settlement of the frontier. He acquired his education in the district schools. The building in which he pursued

his studies was afterward purchased by his father for a chicken house, a fact which indicates something of its size. After attaining his majority William Paxton continued to assist in the operation of the home farm until his thirtieth year. He afterward worked for eighteen months on a stock farm and subsequently cultivated rented land for a year. In 1900 he purchased eighty acres of his present farm and the following year removed to Adair county, taking up his abode upon the land which he had previously acquired. Subsequently he bought eighty-six acres adjoining, so that he is now the owner of an excellent farm property. His land is naturally rich and arable and he has brought his fields to a high state of cultivation. His farm methods are at all times practical and progressive and he has steadily advanced in the attainment of success, being now at the head of a business which is bringing him substantial returns.

Mr. Paxton was married in 1898 to Miss Mathilda Spinler, of Tama county, and by this union there has been born a son, Orville M. Mr. Paxton is a republican in his political views and keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day, so that he is able to support his position by intelligent argument. His life has been one of untiring industry and persistent and intelligently directed labor has brought him the success which now classes him with the substantial farmers of the district.

I. T. CLAYTON.

Since 1903 I. T. Clayton has conducted a livery stable and garage at Orient and has been accorded a liberal patronage. He was born in Warren county, Illinois, on the 30th of June, 1863, a son of Andrew and Mary A. (Cole) Clayton, both natives of Kentucky. In 1845 they removed to Warren county, Illinois, where they remained for twenty-five years, but in 1870 they came to Adair county, Iowa, and settled upon a farm in Richland township, where both passed away. The father was twice married and by his first union had three children, all of whom are deceased. By his marriage with the mother of our subject he had six children, of whom three survive.

I. T. Clayton was reared under the parental roof and received his education in the district schools. When a young man of twenty-two years he began his independent business career and for many years followed agricultural pursuits. In 1902, however, he began dealing in horses at Orient and the following year he became the owner of a livery stable and garage, which he has since conducted. Both the stable and garage are well equipped and, as he is obliging and thoroughly honorable in all of his business dealings, it is but natural that he should be well patronized. He is recognized as one of the successful business men of Orient and is a factor in the commercial expansion of the town. He also owns his residence in Orient.

On the 10th of October, 1901, Mr. Clayton married Miss Nora R. Geary, who was born in Mahaska county, this state, of the marriage of Frederick and Phoebe Geary, natives of Ohio, who in the '50s became residents of Iowa. Her father is deceased but her mother survives. Mr. and Mrs. Clayton have become the parents

of five children: Anna M., deceased; one who died in infancy; Treva; Everett A.; and one who died in infancy.

Mr. Clayton is a democrat and for four years served on the town council of Orient, exercising his official prerogatives in behalf of the public welfare. Fraternally he is well known, as he belongs to the Masonic blue lodge, the Modern Woodmen of America and the Yeomen. He is a member of the Baptist church, and his wife belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church. He has thoroughly identified his interests with those of Orient and no movement for the betterment of his community lacks his hearty support and cooperation.

PETER KORDICK.

Peter Kordick, numbered among the substantial and energetic agriculturists of Adair county, owns and operates an excellent farm of two hundred and forty acres on section 6, Jackson township. His birth occurred in Lee county, Illinois, on the 3d of August, 1869, his parents being Joseph and Catherine (Zierhut) Kordick, who were born, reared and married in Germany. In 1868 or 1869 they emigrated to the United States, locating in Illinois, in which state they resided for about twelve years. On the expiration of that period, in 1881, they came to Adair county, Joseph Kordick buying the northwest quarter of section 6, Jackson township, while subsequently he made additional purchase until his holdings embraced five or six hundred acres of land. His demise occurred in 1903 or 1904 and thus the community lost one of its prosperous and respected citizens.

Peter Kordick, who was a youth of twelve years when his parents established their home in this county, attended the district schools in the acquirement of an education. General agricultural pursuits have claimed his attention throughout his entire business career and after his father's death he purchased one hundred and sixty acres from the estate, while later he bought another tract of eighty acres, now owning two hundred and forty acres of rich and productive land in Jackson township. He annually gathers good crops which find a ready sale on the market, and his present prosperity is the merited reward of his well directed industry and enterprise.

Mr. Kordick is unmarried and makes his home with his brother Joseph. He is a communicant of the Catholic church. The period of his residence in this county now covers more than a third of a century and he has won an extensive circle of friends and acquaintances within its borders.

RICHARD F. JEFFRYES.

One hundred and sixty acres of good land on sections 29 and 32, Lee township, pay tribute to the care and cultivation which its owner, Richard F. Jeffryes, bestows upon it. He is a native of Mercer county, Illinois, and his birth occurred on the 24th of September, 1855. His parents, Frederick and Eleanor (Cooper) Jeffryes, who were natives respectively of England and Pennsylvania, took up their residence in Illinois in an early day in the history of that state. There they were married

and there they continued to reside until 1865, when they came to Adair county, Iowa. Further mention of their lives is made elsewhere in this work.

Richard F. Jeffryes passed the period of his minority under the parental roof but when he attained his majority he left home and for several years he operated rented land. His first purchase of land made him the owner of forty acres, upon which he resided for three years. He then sold that place and bought a farm in Jackson township, this county, where he lived until 1900, when he purchased a quarter section on sections 29 and 32, Lee township, where he now resides. He has made many excellent improvements and the farm is one of the valuable properties of his locality. He specializes in raising hogs for the market and his long experience and good business judgment enable him to carry on that business very successfully.

In 1881 Mr. Jeffryes was married to Miss Myrtle Hollingsworth, a native of Iowa and a daughter of Albert and Sarah A. Hollingsworth. The father is still living and resides at Greenfield. Mr. and Mrs. Jeffryes have two children: Grace, the wife of K. H. Adams, of this county; and Harry C., still at home.

Mr. Jeffryes is a democrat and has served acceptably upon the school board. His wife belongs to the Christian church, in the work of which she takes a helpful interest. They began their married life in limited financial circumstances but their continued industry has been rewarded and they now have more than a competence. Their many admirable traits of character have won them the respect of all who know them and there are many who value highly their goodwill and favorable opinion.

WILLIAM UNTIEDT.

William Untiedt, who makes his home on section 12, Jackson township, owns and cultivates one hundred and ninety-two and one-half acres of land comprising one of the valuable and well improved farms of the county. His birth occurred in Davenport, Iowa, on the 9th of June, 1866, his father being Hans Untiedt, who emigrated to the United States in 1865. Locating in Davenport, Iowa, the latter secured employment as a day laborer and there spent the remainder of his life, passing away in 1902. The mother of our subject died during his childhood.

William Untiedt acquired but a limited education in the public schools of Davenport, as he became a wage earner at the early age of nine years, working on the farm hoeing potatoes and doing such other labor as he was able. He continued work as a farm hand until the age of twenty-two years and in 1888 went to Redwillow county, Nebraska, where he rented land and kept bachelor's hall for five years, attempting to make a success of farming. During the entire period, however, he harvested but one crop and at length decided to come back to Iowa. On returning to Davenport he rented ten acres of land which he planted to potatoes, farming the place for two years and in the meantime working for another farmer with whom he boarded. Carefully saving the money which he made, he was enabled to purchase his present property in the winter of 1894, but he did not take up his abode thereon until the spring of 1896. The place comprises one hundred and ninety-two and one-half acres of valuable and productive land on section 12, Jackson township,



MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM UNTIEDT

and in its operation Mr. Untiedt has won a most gratifying and well merited measure of prosperity. He is a stockholder in the Fontanelle Lumber Company.

In the spring of 1896 Mr. Untiedt was united in marriage to Miss Maggie Serk, of Walcott, Scott county, Iowa. He is a republican in his political views and has served for one term as townshipp trustee, while for the past five years he has been a member of the school board, ever discharging his public duties in a most prompt and capable manner. Fraternaly he is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, belonging to Fontanelle Lodge, No. 250, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Lutheran church, with which his wife is also affiliated. They are people of the highest respectability, whose good qualities of heart and mind have won for them the confidence and friendly regard of all who know them.

WILLIAM C. DIARS.

William C. Diars, a worthy native son of Adair county and wide-awake young business man of Fontanelle, has for a number of years been identified with real-estate and insurance interests and in this connection has won well merited success. His birth occurred on the 19th of January, 1884, his parents being Peter and Margaret (Hills) Diars, both of whom were natives of Germany. They emigrated to the United States in 1880 and made their way direct to Iowa, locating on a farm in Adair county on which the mother passed away January 15, 1912. The father survives, however, and is well known and highly esteemed throughout the community. They became the parents of eleven children, four of whom are yet living.

William C. Diars received his education in the common schools and spent the period of his minority under the parental roof. Subsequently he cultivated rented land for three years and on the expiration of that period came to Fontanelle, where he embarked in the real-estate business and he has since built up an extensive and profitable patronage in that line, handling property in Adair and adjoining counties. He is also active in the insurance field. He gives his political allegiance to the republican party and enjoys an enviable reputation in both business and social circles of the county in which he has resided from his birth to the present time.

E. E. SAVAGE.

E. E. Savage is a worthy native son and representative agriculturist of Adair county, owning and cultivating one hundred and sixty acres of valuable land on sections 10 and 15, Grand River township. His birth occurred on the 22d of March, 1871, his parents being Joel E. and Charlotte I. (Collins) Savage, who were natives of Maine and Ohio respectively. After coming to Adair county the father devoted his attention to the operation of a farm throughout the remainder of his life, passing away in August, 1897. His widow survives and is well known and highly esteemed throughout the community. They became the parents of four children, as follows:

E. E., of this review; Flora L. and John E., both of whom are deceased; and William O., who is a resident of Des Moines.

E. E. Savage attended the common schools in the acquirement of an education and remained under the parental roof until he had attained his majority. Subsequently he cultivated a rented tract of land for four years and on the expiration of that period purchased a farm of one hundred and twenty acres in Grand River township, while later he bought an additional tract of forty acres, so that his holdings now embrace a quarter section. He cultivates the cereals best adapted to soil and climate and also devotes considerable attention to the raising of cattle, hogs and horses, both branches of his business returning to him a gratifying annual income.

In 1900 Mr. Savage was united in marriage to Miss Rhoda M. Lents, a native of Adair county, Iowa, and a daughter of George and Cordelia (Fuller) Lents, both of whom have passed away. They had eleven children, ten of whom are yet living. To Mr. and Mrs. Savage have been born five children, namely: Flora M., Mary E., John E., Margie Ruth and Francis Dale.

In his political views Mr. Savage is a republican and he has served as justice of the peace and as school director, making a most creditable record as a public official. He well merits the proud American title of a self-made man, for his present prosperity is the direct reward of his own labors. Both he and his wife have spent their entire lives in Adair county and are widely and favorably known within its borders, the circle of their friends being almost coextensive with the circle of their acquaintances.

MARTIN F. TRACY.

Among the efficient farmers of Jackson township is Martin F. Tracy, who owns one hundred and sixty-two acres of land on section 5. He was born in Whiteside county, Illinois, on the 19th of March, 1875, and is a son of Edward and Mary (Callahan) Tracy, both natives of Ireland. In 1862 they emigrated to America and located in Pennsylvania. The father served during the Civil war in the Union army and has at all times proved a public-spirited citizen. He is still living in this county but the mother is deceased.

Martin F. Tracy remained under the parental roof during the period of his minority and upon beginning his independent career decided to follow the occupation to which he had been reared. He operated rented land for six years but at the end of that time had accumulated sufficient capital to enable him to buy one hundred and sixty-two acres on section 5, Jackson township. He took up his residence upon that place and in the intervening years has erected a number of good buildings and otherwise improved the farm. He raises all kinds of stock.

Mr. Tracy was married in 1901 to Miss Emma K. Ries, who was born in Whiteside county, Illinois, and is a daughter of G. W. and Margaret (Bitz) Ries, both natives of Germany. They emigrated to America many years ago and both passed away in this county. Mr. and Mrs. Tracy are the parents of eight children, namely: Raymond E., Margaret, Irene, Mary, Elma, Martin F., Marcella and G. M., who is deceased.

Mr. Tracy is a staunch democrat and is now filling the office of township trustee. Fraternally he is identified with the Woodmen of the World, and both he and his wife are communicants of the Roman Catholic church. They are widely known throughout the county and those who have been most intimately associated with them hold them in the highest esteem.

I. J. GIBSON, M. D.

Dr. I. J. Gibson, a successful and able young medical practitioner, has followed his profession in Fontanelle for the past five years. His birth occurred in Mercer county, Illinois, on the 4th of November, 1884, his parents being N. W. and Atlanta (Ripley) Gibson, both of whom were natives of Ohio. They came to Iowa about 1855, locating on a farm in Cedar county, but five years later returned to Rock Island county, Illinois, and there continued to reside until 1865. In that year they took up their abode in Mercer county, Illinois, where they made their home until 1890, when they located on a farm in Adair county, this state. Here the father passed away in 1910, being survived by his widow, who yet lives on the old home place and is well known and highly esteemed throughout the community. To them were born nine children, seven of whom survive.

I. J. Gibson acquired his early education in the common schools and pursued a high-school course at Creston, Iowa. Having determined upon a professional career, he entered the Chicago Medical College and following his graduation from that institution in 1909 spent one year in practice in South Dakota. He then returned to this state and opened an office in Fontanelle, where he has followed his profession continuously and successfully since, enjoying a gratifying and steadily growing practice. He holds membership in the Adair County Medical Society, the Iowa State Medical Society and the American Medical Association and thus keeps in touch with the most advanced methods and latest discoveries of the profession.

On November 23, 1909, Dr. Gibson was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Reed, a native of Adair county and a daughter of A. K. and Ella (Mock) Reed, who are now residents of Orient, Iowa. The Doctor is a worthy exemplar of the Masonic fraternity, belonging to Lodge No. 539, A. F. & A. M., and he is also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Fontanelle, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks at Creston, and the Woodmen of the World. He is esteemed alike in fraternal, social and professional circles, for his characteristics are such as everywhere awaken respect and regard.

JACOB GOETZ.

Jacob Goetz, who makes his home on section 9, Summerset township, has resided in Adair county for more than thirty years and is widely recognized as one of its prosperous and representative agriculturists, owning three hundred and fifty acres of valuable land in Summerset and Washington townships. His birth

occurred in Bureau county, Illinois, on the 6th of April, 1861, his parents being Jacob and Katherine Goetz, both of whom were natives of Germany. They emigrated to the new world in 1858 and took up their abode on a farm in Bureau county, Illinois, there spending the remainder of their lives. They became the parents of three children but our subject is the only surviving member of the family.

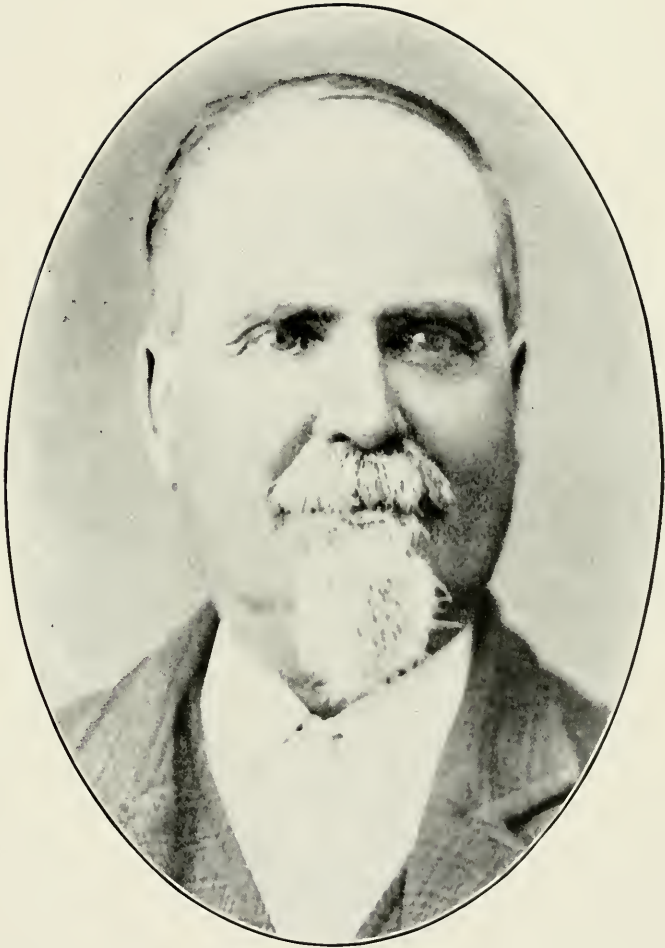
Jacob Goetz attended the common schools in the acquirement of an education and began providing for his own support at the early age of thirteen years, securing employment as a farm hand. In 1883, when twenty-two years of age, he came to Adair county, Iowa, and here continued working as a farm hand for two years. His wife inherited from her foster father one hundred and sixty acres on section 9, Summerset township, which Mr. Goetz has operated continuously since, and on which he has made many excellent improvements. Later he bought another quarter section in Washington township, which he has also improved, and he made still further purchase of land until his holdings now embrace three hundred and fifty acres. He cultivates the cereals best adapted to soil and climate and also makes a specialty of raising and feeding stock, both branches of his business returning to him a gratifying annual income. He owns a residence and three lots in Fontanelle and has long been numbered among the substantial and esteemed citizens of his community.

In 1883 Mr. Goetz was united in marriage to Miss Alice Higgins, a native of La Salle county, Illinois, and a daughter of Eugene and Elizabeth (Masterman) Higgins, who were born respectively in New York and in Maine but who were married in La Salle county, Illinois. Mrs. Goetz lost her father when she was but two years of age, at which time the family was broken up and she was adopted by G. G. Rechtenbach. When fifteen years old she came to Adair county with her adopted parents. To Mr. and Mrs. Goetz have been born thirteen children: Emma; Katherine; George, deceased; Eugene; Pearl; Minnie; Alpha, deceased; Bert; Vinice; Edward; Lucile; Clarence, deceased; and Arthur.

Politically Mr. Goetz is a staunch democrat who has done able service in the interests of education as a member of the school board. Fraternally he is identified with the Woodmen of the World, while with his family he attends the services of the Methodist Episcopal church. He has a host of friends in the community who have found him to be active and enterprising, faithful in the discharge of his obligations and entirely trustworthy in every relation of life.

JAMES P. KEMBERY.

James P. Kembery, a well known resident of Adair county, who owns land on section 32, Washington township, is concentrating his energies largely upon the breeding of pure bred Percheron horses. His birth occurred upon the farm where he now resides on the 8th of September, 1867, and his parents were Thomas and Sarah (Campbell) Kembery, natives respectively of Somersetshire, England, and of Page county, Iowa. The father emigrated to this country in 1853, landing at New Orleans, whence he immediately proceeded to Muscatine, Iowa, where he worked by the month for a time. He subsequently went to Indiana, where he resided for some



THOMAS KEMBERY

time, and he also lived for a while in Ohio and while a resident of those two states engaged in teaching school and in selling books. Upon returning to Iowa he took up his residence in Adair county and purchased land which was being sold for taxes and which was the nucleus of the farm now owned by our subject. In 1863 the father enlisted in Company I, Second Iowa Volunteer Cavalry, and served until the close of the war, after which he returned to this county. He then again turned his attention to school teaching. He also began breaking the prairie sod and it was said that he owned more oxen at one time than any other man in the county. He was very successful financially and acquired seven hundred and sixty acres of valuable land. His political faith was that of the republican party but he was never an office seeker. He passed away on the 28th of January, 1905, but is survived by his widow, who resides with our subject.

James P. Kembery was reared at home and attended the district schools. He did not make the mistake, however, of considering his education completed when his schooldays were over, but has continued to read broadly and is recognized as one of the best informed men of the county. After reaching mature years he was taken into partnership by his father and they operated the farm together. For several years past our subject has specialized in the breeding of pure bred Percheron horses and has built up an enviable reputation in that connection. He is the owner of the Percheron stallion, Heron, No. 103912, which is said to be one of the best Percherons in the entire state. Mr. Kembery also raises high grade Shropshire sheep. He owns two hundred acres and also operates two hundred acres belonging to his mother. He is one of the substantial men of the county and in addition to his extensive agricultural interests is a stockholder in the Carl Telephone Company.

Mr. Kembery is a republican and supports the candidates and measures of that party at the polls. He is a member of the Percheron Society of America and is one of the most successful breeders of the state of Iowa. His entire life has been passed in this county and the fact that those who have known him intimately since earliest boyhood hold him in sincere respect and high esteem is proof of his genuine worth.

RICHARD RAY.

Richard Ray, who was for many years closely identified with agricultural interests in Richland township, was born in Kentucky, December 20, 1837. His parents, Washington and Emily (Moore) Ray, were both likewise natives of the Blue Grass state, where they were reared and married. They, however, became residents of Warren county, Illinois, where both were living when called by death.

Richard Ray grew to mature years in the Prairie state and on beginning his independent business career purchased a farm of eighty acres, which he operated until 1881, when he sold it and came to Adair county, Iowa, where he had previously purchased a farm. He arrived here on the 1st of April of that year and at once located on his land. He continued to make his home there until his demise, which occurred March 17, 1912. The farm comprises one hundred and sixty acres of arable land and twenty acres of timber land, all of which is in the possession of his widow, who still resides upon the place. The farm is operated by a tenant and Mrs. Ray has shown excellent business judgment in the management of her

affairs. Mr. Ray was an energetic and efficient farmer and his labors yielded him a good annual income.

He was a democrat in his political affiliation and for several years served as a member of the board of trustees and as a member of the school board, while he also held a number of other local offices. He was a consistent Christian and a working member of the local Baptist church. His demise was the occasion of much sincere grief as his personal qualities were such that he made and retained the warm friendship of many. There was never the slightest doubt as to his integrity and all with whom he came in contact accorded him their unqualified respect.

On Christmas day, 1862, Mr. Ray was united in marriage to Miss Carrie Talley, a daughter of George Talley, one of the prominent farmers of Warren county, Illinois. Her father resided in Kentucky during his youth but was an early settler of the Prairie state. To Mr. and Mrs. Ray were born eight children, of whom four are still living, namely: Theodore W., a ranchman of Colorado; Guy O., who is farming in Richland township, this county; A. L., a business man residing in St. Joseph, Missouri; and Mollie E., the wife of W. D. Hoskins, of Portland, Oregon. Mrs. Ray is a consistent member of the Baptist church and is highly esteemed because of her many excellent traits of heart and mind.

MARCUS HENNESSY.

Marcus Hennessy, whose grain office was the first building in Orient and who also erected the first dwelling in the village, came to the west from New England. He was born in Massachusetts, on the 22d of November, 1815, a son of Michael and Mary (Lynch) Hennessy, both of whom were natives of Ireland. They came to America in the '30s and first settled in Massachusetts, remaining in that state until the early '50s, when they became residents of Ohio, living there for three years. On the expiration of that period they removed to Albia, Iowa, and took up their abode upon a farm, upon which both the father and mother spent their remaining days.

Marcus Hennessy is the only surviving member in his father's family of three children. He accompanied his parents on their various removals until they reached Iowa, acquired a common-school education and remained at home until his marriage, which was celebrated in 1869, Miss Elizabeth Geary becoming his wife. She was born in Pennsylvania, a daughter of Edward and Margaret (Reynolds) Geary, who were natives of Ireland but came to America in early life and established their home in the Keystone state. About the year 1849 they became residents of Lee county, Iowa, and afterward removed to Monroe county but the father died in Keokuk, Iowa. Later the mother and her family took up their abode in Monroe county and settled upon a farm, where the mother died. She had six children but only two are now living.

Following his marriage Mr. Hennessy occupied his father's old homestead until after the death of his parents and industriously and successfully gave his attention to general agricultural pursuits. Later he removed to Creston, where he lived for two years and in 1878 he established his home at Orient, where he was engaged

in the grain business for thirty-five years. His grain office was the first building erected in the town and he also built the first dwelling house there. Subsequently he bought two lots and erected thereon a fine residence, around which he planted a grove, the trees being now of large size, rendering the place most attractive. With the development of Orient he has been closely and helpfully associated from the beginning and there is no phase of the public life of the village that has tended to advance its welfare with which he has not been connected.

Mr. and Mrs. Hennessy have become parents of three children: Edward M., who died at the age of six years; Mary Margaret, who was a teacher in the public schools and a teacher of music following her graduation from the musical school prior to her marriage to F. A. Strong, of Orient; and Sarah Ellen, who is a graduate of the high school of Orient. She took up the study of nursing and followed that profession for three years. There are also three grandchildren, Mark W., Mary Eileen and Frederick Aloysius Strong.

Mr. and Mrs. Hennessy are members of the Catholic church. He still owns seven acres of land in the village of Orient. He was mayor of the town for a number of years and is now city treasurer, a position which he has occupied for seventeen years. He has also served on the school board and he drew up the first ordinance for the village, which thirty years later his daughter Nellie rewrote. He has ever belonged to that class of men who, while advancing individual success, contribute to the public prosperity. His life has never been self-centered but has reached out along helpful lines for the benefit of his fellowmen and for the community, and the town of Orient largely owes its existence and its advancement to his efforts.

N. D. CHADWICK.

N. D. Chadwick, an agriculturist residing on section 35, Summerset township, owns an excellent farm of eighty acres which he has operated continuously and successfully for the past third of a century. His birth occurred in New York on the 9th of June, 1846, his parents being Clark and Hester Ann (Van Wormer) Chadwick, who were likewise natives of the Empire state. They came west to Iowa in 1854, locating in the town of Big Roek, Scott county, where the father conducted a wagon-making shop until 1862. In that year he took up his abode on a farm in Cedar county and there carried on agricultural pursuits until 1880, when he removed to Adair county, here spending the remainder of his life with his sons. His demise occurred in 1895, when he had attained the venerable age of eighty-eight years.

N. D. Chadwick attended the district schools in the acquirement of an education and spent the first twenty-five years of his life under the parental roof. In 1871 he started out as an agriculturist on his own account, purchasing a tract of fifty acres in Cedar county which he cultivated until 1879, when he came with the family to Adair county. Here he bought a quarter section of wild and unimproved land in Summerset township at seven and one-half dollars per acre, erected a small frame house thereon and began the development of his property. As the years have passed he has brought the place to a high state of cultivation and improvement and

now owns a valuable and productive farm which yields him a gratifying annual income. He is a stockholder in the Greenfield Creamery Company and has long been numbered among the substantial and enterprising citizens of his community.

Mr. Chadwick has been married twice. On the 1st of March, 1884, he wedded Miss Ella O. Johnson, of Hardin county, Iowa, by whom he had three children, as follows: Ross G., a farmer residing in Summerset township; Carroll D., who operates the home farm, and Grace A., who is the wife of Orville Clayton, of Richland township. The wife and mother passed away in 1891 and ten years later Mr. Chadwick was again married, his second union being with Mrs. Mary Vandevort.

In politics Mr. Chadwick is a staunch republican and he has ably served in the capacity of supervisor and school director. Fraternally he is identified with the Knights of Pythias and his religious faith is that of the Congregational church, to which his wife also belongs. He has ever led a busy, active and useful life and commands the respect and high regard of all with whom he comes in contact, for his conduct has ever conformed to the highest principles of morality.

JAMES G. HENDRY.

James G. Hendry is a factor in financial circles of Adair county as proprietor of the Union Bank, a private institution of Bridgewater, which he established on the 6th of January, 1890, and which was the first banking institution of the town. His birth occurred in Andover, Essex county, Massachusetts, on the 2d of February, 1842, his parents being James and Catherine (Greig) Hendry, both of whom were natives of Scotland. They emigrated to the United States in young manhood and young womanhood, locating in Andover, Massachusetts, where they were married. In 1849 they removed westward to Wisconsin, locating in Fond du Lac county, where the father took up government land and spent the remainder of his life. Both he and his wife passed away in the year 1877.

James G. Hendry was reared under the parental roof and in the acquirement of an education attended the district schools and also pursued a high-school course at Fond du Lac. After putting aside his textbooks he assisted his father in the operation of the home farm until the time of his marriage in December, 1869. In the spring of that year he had come to Adair county, Iowa, purchasing three hundred and twenty-two acres of land on sections 8 and 9, Washington township, and in the following fall he returned home, was married and brought his bride to this county. He won a gratifying measure of success in the conduct of his agricultural interests and remained on the farm for forty years. It might still have been his home at the present time except for the fact that his wife's failing health necessitated a removal. In February, 1910, he took up his abode in Bridgewater, where he had established the Union Bank on the 6th of January, 1890, this being the first banking institution of the town. For twenty years Mr. Hendry had daily traveled the distance from his farm to the bank. In the conduct of his financial interests he has manifested splendid executive ability and sound judgment and his efforts have contributed in large measure to the continued growth and success of the institution of which he is at the head.

In December, 1869, Mr. Hendry was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary E. Clark, a daughter of Daniel Clark, who came to Iowa from New Hampshire, taking up his abode among the early pioneer settlers of this state. To Mr. and Mrs. Hendry were born ten children, as follows: Grace A., who is the widow of Cyrus Covel and resides in Bridgewater; Katie A., the wife of H. D. Dinsmoor, of Buckingham, Colorado; Hattie E., who holds the position of cashier in her father's bank; James C., who is deceased; Jessie M., who gave her hand in marriage to Leroy Warrior, an agriculturist of this county; Fred G., the proprietor of a meat market in Bridgewater; Charles R., a telephone man residing in Bridgewater; Hayes D., who died as a soldier in the Philippines; Edna F., who is the wife of Dr. Clifford Ross, of Belle Plaine, Iowa; and Lucy P., who is the wife of Robert Purdom. The wife and mother passed away on the 23d of July, 1914, her demise being the occasion of deep and widespread regret.

In politics Mr. Hendry has always been a staunch republican and for many years took an active part in local affairs. He has served in various township offices, including those of trustee, clerk and road supervisor, while for about forty years he held the office of justice of the peace, making a most creditable record in that capacity. Fraternally he is identified with the Masons, belonging to Fontanelle Lodge, No. 138, A. F. & A. M., and St. Johns Chapter, No. 73, R. A. M., of Greenfield, Iowa. The period of his residence in Adair county now covers about forty-six years and he has long been numbered among its leading, valued and prosperous citizens.

O. C. PRIDDY.

O. C. Priddy, a representative and successful agriculturist of Adair county, has carried on farming here for a period of forty-two years and now resides on section 5, Orient township. His birth occurred near Indianapolis, in Hancock county, Indiana, on the 3d of November, 1845, his parents being D. M. and Thankful (Earl) Priddy, the former probably a native of Indiana and the latter of Ohio. They were married in the Hoosier state and took up their abode on a farm in Hancock county, where they resided until 1855. In that year they came to Iowa, locating first in Marion county and four years later in Jasper county, while in the fall of 1866 they removed to Adair county. For a time D. M. Priddy lived in Greenfield, acquiring extensive holdings in the eastern part of the town, while subsequently he built on the farm where the fair grounds are now located. He owned this property and resided thereon until 1880, when he disposed of the farm and moved back into the town of Greenfield, there passing away at the age of eighty-eight or eighty-nine years. His wife was in her ninetieth year when called to her final rest. D. M. Priddy served as justice of the peace in Greenfield for many years and enjoyed an extensive and favorable acquaintance throughout the county. At the time of the Civil war he enlisted for service with the Ninth Cavalry at Monroe, Jasper county, Iowa, remaining at the front for over three years and making a most creditable military record.

O. C. Priddy was reared under the parental roof and attended the district schools in the acquirement of an education. Though but a youth of about sixteen

when his father entered the Union army, he was the oldest son of the family and the operation of the home farm therefore devolved upon him. He remained at home for two or three years after his father's return from the war and then secured employment as a farm hand, working for wages during a period of seven years. Mr. Priddy did not accompany his father to Adair county but remained in Jasper county and in 1870 took up his abode in Madison county. The same year he purchased his present home farm in Adair county, but he did not remove to this county until 1873. During the following six years he resided upon a rented farm adjoining the property which he had purchased and operated both places. In 1880 or 1881 he erected his present home and here he has carried on his agricultural interests continuously since, meeting with a gratifying and well merited measure of success in his undertakings.

In 1873 Mr. Priddy was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Aley Brown, of Madison county, Iowa, by whom he had nine children, five of whom survive, as follows: Mabel, who is the wife of Edward Foster, of Summerset township, this county; Leroy, an agriculturist of Orient township, this county; Bessie, who gave her hand in marriage to J. V. Poush, of Orient township, this county; Nellie, the wife of Bert Ady, of Prescott, Iowa; and May, who is the wife of Henry Miller, of Greenfield, Iowa.

In his political views Mr. Priddy is a republican, supporting the men and measures of that party at the polls. His wife is a consistent and devoted member of the Methodist Episcopal church. He stands fearlessly in support of what he believes to be right and the principles which have governed his conduct throughout his entire life are such as are indispensable elements of good citizenship and honorable manhood.

JAMES RUSSELL PETERS.

James Russell Peters has for forty-three years been a witness of the changes that have been wrought and the development that has been carried forward in Adair county, for he has spent the entire period of his life in this county, his birth having occurred in Jefferson township in April, 1872. He is a son of James and Mary Ellen (Russell) Peters, who were natives of Peoria county, Illinois. The father lived in the city of Peoria until he reached the age of ten years, when his parents removed to a farm in that county, so that he was reared to agricultural life, early becoming familiar with all the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the farmer. When he had attained his majority he began farming on his own account and was thus busily engaged in Peoria county until 1869, when he drove across the country to Adair county, Iowa, and purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land on section 22, Jefferson township, for which he paid eight dollars per acre. The work of improvement has been carried steadily forward since that time and the farm is now valued at one hundred seventy-five dollars per acre. James Peters continued the active work of the fields until 1909, when he retired from business, but is still living on the old home place at the age of seventy-four years. His wife also survives and has reached the age of seventy-eight.



JAMES PETERS



MRS. JAMES PETERS

James R. Peters was reared upon the old homestead and the public schools of Menlo provided him his educational opportunities. He remained with his parents until he reached the age of twenty-five years, although on attaining his majority he began farming for himself on rented land. After operating that place for ten years he removed to Madison county, Iowa, where he carried on farming for five years, owning three different tracts of land during that period. He then sold out and returned to Adair county, purchasing one hundred and sixty acres of land in Grove township. For a year he remained upon that place and then traded it for land in Canada and also purchased a half section in Howard county, Iowa, which he later exchanged for two hundred and forty acres in Jefferson township, Adair county. Upon the latter tract he has placed many excellent improvements, but he rents the farm to others and operates the old homestead, having followed this course for six years. He gives his attention to the development of this place, which comprises two hundred and forty acres, and the excellent appearance of the farm indicates his careful supervision, his practical and progressive methods and his unfaltering determination.

In March, 1897, Mr. Peters was married to Miss Lillie B. Lowe, a daughter of J. N. and Susie (Isley) Lowe, the former a native of North Carolina and the latter of Pennsylvania. They were prominent settlers of Adair county, arriving here in the '60s, and the father has since engaged in farming. At the time of the Civil war he entered the army and served in defense of the Union cause. His wife passed away in May, 1888. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Peters are seven children: Dorothy E., seventeen years of age; Susie M., aged fifteen; Alice L., twelve; James D., ten; Clarence H., nine; Irene M., seven; and Burnette R., six years of age.

In politics Mr. Peters is a progressive republican. Broad reading keeps him in touch with the leading questions and issues of the day and his support of any measure results from a firm belief in the righteousness of the cause. His religious faith is that of the Methodist church, to which he and his wife belong. They are well known in this county, where they have resided for so many years, and they have a large circle of warm friends.

JAY SULLIVAN.

Jay Sullivan, postmaster of Fontanelle, to which position he was appointed by President Wilson in 1914, is one of the native sons of Adair county, his birth having occurred here on the 10th of May, 1856. He is a son of Titus H. and Christina (Lentz) Sullivan, both of whom were natives of Indiana. In the year 1855 they arrived in Iowa and in the spring of 1856 took up their abode upon a tract of land in Adair county, which Mr. Sullivan entered from the government. It was in its primitive condition, being covered with the native prairie grasses, not a furrow having been turned nor an improvement made. The arduous task of developing a new farm confronted him and he built a log cabin covered with clapboard roof and with a clapboard door with the customary latchstring. There was also a stick chimney and other indications of frontier life. But hospitality reigned in that pioneer home and the latchstring always hung on the outside of the door.

As the years passed Mr. Sullivan carefully improved his farm, breaking the prairie and then harrowing and planting the land, so that in time good crops were gathered. The father died in 1872 but the mother survives at the age of eighty-four years, and is yet enjoying good health.

Jay Sullivan is one of a family of eight children, five of whom yet survive. He remained at home until he attained his majority and through attendance at the public schools acquired a good education, completing the high-school course. He started out in the business world as a clerk in a store at Fontanelle and was thus employed for eight years, during which period he carefully saved his earnings until his industry and economy had brought him a sum sufficient to enable him to engage in business on his own account. He then established a grocery store, in which he continued for a number of years and subsequently he worked in a lumberyard for two years. At different times he has been called to public office, occupying several municipal offices, in which he has made an excellent record by reason of his capability and his loyalty. For seven years he filled the position of town marshal of Fontanelle and in 1914 was appointed to the office of postmaster by President Wilson, being the present incumbent in that position. He has likewise been officially connected with the schools, serving on the board at Fontanelle for several years. His influence in such matters is always on the side of progress and improvement and his labors have been effective and farreaching. His appointment to his present position indicates his political preference, his support always having been given to the democratic party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise.

In 1882 Mr. Sullivan was united in marriage to Miss Emma Vest, a native of Indiana, and a daughter of John and Maria (Smith) Vest, in whose family were three children, all of whom survive. Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan have two children: Guy V., who was graduated from the high school at Fontanelle and is now assistant postmaster; and Pearl J., who is the wife of F. C. Eaton, of this county. She, too, is a high-school graduate and for some years she successfully engaged in teaching school. Both Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan are members of the Christian church, in the work of which they are helpfully and actively interested. Mr. Sullivan owns a residence in the village and their home partakes of the old-time pioneer hospitality. He is a representative of one of the old families of the county and has been a lifelong resident here, having for fifty-nine years been a witness of the growth of the county and the changes which have occurred, bringing it to its present prosperous condition.

M. A. KLUEVER.

M. A. Kluever, a progressive agriculturist and substantial citizen of Adair county, owning four hundred and eighty acres of valuable land, resides on section 7, Jackson township, and his farm is one of the best improved in the township. Two hundred and forty acres thereof lie in Adair county and the remainder across the line in Cass county. His birth occurred in Germany on the 26th of September, 1871, his parents being Adolph and Margaret (Hanson) Kluever, who are likewise natives of that country. They emigrated to the United States in 1882 locating first in Scott county, Iowa, and one year later in Audubon county, where they have resided continuously since.

M. A. Kluever was a lad of eleven years when he accompanied his parents on their emigration to the new world and he acquired his education in the district schools. He was married when twenty-five years of age and subsequently began farming independently, cultivating rented land in Audubon county for two years. On the expiration of that period, in 1898, he purchased a quarter section of land and five years later bought another tract of eighty acres. At the end of five more years he purchased still another eighty-acre tract and two years afterward bought one hundred and twenty acres, so that his holdings embraced four hundred and forty acres. Subsequently he disposed of this farm and in 1914 purchased his present place of four hundred and eighty acres, half of which lies in Adair county and the remainder across the line in Cass county. The success which he now enjoys is all the more creditable by reason of the fact that it is attributable entirely to his own well directed industry and capable management. He started out in the business world empty-handed and through his own exertions has made himself financially independent, being now numbered among the prosperous and representative citizens of his community.

In 1896 Mr. Kluever was united in marriage to Miss Helena Zellmer, of Cass county, Iowa, a daughter of William and Louisa Zellmer, natives of Germany, the former of whom died January 19, 1913, while the latter is still living. Mr. and Mrs. Kluever have seven children, namely: Frederick William, William Adolph, Minnie L. M., Paul E., Hilda L. H., Raymond E., and Leona B. D., all of whom are still under the parental roof. Mr. Kluever gives his political allegiance to the republican party and fraternally is identified with the Modern Woodmen of America, while his religious faith is that of the Lutheran church. Both he and his wife are highly regarded in their community and have many friends to whom they extend the hospitality of their home.

J. M. BRUNER.

J. M. Bruner, who owns and operates an excellent farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 28, Lee township, is a native of Audubon county, Iowa, born February 3, 1878. His parents, Perry and Mary M. (Swearangen) Bruner, were born respectively in Indiana and in Champaign county, Illinois. In the '60s they removed to Audubon county, Iowa, where they are still living. In their family were twelve children, five of whom survive.

J. M. Bruner remained with his parents until he became of age and then worked as a farm hand, so continuing for five years. At the end of that time he rented land which he cultivated for a similar period. In the meantime he carefully saved his money and as soon as his capital was sufficient he purchased the farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Lee township where he now resides. His place is well improved and he is meeting with gratifying success as a stock-raiser.

In 1904 Mr. Bruner married Miss Katie Stark, who was born in Iowa, a daughter of J. A. and Barbara Stark. Her father, who was a native of Indiana, became an early settler of Iowa and passed away in this state. Her mother is

still living and resides in Missouri. Mr. and Mrs. Bruner have three children, Bertha M., Leland C. and John Milton.

Mr. Bruner is a democrat and is stalwart in his support of the candidates and principles of that organization. He and his wife attend the Presbyterian church and no good cause appeals to them in vain. He has gained a fair measure of material prosperity and has also won the sincere respect and the goodwill of those who have been brought in contact with him.

H. G. LYNCH.

H. G. Lynch, who is editor and proprietor of the Greenfield Transcript, the leading republican paper of Adair county, understands well the demands of the public, while an enterprising spirit has kept him in touch with the progress which is as pronounced in matters of journalism as in any other walk of life. Mr. Lynch is a native of Franklin county, Ohio. He was born June 9, 1857, a son of John L. and Eliza J. (Timmons) Lynch, the former a native of Vermont, while the latter was born in central Ohio. They were married in 1851, in Columbus, Ohio, to which place the father had removed in young manhood, having, however, in the meantime accompanied his parents on their removal from Vermont to Rochester, New York, when he was a lad of nine years, and subsequently to Ravenna, Ohio, while some years afterward he became a resident of Franklin county. Following the marriage of Mr. Lynch and Eliza J. Timmons there they established their home and continued to reside near Columbus until called to their final rest, their home place being a farm ten miles south of the city. The father passed away at the advanced age of eighty-eight years, while the mother reached the age of seventy-six.

H. G. Lynch was reared under the parental roof and attended the district schools and the Westerville school, for the father removed to Westerville in order to educate his children. He was graduated from the high school in 1874 and the same year entered Otterbein University, in which he continued his studies for two years. He turned from the regular collegiate course in order to take up the study of medicine at the age of eighteen years and in 1876 he entered the Columbus Medical College, from which institution he was graduated with the class of 1878, which numbered fifty members. Mr. Lynch was the youngest of his class, having not yet attained his majority.

Following his graduation Dr. Lynch located in Columbus, where he practiced for two years, and in 1880 he came to Iowa, settling in Prescott, Adams county, where he successfully engaged in the practice of medicine for five years. In 1886 he came to Adair county, taking up his abode at Arbor Hill, where he remained for a decade in active practice, becoming one of the well known physicians of the county. In 1896 he was elected on the republican ticket to the office of clerk of the district court and made such a creditable record through his prompt and capable discharge of duty that in 1898 and again in 1900 he was reelected, each time with a largely increased majority, a fact which is indicative of his personal popularity and the confidence reposed in him. In January, 1903, following the expiration of his third term in office as clerk of the courts, he returned to Columbus

and pursued a post-graduate course in medicine at the Ohio Medical University, after which he established himself in practice at Greenfield. In 1906 he joined R. B. Oldham in the purchase from H. P. Gow of the printing plant of the Greenfield Transcript, and Dr. Lynch assumed the editorship of the paper, while his partner, Mr. Oldham, entered upon the duties of postmaster, to which office he was appointed. The postoffice and the printing plant being located in the same building, the partnership between Dr. Lynch and Mr. Oldham extended over a period of seven years, but on the 1st of November, 1913, Dr. Lynch purchased his partner's interest and became sole proprietor of the paper, which is republican in its political complexion. It is a well edited sheet and is gaining steadily in popularity, while its large circulation makes it an excellent advertising medium.

Dr. Lynch was married on the 10th of September, 1878, to Miss Anna M. Stall, of Columbus, Ohio, and to this union were born two sons: J. Le Roy, who is a farmer of Clark county, Iowa; and Eldon R., who is a fireman in the employ of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company. The wife and mother departed this life February 5, 1887, and on the 21st of November, 1888, Dr. Lynch was again married, Miss Rhue M. Busby, of Spaulding, Iowa, becoming his wife. Of the second marriage there are also two sons: Donald F., who is advertising and job manager of the Transcript; and Edgar H., a high-school student.

Faternally Dr. Lynch is connected with Crusade Lodge, No. 386, A. F. & A. M.; St. John's Chapter, No. 73, R. A. M., and Greenfield Chapter, No. 91, O. E. S., with which his wife is also affiliated. He is likewise a member of Greenfield Lodge, No. 375, I. O. O. F., Greenfield Encampment, No. 110, and Martha Lodge, No. 37, of the Rebekahs. Both Dr. and Mrs. Lynch are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and in all the relations of life have stood for those things which count as most worth while, working not only for the material upbuilding of the city but also for the advancement of its political, intellectual and moral standards.

CLAY EVANS.

Clay Evans, a representative and successful agriculturist of Adair county, is the owner of a well improved farm embracing one hundred and sixty acres on section 5, Washington township. His birth occurred in Highland county, Ohio, on the 5th of July, 1872, his parents being John and Catherine (Conard) Evans, who were likewise natives of the Buckeye state. The father still makes his home in Highland county, Ohio, but the mother passed away in that state in 1899. To them were born six sons, all of whom survive.

In his youth Clay Evans attended the common schools in the acquirement of an education and when eighteen years of age left the parental roof and made his way to Indiana, in that state being employed as a machinist in a furniture factory for seven years. On the expiration of that period he returned to Ohio but a year later came to Adair county, Iowa, arriving here in 1898. Later he entered the army as a private of Company H, Seventh Iowa Infantry, and was sent to the Philippines, where he served for eighteen months. After returning to this county he worked for Mr. McDermott for some years and then purchased the farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 5, Washington township, which he now owns

and operates. The property is excellently improved and in connection with the production of cereals Mr. Evans makes a specialty of raising and feeding cattle and hogs, finding both branches of his business remunerative.

On the 15th of February, 1905, Mr. Evans was united in marriage to Miss Gertrude V. Clark, a native of Kansas and a daughter of G. F. and Matilda (Dinsmoor) Clark, who were born in New Hampshire and Ohio respectively. In 1884 they came to Adair county, Iowa, and took up their abode on the farm now in the possession of our subject. G. F. Clark represented his district in the Iowa legislature and for a good many years was surveyor of Adair county. In the fall of 1905 he and his wife went to North Dakota and lived there four years, after which they went to West Plains, Missouri, where they have a lovely home among the Ozark mountains. To them have been born five children, four of whom are still living. Mr. and Mrs. Evans are the parents of two children, Mildred Irene and George K.

Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise Mr. Evans has supported the men and measures of the democracy, believing firmly in its principles. At present he is serving as assessor of Washington township, making a creditable record in that capacity. His wife is a devoted and consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church. They are people of the highest respectability and their genuine personal worth has attracted to them many warm friends.

ROBERT R. CHAPMAN, M. D.

Dr. Robert R. Chapman, a leading physician and surgeon of Bridgewater, where he has followed his profession for the past twenty-one years, is widely recognized as one of the able medical practitioners of the state. His birth occurred in El Paso, Illinois, on the 24th of September, 1869, his father being Dr. R. U. Chapman, now one of the foremost representatives of the medical fraternity in Des Moines, Iowa. The latter, who was born and reared in Leesburg, Ohio, served throughout the period of the Civil war as a member of Company K, Twenty-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. Having determined upon the practice of medicine as a life work, he began reading under the direction of his brother, R. C. Chapman, of Bakersville, Ohio, and subsequently attended Starling Medical College of Columbus, Ohio, while later he entered the Chicago Medical College. He is a graduate of both the Chicago Medical College and the Iowa College of Physicians & Surgeons. He practiced his profession in Bakersville, Ohio, from 1865 until 1869 and in the latter year opened an office at El Paso, Illinois, where he remained until 1885, while during the past three decades he has resided in Des Moines. Dr. R. U. Chapman has been president of the United States pension board for the past twenty-five years and in 1903 was nominated by the democratic party for the office of state treasurer but withdrew from the race. He has been a worthy exemplar of the Masonic fraternity for more than a half century and has been an extensive traveler in this and other countries, touring Europe in 1900. As above stated, he is one of the leading medical practitioners of Des Moines and the enviable reputation which he enjoys is well merited.

Robert R. Chapman acquired his early education in the town of his nativity, being graduated from the high school there with the class of 1885. Subsequently

he spent two years as a student in Drake University of Des Moines and then began reading medicine under the preceptorship of his father, later continuing his studies in Drake University for one year. In 1892 he entered Rush Medical College of Chicago, being graduated therefrom with the class of 1894. In the fall of that year he located for practice in Bridgewater, Iowa, where he has remained throughout the intervening twenty-one years. In 1896 and 1897 he pursued post-graduate work in Tulane University of Louisiana, and continued reading and research have kept him in close touch with the constant progress of the profession. He is a valued member of the Adair County Medical Society and also belongs to the Iowa State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. Dr. Chapman is accounted one of the able practitioners of Iowa and one who might easily win recognition among the leading physicians of any metropolis, but he has been loath to sever old ties and thus it is that the town of Bridgewater has always remained the scene of his professional labors. His services as an expert surgeon have been especially in demand.

In 1898 Dr. Chapman was united in marriage to Miss Cora M. Pote, a daughter of Jacob Pote, one of the well known retired agriculturists of Bridgewater. To them have been born three children, two of whom survive, Hazel and Malcolm R. Ronald died in 1915 when three years old. The Doctor gives his political allegiance to the democratic party and fraternally is identified with the Masons, belonging to Fontanelle Lodge, No. 138, A. F. & A. M.; St. John's Chapter, No. 73, R. A. M., of Greenfield; Bethany Commandery, No. 29, K. T., and Za-Ga-Zig Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Des Moines. He holds to high ideals not only in his profession but in citizenship and in social relations, thus commanding the warm esteem and genuine admiration of all with whom he comes in contact.

WILLIAM H. BROWN.

William H. Brown, who passed away on the 7th of April, 1914, was for a number of years actively and successfully identified with agricultural pursuits in Adair county, owning an excellent farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 9, Summerset township, which is now the possession of his widow. His birth occurred in Wisconsin on the 15th of October, 1860, his parents being Mr. and Mrs. John Brown, both of whom were natives of Germany. They crossed the Atlantic to America in an early day, settling in Wisconsin, in which state they continued to reside until called to their final rest. To them were born six children, five of whom survive.

William H. Brown was reared and educated in the state of his nativity but on attaining his majority removed to Crawford county, Iowa. This was in 1881. Two years later he removed to South Dakota, making his home in that state for eleven years. On the expiration of that period, however, he came to Adair county, Iowa, purchasing the farm which is now the possession of his widow and which he operated during the remainder of his life. The place comprises one hundred and sixty acres of rich and productive land on section 9, Summerset township, in the cultivation of which he won a gratifying and well merited measure of success.

In 1884, in Carroll county, Iowa, Mr. Brown was united in marriage to Miss Anna Brockmann, a native of Germany and a daughter of John and Maria (Bartels) Brockmann, who were likewise born in that country. They emigrated to the new world in 1874, when their daughter Anna was nine years of age, first taking up their abode in Scott county, Iowa. A year later, however, they removed to Carroll county, Iowa, there settling on a farm on which they spent the remainder of their lives. Their family numbered seven children, six of whom are yet living. To Mr. and Mrs. Brown were born five children, namely: Dora M., who is the wife of Henry Rohner; William G., who operates the old home farm; Emma A., Otto W. and Clara W., all at home.

Mr. Brown died on the 7th of April, 1914, and his remains were interred in the Fontanelle cemetery. In his passing the community sustained the loss of a substantial agriculturist and highly esteemed citizen. His life was ever in accord with the teachings of the German Lutheran church, to which his widow also belongs. Mrs. Brown has become widely and favorably known throughout the community during the period of her residence here, the circle of her friends being almost coextensive with the circle of her acquaintances.

JAMES A. HERRICK.

James A. Herrick has long been identified with agricultural interests in Adair county as the owner of a farm of eighty acres on section 19, Richland township, to the operation of which he devotes his time and energies with good success. His birth occurred in Wisconsin on the 10th of May, 1863, his parents being James D. and Martha J. (O'Conner) Herrick, both of whom were natives of New York. They removed to Wisconsin in an early day and in 1866 came to Iowa, the father passing away in Madison county, this state. The mother afterward took up her abode in Adair county and is still living here.

James A. Herrick attended the common schools in the acquirement of an education and began providing for his own support at the early age of fourteen years by working on a farm. On attaining his majority he started out as an agriculturist on his own account and subsequently bought a farm of eighty acres on section 19, Richland township, Adair county, where he has since carried on the work of the fields in a most energetic and resultant manner. He has improved the property until it is now valuable and productive and yields him a gratifying annual income.

On the 1st of July, 1883, Mr. Herrick was united in marriage to Miss Sarah E. Gilliland, a native of Illinois and a daughter of William and Anna (DeWolfe) Gilliland, who were born in Scotland and Pennsylvania respectively. William Gilliland crossed the Atlantic to the United States when but ten years of age and located in Illinois, in which state he was married. To him and his wife were born twelve children, six of whom survive. Mr. and Mrs. Herrick have become the parents of four children, as follows: Tina, who is deceased; Martha, who married Carl I. Stinman, September 2, 1909; Clara May, who gave her hand in marriage to Winford Crist, of Adams county, Iowa, March 22, 1911; and Jay Lee, who assists his father in the operation of the home farm and who married Mae Abell,



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of Curtis, Nebraska, December 9, 1914. Mr. and Mrs. Herrick have two grandchildren, Letha Crist and Warren Stinman.

In politics Mr. Herrick is a staunch republican and he has ably served in the capacity of school director. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, to which his wife also belongs. From his youth upward he has been a worker, and the success he has attained is attributable to his own efforts. By concentration of his energies he early developed that strength of will which is so important in the battle with the world and which when wisely directed leads to the attainment of every laudable ambition.

R. L. JOHNSON.

R. L. Johnson became one of the pioneer residents of Adair county and for many years was actively identified with agricultural pursuits. Even after he put aside the work of cultivating the land he engaged in the stock business for a time but at the present writing is living retired, enjoying a well earned rest. He was born in Highland county, Ohio, December 16, 1844, a son of Ashley and Mary (Heiston) Johnson, who were also natives of the Buckeye state. The year 1848 witnessed their arrival in Iowa, at which time they took up their abode in Van Buren county, where they lived in a log cabin. After six years spent in that locality they became residents of Warren county, Iowa, where the father purchased a farm and with characteristic energy began its further development and improvement. He lived thereon until October, 1884, when his wife died, after which he returned to Ohio, where he passed away in December, 1885.

R. L. Johnson is one of the six survivors of a family of nine children. His youthful days were passed upon the home place, he being but four years of age when the family came to Iowa. His time was divided between the work of the school room and the labors of the farm until the Civil war, when he enlisted for service in the Union army, becoming a member of Company C, Forty-eighth Iowa Infantry. He went to the front in response to one of the later calls for troops and served until the close of the war, being mustered out at Davenport in 1865.

When military operations in the south had ceased Mr. Johnson returned to his home in Warren county, Iowa, where he resided until 1868, when he removed to Adair county, purchasing a farm in Orient township. It was then a tract of raw prairie but he soon turned the first furrows upon the place and converted it into richly productive fields. He hauled his lumber from Des Moines in order to build his house and year after year he carefully tilled the soil and continued to improve his place until 1894, when he retired from active farm life and removed to Orient. He remained in business, however, as a buyer and shipper of stock until a recent date but at the present time he is living retired, the fruits of his former toil supplying all his needs and also bringing him many of the comforts of life.

On October 6, 1870, Mr. Johnson was united in marriage to Miss Ada Dillow, a native of Dayton, Ohio, and a daughter of Reuben and Mary (Rife) Dillow, natives of Ohio and Pennsylvania respectively. They were married in the former state and the mother died there in May, 1855. The father removed with his family to Adair county in 1860, settling on a farm in Orient township. He was the

first settler in that township and lived there for six years before any other resident had penetrated within its borders. Deer were very numerous when he first came and other kinds of game were to be found in abundance. There were many wild animals and all of the conditions of pioneer life were prevalent. He at once began to develop and improve his land and lived to convert it from a raw prairie tract into highly cultivated fields, from which he annually gathered good crops. Upon that place he lived until his death, which occurred in 1898. By his first marriage he had five children, but Mrs. Johnson is the only one who survives. After the death of her mother the father married again, his second union being with Miss Eliza Welsh, by whom he had six sons, four of whom are living.

To Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have been born nine children: Clara M., who is a graduate of Drake University at Des Moines and is now the wife of Dr. Eugene Tinnsman; Stella E., the wife of Charles Myers, of Creston, Iowa; Albert E., a resident farmer of Adair county; Rella P., who died at the age of one year and nine months; Reason E., who is now engaged in the banking business at Colorado Springs, Colorado; William E., who is also a banker of Colorado Springs; Bessie M., the wife of G. W. McCracken, of Orient township; Walter W., also living in Colorado Springs; and Florence A., the wife of H. L. Augustine, who is engaged in the lumber business at Maloy, Iowa.

Mr. Johnson gives his political allegiance to the democratic party. He has served as school director and as justice of the peace but has never cared to hold public office, as he feels that the pursuits of private life are in themselves abundantly worthy his best efforts. His wife is a member of the Congregational church and both are representatives of old pioneer families of this state and have long been witnesses of the growth and progress of Iowa.

J. C. JENSEN.

J. C. Jensen, a representative and successful agriculturist of Adair county, owns and operates a farm of two hundred and forty acres on sections 8 and 9, Grand River township. His birth occurred in Denmark on the 18th of January, 1861, his parents being J. P. and Annic (Gregerson) Jensen, who spent their entire lives in that country. They had three children, two of whom survive and one of whom is living in Denmark.

J. C. Jensen acquired his education in his native land and at the early age of fourteen years began earning his own livelihood. In 1882, after attaining his majority, he crossed the Atlantic to the United States and took up his abode in Shelby county, Iowa, where he was employed as a farm hand for five years. Subsequently he spent five years in Kansas and then resided in Illinois for one year, on the expiration of which period he returned to Shelby county, Iowa, and was there engaged in well digging for three years. He next cultivated a rented farm for two years and at the end of that time bought a tract of eighty acres in Shelby county, making his home thereon for thirteen years. After disposing of the property he bought a farm of two hundred and forty acres on sections 8 and 9, Grand River township, Adair county, which he improved and which he has operated to the present time. He cultivates the cereals best adapted to soil and climate and also makes a

specialty of raising and feeding stock, both branches of his business proving profitable.

In 1897 Mr. Jensen was united in marriage to Miss Laura D. Wright, a native of Shelby county, Iowa, and a daughter of N. A. and Myra Wright, who were also born in this state and now make their home in Adair county. Our subject and his wife have five children, namely: Arthur A., Annie, Peter, Ernest and Margaret.

In politics Mr. Jensen is a stalwart democrat and he has ably served as school director, the cause of education ever finding in him a staunch champion. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Lutheran church. Coming to the new world as a young man in limited financial circumstances, he has since won gratifying success by dint of untiring industry and well directed effort and justly bears the proud American title of a self-made man.

GEORGE C. HAVENS.

Success is the sure reward of intelligently directed effort. It came to George C. Havens because of the energy and enterprise which he displayed in carrying on agricultural pursuits, with which he was identified in Adair county from 1875 until his demise. He was born in Sussex county, New Jersey, on the 30th of May, 1840, a son of Thomas Havens. The mother died during his childhood and in 1849 his father removed with the family to Ohio, where they lived until 1854, the year of their arrival in Iowa. They took up their abode in Henry county and in 1862 George C. Havens, then a young man of twenty-two years, enlisted for service in the Civil war, becoming a member of Company B, Twenty-fifth Iowa Volunteer Infantry. He served for three years, taking part in the siege of Vicksburg, the battle of Lookout Mountain and many other engagements of lesser importance. He was always found at his post of duty, faithfully defending the old flag and the cause it represented and at length he was honorably discharged on account of a wound which disabled him for further service. He continued with his command, however, until just before the close of the war in 1865, when, because of his injuries he returned home.

On the 23d of June, 1867, Mr. Havens was united in marriage to Miss Gertrude Mallams, who was born in Schenectady, New York, a daughter of Matthew Mallams, who came to Henry county about 1857. Following their marriage the young couple began their domestic life in Henry county, where they lived for eight years and in 1875 they came to Adair county, taking up their abode upon a rented farm in Lee township, where they resided for twelve years. In 1887 George C. Havens purchased the present home farm consisting of the southwest quarter of section 33, Lee township, and the family removed to this place, whereon he continued to reside until his death. In 1896 he met with an accident caused by a runaway team, sustaining injuries which made him an invalid throughout the remainder of his life. He passed away September 16, 1909, and his death was the occasion of deep and widespread regret among the many friends who had learned to esteem and value him because of his sterling worth of character and his many estimable qualities.

To Mr. and Mrs. Havens were born five children, four of whom are yet living; William E., a farmer of Summerset township; Charles C., who makes his home in

Grand Island, Nebraska; John H., of Greenfield; and Orley P., who operates the home farm. Mrs. Havens also survives and yet occupies the old home farm left her by her husband.

In his political views Mr. Havens was an earnest republican, taking an active part in bringing about the success of the party. He served for some years as assessor of his township and for several years was a member of the school board. At one time he was the nominee for sheriff of the county but withdrew before the election. His displayed many sterling traits of character, high regard being entertained for him because of his fidelity to principle and his integrity and honor. His life measured up to high standards both in manhood and citizenship and Iowa was proud to number him among her representative citizens. He was a brave and loyal soldier during the Civil war and the same spirit of faithful allegiance marked his course in every connection in which he pledged his loyalty and support.

ROBERT M. WILSON.

On the roster of county officials in Adair county appears the name of Robert M. Wilson, of Greenfield, who is acceptably filling the position of county treasurer and who is regarded as one of the representative and highly honored residents of this part of the state. He was born in Henry county, Ohio, on the 16th of September, 1865, a son of Samuel and Mary W. (Hawley) Wilson. The father was a native of New York and the mother of Connecticut, while their marriage was celebrated in Ohio, to which state they had removed with their respective parents in childhood. Both the paternal and maternal grandfathers, Asa Wilson and Kent Hawley, were millers by trade and were prominently identified with the pioneer milling interests of the Buekeye state. Samuel Wilson was trained to the same business and following his marriage was for many years actively identified with the operation of a saw and grist mill in Lorain county, Ohio, being thus engaged in the days of the old water-wheel mill. Subsequently he retired from that business and removed to Henry county, where he carried on farming, to which occupation he devoted his energies throughout his remaining days. In 1871 he came west to Iowa, settling in Grove township, Adair county, where he purchased a farm of one hundred and sixty acres, at which time Greenfield was a small village with a population of only one or two hundred. Year after year he carefully tilled the soil and resided upon the home farm until his death, which occurred in 1899, when he was in the seventieth year of his age. His wife survived him for about two years and was also in her seventieth year when called to her final rest. In his political views Mr. Wilson was an earnest republican and while never an office seeker he served for many years in various township positions, to which he was called by his fellow citizens, who recognized his ability and sought his aid in carrying on public affairs.

Robert M. Wilson was educated in the district schools and in the Greenfield high school. He subsequently taught two terms of school of three months each and when his desire for educational work was satisfied he returned to the farm, becoming associated with his brother Wallace and with their father in the operation of the home place. In 1892 he was married and at that time purchased a farm

of one hundred and twenty acres in Grove township, to which he removed, and began farming independently. His agricultural pursuits were carefully and systematically conducted and he brought his fields to a high state of cultivation so that gratifying crops were annually garnered. In 1898 he acquired an interest in a creamery at Prescott, Iowa, and for two years devoted his attention to butter making. In the fall of 1899, following his father's death, he returned to the home farm and assumed its management. Two years later, on the death of his mother, he acquired eighty acres of the old homestead and three years afterward purchased another tract of eighty acres lying across the road, making his place one of one hundred and sixty acres. This constitutes one of the most valuable farms in Adair county. The soil is naturally rich and arable and its productive qualities are enhanced by the progressive methods which he utilizes in tilling and fertilizing his fields. His business has ever been most carefully and systematically conducted and his indefatigable industry has been the basis of his growing success.

During the many years of his residence in Grove township Mr. Wilson, while not an aspirant for public office, was gradually led to take part in local politics and was called upon to fill a number of public positions. Recognizing the duties and obligations as well as the privileges of citizenship, he consented and for four years filled the office of township clerk, while for four years he was township assessor. He was also a member of the school board and the cause of education found in him a stalwart champion. In November, 1911, he was nominated on the republican ticket for the office of county treasurer and was elected by a handsome majority. He made such an excellent record in the office that in 1914 he was returned and is now serving his second term, being one of the most efficient and capable officers of Adair county.

Mr. Wilson was united in marriage to Miss Diantha, "Pet," McCall, of Washington township, this county, and to them have been born three children, but only one is now living, Nina May, who is attending the Greenfield high school.

Mr. Wilson is a member of Greenfield Lodge, No. 375, I. O. O. F. He belongs to the Modern Woodmen and both he and his wife hold membership in the Presbyterian church, taking an active and helpful interest in its work. Mrs. Wilson is a stockholder in the Greenfield Savings Bank. Mr. Wilson is known as a genial and obliging man and his friends are legion. He has the goodwill and confidence of all, not only in his private business affairs but in office, and even those who oppose him politically never question his integrity or capability.

T. A. ROBINSON.

T. A. Robinson, who is serving on the board of supervisors of Adair county and has filled many other public offices of trust and responsibility, also ranks among the leading farmers and stockmen of the county, owning valuable farm property on sections 10 and 11, Summerset township. He was born in Virginia, December 15, 1868. He was left an orphan during his infancy and was reared by an aunt, Mrs. Sarah C. Jones, his mother's sister. In the spring of 1875 the Jones family removed to Adair county, our subject being then a lad of seven years. He acquired his education in the district schools and during the vacation periods assisted with the work

on the farm, so that when he started out upon an independent career he was familiar with agricultural methods.

It was in 1893 that Mr. Robinson married Miss Sophia E. Bakerink, of Summerset township and in the years that have come and gone she has proved a true helpmeet. During the first season after his marriage he farmed rented land but in the following fall purchased a tract of eighty acres on section 10, Summerset township, on which he took up his abode. From time to time he has added to his holdings until he now owns two hundred acres, on which are found a comfortable residence and substantial farm buildings to shelter his grain and stock. In addition to cultivating his own land he also rents the Walter Scholes farm comprising three hundred and twenty acres, so that he is farming on a large scale. He is likewise extensively engaged in feeding stock, keeping high grade animals and commanding the highest market price for his shipments.

To Mr. and Mrs. Robinson have been born five children, Floyd T., Orville R., Iva V., Jay M. and Velma C., all of whom are under the parental roof. The parents hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal church and their lives are in harmony with their profession. Mr. Robinson is a republican in his political belief and affiliation and he has been called by his fellow townsmen to fill many positions of a public nature. For eight years he served as township assessor and for six years was township trustee, while for a number of years he has efficiently served as a member of the school board. In the fall of 1913 he was elected as a member of the board of county supervisors, which position he has since capably and acceptably filled. His fraternal relations connect him with the Modern Woodmen of America. He is leading a busy, active and useful life as a farmer and stock-raiser and yet he has ever manifested a willingness to devote a portion of his time to those things which are of moment to the public welfare and it is to such men as Mr. Robinson that Adair county owes her development and prosperity.

JOHN U. GITZY.

John U. Gitzy, owner and editor of the Independent, published at Orient, has throughout his entire life been engaged in the printing business. He was born at Arena, Wisconsin, on the 16th of August, 1866, a son of Ulrich and Julia (Weival) Gitzy, natives of Switzerland and Germany respectively. The family removed to Iowa during the boyhood of John U. Gitzy, who attended the country schools of Chickasaw county, Iowa. He afterward began learning the printer's trade and has since worked along that line. He first published a paper in Minnesota and then returned to Iowa and published the Manilla Journal. He afterward removed to Minburn, Iowa, where for eleven years he published the Star. At the end of that time he went to St. Charles, where he engaged in the publication of the Hawkeye for two years and later he came to Orient, this county, where in April, 1915, he purchased the Independent, of which he is now editor and proprietor.

On the 3d of March, 1894, in Manilla, Iowa, Mr. Gitzy was united in marriage to Miss Arza Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. Brown, of Des Moines. Prior to her marriage Mrs. Gitzy successfully engaged in teaching school. They have two children, La Verne B. and Fay E., both at home. The parents hold member-

ship in the Methodist Episcopal church and guide their lives according to its teachings. Mr. Gitzy is a republican in his political views but publishes his paper in the interests of no one party. He is making the Independent a most readable and attractive journal and its circulation is growing, while its advertising patronage is also increasing.

WILLIAM A. FOSTER.

William A. Foster is a resident farmer of Lee township, living on section 30. He was born in Bureau county, Illinois, August 15, 1872, a son of William and Matilda (Savage) Foster, both of whom were natives of Ireland, where they were reared and married. In the fall of 1871 they came to the United States and established their home in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where they remained for a short time. They then removed westward, taking up their abode in Bureau county, Illinois, after passing through Chicago where the ruins of the great fire were still smouldering. They lived in Bureau county until March, 1879, when they made their way to Adair county, Iowa, settling in Richmond township, where Mr. Foster purchased eighty acres of land. Two years later he removed to Lee township and bought eighty acres on section 27. At a still later date he purchased an adjoining farm of eighty acres and in 1892 he removed to Greenfield, where his death occurred on the 16th of December, 1914. The success he achieved was the merited reward of his well directed labors. His widow survives and yet makes her home in Greenfield.

William A. Foster supplemented a district-school education by a business course in the Capital City Commercial College at Des Moines and when his textbooks were put aside he returned home. His father after removing to Greenfield engaged in the livery business and William A. Foster being an only child remained at home and assisted his father in the conduct of the enterprise.

In 1900 Mr. Foster was united in marriage to Miss Ellen Patterson, a daughter of Jacob A. Patterson, one of the pioneer settlers of Greenfield township who survives and makes his home with Mr. and Mrs. Foster who, after their marriage, removed to a farm in Lee township owned by his father. There they lived for one year and then took up their abode upon their present farm. The place comprises two hundred and sixteen acres of excellent land lying one and a half miles south of the corporation limits of Greenfield and constituting one of the valuable farms of Lee township. It is equipped with the latest accessories and conveniences of the model farm and he uses the best improved machinery to facilitate the work of the fields. He leads a busy life from the time of early spring planting until crops are harvested in the late autumn and that his methods are at once practical and progressive is shown by the excellent results that are attending his efforts. He not only sends large crops to market each year but has also become interested in other business affairs, being now a stockholder in the First National Bank of Greenfield and in the Greenfield Creamery Company.

To Mr. and Mrs. Foster have been born three children, William A., Donald A. and Esther M. Mrs. Foster is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and Mr. Foster has membership in Greenfield Lodge, No. 386, A. F. & A. M. He votes

with the republican party where national issues are involved but otherwise casts an independent ballot if his judgment dictates this to be the proper course. He is a member of the present board of trustees, serving his third term in that position and he is also a member of the school board. It is easy to secure his cooperation in any plan or project for the general good. His watchword is advancement and he applies it to his connection with public affairs as well as to his private interests. Year by year he has advanced not only in the attainment of success but in his outlook of life and he is regarded as a broad-minded, public-spirited citizen.

EDWIN JOHN SIDEY.

The name of Edwin John Sidey is well known in newspaper and political circles throughout Iowa. He is now owner and editor of the Free Press of Greenfield, which he has been publishing for a quarter of a century. Throughout this period he has made his paper a potent force in molding public opinion and his efforts have constituted an important element in winning democratic successes in this part of the county, for he is one of the political leaders of his section of the state. A native of Canada, he was born at Coldsprings, Ontario, November 21, 1862. His father, John S. Sidey, was a native of Dundee, Scotland, and in childhood became a resident of Ontario, Canada, where he wedded Eliza Jane Kelley, a native of the north of Ireland. Following their marriage they remained for some time in Canada and then came with their family to Greenfield, Iowa.

Edwin John Sidey attended the common schools of his native country for a few years and then became "devil" in a printing office, which has been aptly termed the "poor man's college" and in which the greater part of his education was acquired. He was a youth of fourteen years when with his parents he crossed the border into the United States, after which he worked at the printing business in Greenfield and Creston, Iowa, in Chicago and in Boston. Step by step he advanced, working his way steadily upward until he became editor and publisher of the Creston Commonwealth, which he published as a weekly for several years and afterward converted it into a daily paper. Subsequently this was sold and consolidated with the Creston Daily Advertiser. In 1889 Mr. Sidey removed to Greenfield and began the publication of the Adair County Democrat, the name of which he changed after eighteen years to the Adair County Free Press. He has been editor and publisher of this paper for twenty-five years and has made it one of the leading country journals in Iowa. Studying modern methods of journalism, he has in his business kept abreast with the advancement of the times in his line and has made the Free Press a most attractive journal, liberally patronized. In addition to his other interests he is a director in the American Life Insurance Company of Des Moines.

Throughout his entire life Mr. Sidey has been active in the ranks of the democratic party, advocating its policy and supporting its candidates through the columns of his paper, while at the same time he is a recognized leader in party ranks. While publisher of the Commonwealth at Creston he served his city as clerk and also as clerk of the superior court there. In 1904 he was elected by his party to represent the ninth congressional district in the national democratic convention held in St. Louis. In 1906 he was elected a member of the Iowa house of representatives



EDWIN J. SIDEY

from Adair county and was defeated for the office in 1909 but was reelected in 1912. He is fearless in defense of his honest convictions yet never bitterly nor aggressively partisan, and in his legislative service he has gained the respect of his contemporaries as well as his colleagues even though they are opposed to his political views.

Mr. Sidey has been twice married. In 1890, in Toronto, Canada, he wedded Miss Margaret Sinclair, a daughter of Captain and Mrs. Duncan Sinclair. She passed away two years later and on the 17th of January, 1894, in Greenfield, Mr. Sidey was again married, his second union being with Miss Irene Cavanaugh, a native of Florence, Oneida county, New York. She was the second child in a family of five children born unto Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cavanaugh and came west with her uncle in 1892. Our subject has three children: Kenneth, John and Irene. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist Episcopal church of Greenfield, while fraternally he is identified with the Masons, belonging to Crusade Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Greenfield; St. John's Chapter, R. A. M., of Greenfield; Bethany Commandery, No. 29, K. T.; Des Moines Consistory, No. 3, A. A. S. R.; and Za-Ga-Zig Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Des Moines. In Masonic circles he occupies a very prominent place as a leading representative of the craft in Iowa and he has the warmest regard of his brethren in the order. It will thus be seen that he has left the impress of his individuality upon many lines of thought and activity and the movements with which he has been most closely allied have been those which count for progress.

P. W. FLICKINGER, M. D. V.

Dr. P. W. Flickinger, who is filling the office of assistant state veterinarian and makes his home in Greenfield, was born in Wellington, Lorain county, Ohio, on the 19th of May, 1882, a son of Joseph M. and Climena J. (Whitney) Flickinger, who were likewise natives of the Buckeye state, where they were reared and married. The father was a stonemason and carpenter by trade and for a quarter of a century was employed in the shops of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway at Cleveland, residing during that time in Oberlin, Ohio, where he retained his residence in order that he might educate his children there. In 1886 he came to Iowa, establishing his home in Sioux county, but a little later returned to Ohio, settling on a farm near Camden. Two years later he again removed to Oberlin, where he resided for twelve or fourteen years. On the expiration of that period he went to Wellington, Ohio, where his death occurred on the 30th of November, 1907, at which time he lacked but one month of reaching his sixty-second year. His widow afterward became the wife of John E. West and now resides in Wellington.

Dr. Flickinger, whose name introduces this review, was educated in the public schools of Oberlin and in October, 1903, entered the McKillup Veterinary College of Chicago, from which he was graduated on the 22d of March, 1906. In 1901, prior to the time when he entered upon preparation for his chosen profession, he made a journey from Ohio to Wisconsin by covered wagon, his uncle, George Whitney, owning land there. Dr. Flickinger spent the following winter in the lumber woods of that state and in the succeeding spring continued his westward journey

to Iowa. He then took up his abode in Greenfield and worked as a farm hand in the neighborhood until 1903, when he entered upon preparation for the practice of veterinary surgery. After his graduation at Chicago he returned to Greenfield and opened an office. In the intervening period of nine years to the present he has built up an extensive practice which now makes heavy demands upon his time. On the 19th of April, 1912, he was appointed assistant state veterinarian for a term of three years and on the expiration of this term he was reappointed to the office for another three years' term, his broad knowledge and practical experience well qualifying him for the duties that devolve upon him as a public official. He is well known among the veterinarians of the state and his marked ability has gained him professional prominence.

On the 2d of November, 1910, Dr. Flickinger was married to Miss Catherine E. Homeyer, of Greenfield, and to them has been born a son, Charles Raymond. Mrs. Flickinger is a member of the Catholic church. Dr. Flickinger is a republican in his political views, while fraternally he is connected with the Modern Woodmen of America and the Woodmen of the World. He is conscientious in all that he does, whether in private practice or as a public official, and the record which he has made has won him high regard.

ISAAC N. SULLIVAN.

Isaac N. Sullivan, who owns and operates four hundred and fifty acres of fine land in Washington township but is residing in Bridgewater, is one of the native sons of the county. He was born in a log cabin in Washington township on the 31st of August, 1862, and is a son of Elijah B. and Sarah B. (Julien) Sullivan, mention of whom is made in the sketch of John R. Sullivan, a brother of our subject.

Isaac N. Sullivan was reared under parental roof and acquired his education through attendance at the district schools. In his early manhood he taught school for one term but in the spring of 1884 he went west, where he remained for ten years, residing during the greater part of that time in Wyoming. While there he engaged in various pursuits and made one trip to Texas, driving cattle from that state to shipping points. He also made one trip to Oregon and drove a bunch of horses from Oregon to Wyoming. In the fall of 1894 he returned to Adair county and in the following year began farming on land which had been allotted him by his father. Following his marriage in 1898 he located on what is known as the old Bart King farm, on section 10, Washington township, which was then owned by the father of our subject. In 1903 Mr. Sullivan of this review purchased his mother-in-law's farm on section 10 and in the spring of 1904 removed to that place, where he continued to live until 1910, when he took up his residence in Bridgewater, where he has since resided. He holds title to four hundred and fifty acres of excellent land and gives his personal attention to the operation of the greater part of his holdings. He is one of the most successful agriculturists of the township and receives a handsome annual income from his farm.

Mr. Sullivan was married on the 5th of May, 1898, to Miss Ida J. Witt, of Washington township, a daughter of Bailey Witt, one of the pioneers of that town-

ship, and a native of New York state. He removed to Iowa from Wisconsin. To Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan have been born four children, three of whom are still living, namely, Ila M., Don O. and Ruth Mildred.

Mr. Sullivan gives his political support to the republican party and works loyally for its success at the polls. His wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. He is not only identified with the agricultural development of his county but is also interested in the Adair County Mutual Telephone Company. He is one of the representative men of the county and commands the sincere respect of all who know him.

C. A. BAKER.

C. A. Baker is the cashier of the State Savings Bank at Fontanelle and was the dominant factor in the organization of that institution. He has made a close study of financial problems and his thorough acquaintance with every phase of the banking business has enabled him to make this a thoroughly reliable financial concern.

Mr. Baker was born in Livingston county, Illinois, on the 17th of December, 1858, and is a son of Thomas F. and Susan (McMillin) Baker, who were natives of Ohio and Virginia respectively. They were married, however, in Indiana and soon thereafter removed to Livingston county, Illinois, where they took up their abode upon a farm. At a later period they became residents of Fairbury, Illinois, where the father engaged in merchandising and with that business he was prominently identified for fifteen years or more, becoming one of the influential residents of his community. He died about 1912, while his wife is still living.

C. A. Baker after completing a course of study in the high school at Fairbury, Illinois, enjoyed the advantages of a business course in Grand Prairie Seminary at Onarga, Illinois. For some years thereafter he was in the employ of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway Company as station agent and operator but about 1900 gave up railroad work and entered the banking business at Coon Rapids, Iowa, in the capacity of bookkeeper in the First National Bank of that place. There he laid the foundation for his later success in connection with the banking business, which he thoroughly studied during the four years which he spent as bookkeeper. On the expiration of that period he went to Cumberland, Iowa, where he entered into partnership with A. Dixon, who was then president of the First National Bank of Coon Rapids. Together they bought a private banking business and a few months later Mr. Baker organized the First National Bank at Cumberland, of which institution he became the cashier and practically the director of its financial policy. In March, 1905, after disposing of his banking interests in that place he removed to Fontanelle, where he organized the State Savings Bank. He built the present bank building, with the assistance of C. T. Launder, and on the 26th of August, 1905, the doors of the new institution were thrown open for business. From the beginning a liberal patronage has been accorded them and the success of the undertaking is attributable largely to the business enterprise and broad experience of Mr. Baker.

In May, 1892, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Baker and Miss Grace Welch, of Glidden, Iowa, and to them have been born four children: Eunice W., a graduate of the Fontanelle high school; Olive L.; Charles L.; and Julia Mae. The parents

hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal church and theirs is an attractive and hospitable home, its good cheer being greatly enjoyed by their many friends. In his fraternal relations Mr. Baker is a Mason and an Odd Fellow and is loyal to the beneficent spirit which underlies those organizations. His political allegiance is given to the republican party. During the years 1912 and 1913 he filled the office of mayor of Fontanelle, his administration being a most business-like and progressive one. It was during his incumbency in office that the waterworks, electric light plant and town hall were built. He stands for progress and improvement in all public affairs and his cooperation and influence have been potent elements in advancing the interests and improving the conditions of the city in which he resides.

C. I. WILEY.

C. I. Wiley is one of the leading business men of Orient, where he is now conducting a hardware store, carrying a line of shelf and heavy hardware. He was born in Scott county, Iowa, near Davenport, on the 27th of October, 1848, and is a son of Sylvester F. and Maria (Metteer) Wiley, the former a native of New York and the latter of Pennsylvania. The father came to Iowa as a young man in the year 1836 when this state was still a part of the territory of Wisconsin and the work of civilization and improvement seemed scarcely begun save in a few settlements which bordered the Mississippi. He preempted government land in Scott county and began its development. The lady whom he afterward married went to Scott county as a maiden of fifteen or sixteen years with her parents in 1837. Her father, Charles Metteer, built the first house ever erected out on the prairie in that section of the country, the few who had preceded him having built in the timber. His wife, the grandmother of C. I. Wiley, died in Orient about 1905, at the very advanced age of ninety-seven years. From Scott county Sylvester F. Wiley removed to Jasper county about 1872 and there his wife afterward passed away and later he took up his abode in the home of a daughter in Union county, where his death occurred about 1903, when he was eighty-three years of age.

C. I. Wiley is indebted to the public-school system of the state for the educational privileges which he enjoyed. He mastered his lessons while living with his parents during the period of his minority and at the age of twenty-three years he started out independently in life as a farmer. For two years he cultivated rented land, after which he went to Davenport, where he worked in a flour mill for two years. In 1876 he arrived in Adair county, where he remained from March until October, devoting that period to farming. He then returned to Davenport and spent three years in the mill and in a grocery store. In 1879 he removed to Jasper county, where he was engaged in farming for four years and in the spring of 1883 he again came to Adair county and for three years carried on farming as a renter. In December, 1885, he took up his abode in Orient and formed a partnership with C. H. Slocum under the firm style of Wiley & Slocum. They conducted a creamery business for five years, at the end of which time Mr. Wiley entered the employ of B. F. Shreves & Company, hardware dealers of Orient, with whom he was associated for nine years. In August, 1897, he was appointed postmaster of Orient and occupied that position for seventeen years, retiring from the office in July, 1914.

He had made a most creditable record as is indicated by his long incumbency in the position, to which he was appointed again and again, his public service receiving the indorsement of his fellow townsmen. In 1910 he established his present hardware and implement business in connection with which he also engages in the manufacture of harness and he is today recognized as one of the prominent business men of Orient. He is energetic, forms his plans readily and his persistency of purpose and reliability have brought him well merited success.

Mr. Wiley was married in 1873 to Miss Samantha J. Coyle, of Muscatine county, Iowa, and this union has been blessed with three children: Albert C., who is associated with his father in business; Dudley G., who is vice president of the State Bank at Orient; and Blanche C., the wife of Bert Cozad, a traveling salesman.

Politically Mr. Wiley is a republican and is prominent in the local ranks of the party. He has served for two terms as mayor of Orient and for two or three terms as street commissioner. He also acted as assessor for two terms and for several years as town marshal, and for a considerable period was a member of the town board. In his public duties he has proven himself most capable and his official record is one over which there falls no shadow of wrong nor suspicion of evil. Fraternally he is associated with Cypress Lodge, No. 539, F. & A. M. He is a member of Wiley Homestead, Yeomen of America, the lodge being named in his honor. He and his wife are members of the Congregational church and they are prominent and highly respected people, the hospitality of the best homes of this locality being cordially extended them. Good traits of heart and mind endear him to those with whom he has been brought in contact and his worth places him with the substantial business men and residents of the town.

O. L. McCLAIN.

O. L. McClain, who has spent his entire life in Adair county and has devoted his attention to general agricultural pursuits throughout his business career, is now the owner of a well improved farm comprising one hundred and sixty acres of land on section 26, Orient township. His birth occurred in that township on the 12th of May, 1876, his parents being Harrison and Amy (Purdy) McClain, both of whom were natives of Ohio. They came to Iowa in an early day with their respective parents, who settled in Warren county, where Harrison McClain and Amy Purdy were afterward married. A short time later they took up their abode in Adair county, Mr. McClain here cultivating rented land for some years or until about 1888, when he purchased a tract of one hundred and sixty acres in Orient township, which is still owned by the state. His demise occurred in 1913, but his widow survives and resides on the old home farm.

O. L. McClain was reared under the parental roof and attended the district schools in the acquirement of an education. After reaching maturity he worked as a farm hand at a wage of eighteen dollars per month for two years and in February, 1899, wedded Miss Lottie Swick, of Creston, Iowa. The following spring he started out as an agriculturist on his own account by cultivating rented land and at the end of nine years, in 1908, had accumulated sufficient capital to purchase a tract of one hundred and twenty acres on section 1, Orient township, which he then

began operating. However, he never lived on this place, making his home on the adjoining farm, which he cultivated as a renter. In 1910 he sold the property and bought his present home farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 26, Orient township, in the operation of which he has won a gratifying measure of success. He cultivates the cereals best adapted to soil and climate and annually gathers rich crops which find a ready sale on the market.

To Mr. and Mrs. McClain have been born three children, namely: Everett, Leta and Arden. Mr. McClain gives his political allegiance to the democratic party and is ably serving as a member of the board of township trustees. Both he and his wife are devoted and consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal church. He is well known among his fellow citizens and the fact that many of his best friends are those who have known him longest is an indication that his salient characteristics are such as inspire and hold regard, esteem and goodwill.

ALVIN RIVENBURGH.

Alvin Rivenburgh, a resident of Greenfield, who has been identified with the development of Adair county along a number of lines, was born near what is now known as Acquaga Lake, not far from Deposit, Broome county, New York, on the 11th of March, 1853, a son of William and Hetty Rivenburgh, who were married in 1851. For sixteen years they continued to reside in the Empire state and at the end of that time emigrated with their family to Henry county, Illinois, settling near Morristown. They remained there for two years but in 1869 came to Adair county, Iowa, and after living for a few years on a farm in Lee township located a half block east of the present courthouse in Greenfield. The father died on the 1st of July, 1880, and the mother on the 22d of January, 1904. Both are laid to rest in the Greenfield cemetery.

Alvin Rivenburgh received a good education and also gained valuable training by assisting his father with the work of the fields. In his early manhood he followed agricultural pursuits and later taught in the rural schools of Adair county. Subsequently he engaged in the grocery business in Greenfield in partnership with William Anderson and served as deputy sheriff under J. D. Callison. In 1890 the electric light plant was established in Greenfield and he became electrician and engineer, in which capacity he served acceptably for a little over nineteen years.

At the end of that time he resigned to devote his attention to other lines of activity. During those years he invented several articles and machines, two of which were patented, namely: an extension electrolier, patented May 7, 1903, and an electrical switchboard, which was patented December 8, 1903. He installed the first telephone in Greenfield, which connected A. E. Teague's residence and his drug store and which was made from two cigar boxes and wire. He also assisted a Mr. Hall in putting in the first long distance telephone at the Teague drug store, and he installed the first telephone exchange, which was a fifty drop service. It was located in his residence and his eldest daughter was placed in charge. Since severing his connection with the electric light plant he has been engaged in various occupations.



MR. AND MRS. ALVIN RIVENBURGH

On the 12th of September, 1875, at Orient, Mr. Rivenburgh married Miss Mary Eatinger, who was born in Marshall county, Illinois, October 27, 1856, and is the eldest child of David J. and Elizabeth (Hank) Eatinger, an account of whose lives is given elsewhere in this work. Mrs. Rivenburgh attended the Greenfield city schools in her girlhood and later became a teacher in the rural schools, after which she taught under Dr. Spooner in the Greenfield schools. To Mr. and Mrs. Rivenburgh have been born nine children, Myrtle E., Mrs. Maude L. Shinn, Mrs. Mable Molln, William Edward, Mrs. Nellie Laude, Elizabeth M., Hazel, Leon D. and Helen Daisy.

Mr. Rivenburgh is a democrat in his political belief and is staunch in his support of the candidates and measures of that party. He was formerly a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and has passed through all of the chairs in both the subordinate lodge and the encampment, and his wife has held all of the offices in the Rebekah lodge, to which she still belongs. She is likewise a loyal and faithful worker in the Greenfield Baptist church. Mr. Rivenburgh served for three years in the State Militia and in 1879 held the rank of corporal and in 1881 was sergeant. He possesses energy, good judgment and determination and carries to successful completion everything he undertakes, and his activities have proven of value to the community. He has at all times ably discharged his duties as a citizen and in fact in every relation of life has measured up to high standards of manhood. He not only has the respect of his fellow citizens but also possesses those qualities which enable him to readily gain and retain the friendship of others.

D. L. DUNLAP.

D. L. Dunlap, conducting business under the name of the Dunlap Grain Company at Fontanelle, is regarded as one of the foremost representatives of commercial interests in his town. It is true that he entered upon a business already established but in that connection he received thorough training and gained the experience and knowledge that have enabled him to successfully continue in business on his own account since entering into his present relations.

Mr. Dunlap is a native of Illinois, his birth having occurred in Warrensburg, on the 28th of May, 1876, his parents being Daniel N. and Mary (Shannon) Dunlap. The father was born in Sangamon county, Illinois, and was of Scotch descent. His father, Tennessee Dunlap, was named for the state in which he was born and with his parents went to Illinois some time prior to 1830, the family settling in Sangamon county on Fancy creek. Tennessee Dunlap was united in marriage to Elizabeth Cartright, who was born in Bourbon county, Kentucky, and was of English lineage. Daniel N. Dunlap was reared in his native county and is indebted to the public-school system for the educational advantages which he enjoyed. In early manhood he engaged in farming but after the outbreak of the Civil war he put aside all business and personal consideration and in August, 1862, enlisted in response to the country's call for troops as a member of Company B, One Hundred and Thirtieth Illinois Infantry. With his regiment he participated in the battles of Grand Gulf, Port Gibson, Champion's Hill and Black River Bridge. He also took part in the siege of Vicksburg and on every occasion displayed a spirit of valor and loyalty

most commendable, his name being placed on the roll of honor. After Vicksburg was captured he took part in the siege of Jackson, Mississippi, and later he was detailed to the recruiting service and went to New Orleans, where he assisted in recruiting the first New Orleans regiment, in which he was mustered in as second lieutenant of Company B. He continued to serve with that command until June, 1866. At different times during his military experience he was with the commands of Generals Banks, Sherman, Canby and Sheridan. His regiment was the last white regiment mustered out of the service. He was promoted to the rank of first lieutenant and later was commissioned captain of his company. His own loyalty and courage inspired the men who served under him and his military record was at all times most commendable.

After receiving an honorable discharge Mr. Dunlap returned home and took up the occupation of farming, which he followed until 1873, when he became a grain merchant of Warrensburg, Illinois. There he lived for eight years and in 1881 came to Fontanelle, where he again engaged in the grain trade, with which he was prominently identified until 1913, when he retired from active business. He had also been connected with the lumber business of Fontanelle for ten years and his activities and interests constituted an important element in the material advancement of the community in which he lived. Aside from his trade interests he acquired extensive holdings of farm lands in Adair county, having at the time of his death fourteen hundred acres, which still forms part of his estate. His business career was most honorable, laudable ambition and intelligently directed energy leading him to success, while at all times his efforts were of a character that contributed to public prosperity as well as to individual accomplishment. In Masonic circles Mr. Dunlap was well known, having attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite, while as a member of Kaaba Temple of the Mystic Shrine of Davenport he crossed the sands of the desert. He died in December, 1914, honored and respected by all who knew him. His widow survives and occupies the old home at Fontanelle.

D. L. Dunlap attended school in Fontanelle and supplemented his high-school course by study in Northwestern University at Evanston, Illinois. Prior to entering upon his college course, however, he pursued a commercial course in the Gem City Business College at Quincy, Illinois. When his studies were completed he returned home and went to work in his father's office, thus receiving the initial business training which has well qualified him for his later responsibilities and duties.

In 1898 Mr. Dunlap was united in marriage to Miss Mable Freeman, of Fontanelle, and soon afterward they removed to his father's farm, where they lived for a year. On the expiration of that time, however, they returned to town and Mr. Dunlap was again in his father's office and later engaged in the live-stock business, with which he has now been prominently identified for the past sixteen years. He handles a large number of cattle annually, making extensive shipments to the city markets, and being an excellent judge of stock is enabled to make judicious purchases and profitable sales. In 1912, in connection with his brother-in-law, F. O. Welch, he organized the Dunlap Grain Company, a partnership concern, now controlling one of the leading enterprises of Fontanelle. As in the live-stock business, he has built up an undertaking of large proportions.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Dunlap has been blessed with a daughter, Dorothy M. Fraternaly. Mr. Dunlap is connected with Fontanelle Lodge, No. 138, F. & A. M., St. John's Chapter, No. 73, R. A. M., Des Moines Valley Consistory, No. 3.

A. & A. S. R., and Za-Ga-Zig Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Des Moines. Both Mr. and Mrs. Dunlap are identified with the Order of the Eastern Star and he is likewise a member of Fontanelle Lodge, No. 350, I. O. O. F. Mrs. Dunlap belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church and he contributes generously to its support. In politics he is a democrat but without aspiration for office. Much of his life has been passed in Fontanelle and through the capable conduct of legitimate business enterprises he has worked his way steadily upward and is today one of the active and honored representatives of commercial interests in Adair county. His plans are carefully formulated and promptly executed. He has strong will power, joined to everyday common sense and a genius for devising the right thing at the right time.

CHARLES T. LAUNDER.

Business interests of Adair county find a worthy representative in Charles T. Launder, an attorney at law and the president of the State Savings Bank of Fontanelle. He was born in Marietta, Ohio, November 14, 1865, his parents being Henry and Susan R. (Robinson) Launder, natives of Zanesville and of Marietta, Ohio, respectively, and representatives of old Connecticut families. The father was a harness maker by trade and for some years acted as superintendent of a saddlery manufacturing concern in Cincinnati but on account of ill health he was advised by his physician to leave factory work and as his family numbered eight children he determined to go west, where perhaps he might have better opportunities. Making his way to Iowa, he cast in his lot with the pioneer settlers of Orient township, Adair county, in 1869, and entered the employ of E. B. Andrews, president of Marietta College, who owned an extensive tract of land in Adair county and sent Mr. Launder west to look after his property interests in Iowa. Mr. Launder purchased eighty acres of this land, saving the money from his salary. A portion of the town site of Orient is on land owned by Mr. Andrews. He was an attache of the court of St. James under President U. S. Grant and his son C. W. Andrews married a sister of Charles T. Launder. Henry Launder was one of the first trustees of Orient township and one of the leading citizens of his community. He was never a farmer but was a natural-born mechanic and erected many of the houses in Orient township in pioneer times, thus becoming closely associated with its early development and improvement.

Charles T. Launder devoted his youth largely to mastering the branches of learning taught in the district schools and at eighteen years of age he became a teacher in the local schools, following that profession until 1892, when he took up the study of law, matriculating in the law department of the State University, from which he was graduated with the class of 1894. He was admitted to the bar on the 13th of June of that year and following his graduation he returned to Adair county, settling in Fontanelle. At that time he was without capital; in fact his condition was worse than that, for the expenses of his university course had made it necessary for him to seek financial aid to some extent. For two terms he taught school in winter to gain the funds necessary to discharge his indebtedness, after which he established himself in the practice of law. Industry is just as essential in law

practice as in commercial or industrial pursuits and Mr. Launder applied himself diligently to the care of the legal business intrusted to him. As the years passed and his practice increased he prospered financially and became a stockholder in the First National Bank of Fontanelle. Subsequently recognizing the need for another financial institution in the town he assisted in the organization, in 1905, of the State Savings Bank, of which he was made president, and in that capacity he has since served.

On the 5th of August, 1896, Mr. Launder was united in marriage to Miss Alice A. Baker, of Fontanelle, who was for several years a teacher in the Fontanelle schools and at the time of her marriage resigned a position in the high school at Emerson, Iowa. To them has been born a son, Charles Reid, a graduate of the Fontanelle high school of the class of 1915.

Politically Mr. Launder is a republican but has often refused public office, preferring to give his time to his profession and his business interests. He has served, however, for twenty years as secretary of the school board and has labored diligently and effectively for better schools and higher educational standards. In 1910 he was elected to the office of mayor of Fontanelle, in which he served for two years and in that connection he exercised his official prerogatives in support of various plans and measures for the public good but as a private citizen as well as an office holder he continually works for the general welfare and the advancement of his community. In the line of his profession he has also held office, serving for four years as county attorney. He is a member of the Masonic lodge of Fontanelle and Fontanelle Lodge, No. 250, I. O. O. F., in which he has passed through all of the chairs. Much of his life has been spent in this state and he early became imbued with the spirit of enterprise and progress which has been a dominant factor in the upbuilding of the west. His entire career has been characterized by advancement that has come as the immediate result of intelligently directed industry and unfaltering determination.

N. S. NEWTON.

N. S. Newton is a representative citizen and prosperous agriculturist of Adair county, with holdings on sections 15 and 20, Washington township. His birth occurred in Bureau county, Illinois, on the 2d of December, 1861, his parents being S. S. and Eliza (Scranton) Newton, both of whom were natives of New York. They removed to Illinois in the '30s, taking up their abode on a farm in Bureau county, but subsequently established their home in Wyoming, where the father passed away. The mother is still living and has now attained the age of eighty-three years. They became the parents of ten children, nine of whom yet survive.

N. S. Newton acquired a common-school education in his youth and remained under the parental roof until he had attained his majority. Then he made his way to Cass county, Iowa, and was there employed as a farm hand for four years. On the expiration of that period he bought three hundred and twenty acres of land in Cass county and was actively engaged in its cultivation for thirteen years, at the end of which time he leased the property and came to Adair county, here purchasing his present home farm of two hundred and forty acres in Washington township.



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Subsequently he bought a tract of eighty acres in Adams county, Iowa, so that his landed holdings now embrace six hundred and forty acres of rich and productive land. The well tilled fields annually yield golden harvests in return for the care and labor which he bestows upon them, and he also devotes considerable attention to the raising of high-grade stock, this branch of his business adding materially to his income. He owns two handsome residences in Massena, Iowa, and is widely recognized as one of the successful and enterprising citizens of the community. Since coming to Iowa he has won a gratifying competence that has accrued as the result of his untiring industry, energy and capable management.

Mr. Newton is a republican in his political views but has never sought nor desired the honors and emoluments of office as a reward for his party fealty. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he is serving as a steward and also as Sunday-school teacher. He has now lived in this part of the state for about a third of a century and enjoys an extensive and favorable acquaintance here.

JOHN METZGER.

John Metzger has devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits throughout his entire business career with excellent success and is now the owner of a well improved farm embracing two hundred acres on section 18, Jackson township. His birth occurred in Bureau county, Illinois, on the 4th of November, 1869, his parents being George H. and Margaret (Farber) Metzger, both of whom were natives of Germany. They emigrated to the United States in young manhood and young womanhood and were married in New York. Some time in the '50s they removed westward to Bureau county, Illinois, and in the spring of 1873 came to Iowa, locating on the farm in Jackson township, Adair county, which is now in possession of our subject. George H. Metzger owned two hundred and forty acres of valuable land and won a gratifying measure of success in his undertakings, so that when he passed away in 1896 the community lost one of its substantial and representative citizens. Mrs. Metzger died in 1912 and her demise was the occasion of deep and widespread regret throughout the locality in which she had made her home for almost four decades.

John Metzger was brought to Adair county by his parents when in his fourth year and has remained within its borders continuously since. He attended the district schools in the acquirement of an education and continued under the parental roof after attaining his majority, operating the home farm in association with his father. Two years prior to the latter's demise our subject took charge of the place and two years after the death of his father purchased one hundred and sixty acres thereof, while after his mother's death he bought the remaining eighty acres. Subsequently, however, he sold a forty-acre tract, so that his holdings now embrace two hundred acres.

In 1903 Mr. Metzger was united in marriage to Miss Mathilda Kuester, of Cass county, Iowa, by whom he has six children, namely: Earl L., Roy H., Glenn E., Viola G., Dean C. and Clair Wesley. Mr. Metzger gives his political allegiance to the republican party, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in

the Methodist Episcopal church, to which his wife also belongs. A resident of this county for forty-two years, he has gained an extensive acquaintance and many friends who hold him in high esteem.

CHARLES H. QUEECK.

Charles H. Queeck is numbered among the young and enterprising farmers of Jackson township, where in connection with his brother, Fred C. Queeck, he is operating three hundred and eighty acres of land which they rent from their father. He was born in Mendota, Illinois, October 17, 1885, a son of Paul Queeck, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work.

The son was a little lad of five years when he was brought by his parents to Adair county and here he was reared to habits of thrift and industry, while in the district schools of the neighborhood he acquired his education. From an early age he assisted in the work of the home farm and gave his father the benefit of his services until he had reached mature years. In the spring of 1912 he became associated with his brother Fred C. in farming three hundred and eighty acres of land which they rent from their father, this tract being located on section 1, Jackson township. They are alert and enterprising and follow the most modern methods of agriculture, so that their labors are bringing to them a most gratifying annual return.

On the 17th of October, 1911, Charles H. Queeck was united in marriage to Miss Otilie Sieg, who came from her native land of Germany about 1900 or 1901. They now have three sons, Walter, Harold and Ervin. The parents hold membership in the German Lutheran church, and Mr. Queeck gives his political support to the republican party. Both he and his wife have many warm friends in the locality in which they make their home and all admire them for their many sterling qualities.

G. E. SLOCUM.

G. E. Slocum has conducted a general mercantile establishment at Bridgewater since August, 1908, and is accounted one of the town's leading and wide-awake business men. His birth occurred in Kewanee, Henry county, Illinois, on the 18th of January, 1867, his parents being George P. and Adaline (Aekley) Slocum, who were natives of New York and Connecticut respectively. Their marriage was celebrated in Princeton, Illinois, to which state the mother had removed with her parents as a girl and where the father had taken up his abode in young manhood. George P. Slocum served during the period of the Civil war as a member of the One Hundred and Twenty-fourth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, remaining with that command for a little more than three years. After being honorably discharged he returned to Kewanee and was there variously engaged until 1871, when he came to Adair county, Iowa, purchasing a farm in Washington township which he operated successfully until the spring of 1903. He then took up his abode in Bridgewater and there spent his remaining days in honorable retirement, passing away on the

4th of April, 1909. The period of his residence in Adair county covered nearly four decades and in his passing the community mourned the loss of one of its substantial agriculturists and esteemed citizens. His widow survives, residing in the Bridgewater home.

G. E. Slocum was reared under the parental roof and supplemented his early education, obtained in the district schools, by attending the Adair County Normal School. He continued at home after attaining his majority and assisted his father in the operation of the home farm, their interests being common. On the 22d of February, 1894, he wedded Miss Maud M. Williams, of New York, and following his marriage located on an eighty-acre farm adjoining the home place, which he had previously purchased. This he operated and after his father's removal to Bridgewater he also rented and cultivated the home farm of two hundred and forty acres, subsequently purchasing the property. In 1906 he took up his abode in Bridgewater and during the following three years conducted a drayage business, while in August, 1908, he established the mercantile enterprise which he has carried on successfully to the present time. He has built up an extensive and well merited patronage and is classed among the foremost and prosperous merchants of the community.

To Mr. and Mrs. Slocum have been born four children, three of whom survive, as follows: Olive M., who is the wife of Albert Odem, of Bridgewater, Iowa; Irah M., who is engaged in teaching school; and Gladys, at home. Mr. Slocum gives his political allegiance to the republican party and has held local office for a number of years past. At present he is serving on the board of township trustees and also as a member of the town council. Fraternally he is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, belonging to Bridgewater Lodge, No. 271. His wife is a devoted and consistent member of the Baptist church. Mr. Slocum has lived in Adair county since the age of four years and is widely and favorably known within its borders, the circle of his friends being almost coextensive with the circle of his acquaintances.

MICHAEL J. PALMA.

Among the progressive and prosperous farmers of Richland township is Michael J. Palma, who owns and operates one hundred and sixty acres of good land on section 32, Richland township. He was born in Bohemia, Austria, December 13, 1862, and his parents, Jacob and Anna Palma, were lifelong residents of that country.

Our subject was reared under the parental roof and attended the public schools in the acquirement of an education. In the spring of 1881 he was examined for the army and soon afterward sailed for the United States, thus avoiding the necessity of giving some of his best years to compulsory military service. He arrived in New York in June, 1881, and making his way westward, stopped at Chicago, where he remained for three weeks. Thence he continued his journey to Creston, Iowa, where he secured a position with the Burlington Railroad. He began in a humble capacity as a coal shoveler and section hand but worked his way up to a lucrative position in the car repair shops. He remained in Creston for ten years but in 1891 came to Adair county and turned his attention to farming. For eleven years he operated

rented land but in 1902 he purchased eighty acres, to which he subsequently added an adjoining tract of equal size, so that he now holds title to a quarter section of fertile land. He follows general agricultural pursuits and is recognized as one of the substantial farmers of his section.

On October 7, 1886, Mr. Palma married Miss Mary Smedil, also a native of Bohemia. She came to this country with her parents as a child. Mr. and Mrs. Palma have four children: William M., who is farming in Adams county, this state; Alice M., the wife of Fred Slezak, of Adams county; and George and Jennie, both at home.

Mr. Palma casts his ballot in support of the democratic party and has served ably as road overseer. Both he and his wife belong to the Roman Catholic church. Mr. Palma has thoroughly identified his interests with those of his county and is always willing to do anything in his power to further the public welfare. He is well spoken of and has many personal friends.

W. S. EWING.

Business enterprise in Fontanelle finds a worthy representative in W. S. Ewing, now proprietor of a furniture and undertaking establishment. He has one of the modern and well equipped stores in this part of the state, carrying a large and carefully selected line of goods, while the tasteful arrangement of the store and the honorable methods of the house are elements in his growing success. Adair county numbers Mr. Ewing among its native sons as he was born in Richland township on the 13th of April, 1857. His parents, James S. and Margaret (Evans) Ewing, were natives of Ohio and of Wales respectively but came to Iowa in the year 1855, settling on a farm in Adair county which the father entered from the government. This was then a wild frontier region in which the work of progress and improvement seemed scarcely begun. Mr. Ewing built a log cabin which was covered with a clapboard roof and had a puncheon floor and door, from which hung the customary latchstring. There was also a mud and stick chimney. In that house Mr. Ewing lived for several years while carrying on the work of breaking the sod and transforming the raw prairie into productive fields. He died, however, after a comparatively brief residence in Adair county, in February, 1883, his widow long surviving him, her death occurring in 1913. In their family were nine children, of whom six are yet living.

W. S. Ewing remained at home until he attained his majority and gave his time to the work of the fields and to the mastery of such branches of learning as were taught in the pioneer schools of the community. After reaching man's estate he began farming on his own account by renting land, on which he lived for three years. On the expiration of that period he purchased eighty acres in Richland township and thereon resided for eleven years, during which time he wrought a marked transformation in the appearance of the place through the care and labor which he bestowed upon his fields. He then sold that property and next bought one hundred and sixty acres which he occupied for three years. At the end of that time he rented his farm and took up his abode in Fontanelle, where he became identified with commercial interests, opening a furniture and undertaking establishment. He

now has a well appointed store which he carefully manages, and an attractive line of goods and thoroughly reliable business methods are bringing to him growing success. He also does a good undertaking business and is a graduate of the Hohenschuh-Carpenter School of Embalming at Des Moines, in which he completed his course in 1898.

In 1882 Mr. Ewing was united in marriage to Miss Mollie Evans, a native of Pennsylvania and a daughter of William E. and Mary Evans. They became the parents of four children: Frank O., deceased; James C., now living in Arizona; Addie L., who is the wife of Walter Jones, of Grant, Iowa; and Glenn A., who is associated with his father in business. The wife and mother died in 1894 and her remains were interred in the Pleasant Grove cemetery. In 1895 Mr. Ewing was again married, his second union being with Mrs. Sadie Ellis, a native of Illinois and a daughter of A. W. Averill.

Mr. Ewing is a member of Fontanelle Lodge, No. 255, I. O. O. F., in which he has filled all of the chairs and is most loyal to the teachings and purposes of the organization. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he is serving as one of the stewards, while in the work of the church they are actively and helpfully interested. They occupy a pleasant residence in Fontanelle and their home is justly celebrated for its warm-hearted hospitality. In addition to that property Mr. Ewing owns the store building which he occupies and three hundred and twenty acres of land in Wyoming, a part of which is irrigated. His success is attributable entirely to his own labors. He has worked hard, making industry the basis of his advancement, and as the years have gone by his prosperity has increased and he has gained for himself a creditable place in commercial circles.

GEORGE W. E. REIS.

George W. E. Reis carries on general farming on section 22, Lee township, and is regarded as one of the highly respected citizens of that community. He owns the south half of the section on which he lives and his farm of three hundred and twenty acres pays golden tribute to him for the care and labor which he bestows upon it. He was born in Lee county, Illinois, on the 27th of June, 1878, and is a son of George and Margaret (Beitz) Reis, both of whom were natives of Germany, whence they came to the new world in early manhood and womanhood. They were married in Illinois and settled upon a farm in Lee county, that state, the father owning there a tract of land of one hundred and sixty acres. In 1881 they removed to Adair county, Iowa, buying two hundred and forty acres in Jackson township, and upon that place the parents of our subject remained until they were called to their final rest, becoming well known farming people of this county.

The youthful days of George W. E. Reis were spent in the usual manner of farm lads, his time being divided between the duties of the schoolroom, the pleasures of the playground and the work of the fields. Through the summer months he assisted more and more largely in cultivating the crops and in 1902 he began farming on his own account, cultivating a tract of rented land. He was ambitious, however, to own a farm and therefore carefully saved his earnings, so that in 1906 he bought a place of two hundred acres in Cass county, upon which he lived until

1912. He then traded that property for his present farm comprising three hundred and twenty acres of very desirable land on section 22, Lee township, Adair county. He immediately took up his abode upon that place and the following year erected a handsome residence. There are also good barns and other substantial outbuildings upon the farm, furnishing ample shelter to grain and stock and he uses the latest improved machinery to facilitate the work of the fields. The farm is divided into fields of convenient size by well kept fences and the methods which Mr. Reis employs are such as bring substantial returns.

Mr. Reis chose as a companion and helpmate for the journey of life Miss Catherine Follmann, whom he wedded in January, 1904. She was a resident of Adair county and by her marriage has become the mother of six children, Veronica, George, Lawrence, Velma, Francis and Leo. Mr. Reis votes the democratic ticket and in religious faith he and his wife are Catholics. He has made for himself a substantial place in business circles and the rewards of earnest, persistent labor are today his, for he is now numbered among the men of affluence in Lee township.

JOHN B. SAWYERS.

During the past thirty-two years John B. Sawyers has been actively engaged in the operation of an excellent farm of four hundred and eighty acres which he owns on section 12, Grand River township. His birth occurred in Ohio on the 19th of October, 1856, his parents being George and Margaret (Gillespie) Sawyers, who spent their entire lives in the Buckeye state.

John B. Sawyers attended the common schools in the acquirement of an education and spent the period of his minority under the parental roof. When twenty-one years of age he made his way to Madison county, Iowa, where he worked as a farm hand for three years, while subsequently he was engaged in the cultivation of rented land for three years. On the expiration of that period he took up his abode on a farm of one hundred and twenty acres on section 12, Grand River township, Adair county, to which he subsequently added until he now owns four hundred and eighty acres. This has remained in his possession to the present time and its improvement and operation has continuously claimed his attention. He planted a fine orchard thereon and in connection with the cultivation of cereals makes a specialty of raising and feeding stock, this branch of his business materially augmenting his income.

On the 24th of July, 1883, Mr. Sawyers was united in marriage to Miss Barbara A. Drake, a native of Pennsylvania and a daughter of A. D. and Maria (Crumrine) Drake, who were also born in the Keystone state. They took up their abode on a farm in Madison county, Iowa, at an early day and there spent the remainder of their lives. To them were born five children, four of whom are yet living. Mr. and Mrs. Sawyers have seven children, as follows: T. J., who married Esther Christensen; Mabel, who gave her hand in marriage to O. H. Hollen; Grace M., a college student; James R., who is an engineer by profession; Pearl, at home; John K., who is a graduate of the college at Ames and is also yet under the parental roof; and Rosa. All of the children have enjoyed excellent educational advantages.



MR. AND MRS. JOHN B. SAWYERS

Politically Mr. Sawyers is a democrat and has ably served as school director and in other minor positions. He well merits the proud American title of a self-made man, for his present prosperity is attributable entirely to his own efforts, and he enjoys an enviable reputation as one of the successful and esteemed citizens of his adopted county.

JAMES F. LAUDE.

James F. Laude is secretary and manager of the Greenfield Creamery Company and bears the well earned reputation of being the greatest creamery expert in Iowa. Experience, laudable ambition and enterprise have brought him to this creditable position. Iowa claims him as a native son, his birth having occurred in Dubuque county, eight miles south of the city of Dubuque, on the 5th of April, 1848, his parents being Fred J. and Louise (Leclere) Laude, both natives of France, whence they were brought to the United States by their parents in their childhood days, the mother being but three years of age when she accompanied her father and mother to the new world, while the father was a youth of eleven years. They settled in the town of Mexico not far from Syracuse, New York, and in that locality Fred J. Laude and Louise Leclere were reared and married. In 1846 they removed westward to Dubuque county, Iowa, where they took up government land on which they resided until called to their final rest. Their old homestead is now the town site of Laudeville.

James F. Laude was reared under the parental roof and after attending the district schools continued his education in Lenox Collegiate Institute at Hopkinton, Iowa, where he made excellent use of his time, his standing at the first term being ninety-nine and two-fifths per cent. During his second term he had for a teacher the late Samuel Calvin, for many years state geologist of Iowa. Following the completion of his studies he devoted himself to farming. He was married in his twentieth year, on the 31st of December, 1867, to Miss Eugenia Valley, a native of France. At the age of eighteen years he was as large as he is now, standing six feet tall and weighing one hundred and eighty-five pounds, while few men could do as much work as he. While Mr. Laude was born and reared in Iowa, his children could not speak a word of English when entering school. He devoted his attention to farming in his native county until 1878, when he removed to Jones county and bought a farm of two hundred acres, which he afterward increased by an additional one hundred acres. There he lived for twenty-two years and in 1900 he came to Adair county, where he invested in one hundred and sixty acres of land in Grove township. A year later he sold that property and purchased the Lee Christ farm of two hundred and forty acres in Summerset township. The following spring he bought the N. C. Gibbs farm, also in Summerset township, and about 1908 he sold that place and the same day became owner of the Samuel Allen farm of eighty acres in Summerset township. A few days later he invested in one hundred acres lying across the road and in 1901 he became owner of his town property in Greenfield, where he has two acres, on which stands a comfortable and attractive residence which he has occupied since becoming the owner thereof. He still owns three hundred and eighty acres in Summerset township and an eighty

acre farm near Flint, Michigan, and from his property holdings derives a gratifying income.

In 1900 the Greenfield Creamery Company was organized. Mr. Laude had previously been secretary and manager of a creamery company in Jones county and his reputation for business ability in that connection had become known to the Greenfield company and he was offered the position of secretary and manager of the newly organized company. Three days after his arrival he made out the bill for the machinery for the new creamery. He began his work with the company at a salary of twelve and a half dollars per month and today receives a salary of one hundred and twenty dollars per month. He has built up a business of between one hundred and twenty-five and one hundred and thirty thousand dollars a year, making this the most important industry in the county. He was the dominant factor in the erection of the new brick creamery building about 1906. It was an uphill fight on his part and when the vote was taken for the proposition it passed with only one-half majority. Prior to the election Mr. Laude guaranteed to pay for the new building in three years out of the sinking fund and the building was erected and paid for without the issue of additional stock. The product of the Greenfield plant is unsurpassed in the entire United States. At the Louisiana Purchase Exposition in St. Louis it received the silver medal and in the awarding of the medals the Hutchinson, Minnesota, product which received the gold medal was so exactly like the Greenfield exhibit that it was impossible for the judges to decide and they drew lots for the decision. The first butter maker under Mr. Laude was subsequently appointed deputy United States dairy commissioner and later was made United States creamery inspector and educator. There is no man in all the country with more expert knowledge of the creamery business and of more proficient skill in this direction than Mr. Laude and his ability in that connection has made his name known throughout the entire country. In addition to his creamery business Mr. Laude is a stockholder in the First National Bank of Greenfield.

To Mr. and Mrs. Laude have been born eleven children: Emma, Eugenia, Ada, William, Alfred, Lulu, Lottie, Peter, Luey, Fred and one who died in infancy. The parents and nine of the children are members of the Presbyterian church and the family is one prominent in the community. In his political views Mr. Laude is a republican, and keeping well informed on the questions and issues of the day, his vote is intelligently cast. He concentrates his energies, however, upon his business affairs and steady advancement has attended him, the Greenfield Creamery Company being now widely known.

CHARLES F. ROARK.

Charles F. Roark, county clerk of Adair county, was born in Earlham, Madison county, Iowa, April 1, 1872. He is a son of James R. and Sarah A. (Nevitt) Roark, the former a native of southern Virginia, while the latter was born near Springfield, Ohio. After residing for a time in Illinois they came to Iowa in 1864 and the father purchased a tract of land in Madison county, after which he engaged in farming to the time of his death, which occurred in December, 1900. His widow

survives and now resides with a daughter, Mrs. S. E. Smith, of Valley Junction, Iowa.

Charles F. Roark was educated in the district schools and afterward pursued a two years' academic course in the Dexter Normal school at Dexter, Iowa. At the end of that time he turned his attention to the profession of teaching and for three years was identified with educational work. He was afterward employed in connection with his father's ice and coal business at Valley Junction for four or five years and in 1899 he became associated with the lumber business, becoming connected with a lumber firm in Valley Junction, with which he remained for five years. Still later he went to Greene county, where he was employed for one year in the same business, and in 1906 he came to Greenfield to represent H. E. Neubert, a nonresident member of the Myers Lumber Company, Inc. Mr. Roark was connected with that firm for eight years, having charge of the office and doing much of the buying and managing of the business. Throughout his business career he was known for his thorough reliability, his enterprise and his careful management.

In 1914 Mr. Roark became a factor in political circles of Adair county. He was nominated on the republican ticket for the office of county clerk and after a well managed campaign was elected to the position by a handsome majority, so that he is now serving in that capacity. In this connection he is as true and faithful to the interests intrusted to his charge as he was during his association with commercial affairs. In addition to his other interests he is the owner of a farm of one hundred and twenty acres in Sully county, South Dakota.

In October, 1900, Mr. Roark was united in marriage to Miss Annie Y. Smith, of Lincoln township, this county. They are both members of the Methodist Episcopal church of Greenfield. Mr. Roark also belongs to Greenfield Lodge, No. 375, I. O. O. F.; to Greenfield Camp, No. 153, M. W. A.; to Oak Grove Circle, No. 117, W. O. W.; and to Martha Lodge of the Rebekahs. He is one of the progressive men of Adair county, numbered among its representative citizens, and he has gained a creditable position in the public regard by a close conformity to the highest standards of manhood and citizenship.

N. LOUIS BAUDLER.

N. Louis Baudler, who is one of the well-to-do and substantial farmers of foreign birth in Adair county, now owns three hundred and sixty acres of valuable farm property, the land on which he makes his home being located on section 5, Summerset township. He was born in Germany, March 19, 1869, a son of Ernest Baudler, who is mentioned more at length in the sketch of J. F. Baudler on another page of this work.

N. Louis Baudler was reared in his native land to the age of fifteen years, having in the meantime acquired his education in the schools there, from which he graduated in 1883. He had a strong desire to test the truth of the reports which he had heard concerning the opportunities which were to be enjoyed in America and accordingly, in the spring of 1884, in company with his brother, C. Christ Baudler, he set sail for the United States two days after he had celebrated the fifteenth anniversary of his birth. Upon landing on American shores he at once made his

way to Adair county and during the two subsequent winters he attended school in order to acquire a knowledge of the English language. Upon arriving in this county Mr. Baudler at once secured work as a farm hand in the employ of his brother, J. Fred Baudler, with whom he remained twelve years. During this time he carefully saved his earnings in the hope of one day becoming the owner of land and in the year 1892 this ambition was realized and he became the possessor of one hundred and sixty acres, located on section 5, Summerset township. However, for about four years he rented this land and continued to work for his brother.

On the expiration of that period, or in 1896, Mr. Baudler made arrangements for having a home of his own by his marriage to Miss Melanie Purmeister, who was likewise a native of Germany and who emigrated to this country three years prior to the arrival of Mr. Baudler. The young couple at once took up their abode upon Mr. Baudler's farm, which has continued to be their home to the present time. He is there engaged in general farming and since making his first purchase of land he has increased his holdings by the purchase, in 1911, of two hundred acres, one hundred and sixty of which lie in Jackson township and forty acres in Eureka township. It will thus be seen that he has worked earnestly and that success has come as a merited reward.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Baudler has been blessed with two daughters and three sons, Emma E., Ernest P., Albert J., Louisa C. and Fritz H., all still at home. The family are members of the German Lutheran church. Mr. Baudler is a republican in his political affiliations, but has never been active in public affairs, preferring rather to do his duty as a private citizen. He and his family fully merit the high regard which is accorded them and he is classed among the representative and substantial farmers of Adair county.

JOHN W. PORTER.

Adair county has been signally favored in the class of men who have occupied her public offices, for on the whole they have been devoted to duty and have been capable of meeting the responsibilities that have come to them. Among this number is John W. Porter, now county sheriff, in which position he is discharging his duties without fear or favor. Iowa numbers him among her native sons, his birth having occurred in Jefferson township, Adair county, April 13, 1883, his parents being David D. and Anna F. (Julian) Porter. The father was a native of Johnson county, Iowa, and the mother of Missouri. When a young man of eighteen years David D. Porter removed to Adair county in company with his brother John M., who is now a resident of Walnut township. The mother of John W. Porter was brought to this county in her early girlhood by her parents who settled in Walnut township, and David D. Porter and Anna F. Julian were married in this county and began their domestic life in Jefferson township. They have since made one or two removals but are now residents of Jefferson township. To them have been born seven children, as follows: John W.; Grace B., who married Gilbert A. Foster, of Lee township, Adair county; Ollie M., who married Vern C. Clark; Louisa, who married Harl F. Dorsey, of Greenfield; James, of Greenfield; George, who is living in the county; and Mary, now Mrs. Harley Hall, of Greenfield.

John W. Porter spent his youthful days in the usual manner of farm lads, dividing his time between the work of the fields and the acquirement of his education. He had entered the public schools but as early as his fifteenth year became a wage earner and for some time afterward worked as a farm hand in the neighborhood. In fact he devoted eight years to that work and at the end of that time learned the barber's trade, which he also followed for eight years, conducting a shop of his own in Greenfield during much of that period. At the November election of 1914 he was made the nominee of the democratic party for the office of sheriff of Adair county and while it was necessary to overcome a normal republican majority of eight hundred he was elected by sixty-four votes in excess of his opponent, a fact which indicates his personal popularity and the confidence reposed in him.

On the 1st of January, 1909, Mr. Porter was united in marriage to Miss Mertie B. Williams, of Greenfield, and to them has been born a son, Donald D. Mr. and Mrs. Porter are members of the Christian church, loyal to its teachings and helpful in its work. He is a genial, courteous gentleman, who has many friends throughout the county and is justly numbered among its representative citizens.

JOHN M. REID.

John M. Reid, owning and operating an excellent farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 29, Orient township, is widely recognized as one of the successful agriculturists and progressive and public-spirited citizens of the county. His birth occurred in Jasper county, Iowa, on the 5th of April, 1869, his parents being James H. and Augusta C. (Metteer) Reid, the former a native of West Virginia and the latter of Scott county, Iowa. Charles Metteer, the maternal grandfather of our subject, was one of the early pioneer settlers of Scott county, this state. James H. Reid, father of J. M. Reid, removed to Scott county, Iowa, in 1854, when a youth of nineteen years, and was there married. Soon afterward he took up his abode on a farm in Jasper county, continuing its cultivation during his active business career and passing away thereon in 1908. His widow survives, however, and now makes her home across the county line, in Polk county.

John M. Reid acquired his education in the district schools and also pursued a course of study in the Capital City Commercial College at Des Moines. Subsequently he embarked in the hardware business at Mitchellville, being thus engaged for three years, while during the following five years he cultivated rented land in Jasper county. In 1900 he came to Adair county and for seven years was here identified with agricultural pursuits as a renter, while in 1907 he purchased his present farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 29, Orient township. Success has attended his undertakings in gratifying degree, the well tilled fields annually yielding golden harvests in return for the care and labor which he bestows upon them.

In 1893 Mr. Reid was united in marriage to Miss Jennie Hill, of Jasper county, by whom he had nine children, eight of whom are yet living, namely: Kenneth L., Florence E., Mildred A., Dorothy A., John V., Charles F., William E. and Marian L. All are still under the parental roof.

Mr. Reid gives his political allegiance to the republican party and for years has been an active worker in its local ranks. During the past six years he has served as a member of the board of township trustees and he has also acted in the capacity of township assessor and as a member of the school board, making a creditable record as a most efficient and trustworthy public official. Fraternally he is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, belonging to Mitchellville Lodge, No. 363, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Congregational church, with which his wife is also affiliated. His public-spirited devotion to the general good is manifested in many ways, including a loyal support of all the projects and measures which are undertaken for the upbuilding and welfare of the community.

FRANK HERBERT.

Frank Herbert, senior member of the firm of Herbert & Pote, well known druggists of Bridgewater, has been actively engaged in business in that town for more than a quarter of a century and enjoys and enviable reputation as one of its foremost citizens. His birth occurred in Henry county, Illinois, on the 4th of September, 1856, his parents being Thomas M. and Delia E. (Pinney) Herbert, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of Ellenville, New York. Their marriage was celebrated in Illinois, to which state the mother accompanied her parents when a maiden of sixteen or seventeen years. Thomas M. Herbert was left an orphan at the age of about fourteen years and was thus early thrown upon his own resources. In 1849 he joined the gold seekers in the overland rush to California and after his return began reading law under the preceptorship of the late Judge I. N. Preston of Iowa. Subsequently he took up the practice of law in Henry county, Illinois, and in 1881 came to Adair county, Iowa, locating on a farm in Washington township, where he passed away in 1889 when in the seventy-first year of his age. His wife, long surviving him, was called to her final rest in January, 1907. On her mother's side she was a granddaughter of a lieutenant in the Revolutionary war named Cornelius Baldwin.

Frank Herbert was reared to manhood under the parental roof and obtained his education in the city schools of Woodhull, Illinois. He then took up the profession of teaching, acting as an instructor in the district schools for about twenty terms and proving an able educator, imparting clearly and readily to others the knowledge that he had acquired. In 1887 he began the study of pharmacy in the drug store of Dr. E. W. Reagan, of Bridgewater, and in 1890 he passed the state board examination and was duly registered as a pharmacist. The previous year he had purchased an interest in the drug store in which he had received his instruction and in 1894 became sole proprietor of the business. In 1901 he admitted Guy J. Pote to a partnership, this relation having since been continued under the firm style of Herbert & Pote. They carry a large and carefully selected line of drugs and druggists' sundries and are accorded an extensive patronage in recognition of their progressive and reliable business methods.

Mr. Herbert is a staunch republican in his political views and has served as a member of the town council, making a creditable and commendable record in that

connection. He maintains pleasant fraternal relations through his membership in Bridgewater Lodge, No. 271, I. O. O. F., and Massena Lodge, A. F. & A. M. Active and efficient in everything he undertakes, he has gained the confidence not only of his neighbors and friends but of a wide circle of acquaintances throughout the county.

RALPH B. FARQUHAR.

Ralph B. Farquhar, cashier of the Orient Savings Bank, and a progressive and enterprising young business man of the town of Orient, was born in Webster township, Madison county, Iowa, on the 23d of January, 1885, a son of Hugh B. and Katie C. (Hamm) Farquhar. During his youthful days, which were spent in his parents' home, he acquired a public-school education, completing his studies in the Orient high school and in the Capital City Commercial College at Des Moines, whereby he was trained for the practical and responsible duties of a business career. After completing his commercial course he entered the Winterset Savings Bank as bookkeeper, remaining in that position two years. He resigned later, however, and on the 14th of February, 1910, entered the Orient Savings Bank as cashier, in which capacity he has since continued. Thus throughout his entire business experience he has been identified with banking and has gained comprehensive and accurate knowledge of the different phases of the business. He is ever a courteous and obliging official, doing everything in his power to accommodate customers, while at the same time he carefully safeguards the interests of the institution which he represents.

On the 12th of June, 1907, Mr. Farquhar was united in marriage to Miss Grace B. Smith, of Orient, and to this union has been born a daughter, Irma Rea. Mr. Farquhar exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party. Two days after he had celebrated his twenty-first birthday he was initiated into Masonry and is now a member of Cypress Lodge, No. 539, F. & A. M., of which he served as master in 1913-14. He is also a member of Lebanon Chapter, No. 11, R. A. M. of Winterset. He is now serving as treasurer of the school board and is active in various plans and measures for the upbuilding and improvement of the town, cooperating heartily in all those things which are a matter of civic virtue and civic pride. He has a handsome home in Orient and he and his wife occupy an enviable social position.

W. S. KRAMER.

W. S. Kramer carries on general farming on section 27, Lee township and is meeting with the substantial rewards of earnest and intelligently directed effort. He was born in Polk county, Iowa, on the 6th of July, 1867, his parents being Frederick and Anna (Kramer) Kramer, both of whom were natives of Germany. They remained in the fatherland until they came to the United States in young manhood and womanhood. They were married in Quincy, Illinois, and subse-

quently removed to Polk county, Iowa. In 1875 they came to Adair county, living in Grand River township and also in Orient township for a number of years, but about five years prior to his demise Mr. Kramer went to Creston, Iowa, where he died in 1895.

With a district-school education to prepare him for life's practical and responsible duties and also with thorough training in the work of the fields upon the home place, W. S. Kramer started out in business life for himself at the age of twenty, working as a farm hand by the month. He was industrious and energetic and recognized the fact that success must ultimately result from persistent, earnest and honorable labor. He continued working by the month until 1893, when he began farming on his own account, renting land for four years. In 1897 he purchased eighty acres lying across the road from his present home farm, which he owned and farmed for six years. He then sold and bought one hundred and sixty acres on section 27, Lee township, adjoining his present farm on the south. There he lived for four years, at the end of which time he made investment in one hundred and sixty acres in Richland township, where he continued to reside for two years. On the expiration of that period he sold out and purchased his present place of one hundred and sixty acres. His farm is conveniently situated and as the soil is naturally rich and arable, he is able to raise large crops. He grows the cereals best adapted to climatic conditions and annually gathers good harvests. He places no fictitious values upon life. He realizes that industry and perseverance are the qualities that win and it is through the employment of those qualities that he has gained a place among the well-to-do agriculturists of Adair county.

In February, 1895, occurred the marriage of Mr. Kramer and Miss Mina McClain, of Orient township, a daughter of Harrison McClain. This union has been blessed with four children, Earl, Ima, Wanda and Audrey. Mr. Kramer's study of the political questions and issues of the day has led him to support democratic principles. He has served for several years as a member of the school board and the cause of education finds in him a stalwart champion. He believes in the improvement of the schools in order to meet the demands of the times. Mrs. Kramer is a member of the Methodist church. Mr. Kramer is a stockholder in the Fair Association and he cooperates heartily in many plans and measures which have to do with the benefit and upbuilding of the district in which he lives. He sees the possibilities for progress here and has taken an active part in making Adair one of the prosperous counties of the state.

CHARLES L. HANNON.

Charles L. Hannon is busily engaged in the operation of an excellent and well improved farm of one hundred and twenty acres which he owns on section 20, Union township. His birth occurred in Columbiana county, Ohio, on the 1st of July, 1865, his parents being George W. and Mary (Miller) Hannon, both of whom were natives of Ohio and were married in Alliance, that state. The father came to Iowa in 1875, locating first in Brooklyn, Poweshiek county, where he worked at the trade of wagon making. Subsequently he bought a quarter section of land in Union township, Adair county, the cultivation of which claimed his attention until 1881, when he removed to



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Kansas, and in that state purchased a farm which he operated for several years. He then settled in Illinois, where he spent the remainder of his life, passing away in 1910. To him and his wife were born nine children, seven of whom still survive.

Charles L. Hannon acquired his education in the common schools and early became familiar with the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist as he assisted his father in the work of the fields. He has made farming his life work and is now the owner of a valuable property embracing one hundred and twenty acres on section 20, Union township, and also the home place on section 8, comprising one hundred and sixty acres, having in all two hundred and eighty acres. A number of substantial improvements give evidence of his thrift and enterprise, and his well directed labors have been rewarded with gratifying success.

On the 30th of July, 1895, Mr. Hannon was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth King, who was born in Madison county, Iowa, June 17, 1873. To them have been born four children, namely: Delbert D., Nellie M., Charles Lloyd and Donald C.

Politically Mr. Hannon is a staunch republican and for ten years has served as assessor of Union township, while for four years he held the office of township clerk, making a most creditable record in both capacities. He is a stockholder in the Union Telephone Company and enjoys an enviable reputation as one of the progressive and public-spirited citizens of his community. Fraternaly he is identified with the Woodmen of the World, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Christian church, to which his wife and children also belong. He has many friends and never fails to command the esteem and regard of all who come in contact with him.

E. P. SHEPHERD.

E. P. Shepherd, who for the past few years has been successfully engaged in the livery business in Fontanelle, is a native of Iowa, born in Warren county, on the 13th of February, 1869. His parents, Jesse A. and Rachel Shepherd, both of whom were natives of Ohio, came to Iowa in 1857, locating in Warren county. Later they spent six years in Madison county, this state, while they lived for a similar period in Hardin county, subsequently taking up their abode in Adair county, where they spent their remaining days. Their family numbered eleven children but only nine of the number survive.

E. P. Shepherd accompanied his parents on their various removals and acquired his education in the common schools of the different localities in which the family home was established. He remained under the parental roof until he had attained the age of twenty-seven, when he engaged in farming. At the end of three years, however, he abandoned that pursuit and removed to Fontanelle, where for a time he engaged in the restaurant business. Later he conducted a barber shop for some time and then purchased a farm, which he operated for twelve years. On the expiration of that period he disposed of his land and once more took up his abode in Fontanelle, where he has since successfully conducted a livery. He has a most up-to-date establishment, keeping on hand automobiles and also from twelve to

fourteen head of driving horses, so that he is well prepared to take care of the traveling public.

It was in 1896 that Mr. Shepherd established a home of his own by his marriage to Miss Minnie L. George, who is a native of Michigan, and a daughter of William and Emma (Baker) George, both of whom were born in England. They emigrated from their native land to America in an early day and established their home in Michigan but later removed to Adair county, where the mother passed away. The father is still living and makes his home in this county. Mrs. Shepherd is one of a family of eight children born to her parents, of whom six survive, and by her marriage she has become the mother of six children: Arthur G.; Sylvia A.; Bernice M.; Olin G.; Idris B., deceased, and Grace M.

The parents are members of the Methodist Episeopal church, in which Mr. Shepherd is serving as a steward, while he is likewise secretary of the official board. His political support is given to the republican party. Having spent much of his life in Adair county he is well known in this section and the honorable and straightforward methods which he follows in his business dealings has brought him well deserved success.

J. FRED WESTPHAL.

Although he has been a resident of Adair county for less than a decade, J. Fred Westphal has gained a substantial place among her best citizens and is now busily engaged in the operation and management of a farm of two hundred and forty acres in Summerset township. He was born in Germany, June 25, 1869, a son of Frederick and Frederika (Greenwald) Westphal, who, upon emigrating to the United States in 1870, established their home in La Salle county, Illinois. In 1883 the family continued their journey westward and settled in Cass county, Iowa, where they lived for about twenty years, subsequent to which time, or about 1903, they removed to Adair county, the father purchasing one hundred and twenty acres of land in Jackson township, which he still owns although for the past five years he has lived retired in Bridgewater.

J. Fred Westphal was but an infant at the time the family made the voyage from Germany to this country and he was a youth of fourteen when the removal was made to this state. He was reared to farm life and acquired his education in the district schools of Illinois and Iowa. When twenty-two years of age he and his brother Herman purchased two hundred and forty acres of land in Cass county, although they cultivated their land separately. In 1895 he made further arrangements for having a home of his own by his marriage to Miss Martha Pfundheller, of Adair county. The young couple took up their abode upon Mr. Westphal's farm in Cass county, where they continued to reside until March, 1906, when he disposed of his property there and purchased one hundred and sixty acres in Summerset township, this county. In 1911 he made an additional purchase of eighty acres, located across the road from his previous holdings, so that he now owns two hundred and forty acres of well improved and valuable land. He is now devoting his entire time to cultivating his land and is meeting with substantial success in his endeavors. He is ably assisted in his work by his five sons, Osear, Ralph, Lloyd,

Frank and Clyde. In addition to his farm property Mr. Westphal owns stock in the Fontanelle Lumber Company and in the Farmers Mutual Telephone Company.

Mr. Westphal's study of the political questions and issues has led him to give stalwart support to the republican party. He has, however, never taken active interest in public affairs, the only office he has ever filled being that of school director. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, to which his wife also belongs. They are people of the highest worth and respectability and their many friends are always sure of a hearty welcome in their hospitable home.

CHRISTIAN W. DIERS.

Christian W. Diers is one of the excellent citizens whom Germany has given to Adair county and the success which he has achieved is doubly creditable in that he had no capital when he arrived in this country and was also unfamiliar with its language and customs. He owns an excellent farm on section 2, Jackson township, and derives a good income from his agricultural labors. His birth occurred in Hanover, Germany, on the 25th of November, 1857, and his parents, Peter N. and Maggie (Strohsal) Diers, passed their entire lives in that country.

Mr. Diers was reared under the parental roof and attended the public schools in the acquirement of his education. In 1876, when nineteen years of age, he decided to take advantage of the opportunities offered ambitious young men in the United States and accordingly emigrated to this country. After spending a year in New York city he came to Adair county, Iowa, and for three years worked as a farm hand. In 1880 he began farming for himself on a small scale, boarding with a farmer from whom he rented land. In 1882 his marriage occurred and he and his bride began their domestic life upon a farm in Summerset township which Mr. Diers leased. Subsequently he removed to Jackson township, where he operated rented land until 1902. By that time his financial circumstances were such that he bought his present farm, which comprises a quarter section of land in Jackson township. He has since resided there and is devoting his time and thought to the cultivation and improvement of his property. He has met with gratifying success as a farmer and stock-raiser and by reason of his thrift and good management his resources are steadily increasing. He also owns stock in the Fontanelle Lumber Company of Fontanelle.

In March, 1882, Mr. Diers married Miss Caroline Hill, who was born in Germany, September 9, 1859, and who came to this country a year or two later than Mr. Diers. To their union have been born six children: Minnie, born April 9, 1884, now the wife of Ray Green, of Grove township, this county; Alda, born January 2, 1886, who married William Echington, of Eureka township; William, born February 3, 1887, who is a resident of Jackson township; Chrissie, born July 23, 1890, who is at home; Ernest, born January 17, 1892, who is assisting his father; and Emma, born December 23, 1896, who is also at home.

Mr. Diers is a republican in politics and has served acceptably as a member of the school board. Fraternally he is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, belonging to Fontanelle Lodge No. 250. Both he and his wife are com-

municants of the Lutheran church and its teachings form the guiding principles of their lives. Mr. Diers has gained the unqualified respect of all who have been brought in contact with him and his many friends hold him in the warmest regard.

BYRON DWINELL.

The sterling traits of character which Byron Dwinell displayed throughout an active life were such as endeared him to all with whom he came in contact and caused his memory to be cherished. Predominant among all other traits was his kindly spirit and he shed around him much of the sunshine of life. Therefore his death, which occurred at his home August 17, 1910, came as a great shock to the community in which he lived. On the day prior to his demise he had been about town as usual and few of his friends dreamed on that day that the end was near. Mr. Dwinell was born at Northfield, Vermont, April 5, 1837. He came of a family of French origin, the name being originally De Vinell. When a young man he removed to Cedar county, Iowa, where he was living at the time of the outbreak of the Civil war. On the 9th of August, 1862, in response to the country's call for troops, he enlisted as a member of Company K, Thirty-fifth Iowa Infantry, known as the Veteran Relief Corps, and on the 24th of September of that year he was made a corporal. He served for three years, giving valiant aid to the country, his record being in harmony with the military history of his family, for his father was a captain in the War of 1812, while his grandfather served with the colonial army in the Revolutionary war. In the maternal line he was descended from the Cole family, which was represented in the Revolutionary war by six brothers. The same spirit of patriotic devotion to his country was manifest by Mr. Dwinell throughout his entire life.

After the close of the Civil war he returned to his home in Cedar county, Iowa, and was there married on the 17th of November, 1866, to Miss Ann Eliza Haagen-sen, who was born in St. Thomas, West Indies, and was of Danish descent. In 1871 they removed to Adair county and for five years resided upon a farm, after which they took up their abode in Fontanelle and conducted the old Gibbs House. Subsequently Mr. Dwinell was for many years proprietor of the Fontanelle Hotel, which he conducted with that hospitality and generosity that cheered many travelers on their way and made a comfortable home for many resident guests.

Mrs. Dwinell preceded her husband to the better life, passing away May 29, 1900. She was a member of the Danish Lutheran church and a lady of many admirable qualities. Mr. Dwinell's death occurred when he had reached the age of seventy-three years, four months and twelve days. One of his close friends wrote: "In his death we mourn the loss of one loyal in the defense of his country, true to the community in which he lived, one who loved his neighbor as himself, one whose devotion to his family will cause them to mourn him not only as a devoted father but as the faithful friend and companion." A friend writing from a distance said: "The Lord didn't make many men like 'By.' Had he made more of them, the old world would have been a better place in which to live." Another said: "His old heart never could distinguish and never tried to distinguish whether

its charity and esteem were well planned or ill planned, and this made him the likable character he was, such as the world can ill afford to lose because it has so few.

Sleep the sleep that knows no breaking,
Dream of battlefields no more;
Days of danger, nights of waking.
Soldier rest, thy warfare o'er."

On of the local papers wrote: "Byron Dwinell will be kindly remembered by all who knew him. He possessed the native instincts of courtesy and was a gentleman in the true sense of the word, so impressing all with whom he came in contact. He possessed a cheery disposition and his never failing good will made him an enjoyable companion at all times and in all places. His long years of residence in Fontanelle made him a familiar figure who went about with a pleasant word of greeting for all. In his long years of hotel keeping he was more than landlord; he was in deed and fact the genial 'mine host' of the days of chivalry and he dispensed welcome and hospitality with genuine generosity. With all of his courtesy, he was at times blunt and outspoken, saying perhaps truths that ought not to have been said but in a way that left no sting. One of his charming traits was a talent for entertaining his guests and friends with stories whose points he brought out with clearness. He would relate such in most interesting manner, not certifying for their credence but telling them for the fun that was in them. The world in which he lived was brighter and better for his presence. His last days led in paths of pleasantness and peace, free from the cares and struggle for gain but comforted and contented with sufficient means to meet his modest wants. After the death of his wife he was surrounded by the care of his surviving daughters, the Misses Emma and Josie Dwinell, and their companionship fulfilled the ideal relations of father and children. The funeral sermon was delivered by Rev. A. Breeling from the text: 'Be ye therefore also ready, for the Son of Man cometh in an hour when ye think not.'" He was laid to rest in Fontanelle cemetery, and although several years have since come and gone, his memory is yet cherished by all who knew him. Life meant to him opportunity—opportunity not only for the attainment of success but for good deeds, and there are few who make life so sunshiny and attractive.

CLARENCE M. ARCHER.

Clarence M. Archer, who is meeting with gratifying success in the operation of his fine farm of two hundred and eighty acres on section 26, Washington township, was born in Medina county, Ohio, April 16, 1861. His father, Lester Archer, was born in Ohio, where he grew to manhood and was married to Miss Lucinda Edwards, also a native of that state. In 1865 they emigrated westward, locating in Polk county, Iowa, where they remained for about seven years. In 1872 they became residents of Guthrie county, locating west of Stuart on the line dividing that county from Adair county. Two years later another removal was made and they settled on a farm in Grove township, this county, where they remained for

a year. They next went to Cass county, but after living there for two years returned to this county. For one year they resided in Washington township but then removed to Richland township and thence to Kansas. Five years later they returned from the Sunflower state and again located in this county. During the later years of his life the father made his home among his sons and his death occurred on the 11th of May, 1907, when seventy-five years old, in Cass county at the home of a son. The mother now lives with our subject.

Clarence M. Archer was educated in the district schools and remained at home until he was twenty-three years of age, when he began farming for himself as a renter in Washington township, this county. Four years later he purchased eighty acres of land in Richland township, upon which he resided for two years. On selling that place he bought a quarter section of land in Jackson township, upon which he lived for two years. He then disposed of that property and removed to Massena, Cass county, where he purchased a livery stable, which he conducted for a similar period of time. While residing there he also served as marshal of the town. After selling his stable he returned to Adair county and bought one hundred and twenty acres in Richland township, which remained his home for one year. He had gone in debt for the place and as the crops were poor he was unable to make the necessary payments and was therefore unable to retain the farm. He again rented land and after operating leased land for five years he purchased forty acres in Guthrie county, upon which he lived for two years. At the end of that time he sold that place and purchased his present farm of two hundred and eighty acres of excellent land in Washington township, this county. He carries on general farming and his energy and practical knowledge of agriculture enable him to gain a good income.

Mr. Archer was married in 1884 to Miss Emma Beaver, of Washington township, a daughter of Adam Beaver, one of the early settlers of that township, who is now residing in Wyoming. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Archer, but only four survive, namely: Melvin M., Clyde B., Clem L. and Edna. Beulah M., the fourth in order of birth, is deceased. All of the children are married, save the youngest daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Archer belong to the Methodist Episcopal church and willingly cooperate in its work. He is an adherent of the republican party and keeps well informed on the events of the day. He is a self-made man, for since beginning his independent career he has been compelled to rely solely upon his own resources and good judgment and, although he has at times met with reverses, he has continued his efforts, and his determination and enterprise have been rewarded, as he is now one of the well-to-do farmers of his township.

JACOB POTE.

Jacob Pote was long and actively identified with general agricultural pursuits in Adair county and is still the owner of two hundred and eighty acres of valuable land but since January, 1911, has lived retired in Bridgewater. His birth occurred in Henry county, Indiana, on the 26th of January, 1849, his parents being Samuel and Anna (Good) Pote, who were natives of Pennsylvania and Virginia respectively.

They were married in Indiana and resided in Henry county until 1854, when they came to Iowa, locating on a farm in Cedar county. In 1875 they removed to Adair county, taking up their abode in Jefferson township, where the father passed away in October, 1884, when sixty-two years of age. The mother reached the age of seventy-two years, her demise occurring about 1898.

Jacob Pote was five years of age when the family home was established in Cedar county, Iowa, and there he was reared to manhood. On attaining his majority he started out as an agriculturist on his own account, cultivating rented land in Cedar county, Iowa. In 1876, the year following his marriage, he went to Guthrie county, Iowa, but two years later moved across the line into Adair county. In 1884 he purchased an eighty-acre farm in Jackson township, the property lying a mile north and a mile east of Bridgewater, and in February, 1885, took up his abode thereon. Subsequently he bought additional farm land until at one time his holdings embraced four hundred and forty acres. Recently, however, he disposed of a quarter section, so that at present he owns but two hundred and eighty acres, which property is now being cultivated by his youngest son. In January, 1911, he put aside the active work of the fields and removed to Bridgewater, where he has since lived retired in the enjoyment of well earned ease.

In January, 1875, Mr. Pote was united in marriage to Miss S. N. Taylor, by whom he had five children, four of whom survive, as follows: Guy J., who is a member of the firm of Herbert & Pote, well known druggists of Bridgewater; Cora M., the wife of Dr. R. R. Chapman, of Bridgewater; Cleo A., a successful jeweler of Fontanelle, Iowa; and Paul McKinley, who operates the home farm.

Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise Mr. Pote has supported the men and measures of the republican party and during a number of years past he has held various township offices. He and his wife belong to the Methodist Episcopal church and are two of the eight members who organized the church in Bridgewater. Two others of the original eight are still living. Mr. Pote has made his home in Adair county for the past thirty-seven years and is justly entitled to representation in its annals as one of its well known and highly respected citizens.

FRANK L. GIBB.

Frank L. Gibb is a resident farmer of Summerset township, living on section 30, where well tilled fields respond to his care and labors, rewarding his efforts with good crops. He is a native of the neighboring state of Illinois, his birth having occurred in Henderson county, on the 8th of April, 1880, his parents being Paul and Sarah (Patterson) Gibb. The father was born in Belfast, Ireland, and was of Scotch parentage, while the mother was a native of the state of New York. Crossing the Atlantic to the new world, Paul Gibb was residing in Henderson county, Illinois, at the time of his marriage. He and his wife began their domestic life there and continued to reside in that county until 1881, when they came to Iowa, settling in Adair county. Four years later he purchased a farm in Richland township, which he continued to cultivate and improve for eight years. He then sold that property and bought a farm in Summerset township, where he continued to make his home until

1913, when he removed to Fontanelle, where he now resides. He has retired from active business, enjoying a rest which he has truly earned and richly deserves.

Frank L. Gibb was an infant when brought by his parents to Iowa and is indebted to the public-school system of Adair county for the educational advantages which he enjoyed and which fitted him for life's practical duties. In his youthful days he divided his time between the work of the fields and attendance at school and thus gained the practical experience in farming that proved so valuable to him when he started out on his own account. At twenty-two years of age he began farming for himself on a tract of eighty acres of land on section 34, Summerset township, which was given him by his father at the time he attained his majority. Later he added forty acres to his holdings. In 1915 he rented his own land and took a three years' lease on the Hulbert farm, situated a mile and a half south of Fontanelle and this he is now cultivating. His methods are at once practical and progressive and his work is so systematically managed that excellent results accrue. He annually harvests good crops and he has high-grade stock upon his place. Aside from his agricultural interests he is a stockholder in the Farmers Mutual Telephone Company.

On the 22d of April, 1902, Mr. Gibb was united in marriage to Miss Myra Edsall, of Jackson township, and they have one child, Paul R. Mr. Gibb votes with the republican party, giving unflinching allegiance to the organization because of a firm belief in its principles. His farm work, however, allows him but little leisure for activity in other directions. He is prompted by a laudable ambition to attain success, ever looking to the welfare of his family, and by his careful management he is winning for himself a place among the representative agriculturists of Adair county.

JOHN H. MANGELS.

John H. Mangels, who passed away in Jackson township in 1906, was long and successfully identified with agricultural pursuits in Adair county and here his widow now has extensive holdings. He was born in Germany on the 23d of September, 1840, and emigrated to the United States in 1865, when a young man of twenty-five years, locating first in Illinois. Subsequently he came to Adair county, Iowa, and took up his abode on a farm in Jackson township, here devoting his attention to general agricultural pursuits with excellent results throughout the remainder of his life. His widow still owns and operates the home farm of three hundred and thirty acres on section 2, Jackson township, and in connection with the cultivation of cereals best adapted to soil and climate makes a specialty of raising and feeding stock. She likewise owns a quarter section of land on section 24, Jackson township, and two hundred and eighty-seven acres in Washington township, having purchased the latter tract since her husband's death. She is a woman of excellent business ability and good judgment, conducting her interests in a capable and energetic manner that insures their successful outcome.

In 1882 Mr. Mangels was united in marriage to Miss Minni Schroeder, a native of Germany and a daughter of Carl and Lena (Lang) Schroeder, who were also born in that country. The father emigrated to the United States and here passed away, but the mother died in her native land. Their family numbered nine children.

JOHN H. MANGELS AND FAMILY



To Mr. and Mrs. Mangels were born five children, namely: John B., Francis, Max, Fred and Ernest.

Mr. Mangels died in 1906 and his remains were interred in the Fontanelle cemetery. He had made good use of the opportunities afforded in this country, and thus in his passing the community lost one of its substantial and representative citizens. Mrs. Mangels also enjoys an extensive and favorable acquaintance here, having won many friends during the long period of her residence in Adair county.

HUGH B. FARQUHAR.

Hugh B. Farquhar is the efficient mayor of Orient and in all his public service is actuated by a spirit of loyalty to the community and a desire for public progress. In his business connections he is well known as a stock buyer. He was born in Decatur county, Iowa, on the 26th of September, 1858, a son of Robert and Frances (Brown) Farquhar. The father, a native of County Tyrone, Ireland, was born May 2, 1826, while the mother was a native of Huron county, Ohio. In 1849, when twenty-three years of age, Robert Farquhar came to the United States and for six years was a resident of New York, but in 1855 left that state and came to Iowa, settling in Decatur county. He was there married, at Garden Grove, in 1856, and turned his attention to farming, which he continued to carry on in Decatur county until 1868, when he came to Adair county, settling on section 1, Union township, having traded his Decatur county property for the Adair county farm. In 1889 he sold this land to his son Hugh B. and removed to Winterset, Madison county, where his remaining days were passed, his death there occurring August 5, 1911, when he was in the eighty-sixth year of his age. The mother survives and yet makes her home in Winterset, in the eighty-first year of her age.

Parental care and discipline and educational training fitted Hugh B. Farquhar for the practical and responsible duties of life. After attending the district schools he continued his education in the Garden Grove high school and in the Macksburg schools under Professor C. G. Snelling. He early became familiar with the best methods of tilling the soil and caring for the crops and after reaching manhood began farming on his own account. In 1881 he purchased eighty acres of land in Madison county and lived upon that place until he removed to southern Kansas for the benefit of his health, his lungs having become affected. He spent two years in that state and then returned to Adair county, where he purchased his father's farm, remaining thereon until 1898, when he took up his abode in Orient. He subsequently sold his farm and purchased the Sprague farm adjoining Orient. In 1901, in company with J. S. Carlysle and N. O. Gorman, he engaged in the grain business and later he bought out his partners and for some years conducted the business alone. In 1907 he sold his property and has since given his attention to buying and shipping stock, conducting the business along substantial lines, his sound judgment and sagacity winning for him substantial and growing success. In addition to his other interests he is a stockholder in the Orient Savings Bank.

Mr. Farquhar was married in 1882 to Miss Catherine Hamm, a daughter of George Hamm, deceased, who was a farmer of Madison county, Iowa. To Mr. and Mrs. Farquhar have been born four children, of whom three survive: Ralph B.,

cashier of the Orient Savings Bank; Lisle H., a resident of Santa Ana, California; and Kenneth R., at home.

Mr. Farquhar is an exemplary representative of the Masonic fraternity, belonging to Cypress Lodge, No. 539, F. & A. M. His wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and both are highly esteemed for their many sterling traits of character. In his political views Mr. Farquhar is a republican and for seven years was president of the board of education, his active championship of the public schools resulting in great benefit along that line. In 1914 he was elected mayor of Orient, which position he is now filling and he is giving to the city a businesslike and public-spirited administration, in which he has brought about reforms and introduced various needed improvements. He stands for progress in municipal affairs as well as along business lines and he does not hesitate to put forth the effort which will bring about community advancement.

SAMUEL KREPS.

Samuel Krepis, president of the Lincoln Mutual Telephone Company, of Greenfield, was born in Northumberland county, Pennsylvania, on the 29th of March, 1850, a son of David and Martha (Kluek) Krepis, who were also natives of Northumberland county and came of Pennsylvania-Dutch descent, the ancestors on both sides of the family being among the pioneer settlers of Northumberland county. The Krepis family was among the most numerous of the county and the name is attached to many of the old landmarks and legal documents of the county. It is perpetuated in the Krepis church and the Krepis school and also in other ways. The parents of our subject were married in the Keystone state and four children were born to them ere their removal to the west. On leaving Pennsylvania they became residents of Indiana and subsequently of Illinois, while later they removed to Iowa, spending their last days in Tama and Benton counties.

After acquiring his education in the district schools Samuel Krepis was married on the 22d of December, 1870, to Miss Mary E. Taylor, of Freeport, Illinois, although he was not yet twenty-one. The spring following his marriage he began farming for himself as a renter in Stephenson county, Illinois, and in 1873 he came to Iowa, establishing his home in Adair county, where he carried on farming for two years as a renter. During that period, however, he bought eighty acres in Grand River township, making a cash payment on the property of fifty dollars. The tract was then raw prairie and it became necessary to break the first furrows and otherwise do the pioneer work in the development of the farm. He built thereon a little frame dwelling, fourteen by eighteen feet, which cost him sixty dollars. He sold his corn for nine cents a bushel and other crops brought prices comparatively low. However, he carefully managed his business affairs and continued the work of the farm and as the years passed he prospered. After living in Grand River township for seven years he removed to Harrison township, where he resided for an extended period and where he still owns the home place of two hundred and eighty acres, beside a small tract of timber land. In the fall of 1883 he removed into Stuart, where he was engaged in merchandising for twenty-two months but indoor work did not agree with him and he returned to the farm, where he resided until the fall of 1912. He then

came to Greenfield, where he has since lived. He has been associated with the Lincoln Mutual Telephone Company for the past twelve years as a member of its board of directors and for the past six years has filled the position of president of the company, which was organized fourteen years ago and which has since grown to be the largest local telephone system in the state of Iowa. Mr. Kreps is also a stockholder and member of the board of directors and a member of the executive committee of the First National Bank of Greenfield. While he was an Adair county farmer there were many business enterprises with which he was associated and his sound judgment and enterprise proved factors in their growing success. He also served as administrator of many estates and is one of the very able business men of Adair county. His connection with any project practically spells success for the enterprise, for it is his habit to carry to completion whatever he undertakes and in notable degree he secures maximum results with minimum effort, which is the secret of all business success.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kreps have been born seven children, five of whom are yet living: Alda T., now the wife of Albert Beeman, of Oakland, California; Myrtle, the wife of T. W. Burns, of Macon, Georgia; Edna M., the wife of Ernest Smith, of Toledo, Ohio; Bessie, the wife of Harry Wentz, of Knoxville, Iowa; and Jesse J., who is engaged in the practice of veterinary surgery at Wallace, Idaho.

Mr. Kreps is a member of Crusade Lodge, No. 386, A. F. & A. M., and belongs also to St. John's Chapter, No. 76, R. A. M. In politics he is a republican and for many years filled various township offices. He and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church, with which they have been identified for thirty-eight years. They have contributed generously to its support, taken an active interest in its work and in this and other ways have done much to further the welfare of the community. Mr. Kreps is a most progressive business man, systematic in all that he undertakes. His labors have been a strong and potent force in the development of the telephone company of which he is now the chief executive and his life is a practical demonstration of the fact that industry and reliability are a sure foundation upon which to build prosperity.

R. H. BARR.

R. H. Barr is the owner of a well appointed drug store at Fontanelle and is accounted one of the leading business men of that town. Close application has been a salient feature in his growing prosperity and honorable dealing has also been an element in his success. He was born in Pottawattamie county, near Elliott, Iowa, on the 24th of September, 1883, and is therefore yet a comparatively young man, while his success is such as many a man of twice his years might well envy. His parents, George R. and Rena (Westover) Barr, were married in Dixon, Illinois. The former is a native of Maine and the latter of Minnesota. Following his marriage Mr. Barr brought his bride direct to Iowa, settling in Pottawattamie county, where he had previously purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land. For a long period he successfully carried on general agricultural pursuits and in 1895 he removed to Elliott, where he engaged in merchandising, being identified therewith for three

years. On the expiration of that period he sold out and bought a grist mill at Stennett, Montgomery county, operating the mill for four years. He then sold out and removed to Red Oak and a year later he was made superintendent of the Montgomery county poor farm, which he managed for four years. On the expiration of that period he returned to Red Oak and in October, 1914, he removed to Fontanelle, where he is now living retired.

His son, R. H. Barr, spent his youthful days in his parents' home and acquired a public-school education, which was completed by graduation from the high school of Elliott, Iowa, with the class of 1900. He then attended the pharmaceutical department of the Highland Park College in Des Moines and was there graduated with the class of 1905. Subsequently he made his initial step in his business career as an employe in the drug store of A. H. Miles, of Des Moines, but after two or three months he removed to Rippey, Greene county, where he was employed as a pharmacist for nine months, working for B. F. Osborn. In November, 1906, he came to Fontanelle and established himself in the drug business, buying the drug store of Miss Lula Snelson. As owner and manager of this business he has won a place in the front rank among Fontanelle's successful and enterprising merchants. He carries a large line of drugs and druggists' sundries and his business methods commend him to the confidence and support of the general public.

In 1907 Mr. Barr was united in marriage to Miss June Carpenter, of Rippey, Iowa, by whom he has one child, Miriam Mildred. In his political views Mr. Barr is a republican, interested in the work of the party and doing all in his power to promote its growth and insure its success. At the present time he is a member of the town council. He belongs also to the Commercial Club and is in hearty sympathy with its plans to promote the business interests of his town. He belongs to Fontanelle Lodge, No. 138, A. F. & A. M., and to Fontanelle Lodge, I. O. O. F., while he and his wife hold membership in the Congregational church, guiding their lives by its teachings and aiding generously in its support. They have many warm friends and they are cordially received in those homes where intelligence and true worth are accepted as the passports into good society.

ALBERT M. FOSTER.

Albert M. Foster, a progressive young agriculturist of Lee township, owns and operates one hundred and sixty acres of land on section 26 constituting one of the valuable farms of Adair county. His birth occurred in Jasper county, Iowa, on the 12th of August, 1879, his parents being Charles and Margaret J. (Abbott) Foster, who were born, reared and married in Ohio. Immediately following their marriage, which was celebrated some time in the '50s, they came west to Iowa, locating in Jasper county, where they resided for many years. In the spring of 1883 they came to Adair county, Charles Foster purchasing the farm which is now in the possession of our subject. He continued its operation throughout the remainder of his life and won success in his undertakings, the community losing one of its substantial and esteemed citizens when he passed away on the 2d of May, 1914. His wife was called to her final rest in January, 1912.

Albert M. Foster was but in his fourth year when brought by his parents to Adair county and has remained within its borders continuously to the present time. He attended the district schools in the acquirement of an education and on reaching manhood began farming in conjunction with his father, with whom he was associated in agricultural pursuits until the latter's death, when he purchased the interest of the other heirs in the home farm. The place comprises one hundred and sixty acres of rich and productive land on section 26, Lee township, and yields a gratifying income to its owner, who carries on the work of the fields in a most progressive and able manner. He is a stockholder in the Greenfield Creamery Company and widely recognized as one of the prosperous and enterprising citizens of the community.

On the 29th of July, 1901, Mr. Foster was united in marriage to Miss Grace B. Porter, a daughter of David Porter, of Lee township, this county. To them have been born two children but only one survives, David. In his political views Mr. Foster is a republican, loyally supporting the men and measures of that party. At all times he has been true to the obligations and responsibilities that have devolved upon him in every relation of life and therefore well merits the esteem and goodwill which are uniformly accorded him.

A. K. REED.

A. K. Reed is president of the Orient Savings Bank and for a long period was actively identified with agricultural interests in Iowa. In his farming operations he laid the foundation of his success and he is still the owner of five hundred and eighty acres of valuable farm land. He was born in Dubuque county, Iowa, May 5, 1853, and is a son of Andrew and Letitia (Henry) Reed, both of whom were natives of Ireland but were born of Scotch parentage. They were reared and married on the green isle of Erin and about 1840 came to the United States, establishing their home in Pennsylvania, where they lived until 1851, when they came west to Iowa, settling in Dubuque county. Later they removed to a farm across the line in Jones county, Mr. Reed entering the land from the government on a land warrant. With characteristic energy he began the development of that property. About 1874 he came to Adair county, taking up his abode on section 22, Orient township, purchasing the east half of the section. Four years afterward he went to Kansas and became the original pioneer settler of Thomas county, continuing his residence there until he was called to his final rest in 1891, when he had reached the age of eighty years.

The educational advantages afforded by the district schools of Iowa were those which A. K. Reed enjoyed during his boyhood and youth. His opportunities were somewhat limited save in those offered on the farm. He remained at home and assisted his father until 1879, at which time he was married, and began farming for himself, renting land in Orient township, this county. He saved his earnings and in 1881 purchased a farm of eighty acres on section 13, that township. The following year he removed on to that place and there lived for about four years, or until 1886, when he became a resident of Thomas county, Kansas, where he preempted one hundred and sixty acres of land. After two and a half years' residence there he returned to Adair county, where he has since made his home and in the interim he has purchased other land from time to time until he now owns five hundred and eighty

acres, all of which lies in Orient township, save eighty acres in Union township. His farm property is valuable and gives evidence of his care and supervision. Year after year Mr. Reed carefully developed his place, utilizing the latest improved machinery and carrying on the farm work according to the most modern methods. In December, 1913, he removed to Orient, where he now lives, although he still gives personal supervision to the management of his farm lands. He is president of the Orient Savings Bank and bends his efforts to administrative direction and executive control. In all his business career he has been classed with the wide-awake, alert and enterprising men who form their plans readily and carry them forward to successful completion. His business activity has been characterized by the strictest honor and his success is the merited reward of his efforts.

In 1879 Mr. Reed was married to Miss Ella Mock, of Orient township, a daughter of Robert Mock, who in 1877 removed to Adair county from Clarke county, Iowa. To Mr. and Mrs. Reed have been born ten children, of whom nine survive: Ida, the wife of Jud Walker, of Union township; Maggie, the wife of Dr. I. J. Gibson, of Fontanelle, Iowa; Edna, the wife of Frank King, of Colorado Springs, Colorado; Bert C. and Ira A., both farming in Union township, Adair county; Mabel, the wife of Theodore Hayden, of Union township; and Wilbur F., Harley K. and Donald R., all of whom are operating the home farm.

In his life Mr. Reed manifests the beneficent spirit of the Masonic fraternity, which is based upon a recognition of the brotherhood of mankind. He has membership in Cypress Lodge, No. 539, A. F. & A. M. In politics he is a republican and he served for several years as township trustee. He has also been a member of the school board and he is interested in many plans which feature as factors in promoting good government and in advancing the welfare and upbuilding of the district. Men have found him thoroughly trustworthy in his business connections, as well as active and enterprising and among his fellow townsmen he is held in highest regard, his worth being attested by all who know him.

JAMES I. McCAMPBELL.

James I. McCampbell, an honored veteran of the Civil war and one of the valued citizens of Fontanelle, was formerly identified with agricultural interests but for about thirty years has engaged in business as a dealer in agricultural implements. Although now seventy-five years of age he still remains active in business and his record should put to shame many a man of much younger years who has grown weary of the struggle and trials of life, and would relegate to others the burdens that he should bear.

Mr. McCampbell was born November 1, 1829, in Parke county, Indiana, his parents being Alexander B. and Frances (Cunningham) McCampbell, natives of Indiana and Kentucky respectively. They were married in the Hoosier state and in 1865 became residents of Iowa, settling in Warren county, where their remaining days were passed. Of their family of eight children only two are now living.

James I. McCampbell started out in life on his own account at the age of eighteen years and has since been dependent entirely upon his own resources. He put aside all business and personal considerations however, at the time of the Civil war and



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at the age of twenty-one enlisted for service in the Union army, becoming a member of Company B, Sixteenth Illinois Infantry, with which he served for more than four years, participating in all the hardships incident to warfare. He took part in a number of the most hotly contested battles and was with Sherman on the celebrated march to the sea. He was also on active duty near Washington and at the close of the war was mustered out at Camp Butler, Illinois, returning to his old home with a most creditable military record. Although he was often in the thickest of the fight he escaped being wounded.

Following his military experience Mr. McCampbell removed to Warren county, Iowa, settling on the farm where he lived for nine years. On the expiration of that period he came to Adair county, where he engaged in farming for eleven years and in 1886 he removed to Fontanelle, where he established an implement business. That success has attained his efforts is indicated by the fact that he has continued in this line, carrying a well selected stock and keeping in touch with the market in all that modern invention provides. He is regarded as a thoroughly reliable as well as an enterprising business man.

On December 21, 1865, Mr. McCampbell was united in marriage to Miss Sarah E. Latimer, who was born in Indiana, a daughter of James D. and Cynthia (Bilbo) Latimer, both natives of Kentucky and both now deceased, their last days having been spent in Warren county, Iowa. Mrs. McCampbell was one of a family of eight children and by her marriage has become the mother of six children: W. F., who is associated with his father in business; Lilly, the wife of P. A. Chafa, of Bridgewater, Iowa; Charles, of Colorado; Thomas E., deceased; Iva D., the wife of B. W. Lewis, of Colorado; and Verner H., of Fontanelle.

In his political views Mr. McCampbell is an earnest republican, always giving loyal support to the party. For four years he filled the office of mayor of Fontanelle and made an excellent record by the manner in which he safeguarded and promoted the interests of the town. He has also been a member of the school board for a number of years and fraternally he is identified with the Masons as a member of both the lodge and chapter. The motive spring of his life, however, has been found in his religious faith, both he and his wife being consistent and devoted members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

E. R. FAUROTE.

E. R. Faurote, a successful farmer who is residing on section 12, Jackson township, was born in Marion county, Ohio, on the 16th of June, 1850. His parents, Lytle and Clara (Root) Faurote, removed from Ohio to Madison county, Iowa, in 1854 and were numbered among the pioneers of that county. The father engaged in merchandising in Winterset, where he passed away in 1864. Five years later his widow removed to Adair county, where she continued to live until called by death.

E. R. Faurote was reared under the parental roof and during his boyhood spent considerable time at work in his father's store. In 1866 and 1867 he was employed in the mercantile establishment of W. W. Moore, of Des Moines, being a resident of that city when the first passenger train was run into it. In 1868 he and his brother John purchased eighty acres of land in Summerset township, Adair county.

and in 1869 he took up his residence upon the farm. Two years later his brother came to this county and they subsequently sold the place. John Faurote then returned to Winterset but our subject purchased one hundred and sixty acres in Eureka township. In 1871 he removed to his present home farm, on section 14, Jackson township, which was the homestead of his wife's grandfather, John H. Bryant. Our subject and his wife subsequently acquired title to the farm, which comprises three hundred acres of excellent land, which is now owned jointly by our subject and his son, G. Frank Faurote. The family continued to reside there until 1890, when a removal was made to Fontanelle. In company with F. W. Kaemmerer, Mr. Faurote engaged in general merchandising in that place, under the firm name of Faurote & Kaemmerer for sixteen years. In 1906 our subject disposed of his interest in the business and again turned his attention to the management of his farm. However, he continued to reside in Fontanelle until the spring of 1915, when he returned to the farm, which he and his son are operating in partnership. They make a specialty of raising high grade Aberdeen Angus cattle. Our subject still owns his farm in Eureka township and also has residence and business property in Fontanelle. He owns stock in and is vice president of the First National Bank of Fontanelle and is recognized as one of the substantial men of Adair county.

In 1872 Mr. Faurote married Miss Josephine Leabo, and to this union have been born four children: Elsie M., the wife of Dr. E. C. Schneider, of Colorado Springs, who is biologist at the Colorado State College; John J., deceased; Jennie M., who married Dr. R. E. Green, of Medford, Oregon; and G. Frank, who is farming with his father.

Mr. Faurote is a member of Fontanelle Lodge, No. 138, A. F. & A. M., and St. John's Chapter, No. 73, R. A. M., and he has been found true to the high moral teachings of the craft. Both he and his wife belong to the Congregational church and in its work take an active interest. His political belief is that of the republican party. He is alert, progressive and energetic and the large measure of success which he has gained is due to his enterprise and ability. He is widely known throughout the county and all who have been associated with him hold him in the highest esteem.

DIEDRICH FRESE.

Diedrich Frese, one of the largest landowners in Adair county, his possessions comprising four hundred and eighty acres, has since 1913 made his home in Fontanelle but still operates one hundred and sixty acres near by. He was born in Bremen, Germany, June 11, 1858, a son of Henry and Anna (Ehlers) Frese. The mother passed away in her native land and subsequently, in 1872, the father accompanied by two daughters and his son Diedrich, made his way to the new world. He established the family home in Mendota, Illinois, and there was employed at farm labor for one year. He then purchased forty acres of land and engaged in business on his own account. He died on a farm in Bureau county, Illinois.

Diedrich Frese was in his fifteenth year at the time of his arrival in America and after a location was made at Mendota, he, like his father, was employed at farm labor, his time being thus occupied until 1895. In the previous year, however, he

had invested his money in a quarter section of land in Summerset township, Adair county, but had returned to his home in Mendota, Illinois. In 1895 he took up his permanent abode in Iowa, and as his land was at that time in a wild and uncultivated state he had to develop a farm out of the wilderness. In due time he had his land under cultivation and he also erected substantial buildings. As time passed and he accumulated means he kept adding to his holdings until he at one time owned six hundred and forty acres of some of the most valuable and productive land in the state. He has since disposed of some of this, however, but retains possession of four hundred and eighty acres. In 1913 he took up his abode in Fontanelle, leaving his son William on the home place, which constitutes three hundred and twenty acres. Mr. Frese now gives his attention to another tract of one hundred and sixty acres. In addition to his other interests Mr. Frese is a stockholder in the Fontanelle Lumber Company.

Mr. Frese was married in 1886 to Miss Magdalena Weinheimer, a native of Bureau county, Illinois, but of German parentage. Mr. and Mrs. Frese have become the parents of four children but only two survive: William, on the home farm; and Luella, at home. The family hold membership with the German Lutheran church. In politics Mr. Frese is independent, supporting the men whom he deems best fitted for office regardless of party ties.

Mr. Frese possesses the characteristics so notable in the German race and he deserves much credit for what he has accomplished since coming to America, for, starting out at an early age to make his own way in a land with whose customs he was wholly unfamiliar, and working in the humble capacity of a farm laborer, he has gradually advanced on the highway of prosperity until he stands today among the wealthiest men and most substantial citizens of Adair county.

J. M. CHAPMAN.

Among the successful and highly esteemed farmers of Washington township is J. M. Chapman, who was born in Bear Grove township, Cass county, on the 12th of April, 1858. His parents, Milton and Elizabeth (Delp) Chapman, were natives respectively of Ohio and Germany, the father born June 14, 1817, and the mother November 17, 1820. When six years of age she accompanied her parents to the United States and at the time of her marriage was living in Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Milton Chapman resided in the Buekeye state until early in the '50s and two children were born to them there. On leaving that state they emigrated westward and located at Marion, Iowa, whence they went to Monroe county. Their next removal was to Adair county and after living here for some time they became residents of Cass County, where the birth of our subject occurred. In 1861 or 1862, however, the family returned to this county and located on section 6, Richland township, where the father resided until his death on the 23d of April, 1891. His widow survived him for a number of years and died on the home farm, October 7, 1896.

J. M. Chapman received his education in the district schools and remained at home until he was twenty-one years of age. He then began farming on his own account, operating forty acres of land which he had previously purchased. He also rented other land, which he and his brother William farmed in partnership. Sub-

sequently they bought the old homestead and adjoining land, owning in all two hundred and sixty-four acres. In 1907, however, they traded that place for three hundred and twenty acres in Summit township. A year later, however, they traded that farm for a two hundred and forty-acre tract on section 2, Washington township. They continued to own it in partnership until March, 1914, when that relation was severed and our subject acquired one hundred and sixty acres of the property, which he still owns and upon which he resides. He carries on general farming and stock-raising, and his progressiveness and industry enable him to secure a good financial return from his land. He also owns stock in the Adair County Mutual Telephone Company.

Mr. Chapman was united in marriage on the 1st of September, 1885, to Miss Melissa E. Garry, of Richland township, and they became the parents of five children, three of whom survive, namely: Fennie E., the wife of Arthur S. Wood, of Union county; Maud M., who resides at home and is engaged in teaching; and Pearl E., also at home. Two sons died in infancy.

Mr. Chapman is a republican in politics and loyally supports the candidates of that party at the polls. Both he and his wife hold membership in the Congregational church and can be depended upon to further the moral advancement of their locality in every way within their power.

FRED MEISENHEIMER.

Fred Meisenheimer, deceased, was among the worthy citizens that Germany has furnished to Adair county. He was born in that country, September 21, 1846, a son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Grorosat) Meisenheimer, both of whom were natives of Germany. They came to America in 1865 and continued their journey across the continent as far as Bureau county, Illinois. Subsequently they removed to Henry county, Illinois, where the mother passed away, and in 1868 the father came to Adair county, Iowa, where he remained until his death, which occurred in 1887.

Fred Meisenheimer was one of a family of ten children, but only one of the number is now living. He was a youth of eighteen years when the family came to the new world and he remained with his father until he attained his majority, after which he started out in farm work on his own account by renting land in Bureau county, Illinois, where he remained for three years. In 1875 he came to Adair county, Iowa, where he purchased a farm, and continued to make his home thereon until his death, which occurred June 25, 1915. His first purchase comprised one hundred and twenty acres on section 27, Summerset township. With characteristic energy he began the further development and improvement of his land and he added to the place many fine buildings which include large barns and outbuildings thoroughly ample to meet all the requirements of stock-raising and also provide shelter for his grain. He worked diligently and persistently and, being able to secure fair prices for his crops, he added to his income from time to time and eventually was able to purchase other land. He added to his original holdings until he became the owner of two hundred and eighty acres of valuable farm land, much of which is devoted to the production of the cereals best adapted



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to soil and climate. He also made a speciality of raising and feeding stock and had good grades of stock upon his place.

In 1870 Mr. Meisenheimer was united in marriage to Miss Margaret D. Heapner, who was born in Germany and came to the United States in 1868. Her parents, George and Anna (Sash) Heapner, were also natives of Germany and never left that country. Mr. and Mrs. Meisenheimer became parents of ten children: John, who follows farming in Adair county; Fred; Mary A., who is deceased; Anna B., at home; J. G.; Edward E.; Frank A.; Maggie; Mark; and Henry W.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Meisenheimer were reared in the Lutheran faith. After studying the political situation of the country he endorsed the principles of the democratic party and continued one of its staunch advocates. He filled the office of township trustee for seven years and was also school director for several years. Mr. Meisenheimer deserved much credit for what he accomplished. When he started out for himself he was in debt but he soon managed to discharge his financial obligations and worked his way steadily upward. He early realized that industry is a sure foundation upon which to build prosperity and he worked earnestly and unfalteringly year after year until his labors were crowned with a most comfortable competence and he was numbered among the substantial farmers of his community.

J. G. FABER.

Agricultural interests find a worthy representative in J. G. Faber, a resident farmer of Summerset township, his home being on section 33. His place presents a neat and attractive appearance, showing that he is actuated by a practical and progressive spirit and that he keeps in touch with the advanced methods of farm work. He was born in Bureau county, Illinois, March 21, 1862, a son of John and Elizabeth (Rechtenbaugh) Faber, both of whom were natives of Germany, whence they crossed the Atlantic to the new world. The latter came with her parents during her girlhood days and the former bade adieu to friends and fatherland when a young man and made the voyage over the Atlantic to the United States. Both settled in Bureau county, Illinois, where they were married, and then they established their home upon a farm of one hundred and twenty acres in that county. With persistent energy John Faber performed the work of tilling the soil and succeeded in making his farm a productive and valuable property. He also added to his possessions by the purchase of another farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Lee county. His entire life was devoted to general agricultural pursuits, his labors being ended in death on the 19th of March, 1877. His widow has survived him for more than thirty-eight years and now resides with a son on the old homestead in Illinois.

J. G. Faber was reared upon his father's farm and received such educational advantages as were afforded in the district school near his home and in the town school at Ohio Station. At the age of nineteen years he became a wage earner, working as a farm hand, and was thus employed in Illinois for about three years. In 1884 he came to Adair county, Iowa, settling on a farm of eighty acres in Jackson township, which he had purchased the year prior to his removal to this state. He lived in Jackson township for six years, during which time he bent his energies to the development and improvement of his land but in 1890 he sold his farm

and purchased his present home place comprising one hundred and sixty acres on section 33, Summerset township. In subsequent years he has bought still other land, owning now seventy-five acres in Richland township across the road from his home farm and another farm of one hundred and forty-seven acres in Richland township two and a half miles east of his home place. His landed possessions thereby aggregate three hundred and eighty-two acres of rich farm land in Adair county and from his property he is deriving a gratifying annual income. Moreover, he owns stock in the Fontanelle Lumber Company and in the Farmers Mutual Telephone Company, both of which pay good dividends.

On December 24, 1885, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Faber and Miss Mary Glade, a daughter of Michael and Christine Glade. The children born of this marriage were eight in number, of whom seven are yet living: Frank L. and Glen R., who operate land belonging to their father; Chrissie E., the wife of R. D. Mayes, of Summerset township; Leila, the wife of Warren Parkes, a farmer of Adair county; Lora, who is a high-school student at Greenfield; and Elsie and Jesse G., both at home.

Mr. Faber votes with the democratic party and has served for two terms as township trustee. He is now president of the school board and he and his wife are connected with the Evangelical church in religious faith. His interest in public affairs is that of a man who recognizes his duties of citizenship and acknowledges the obligations which devolve upon him as well as the privileges which are his. His life in a measure is quietly passed in the control of his farming interests but he is justly accounted one of the substantial residents of his locality.

R. E. JEFFRYES.

R. E. Jeffryes is engaged in general farming on section 22, Summerset township, where he is leading a busy and useful life. He was born in Jackson township, Adair county, on the 13th of January, 1880, his parents being Frederick and Ellen (Cooper) Jeffryes. The father was a native of England and when a youth of fourteen years left that country to come to the United States. He made his way to Illinois and there in early manhood he was united in marriage to Miss Ellen Cooper, who was born and reared in that state. They became the parents of four children during the period of their residence there. Afterward they removed with their family to Iowa, settling in Jackson township, Adair county, where the father engaged in farming up to the time of his death. He was diligent and persistent in business, carefully managing his farming interests. He died in June, 1908, at the venerable age of eighty-three years, while his wife is still living and makes her home with her son, R. E. Jeffryes.

It was in the district schools that R. E. Jeffryes pursued his education, while in farm work he received liberal training, beginning work in the fields at an early age. On attaining his majority he began farming on his own account, taking up his abode upon rented land which he continued to cultivate for three years. He then rented the home place. During the first year of his independent farming venture he purchased eighty acres of land in Harrison township but never lived upon that property, which two years later he traded for one hundred and sixty acres in Cass

county, residing thereon for a year. He next exchanged that land for a Clark county farm and removed to Fontanelle, where he was engaged in the real-estate business for about two years. In another trade he exchanged his town property for eighty acres in Jackson township, whereon he lived for several years and in 1910 he sold that place and bought his present home farm, comprising one hundred and sixty acres on section 22, Summerset township. His farm is an excellent property, carefully managed and improved with modern equipments. He works diligently to make his fields productive and the practical methods which he follows are manifest in the golden harvests which he annually gathers.

In 1903 Mr. Jeffryes was united in marriage to Miss Minnie Afflock, of Washington township, and to them have been born two children, Harold O. and Thelma C. The family is widely known and many friends entertain for them warm regard. Mrs. Jeffryes is a member of the Christian church. In his political views Mr. Jeffryes is a democrat but not an aspirant for office. He is serving on the school board and is interested in the educational progress of the community. Those who know him best esteem him most, a fact which is indicative of his sterling personal worth.

E. L. NEVILLE.

E. L. Neville, dealer in agricultural implements and postmaster of Orient, is thus closely, actively and helpfully associated with the business and public interests of the town and in both connections is found thoroughly reliable, trustworthy and loyal. He is a well known citizen of Adair county, for he is one of her native sons, his birth having occurred in Union township on the 3d of May, 1872, his parents being Thomas W. and Ellen (McWhinney) Neville. The father was born in Ireland, of English parentage, his father and mother being visitors in Ireland at the time of his birth. The father came from England to the United States in early manhood, establishing his home in Ohio, where later he was married. About 1868 he removed westward to Iowa, settling in Adair county, where he secured a tract of land and engaged in general agricultural pursuits for many years, bringing his place to a high state of cultivation. The old home farm is still in possession of the family.

At the age of twenty-one years E. L. Neville began farming on his own account, having in the meantime acquired a good public-school education. He had no capital when he started out in life independently but he possessed energy, determination and laudable ambition. For five years he engaged in the cultivation of rented land but during that time carefully saved his earnings until his industry and economy had brought him sufficient capital to enable him to purchase one hundred and eighty acres in Union township. To that place he then removed and thereon lived for five years, at the end of which time he rented his farm and took up his abode in Orient, where he embarked in merchandising. He was engaged in that line of business for four and a half years and in 1908, when the firm of Coffee & Irwin established their branch implement house in Orient he was placed in charge and has since managed their business at this point, making the enterprise a profitable and growing one by his well directed activity. On the 1st of May, 1914, Mr. Neville was appointed postmaster of Orient and is now serving in that capacity, his son, Lloyd

Harold, looking after the duties of the office. The father is now a stockholder in the Coffee & Irwin Implement Company and a member of its board of directors and is also a stockholder in the Orient Savings Bank.

In 1892 Mr. Neville was united in marriage to Miss Sadie C. Havens, of Union township, and a daughter of Alexander Havens, a prominent farmer of that township. To Mr. and Mrs. Neville have been born two sons and one daughter: Lloyd Harold, Estella Marie and Russell Leroy. The daughter is now pursuing a course in the college at Grinnell, Iowa.

The parents are members of the Christian church and are loyal to its teachings, their lives being guided accordingly. They are interested in the work of the church and contribute generously to its support. Mr. Neville is a self-made man and deserves much credit for what he has accomplished. He started out empty-handed but he early recognized the eternal principle that industry wins and industry became the beacon light of his life. He is notably energetic, prompt and reliable and has a genius for devising the right thing at the right time, joined to everyday common sense.

ELMER J. OSHEL.

Elmer J. Oshel, who has devoted his time and energies to general agricultural pursuits throughout his entire business career, is now the owner of five hundred acres of valuable land in Richland township. His birth occurred in Union county, Iowa, on the 26th of September, 1865, his parents being John W. and Mary V. (Beam) Oshel, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of West Virginia. In the year 1854 they took up their abode on a farm in Union county, Iowa, where Mrs. Oshel passed away in 1879. The death of John W. Oshel occurred in Union county in January, 1912. They became the parents eleven children, nine of whom survive.

Elmer J. Oshel attended the common schools in the acquirement of an education and when fifteen years of age began providing for his own support by working as a farm hand by the month, being thus employed for seven years. Subsequently he cultivated rented land in Taylor county, Iowa, for four years and on the expiration of that period purchased the farm in Richland township, Adair county, which he is now operating. The place comprises five hundred acres on sections 23, 22 and 26 and he has greatly improved the property by the erection of handsome buildings. Mr. Oshel cultivates the cereals best adapted to soil and climate and also makes a specialty of raising and feeding stock, both branches of his business bringing to him a gratifying annual income. He is also a factor in the financial circles of his community as vice president of the Nevinville Savings Bank.

In 1886 Mr. Oshel was united in marriage to Miss Emma Reed, a native of Union county, Iowa, and a daughter of J. H. and Demaris G. (Bliss) Reed. To our subject and his wife have been born ten children, as follows: M. Hallie, who gave her hand in marriage to C. B. Williams, of this county; Edith P., the wife of M. L. McCracken; Belva E., who is a graduate of the Orient high school and also pursued a college course and who is now engaged in teaching school; Clara D., who is also a graduate of the Orient high school and follows the profession of teaching;

Floyd E.; Anna G.; Bernice L.; Ralph R., who died at the age of ten years; Helen M.; and Doris Irene.

Mr. Oshel gives his political allegiance to the republican party, has ably served as trustee for nineteen years and has also held the office of school treasurer. Fraternally he is identified with the Masonic order, belonging to the blue lodge at Orient and also to the Eastern Star. He is likewise a member of the local organization of the Modern Woodmen of America, and his wife belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Oshel has won a gratifying degree of material success and a high place in the respect and esteem of all who know him, and he deserves great credit for what he has accomplished, for all that he today possesses has been acquired through his own careful management and well directed labors.

EUGENE TINSMAN, M. D.

Dr. Eugene Tinsman, engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery at Orient, is actuated in all of his practice by a conscientious desire to make his efforts of greatest worth to his patients and to this end he is constantly studying and reading in order to promote his efficiency and advance his skill. He was born in Clark county, Missouri, on the 29th of December, 1874, and is a son of Dr. Abraham S. and Amanda (Roseberry) Tinsman, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania. During their childhood days they accompanied their parents from the Keystone state to the state of Missouri and in Clark county they were reared and educated. After reaching adult age they were married there and they continued to reside in Clark county until they were called from this life. The father became a practicing physician and followed his profession in that county for more than a half century, being widely known in that connection. He was a graduate of the Iowa Medical College at Keokuk of the class of 1857 and his efficiency, his broad knowledge, his ready sympathy and his kindness made him the loved family physician in many a household.

At the usual age Dr. Eugene Tinsman entered the public schools of his native county and mastered the branches of learning therein taught, thus laying a good foundation upon which to rear the superstructure of professional learning at a later date. Whether environment, natural predilection or inherited tendency had most to do with shaping his career, it is impossible to determine but in 1894 he began reading medicine under the direction of his father and in 1896 he entered the College of Physicians & Surgeons at Keokuk, Iowa, which he attended for two years, his studies being then interrupted by ill health. He was not able to resume his course until the year 1901-2, when he returned, remaining as a student there for two years, or until he was graduated with the class of 1903. In June following his graduation he chose Orient as a favorable location and in the intervening twelve years he has built up an extensive and lucrative practice. The number of his patients indicates how successful he is in his life work and his professional brethren recognize his ability. He is ever careful in the diagnosis of his cases and seldom if ever is at fault in foretelling the outcome of disease. Aside from his professional interests he is vice president of the Orient Savings Bank.

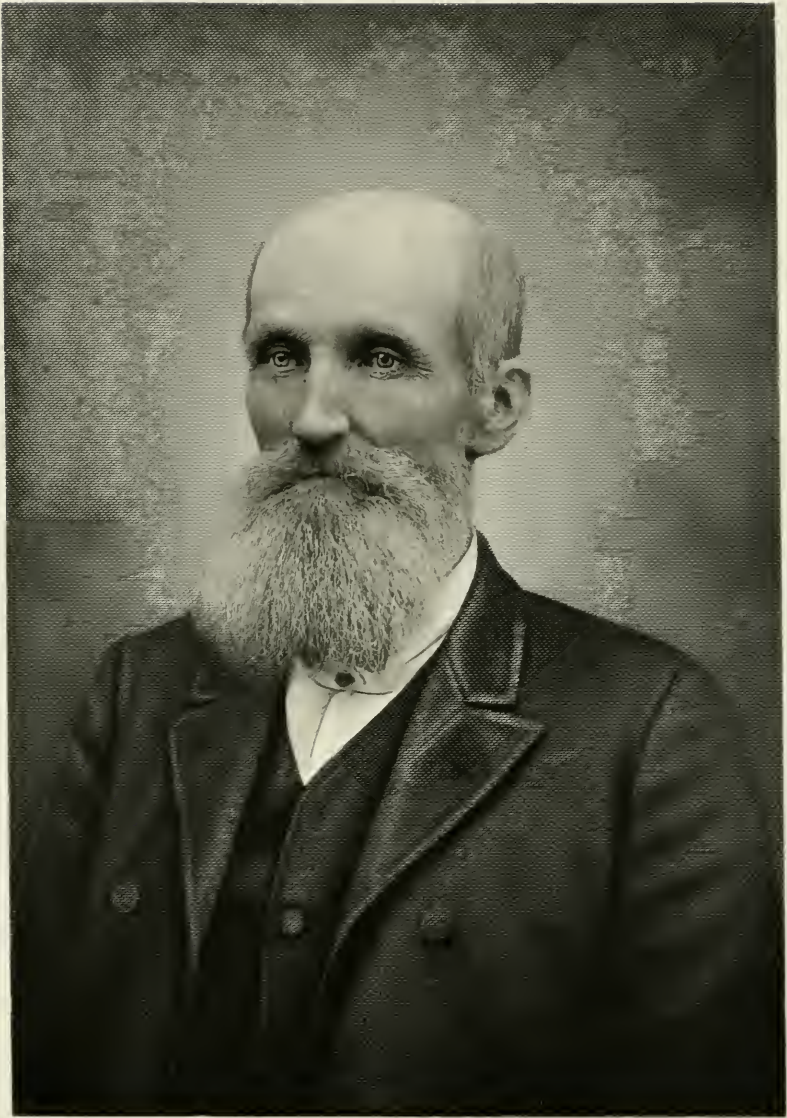
Dr. Tinsman was married in 1907, the lady of his choice being Miss Clara M. Johnson, the wedding ceremony being performed on the 12th of June. Her father, R. L. Johnson, is a retired farmer residing in Orient. Mrs. Tinsman is a graduate of Drake University and after her graduation was appointed state trainer of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. She is a member of the Congregational church. Dr. Tinsman belongs to Cypress Lodge, No. 539, A. F. & A. M., and adheres closely to the teachings of the craft, having ample opportunity in his practice to exemplify its purposes as founded upon a recognition of the brotherhood of mankind. Along strictly professional lines he is connected with the Adair County Medical Society, which honored him with its presidency in 1911, 1912 and 1913; the Southwestern Iowa Medical Society; the Iowa State Medical Society; and the American Medical Association. He is one of the foremost citizens of Orient, both professionally and otherwise and wherever known he is held in high esteem.

HON. PIERRE McDERMID, M. D.

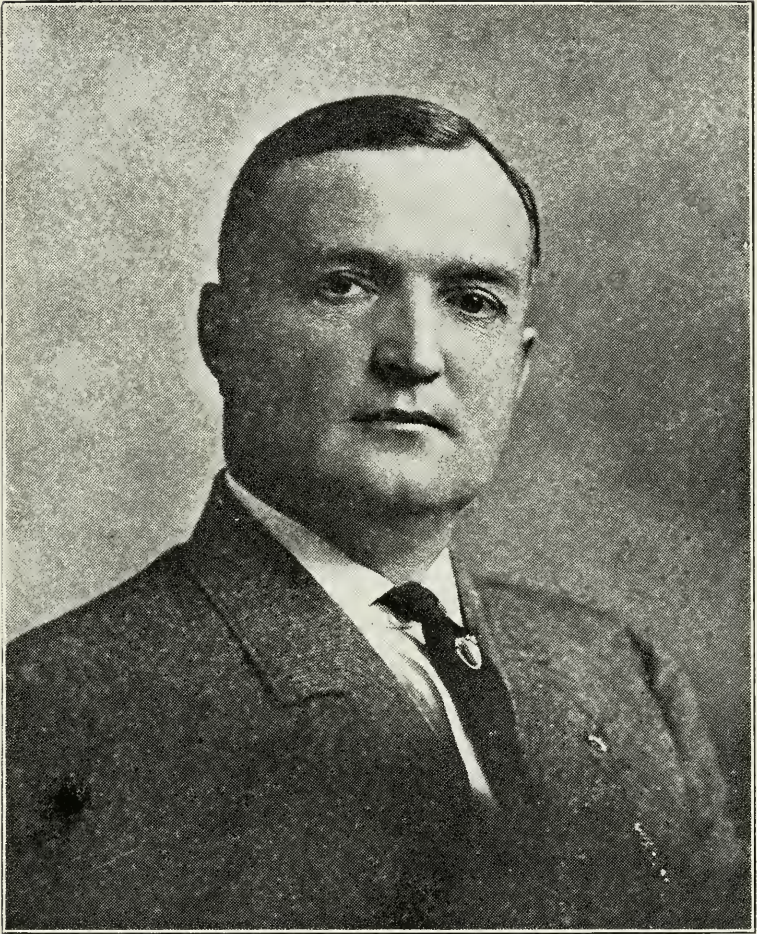
Hon. Pierre McDermit, M. D., of Fontanelle, is a member of the present state legislature of Iowa and has gained high standing in his profession, being recognized as one of the leading physicians and surgeons of Adair county. His birth occurred in Fontanelle, Iowa, on the 4th of December, 1876, a son of Dr. Peter McDermid, who was born in Ontario, Canada, where he was reared and educated. He received liberal educational opportunities, completing a classical course in the University of Toronto, following which he began the study of medicine, graduating with the class of 1866 from the medical department of that university. Following his graduation he went to Edinburgh, Scotland, where he became a student in the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons, from which he was graduated. He then came to the United States and decided to locate at Omaha but prior to beginning his practice there he determined to revisit his old home in Canada and on his journey he got off of the train at each stop and when he did so at Casey he met old Dr. Warren, who told him that Fontanelle was an excellent location for a physician and surgeon. Dr. McDermid was a man of quick decision and at once made up his mind to begin his practice here. He took his baggage from the train and discontinued his journey to Canada, making his way directly to Fontanelle, where he opened an office. He arrived in this city in 1869 and for three decades, or until his death, which occurred in 1899, he followed his profession here, gaining a wide reputation throughout the surrounding country. An able practitioner and a skilled surgeon, he built up a large and lucrative practice. He was a member of the twenty-third general assembly, and in community affairs took a deep and helpful interest. He married Miss Anna Hetherington, a native of Pennsylvania, her birth having occurred in Pottsville, September 27, 1855. She became the wife of Dr. McDermid, November 5, 1874, and passed away July 31, 1910. At the time of her demise it was written of her:

"In the death of Mrs. McDermid the community loses one who has been a distinguished and worthy character in every avenue of human endeavor from her childhood to maturity and her departure is mourned with sincere and universal sorrow. In her younger years she was the animation of every social occasion, her

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power of initiative and enthusiasm permeating all gatherings. Her versatile talents in music and literature were always in demand and, coupled with her talent for diplomacy, made her a valuable quantity in every phase of social life. In the church and Sunday school entertainments, in school exhibitions, on patriotic occasions, she was always interested and active with her large talents and willingness. In the later years she has left this to others and devoted herself to study and research of the problems which impress themselves upon mature years. She investigated various beliefs studiously and intelligently and in them all found something good, something to broaden her views. Her ultimate belief was in a supreme power who rules by goodness and love and she was sustained and inspired to good deeds by an abiding faith. The greatest charm of her character was in her spirit of all comprehending sympathy and the charity that thinks no evil. When trouble or affliction came to the homes of those about her, there she entered with a helping hand and a sorrowing heart to share, if might be, the burden. She lightened many sorrows. In her views of others she was generous and charitable, preferring to have faith and confidence in her neighbors and friends which only overt acts could dislodge. The people of Fontanelle and those who have gone out and away from it, will cherish the memory of Annie Hetherington McDermid and by that memory be inspired to the deeds of broader charity, courtesy and neighborly kindness. Her radiant smile that endured to the evening of the last day, her genial hand-clasp, her sympathy in sorrow, her generosity to the needy or delinquent, her versatile talents that graced so many occasions, were characteristics that made the community in which she lived better and will radiate as the sunbeams when the day is done."

Another wrote: "She spent the better part of her life in search of the true nature of conditions surrounding life, and when she was convinced of a truth she held fast to it and discarded the dross. She recognized that 'love' was the greatest force for good in the world and she carried it with her through life and dispensed it under all conditions where it was the most needed. No matter where she went she carried a smile and helped to bear the burdens of those most heavily laden with cares and misfortunes. She was a noble example of advanced womanhood and the death of such a one is a great loss, not only to the community where she lived and administered, but to the whole world."

Hon. Pierre McDermid was reared at home and received his general education in the Fontanelle public and high schools and at Simpson Academy of Indianola, Iowa. In the fall of 1894, when about eighteen years of age, he began preparation for the study of medicine, entering the medical department of Drake University at Des Moines, where he remained for a year. In 1895 he matriculated in Rush Medical College of Chicago, from which he was graduated with the class of 1898. He then served a year's internship in St. Joseph's Hospital at Chicago, where he was associated with the famous Dr. Nicholas Senn, under whom he received much valuable training. At the end of the year he returned to Fontanelle and in the spring his father's death occurred. In 1900 Dr. McDermid took a year's work in Edinburgh and London, thus further increasing his professional knowledge and his efficiency. He succeeded to his father's practice and has built up an enviable reputation as a physician and surgeon. He has a large and representative patronage and his opinion is listened to with respect by his colleagues. He also owns three excellent farms, upon which he raises stock, feeding many head annually.

Dr. McDermid is a consistent democrat and has taken an active part in political affairs. In the election of November, 1914, he was chosen to represent his district in the thirty-sixth general assembly, and his course as a member of that body has proven that the confidence which his fellow citizens repose in him is not misplaced. Fraternally he belongs to Fontanelle Lodge, No. 138, A. F. & A. M.; St. John's Chapter, No. 23, R. A. M.; Bethany Commandery, No. 29, K. T., of Creston; Des Moines Consistory, No. 3, A. & A. S. R.; Za-Ga-Zig Temple of the Mystic Shrine of Des Moines; Des Moines Lodge, No. 98, B. P. O. E.; and to the Knights of Pythias at Des Moines. Along strictly professional lines he belongs to the Adair County Medical Society, the Iowa State Medical Society and the American Medical Association and derives much benefit from the discussion of professional problems with other progressive physicians and surgeons. He is a man of much mental vigor and of great energy and has accomplished a great deal not only in his profession but also in the field of public affairs.

HERMANN TIEDEMANN.

Hermann Tiedemann, devoting his attention to general agricultural pursuits with excellent results, is the owner of a well improved farm comprising one hundred and twenty acres on section 2, Jackson township. He was born in Germany on the 11th of July, 1878, and was reared by a grandmother to the age of ten years. At this period of his boyhood he was adopted by his uncle, Michael Tiedemann, who had emigrated to the United States some years previously and had taken up his abode among the pioneer settlers of Adair county, Iowa. Here our subject joined him on the farm which is now in his possession, finding a good home and loving foster parents under whose wise direction and kind care he grew into worthy manhood. Subsequently, however, the uncle returned to Germany, passing away in the country of his birth. In 1903 Hermann Tiedemann purchased the home farm of one hundred twenty acres from his uncle and has since successfully operated the place, the well cultivated fields being given the careful supervision which results in abundant and profitable harvests.

In December, 1901, Mr. Tiedemann was united in marriage to Miss Frieda Buckholtz, a daughter of Fred Buckholtz, of Washington township. To them have been born three children, namely: Fritz, Helen and Gertrude. Mr. Tiedemann gives his political allegiance to the republican party and is widely recognized as a substantial agriculturist and esteemed citizen of the county in which he has now resided for more than a quarter of a century.

W. L. JEFFRYES.

W. L. Jeffryes, a representative citizen and progressive agriculturist of Adair county, is the owner of an excellent farm of one hundred and twenty acres on section 32, Lee township, and in its operation is meeting with well merited success. His birth occurred in Jackson township, this county, on the 12th of December, 1876,

his parents being Frederick and Ellen (Cooper) Jeffryes, of whom more extended mention is made on another page of this work in connection with the sketch of R. E. Jeffryes, brother of our subject.

In the acquirement of an education W. L. Jeffryes attended the district schools and when a young man of twenty-three years he started out as an agriculturist on his own account, cultivating rented land for about ten years. In the spring of 1908, having accumulated sufficient capital by dint of untiring industry and careful expenditure, he purchased one hundred and twenty acres of land on section 32, Lee township, and the operation of that place has claimed his time and energies continuously since. The well tilled fields annually yield bounteous harvests as a reward for the care and labor which he bestows upon them and he is widely recognized as one of the enterprising and successful farmers of his native county.

In politics Mr. Jeffryes is a staunch republican and his religious faith is that of the Methodist Episcopal church, while fraternally he is identified with the Woodmen of the World. He has always resided in this county and that his life has ever been upright and honorable is indicated in the fact that the associates of his boyhood are numbered among his staunchest friends.

JAMES W. McCOY.

James W. McCoy owns and operates one of the well improved farms of Grove township, comprising one hundred and sixty acres on section 21. His birth occurred in Knox county, Illinois, on the 16th of January, 1867, his parents being James M. and Margaret (Wise) McCoy, the former a native of Virginia and the latter of Ohio. Their marriage was celebrated in the Buckeye state, to which James M. McCoy had removed with his parents when but four years of age. In 1851 the parents of our subject took up their abode in Knox county, Illinois, where they spent the remainder of their lives, the father devoting his attention to general agricultural pursuits. Both passed away in April, 1895, dying within about two weeks of each other.

James W. McCoy was reared under the parental roof and in the acquirement of an education attended the district schools and also pursued a commercial course in the Western Business College at Galesburg. For seven or eight years following the completion of his studies he was employed as a clerk in grocery stores at Abingdon and Galesburg and then turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, cultivating rented land in Knox county, Illinois, for about five years. In the spring of 1902 he came to Adair county, Iowa, and here cultivated rented land for about eight years or until 1910, when he purchased a tract of one hundred and twenty acres in Lincoln township. In the spring of 1914 he disposed of the property and purchased his present home farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 21, Grove township. He is a hard-working man, as is substantially evidenced by the general appearance of his place, and highly merits the success which has come to him.

In 1893 Mr. McCoy was united in marriage to Miss Emma Sipe, of Abingdon, Illinois, by whom he has four children, namely: Percy, Lewis, Helen and Wayne, all still at home. He has always given his political allegiance to the democracy

and served for nine years as a member of the school board in Lincoln township. Fraternally he is identified with the Knights of Pythias, holding membership in the lodge at Abingdon, Illinois, while in religious faith both he and his wife are Congregationalists. He is an enterprising and industrious citizen, a man of scrupulous integrity in all matters of business and interested in the general welfare and advancement of the community.

ELI A. GIBSON.

Eli A. Gibson, one of the progressive and enterprising young agriculturists of Union township, owns and operates a well improved farm of one hundred and twenty acres on section 27. His birth occurred in Mercer county, Illinois, on the 22d of November, 1876, his parents being Noah W. and Atlanta (Ripley) Gibson, more extended mention of whom is made on another page of this work in connection with the sketch of Dr. I. J. Gibson, a brother of our subject.

Eli A. Gibson attended the district schools of his native county until twelve years of age, when his parents established their home in Adair county, Iowa, and here he continued his studies. After attaining his majority he worked for his brother, E. C. Gibson, of Union township, for five years and subsequently spent two years in the employ of A. S. Lynn. In 1905 he started out as an agriculturist on his own account, renting one hundred and twenty acres of land on section 27, Union township, which he purchased at the end of two years and has cultivated continuously and successfully since. His soil is fertile and productive and he gathers rich harvests every year as the reward for the intelligent care and labor which he bestows upon his place.

On the 20th of December, 1906, Mr. Gibson was united in marriage to Miss Nellie Courter, a daughter of Jacob and Harriett (Lynn) Courter and a sister of Jesse R. Courter, a successful agriculturist of Union township whose sketch appears on another page of this work. Mr. and Mrs. Gibson are devoted members of the Christian church, the teachings of which they exemplify in their daily lives. Politically Mr. Gibson is a staunch republican and is at present serving as assessor of Union township. In every relation he has been found true and loyal to the trust reposed in him and his life has been in conformity with a high standard of conduct.

WILLIS PLYMESSER.

Willis Plymesser has been actively and successfully identified with general agricultural pursuits in Adair county for almost three decades and is now the owner of three hundred and twenty acres of valuable land on section 9, Grove township. His birth occurred in Johnson county, Iowa, on the 16th of April, 1858, his parents being Samuel and Abigail (Weltner) Plymesser, who were born, reared and married in Pennsylvania. In 1844 they came west to Iowa, locating in Iowa City, where the father worked as a millwright and carpenter. In later years, however, he turned his attention to agricultural pursuits and followed farming in John-

son county until the fall of 1886, when he came to Adair county, spending the remainder of his life in honorable retirement at Greenfield. Both he and his wife passed away in the year 1895 and their demise was the occasion of deep and widespread regret.

Willis Plymesser acquired his education in the district schools and on attaining his majority started out as an agriculturist on his own account, cultivating rented land in Johnson county for three years. On the expiration of that period he bought a tract of one hundred and twenty acres and operated the same for a few years but disposed of the property in the winter of 1886 and came to Adair county, purchasing one hundred and sixty acres of his present home farm in Grove township. He has since extended the boundaries of the place by additional purchase and now owns a half section of valuable land which he is cultivating with excellent results. He is a very practical man, as is evidenced by his progressive and systematic methods, everything about his farm manifesting the exercise of competent supervision and capable management in the direction of its operation.

In 1879 Mr. Plymesser was united in marriage to Miss Almira Potter, of Johnson county, by whom he had nine children, eight of whom still survive, as follows: Samuel, who follows farming in Lee township; Estella, who is the wife of E. P. Bowen, of Grove township; Nora, who gave her hand in marriage to Monte Estes, of Guthrie county; Glen, an agriculturist of Grove township; Ira E., Wilfred E. and Willis, Jr., all at home; and Catherine, who is the wife of H. L. Klein, of Menlo, Iowa.

In the exercise of his right of franchise Mr. Plymesser supports the republican party and he has done able service as a member of the board of township trustees and also on the school board for several years. Fraternally he is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, belonging to Greenfield Lodge, No. 475, and he is also a member of the American Protective Association and a stockholder in the Adair County Fair Association. His wife is a devoted member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Plymesser is one of the sterling and substantial citizens of Adair county and he seeks his success in a field of labor with the details of which he has been familiar since his boyhood and which has repaid his practical methods and his well directed industry by constantly growing prosperity.

FRANK C. HOAKISON.

Frank C. Hoakison, one of the substantial and representative agriculturists of Union township, residing on section 34, owns and cultivates three hundred and seventy acres of Adair county's most fertile land. His birth occurred in Jefferson county, Iowa, on the 8th of October, 1874, his parents being Alfred and Louisa (Larson) Hoakison, the former a native of Des Moines county, Iowa, and the latter of Sweden. They were married in Jefferson county, Iowa, and in 1875 came to Adair county, the father purchasing eighty acres of land on section 31, Union township. Subsequently he bought adjoining property until his farm embraced two hundred and forty acres. Thereon he continued to reside until 1902, when he put aside the active work of the fields and took up his abode in Creston, where he has since lived in honorable retirement. The period of his residence in the

community now covers four decades and he has long been widely recognized as a prosperous and esteemed citizen.

Frank C. Hoakison spent the period of his minority under the parental roof and attended the district schools in the acquirement of an education. When twenty-two years of age he started out as an agriculturist on his own account, renting land from his father, and three years later he purchased a tract of ninety acres in partnership with his brother William, the property lying on section 31, Union township. The brothers conducted their interests together until the death of William Hoakison in 1905 and the following year our subject purchased the latter's portion of the farm. In 1910 he bought another place comprising one hundred and twenty acres on section 31 and in 1914 came into possession of his present home farm of one hundred and sixty acres, so that his holdings now embrace three hundred and seventy acres of valuable land. The work of the fields is conducted along progressive lines and the sale of large crops each year brings to him a gratifying income.

In February, 1911, Mr. Hoakison was united in marriage to Miss Mirtelle Igoe, who was born and reared in Creston, Iowa, and by whom he has two children, Edith Eloise and Irene Vaneta. In his political views he is a staunch republican, exercising his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of that party. His wife is a devoted member of the Baptist church. He has spent practically his entire life within the borders of Adair county and enjoys an enviable reputation as one of its successful agriculturists and respected citizens.

E. R. SILVERTHORNE.

E. R. Silverthorne devotes his time and energies to the operation of an excellent farm of two hundred acres which he owns on section 27, Grand River township. His birth occurred in Muscatine county, Iowa, on the 9th of September, 1860, his parents being Richard and Anna Mary (Clendenning) Silverthorne, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania. They came to Iowa in an early day, purchasing a farm in Muscatine county which the father operated until 1870, when he removed to Madison county, this state. Subsequently he came to Adair county, and here both he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives. They became the parents of eight children, four of whom still survive.

E. R. Silverthorne received his education in the common schools and remained under the parental roof until he had attained his majority. He was then engaged in railroad work for a year and on the expiration of that period turned his attention to general agricultural pursuits, first cultivating rented land. Subsequently he purchased his present farm, which he has developed until it is now a valuable property, erecting splendid buildings and making other necessary improvements. He is busily engaged in the pursuits of farming and stock-raising, and through the wise and careful management of his interests is meeting with well deserved success.

On the 20th of October, 1886, Mr. Silverthorne was united in marriage to Miss Anna Mitchell, a native of Johnson county, Iowa, and a daughter of William and Elizabeth (Grover) Mitchell. Her father, who was born in New York, is deceased, but the mother still survives and now makes her home in Greenfield. She is a native of Linn county, Iowa. To Mr. and Mrs. Silverthorne have been born four children,

as follows: Flossie, who is the wife of Herbert Buck; one who died in infancy; and Hazel and Sylvia, both at home.

Mr. Silverthorne gives his political allegiance to the democracy and has served as a member of the school board, the cause of education ever finding in him a staunch champion. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, to which his wife also belongs. Straightforward, honest and sincere, he has many warm friends who recognize in him those qualities that contribute most toward forming a manly character.

JOHN STURDY.

John Sturdy, who passed away in 1908, was long and actively identified with general agricultural pursuits in Adair county. He was a native of Canada but came to Iowa, was here married and devoted his attention throughout the remainder of his life to the operation of an excellent farm of one hundred acres which he owned in Prussia township, this county. His undertakings as an agriculturist were attended with a gratifying measure of success and he was widely recognized as one of the substantial and respected citizens of the community. Following his demise his widow disposed of the farm and has since made her home in an attractive residence which she owns in the city of Greenfield. She also holds title to another property, which she rents.

In 1895 Mr. Sturdy was united in marriage to Miss Celia Tompkins, a native of Boone county, Illinois, and a daughter of Henry and Sarah E. (Bavier) Tompkins, both of whom were born in New York. They removed to Illinois in an early day and subsequently came to Iowa, settling on a farm in Adair county on which they spent the remainder of their lives. They became the parents of six children, three of whom survive. To Mr. and Mrs. Sturdy was born a daughter, Clara, who is still at home with her widowed mother. John Sturdy died in 1908 and was laid to rest in the Greenfield cemetery, the community thus losing one of its well known and esteemed citizens. Mrs. Sturdy is a devoted member of the Methodist Episcopal church and has gained a host of warm friends during the long period of her residence in Adair county.

T. P. REED.

T. P. Reed, who is engaged in farming one hundred and sixty acres of land in Richland township, was born in Taylor county, Iowa, October 22, 1869, a son of James and Demaris (Bliss) Reed, natives respectively of Ohio and of Maine, but early residents of Union county, Iowa. Subsequently they removed to Taylor county, where the father passed away. The mother's demise occurred in Creston. They were the parents of thirteen children, four of whom are deceased.

T. P. Reed attended the public schools in his boyhood and youth and also assisted his father with the work of the home farm. When he was twenty-one years of age he assumed charge of the operation of part of the homestead but after four years

removed to this county, purchasing the farm which he still owns. It comprises one hundred and sixty acres on section 11, Richland township, and since taking up his residence thereon he has made many improvements. He follows general farming and his energy and progressiveness are rewarded by a large measure of success.

In 1892 Mr. Reed married Miss Elizabeth McFee, a native of Canada and a daughter of Alexander and Christina (Comery) McFee. Her father was born in Scotland, but when a child removed to Canada, where he remained until 1865. In that year he came to the States and located in Union county, Iowa. He died in Canada while there on business. Mr. and Mrs. Reed have become the parents of eight children: Grace; James, who is now living in Orient; Lloyd; Thomas; Greta, deceased; Thelma; Clara and Etha.

Mr. Reed gives his political support to the republican party and has served efficiently as school director and as road superintendent. Fraternally he belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in Greenfield, and his wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. When Mr. Reed came to this county he was without capital, but he possessed a great deal of energy and determination and as the years have passed his resources have increased and he is now one of the well-to-do farmers of Richland township.

O. A. SILVERTHORN.

O. A. Silverthorn, owning and operating a well improved farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 9, Grand River township, has been a resident of Adair county for more than four decades and has long been numbered among its substantial and esteemed citizens. His birth occurred in Muscatine county, Iowa, on the 29th of August, 1846, his parents being Richard and Anna Mary (Clendenning) Silverthorn, more extended mention of whom is made on another page of this work in connection with the sketch of E. R. Silverthorn, brother of our subject.

O. A. Silverthorn attended the common schools in pursuit of an education and remained with his parents until twenty years of age, when he was married and established a home of his own. Following that important event in his life he operated a rented farm in Muscatine county for two years and on the expiration of that period took up his abode in Madison county, Iowa, where he purchased a farm and resided for six years. At the end of that time he disposed of the property and came to Adair county, subsequently purchasing a tract of one hundred and sixty acres on section 9, Grand River township, the further cultivation and improvement of which has claimed his attention continuously since. He carries on his work in accord with the most practical and progressive methods of agriculture and the well tilled fields annually yield golden harvests in return for the care and labor bestowed upon them.

On April 10, 1866, Mr. Silverthorn was united in marriage to Miss Sarah M. Silverthorn, who is not a near relative, their grandfathers being cousins. She is a native of Pennsylvania and a daughter of Oliver P. and Anna (Cashbaugh) Silverthorn, both of whom were born in New Jersey. They removed to Pennsylvania in an early day and in 1855 located on a farm in Wisconsin, while in 1862 they took up their abode on a farm in Johnson county, Iowa. Later they came to Adair

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county and here the mother passed away, but the death of the father occurred in Canada. To them were born fourteen children, five of whom still survive. Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Silverthorn became the parents of four children, namely: Alvin D., who is now engaged in the implement business at Villisca, Iowa; Mabel C., who is the wife of W. S. Jones of Fontanelle; Olive G., who married Ernest G. Nichols of Bridgewater; and Ernest W., who died when thirty-three years of age.

Politically Mr. Silverthorn is a democrat and he has done able service in the capacity of school director. His wife is a devoted member of the Congregational church. They are genial and hospitable people and are held in high esteem by a large circle of friends in this section.

F. J. BREZO.

F. J. Brezo, of Richland township, who is gaining gratifying success as a farmer, was born in Bohemia, Austria, January 17, 1870. His parents, Joseph and Orshuler (Brezo) Brezo, were also natives of that country, where they resided until 1885. In that year they emigrated to the United States with their family and located in Johnson county, Iowa, where they continued to live until called by death.

F. J. Brezo was educated in the district schools and on reaching mature years began working as a farm hand. He carefully saved his money and in 1895, when he removed to Adair county, he had seven hundred dollars capital. The first land which he owned was an eighty-acre tract on section 33, Richland township, this county, which he purchased in 1896. His practical knowledge of agriculture and his energy and sound judgment enabled him to add to his resources from year to year and he gradually acquired more land. He now owns three hundred and twenty acres in Richland township, this county, and a quarter section in Adams county, four hundred and eighty acres in all, and is financially independent. All that he has he has made himself and his ability is generally recognized.

In 1896 Mr. Brezo was married to Miss Mary Krisinger, who is also a native of Bohemia and who came to this country about ten months prior to her marriage. They have seven children, Libby, William, Adolph, Elsie, Mary, George and Wealthy. Mr. Brezo casts his ballot in support of the men and measures of the republican party and he and his family are identified with the Roman Catholic church. He is a valued citizen of his township and has gained the sincere friendship of many.

W. A. NEESE.

W. A. Neese, a successful general merchant of Zion, owns and resides on a farm of eighty acres on section 2, Union township, which he operates in connection with the conduct of his mercantile interests. His birth occurred in Hamilton county, Iowa, on the 27th of March, 1872, his parents being Washington C. and Mary (Royster) Neese, natives of Indiana. Their marriage took place in Hamilton county, this state, where they had accompanied their respective parents in child-

hood. Washington C. Neese is now a retired agriculturist of Hamilton county, making his home in Stratford.

W. A. Neese acquired his early education in the public schools and also pursued a course in the collegiate institute at Fort Dodge, Iowa. Subsequently he taught school in Hamilton county for two years and then engaged in farming, while later he embarked in the mercantile business at Stratford, there conducting a store for about four years. In 1909 he removed to Hebron, Adair county, where he was engaged in merchandising for six years. On the 1st of January, 1915, he disposed of the enterprise and took up his abode on his farm of eighty acres on section 2, Union township, where he is now residing. In May, 1915, he purchased the mercantile establishment of E. V. Masters at Zion, in Union township, which he has since successfully conducted, being accorded a liberal and gratifying patronage. He also cultivates his fields and is a very busy man, daily covering the distance from farm to store in his automobile. He likewise owns a quarter section of land in Burleigh county, North Dakota, and is widely recognized as a substantial and enterprising citizen of the community.

On the 18th of March, 1896, Mr. Neese was united in marriage to Miss Luella Linn, of Hamilton county, by whom he has five children, namely: Virgie, Roy, Melvin, Henrietta and Van, all at home. Mr. Neese belongs to the Knights of Pythias fraternity, while his wife is a devoted member of the Christian church. They enjoy an enviable position in social circles and their home is attractive by reason of its warm-hearted hospitality.

J. E. WILSON.

J. E. Wilson is successfully engaged in business as a general merchant of Hebron, having built up an extensive and profitable patronage. His birth occurred in this county on the 23d of January, 1875, his parents being William and Sophronia (Silverthorn) Wilson, the former a native of Indiana and the latter of Wisconsin. They came to Adair county, Iowa, in early life and were married here, the mother also passing away in this county. The father still survives, however, and now makes his home in Creston. They had three children, namely: Bertha C., who gave her hand in marriage to J. M. Folk; William, who is deceased; and J. E., of this review.

The last named was reared by his grandparents from the time he was ten days old and received his education in the common schools. After attaining his majority he was engaged in the operation of a rented farm for six years and then purchased a tract of land on section 2, Union township, which he cultivated for eleven years. On the expiration of that period he traded the property for a store at Hebron and has conducted the enterprise continuously to the present time, handling all kinds of merchandise and being accorded an excellent patronage. He carries a well selected stock of goods, which he sells at reasonable prices, and enjoys an enviable reputation as an enterprising, reliable and progressive merchant.

In 1896 Mr. Wilson was united in marriage to Miss Minnie Rosenbaugh, a native of Jasper county, Iowa, and a daughter of Philip and Wilhelmina (Metz) Rosenbaugh, both of whom were born in Germany. They emigrated to the United

States in 1863 and made their home in Jasper county, Iowa, until 1879, when they came to Adair county, here spending the remainder of their lives. To them were born ten children, four of whom still survive. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson are the parents of three children, namely: Gail T., Pluma M. and John C. M.

Mr. Wilson is a staunch republican in politics and has ably served as school director and road supervisor, acting in the latter capacity for nine years. His wife is a devoted and consistent member of the Lutheran church. He has always been a resident of this county and is a man whose upright and honorable life has won him the warm regard and esteem of his associates.

AARON S. LYNN.

Aaron S. Lynn, engaged in farming on section 9, Union township, is regarded as one of the representative citizens of Adair county. He was born in Fayette county, Pennsylvania, October 3, 1848, a son of William J. and Caroline (Schrock) Lynn, both of whom were natives of the Keystone state. In 1869 they came to Iowa, settling in Clarke county, where they lived until called to their final rest. The father followed the occupation of farming.

Aaron S. Lynn was reared upon the old homestead farm in Pennsylvania and acquired his education there in the public schools and under private tutors. He came with his parents to Iowa and on attaining his majority began farming on his own account, renting land in Clarke county. His marriage was celebrated in that county in 1871, when Miss Mary E. Young became his wife. She is a daughter of John S. Young, who removed from Indiana to Iowa during the pioneer epoch in the history of this state. Two years after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Lynn removed to Adair county, where he purchased eighty acres of his present home farm. He took up his abode upon this place and has made it his home for forty-two consecutive years, adding to his first modest purchase from time to time until his holdings aggregated seven hundred and twenty acres. In later years, however, he has deeded a portion of this land to his children. His farming interests have been carried on along progressive lines. He has studied the condition of the soil, the needs of various cereals, and has made a close study as well of questions relative to stock-raising. While he has been primarily a farmer, he has also been a railroad builder and in that way has contributed much to the material development of the part of the state in which he lives. He has always been a prominent factor in the support of higher education and the foremost man in church work in his district. In every sense he has been a constructive citizen, working for development and improvement, and his labors have been far-reaching and beneficial. He was the prime factor in the building of the Creston, Winterset & Des Moines Railroad, extending from Creston to Macksburg, Iowa. It was he who organized the company, sold the majority of the stock and when the active work of construction began he was the man at the helm with less than one hundred dollars in the treasury when they had expected collections of one hundred thousand dollars or more. Eleven subcontractors with eleven camps on the twenty-two miles of road were put to work to rush construction and it was Mr. Lynn who furnished the finances to complete the building of the road. Many of the financial problems solved by him would have taxed the ability of some of the ablest financiers of the country,

but the project was successfully carried through and the completed road has been of untold value to the district. It was he who organized the Mutual Telephone Company in his township and brought about the building of the telephone system. It was Mr. Lynn who made possible the building of the handsome Christian church at Zion and for the past twenty years he has been a member of the board of regents of Palmer College at Albany, Missouri, a sectarian college conducted under the auspices of the Christian church. Some time since, when the college was in need of more funds, Mr. Lynn was chosen to go to New York to relieve the situation, and he returned with an endowment of fifty thousand dollars. He was a member of the National Board of Church Missions for four years and he has been not only a most generous contributor but a most helpful factor in all lines of church work. In his political views he is a republican, thoroughly informed concerning the questions and issues of the day, but has never been an aspirant for public office.

To Mr. and Mrs. Lynn have been born six children: C. Victoria; Harlan H., who is engaged in the lumber business in Delta, Iowa; Flora L., the wife of I. J. Dalbey, of Kellerton, Iowa, who is owner of a number of lumberyards at different points along the railroad; Corda M., the wife of J. E. Bowen, a farmer of Union township; Ethel, the wife of H. H. Linton, superintendent of the schools at Newell, Iowa; and Lloyd L., who is a farmer of Union township. The eldest daughter, C. Victoria, is a graduate of Highland Park College and has pursued post-graduate work in New York and Boston. She began teaching when but sixteen years of age and subsequently was associated with normal and college work. Later she took up chautauqua work and is today recognized as one of the foremost readers on the circuit. She has also read before many prominent women's clubs of the country and has given the highest satisfaction wherever she has been heard. She has an attractive personality, a pleasing voice and, more than that, she has been a close student of the best literature, giving to her audiences that which is most worth while. Mr. and Mrs. Lynn have reason to be proud of the success which the different members of their family have made in their chosen vocations. Moreover, they have been proud to follow in the footsteps of their father, who has set them an excellent example of time and talent well used. From a humble financial position he has steadily worked his way upward and his strongly marked characteristics have brought to him the success which is now his. It is not his material gains, however, which have placed him so high in public regard, but the spirit which he has manifested in his relations to those things which are vital to the community, the state and the nation.

SAMUEL E. GORDON.

Samuel E. Gordon, who owns and operates a well improved farm of one hundred and twenty acres on section 8, Union township, has devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits throughout his entire business career with excellent results. His birth occurred in Madison county, Iowa, on the 10th of October, 1862, his parents being Samuel A. and Nancy J. (Gowin) Gordon, both of whom were natives of Indiana. In 1853 they came to Iowa, settling on a farm in Madison county which the father entered from the government. He erected thereon a log

cabin of primitive construction, the little dwelling having a clapboard roof, puncheon floor and the old-time string latch. Subsequently he established his home on a farm in Adair county and here spent the remainder of his life. His wife died June 9, 1915, at the age of eighty-one years and was buried at Greenfield. Both were well known and highly esteemed throughout the community. They became the parents of thirteen children, nine of whom are yet living.

Samuel E. Gordon attended the common schools in the acquirement of an education and remained under the parental roof until eighteen years of age. Subsequently he spent two years as a farm hand and then rented a tract of land which he cultivated for four years. On the expiration of that period he purchased a farm in Grand River township but four years later disposed of the property and bought one hundred and twenty acres of land on section 8, Union township, where he has carried on agricultural pursuits continuously and successfully since. He has improved the property and greatly enhanced its value by erecting commodious and substantial buildings. His activities as a raiser and feeder of stock materially augment his income and in all of his undertakings he has met with gratifying and well deserved success.

In 1883 Mr. Gordon was united in marriage to Miss Cora B. Neville, a native of Ohio and a daughter of Thomas W. and Ellen (McWhinney) Neville, the former born in England and the latter in Ohio. They came to Iowa about 1870, taking up their abode on a farm in Adair county. The father has attained the ripe old age of seventy-seven years, but the mother is deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Gordon have been born six children, as follows: Blanche C. and Ersie L., both of whom have passed away; Ray U.; Thomas S.; Hazel E.; and Alda L.

Politically Mr. Gordon is a staunch republican and has ably served in the capacity of school director, while at present he holds the office of township trustee. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Christian church, to which his wife also belongs, and they are active workers in all movements that aim to promote the welfare of the township or county.

E. W. MAYER.

E. W. Mayer, who has spent his entire life in Adair county and is numbered among its prosperous agriculturists, owns and cultivates five hundred and twenty acres of valuable land in Grand River township. His birth occurred on the 22d of May, 1875, his parents being John and Carolina (Volk) Mayer, the former a native of Germany and the latter of Ohio. John Mayer came to the United States in boyhood and at an early day took up his abode among the pioneer residents of Adair county, Iowa, settling on a farm in Grand River township. He now makes his home in Denver, Colorado, where the death of his wife occurred in 1911 at University Place. To them were born six children, five of whom still survive.

E. W. Mayer attended the common schools in the acquirement of an education and remained under the parental roof until twenty-two years of age. He then started out as an agriculturist on his own account, purchasing five hundred and twenty acres of land on sections 25 and 36, Grand River township, on which he has made a number of substantial improvements and has successfully carried on

farming to the present time. He also makes a specialty of raising and feeding stock of all kinds, this branch of his business materially augmenting his annual income. The prosperity which he now enjoys has come as the direct reward of his own efforts and industry, and he is well worthy of recognition among the successful and representative citizens of his native county.

In 1897 Mr. Mayer was united in marriage to Miss Lyda Ross, a native of Adair county, Iowa, and a daughter of David and Mary (Simpson) Ross, who were born in the states of Ohio and Kentucky respectively. They came to Iowa at an early day but subsequently removed to California, where the father passed away and where the mother is still living. Their children were six in number. Mr. and Mrs. Mayer have two children, Harold D. and Nellie R.

At the polls Mr. Mayer supports the men and measures of the republican party and he has rendered service in the interests of education as a member of the school board. Fraternally he is identified with the Masonic order, belonging to the blue lodge at Orient, and both he and his wife attend the services of the Methodist Episcopal church. They are widely recognized as people of the highest respectability and have a host of warm friends in the county where they have always lived.

I. C. RIDOUT.

I. C. Ridout is the owner of one hundred and sixty acres of land on section 7, Union township, which he cultivates with excellent success. His birth occurred in Jasper county, Iowa, on the 22d of July, 1868, his parents being William S. and Malinda A. (Logsdon) Ridout, the former a native of Black Hawk county, Iowa, and the latter of Kentucky. William S. Ridout enlisted for service in the Civil war while in Black Hawk county, joining the Fifth Iowa Infantry. He ever proved a loyal and fearless soldier and had his right arm shot off in battle. After the war he went to Jasper county, where his father, Isaac Ridout, a physician, had located while his son was in the army. In 1880 he came to Adair county, Iowa, here making his home until he removed to the state of Washington, where both he and his wife passed away. They became the parents of nine children, eight of whom still survive.

I. C. Ridout acquired his education in the common schools and remained under the parental roof until twenty-seven years of age, when he was married and established a home of his own. Following that important event in his life he began farming in Adair county but at the end of four years removed to Washington. After a year spent in that state, however, he returned to Iowa and for six years resided in Union county. He then again came to Adair county, renting a farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 7, Union township, which he has operated continuously to the present time and which is now in his possession. He cultivates the cereals best adapted to soil and climate and also makes a specialty of raising and feeding stock, finding both branches of his business satisfactorily remunerative.

In 1895 Mr. Ridout was united in marriage to Miss Hannah B. Schweers, a native of Adair county, Iowa, and a daughter of John and Sarah (Peterson) Schweers, the former born in Germany and the latter in Ohio. Our subject and his wife have two children, Claude C. and Maud M., now high-school students.

Mr. Ridout gives his political allegiance to the republican party and has done service in the interests of education as a school director. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Christian church, to which his wife also belongs, and they enjoy the esteem and goodwill of all with whom they come in contact.

JOHN P. KNEIP.

John P. Kneip is actively identified with agricultural pursuits as the owner of an excellent farm of one hundred and sixty acres on sections 21 and 22, Grand River township. His birth occurred in Germany on the 1st of May, 1877, his parents being John and Margaret Kneip, who spent their entire lives in that country.

John P. Kneip acquired his education in the schools of the fatherland and when a youth of sixteen years left the parental roof and began providing for his own support. In 1902, when a young man of twenty-five years, he crossed the Atlantic to the United States and made his way direct to Adair county, Iowa. Here he worked for others for four years and then rented a farm which he cultivated for three years. On the expiration of that period he purchased eighty acres of land in Jackson township but sold the property three years later and bought a farm of one hundred and sixty acres on sections 21 and 22, Grand River township, which he has operated continuously and successfully since. In connection with the production of cereals he devotes considerable attention to the raising of stock of all kinds, this branch of his business proving very remunerative.

In 1906 Mr. Kneip was united in marriage to Miss Maggie Beitz, a native of Adair county, Iowa, and a daughter of Adam and Julia Beitz, both of whom were born in Germany but passed away in this country, the father coming here when still but a boy. To our subject and his wife have been born five children, namely: Margaret, Agnes, Cecelia, Gertrude and Ilene.

Mr. Kneip gives his political allegiance to the democracy, while his religious faith is that of the Catholic church, of which his wife is also a devout communicant. He has never had occasion to regret his determination to establish his home in the new world, for here he has won success by dint of industry and perseverance and now enjoys an enviable reputation as a substantial and esteemed citizen of his community.

B. J. HOLLEN.

B. J. Hollen resides on section 1, Grand River township, and owns and cultivates three hundred acres of valuable land. His birth occurred in Norway on the 13th of June, 1880, his parents being John and Christina (Kvaresten) Hollen, who were also natives of that country. They emigrated to the United States in 1881 and made their way direct to Adair county, Iowa, locating on the farm which is now in possession of our subject. John Hollen owned one hundred and forty acres and successfully carried on agricultural pursuits until called to his final rest in

1902, the community thus losing one of its esteemed and substantial citizens. His wife passed away in the year 1890.

B. J. Hollen was brought to this county in infancy and was reared to manhood under the parental roof. His early education, acquired in the district schools, was supplemented by a course of study in the Winterset high school and the Iowa State Teachers' College at Cedar Falls. He then took up the profession of teaching, being engaged as an instructor during four successive winter terms, while the summer months were devoted to work on the home farm. In 1903 he started out as an agriculturist on his own account, purchasing the interest of the other heirs in the old homestead, of which he had taken charge after his father's demise in the previous year. In the spring of 1912 he bought one hundred and sixty acres lying across the road from his home place, so that his holdings now embrace three hundred acres of rich and productive land in Grand River township, in the cultivation of which he is busily engaged. He is progressive in his farming operations and employs up-to-date methods in the cultivation of his fields, with the result that his annual harvests are a source of substantial and gratifying income.

In 1904 Mr. Hollen was united in marriage to Miss Emma Hart, of Webster township, Madison county, by whom he has three children, namely: Beatrice Lucille, John D. and Eugene H. He gives his political allegiance to the republican party and has acceptably served as assessor of Grand River township for four years, while at the present time he is a member of the school board. Both he and his wife belong to the Methodist Episcopal church and exemplify its teachings in their daily lives. Mr. Hollen has been characterized as one of the broad-minded, well read, public-spirited citizens of Grand River township, and his record cannot fail to prove of interest to the residents of the community in which nearly his entire life has been spent.

JOHN R. SULLIVAN.

John R. Sullivan, of Washington township, is well known as a breeder of registered Poland China hogs and is one of the well-to-do citizens of Adair county, owning four hundred acres of fine land. He is a native son of this county, his birth having occurred in a log cabin in Washington township, on the 29th of April, 1857, and he is a son of Elijah B. and Sarah B. (Julien) Sullivan, both of whom were born in Indiana. In 1854 the father came to Iowa with his brother, Titus Sullivan, and they remained for a short time in Clarke county, but in the fall of that year came to Adair county, where each entered a quarter section of land on section 16, Washington township, their farms adjoining. Each erected a log cabin and in the following spring brought his family to this county. Elijah B. Sullivan continued to reside upon his farm until his demise, which occurred on the 4th of January, 1907, after a continuous residence upon his farm of fifty-two years. He was successful financially and from time to time added to his holdings, acquiring in all six hundred and sixty acres of land in Washington township. He was a democrat and for many years was a factor in local political circles, holding various township offices and working loyally for the advancement of his party. His wife died on the 16th of March, 1880.



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John R. Sullivan was reared at home and has always resided in Washington township. He received his education in the district schools and by assisting his father with the work of the farm gained valuable training in agricultural pursuits. In 1880, when a young man of about twenty-three years, he began farming for himself and for eight years he operated rented land. However, in 1886 he purchased eighty acres five miles north of Fontanelle, in Prussia township, but he never resided upon that place and in 1887 traded it for eighty acres of his present home farm, to which he removed in the spring of 1888. He has gradually increased the extent of his farm, which now comprises four hundred acres of fertile land. He has made a specialty of breeding thoroughbred Poland China hogs and in that connection he has acquired an enviable reputation.

On the 2d of April, 1882, Mr. Sullivan was united in marriage to Miss Matilda C. Megeath, a daughter of John Megeath, of Washington township, who removed to Iowa from Illinois some years following the arrival of the Sullivan family in this county. To our subject and his wife have been born five children, of whom four survive, namely: Ada M., the wife of Guy Moats, of Washington township; Sarah Grace, who is living at home and is teaching in the district schools; Bertha M., the wife of Claude Michael, of Washington township; and Lyle R., at home.

Mr. Sullivan is a staunch republican and has held a number of local offices, having served as assessor of his township for fifteen consecutive years and as road overseer for four years, while for ten years he has been identified with the school board, in which he has held the offices of secretary and president. He has refused other preferment as his private interests require the greater part of his time and attention. Fraternally he belongs to Bridgewater Lodge, No. 271, I. O. O. F. He is one of the leading citizens of Washington township and holds a high place in the estimation of all who have been associated with him.

ALVIN L. BEVERCOMBE.

Alvin L. Bevercombe, one of the enterprising and progressive young farmers of Union township, residing on section 15, owns and cultivates a well improved tract of land embracing one hundred and sixty acres. His birth occurred in Winterset, Madison county, Iowa, on the 11th of December, 1882, his parents being William H. and Elizabeth (McDole) Bevercombe, who were born, reared and married in this state. The father established his home on a farm in Union township, Adair county, and continuously resided thereon until about 1907, when he removed to Twin Falls, Idaho, where he is now spending the evening of life in honorable retirement. The home farm in Union township, which he still owns, is now being operated by our subject.

Alvin L. Bevercombe was reared under the parental roof and attended the district schools in the acquirement of an education. He was married when not yet twenty-one years of age and then rented the Oscar Burns farm in Union township, which he cultivated for one year. During the next year he operated his father's place and in 1905 purchased forty acres of his present home farm on section 15, taking up his abode thereon. Two or three years later he bought an adjoining tract of one hundred and twenty acres, so that his holdings now embrace an entire

quarter section. He also operates his father's farm in Union township and in the conduct of his agricultural interests is meeting with a most gratifying and well merited measure of success.

On the 11th of February, 1903, Mr. Bevercombe was united in marriage to Miss Ella E. Reed, her parents being William H. and Emma (Witham) Reed, extended mention of whom is made on another page of this work. To Mr. and Mrs. Bevercombe have been born two children, Gale R. and Wilma H. Mr. Bevercombe gives his political allegiance to the democracy and is now serving as treasurer of Union township and as a member of the school board, making a most creditable record in both connections. Both he and his wife belong to the Christian church and enjoy an extensive and favorable acquaintance in their home community.

JAMES W. ROBERTS.

Agricultural interests find a worthy representative in James W. Roberts, who is living on section 17, Grand River township, where he is busily and successfully engaged in the usual work of the farm. He has always lived in this county, his birth having occurred in Harrison township on the 9th of July, 1861, his parents being John and Emily (McDonald) Roberts, natives of Indiana and Illinois respectively. They arrived in Adair county in childhood with their parents, were here reared and in 1860 were married. They have resided continuously in Grand River and Harrison townships since that time, now making their home in the latter. Mrs. Roberts is today the oldest living resident of Adair county in years of continuous residence therein, for she arrived on the 4th of July, 1850. It was not until four years later, or in 1854, that John Roberts became a resident of the county.

James W. Roberts was reared upon the old home place and the district schools afforded him his educational privileges, supplemented by a business course in Drake University at Des Moines. After studying there he returned to Adair county and for three years gave his attention to educational work, teaching school in Grand River township through three winter seasons, while the summer months were devoted to farming.

In March, 1886, Mr. Roberts was joined in wedlock to Miss Eva Tullis, of Grand River township, and the following year they took up their abode upon a rented farm on section 4 of that township. In due time Mr. Roberts purchased this farm, then comprising one hundred and twenty acres, but as his financial resources increased he kept adding to his place. He remained upon the farm until 1902, when the vote of his fellow townsmen called him to public office, electing him county recorder of Adair county. He then removed to Greenfield, where he filled the position most acceptably for three terms, or six years, discharging the duties of the office in a most prompt and capable manner. After the expiration of his third term he removed to his present home farm of one hundred and twenty acres on section 17, Grand River township, having purchased the property during his residence in Greenfield. His time and energy are now devoted to the further development and improvement of this place, which is a well kept farm, having

upon it many substantial and modern improvements. In addition to this property he is a stockholder in the Lincoln Township Mutual Telephone Company and a stockholder in the Adair County Fair Association.

To Mr. and Mrs. Roberts have been born three children: Olie Grace, the wife of C. A. Hoyt, living at Silver City, Iowa; and James T. and Lloyd A., both at home. The family is well known and the hospitality of the best homes of the township and county is freely extended them. Mr. Roberts is a prominent republican and in 1912 was the candidate of his party for state representative and, notwithstanding it was the year of the great democratic landslide, he was defeated by but eighteen votes. He is a member of Greenfield Lodge, No. 375, I. O. O. F., and also holds membership with the Woodmen of the World. He has wielded considerable influence over public thought and action and none question the integrity of his opinions even though they differ from him. He has made an excellent record in office, has been progressive and reliable in business affairs and in every relation has merited and won the confidence and goodwill of those with whom he has been brought in contact.

H. P. PROCTOR.

Among the representative and enterprising agriculturists of Adair county is numbered H. P. Proctor, who owns and operates a well improved farm embracing one hundred and sixty acres on section 20, Grand River township. His birth occurred in Indiana on the 12th of February, 1867, his parents being G. M. D. and Nancy A. (Alexander) Proctor, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of Indiana. They came to Adair county, Iowa, in 1870.

H. P. Proctor, who was but a child of three years when brought to this county, remained under the parental roof until twenty-three years of age, when he was married and established a home of his own. He purchased a farm of one hundred and twenty acres which he operated for fifteen years and then sold, buying his present home place of one hundred and sixty acres on section 20, Grand River township. On this property he has made excellent improvements and as an agriculturist is meeting with well deserved success, cultivating the cereals best adapted to soil and climate and also raising and feeding stock of all kinds. The prosperity which he now enjoys is attributable entirely to his own efforts and he may justly lay claim to the proud American title of a self-made man.

In 1890 Mr. Proctor was united in marriage to Miss F. E. Jordan, a native of Iowa county, Iowa, and a daughter of John and Rebecca (Reed) Jordan, both of whom were born in Ohio. They came to Iowa in the early '70s, locating first in Iowa county and at the end of three years making their way to Adair county, while at present they are residents of Madison county, this state. To them have been born ten children. Mr. and Mrs. Proctor have become the parents of seven children, as follows: Nellie T., who is the wife of Samuel Zellweger; Laura G., who has completed a course in a musical college; Lester T., who is a college graduate and now a minister of the Christian church in Nebraska; Floyd E.; Forest R.; Mabel I.; and Zetta, who is deceased.

Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise Mr. Proctor has supported the men and measures of the democracy, believing firmly in its principles. He has served as president of the school board for four years and also held the office of road supervisor for four years, making a most creditable record in both connections. Fraternally he is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, belonging to Lodge No. 375 at Greenfield. His life has been upright and honorable in every relation and he enjoys an extensive and favorable acquaintance throughout the county in which he has made his home since early childhood.

JOEL C. WOOD.

Joel C. Wood has passed the seventy-eighth milestone on life's journey and now in the evening of his days is living retired in Greenfield, having a pleasant home surrounded by two acres of land. The care of his place occupies his attention and thus his days are quietly and pleasantly passed.

On the 22d of May, 1837, he was born, his native state being Ohio. His parents were Asa and Lucia (Clemmons) Wood, the former a native of New York and the latter of the Buckeye state, to which Asa Wood removed in early life. He always engaged in farming and carried on agricultural pursuits in Ohio until 1840, when he removed to Ogle county, Illinois, where he purchased land which he continued to cultivate until death ended his labors in 1895. His widow survived him for only one week.

Joel C. Wood was reared in Ogle county and is indebted to its public-school system for the educational privileges which he enjoyed. In 1856 he went to California, spending three years upon the Pacific coast, and on his return to the middle west he established his home in Tama county, Iowa, where he had previously purchased land. After a year, however, he removed to Benton county, where he spent one year and then returned to Tama county. On the 15th of July, 1862, he offered his services to the government as a defender of the Union cause and joined the boys in blue of Company F, Twenty-eighth Iowa Infantry, with which he served until honorably discharged June 29, 1865. On one occasion he sustained a bullet wound and he still has a piece of shell imbedded in his hand. After the war he returned to Tama county but after a brief period disposed of his property there and went to Taylor county, Iowa, where he purchased eighty acres of land, cultivating that tract for about two years. On selling out there he removed to Blair, Nebraska, but later returned to Tama county, Iowa, and in 1894 removed to Carroll county, this state. In 1899 he came to Adair county but subsequently spent two years in Missouri and at the end of that time returned to this county, where he purchased his present place of two acres in Greenfield and retired from active life.

On the 26th of October, 1865, Mr. Wood was united in marriage to Miss Hannah E. Jack, a daughter of Joseph and Mary (Dunham) Jack, natives of Pennsylvania and New Jersey respectively. They became pioneer settlers of Tama county, Iowa, establishing their home within its borders when the work of development and improvement seemed scarcely begun there. The father devoted his remaining days to the cultivation of a farm, upon which he passed away in 1883, while his wife died in 1881. Mr. and Mrs. Wood became the parents of ten children, as follows:

Asa, who is a resident of Warsaw, Missouri; Joseph C., living in Bridgewater, this county; Mary L., at home; Joshua, who resides in Dexter, Iowa; Dudley, of Eureka township, this county; Theo, living near Bridgewater, this county; Garfield, who follows farming in Harrison county, Iowa; John, an agriculturist of Cass county; Emmett, living in Greenfield, Iowa; and Hannah E., who is the wife of Clarence Rivenburgh, a farmer of Summerset township. The wife and mother of this family passed away September 25, 1901, leaving behind her many warm friends.

In religious faith Mr. Wood is a representative of the Society of Friends, while his political belief is that of the republican party. He has ever been interested in affairs relating to the best interests of the community and for thirteen years he served as school director in his district. Fraternally he is identified with the Masons, having joined the order in 1866, and he is also identified with the Grand Army of the Republic. He is now serving as a commissioner of the Soldiers Relief Fund and he takes the deepest interest in his old army comrades. In matters of citizenship he has ever been as true and loyal as when he followed the old flag on southern battlefields and aided in the military movements which resulted in planting the nation's starry banner in the capital of the southern Confederacy. Patriotism has always been one of his strong characteristics and his interest in the welfare and progress of his community is deep and sincere.

E. W. NELSON.

E. W. Nelson, who devotes his attention to the pursuits of dairying and farming with gratifying success, is the owner of one hundred and sixty acres of rich and productive land on sections 2 and 3, Grand River township. His birth occurred in Knox county, Illinois, on the 24th of September, 1869, his parents being M. A. and Virginia Nelson. The mother, a native of Illinois, died in that state when our subject was but nine months old, and the father subsequently came to Iowa, now making his home in Winterset, this state. They had two children, E. W.; and a daughter who is deceased.

E. W. Nelson, left motherless in infancy, was reared by his grandparents until eleven years of age and then secured employment on a farm. In the acquirement of an education he attended the common schools when opportunity offered. In 1888, when a young man of nineteen, he came to Iowa and here worked as a farm hand until the time of his marriage in 1892. Following that important event in his life he operated a rented farm for three years and then bought a tract of land in Harrison township, Adair county, which he cultivated for four years. On the expiration of that period he disposed of the property and embarked in the mercantile business, successfully conducting an enterprise of that character for five years. He then sold his store and during the next four years cultivated a rented farm in Lee township, at the end of which time he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land on sections 2 and 3, Grand River township, where he has carried on agricultural pursuits continuously since. He has erected modern and substantial buildings on the property and in connection with the raising of cereals is also engaged in dairying, owning a herd of Holstein cows.

In 1892 Mr. Nelson was united in marriage to Miss Nancy E. Murphy, a native of Adair, Iowa, and a daughter of Leon and Polly Ann (Roberts) Murphy, both of whom were born in Indiana. They came to Iowa in an early day and here spent the remainder of their lives. Their children were nine in number, six of whom still survive. To Mr. and Mrs. Nelson have been born four children, as follows: Stella M., who is now engaged in teaching school; Jimmie, who is deceased; Arley, at home; and Clyde, who has also passed away.

Politically Mr. Nelson is a democrat but has never sought nor desired the honors and emoluments of office as a reward for his party fealty. Fraternally he is identified with the Aborhill camp of the Modern Woodmen of America, in which he has filled all of the chairs, and both he and his wife attend the services of the Methodist Episcopal church. Realizing the fact that zeal and energy constitute the basis of success, he has pursued his work diligently, and this combined with honorable business methods has gained him a place among the highly respected and substantial citizens of Adair county.

HENRY ROOS.

Henry Roos is one of the excellent citizens whom Germany has given to this country. He carries on stock-raising on four hundred and eighty acres of splendid land on section 29, Jackson township, and is financially independent. He was born on the 25th of December, 1851, a son of Henry and Philippina (Boehler) Roos, both natives of Germany, who in 1855 emigrated with their family to the United States. They located in Henry county, Illinois, where the father died in 1872. The mother also passed away in that county. Four of their five children are still living.

Henry Roos remained under the parental roof until his father's demise and then found employment as a farm hand. In 1874, however, he came to Adair county and purchased his present home farm in Jackson township, where he took up his residence in 1881. He has erected a number of substantial and well designed buildings and has also improved his place by planting trees. As his capital increased he invested in more land and now owns four hundred and eighty acres on section 29, Jackson township. He has found stock-raising very profitable and devotes the greater part of his attention to raising cattle and hogs. He understands all phases of the business and his stock seldom fails to bring a good price upon the market.

In 1877 Mr. Roos married Miss Mary Bruning, who was born in Mason county, Illinois, a daughter of J. G. and M. A. (Speckman) Bruning, both natives of Germany, who located in that county on emigrating to America. Both passed their last days there. Mrs. Roos is one of a family of five children and by her marriage has become the mother of nine children: Lilly M., deceased; one who died in infancy; Della C., the wife of Edward Jones, of this county; Oscar G. and Katie M., both at home; Gustave A., deceased; Reuben H., at home; Bena M., now Mrs. E. W. Glade; and Henry A., who has passed away.

Mr. Roos casts his ballot in support of the candidates and measures of the republican party but has never aspired to hold political office, although he has served as



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school director. Both he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and guide their lives by the teachings of that organization. Mr. Roos has been quick to recognize opportunities, has planned his work well and has been energetic in the execution of his plans, with the result that he is now one of the men of affluence of this county.

C. M. RIGG.

C. M. Rigg is the owner of an excellent farm of two hundred and forty acres situated on section 28, Grove township. He was born near Knoxville, Marion county, Iowa, on the 15th of July, 1856, and is a son of John and Hannah (Robinson) Rigg, both of whom were natives of Washington county, Pennsylvania. In childhood days they accompanied their respective parents to Guernsey county, Ohio, where they spent the period of youth and were there married. In 1854 they came to Iowa, establishing their home in Jefferson county. The maternal grandfather was a soldier in the War of 1812 and received a land grant for eighty acres in recognition of his services. This he gave to his daughter, Mrs. Rigg. She afterward remained with an uncle in Jefferson county while her husband made his way to Marion county and secured an eighty acre tract with the land grant. Upon that place he built a log cabin and as soon as his arrangements for a house had been completed he took his wife to their new abode. He continued in the work of the farm up to the time of his death. Subsequently his widow made her home with her son, C. M. Rigg.

In the district schools C. M. Rigg pursued his education, but his advantages were somewhat limited, owing to the necessity of his concentrating his energies upon farm work. He was the youngest son and his brothers were at the front in the Civil war, so that it was necessary for him to engage in cultivating the fields. One of his brothers was killed by the bushwhackers in Arkansas.

After the war C. M. Rigg had the opportunity of attending school in Des Moines for two years. In 1869 he arrived in Adair county, Iowa, where he had a brother-in-law living. He secured employment with Tom Harris and was thus engaged in farm work for five years, or until the spring of 1877, when he went to Des Moines and attended school, returning to Adair county to work through the harvest season. In 1878 he made an overland trip to Colorado, where he was employed as a farm hand until 1882, when he purchased a quitclaim deed on a homestead near Fort Collins. He then began farming on his own account and so continued until 1894, when he sold that property and returned to Stuart, Iowa. Through the succeeding summer he worked for his brother-in-law and in 1895 he began farming on his own account as a renter. In September, 1895, he contracted for his present home farm, to which he removed in March, 1896. His place embraces two hundred and forty acres and the land is naturally rich and arable, responding readily to the care and cultivation which he bestows upon it. He is also a stockholder in the Greenfield Creamery Company and is a stockholder in the Lincoln Township Mutual Telephone Company, of which he was the first vice president. He occupied that position for eleven years, but resigned in October, 1914, because it was demanding too much of his attention which he did not wish to spare from his farm.

Mr. Rigg was married in 1882 to Miss Maud E. Rison, of Fort Collins, Colorado, who died June 15, 1883, leaving an infant daughter, Dora M., now the wife of Sidney W. Cooper, a civil engineer in the government service. In 1890 Mr. Rigg was joined in wedlock to Miss Sarah E. Garber near Fort Collins, Colorado. She is a native, however, of Jefferson county, Iowa. Unto this marriage have been born nine children: Elstun L., Charles W., Theodore O., Bessie E., Margaret E., Hannah C., Elizabeth E. and John D., twins, and Mary L. The family circle still remains unbroken and all of the children are yet under the parental roof.

In his political views Mr. Rigg is a republican with prohibition tendencies. It is his earnest desire to see the cause of temperance grow and he has ever been active in promoting public sentiment along that line. He and his wife are consistent and faithful members of the Methodist Episcopal church and Mr. Rigg is now serving on its official board. He endeavors to shape his life in accordance with its teachings and he is guided in all of his relations by straightforward and honorable principles, making him a man whom to know is to esteem and respect.

R. S. POWER.

For more than a third of a century R. S. Power has been numbered among the representative and enterprising agriculturists of Adair county, now owning and cultivating two hundred and forty acres of valuable land on sections 21 and 16, Grand River township. His birth occurred in Fulton county, Illinois, on the 15th of December, 1848, his parents being William and Ritiann (Hubanks) Power, who were natives of Kentucky and Illinois respectively. In an early day they took up their abode on a farm in Illinois and in 1869 removed to Kansas, while subsequently they established their home in Guthrie county, Iowa, there spending the remainder of their lives. To them were born eight children, four of whom still survive.

R. S. Power acquired his education in the common schools and remained under the parental roof until he had attained his majority. He then worked as a farm hand for some years and subsequently cultivated rented land in Guthrie county for a number of years. In 1880 he came to Adair county and here operated a rented farm for some years or until his financial resources were such that he was able to purchase his present place of two hundred and forty acres on sections 21 and 16, Grand River township. He has made a number of substantial improvements on the property and has planted a fine orchard and groves. In addition to cultivating the cereals best adapted to soil and climate he makes a specialty of raising and feeding stock of all kinds, both branches of his business proving profitable. His present prosperity may be attributed entirely to his own efforts, for he came here in straitened financial circumstances and has since worked his way upward to a place among the substantial citizens of the county.

In 1880 Mr. Power was united in marriage to Miss Rose E. Busby, a native of Vermilion county, Illinois, and a daughter of Dud F. and Elizabeth Busby, who were born in the states of Indiana and Virginia respectively. To Mr. and Mrs. Power were born five children, as follows: Pearl, the wife of Frank Reynolds; Robert F.; Edith, who is a high-school graduate and now follows the profession

of teaching; and Howard and Domer, both at home. The wife and mother died on the 10th of August, 1910, and her remains were interred in the Center cemetery. She was a devoted and consistent member of the Congregational church, exemplifying its teachings in her daily life.

Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise Mr. Power has supported the men and measures of the democracy, believing firmly in its principles. In the capacity of school director he has done valuable service for the cause of education. Fraternaly he is identified with the Masonic order, of which he is a worthy exemplar. In all the relations of life in which he is found he has been true to high principles of manhood, and his salient characteristics are such as have won for him the honor, respect and goodwill of his fellowmen.

HENRY S. YOUNG.

Henry S. Young is a representative and successful agriculturist of Grand River township, residing on section 17. His birth occurred in Washington county, Iowa, on the 2d of November, 1875, his parents being John U. and Cornelia T. (Curtis) Young, who were natives of Ohio and Massachusetts respectively. The former removed to Washington county, Iowa, in 1855, while the latter accompanied her parents to this state the following year. Their marriage was celebrated in Johnson county, Iowa. John Young then began farming as a renter and in 1878 established his home in Adair county, Iowa, purchasing forty acres of land where his widow now resides. As time passed and his financial resources increased, owing to his untiring industry and capable management, he extended the boundaries of his place by additional purchase and improved the property, erecting good buildings thereon. His demise, which occurred August 9, 1912, was the occasion of deep and widespread regret, for he had been a resident of this county for a third of a century and had won an extensive circle of friends here. His widow still survives at the age of seventy-two years and is also widely and favorably known in her home community. To them were born three children, as follows: Leonard C. and Josie, both of whom are deceased; and Henry S., of this review.

The last named attended the common schools in the acquirement of an education and remained under the parental roof until he had attained his majority. He then purchased eighty acres of land adjoining the home place and for some years followed farming in association with his father. After the latter's death he cultivated both the homestead farm and his own property and subsequently bought another tract of twenty acres. His mother owns seventy-four and one-half acres, so that he is now cultivating one hundred and sixty acres on section 16, Grand River township, and has fourteen and a half acres of timber. In connection with the production of cereals he makes a specialty of raising and feeding stock of all kinds and in his undertakings is meeting with gratifying and well merited success.

In 1904 Mr. Young was united in marriage to Miss Emma M. Tomkinson, a native of Guthrie county, Iowa, and a daughter of George W. and Catharine (Whitmore) Tomkinson, who were born in the states of Kentucky and Ohio, respectively. They took up their abode in Guthrie county, Iowa, in the early '70s and subsequently removed to Dallas county, this state, where the father passed away and

the mother is still living. To them were born eight children, six of whom yet survive. Mr. and Mrs. Young have one daughter, Helen C., who was born on the 13th of February, 1906.

Politically Mr. Young is a staunch republican and his fellow townsmen, recognizing his worth and ability, have called him to positions of public trust. For three terms he served as assessor and for one term as trustee, while during the past eleven years he has been secretary of the school board, acting in the last named capacity at the present time. Both he and his wife attend the services of the Congregational church and are well known and highly esteemed throughout the community in which they reside.

CAPTAIN JAMES M. TREICHLER.

Captain James M. Treichler occupies a pleasant home in Orient, a thriving village situated on the Creston and Northern branch of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad. He was in early life identified with farming, but owing to injuries received in the service, he was eventually compelled to change occupations, and later engaged in painting and paper hanging, which business he pursued until a short time ago. He is now retired from active business life to enjoy his home which he so richly deserves. He has now passed the seventy-first milestone of his journey through life. He was born in Trappe, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, on the 10th day of January, 1844. His parents were Abram and Margaret (Miller) Treichler. At this place still stands the old Lutheran church built in 1744, one of the remaining landmarks of the earlier settlements. The grandfather of his mother (James Miller) was one of the founders of this church. At the close of the civil war in November, 1865, Captain Treichler came to Cedar county, Iowa, and in the spring of 1866 his father and family also came to Iowa and settled upon a farm in the Coon Creek settlement; on this farm his father and mother continued to live until they were called to their final rest. His father's family consisted of nine children, of whom seven are still living.

Captain Treichler remained a member of his father's family in Pennsylvania until the breaking out of the Civil war. He enlisted as a private in Company H, Ninety-sixth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, in September, 1861. This regiment was enrolled at Pottsville, Pennsylvania, and later assigned to the Army of the Potomac. His promotion to fifth sergeant occurred at Brady Station, Virginia, by special order from regimental headquarters. From fifth sergeant he was promoted sergeant-major of the regiment. This position he held until the discharge of the regiment at the expiration of its three years service, at Cedar Creek, Virginia. He was then placed in command of the reenlisted veterans of his regiment; and the detachment was soon consolidated with the reenlisted veterans of the Ninety-fifth Pennsylvania Infantry and called the Ninety-fifth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. In this regiment he commanded Company G until the close of the war. In a very short time he received his commissions as second lieutenant, first lieutenant and captain. He also filled the office of adjutant of his regiment the remainder of his service, but retained the command of his company. Captain Treichler served three years and ten months and was engaged in all the general battles of the Army of



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the Potomac from Yorktown to Appomattox Courthouse, Virginia. His regiment belonged to the Second Brigade, First Division, Sixth Army Corps; commanded by General Sedgwick until his death at Spottsylvania.

In 1873 Captain Treichler was united in marriage to Miss Emma Dance, a daughter of Major John and Phebe (Hodson) Dance, both natives of England. They came to America in 1849 and first settled in Ohio, where they lived for four years. They then removed to Cedar county, Iowa, and took up their abode upon the farm which Mr. Dance entered from the government. Still later he removed to Linn county and there both he and his wife passed away. In their family were four children, of whom two are yet living. Mrs. Emma Westcott, an aunt of Mrs. Treichler, was housekeeper for Queen Victoria at Buckingham palace for a number of years and was married while in her service, at which time she received from the queen a beautiful Dresden china set. Mrs. Treichler's great-aunt, Mrs. Date, was housekeeper for Queen Victoria's mother, the Duchess of Kent, at Kensington Palace, when Victoria was a young girl.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Treichler has been blessed with eight children: Frank A., a farmer; Leroy and Cyril H., lumbermen at Kellerton; Rex O. and Winslow A., lumbermen at Afton; Gladys E., who is in Omaha, Nebraska, with her brother James E., foreman of the Ralph Printing Company, and who is pursuing a musical education in voice culture; and Samuel H., who is rural mail carrier on route No. 2, Orient, and is also connected with the Treichler Brothers Lumber Company of Kellerton and Afton. Both Captain and Mrs. Treichler are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, in the work of which they are actively and helpfully interested. He also belongs to the Grand Army of the Republic and thus maintains pleasant relations with his comrades who wore the blue during the dark days of our country's history. In politics he has always been an earnest republican and has served in several local offices. His aid and support can be counted upon to further plans and measures that are working for the progress and development of his section of the state. Those who know him esteem him because of his upright life and his record furnishes an example which others might well follow.

Mrs. Treichler is a lady of liberal culture and broad reading. She has been a successful teacher for ten terms and that she possesses poetical talent is shown by the number of her productions that have appeared in print. The following poem, dedicated at his death to her father, who was a veteran of the Civil war, is entitled:

PIN MY GRAND ARMY BADGE ON MY BREAST

"Our comrades are going, as years roll along,
Like autumn leaves dropping they fall one by one,
When I, too, grow weary and lie down to rest,
Oh, pin then my 'Grand Army Badge' on my breast.

CHORUS TO FIRST AND SECOND VERSES.

"When taps shall have sounded 'Lights out' for the night,
And when from earth's battle my soul wings its flight,
With arms calmly folded for my 'tent' of rest,
Oh, then pin my 'Grand Army Badge' on my breast.

“And then in the Maytime my comrades will bring,
 Carnations and lilies, sweet gifts of the spring,
 The flag that I love then, to mark where I rest,
 Asleep with my ‘Grand Army Badge’ on my breast.

CHORUS.

“Thus wrote an aged vet’ran, who fought the good fight
 For God and his country, for freedom and right,
 Lov’d hands now have laid him to peacefully rest,
 In sleep with his ‘Grand Army Badge’ on his breast.

CHORUS TO LAST VERSE.

“For taps softly sounded ‘Lights out’ for the night,
 He’s freed from earth’s battle, his soul wing’d its flight,
 His wounded arms folded for his ‘tent’ of rest,
 And pinned was his ‘Grand Army Badge’ on his breast.”

This song was set to music and copyrighted by the late composer, C. V. Strickland, of Huntington, Indiana, and has become popular as a memorial and camp-fire song.

DAVID O. BROOKS.

David O. Brooks, a worthy native son and representative agriculturist of Adair county, is the owner of two hundred and twenty acres of valuable land on section 15, Union township. His birth occurred in Prussia township, this county, on the 9th of April, 1882, his parents being Edward W. and Charlotte A. (Hepler) Brooks. The father was born in Greene county, New York, in 1848, and when five years of age removed to La Salle county, Illinois. The mother was born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, in 1856 and was twelve years of age when she became a resident of Livingston county, Illinois. They were married in Ottawa, that state, in 1873. It was in 1882 that they came to Adair county, Iowa, where the father died on the 12th of September, 1909.

David O. Brooks, one of a family of eight children, received his education in the common schools and remained on the home farm until he attained his majority, subsequently operating a rented tract for two years. On the expiration of that period he purchased two hundred and twenty acres of land in Union township, which he has cultivated continuously and successfully to the present time, improving the property until it is now an ideal farm home. In connection with the raising of cereals best adapted to soil and climate he is engaged in buying and feeding cattle for the market and has also won an enviable reputation as an importer and breeder of Percheron horses.

On the 15th of October, 1907, Mr. Brooks was united in marriage to Miss Gertrude E. Selim, whose parents came to America from Sweden in 1898. He gives his political allegiance to the democratic party and is at present serving as a mem-

ber of the school board, being deeply interested in the cause of education. He has always resided in this county and is widely known as an enterprising young agriculturist and respected citizen.

JAMES ANDREW ABBOTT.

James Andrew Abbott, a representative and substantial agriculturist of Union township, owns and operates a highly improved farm embracing two hundred and twenty acres. His birth occurred in Union county, Iowa, on the 29th of January, 1864, his parents being Reuben and Elizabeth (Curson) Abbott. The father, a native of Pennsylvania, came to Iowa about 1856 and six years later was married in Union county. Both are deceased.

James A. Abbott spent the period of his minority on the home farm and subsequently worked as a farm hand for others for three years. On the expiration of that period he was married and started out as an agriculturist on his own account, having since devoted his time and energies to the work of the fields with excellent success. He is now the owner of two hundred and twenty acres of rich and productive land in Union township, Adair county, and has improved the property until it is one of the most valuable in the county. The well tilled fields annually yield golden harvests as a reward for the care and labor which he bestows upon them and he has won recognition among the prosperous and enterprising farmers of his community.

In 1888 Mr. Abbott was united in marriage to Miss Anna Jensen, by whom he has four children, as follows: Anna Fay, at home; Julius Clark, who follows farming in Orient township; and James Raymond and Mary Elizabeth.

Mr. Abbott is a democrat in his political views but always exercises his right of franchise with more regard for the capability of a candidate than for his party affiliation. Both he and his wife enjoy the esteem of many friends who have been attracted to them by their sterling worth and many excellencies of character.

FRANK W. LUERS.

Frank W. Luers has spent his entire life on the farm which he now owns and operates, the property comprising two hundred acres of valuable land on section 26, Grand River township. His birth occurred on the 19th of December, 1879, his parents being John D. and Mary (Strater) Luers, who were natives of Germany and emigrated to the United States in an early day. They made their way to Adair county, Iowa, and here the father entered the land which is now in possession of our subject, devoting his attention to its cultivation throughout the remainder of his life. He lived in a log cabin for several years and bravely faced the hardships and privations of frontier existence. Both Mr. and Mrs. Luers became widely known here and in their passing the community lost two of its honored pioneer residents. They were the parents of eleven children, eight of whom still survive.

Frank W. Luers attended the common schools in the acquirement of an education and after attaining his majority rented the old home farm. Subsequently he purchased the property, consisting of two hundred acres of land on section 26, Grand River township, which is excellently improved in every particular. He has erected a large barn thereon since the farm came into his possession and in its operation is meeting with well deserved success, carrying on his interests in accord with the most practical and progressive methods of agriculture. His present prosperity is worthy of note by reason of the fact that it is attributable entirely to his own energy and perseverance, and his record may well serve as a source of inspiration and encouragement to others.

In 1904 Mr. Luers was united in marriage to Miss Edna Elliott, a native of Adair county, Iowa, and a daughter of Hezekiah and Hattie (McMullen) Elliott, both of whom are natives of Indiana. They came to this county in an early day and now make their home in the city of Greenfield. To Mr. and Mrs. Luers have been born four children, as follows: Mildred L.; Floyd F., who is deceased; Lyle; and one who died in infancy.

Mr. Luers is a republican in politics but has never sought nor desired office as a reward for his party fealty. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, to which his wife also belongs. They have always lived in this county and have won an extensive circle of friends within its borders.

IRA G. JACOBS.

Ira G. Jacobs is one of the successful farmers of Richland township and is well known and highly esteemed in his locality. A native of Illinois, he was born in Logan county, January 23, 1879, a son of Wayne J. and Nancy R. (Gassett) Jacobs, natives respectively of Ohio and Indiana. However, their marriage was celebrated in Illinois and they resided in that state until 1883, when they came with their family to Adair county, Iowa, locating in Jackson township. The following year, however, they removed to Fontanelle, where the father engaged in draying and teaming. He passed away there on the 23d of May, 1914. The mother is still living in that town.

Ira G. Jacobs was educated in the Fontanelle schools and in 1897, when eighteen years of age, he began farming for himself, renting land in Summerset township. The first year he cultivated eighty acres in partnership with his two brothers and during the three following years they farmed one hundred and sixty acres. In the meantime they had turned their attention chiefly to the stock business and as their herds needed more land they rented four hundred and eighty acres and there continued in stock-raising. In 1907 they purchased a farm of two hundred acres, upon which our subject is still living. The three brothers operated the place in partnership for a year but at the end of that time our subject was married and purchased the interests of his brothers, becoming sole proprietor of the place. It is one of the excellent stock farms in the county and he derives a handsome income from his stock-raising interests. He owns stock in the Fontanelle Lumber Company and is recognized as one of the substantial men of the county.

On the 27th of March, 1908, occurred the marriage of Mr. Jacobs and Miss Laura A. Torrence, a daughter of B. S. Torrence, of Tabor, Fremont county, this state. To this union have been born three children, Margaret Alice, Kenneth Harold and Mildred Fay.

Mr. Jacobs supports the candidates of the republican party at the polls. Fraternally he is connected with the Woodmen of the World, and both he and his wife hold membership in the Congregational church at Fontanelle. In all the relations of life he has measured up to high standards of manhood and all who know him speak highly of him.

SANDERS E. EVANS.

Sanders E. Evans, who owns and operates about three hundred acres of land on section 6, Richland township, was born in Cambria county, Pennsylvania, June 25, 1868. His parents, William E. and Mary Ann (Williams) Evans, were natives of Wales but were brought to the United States as children by their respective parents. Both families located in Cambria, Pennsylvania, where the parents of our subject grew to mature years and where their marriage occurred. In 1870 they emigrated westward and located in Iowa City, whence, in the following year, they came to Adair county. They settled in Richland township and the father became an extensive landowner, acquiring about nine hundred and sixty acres. During the last few years of his life he resided with our subject, and he reached the advanced age of eighty-eight years.

Sanders E. Evans received his education in the district schools and upon reaching manhood became his father's partner in the operation of the latter's extensive farm. They engaged in raising high grade stock and our subject received half of the profits. When about twenty-two years old he purchased his first land and has since added to his individual holdings, which now comprise about three hundred acres of fine land. He concentrates the greater part of his time and attention upon stock-raising and has found that occupation very profitable. He understands the business thoroughly; is progressive and energetic; and manages his financial affairs well. He owns stock in the Fontanelle Lumber Company.

Mr. Evans is a republican in his political belief and fraternally is connected with Fontanelle Lodge, No. 250, I. O. O. F., and the Rebekahs. He is one of the prominent citizens of his township and has made many warm personal friends.

J. AUGUSTUS ROSTAT.

J. Augustus Rostat, a representative and successful agriculturist of Adair county, residing on section 17, Grand River township, has been identified with farming interests here for the past four decades and is now the owner of two hundred and forty acres of valuable land in Grand River and Lee townships. His birth occurred in Sweden on the 24th of March, 1853, his parents being Peter and Eliza (Jones) Rostat, who were also natives of that country. In 1862 they crossed the Atlantic

to the United States, taking up their abode in Mercer county, Illinois, where the father worked at the carpenter's trade for two years. Subsequently they resided for some time in Bureau county, Illinois, but eventually returned to Mercer county, where their remaining days were spent. To them were born twelve children, six of whom still survive.

J. Augustus Rostat, who was a lad of nine years when brought to this country, attended the common schools in the acquirement of an education and spent the period of his minority under the parental roof. In 1875, when a young man of twenty-two years, he came to Adair county, Iowa, and here cultivated a rented farm for about four years. On the expiration of that period he purchased a tract of sixty acres, which he operated for five years, then disposing of the property and buying one hundred and twenty acres of his present home farm on section 17, Grand River township. He erected commodious and substantial buildings thereon, also planted a fine grove and later extended the boundaries of the place by an additional purchase of eighty acres. He likewise owns a forty-acre tract in Lee township, so that his holdings now embrace two hundred and forty acres of rich and productive land. In connection with the production of cereals he makes a specialty of stock-raising, both branches of his business yielding him a gratifying annual income. His present enviable success is attributable entirely to his own efforts and his is the record of a self-made man which may be profitably considered by all who would win prosperity honorably and unaided.

In 1885 Mr. Rostat was united in marriage to Miss Sabra McKee, a native of Stark county, Ohio, and a daughter of David and Lueinda (Scotfield) McKee, the former born in Virginia and the latter in Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Rostat are the parents of four children, namely: Alma, who is the wife of C. W. Childs; and Harvey, Flora and Lucile, all at home.

Mr. Rostat gives his political allegiance to the republican party and has ably served in the capacities of trustee and school director. His wife is a devoted and consistent member of the Congregational church. Both have become widely known and many attractive social characteristics and substantial qualities have gained them high and favorable regard.

JAMES N. LOWE.

James N. Lowe is one of the honored veterans of the Civil war and is a public-spirited citizen of Adair county, living on section 24, Jefferson township, where he owns and cultivates a good farm. He was born in Guilford county, North Carolina, in October, 1842, and his parents, William and Charity (Morgan) Lowe, were also natives of that state. The latter was a brother of John Morgan, who, crossing the river, made the raid into the state of Ohio. William Lowe devoted his life to general farming and in 1854 removed to Henry county, Indiana, where he rented land until 1864. That year witnessed his arrival in Adair county, Iowa, where he purchased forty acres in Jefferson township. With characteristic energy he began its development and continued its cultivation until 1872, when he sold that property and went to Jewell county, Kansas, where he entered land, which he improved and cultivated throughout his remaining days. He reached the venerable



JAMES N. LOWE AND DAUGHTER CATHERINE



MRS. JAMES N. LOWE

age of eighty-nine years, passing away in 1905. His wife survived until October, 1914, and her age was ninety-nine years, four months and seven days at the time of her demise. There were eight children in the family: Dr. George N. Lowe, who died in 1904; Delilah, who became the wife of George Freeman and died in 1864; James N.; Martha, who became the second wife of George Freeman and died in 1900; Nancy, a resident of Winterset, Iowa, and the widow of Hamilton Leizure, who died in 1901; Thomas, a resident of Greeley, Colorado; Sarah, the wife of C. Lane, living at Greenfield, Iowa; and Jessie, who died in November, 1911.

James N. Lowe spent his youthful days in his native county and the public schools afforded him his educational opportunities. On attaining his majority he enlisted for service in the Civil war. Notwithstanding his parents were southern people, the sympathies of the family were with the north and in September, 1863, he joined the Fourth Indiana Battery, with which he served until the close of hostilities. He was one of those who marched with Sherman from Atlanta to the sea and he took part in notable engagements which led up to the final victory that crowned the Union arms.

In July, 1865, Mr. Lowe came to Adair county, where he was employed as a farm hand. He engaged in making hay and cutting wheat where the town of Stuart now stands, and there was no railroad in the vicinity at that time, the work of development and improvement having been carried forward to but a limited extent. Mr. Lowe carefully saved his earnings, being desirous of engaging in business on his own account, and in 1868 he purchased eighty acres of land on sections 24 and 13, Jefferson township. He at once began to develop and improve the property and has remained thereon continuously since. He has also extended the boundaries of his farm by an additional purchase of eighty acres of land and today has one of the best improved places in the county. In 1864 he could have purchased a quarter section for a dollar and a half per acre and four years later he had to pay fifteen dollars per acre. He has always been an earnest worker and has placed no fictitious values upon opportunity, but has ever realized that industry and perseverance are the basis of success. Mr. Lowe makes a specialty of raising shorthorn and Polled Durham cattle and this branch of his business is proving profitable.

On the 5th of December, 1867, Mr. Lowe was united in marriage to Miss Susan Isley, a daughter of Barnett and Mary (Wolf) Isley, who were natives of Pennsylvania and pioneers of Scott county, Iowa. In 1867 they came to Adair county, where the father purchased land and engaged in general farming for several years. In 1872 he removed to Nebraska, where he bought a farm, which he continued to cultivate throughout his remaining days, his life's labors being ended in death in 1911. For twenty years he had survived his wife, who passed away in 1891. Mr. and Mrs. Lowe became the parents of five children: Emma, who died in April, 1872, at the age of two years; Ida M., the wife of E. S. Easton, a resident of Boulder, Colorado; Lillie B., the wife of J. R. Peters, a farmer of Jefferson township; Anna C., the wife of L. D. Whittum; and Dora E., the wife of George W. Little, a resident of Guthrie county, Iowa. The wife and mother passed away May 24, 1888, and in May, 1890, Mr. Lowe was again married, his second union being with Mary (Snyder) Woods, a daughter of George William and Catherine (Zimmerman) Snyder, who were natives of Ohio, where they spent their entire lives, the mother having passed away in 1872, while the father's death occurred in

1889. Two children have been born of the second marriage and Mrs. Lowe had one child by her former marriage, John L. Woods, who is now residing in Yorkton, Canada, at the age of thirty years. Her younger children are: William Leo, twenty-four years of age, now following farming in Jefferson township; and Catherine C., nine years of age, at home.

Mr. Lowe has always taken a deep and helpful interest in community affairs and cooperates heartily in many plans and measures for the general good. He served for ten years as school treasurer. He belongs to the Grand Army of the Republic and to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, gives his political allegiance to the republican party and in religious faith is a Methodist. His life has been guided by high and honorable principles and his course has ever been a straightforward one, commending him to the confidence and trust of his fellowmen, who recognize in him a man whose word is as good as his bond.

DENNIS L. WAMBOLD.

Dennis E. Wambold, successfully engaged in general agricultural pursuits, is the owner of one hundred and sixty acres of rich and productive land on section 18, Grand River township. His birth occurred in Harrison township, this county, on the 7th of March, 1882, his parents being Henry S. and Anna (Lott) Wambold, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania. The father made his way to California in 1859, returned to the Keystone state in 1865 and a year later removed to Polk county, Iowa, where he was married in 1868. Four years later he and his wife took up their abode on a farm in Harrison township, Adair county, where the latter passed away in 1888, and where the former is still living. Henry S. Wambold has now been a resident of this county for forty-three years and has long enjoyed an enviable reputation as one of its representative agriculturists and esteemed citizens. His ten children are all living.

Dennis L. Wambold acquired his education in the common schools and remained under the parental roof until twenty-three years of age, when he was married and established a home of his own in Harrison township, where he cultivated rented land for three years. On the expiration of that period he purchased a farm of one hundred and twenty acres in Lee township and four years later traded the property for a tract of one hundred and sixty acres on section 18, Grand River township, which he improved and has operated continuously to the present time. In connection with the production of cereals he devotes considerable attention to raising and feeding stock, both branches of his business yielding him a gratifying annual income.

On January 17, 1905, Mr. Wambold was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Lydon, a native of Harrison township and a daughter of Thomas and Julia (McQuaid) Lydon. The father, who was born in Ireland, emigrated to the United States when a youth of eighteen years, while the mother, a native of Illinois, came to Iowa at an early day. They now make their home in Stuart, Guthrie county, this state. To Mr. and Mrs. Wambold have been born four children, namely: Florence G., who is deceased; Edward B.; Jessie A.; and Evelyn M.

Mr. Wambold gives his political allegiance to the republican party and is now ably serving as president of the school board. His wife is a devout communicant of the Catholic church. They have always lived in Adair county and enjoy an extensive and favorable acquaintance here.

E. H. SULLIVAN.

E. H. Sullivan, one of the substantial agriculturists and most progressive and public-spirited citizens of Adair county, owns and operates an excellent farm of three hundred and sixty acres of valuable land on section 29, Jackson township, and has likewise long been an active factor in educational work. His birth occurred in Jackson township, this county, on the 23d of July, 1861, his parents being Jahu B. and Margaret J. (Roberts) Sullivan. He began his education in the district schools, later continued his studies at Fontanelle and subsequently attended Drake University for one term. When twenty years of age he began teaching and he taught four terms of school before abandoning the profession. His interest in educational work has continued unabated, however, and for thirty-one years he has served as secretary of the school board, making a most commendable record in that connection. In 1883 he began farming on his own account and in the intervening years has won a place among the substantial agriculturists of Jackson township, owning three hundred and sixty acres of Adair county's most valuable land. He is likewise a stockholder in the Bridgewater Savings Bank.

On the 13th of January, 1887, Mr. Sullivan was united in marriage to Miss Laura Stoner, of Adair county, by whom he had four children, all of whom have passed away. His political allegiance is given to the democracy and he has twice been the nominee of that party for the office of county superintendent of schools, while for seven years he acted as clerk of Jackson township. Both he and his wife are devoted members of the Church of Christ. Mr. Sullivan has ever been a broad reader and is well informed concerning the questions and issues of the day, keeping abreast with the trend of the times and always using his influence on the side of progress and advancement, especially along educational lines. His entire life has been spent in this county and he enjoys an enviable reputation as one of its valued and worthy native sons.

CHARLES H. OVERHOLT.

Charles H. Overholt, who owns and cultivates two hundred acres of land on sections 29 and 30, Grove township, has been successfully identified with general agricultural pursuits in Adair county during the past third of a century. His birth occurred in Livingston county, Illinois, on the 22d of December, 1855, his parents being J. S. R. and Susan K. (Hugus) Overholt, who in the year 1855 took up their abode in Illinois and spent the remainder of their lives in that state. Their seven children are all yet living.

Charles H. Overholt attended the common schools in the acquirement of an education and remained under the parental roof until he was twenty-seven years of age. In 1882 he came to Adair county, Iowa, and purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land in Grove township, while subsequently he bought an additional tract of forty acres, so that his farm now embraces two hundred acres. He has erected substantial and modern buildings and has also enhanced the value of the property by making other improvements, the place now lacking none of the conveniences and equipments of a model farm of the twentieth century. In connection with the cultivation of cereals he makes a specialty of raising and feeding stock, which branch of his business adds materially to his annual income.

In 1884 Mr. Overholt was united in marriage to Miss Jennie M. Sparling, a native of Putnam county, Illinois, and a daughter of George and Sarah (McClung) Sparling, both of whom are deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Overholt have two children, namely: Ralph S., who is a college graduate and still lives with his parents; and Jennie S., who completed her studies by graduation in Greenfield and is now teaching school. Our subject and his wife have also reared and educated a boy named Earl Dixon.

In his political views Mr. Overholt is a republican and for some years he has served in the capacity of school director. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he is one of the trustees and to which his wife and children also belong. He enjoys a wide acquaintanee in this county and has won uniform trust and goodwill by reason of a life which in all of its phases has been straightforward and honorable.

PAUL HEUCKENDORF.

Paul Heuckendorf, a progressive and representative agriculturist residing on section 10, Richland township, is the owner of one hundred and sixty acres of land constituting one of the valuable farms of the county. His birth occurred in Mecklenburg, Germany, on the 30th of July, 1881, his parents being Henry and Lena (Schroeder) Heuckendorf, who emigrated to the United States in 1891 and took up their abode in Adair county, Iowa. The father here followed farming for about twenty years, owning and cultivating two hundred and forty acres of land in Richland township. In the spring of 1914, however, he put aside the active work of the fields and removed to Fontanelle, where he has since lived retired in the enjoyment of well earned ease.

In the acquirement of an education Paul Heuckendorf attended the schools of his native land and following his emigration to the new world, when a lad of ten years, he continued his studies in the district schools for about three months. He was early obliged to provide for his own support, however, and his youth was largely a period of strenuous toil. In 1901, at the age of twenty years, he started out as an agriculturist on his own account by beginning the cultivation of rented land. Two years later he started upon a trip through the western states and spent two years in travel through the middle west, visiting eight or ten different states. In the fall of 1905 he returned to Adair county and on the 25th of February, 1906, wedded Miss Minnie May Dart, of Des Moines, Iowa. The young couple began

their domestic life upon a rented farm in Jackson township, continuing to reside thereon for four years, while in March, 1910, Mr. Heuekendorf removed to his present home farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Richland township, which he had purchased in July of the previous year. The property is now in a high state of cultivation and in its neat and thrifty appearance indicates the careful supervision of a practical and progressive owner.

To Mr. and Mrs. Hueekendorf have been born six children, namely: Frieda, Hattie, Emma, Doris, Herbert and Harold. In his political views Mr. Heuekendorf is a democrat, supporting the men and measures of that party at the polls, while fraternally he is identified with the local organization of the Woodmen of the World. He warmly advocates all measures which pertain to the general welfare and progress and is recognized as one of the substantial and public-spirited citizens of the community.

FRED S. CAHOW.

Fred S. Cahow, an honored veteran of the Civil war, is living retired in Greenfield after being for many years actively identified with the agricultural interests of the county. A native of Ohio, he was born in Akron, August 16, 1846, of the marriage of Jonathan and Louisa (Merriam) Cahow. His parents, who were natives respectively of Pennsylvania and Connecticut, became early residents of Ohio and there their marriage occurred. They continued to reside in the Buckeye state until 1855, when they removed to Bureau county, Illinois, which remained their home for three years. They then went to Henry county, that state, where they resided until 1873, in which year they came to Adair county, Iowa. Both passed away in this county. Three of their twelve children are still living.

Fred S. Cahow began his independent career when fifteen years old and when but sixteen enlisted in Company H, One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, for service in the Civil war. He was at the front for about a year and was then mustered out at Chicago, after which he returned to Henry county, Illinois. In 1869 he became a resident of Stuart, Iowa, and turned his attention to railroading, beginning as a fireman. He won promotion to the position of engineer and was with the railroad for twelve years. On the 6th of February, 1880, he came to Adair county and located upon the farm of two hundred and forty acres in Grove township which he still owns. The place is finely improved and for nineteen years he devoted his energies to its operation, accumulating a competence which now enables him to live retired in Greenfield, where he owns an attractive residence.

Mr. Cahow was married in 1872 to Miss Sarah J. Ewers, who was a native of Ohio and a daughter of Robert and Malinda (Fidler) Ewers, both born in Ohio. They removed to this county in 1855 and here both passed away. They were the parents of seven children, two of whom survive. To Mr. and Mrs. Cahow were born four children: Elmer E., who is farming the homestead; Nellie, who is a graduate of the Greenfield high school and of the Iowa State Teachers College and who for two years followed the profession of teaching; Frank R., who is an alumnus of the Iowa State Teachers College and who is now teaching near Coon

Rapids; and Ralph R., who attended the State College at Ames and who is now upon the farm. The wife and mother passed away on the 30th of January, 1915, and was laid to rest in the Greenfield cemetery.

Mr. Cahow is a republican and has held a number of local offices, having served as school director and trustee, which office he held for fifteen years, and being at present one of the collateral inheritance tax appraisers. Fraternally he belongs to the subordinate lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which he has held all of the chairs, and he is likewise a loyal member of the local post of the Grand Army of the Republic. The period of leisure which he is now enjoying is well deserved and he is one of the valued residents of Greenfield.

A. E. RENNER.

Those who know A. E. Renner—and he has a wide acquaintance—speak of him in terms of high regard. He is a public-spirited and well known citizen of Summerset township, living on section 22, where he has a well improved farm. He has always been a resident of the middle west and his life exemplifies the spirit of enterprise and progress which has dominated the upbuilding of this section of the country. He was born in Tazewell county, Illinois, on the 18th of September, 1853, and is a son of David and Christine (Miller) Renner, natives of Maryland and Kentucky respectively. In early life, however, they removed to Illinois, and were married in Tazewell county, where the father had gone as a young man, while the mother accompanied her parents on their removal to that section. David Renner became a farmer of Tazewell county, where he continued to reside until after the death of his wife. Later he removed to Woodford county, where he passed away a month later.

A. E. Renner was but a young lad at the time of his mother's death. There was a large family of children and the father found a home for our subject with a cousin in northern Illinois, by whom A. E. Renner was reared from his seventh year. There were no schools in the township in which he lived and he did not get to attend school until he was nine years of age. Later he spent about four months each winter in pursuing his studies in the district schools and after he attained his twenty-second year he spent six months as a student in the high school at Lanark, Illinois. The following three years he was employed at farm work. His youth was a period of earnest and unremitting toil but it brought him a knowledge of the value of industry and perseverance and it has been those qualities which have led to his later success in life. While working as a farm hand he not only tilled the soil for the cultivation of crops but also aided in the strenuous task of clearing land and grubbing up the stumps.

On the 7th of February, 1878, Mr. Renner was united in marriage to Miss Caroline V. Clay, of Carroll county, Illinois, and in 1880 he came to Adair county, Iowa, spending the first year after his arrival in Casey, during which time he looked over the country for a favorable location. In July of that year he purchased his present home farm to which he removed in April, 1881, so that he has now resided thereon for more than a third of a century. He owns one hundred and fifteen acres, which he has brought under a high state of cultivation, adding many modern improve-

ments to his place and annually gathering therefrom good crops as a result of the practical methods which he employs in tilling the fields.

To Mr. and Mrs. Renner have been born two children: Roy A., who operates the home farm in connection with his father; and Clara A., who assists her mother in the household tasks. The family is widely and favorably known and they have a large circle of warm friends in their part of the county. Mr. Renner is a member of the Church of God, while his wife holds membership in the Congregational church. Politically he is a staunch republican, giving unswerving support to the principles of the party. He has never held political office but has done excellent work as a school official, serving for twelve years on the school board, half of which time he was president. From his boyhood advancement has been his watchword and he has steadily progressed both in a business way and in his identification with public interests. He has ever displayed sterling traits of character and his many good qualities have brought him the friendship and kindly regard of all with whom he has been associated.

IRA AMOS WIMMER.

Ira Amos Wimmer, a representative and successful agriculturist of Union township, residing on section 34, is the owner of eighty acres of rich and productive land which he cultivates with excellent results. His birth occurred in Decatur county, Indiana, on the 3d of September, 1856, his parents being Flemmon and Abigail (Davis) Wimmer, who were married in Indiana. The father, a native of Virginia, removed to the Hoosier state in an early day and in 1868 came to Adair county, Iowa, both he and his wife here spending the remainder of their lives. To them were born twelve children, three of whom reside in Iowa but only one, Ira A., in Adair county. Three of the sons served in the Civil war.

Ira A. Wimmer was twelve years of age when he accompanied his parents to this county and has resided within its borders continuously since. He has devoted his attention to general agricultural pursuits throughout his entire business career and following his marriage purchased a farm in Union township which he operated for two years. On the expiration of that period he traded the place for a farm of eighty acres on section 34, Union township, the cultivation of which has claimed his time and energies continuously since and which he has improved until it is now a valuable and attractive property. Mr. Wimmer is totally blind, having lost his eyesight in a runaway accident twenty-five years ago, yet he still performs the active work of the fields and has not allowed his misfortune to discourage or seriously handicap him.

On the 2d of December, 1880, Mr. Wimmer was united in marriage to Miss Alice Haynes, by whom he has six children, all of whom reside in Iowa with the exception of Bruce Wimmer, who is a Baptist minister of prominence in the city of Chicago. Some of the children are college graduates and all have been teachers. Mrs. Wimmer and her daughters belong to the Christian church and are faithful workers in the cause of Christianity. He has now been a resident of this county for a period of forty-seven years and has long been numbered among its substantial agriculturists and highly esteemed citizens.

Charles S. Wimmer, son of Ira A. Wimmer, was born in Adair county, Iowa, November 4, 1891, and supplemented his common-school education by a course of study in the college at Pella and the Western Normal College at Shenandoah. He is a prosperous and energetic young farmer, now owning and cultivating one hundred and sixty acres of land within two miles of the old homestead. On the 10th of September, 1913, he wedded Miss May Chieken, who came to Iowa from Nebraska with her parents in 1895. They are a popular young couple of their home community, enjoying the esteem and regard of all who know them.

FRANK W. RAASCH.

Frank W. Raasch, a well known stock-raiser who owns an excellent quarter section of land in Jackson township, was born in La Salle county, Illinois, on the 13th of October, 1875, a son of Frederick and Carolina (Reinke) Raasch, more extended mention of whom appears elsewhere in this work.

Our subject remained under the parental roof until he attained his majority and then began his independent career, renting the homestead and also operating eighty acres which he owned. Subsequently he purchased the home place and now holds title to one hundred and sixty acres of fine land on sections 20 and 21, Jackson township. He has made a number of improvements since the property came into his possession and in his work utilizes the results of scientific investigation. He confines his attention chiefly to raising stock and derives a gratifying income from the sale of hogs and cattle.

In February, 1900, Mr. Raasch married Miss Ida L. E. Bower, who was born in Lee county, Illinois, of the marriage of Martin and Katherine (Roos) Bower. Her mother has passed away but her father survives. To their union were born seven children, of whom six are living. Mr. and Mrs. Raasch have four children, namely: Regina J., Irma K., Lyle W. and Norvin N.

Mr. Raasch is a staunch republican in politics and has served his township ably as trustee. Both he and his wife are identified with the Methodist Episcopal church and can be depended upon to do their share in promoting the spread of its influence. He ranks among the progressive and enterprising farmers and stock-raisers of this county, and his personal characteristics are such that he has won and retained the friendship of many.

E. E. WARREN.

E. E. Warren, founder of the Warren Dry Goods Company of Greenfield, of which he is general manager, is one of the foremost business men of Adair county and is an important factor in the commercial expansion of his city. His birth occurred in New London, Henry county, Iowa, on the 31st of March, 1862. His father, Henry Webb Warren, who was a native of Indiana, became a pioneer of Henry county, Iowa, where he was prominently identified with agricultural interests for a number of years. During the Civil war he served as a member of Company E,



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First Iowa Volunteer Cavalry, and while at the front received injuries which eventually caused his death. He passed away in New London.

E. E. Warren passed the period of his boyhood and youth under the parental roof and at the usual age entered the public schools of New London. After completing the course there offered he became a student in the New London Academy, a private school, and on leaving that institution he clerked in a general store in New London for a short time. In 1879, when seventeen years of age, he came to Greenfield and entered the employ of A. P. Stephens & Company, with whom he was associated for two years. He was then transferred to Mr. Stephens' store at Creston, where he remained for two years, but in 1883 he became Mr. Stephens' partner in the ownership of the latter's Greenfield store, the firm style becoming Fuller, Warren & Company. About 1886 our subject and his brother, F. C. Warren, acquired the business and the firm name was changed to Warren Brothers. In 1889 our subject purchased the interest of his brother and conducted the business alone until 1910, when he sold out and for three years thereafter he gave his attention to the management of his farm lands in North and South Dakota and in Canada. In 1913 he and his brother repurchased the Greenfield store, which is now conducted under the name of the Warren Dry Goods Company. Our subject has charge of the business and it has prospered under his able management. He carries a complete and well selected stock and follows the policy of giving full value for money received. He is progressive and astute and his integrity is unswerving. He has other financial interests as he owns the Warren Opera House block and a number of other properties in Greenfield.

In 1884 occurred the marriage of Mr. Warren and Miss Eva Viers, of Fontanelle. He is a republican in politics but has never had time to take a very active part in public affairs. Fraternally he is a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason, belonging to Des Moines Consistory, No. 3, A. & A. S. R., and being also identified with Crusade Lodge, No. 386, A. F. & A. M., and St. John's Chapter, No. 73, R. A. M. The religious faith of both he and his wife is that of the Presbyterian church and they can be counted upon to further all movements seeking the moral advancement of the community. Mr. Warren has gained a gratifying measure of success, which is the natural result of his enterprise and business ability, and he is one of the valued citizens of Greenfield.

E. S. SHAD.

E. S. Shad, who has spent his entire life in Adair county and has always devoted his attention to general agricultural pursuits, is now the owner of two hundred and forty acres of rich and productive land on section 6, Richland township. His birth occurred on the 11th of April, 1866, his parents being John G. and Charlotte V. (Smith) Shad. The father, a native of Germany, emigrated to the United States in an early day and first settled in Illinois, while subsequently he took up his abode on a farm in Adair county, Iowa, here spending the remainder of his life. His widow, who still survives, is well known and highly esteemed throughout the community. To them were born twelve children, nine of whom are yet living.

E. S. Shad attended the common schools in the acquirement of an education and remained under the parental roof until he had attained his majority. He then secured employment as a farm hand and at the end of five years rented a tract of land which he cultivated for seven or eight years. On the expiration of that period, having accumulated the necessary capital by dint of untiring industry and careful expenditure, he purchased a farm of two hundred and forty acres on section 6, Richland township, which he has operated continuously to the present time and has improved until it is now a valuable property. He devotes considerable attention to the raising of hogs and both his farming and live-stock interests return to him a gratifying annual income. The success which he now enjoys is all the more creditable by reason of the fact that it is attributable entirely to his own efforts, for he started out in the business world empty-handed and has since worked his way upward to a place among the prosperous and representative agriculturists of Richland township.

On the 8th of February, 1906, Mr. Shad was united in marriage to Miss Anna Mueller, a native of Germany and a daughter of Herman and Fredericka Mueller, who were likewise born in that country, emigrating to America in 1900. The father is still living in this county, but the mother has passed away. Mr. and Mrs. Shad have one son, Willis H., whose birth occurred on the 29th of November, 1906.

At the polls Mr. Shad supports the men and measures of the republican party, believing firmly in its principles. His life has been above reproach in all relations and he is widely recognized as one of the substantial and esteemed citizens of his native county.

OSCAR J. SULLIVAN.

Oscar J. Sullivan, a prosperous farmer and stock-raiser, residing on section 34, Jackson township, is well known throughout the county as a breeder of graded Percheron horses. He was born in the house which is still his residence on the 27th of February, 1879, a son of Jahu B. and Margaret J. (Roberts) Sullivan. At the usual age he entered the public schools and he and his brothers and sisters all went to school to James Pierson, one of the most widely known teachers of early days. Subsequently our subject attended the schools taught by his two brothers and two sisters and after completing his public-school course he entered Drake University and there continued his study. When twenty years of age he began teaching but after devoting his time to that profession during two winter terms he turned his attention to farming and stock-raising, in which he is still engaged. He owns two hundred acres of land but in addition to that operates two hundred and eighty acres of leased land, his labors returning to him a gratifying annual income. He specializes in breeding graded Percheron horses and is the owner of the Percheron stallion, Bengal Edgewood. He has at present twenty-eight graded horses upon the farm, all of which he has raised. In addition to his agricultural interests he owns stock in the Bridgewater Savings Bank and is a director of that institution.

In 1903 Mr. Sullivan married Miss Hannah J. Warrior, a daughter of Thomas Warrior, one of the well known citizens of Bridgewater, who is now living retired.

To Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan have been born three children, Euclid J., Richard R. and Thomas H.

Mr. Sullivan casts his ballot in support of the candidates and measures of the democratic party and is now serving as a member of the school board. Both he and his wife hold membership in the Christian church and contribute of their means to the support of its work. The success which he has attained is the natural result of his industry and progressiveness, and he is justly ranked among the enterprising farmers and stock-raisers of Adair county.

JOHN EDMUND HOWE, M. D.

Dr. John Edmund Howe, a physician and surgeon of Greenfield, is a man of widespread prominence not only in his profession but in other connections and at the present time is serving as a member of the state board of parole. He was born near Washington Court House, in Fayette county, Ohio, August 1, 1847, a son of John and Nancy (Waln) Howe, both of whom were natives of the Buckeye state, the birth of John E. Howe occurring in the same house in which the father was born. It was the home of the grandfather, John Howe, who had taken up his abode there no his removal from Virginia. John Howe, the father, followed farming during his active life and in 1869 removed westward to Iowa, settling in Madison county, where he purchased a tract of land, on which he took up his residence. He continued to live thereon to the time of his death, which occurred when he was eighty-one years of age. He was quite successful and acquired a large farm property, from which he derived a gratifying annual income.

Dr. Howe was reared upon the home farm in Ohio, where he remained until he reached his seventeenth year, after which he attended the Leesburg (Ohio) Academy. Later he became a pupil in the South Salem Military Academy, from which he was graduated with the class of 1868. He then took up the profession of school-teaching and in connection with his educational work began reading medicine, devoting his leisure hours to that science. In 1869 he came to Iowa, settling in Madison county, where he continued to engage in teaching and in the study of medicine. In 1871 he entered the College of Physicians & Surgeons at Keokuk and met the expenses of his college course by teaching. He won his professional degree upon his graduation from that institution with the class of 1873, after which he opened an office in Peru, Iowa, where he practiced until August, 1875. He then removed to Greenfield, where he has since engaged in practice, being now the oldest representative of the profession in Adair county in point of years of practice. He has been very successful and is one of the prominent physicians and surgeons of the state. He has constantly broadened his knowledge and promoted his efficiency by wide reading, study and research. He took post-graduate work in the Chicago Polyclinic in 1896 and in the Post-Graduate School in 1899 and his contemporaries and colleagues entertain the highest respect for his professional ability, his opinions being largely regarded as authority upon many disputed questions. In October, 1909, he was made a member of the state board of parole, in which important position he has since served.

On the 23d of June, 1876, Dr. Howe was united in marriage to Miss Minerva Wilson, a native of Fayette county, Ohio, and to them were born four children, of whom two are living: Andra Raleigh, a druggist of Greenfield; and Jay Edmund, assistant cashier of the Adair County Bank at Greenfield. Mrs. Howe is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and also takes an active and helpful interest in club and charitable work.

Dr. Howe is a leading representative of the Masonic fraternity, exemplifying in his life the beneficent spirit of the craft. He belongs to Crusade Lodge, No. 386, A. F. & A. M.; St. John's Chapter, No. 73, R. A. M.; Bethany Commandery, No. 29, K. T.; and Za-Ga-Zig Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Des Moines, while he and his wife are members of the Order of the Eastern Star. Politically he is a democrat and is well informed on the questions and issues of the day but has never been a politician in the sense of office seeking. He is a member of the American Prison Association and he takes deep interest in the study of questions relating to the welfare of those who have served prison sentences. He believes in giving each individual a chance to reform and he has read widely on the subject, which he has studied from a scientific standpoint. Along strictly professional lines his membership relations are with the Adair County Medical Society, the Southwestern Iowa Medical Association, the Iowa State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. He has been one of the foremost members of the medical fraternity of Iowa since the pioneer days when he rode horseback through all the surrounding counties. He has kept in touch with the trend of modern thought and investigation and his ability and long experience as well as his study have acquainted him with the best methods to be followed in the treatment of disease. He has ever been most conscientious in the performance of his professional duties and his life work is a credit to his calling.

THOMAS WARRIOR.

Thomas Warrior is proprietor of a general store in Bridgewater and is also the owner of excellent farm property in Adair county. His life has been actuated by a spirit of enterprise and progress, and he has never been afraid of that laborious attention to business which must always constitute the basis of success. A native of Canada, he was born September 31, 1856, a son of William and Ruth (Braithwaite) Warrior, both of whom were natives of England. In 1856 they bade adieu to friends and native country and sailed for the new world, establishing their home in Canada, but in the fall of the same year they removed to Wisconsin, where they settled upon a farm, continuing their residence in that state until 1871, when they arrived in Adair county, Iowa. They took up their abode upon a farm in Washington township. The father's death occurred in 1896, his remains being interred in the Washington township cemetery. In the family were nine children, eight of whom are still living, and the mother yet survives at the age of seventy-six years.

The youthful days of Thomas Warrior were spent under the parental roof. He was married December 22, 1878, to Marilla Thompson, and they lived on a rented farm for ten years. He then bought a tract of land in Jackson township and resided thereon until his wife passed away in 1893. The succeeding six years were

spent in clerking in a store in Bridgewater, although he still operated his farm, which he yet owns,—a good tract of land of one hundred and sixty acres on section 30, Jackson township. To that place he has added many improvements and after six years spent in clerking he returned to the farm, devoting his entire attention thereto through the succeeding five years. On the expiration of that period he removed to Bridgewater in 1910 and embarked in general merchandising, in which he has since continued. He and his wife have a well appointed store, carrying an attractive line of goods, and their reliable business methods and unfaltering energy constitute the basic elements of their growing success. He has always made good use of his time and opportunities and his business affairs have been carefully conducted, bringing to him a gratifying financial return.

Mr. Warrior had six children by his first marriage, as follows: William H., of Carl, Adams county, Iowa; Hannah J., who is the wife of O. J. Sullivan, a farmer of Jackson township, this county; Leroy, an agriculturist of Adair county; Elizabeth May, who gave her hand in marriage to H. J. Brown, of Coon Rapids, Iowa; Bessie, who is the wife of Frank McVey of Madison county, Iowa; and Rosa E., the wife of Ernest Curry, of Creston, Iowa. Following the death of his first wife, which occurred in 1893, he was again married March 4, 1903, his second union being with Miss Sarah J. McFarland, who was born in Washington, Iowa, a daughter of F. A. and Hetty (Doig) McFarland, natives of Illinois and New York respectively. To this union one daughter was born, Marion Alma.

Mr. Warrior belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and has filled all of the chairs in the local lodge. Both he and his wife are consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal church, to the support of which they contribute liberally, while in the church work they take a helpful interest. They own and occupy a fine residence in Bridgewater and the hospitality of their attractive home is proverbial.

JOHN EVERTON BROOKS.

John Everton Brooks is well known in insurance circles of the state as he is serving as secretary of the Iowa Farmers Re-Insurance Association, which he assisted in organizing. He is also secretary of the Adair County Mutual Insurance Association and gives his entire time to insurance work. He is a native of Erie county, Ohio, born August 8, 1855, of the marriage of Homer and Mary L. (Kellogg) Brooks. The father was born at Florence, Erie county, Ohio, October 26, 1830, and was married on his twenty-third birthday. Two years later he and his wife removed by wagon to Scott county, Iowa, where he erected a small residence. After living there for two years they returned to Ohio to the home of Mrs. Brooks' father. When Mr. Brooks sold his farm in Scott county he took as part payment therefor one hundred and sixty acres of land in Adair county and in 1879 came here with his family. They remained upon the farm until 1890, when removal was made to Greenfield, where the father passed away July 28, 1905. The ancestry of the Brooks family has been traced back to the Pilgrim Fathers and representatives of the name served in the Revolutionary war. Mrs. Mary L. (Kellogg) Brooks was born December 31, 1829, and is a descendant of Governor Bradford, who was the

second signer of the Mayflower compact and the second governor of Plymouth colony. She is still living in Greenfield.

John E. Brooks was brought by his parents to Iowa when but an infant but as they returned to Ohio two years later his education was acquired in the public schools of that state. In his early manhood he taught school during the winters, while he devoted the summers to farm work. In 1878, when twenty-three years of age, he came to Adair county and continued farming and teaching until 1892. In that year he removed to Greenfield, having been made secretary of the Adair County Mutual Insurance Association, and he has since devoted his energies to work in the insurance field. He has studied carefully every phase of the business and has managed well the interests intrusted to him.

Mr. Brooks was married in 1882 to Mrs. Sarah O. Carr, who was born in Medina, Ohio, of the marriage of William Purdy and Olivia Dean, both of whom are deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Brooks have been born two children, Earl Homer and Donald Frederick.

Mr. Brooks is independent in politics and although he has always kept well informed as to events and has manifested a keen interest in the public welfare he has never sought office. His ability and integrity have gained him the confidence and respect of those who have been associated with him.

H. A. GILBERT.

H. A. Gilbert was formerly engaged in the fire-insurance business in Greenfield but is now living retired here. He was born in Delaware county, New York, October 3, 1842, and is a son of Harvey and Harriet (McCoy) Gilbert, natives respectively of Massachusetts and Connecticut. In 1849 the father left New York and went to California, where he passed away four years later. His widow survived him and spent her last days in Michigan. Three of their seven children are still living.

H. A. Gilbert remained under the parental roof until the existence of the Union was threatened and then in 1861 enlisted in Company E, Sixty-first New York Volunteer Infantry, as a private and served for one year. At the end of that time he was honorably discharged for disability as he had suffered the loss of one eye. He participated in a number of important engagements, including the battle of Fair Oaks and the seven days' retreat from Malvern Hill, during which time the Union forces were on the march during the day and fighting at night. He was discharged at Newark, New Jersey, and subsequently went to Michigan, where he remained for a year. After that he removed to Missouri but not long afterward made his way to Denver, Colorado, driving a herd of cattle and horses with the assistance of two brothers. He remained in Colorado until fall and then returned to New York state but only resided there a short time, after which he spent another year in Michigan and a short time in Missouri.

Coming to Adair county, Iowa, in 1866, Mr. Gilbert purchased a farm in Greenfield township, which he operated for a year, when he sold the place, and in the fall of 1868 went back to the Empire state, where his marriage occurred. The following February he brought his wife to this county and erected a residence in

Greenfield, where he has since lived. He also purchased a farm in Lee township, which he still owns, comprising one hundred and sixty acres, and he holds title to four town lots here besides his home place. For many years he was successfully engaged in the fire-insurance business, writing a large number of policies annually, but in 1912 he retired, feeling that he had earned a period of rest and leisure.

The marriage of Mr. Gilbert and Miss Frances Goodrich was solemnized on the 6th of January, 1869. She was born in the Empire state and is a daughter of Allen and Hannah (Moore) Goodrich, both likewise natives of New York, where they lived and died. To Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert have been born four children: Georgie Elizabeth, now the wife of A. A. Taylor, of Stuart, Iowa; Mamie J., deceased; Nina, at home; and Roekwell, deceased.

Mr. Gilbert cast his first vote for Abraham Lincoln but subsequently gave his allegiance to the democratic party, which he still supports. He has served as assessor of Greenfield and has also been a member of the city council, in which capacity he helped to draft the first city ordinance. He is the oldest member of Lodge No. 375, I. O. O. F., in which he has filled all of the chairs, and he is also a charter member of the Grand Army post at Greenfield, with which he is still identified. His wife is a devout member of the Presbyterian church, in the work of which she takes an active and helpful interest. Mr. Gilbert's energy and wise management of affairs while actively engaged in business enabled him to accumulate a competence which he is now enjoying at his leisure. He has resided in Greenfield for many years and the sterling worth of his character is attested by the fact that those who have been most intimately associated with him hold him in the warmest regard.

FREDRICH RAASCH.

Fredrich Raasch of Jackson township is one of the natives of Germany who have gained material prosperity in their adopted country and who have also won the unqualified respect of all who know them. He was born on the 1st of October, 1856, and is a son of Fredrich and Carolina (Reinke) Raasch, both of whom were likewise born in the fatherland. In 1868 the family emigrated to America and first settled upon a farm in La Salle county, Illinois, where the father passed away. The grandfather also died there but the grandmother died on the ocean while crossing to the United States and was buried at sea. Following the demise of her husband Mrs. Carolina Raasch removed with her family to Adair county, Iowa, and later took up her residence in Cass county. Six of her eleven children survive and all live in either Cass or Adair county.

Fredrich Raasch was a boy of twelve years when he accompanied his parents to this country and he remained under the parental roof until he was about twenty-five years of age. He then purchased his present home farm of one hundred and twenty acres on section 28, Jackson township, and has since devoted his entire attention to his farming and stock-raising interests. He has been very successful and from time to time has invested in more land, now owning four hundred and forty acres, all of which is rich and productive. He has made many improvements upon his land and keeps the buildings in a good state of repair. Although he also

grows the usual crops he gives his greatest attention to the raising and feeding of cattle and hogs for the market.

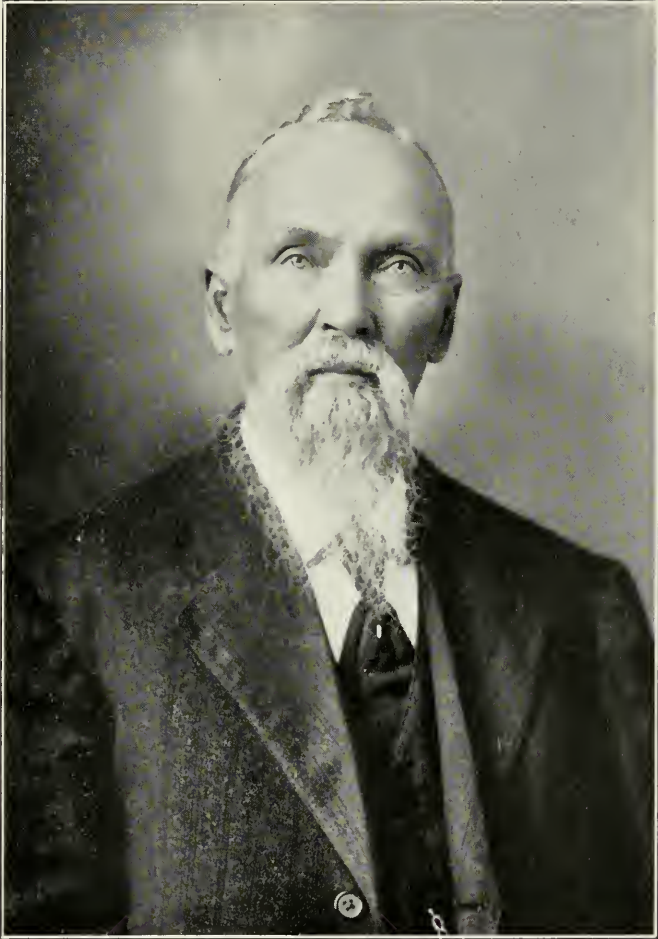
On the 1st of January, 1881, Mr. Raasch married Miss Amelia Kuesel, likewise a native of Germany and a daughter of Fred and Charlotta (Boness) Kuesel, both of whom were born in the fatherland. The father died in Germany but the mother emigrated to America in 1873 and is still living at the age of eighty-eight years. Mr. and Mrs. Raasch have three children: Pearl R., the wife of William Schultz, of this county; Edward W.; and Paul R.

The republican party finds in Mr. Raasch a staunch adherent and he has served acceptably as trustee and has also been a member of the school board for a number of years. Both he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and the uprightness of their daily lives is proof of the sincerity of their religious belief. Mr. Raasch recognized early in life the value of industry and the need of planning well his work and his success is due to the fact that he has used sound judgment in the management of his affairs and that he has not been afraid to work energetically.

PETER SCOFIELD.

Peter Scofield is a retired farmer residing in Fontanelle. In fact he is one of the most venerable citizens of the county, being now in the eighty-seventh year of his age, and he receives the respect and veneration which should ever be accorded one of his years whose life has been well spent. His birth occurred in Greene county, New York, November 26, 1828, his parents being Amzi and Margaret Scofield, who were likewise natives of the Empire state. They removed westward to Wisconsin in 1855 and settled on a farm in Jefferson county, which was then a frontier district in which the work of improvement and progress seemed scarcely begun. The father built a log cabin, which he covered with a clapboard roof. The door was also clapboard and there was a puncheon floor and stick chimney. There were many hardships and privations to be endured in the effort to establish a home amid such ungenerous surroundings but neighbors were helpful to each other and in the Scofield home the latch string always hung out. The parents of Mr. Scofield continued their residence in Wisconsin until they were called to their final rest and their labors brought good returns in the development of a farm. In their family were eight children, of whom two survive, Peter and Charles, both residents of Fontanelle.

Peter Scofield spent the entire period of his boyhood and youth in his native state and was in his twenty-sixth year when in 1854 he left the east and removed to Wisconsin, where he purchased one hundred acres of timberland, residing thereon until 1875, which year witnessed his arrival in Adair county, Iowa. Here he secured one hundred and sixty acres of land in Jackson township and continued to engage in general farming, bringing his fields to a high state of cultivation. He lived upon this place until 1893 and his practical work and well managed interests brought him merited success. He acquired a handsome competence that at length enabled him to retire. He was sixty-five years of age when he put aside further business cares and removed to Bridgewater, where he lived until he came to Fontanelle, where he now makes his home. Industry, economy and honorable business dealing were



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the foundations upon which he built his success, a success which has enabled him for more than two decades to live in retirement from active business and yet enjoy the comforts of life.

Mr. Scofield was married twice. In 1848 he wedded Miss Abigail Wheeler, who was born in New York, and they became the parents of four children, Mary E., the wife of J. Aspinwall, now a resident of Florida; Charles H., living in Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Lilly M., the wife of L. J. Slocum, of Iowa; and Ellen, the wife of William Vese, of Springfield, Missouri. The wife and mother passed away in 1899 and was laid to rest in Fontanelle cemetery. In 1907 Mr. Scofield was again married, his second union being with Mrs. Clara (Gibbs) Simmons. She was born in Vermont, a daughter of Stephen and Betsy (Hodges) Gibbs, both of whom were also natives of the Green Mountain state. On leaving New England they removed westward to Wisconsin, where their remaining days were passed. By her former marriage Mrs. Scofield had two children, Mariette, the wife of S. M. Jacobs, now of Tennessee; and Nettie, the wife of William Green.

After leaving his farm Mr. Scofield sold that place and purchased property in both Bridgewater and Fontanelle. He may truly be called a self-made man, for he started out in life empty-handed and has since depended entirely upon his own resources, working his way upward through energy and determination. For forty years he has made his home in Adair county, where he now has a wide acquaintance and through this period he has witnessed many notable changes as the county has developed.

JESSE R. COURTER.

Jesse R. Courter owns and operates an excellent farm of one hundred and sixty acres, comprising the northwest quarter of section 33, Union township. His birth occurred in Henry county, Iowa, on the 1st of January, 1874, his parents being Jacob and Harriett (Lynn) Courter, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of Pennsylvania. Their marriage was celebrated in Lucas county, Iowa, to which place the mother had accompanied her parents. After spending two or three years in Henry county, this state, Mr. and Mrs. Courter resided for a year in Union county and then returned to Henry county. At the end of another year, in 1878 or 1879, they came to Adair county, locating on section 28, Union township, where the mother passed away in 1882. In subsequent years the father made various removals. He is now living at Creston, Iowa, and his present land holdings are in the Saskatchewan province of Canada.

Jesse R. Courter was reared at home and in the acquirement of an education attended the district schools and also studied for one term in Legrand College of Legrand, Iowa. In 1897 he started out as an agriculturist on his own account and for about eleven years cultivated rented land in Union township. It was in 1908 that he purchased his present home farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 33, Union township, which he had operated as a renter for nine years previously. He has won a gratifying measure of success in his agricultural interests and is numbered among the substantial citizens of his community. A man of practical ideas

and good judgment, he conducts his work in a systematic and methodical manner, as is evidenced by the attractive appearance of his place.

In 1897 Mr. Courter was united in marriage to Miss Estella Havens, a daughter of Alexander Havens, of Union township, who was graduated from the Howe's Academy of Mount Pleasant, the oldest academy in Iowa, in 1892, and two years later completed a course in the Adair County Normal School at Greenfield. For five years prior to her marriage she followed the profession of teaching in this county, being an instructor in the district schools. By her marriage she has become the mother of two children, one of whom survives, Esther Virginia.

Mr. Courter gives his political allegiance to the republican party. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Christian church, to which his wife also belongs. Viewed from every standpoint his life may be termed successful because he has made his agricultural enterprise prosperous and his private life useful and worth while.

JOHN A. POPE.

John A. Pope, one of the successful farmers and stock-raisers of Prussia township, was born in Henry county, Illinois, July 17, 1870, of the marriage of Eliphalet and Prudence (Shaver) Pope, natives respectively of New York and Pennsylvania. The father emigrated to Wisconsin in an early day in the history of that state and taught school there for a number of years. He was married there and subsequently removed to Henry county, Illinois, locating at Oxford. He followed the profession of teaching there until 1883, when he came to Adair county, Iowa, and purchased eighty acres of land in Prussia township. For two winters after coming to this county he continued to teach school but subsequently engaged in farming, which pursuit he followed until 1907. In that year he removed to Fontanelle, where he lived in honorable retirement from the cares of business until his death, which occurred in March, 1910. His widow is still living and makes her home in California.

John A. Pope passed the days of his boyhood and youth in Henry county, Illinois, and Adair county, Iowa, and received his education in the public schools. He remained with his parents until he attained his majority and then began working as a farm hand, so continuing for three years. At the end of that time he began farming on his own account and until 1900 operated rented land. He then purchased eighty acres on section 21, Prussia township, where he has since resided. The land is in a high state of cultivation and the farm is well improved. He raises a high grade of stock in addition to the usual crops and his labor yields him a good annual income. He also owns stock in the Farmers Lumber Company of Fontanelle.

Mr. Pope was married on the 2d of March, 1904, to Miss Sophia Jensen, a daughter of Hans and Marie Jensen, who are still residing in Denmark. Mr. and Mrs. Pope have two children: Harold J., ten years of age; and Hazel M., eight years old.

Mr. Pope gives his political allegiance to the democratic party and takes a commendable interest in everything relating to the public welfare. Although not an office seeker he has served as constable of his township. He holds membership in

the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and his religious faith is that of the Methodist Episcopal church, to which he belongs. His ability and integrity have won him the respect of those who come in contact with him and there are many who are his warm personal friends.

WATSON P. COWDEN.

Watson P. Cowden, residing in Adair, is numbered among the veterans of the Civil war. In former years he was identified with agricultural interests in this state, in Guthrie county, but in 1903 he retired from active business. It is fitting that this period of rest should be vouchsafed him, for he is now eighty-one years of age. He was born in Trumbull county, Ohio, March 30, 1834, and is a son of John and Elizabeth (Shields) Cowden, who were natives of Pennsylvania. In early life they removed to Ohio and the father engaged in farming in that state until 1839, when he went to Mercer county, Illinois, where he purchased land and carried on general agricultural pursuits throughout his remaining days. He died in 1858, while his wife survived for almost thirty years, passing away in 1887.

Watson P. Cowden spent his youthful days in Illinois and acquired his education in the public schools there. He remained with his parents until he attained his majority, when he inherited eighty acres of land from his father. He then began farming on his own account, improved his property and cultivated his fields until 1867, when he disposed of his interests in Illinois and came to Iowa, making his way first to Jasper county, where he purchased a farm which he further developed until 1876. He then sold that property and went to Guthrie county, purchasing one hundred and sixty acres five miles north of Adair. His energies were concentrated upon the further improvement of that tract, which he continued to operate until 1903, when he retired and removed to Greenfield, where he resided for nearly three years. He then became a resident of Adair, where he purchased a nice home that he has since occupied, and he is now most comfortably situated in life.

On the 8th of April, 1857, Mr. Cowden was joined in wedlock to Miss Margaret A. Summerville, a daughter of John and Cynthia (Brown) Summerville, who were natives of Pennsylvania and Connecticut respectively. The father, a wagon maker by trade, worked at that occupation in Pennsylvania throughout his active life, passing away in the Keystone state in October, 1840. His wife, surviving him for more than six decades, was called to her final rest in April, 1901. To Mr. and Mrs. Cowden have been born six children, as follows: David J., a retired agriculturist who is the secretary of the creamery company in Adair, Iowa; George W., living in Grimmell, this state; Arthur M., who was accidentally drowned in Omaha in 1894; Cynthia E., who died in 1866, at the age of fifteen months; Ella C., who is the widow of A. B. Chantry and teaches school in Des Moines; and Lilly M., who is the widow of John H. McClellan and makes her home near Greenfield.

While living in Guthrie county Mr. Cowden served as justice of the peace and his decisions were always strictly fair and impartial. There is an interesting military chapter in his life record, for at the time of the Civil war he joined the army as a member of Company F, One Hundred and Fortieth Illinois Infantry, enlisting in Mercer county. He was sergeant of his company and served for six months. He

is now a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, the little bronze button which he wears indicating his faithful service in defense of the Union. His political indorsement has long been given to the republican party, while his life has been guided by his religious faith as indicated in his membership in the United Presbyterian church. He is today one of the oldest residents of Adair, where he is highly esteemed and honored because his career has at all times measured up to most commendable standards.

VAN UNDERWOOD.

Van Underwood, a representative agriculturist of Eureka township, owns an excellent farm of one hundred and twenty acres on section 17 and in its operation has won most gratifying success. His birth occurred in Warren county, Illinois, in January, 1870, his parents being Rufus and Lucy (Perine) Underwood, who are natives of Illinois and Ohio respectively. In 1870 the father took up his abode in Madison county, Iowa, where he purchased and improved a farm and continued its operation for eleven years. On the expiration of that period he sold the property and came to Adair county, here buying a tract of one hundred and twenty acres on section 8, Eureka township, which he improved and has cultivated continuously to the present time. He and his wife are now sixty-nine and sixty-five years of age respectively and are well known and highly esteemed throughout the community in which they have resided for the past third of a century.

Van Underwood was reared and educated in Madison and Adair counties and remained with his parents until twenty-four years of age. When a young man of nineteen, however, he started out as an agriculturist on his own account, renting a tract of land which he cultivated for five years. At the end of that time he purchased eighty acres in Summit township, operating the place for eight years, or until he sold the property and bought a tract of one hundred and twenty acres on section 17, Eureka township, lying across the road from his father's farm. He has made a number of substantial improvements thereon, set out all the trees, and in its operation has won success as the reward of his untiring industry and able management. In connection with the raising of cereals he devotes considerable attention to live-stock interests, feeding from one to two carloads of cattle annually.

On the 25th of December, 1895, Mr. Underwood was united in marriage to Miss Eva Pierce, a daughter of James and Nancy (Ford) Pierce, who were natives of Ohio and Cedar county, Iowa, respectively. The father, an agriculturist by occupation, took up his abode in Dallas county, Iowa, at a very early day and subsequently came to Adair county, purchasing land in Jackson township which he cultivated for a short time. After disposing of the property he bought a farm in Eureka township which he operated during the remainder of his life, passing away in January, 1908, while his wife was called to her final rest in January, 1898. Mr. and Mrs. Underwood have three children, Bernice L., Rex E. and Claire J., who are eighteen, five and two years of age respectively.

Mr. Underwood exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the democracy, believing firmly in its principles. He is not an active member of any religious denomination, feeling friendly toward them all. As a citizen of

Adair county he has assisted to the extent of his ability in advancing its interests and may be depended upon to give his support to every measure that will promote the public good.

CHARLESWORTH POWEL.

Charlesworth Powel is now living retired at Adair, but his life record covers many years of intense and well directed activity, including valiant service for his country at the time of the Civil war and prominent connection with industrial and commercial pursuits in this county. He was born in Philadelphia, September 5, 1835, and has therefore passed the eightieth milestone on life's journey, his being an honored old age in which he is accorded a large measure of respect and veneration. His parents were Richard and Sarah A. (Firth) Powel, also natives of Philadelphia. The father was a cabinetmaker by trade and served a five years' apprenticeship ere entering upon an active life devoted to that business. In 1840 he went to Parkersburg, Virginia, where he followed cabinetmaking for a considerable period and then removed to Taylorville, Illinois, where he worked at his trade until his death, which occurred in 1872. His wife has also passed away.

Charlesworth Powel was reared and educated in Virginia and spent the period of his boyhood and youth in his father's home. He made his initial step in business as clerk in a store in Springfield, Illinois, and was there employed until 1861. In the meantime the family had removed to Illinois and at twenty-six years of age, in response to the country's call for troops, he joined Company H of the Fourteenth Illinois Infantry, with which he served for three years or during the Civil war as first lieutenant and adjutant. He then returned to Taylorville, Illinois, and purchased an interest in a general store, but after six months the partnership was dissolved. He then secured employment with a milling concern, acting as book-keeper and salesman, and that he was a most loyal and trusted representative of the house is indicated in the fact that he remained with the firm for twenty years, enjoying the entire confidence of his employers, which confidence was never betrayed in the slightest degree. At the end of two decades he went to Tennessee, where he invested in five hundred acres of land which he owned and cultivated for ten years. He then traded that property for a stock of drugs and a residence property in Adair, Iowa, and admitted his son to a partnership in the business, which they conducted together for several years. Mr. Powel then sold his interest to his son and has since lived retired, enjoying a rest which he has truly earned and richly deserves.

On the 5th of April, 1865, Mr. Powel was united in marriage to Miss Rachael E. Milligan, a daughter of William and Eliza (Pollock) Milligan, who were natives of Pennsylvania and Virginia respectively. The father was a tanner by trade and operated both a tannery and farm in Ohio, in which state he took up his abode in an early day. His demise occurred in 1854, while his wife was called to her final rest in the year 1879. Mr. and Mrs. Powel became the parents of seven children, as follows: Preston, a druggist and physician of Adair, Iowa; Mary, who died in 1870, when one year old; Florence, who gave her hand in marriage to G. O. Reavis and resides in Los Angeles, California; Edith, who passed away in 1911 and was

the wife of David C. Kemmer, of Tennessee; Reuben, living in Tennessee; Richard, who makes his home in Alabama; and Mabel, who died in 1883, at the age of but one year.

In his political views Mr. Powel has been an earnest republican since casting his first presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Presbyterian church. Those who know him esteem him highly and he is most honored where best known, showing that his entire life has commanded the confidence and good will of those with whom he has been associated.

FRANK H. EDWARDS.

Frank H. Edwards, who is successfully following agricultural pursuits on section 19, Richland township, is a native of that township, born January 3, 1871, and is a son of David and Emily (Maxwell) Edwards. An extended sketch of the father's life with his portrait appears elsewhere in this work.

Frank H. Edwards was reared under the parental roof and at the usual age entered the district schools, where he acquired his education. After reaching mature years he continued to reside at home and assisted his father in the latter's extensive farming operations. Following his marriage in 1902 our subject removed to his present farm which was deeded to him by his father the year before. He continued to reside upon that place until 1912, when he removed to Saskatchewan, Canada, where he had previously purchased a half section of land eighteen miles from Moosejaw. However, he remained upon his Canada farm for but one year, after which he returned to Adair county, where he has since resided. He is one of the representative farmers of Richland township and his labors return him a gratifying annual income.

On the 1st of January, 1902, Mr. Edwards was married to Miss Clara McKee, a daughter of William McKee, one of the well known residents of Massena, Cass county. To this union have been born three children, two of whom survive, namely, Glenn M. and Lawrence E.

Mr. Edwards is a republican in his political belief and takes the interest of a good citizen in everything relating to the public welfare. He has made many friends in this county, where he has lived for the greater part of his life, and he is a valued resident of his township.

JOHN B. TIMMONS.

John B. Timmons is the owner of two hundred acres of rich and productive land on sections 9 and 10, Eureka township, and in the conduct of his farming interests is meeting with excellent success. His birth occurred in Linn county, Iowa, on the 10th of August, 1872, his parents being Andrew J. and Annie M. (McCreary) Timmons, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of Pennsylvania. Andrew J. Timmons, an agriculturist by occupation, took up his abode among the early settlers of Linn county, Iowa, and there purchased land which he cultivated until 1878. In

that year he came to Adair county, purchasing a farm in Jackson township which he improved and operated continuously and successfully until 1910. He has since lived retired in the enjoyment of well earned ease and resides with his wife in Bridgewater, having attained the venerable age of eighty-three years, while his wife is sixty-eight years old. The period of their residence in this county covers thirty-seven years and their circle of friends has steadily grown as the circle of their acquaintance has widened.

John B. Timmons, a lad of six years when brought to Adair county by his parents, was here reared and educated and remained at home until he had attained his majority. He then purchased and improved a tract of land in Jackson township and cultivated the same for five years, on the expiration of which period he disposed of the property and removed to Cass county, Iowa, where he also operated a farm for five years. At the end of that time he traded the latter place for a farm in Eureka township, this county, which he afterward sold, returning to Cass county and thence removing to Guthrie county, Iowa. In the spring of 1915 he again came to Eureka township, Adair county, and purchased two hundred acres of land on sections 9 and 10, which he is now cultivating.

In March, 1898, Mr. Timmons was united in marriage to Miss Lena Ahnen, a daughter of Henry and Dora Ahnen, both of whom were natives of Germany and became pioneer settlers of Adair county. The father followed farming in Summer-set and Washington townships until he passed away in March, 1912, while the mother died in the year 1908. To Mr. and Mrs. Timmons have been born five children, namely: Blanche, Marie, Estella, Leona and Woodrow.

Politically Mr. Timmons is a staunch democrat, while his religious faith is that of the German Lutheran church. He is also a worthy exemplar of the Masonic fraternity, belonging to the blue lodge at Anita, Iowa. He enjoys a wide acquaintance in this part of the state and his many good qualities have won him the esteem and high regard of many friends.

PAUL T. BROWN.

Paul T. Brown was but three years of age when brought to Adair county, where he has since lived. He now makes his home on section 18, Eureka township, adjoining Berea, and he is identified with both mercantile and agricultural pursuits. He was born in Grundy county, Illinois, August 19, 1882, a son of Samuel and Almira (Tabler) Brown, both of whom were natives of Grundy county. The father was a farmer and cultivated a tract of land in Grundy county until 1885, when he removed with his family to Adair county and purchased four hundred acres of land in Eureka township, of which two hundred acres is now owned by Isaac Brown, while Paul T. Brown has ten acres and his brother one hundred and ninety acres. The father improved this place and operated it until 1903, when he sold the property and went to Atlantic, Cass county, there retiring from active business life. Indolence and idleness, however, are utterly foreign to his nature and he could not bear to be without some occupation. He therefore purchased land in Cass county and is now again actively engaged in farming. His wife died October 28, 1894.

Being but three years of age when his parents removed to this county, Paul T. Brown was accordingly reared and educated here and to his father he gave the benefit of his services until he reached the age of twenty years, when he went to Ohio, where he engaged in farming for a year. He then returned home and for six years cultivated a rented farm, at the end of which time he purchased a general store in Berea and has since conducted a successful business along that line. He also buys cream and produce and he enjoys a large patronage. In addition he owns a fine home and ten acres of land and he is actively engaged in raising hogs. Both branches of his business are proving profitable and bring to him a substantial financial return.

On the 18th of October, 1903, Mr. Brown was joined in wedlock to Miss Etta Smith, a daughter of Thomas T. and Paulina (Brown) Smith, the former a native of Highland county, Ohio, and the latter of Kentucky. The parents came to Adair county, Iowa, in 1879 and Mr. Smith purchased land in Jackson township, where he carried on general farming until 1901, when he retired from active life and removed to Ohio, where he and his wife are now living at the ages of seventy-three and sixty-seven years, respectively. Throughout the period of the Civil war Mr. Smith served as a loyal defender of the Union, going to the front with the boys in blue of Company A, Forty-eighth Ohio Infantry. There were ten children in the Smith family, all of whom are living, and the youngest is now twenty-two years of age.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown are well known in Adair county and enjoy the warm friendship and kindly regard of many with whom they have come in contact. He exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party and keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day, but does not seek office. In business he is making steady progress and is meeting with well deserved success.

ORLEY HOLMES.

Orley Holmes, who has been actively identified with agricultural pursuits in Adair county for more than a quarter of a century, enjoys an enviable reputation as one of the substantial farmers of Jefferson township, owning one hundred and sixty acres of rich and productive land on section 24. His birth occurred in Peoria county, Illinois, on the 2d of July, 1853, his parents being Walter and Ann (Twitchell) Holmes, who were born, reared and married in Oswego, New York. The mother of our subject was the second wife of Walter Holmes. Leaving the Empire state, they took up their abode in Peoria county, Illinois, and there spent the remainder of their lives.

Orley Holmes was reared to manhood under the parental roof and attended the district schools in the acquirement of an education. After attaining his majority he started out as an agriculturist on his own account and for several years cultivated rented land in his native county. Subsequently he bought a farm of eighty acres in Livingston county, Illinois, but after three wet seasons sought a more favorable location and in 1889 came to Adair county, Iowa, having here purchased a tract of one hundred and twenty acres two years previously. On this place he has made

his home continuously since and has extended its boundaries by additional purchase until it now embraces one hundred and sixty acres on section 24, Jefferson township. During the past several years, however, the property has been operated by a tenant, as Mr. Holmes has devoted his attention to ditching and tiling, having tiled many of the farms in this and adjoining counties. His undertakings have been attended with well merited success and he has long been numbered among the prosperous and representative citizens of the community.

In his political views Mr. Holmes is independent, supporting men and measures rather than party. Fraternally he is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, belonging to Stuart Lodge No. 214, and Stuart Encampment No. 81. His life has been well spent and in every relation he has been honorable and upright, winning for himself the warm regard of his fellow citizens.

JULIUS B. SMITH.

Julius B. Smith carries on general agricultural pursuits on section 20, Eureka township. He is a native son of Illinois, his birth having occurred in Boone county, January 21, 1850. His parents were James H. and Julia A. (Linderman) Smith, natives of Michigan and of New York respectively. The father was a farmer by occupation and after leaving Michigan made his way to Boone county, Illinois, where he established his home at a very early day. He went to that state with his parents and his father there entered land from the government, while later James H. Smith purchased a tract of eighty acres. He at once began the tilling of the soil and continued to engage actively in farming there until 1860, when he removed to Tama county, Iowa, where he purchased land, which he operated throughout his remaining days, death terminating his labors in August, 1905. His wife passed away in May, 1908.

Julius B. Smith was reared and educated in Boone county, Illinois, and in Tama county, Iowa. He divided his time during his youthful days between the work of the schoolroom, the pleasures of the playground and the task of tilling the soil. He remained with his parents until twenty-three years of age and then rented land and engaged in farming for about three years. On the expiration of that period he removed to Adair county, where he arrived in the fall of 1875, and purchased one hundred and sixty acres on section 20, Eureka township. With characteristic energy he began to further develop that place, clearing it of the timber and brush upon it. At a later period he bought more land until he is now the owner of three hundred and twenty acres, constituting a splendidly improved farm, of which one hundred and sixty acres is on section 19, Eureka township. He sold a small portion of the remainder for the town site of Berea, but still holds title to the rest of his property. He has since operated his farm, with the exception of nine years which he spent in Anita, Iowa. Practically throughout his entire life he has carried on general agricultural pursuits and the evidence of his labors is seen in the generous harvests which are gathered upon his place. He studies progressive methods and accomplishes what he undertakes by reason of persistency, determination and skill.

In October, 1878, Mr. Smith was united in marriage to Miss Ida Eby, a daughter of William and Rachel (Stevenson) Eby, who were natives of Pennsylvania. The

parents went to Illinois at an early day and about 1852 the father established a blacksmith shop at Polo and continued to engage in business along that line throughout his remaining days. For some time he conducted a smithy at Berea and made his home with Mr. and Mrs. Smith. His death occurred in April, 1905, when he had reached the venerable age of eighty-seven years. He had long survived his wife, who passed away in 1863. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Smith were five children: Dawn, the wife of E. O. Patterson, a lawyer living at Dallas, South Dakota; Tillie, the wife of Scott Gearhart, a resident of Alliance, Nebraska; Clyde, who is farming part of his father's land; Marie, who died in November, 1911; and Eby, at home.

Mr. Smith gives his political support to the democratic party and has served as assessor of his township. Fraternally he is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He subordinates public activities to private business, however, and is leading a busy, useful and honorable life as a farmer of Adair county, where he feeds about two earloads of cattle annually, making that one important feature of his business. In his life there are few idle hours. He concentrates his energies upon the work at hand and knows that persistency of purpose and honorable dealing are salient and indispensable elements in the attainment of success.

JAMES P. JENSEN.

In the record of the agricultural activity of Adair county mention should be made of James P. Jensen, who is successfully engaged in the cultivation of grain and the raising of high grade stock. He is also identified with other business interests of importance to the community. He is among those of foreign birth who, recognizing the opportunities offered in the new world, have come here to win advancement without the close and strenuous competition which they would encounter in their native lands.

James P. Jensen was born in Denmark, January 19, 1864, a son of James and Bertha M. Jensen, who are mentioned in connection with the sketch of Christian Jensen on another page of this work. His youthful days were spent in his native country and his education was obtained in the public schools. He served one year in the Danish army before he was twenty-one years old. Starting out to earn his own living, he was employed as a farm hand in Denmark until he reached the age of twenty-six years, when the favorable reports which he had heard concerning the new world led him to cross the Atlantic with the hope of bettering his financial condition. He traveled across this country to Fontanelle, Adair county, Iowa, and sought employment as a farm hand, spending three years in that way. He carefully saved his earnings and after three years was able to purchase eighty acres, becoming owner of a tract of that size on section 22, Eureka township. He then operated his farm until 1906, when he purchased eighty acres more adjoining on the same section. With characteristic energy he began the further development of that property and today has one of the finest farms in his part of the county. He has operated it for twenty-two years and it shows the result of careful, systematic cultivation. He practices rotation of crops and scientific methods that bring about substantial and gratifying results. He also raises high grade stock and makes this a profitable



MR. AND MRS. JAMES P. JENSEN

feature of his business. He is likewise treasurer of the Eureka Telephone Company and is a stockholder in the Farmers Lumber Company of Fontanelle.

In April, 1885, Mr. Jensen was united in marriage to Miss A. Christina Jensen, a daughter of Nels and Ane Marie (Christinsen) Jensen, natives of Denmark, in which country the father worked as a farm hand, but after coming to the new world he retired from active life and now makes his home with Mr. and Mrs. James P. Jensen. The mother died in the year 1878. Mr. and Mrs. James P. Jensen have become the parents of eight children: James; Niels; Marie; Sophie; Carl; Maude; and Katherine and Clara Matilda, both deceased.

Mr. Jensen is one of the trustees of Eureka township, in which position he has served for two years. He belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America, gives his political indorsement to the republican party and his religious faith is that of the Lutheran church. In these connections are seen the rules which govern his conduct and shape his relations to public affairs. Those who know him find that he is faithful in all the relations of life and give him well merited praise for what he has accomplished. Coming to the new world empty handed, he has advanced steadily through his own efforts, working persistently and earnestly to gain a start and later to enhance his holdings. His life record shows what may be accomplished when energy and determination lead the way, and should well serve as a source of inspiration and encouragement to others who, like him, are forced to start out in life empty handed.

CHARLES VARLEY, JR.

Charles Varley, Jr., one of the well known, successful and representative agriculturists of Adair county, within the borders of which he has spent practically his entire life, now owns three hundred and twenty acres of valuable land in Jefferson township. His birth occurred in Leeds, England, on the 11th of October, 1868, his parents being Charles and Anna (Thorpe) Varley, natives of Yorkshire, England. In 1861 the father, leaving his family in England, took a trip to South America and toured that country. Thence he came north and spent about five years in mining ventures in California, Oregon and British Columbia. After returning to England he remained there for about three years and in 1869 emigrated with his family to the United States, making his way into the interior of the country and stopping at Des Moines, Iowa, which was then but a village. There he left his wife and children and came on west to Adair county, at that time purchasing eighty acres of the present home farm in Jefferson township. After building a home on his newly acquired property he brought his family from Des Moines and the remainder of his life was here spent. As time passed and his financial resources increased, owing to his well directed industry and careful management of his agricultural interests, he augmented his landed holdings by additional purchase until they embraced about two hundred and ninety acres in Jefferson township. He passed away in April, 1914, in the eighty-fourth year of his age, and his demise was the occasion of deep and widespread regret throughout the community which had been his home for a period covering forty-five years. His widow, who still lives on the old home farm, has attained the age of seventy-nine years and enjoys an extensive and favorable acquaintance here.

Charles Varley, Jr., was an infant of nine months when brought to this country, and in Adair county he was reared to manhood. In the acquirement of an education he attended the district schools and Indiana College and also pursued a musical course in the Dexter Normal School. He remained under the parental roof until twenty-eight years of age, when he was married and established a home of his own, locating on his present place in Jefferson township. Here he had purchased eighty acres in association with his father and he has since extended the boundaries of the farm by additional purchase from time to time until it now comprises three hundred and twenty acres. He not only feeds all his grain but also buys more, raising and feeding Polled Angus cattle and Poland China hogs. His undertakings in this connection have been attended with most gratifying success and he has long been numbered among the substantial and representative citizens of his community.

In 1897 Mr. Varley was united in marriage to Miss Belle Peters, her father being James Peters, one of the prominent early settlers of Jefferson township. To them have been born five children, four of whom survive, namely: Everett, Mary, Preston and Isabelle.

The parents belong to the Methodist Episcopal church, of which Mr. Varley is one of the trustees. He gives his political allegiance to the republican party and is now serving as a member of the board of township trustees and also on the school board, proving a most capable and trustworthy public official. Many of his warmest friends are those who have known him from his boyhood to the present time—a fact which indicates that his life has been well spent and that his strongest qualities are those which win respect and confidence.

CARL TILK.

Carl Tilk, who is successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits in Prussia township, is a native of Germany. His birth occurred on the 4th of June, 1855, and he is a son of Mr. and Mrs. John Tilk, the former a weaver by occupation. Both parents passed away in the fatherland, the mother when our subject was but an infant and the father in 1905.

Carl Tilk received his education in Germany and on reaching mature years worked as a farm hand. He was so employed until he was twenty-eight years of age and then, in 1883, he emigrated to America. He first located in Ohio and there worked on farms by the month until 1893, when he came to Adair county, where he was employed as a farm hand until his marriage. He then removed to his wife's farm, which comprises eighty acres on section 2, Prussia township, and which he has since operated. He rents eighty acres in addition and his well directed labor enables him to secure a good income from the one hundred and sixty acres which he farms.

In 1895 occurred the marriage of Mr. Tilk and Mrs. Emma (Motsehnann) Bitner, a daughter of John and Dorothea Motsehnann, both natives of Germany, who passed their entire lives in that country. The mother died in 1895 and the father in 1908. Mr. and Mrs. Tilk have three children, William, John and Carl. Mrs. Tilk was first married to John Bitner, who was born in Illinois but came to Adair county, Iowa, with his parents when a child. He grew to manhood here and on beginning his independent career decided to devote his life to agricultural pur-

suits, which he followed until his demise in 1890 when but forty years of age. To him and his wife were born a son and daughter. Henry W. Bitner, who resides with his mother and stepfather, was born upon the homestead and was reared and educated in Prussia township. After finishing school he learned the carpenter's trade, which he has since followed. He is an excellent workman and has been very successful in his chosen occupation. The daughter, Margaret, is now the wife of Carl Mangles, a farmer of Grove township.

Mr. Tilk gives his political allegiance to the democratic party and his religious faith is indicated in the fact that he holds membership in the German Lutheran church. There has never been the slightest question as to his integrity and probity, and his genuine worth has gained him the respect of all with whom he has come in contact, and the friendship of many.

ALEXANDER THARP.

Since 1901 Alexander Tharp has lived in Adair county, his home being situated in Eureka township. He was born in Morgan county, Indiana, April 3, 1862, a son of Robert and Mary Jane (Hutcheson) Tharp. His father was a native of Martin county, Indiana, and was of English descent. The mother was born in Morgan county, Indiana, and was a representative of one of the old American families. The year 1866 witnessed their arrival in Iowa, at which time they took up their abode in Guthrie county, eighteen miles north of the present home of Alexander Tharp. The father cultivated a rented farm for a time and afterward purchased property upon which he still resides. His wife, however, has passed away, her death occurring on the old homestead, on the 29th of January, 1914.

The usual experiences of the farm lad fell to the lot of Alexander Tharp, who in his youthful days attended the public schools and in the periods of vacation worked in the fields, gaining intimate knowledge of all lines of farm work. When nineteen years of age he began work as a farm hand and was thus employed until he reached the age of twenty-two years, when he was married and began farming on his own account, cultivating rented land for four or five years. This was in Guthrie county. It was his hope to own property some day and he bent his energies to gaining a sum sufficient to enable him to carry out this purpose. Ultimately he purchased a farm on which he lived for twelve years, at the end of which time he sold out and removed to Adair county, where he took up his abode in 1901, purchasing one hundred and sixty acres in Eureka township. Later he bought forty acres on the west side of the road, so that he now owns two hundred acres of rich and productive land that responds readily to the care and cultivation bestowed upon it. He annually harvests good crops, for he utilizes practical and progressive methods in cultivating his fields and he also raises good grades of cattle and hogs, making a specialty of Herefords and Duroc-Jerseys. He raises mainly corn, although he also cultivates other cereals.

On the 5th of January, 1887, Mr. Tharp was united in marriage to Miss Hattie M. Boblett, who died on the 22d of May, 1889, leaving a son, Robert J., who was born December 2, 1888, and is now a farmer of Eureka township. He married Edith Moore and they have one child, Helen, who was born October 16, 1912. On the

9th of March, 1891, Mr. Tharp was again married, his second union being with Miss Jane M. Boblett, a sister of his former wife. She passed away August 15, 1892, and on the 21st of June, 1896, Mr. Tharp wedded Miss Ida A. Hemphill, of Prussia township, a daughter of James and Ellen Hemphill. They have two children: Glen A., who was born February 12, 1898, and is now upon the home farm; and Verva May, who was born July 26, 1903.

The parents are members of the United Brethren church and their religious belief is a strong feature in shaping their lives. In his political views Mr. Tharp is a republican and is conversant with the leading points and issues which divide the two great parties. He has filled the office of township trustee of Eureka township, being called to that position by appointment. He served for a half term in that way and was then elected for two terms, at the end of which time he refused to continue longer in that position. He has served on the board of directors of the school district and as president of the township board. He is never neglectful of the duties of citizenship and gives active aid and support to many measures which are instituted for the benefit and welfare of the community.

CHRIS S. MENSING.

Chris S. Mensing owns one hundred and sixty acres of fine land on section 3, Prussia township, and the excellent condition in which everything about the place is kept testifies to his energy and good management. A native of Germany, he was born May 1, 1860, of the marriage of Chris and Dora (Henrichs) Mensing. Both parents were born in Germany and the mother passed away in that country in 1903 when seventy-two years of age. The father, who has devoted his life to agricultural pursuits, is still living in Germany at the age of eighty-four years.

Chris S. Mensing grew to manhood in the fatherland and there received his education. In his youth he learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed in his native land until he was twenty-eight years of age, when he crossed the Atlantic to the new world and made his way to Rockwell City, Calhoun county, Iowa. There he worked at his trade for three or four years and during that period was also employed as a farm hand for some time. In the spring of 1895 he came to Adair county and operated a rented farm for five years, after which he purchased that place, which comprised one hundred and sixty acres on section 3, Prussia township, and he has since given his undivided attention to the cultivation of his land. He carries on general farming and stock-raising, specializing in breeding full blooded Chester White hogs. He formerly also raised Red Polled cattle. He owns stock in the Farmers Lumber Company at Casey, Iowa, and is one of the well-to-do residents of his township.

Mr. Mensing was married in December, 1882, to Miss Emma Blaas, who is a daughter of Hans and Ann (Bromm) Blaas, natives of Germany. The father was a hotel keeper and passed his entire life in the fatherland. Both he and his wife are deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Mensing have been born eight children: August, Chris, Dora, Minnie, John, Elmer, Amanda and Willie.

Mr. Mensing, who is a stalwart democrat, has taken an active part in political affairs and has served as justice of the peace, as school director and as school

treasurer. He and his family belong to the German Lutheran church, in whose faith he was reared. In all relations of life his conduct measures up to high standards and he commands the unqualified respect of all who have been brought into contact with him.

ISAAC BROWN.

Indefatigable energy and wise management have been the secret of the success which has come to Isaac Brown in the conduct of his farming interests. He makes his home on section 18, Eureka township, and has been a resident of Adair county for eight years. He was born in Bloomfield, New Jersey, October 31, 1850, a son of John and Sarah (Andrews) Brown, both of whom were natives of England, whence they came to America following their marriage. The father was a hatter by trade and after taking up his abode in Newark, New Jersey, in 1848, he there continued to work at his trade until 1855, when he removed to Grundy county, Illinois, where he purchased land and engaged in farming until his death in 1866. Mrs. Brown continued her residence in Grundy county until she too was called to her final rest in 1908.

Isaac Brown went with his parents to Illinois and there attended school and worked upon the home farm, giving his mother the benefit of his services until he reached his majority. He then rented a farm in Kendall county, Illinois, operating it on shares for one year. At the end of that time he returned home, remaining with his mother and farming land for neighbors for five years. During the succeeding twenty years he was in the employ of Cryder Collins, a very prominent farmer of Saratoga township, Grundy county, Illinois, who owned extensive tracts of land. Mr. Brown then leased for ten years one of the Collins tracts, broke the raw prairie, tilled the land, developed and cultivated the fields but lived thereon for fifteen years. His entire life has been devoted to general agricultural pursuits and there is no phase of farm work which is not familiar to him.

On the 1st of March, 1907, Mr. Brown came to Adair county and purchased two hundred acres of land where he now lives on section 18, Eureka township. Eight years prior to this time he had purchased two hundred and forty acres not far distant. He now rents the latter tract but personally cultivates his home place, on which he has made extensive improvements until today he is the owner of one of the best farms of the township. It constitutes an attractive feature of the landscape with its commodious and substantial buildings, its carefully cultivated fields, its well kept fences and its modern farm machinery. In addition to raising grain he feeds cattle and hogs and has a fine herd of Angus cattle, all full blooded and eligible to registration. He is likewise a stockholder in the Berea Horse Company, which owns stables in the village of Berea, where they keep a fine Percheron stallion and two Mammoth jacks.

On the 13th of April, 1890, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Brown and Miss Anna Nelson, a daughter of Hogen and Bertha (Johnson) Nelson, both of whom were natives of Norway. The father was a farmer by occupation and after living for some time in Illinois they removed to Wright county, Iowa, where the death of Mrs. Nelson occurred. To Mr. and Mrs. Brown have been born three children.

Ermine Mabel, who was born March 8, 1892, was graduated from the Anita high school with the class of 1911 and from Drake University in 1915, and is now principal of the high school at Neola. Ethel M., born June 17, 1897, completed the high-school course at Anita in 1915. Isaac Eugene, born June 22, 1902, is attending school in the home district.

Mr. Brown votes with the republican party. He supports the Methodist Episcopal church and his influence is on the side of reform, progress and improvement. His business interests have been wisely conducted and have become extensive. He is now at the head of farming and stock-raising interests of extensive proportions and is one of the leading representatives of his line of activity in Adair county. He studies modern conditions, is acquainted with the results of scientific investigation of all farm work and directs his efforts in a most sagacious manner, with the result that an excellent financial return is secured.

JAHU B. SULLIVAN.

Jahu B. Sullivan, one of the leading and best known citizens of Bridgewater, where he has lived retired for the past ten years, has been a resident of Adair county for more than six decades and still holds title to eleven hundred acres of valuable land in Jackson and Washington townships. His birth occurred in Monroe county, Indiana, on the 11th of November, 1836. His parents, Henry S. and Sarah (Hunter) Sullivan, removed from Kentucky to Indiana at an early day and were among the first settlers of Monroe county, locating there when bears and panthers were still plentiful in the timber. There they spent the remainder of their lives and are buried on the old home farm. The father died when our subject was a child of less than three years and his mother's death occurred when he was but eleven. He was then placed in the home of Jehu Buckner, a neighboring farmer, with whom he remained about two and one-half years or until an older brother, John P. Sullivan, who was the guardian of the family, was married. In the latter's home he was taken, together with his brother, M. S., and there he grew to manhood. His education was acquired in the pioneer subscription schools and in the later public schools of his district. Only two of a family of twelve children still survive, namely: John P., who now resides in Logan, Kansas; and Jahu B., of this review. The former is a veteran of the Mexican war, serving throughout the entire period of hostilities. Two other brothers also enlisted, but peace was declared ere their commands reached the front.

In the summer of 1852, when not yet sixteen years of age, Jahu B. Sullivan became a wage earner, working in a brickyard at Bloomington, Indiana, while during the following summer he was employed by the month as a farm hand. In the fall of 1853, accompanied by two brothers, John P. and M. S., and a sister-in-law who was the widow of another brother, William H., he came by wagon to Iowa. The parents of his sister-in-law lived in Clarke county and there the party of immigrants stopped, Jahu B. Sullivan there spending the winter and the following summer. In the fall of 1854 he came to Adair county and soon after his arrival purchased one hundred acres of government land on section 33, Jackson township,



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and forty acres in Washington township, at a dollar and a quarter per acre. He did not locate on the land, however, until the fall of 1856, working during the summer of 1855 for his brothers, T. H. and E. B. The former came to Iowa in the fall of 1854 and was joined by Jahu B. in Clarke county, while E. B. arrived in this state in the spring of 1855.

During the summer of 1856 Jahu B. Sullivan worked for Joe Dunlap in Washington township and on the 16th of October following wedded Miss Margaret Jane Roberts, who had removed from Indiana to Clarke county, Iowa, in the spring of 1851. Following their marriage the young couple began their domestic life in Adair county, Mr. Sullivan building a log cabin on his government tract, and here it was that he spent many of the happiest years of his life. From time to time he acquired more land and with the obligation to pay came the ambition and effort to meet that obligation, the result being that he now holds title to eleven hundred acres of Adair county's most valuable land, located in Jackson and Washington townships. In 1905, however, he put aside the active work of the fields and took up his abode in Bridgewater, where he has lived in honorable retirement during the past decade. While Mr. Sullivan still holds title to his land, his sons and daughters have been placed on various farms with the understanding that they are to inherit the property. They retain all that they raise and in fact possess all except the deed to the land.

On the 22d of September, 1913, Mr. Sullivan was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife. His children are: E. H., O. J., P. P., all of this county; Ida Bell, the wife of Frank Stoner of Adair county; and Mary Ann, the wife of George Stoner of Garnett, Kansas.

Mr. Sullivan's political views are in accord with the principles of the democratic party and for many years he held various township offices, ever discharging the duties devolving upon him in a most prompt and capable manner. He has been a member of the Christian church for many years and has long held office therein, being now one of the elders. He is in the seventy-ninth year of his age and his career has ever been such that he can look back over the past without regret and forward to the future without fear.

HENRY W. STELLING.

Henry W. Stelling, who is meeting with gratifying success as a farmer and who owns a quarter section of excellent land in Prussia township, is a native of Germany. He was born on the 10th of September, 1848, and is a son of Henry and Catherine (Rehm) Stelling, also natives of the fatherland. The father followed agricultural pursuits. He passed away in Germany in 1868 but the mother survived until 1885.

Henry W. Stelling was reared in his native land and there received his education. He worked as a farm hand for some time, but when twenty-two years old, or in 1870, emigrated to the United States. For eight years he resided in New York city and there worked in the employ of the street car company. At the end of that time he made his way westward and located in Adair county, Iowa. He worked for others for a year after coming to this county, but at the expiration of that period purchased eighty acres of land on section 2, Prussia township, which he operated

for about twenty-eight years. He then sold that place and purchased his present farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 11, Prussia township, which he has since improved and developed. He is energetic and industrious and his well directed labors yield him a good income annually.

On the 17th of October, 1881, Mr. Stelling was united in marriage to Miss Sophia Motsemann, a daughter of John and Dorothy Motsemann, who passed their entire lives in Germany. The mother died in 1895. To Mr. and Mrs. Stelling have been born eight children, namely: Maggie, who died in 1908; John and Dora, at home; Lizzie, who died in 1910; William, who is farming in this county; and Mary, Lena and Fred, at home.

Mr. Stelling supports the democratic party at the polls and is a loyal worker in its behalf. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the German Lutheran church and all movements seeking the moral betterment of his community receive his hearty cooperation.

WILLARD W. MORGAN.

Willard W. Morgan, who owns three hundred and twenty acres of fine land on sections 16 and 21, Prussia township, is one of the substantial men of his locality and is well and favorably known throughout Adair county. He was born in Nodaway county, Missouri, August 6, 1867, and is a son of William W. and Jane A. (Pierec) Morgan, an account of whose lives appears in the sketch of W. H. Morgan. Our subject, who was reared and educated in this county, as he was but a small child when the family removed here, remained under the parental roof until he was of age and then began his independent business career, renting land, which he operated for six and a half years. At the end of that time he purchased one hundred and sixty acres on section 16, Prussia township, and began the improvement of his place at once. Later he bought additional land and now owns three hundred and twenty acres on sections 16 and 21, to the cultivation of which he devotes his time. He has resided upon his farm for eighteen years with the exception of two years, which he spent in Oskaloosa, Iowa, where he engaged in the coal business and where he was also connected with a brick factory. He follows up-to-date methods in farming and his well directed efforts yield him a handsome income annually. In addition to general farming he carries on stock-raising and feeds about two earloads of cattle per year. He is also a stockholder in the Odd Fellows building at Fontanelle.

Mr. Morgan was married on the 20th of October, 1890, to Miss Ida A. Rice, a daughter of Wilbur and Lavilla (Scott) Rice, natives of Pennsylvania, who came to Adair county, Iowa, in 1899 from Monroe, this state. The father purchased land which his sons cultivated, while he followed the blacksmith's trade. During the Civil war he served at the front for a year as a member of an Illinois volunteer regiment. He passed away on the 6th of December, 1901, but is survived by his widow, who makes her home at Wiota, Cass county. Mr. and Mrs. Morgan are the parents of nine children, namely: Fred, who was born July 10, 1891; Grace, born February 4, 1894, and who is now the wife of Charles Rhodes, of Fontanelle; Goldie, born December 6, 1895, who gave her hand in marriage to William Haughenberry, a farmer of Prussia township; Elsie, born December 4, 1897; Elmer, September 5,

1900; Lyman, September 22, 1903; Violet, February 5, 1907; and Irene and Inez, twins, November 14, 1910.

The republican party has a loyal and consistent supporter in Mr. Morgan and he has served as chairman of the township committee of that party. He has also been a school director and takes a great deal of interest in the welfare of the public schools. His religious faith is that of the Methodist church and fraternally he belongs to the Odd Fellows lodge at Fontanelle. He is recognized as an efficient and enterprising agriculturist and as a good citizen, and all who know him respect him highly.

FRANCIS LUTHER FRITZ.

Francis Luther Fritz, a well known and successful farmer and stock-raiser of section 20, Prussia township, was born in Cedar county, Iowa, on the 2d of July, 1858. His parents, Ludwick and Sarah (Wert) Fritz, were born respectively in Pennsylvania of German ancestry and in Ohio of Yankee stock. The father, who was a farmer by occupation, removed to Cedar county, Iowa, in the early '50s and there purchased land, which he cultivated until he removed with his family to Madison county, where he continued to follow agricultural pursuits until his demise, which occurred on Christmas Day, 1892. His wife passed away in that county in June, 1895. They were the parents of eight children, namely: Francis Luther; David W., deceased; John, a resident of Cass county, Iowa; Joseph, who is living in South Dakota; Mary, who resides in Colorado; Edmund, of Winterset, Iowa; Allie, a resident of Nebraska; and Clarence, who lives near Menlo, Iowa.

Francis Luther Fritz was educated in the common schools of Cedar and Madison counties, this state, and remained at home, assisting with the work of the farm, until he was twenty-two years of age. He then rented land in Madison county, which he operated on his own account until 1882. In that year he removed to Adair county and rented land here until 1894, when he purchased his present farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 20, Prussia township. He has since resided upon that place and has made all the improvements thereon, remodeling the residence, building barns and outbuildings and planting trees, all of which has greatly enhanced the value of the place. He carries on general farming and is meeting with gratifying success in that connection. He also breeds full blooded Poland China hogs and high grade cattle and horses and each year feeds many head of hogs which he sells to the shippers.

Mr. Fritz was married in March, 1892, to Miss Sarah Pope, a daughter of Eliphalet and Prudence (Shaver) Pope, natives, respectively, of New York and of Pennsylvania. The father removed to Wisconsin in an early day in the history of that state and there taught school for a number of years. Subsequently he went to Henry County, Illinois, locating at Oxford, where he continued to follow the profession of teaching until 1883. In that year he came to Adair county, Iowa, and purchased eighty acres of land in Prussia township. During the first two winters after his arrival here he taught country school but at the end of that time concentrated his entire attention upon the cultivation of his land. In 1907 he retired from active life and removed to Fontanelle, where he resided until his demise in March, 1910.

His widow is now living in California. To Mr. and Mrs. Fritz have been born the following children: Ethel Z., whose birth occurred June 14, 1893, and who will graduate in music from Grinnell College at Grinnell in 1916; Earl, born August 26, 1894, who is at home; Albert, born July 19, 1899, who graduated from the eighth grade from district No. 4, of Prussia township, with the class of 1914 and who is at home; and Frances, who died when eleven months old.

Mr. Fritz, who is a republican, takes an active interest in both local and national politics and at the last two elections served as a member of the election board. Both he and his wife hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, which indicates the principles which govern their lives. Both are highly esteemed in their community and have many warm personal friends.

JOHN W. HEMPHILL.

Two hundred and forty acres of fine land on section 18, Prussia township, pays tribute to the care and cultivation which its owner, John W. Hemphill, bestows upon it, and its excellent condition testifies to his energy and good management. He was born in Pike county, Missouri, February 29, 1872, of the marriage of James and Mary (Humphrey) Hemphill, an account of whose lives appears in the sketch of O. H. Hemphill.

Our subject passed the days of his boyhood and youth in Jasper, Cass and Adair counties, Iowa. His parents removed to Jasper county in a very early day, subsequently took up their residence in Cass county and came to this county in 1885. Mr. Hemphill of this review remained under the parental roof until he attained his majority and then began his independent career by renting land in Eureka and Prussia townships. He farmed land belonging to others for about twelve years but in the meantime carefully saved his money with the aim of eventually purchasing land. At length he bought two hundred and twenty-five acres in Jackson township at ninety dollars per acre and two years later sold the farm for one hundred and twenty-five dollars per acre. He then purchased his present place, which comprises two hundred and forty acres on section 18, Prussia township, and he has since concentrated his energies upon the development of his farm. He grows the usual crops but also raises thoroughbred Duroc-Jersey hogs and high grade Aberdeen Angus cattle. Both his farming and stock-raising interests are well managed and both yield him a good profit.

Mr. Hemphill was married on the 25th of November, 1903, to Miss Ella Giles, a daughter of John and Mary (Lehman) Giles, natives respectively of Henry county, Illinois, and of Germany. They removed to Adair county about 1880, and the father, who was a farmer by occupation, purchased land in Walnut township, which he improved and operated until his failing health compelled him to retire from active life. He died on the 24th of July, 1914. His widow is now living in Canby, Iowa. The paternal grandfather of Mrs. Hemphill passed away during the Civil war in Andersonville prison. She received a good education, attending the Earlham Academy, and was for some time a teacher in the rural schools of Adair county. Mr. and Mrs. Hemphill have three children: Bernard LeRoy, ten years of age; Donald Wayne, six years old; and Hilma Leone, an infant.

Mr. Hemphill supports the republican party at the polls and in religious faith adheres to the Friends church. He is enterprising and progressive and the gratifying measure of success which he has gained is well deserved. His conduct has always measured up to high standards of morality and his circle of friends is almost coextensive with that of his acquaintances.

GEORGE GRUBER.

During more than three decades George Gruber has lived on his present place of two hundred acres on section 11, Eureka township, which he now owns and operates. His birth occurred in Henry county, Iowa, in July, 1871, his parents being Andrew and Mary J. (McCully) Gruber. The father, a native of Germany, learned the blacksmith's trade in that land and emigrated to the United States in 1852, locating in Henry county, Iowa, where he conducted a blacksmith shop in the country for a number of years. In 1883 he came to Adair county, Iowa, and here lived retired with his children until called to his final rest in June, 1903. To him and his wife were born thirteen children, seven of whom survive, namely: Robert; Maggie; Ellen; Sadie; Lillian; George, of this review; and Mary, who keeps house for our subject.

George Gruber was a youth of twelve years when he came to this county with his parents and has remained within its borders continuously since. He early became familiar with the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist, as he assisted in the operation of the home farm, and he has been engaged in the work of the fields throughout his entire business career. When his father died he fell heir to a tract of eighty acres on section 11, Eureka township, subsequently extending the boundaries of his farm by purchase until he now owns two hundred acres of rich and productive land on that section. He has greatly enhanced the value of the property by making excellent improvements and in its operation has won a well merited measure of success, annually gathering good crops which find a ready sale on the market.

Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise Mr. Gruber has supported the men and measures of the democracy, believing firmly in its principles. His religious faith is that of the Lutheran church. He is well known among his fellow-citizens and the fact that many of his best friends are those who have known him longest is an indication that his salient characteristics are such as inspire and hold regard, esteem and goodwill.

ALBERT R. HANDLEY.

Albert R. Handley, who is well known in this county, is successfully operating an excellent farm on section 17, Prussia township. He was born in Carroll county, August 2, 1879, and is a son of Richard G. and Eliza (Blazer) Handley, the former a native of West Virginia and the latter of Pennsylvania. The father was taken to Cedar county, Iowa, by his parents when he was a small boy and there grew to manhood. On beginning his independent career he farmed in Carroll county, but a

year later removed to Adair county and purchased one hundred and sixty acres in Prussia township. Subsequently he bought an additional eighty-acre tract and gave his time to the cultivation of his land until 1910, when he removed to Tulsa, Oklahoma, where he is now living. He has long survived his wife, who died in 1889.

Albert R. Handley was reared and educated in this county and received good educational advantages, as, after completing the high-school course, he entered the Highland Park College of Des Moines. He paid his own way through school by working as a farm hand for fourteen dollars per month. In his early manhood he also worked for some time on the railroad and was also employed in packing houses and on boats. In 1906 he removed to his father-in-law's place in Prussia township, which he has since operated. In addition to growing the usual crops he raises stock, feeding about a carload of cattle per year.

On the 9th of March, 1904, occurred the marriage of Mr. Handley and Miss Mabel Zook, who is a daughter of J. S. and Adeline (Law) Zook, natives respectively of Pennsylvania and of Illinois. In 1878 they came to Adair county and the father purchased land in Eureka township, which he operated until 1904, when he retired and removed to Adair, where he is still living. He owns four hundred and eighty acres of fine land in Eureka and Prussia townships and is one of the well-to-do men of the county. Mr. and Mrs. Handley have become the parents of four children: Ernest; Elsie; Maude; and Granville, who died in June, 1913.

Mr. Handley is a stalwart supporter of the democratic party and takes a keen interest in public affairs. He is now serving as secretary of the school board and in that capacity is doing much to further the progress of the local schools. Fraternally he belongs to the subordinate lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and his religious faith is that of the Methodist church. He is one of the energetic and progressive young farmers of Prussia township and is meeting with a gratifying measure of success in his chosen occupation.

JOHN ZIMMERLINE.

John Zimmerline, one of the successful farmers of Prussia township, was born in Germany, March 3, 1853. His parents, Henry and Barbara Zimmerline, were also natives of that country and the father engaged in wagon making there until 1859, when he emigrated with his family to America. They located in Bureau county, Illinois, where he purchased land which he operated for eleven years. At the end of that time a removal was made to Lee county, that state, and there he farmed until his demise in 1890. His widow survived him for ten years.

John Zimmerline passed the greater part of his boyhood and youth in Bureau county, Illinois, as he was but six years of age when the family located there. He received his education in the public schools and remained under the parental roof until he attained his majority. He then rented land in Lee county, Illinois, for four years, but in March, 1879, came to Adair county, Iowa. After operating leased land in this county for twenty-one years he purchased his present farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Prussia township, to the cultivation of which he devotes his energies. He has made a number of improvements upon his place, which is one of the valuable properties of his township, and is meeting with gratifying success in

farming and stockraising. He also owns stock in the Farmers Lumber Company of Casey.

In September, 1876, Mr. Zimmerline was married to Miss Rose Longbine, a daughter of Nicholas Longbine, a native of Germany, who became an early settler of Lee county, Illinois, where he spent the remainder of his life. He died in 1884 and his wife passed away when their daughter, Mrs. Zimmerline, was but a small child. Mr. and Mrs. Zimmerline have become the parents of nine children, eight of whom are living: William, John, Peter, Edward, George, Barbara, Adelia and Rose. Charles is deceased.

Mr. Zimmerline casts his ballot in support of the candidates and principles of the democratic party but has never desired to hold office. He guides his life by the teachings of the German Lutheran church, of which he is a member and to the support of which he contributes. During the many years that he has resided in this county he has gained the respect of all who have come into contact with him and the warm friendship of many.

FREDERICK S. WHITTUM.

For seven years Frederick S. Whittum has been engaged in the operation of an excellent farm of three hundred and twenty acres in Jefferson township and he also has other agricultural interests. In a word, he is one of the most progressive and enterprising farmers of the county, keeping in touch with all modern methods, so that his labors produce excellent results in the cultivation of his fields. He was born in Lincoln township, this county, October 11, 1881, his father being George D. Whittum, of whom extended mention is made elsewhere in this volume. His youthful days were largely devoted to the attainment of a good English education in the district schools and in the Stuart high school, from which he was graduated with the class of 1901. He subsequently entered Grinnell College, which he attended for one year and then returned home, after which he was busily engaged in farm work for two or three years. At the end of that time he entered the Capital City Commercial College in Des Moines and was graduated therefrom with the class of 1908.

On reaching manhood Frederick S. Whittum became associated with his father in a cooperative way in the further development and improvement of the home farm, but in 1908 he took up his abode on what is known as the old William Easton farm of three hundred and twenty acres in Jefferson township, which belongs to his father, and for the past seven years he has devoted his time and energies to its operation. He also continues to cooperate with his father and brother Arthur in their agricultural enterprises, the interests of the three being mutual. He is actuated in all that he does by the spirit of enterprise and advancement and his intelligently directed labors, productive of good results, have made him one of the foremost agriculturists of the county. He specializes in feeding stock, handling two carloads of cattle annually, and he also raises, feeds and sells from two to three carloads of Poland China hogs each year. He feeds all of the grain which he raises and buys much more.

In his political views Mr. Whittum is a republican and reading keeps him in touch with the vital questions and issues of the day, but while he is interested in

the political situation, he does not seek nor desire the rewards of office, preferring to give his undivided attention to his farming activities, which are of an important and extensive character and which have gained him recognition as one of the leading and successful representatives of farm life in Adair county.

W. S. RITTER.

W. S. Ritter, residing on section 35, Grand River township, is widely recognized as a representative and enterprising agriculturist of the community. His birth occurred in Indiana on the 3d of April, 1866, his parents being Elijah and Elizabeth Ritter, likewise natives of the Hoosier state. In 1874 they took up their abode in Madison county, Iowa, later located in Dallas county, this state, and in 1878 returned to Madison county, there spending the remainder of their lives.

W. S. Ritter enjoyed the advantages of a high-school education in his youth and spent the period of his minority under the parental roof. Starting out as an agriculturist on his own account, he purchased a farm on section 35, Grand River township, the operation of which has claimed his time and energies continuously since. He has erected good buildings on the place and in connection with the cultivation of cereals devotes considerable attention to the raising and feeding of stock, meeting with a gratifying measure of success in his undertakings.

On the 24th of January, 1897, Mr. Ritter was united in marriage to Miss Flora L. Savage, a native of Adair county, Iowa, and a daughter of Joel Ellis and Charlotte I. (Collins) Savage, of whom more extended mention is made on another page of this work in connection with the sketch of E. E. Savage, a brother of Mrs. Ritter. To Mr. and Mrs. Ritter were born two children, Delmar W. and Gertrude, the latter being now deceased. The wife and mother was called to her final rest on the 9th of February, 1915, and lies buried in the Grand River cemetery. She was a member of the Congregational church, in the work of which she ever took an active and helpful part and to which her husband also belonged.

Mr. Ritter gives his political allegiance to the republican party and has served in the capacity of school director for eight years. His long residence in this county has made him widely known, while his sterling traits of character have gained for him the high regard of all with whom he has come in contact.

B. F. SWARTZ.

B. F. Swartz, who is engaged in farming on section 2, Jefferson township, was born in Fulton county, Illinois, on the 21st of July, 1844, his parents being Jacob and Lydia (Vaughn) Swartz, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of Virginia. Some time following their marriage they came west to Illinois, settling in Vermont, Fulton county. The father was a shoemaker by trade and followed that pursuit in the town of Vermont for many years.

There in the town schools B. F. Swartz pursued his education, and when the Civil war was in progress he responded to the country's call for troops, enlisting in



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the spring of 1864, when a youth of nineteen years, as a member of Company G, Sixteenth Illinois Volunteer Infantry. He was with Sherman on the celebrated march to the sea, which proved the weakness of the southern Confederacy, showing that the troops had been brought from the interior to protect the border. He took part in a number of important engagements, serving until the close of hostilities and then returning to his home with a creditable military record. When the war was over he again went to Vermont, Illinois, but soon afterward removed to Mason county, that state, where he was subsequently married to Miss Mary Ann Morfoot, of that county. About 1872 they removed to Iowa, settling in Boone county, and after some years became residents of Dallas county. Afterward they resided successively in Audubon, Pocahontas and Madison counties, and in 1908 came to Adair county, at which time Mr. Swartz purchased his present home farm, comprising one hundred and sixty acres in Jefferson township. He owns this farm in partnership with his two sons, Charles Edward and William Frederick, who are very active in improving and developing the place, rendering valuable aid to their father.

Mr. Swartz proudly wears the little bronze button that indicates his membership in the Grand Army of the Republic, his affiliation being with the post at Audubon. He is independent in his political views, voting according to the dictates of his judgment and not according to party ties. He is recognized as one of the substantial men of Jefferson township, esteemed for his personal worth, his business ability, his loyalty in matters of citizenship, and for his pleasant social qualities, which have gained him many friends.

JOHN W. NORTON.

John W. Norton, who owns a quarter section of fine land in Prussia township, is specializing in the raising of full-blooded Aberdeen Angus cattle and Berkshire hogs and has gained an enviable reputation in that connection. He was born in Jackson township, this county, on the 10th of February, 1868, and is a son of Norman and Elvira (Lewis) Norton, both natives of New York. They came to Adair county in 1861 and purchased land in Jackson township, which the father cultivated until 1894. He then retired from active life and removed to Bridgewater, which remained his home until 1912, in which year he removed to Chicago, where he is now residing. His first wife passed away in April, 1885, and in 1890 he was united in marriage to Miss Mary Brunner, of Beloit, Kansas, who died in the fall of 1911 and was buried at Eureka Center.

John W. Norton was reared under the parental roof and received his education in the schools of Jackson township and of Fontanelle. He remained with his parents until he was twenty-six years of age, when his marriage occurred. As his father then retired, our subject continued to reside upon the home place, which he operated for six years. At the end of that time he purchased one hundred and sixty acres on section 20, Prussia township, where he has since made his home. The farm was improved when it came into his possession, but he has still further developed it and it is one of the valuable places of his township. He carries on general farming and stock-raising but pays especial attention to the breeding of thoroughbred Aberdeen Angus cattle and Berkshire hogs. He is enterprising and progressive and his well

directed labors yield him a good annual income. He also owns stock in the Farmers Mutual Telephone Company and the Farmers Lumber Company of Fontanelle.

Mr. Norton was united in marriage in February, 1894, to Miss Minnie Underwood, a daughter of Rufus and Lucy (Princ) Underwood, natives of Illinois, who removed to this county about 1875. The father purchased a farm in Eureka township which he has since operated. The mother also survives. Mr. and Mrs. Norton have one child, Istia, nineteen years of age, who is attending school at Creston.

The republican party has in Mr. Norton a stalwart supporter, and he is equally loyal to the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he holds membership. He devotes the greater part of his time to farm work but is always ready to cooperate in movements seeking the advancement of his community, and his public spirit, ability and probity have gained him the sincere respect of all who know him.

WILLIAM HENRY TANNATT.

William Henry Tannatt, who is engaged in farming and stock-raising on section 7, Prussia township, is widely known as a breeder of thoroughbred Poland China hogs and fine horses. He was born in Madison county, New York, November 16, 1855, and is a son of John and Amanda (Hamblin) Tannatt. The father was born in Wales and there learned the shoemaker's trade. After emigrating to the United States he enlisted in the Union army and died while in the service. He was married in New York to Miss Hamblin, who was a native of that state, born of Yankee stock. When our subject was eleven years old she removed to Illinois, where she later married David Jones and where her demise occurred.

In 1881 William Henry Tannatt removed to Adair county, Iowa, and located in Prussia township. After renting land for four years he accumulated sufficient capital to enable him to purchase an eighty acre tract, the nucleus of his present home farm. He has since added to his holdings and now owns two hundred and forty acres of excellent land. He also rents other land which he operates. About thirty years ago he began to breed full-blooded Poland China hogs and high grade horses and ever since removing to Iowa has had a number of fine animals. He breeds and sells both for market and for breeding purposes, and now owns Thumper Chief, No. 10364 (25711), a fine Shire horse imported from England; Robert, No. 69711, a Percheron; and King, a mammoth jack.

On the 20th of December, 1883, Mr. Tannatt was united in marriage to Miss Ella Benn, who was born in Will county, Illinois, July 22, 1863, a daughter of John and Mary (Hall) Benn, both natives of Yorkshire, England, where their marriage occurred. In the late '40s they emigrated to America and located in Oswego, Illinois, but a year later they removed to Will county, that state, where the father purchased land, to the cultivation of which he devoted his time and energy. Both he and his wife passed away on that place. To Mr. and Mrs. Tannatt have been born six children: Eugene, whose birth occurred on the 6th of October, 1885, and who is now stationary engineer at the creamery in Greenfield; Clara, born March 24, 1887, who is a graduate of the Fontanelle high school and is teaching in Prussia township; Everett, born October 22, 1888, who helps his father with the work of the farm; Ray, born August 12, 1890, who is also assisting his father; Blanche, born August

18, 1893, at home; and Eva, who was born June 26, 1897, and will graduate from the Fontanelle high school with the class of 1916.

Mr. Tannatt is a republican in his political belief, and has served as school director. He supports the Methodist Episcopal church and cooperates with various movements seeking the welfare of his community. He has gained a gratifying measure of success in farming and stock-raising and is recognized as one of the enterprising and progressive residents of his township.

WILLIAM H. MORGAN.

William H. Morgan is successfully operating his excellent farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 15, Prussia township. A native of Missouri, he was born in Nodaway county, August 6, 1867, of the marriage of William W. and Jane A. (Pierce) Morgan, natives respectively of Vermont and New York. The father became an early settler of Missouri and there purchased land, to the cultivation of which he devoted his time until the outbreak of the Civil war. He then put aside all personal considerations and enlisted with a Missouri regiment, serving at the front for four years. On the restoration of peace he returned home and continued to farm in Missouri until 1872, when he came to Adair county, Iowa, and bought forty acres of land in Eureka township, to which he subsequently added another forty acre tract. After farming that place for many years he retired and removed to Adair, where he lived until called by death on the 2d of April, 1913, when eighty-nine years of age. His wife died in 1895, when seventy-three years of age.

William H. Morgan grew to manhood in Eureka township and attended the public schools there in the acquirement of an education. He remained with his parents, giving his father the benefit of his labor until he was twenty-two years of age. He then rented land, which he operated for three years, after which he purchased the old homestead. He farmed that place until 1903, when he traded it in on his present farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 15, Prussia township. He immediately took up his residence there and has since made many improvements thereon. He carries on general farming and stock-raising and his land yields him a good annual return. He is also a stockholder in the Farmers Mutual Telephone Company.

Mr. Morgan was united in marriage on the 16th of April, 1893, to Miss Eva Morrison, a daughter of William and Sarah (Hunchback) Morrison, natives respectively of Wisconsin and England. The father, who was a farmer, came to Adair county with his family in 1872 and purchased land near Fontanelle, which he operated for a considerable time. At length he sold out and removed to Fontanelle, where he worked at the wagon maker's trade during the remainder of his life. His wife is also deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Morgan have become the parents of three children: Blanche, who is attending college at Cedar Falls, Iowa; Mabel, in school; and Sylvia, deceased.

Mr. Morgan casts his ballot in support of the candidates and measures of the republican party, and he has served for a number of years as a member of the school board, of which he has been president for the last four years. Fraternaly he belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and his religious faith is

indicated by his membership in the Methodist Episcopal church. He is guided by high standards of ethics and his influence is always on the side of right and justice. He is well and favorably known throughout the county and has made many warm personal friends.

AUGUST FERBER.

Among those who are successfully engaged in general farming and stock-raising in Prussia township is August Ferber, who owns and operates an excellent farm on section 14. A native of Iowa, his birth occurred in Guthrie county on the 16th of August, 1875, and his parents are William and Wilhelmina (Blohm) Ferber, both natives of Germany. They emigrated to America in 1875 and settled in Guthrie county, where the father, who was by occupation a farmer, rented land for a time. In 1880 they came to Adair county and located on an eighty acre tract in Prussia township which the father purchased. He has added to his holdings from time to time and now owns two hundred and eighty acres in that township, on which he and his wife still reside.

August Ferber attended the public schools of Prussia township in the acquirement of his education and remained at home, giving his father the benefit of his labor, until he was twenty-seven years of age. He then purchased eighty acres near the homestead and cultivated his land for five years, after which he sold that place and removed to his present farm, which comprises one hundred and sixty acres on sections 14 and 23, Prussia township. He gives his entire attention to agricultural work and his energy and practical methods insure him of a good annual return from his land.

On the 5th of November, 1902, occurred the marriage of Mr. Ferber and Miss Lucy Hofmann, a daughter of Nicklas and Barbara Hofmann, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work. To Mr. and Mrs. Ferber have been born six children: Harley, born February 13, 1905; Louis, born June 19, 1906; Harry, whose birth occurred on the 13th of December, 1908; Ida, born October 14, 1909; Oscar, July 21, 1911; and Edna, January 3, 1913.

Mr. Ferber is a democrat in his political belief and for two terms served as school director of district No. 1, of Prussia township. His religious faith is that of the German Lutheran church, of which he is a member and whose teachings form the guiding principles of his life. His genuine worth has gained him the sincere respect of those who have come in contact with him, and he has made and held many warm personal friends.

GEORGE D. WHITTUM.

George D. Whittum, a prosperous and highly esteemed citizen of Adair county, has lived on his home place on section 19, Lincoln township, for the past forty-six years and is now in possession of more than eight hundred acres of valuable land in Jefferson and Lincoln townships. His birth occurred in Lewiston, Maine, on the

12th of March, 1840, his parents being Daniel and Betsey (Statson) Whittum, who spent their entire lives in the Pine Tree state.

George D. Whittum acquired his education in the district schools, and after attaining his majority worked as a farm hand by the month until 1869, when he left his native state and came west to Iowa. In Adair county he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of raw prairie land in Lincoln township and on this property he has resided continuously to the present time, giving his attention to its cultivation and improvement. In later years he has augmented his holdings by additional purchase from time to time until he now owns over eight hundred acres of land in Lincoln and Jefferson townships—the most fertile and richest section of the county. Mr. Whittum has cultivated the cereals best adapted to soil and climate and has also been extensively engaged in stock-raising, now making a specialty of Black Polled Angus cattle. His undertakings have been attended with a highly gratifying and well merited measure of prosperity.

On the 8th of October, 1872, Mr. Whittum was united in marriage to Miss Emma Easton, a daughter of William H. Easton, who came to this county from Illinois in 1855 and took up his abode in Jefferson township. He is now a resident of Oklahoma. To Mr. and Mrs. Whittum have been born five children, as follows: Charles D. and Alton S., both of whom are deceased; Fred S., who operates his father's half-section farm in Jefferson township; Arthur H., who cultivates the home place; and Clara E., at home.

Mr. Whittum cast his first vote for Abraham Lincoln and has since supported the men and measures of the republican party, believing firmly in its principles. He has never sought nor desired the honors and emoluments of office, but has ably served as township trustee and member of the school board. His religious faith is that of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which his wife is also a consistent and valued member. He has now passed the seventy-fifth milestone on life's journey and his career has ever been such that he is numbered among the most respected and leading citizens of his community.

JOHN M. BUTLER.

A farm of two hundred acres on section 5, Eureka township, pays tribute to John M. Butler for the care and labor which he bestows upon it. He has been a resident of Iowa from the age of ten years, his birth, however, having occurred in Pennsylvania on the 9th of February, 1857. His parents, William and Jane A. (Allott) Butler, were natives of England and on coming to America in 1848 the father settled in Pennsylvania. He was a coal miner and also engaged in mining iron ore. He worked in the mines of the Keystone state until 1867, when he arrived in Iowa, taking up his abode in Jasper county, where he purchased a tract of land and began farming—an occupation in which he had previously had no experience. He continued to cultivate his land until 1882, when he sold out and came to Adair county, becoming owner of farm property in Eureka township. His remaining days were given to its further development and cultivation and to his place he added many modern improvements, making it very attractive in appearance. He died in March, 1896, while his wife survived until September, 1900. They were the parents

of six children, of whom four are deceased: Robert A., William L., Alta M. and Joseph W. The living are: Sarah, now the wife of William Rater, residing in Summit township; and John M.

The last named spent the first ten years of his life in his native state and then accompanied his parents to Iowa. The education which he had begun in the schools of Pennsylvania was continued in the public schools of Jasper county. He started out to earn his own living by working in a coal bank in Jasper county, spending the winter in that way, while the summer seasons were devoted to farm work. He has earned his own living since a youth in his teens. In 1878, when twenty-one years of age, he removed to Phillips county, Kansas, where he secured a claim which he held for three and a half years. Abandoning this, he came back to Iowa, where he farmed for one year and then removed to Adair county with his parents, after which he engaged in farming with his father until the home place was paid for. At that time John M. Butler rented land which he continued to cultivate for several years. He next purchased forty acres of land on section 5, Eureka township, and has since bought two additional eighty acre tracts on the same section, so that he now has a farm of two hundred acres there. This he has since cultivated and improved, with the exception of six years spent in the hardware business at Adair. He works hard, nor is he afraid of that close attention to detail so necessary as a factor in success. He also owns eighty acres of the old homestead on section 4.

In November, 1894, Mr. Butler was united in marriage to Miss Clara E. Gaines, a daughter of Darius and Vashti (Cherrington) Gaines, who were natives of Ohio but became residents of Adair county, easting in their lot with its citizens in the spring of 1886. Mr. Gaines was a farmer and devoted his remaining days to the cultivation of land in this county. He died in April, 1908, but his widow survives.

To Mr. and Mrs. Butler have been born four children: Edith, William, Irene and Robert. The religious faith of the family is that of the Methodist church, and in political belief Mr. Butler is a republican. Fraternaly he is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and high and honorable principles govern him in all of his relations with his fellowmen. In business affairs he has never been known to take advantage of the necessities of others, but has ever been found thoroughly reliable in all of his undertakings. He leads a busy life in the care and development of his place. Early spring finds him at work in the fields, and he is busily engaged until crops are harvested in the late autumn, his work bringing to him a success which is the reward of earnest, persistent effort intelligently directed.

WILLIAM ROBERT LEWIS.

William Robert Lewis, a young and successful farmer residing on section 31, Prussia township, is a native of this county, his birth having occurred in Jackson township on the old Lewis homestead, December 6, 1882. He is a son of Truman L. and Julia D. (Taylor) Lewis, natives respectively of the state of New York and of Wisconsin. The father is of French and English descent and the mother comes of Scotch ancestry. They were married in Jackson township, this county, and there resided until 1899, when the father retired from agricultural pursuits and they removed to Fontanelle, where they are still living.

William R. Lewis attended the common schools in Jackson township and the high school in Fontanelle and during his boyhood and youth also helped to farm the home place. Following his marriage in 1905 he rented the Nick Ritter farm in Prussia township for one year, and then for two years operated the Brown estate farm in Eureka township. In 1909 he purchased eighty acres on section 31, Prussia township, and removed to the Halsey homestead, which adjoins his land. He still lives upon that place and operates both farms and an additional one hundred and forty acres, making three hundred acres in all. He carries on general farming and also gives considerable attention to the raising of high grade shorthorn cattle and Poland China hogs for the market.

Mr. Lewis was married on the 20th of December, 1905, at the Halsey homestead by Rev. W. H. Doyle, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church of Fontanelle, to Miss Gladys P. Halsey, a daughter of Albert and Frances (Pope) Halsey. Her father, who was born in Ohio, removed to Adair county in 1870 and purchased the farm in Prussia township upon which our subject now resides. Mr. Halsey continued to operate that place until 1909, when he retired and removed to Fontanelle, where he and his wife are still living. She is a native of Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis have two children: Florence, born February 8, 1907, who is a pupil in the District No. 3 school of Summerset township; and Albert, who was born July 24, 1911.

Mr. Lewis is a republican and takes the interest of a good citizen in the affairs of local government. He is an Odd Fellow, and both he and his wife belong to the Rebekah lodge at Fontanelle. Both are also identified with the Methodist Episcopal church at that place. He is an energetic and progressive young farmer and the gratifying measure of success which he has gained in his chosen occupation is due entirely to his ability and industry.

WILLIAM WALTER LANE.

The farming interests of Prussia township find a worthy representative in William Walter Lane, who is operating the old Lane homestead comprising two hundred and forty acres and is also renting an additional tract. He is a native son of this township, born May 1, 1888, of the marriage of Josiah and Sarah (Lowe) Lane, the former a native of Indiana and the latter of North Carolina. In an early day the father came to Adair county and purchased land in Harrison township, but after remaining there for some time he disposed of his holdings and purchased land in Prussia township, his possessions comprising two hundred and forty acres on section 27. This land he improved and, with the exception of three years' service in the Civil war, he was continuously engaged in agricultural pursuits until 1900, when he retired and removed to Greenfield, where he has since made his home. While at the front he received injuries which left him a cripple for life.

William Walter Lane was reared on the home farm and was early trained to the tasks that fall to the lot of the farm lad. He supplemented the knowledge he had gained in the rural schools by four years' attendance at the Greenfield schools and on completing his studies he rented his father's land and has since been engaged

in farming. The home place comprises two hundred and forty acres, and in addition he rents fifty-five acres near by, so that he is farming on an extensive scale. He follows modern methods of agriculture and annually gathers abundant crops as a reward for his labors.

On the 21st of December, 1910, occurred the marriage of Mr. Lane and Miss Dora Hepler, a daughter of Stuart and Mary (Harris) Hepler, who were pioneer settlers of Adair county, where the father engaged in farming throughout a long period. He passed away here in 1895 but the mother survives and now makes her home in Fontanelle. To Mr. and Mrs. Lane have been born three children: Mildred H., three years of age; Loretta C., two years old; and Evelyn D., but a few weeks old.

Politically Mr. Lane is a democrat. He is a young man of enterprise and business ability and has a host of friends in the county where his entire life has been spent, and all who know him either in business or social relations have for him the warmest regard.

JULIUS PETERS.

Julius Peters lives on section 14, Jefferson township, and has long occupied this farm. A beautiful grove of maple trees of his own planting is one of the attractive features of the place and various improvements indicate the care and progressiveness with which he has carried on his farm work. He was born in North Peoria, Illinois, February 17, 1843, and is a son of James and Alice (Giles) Peters, the former a native of England and the latter of Wales. They came to America when young and were married in Peoria county, Illinois. The great-grandfather was at one time a soldier of the English army, the grandfather on the maternal side was one of the soldiers that guarded Napoleon I at St. Helena, and the grandmother washed Napoleon's clothes there. The father engaged in brick making in Peoria for some time after his arrival in the new world, but subsequently settled upon a farm in Peoria county, and still later purchased a farm near Princeville, which he occupied for several years. Eventually he took up his abode in the village of Princeville, where both he and his wife spent their remaining days. In their family were eleven children, of whom the following survive: James, now a resident of Adair county; Julius; George, who makes his home in Des Moines, Iowa; Mary, who for twenty years has been a missionary in China and is now superintendent of day schools there; Sarah, who has devoted thirty years of her life to missionary work in China; William, who is engaged in farming near Sac City, Iowa; and Thomas, who makes his home upon a farm near Ravenswood, Missouri.

Julius Peters spent his youthful days in the home of his parents, and after attaining his majority began farming on his own account on a tract of rented land in Peoria county, Illinois. He was thus engaged until he enlisted for service in the Civil war, becoming a member of Company H, Fourteenth Illinois Infantry, responding to the last call. He served for seven months and was with Sherman on the celebrated march to the sea, being mustered out at Leavenworth, Kansas, following the close of hostilities. He then returned to Peoria county and in the following spring removed to Adair county, settling on the farm on which he now resides on section



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14, Jefferson township. He has greatly improved the place upon which he lived for a number of years, but at length he sold out and returned to Illinois, where he continued for a year. At the end of that time, however, he once more came to Adair county and took up his abode upon the farm which is still his home. He has made excellent improvements, rebuilding fences, erecting substantial buildings and setting out trees, while the work of the fields has been carefully and systematically carried on, with the result that good crops have annually rewarded his labors.

Mr. Peters returned to Illinois for his bride, being married in 1873 to Mrs. Antoinette (Alford) Robinson, who was born in Peoria county, Illinois, a daughter of Moses and Almira (Wells) Alford, both of whom were natives of Connecticut. In early life, however, they removed westward to Peoria county and settled on a farm, where their remaining days were passed. In their family were eight children, three of whom survive. To Mr. and Mrs. Peters was born a son, Myron Julius, whose birth occurred on the homestead farm in Jefferson township, November 3rd, 1876. He lived with his father until he reached man's estate and then took charge of the old homestead. He and his father now own the property together, comprising three hundred and twenty acres of valuable land, constituting one of the finest farms in Jefferson township. In 1905 he married Miss Jennie Viola Starr, a native of Washington county, Iowa, and a daughter of George W. and Maria T. (Hyatt) Starr, the former a native of Indiana, and the latter of Ohio. They became residents of Washington county, Iowa, at an early period in its development and afterward removed to Shelby county, this state, where the father carried on agricultural pursuits for a considerable period. Later he retired and removed to Stuart, Iowa, where he passed away, but the mother is still living. To Mr. and Mrs. Myron J. Peters have been born three children: Velma Leola, Carl Frederick and Ruth Gwendolyn. Mrs. Julius Peters passed away in 1911 and was laid to rest in the Jefferson Center cemetery, her death being the occasion of deep and widespread regret, for she had many warm friends throughout this part of the county.

In his political views Julius Peters has been a stalwart republican since age conferred upon him the right of franchise, but he has never sought nor desired public office. He has served as school director and the cause of education finds in him a stalwart champion. He has always been a consistent and faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal church and his has been an active and useful life guided by honorable principles and fraught with good results.

C. W. GARNER.

C. W. Garner, who resides on section 14, Washington township and owns and operates three hundred and eighty-seven acres of excellent land, is a native of that township and was born on the 28th of November, 1876. His parents, Peter L. and Martha (Boswell) Garner, were natives respectively of eastern Iowa and of Illinois. The mother accompanied her parents to Iowa when a child and the family home was established in Adams county. Mr. and Mrs. Peter L. Garner were married in that county but soon afterward removed to Adair county, where he had come with his parents as a boy of about seven years, the Garner family being one of the first to settle in Washington township. He continued to farm in that township, with

the exception of one year, until 1897, when he removed to Bridgewater, where he still makes his home.

C. W. Garner entered the district schools at the usual age and there acquired his education. Following his marriage in 1897 he began farming for himself, renting the homestead for two years. At the end of that time his finances were in such condition that he was able to purchase one hundred and forty-nine acres of land on section 14, Washington township, and later he acquired title to an adjoining quarter section. In 1912 he traded eighty acres of this farm in on his present home farm and he now holds title to three hundred and eighty-seven acres of rich land. He has gained financial independence and aside from his landed holdings in this county he owns a city residence and two town lots in Moosejaw, Saskatchewan, Canada, where he spent the summers of 1906-07 and the winter intervening. He likewise owns stock in the Farmers Mutual Telephone Company.

Mr. Garner was married December 29, 1897, to Miss Sarah P. Steward, of Washington township, a daughter of Horatio Steward, who is now living retired in Greenfield. To this union have been born nine children, eight of whom survive, namely: Charles O., Cleo, Martha May, Phylis Emma, Wilbur Alexander, Seth, Pearl Elizabeth and Hartford Augustus.

Mr. Garner is a loyal republican and has served for three years as a member of the school board, while for the past four years he has been assessor of his township. Both he and his wife hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal church and its teachings form the guiding principles of their lives. Through his energy and well directed industry Mr. Garner has gained a gratifying measure of financial success but he has also found time to cooperate in movements seeking the public advancement and his personal qualities are such that he has won the warm friendship of many.

JOHN WEINHEIMER.

Among the progressive and well-to-do farmers of Prussia township is John Weinheimer, who owns two hundred acres of excellent land on section 26. He was born in Bureau county, Illinois, on the 17th of May, 1879, and is a son of Fritz and Elizabeth (Decker) Weinheimer. The father, who was born in Germany, emigrated to the United States when seventeen years of age and made his way to Bureau county, Illinois, where he engaged in farming until 1884. In that year he came to Adair county, Iowa, and in the spring purchased two hundred acres of land in Prussia township. Later he added one hundred and twenty acres to his holdings and for a number of years operated the entire three hundred and twenty acres, all of which he brought to a high state of cultivation. At length he retired from active life and he and his wife took up their residence in Fontanelle, where he passed away April 1, 1912, at the age of seventy-two years. Mrs. Weinheimer now makes her home with her daughter.

John Weinheimer received his education in the common schools and remained under the parental roof, assisting his father until he was twenty-four years of age. In 1903 he began his independent business career and purchased the two hundred acre farm on section 26, Prussia township, where he has since resided. The place

is well improved and the land is naturally productive and is in a high state of cultivation. He grows the usual crops and also raises cattle and hogs for the market. He is energetic and progressive and is meeting with a gratifying measure of success in his chosen occupation.

Mr. Weinheimer was married February 24, 1904, to Miss Matilda Leuthauser, a daughter of John Nicholas and Annic M. (Wedemeyer) Leuthauser, both natives of central Germany. The father was born on the 6th of December, 1853, and in 1868, when about fifteen years of age, emigrated to America. He first located in Bureau county, Illinois, whence he removed to Prussia township, Adair county, Iowa, where he still lives. His wife came to America with her parents, Jacob and Katharine (Ernest) Wedemeyer, in 1869. The family located in Guthrie county, Iowa, but later removed to Audubon county, where Mr. and Mrs. Wedemeyer passed away. Their daughter, Mrs. Leuthauser, is still living. Mr. and Mrs. Weinheimer have two children: Edward, who was born June 20, 1907; and Florence, whose birth occurred May 21, 1913.

Mr. Weinheimer gives his political allegiance to the democratic party and manifests a commendable interest in public affairs but is not an office seeker. Both he and his wife hold membership in the German Lutheran church and take an active part in its work. He is well known throughout the county and those who have been most intimately associated with him are his sincerest friends, which is proof of his genuine worth.

WILLIAM DAYTON McCOLLOM.

William Dayton McCollom was successfully engaged in the real-estate and abstract business in Greenfield, and was one of the most highly respected residents of that city. His birth occurred in Rochester, Windsor county, Vermont, September 30, 1856, and his parents were Ezra and Ellen Maria (Farwell) McCollom, the former a lifelong resident of the east and a physician by profession. The mother is still living in Rochester, Vermont.

William D. McCollom passed the period of his boyhood and youth in the Green Mountain state and there received his education. When eighteen years of age he emigrated westward, locating in Adair county, Iowa. In 1875 he was appointed deputy county auditor and took up his residence in Fontanelle, which was at that time the county seat. Later, when Greenfield was made the county seat, he removed here and continued to make this city his home until his demise. In 1877 he was elected county surveyor and served in that office for two years, gaining an enviable reputation for accurate work. At the end of his term he engaged in the loan and abstract business and followed that continuously until his death, with the exception of a period of six years, which he devoted to the lumber business. He built up a large patronage in the real-estate and abstract business and his decision in regard to a title carried weight, as he was recognized as an expert in that line of work. He was thoroughly informed as to the law pertaining to real estate, was painstaking in his investigations, and his abstract books were complete.

Mr. McCollom was married on the 25th of December, 1877, to Miss Myra Peat, of Greenfield, who passed away in April, 1898. To this union were born four chil-

dren: Marian C.; Howe D.; H. Glenn; and Fausta, who is now deceased. On the 25th of July, 1900, Mr. McCollom was again married, Miss Mary Romesha, of Greenfield, becoming his wife. Her father, W. H. Romesha, was born in Sangamon county, Illinois, April 13, 1844, and became a resident of Iowa in October, 1855. During the Civil war he served in the Union army, but after the close of hostilities returned home and for many years held the office of deputy county sheriff. He passed away August 2, 1904. His wife, who bore the name of Italy Spain, was born in Union county, Ohio, September 25, 1846, and is still living in Greenfield. Mr. and Mrs. McCollom were the parents of two children: William Dayton, Jr., who is a high-school student; and Mary Ellen.

Mr. McCollom gave his political allegiance to the republican party, and was quite prominent in public affairs. For three terms he served as mayor of Greenfield, giving the city an excellent and progressive administration, and for several years he held the office of city treasurer, which he was filling at the time of his demise. He was well known in local fraternal circles. He held membership in Crusade Lodge, No. 386, A. F. & A. M., in which he was initiated, passed and raised and of which he was worshipful master for four years; in St. John's Chapter, No. 73, R. A. M., at Fontanelle; Bethany Commandery, No. 29, K. T., at Creston; and Des Moines Consistory, No. 3, A. & A. S. R., in which he had taken the thirty-second degree. He was also identified with Greenfield Chapter, No. 91, O. E. S., of which he was worthy patron for several years. He at all times manifested a laudable interest in the public welfare and was willing to give freely of his time and means in promoting the advancement of his community. He was respected not alone because of his business ability and his sound judgment but also because of his public spirit and his unswerving integrity.

Mrs. McCollom assisted her husband in his work, and following his demise she assumed charge of the abstract business, which she has since ably conducted. She was also appointed city treasurer, and at the next election was elected to that office, which she still holds and the work of which she performs with accuracy and dispatch. She is well known and all who have been associated with her hold her in the highest esteem.

HENRY TRAUGOTT MILLER.

Henry Traugott Miller, a well known and successful farmer residing on section 32, Prussia township, was born in Saxony, Germany, on the 4th of July, 1854. His parents, Gottlob and Johanna (Kruge) Miller, were also natives of that province and there both passed away, the former in 1889 and the latter in 1873. The father was at one time overseer of a coal mine and was later superintendent of a water-power works.

Henry T. Miller received his education in Germany. As a boy he worked in a restaurant in Leipzig and thus provided for his own support, but when nineteen years of age he came to America, chiefly to gratify his desire to see something of the world. He made his way direct to Adair county, Iowa, and found employment as a farm hand, in which capacity he worked for three years. He was then married and took up his residence in Prussia township, where he rented land for a similar

period. In 1880 his circumstances were such that he was able to purchase eighty acres of land, upon which he took up his residence immediately and which is still his home farm. He has prospered beyond his expectations and from time to time has invested in more land until his holdings now comprise seven eighty-acre tracts, or five hundred and sixty acres, in Prussia and Eureka townships. In 1914 he retired from active life and now rents his land to others, although he still oversees the operation of his farms to some extent. He has largely concentrated his energies upon the raising of high grade cattle and hogs for the market and as he has made a careful study of the business and has managed his affairs well he has gained financial independence. He also owns stock in the Farmers Lumber Company of Fontanelle.

On the 14th of January, 1877, in Fontanelle, occurred the marriage of Mr. Miller and Miss Anna Katharine Rohner, a daughter of Michael and Dorothy (Einsele) Rohner, natives of Wurtemberg, Germany. Both passed their entire lives in the fatherland. In 1874 Mrs. Miller emigrated to the United States and located in Bureau county, Illinois, whence after a short time she came to Adair county. Mr. and Mrs. Miller have become the parents of nine children. Louise Dorothy is the wife of George Weinheimer, a farmer of Prussia township, by whom she has a daughter, Annie. Herman F., a farmer of Prussia township, married Miss Margaret Hell, by whom he has five children, Oscar, Leslie, Rudolph, Arthur and Lucile. Frederick Ernest, an agriculturist of Summerset township, married Miss Katharine Baudler and they have two children, Fred and Irene. Anna is the wife of Claus Hell, a farmer of Eureka township, and they have two children, Erwin and Wilma. Clara married Fred Mangels, who is farming in Lee township, and they have a daughter, Doris Katharine. Frank and Emil are farming the home-stead. Carl William is a clerk in the employ of the Farmers Lumber Company of Fontanelle. Pauline, the youngest of the family, is at home.

Mr. Miller formerly supported the democratic party, but now votes for the man whom he deems most capable, irrespective of his political affiliation. For the past fifteen years he has been trustee of Prussia township, his long continuance in the office proving the acceptability of his services. He was also for a number of years school director of his home district. Both he and his wife belong to the German Lutheran church at Fontanelle and in their daily lives are true to its teachings. Mr. Miller is one of the foremost citizens of his county and can be depended upon to do his share in advancing the general welfare.

MARTIN CHRISTENSEN.

Martin Christensen is numbered among the self-made men of Jefferson township and the proof of his active life is seen in his farm of two hundred acres which is situated on sections 26 and 27. He was born in Denmark, September 21, 1873, a son of Hans and Karen Christensen, who were also natives of that country. The father died there in the year 1876 and the mother some years afterward came to America, arriving in this country in 1901. Since then she has married again, becoming the wife of Iver Berg, of Clinton, Iowa.

The only son of the mother's first marriage is Martin Christensen, who was only three years of age when his father died. He remained in his native country until he reached the age of fourteen years, and then came to America, making his way to Audubon county, Iowa, where he was employed for two years at farm labor. He afterward learned the butcher's trade, which he followed until 1906, when he purchased the farm upon which he now resides, on sections 26 and 27, Jefferson township, Adair county, comprising two hundred acres of land that is naturally rich and productive, so that the fields respond readily to the care and labor which he bestows upon the place. He has made it an excellent property through the improvements put upon the farm, and in addition to cultivating the cereals which are raised in this climate he makes a specialty of raising and feeding hogs and cattle, thereby adding materially to his income.

In 1899 occurred the marriage of Mr. Christensen and Miss Bodel Mary Nelson, a native of Germany and a daughter of Nick L. and Mary (Lund) Nelson. The father is now living in Carroll county, Illinois, but the mother is deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Christensen have become the parents of four children: Alford, Blanche W., Clarence M. and Howard Woodrow.

The family attend the Christian church and they are interested in all that pertains to the material, intellectual and moral progress of the community. In politics Mr. Christensen is a democrat and is now serving for the second term as township trustee, in which connection he is active in furthering the best interests of the community. He cooperates in many plans that have proved beneficial to the district and is now cashier of the Farmers Association and has served as a director of the telephone company. He believes in progress and his work has always been along the line of advancement for the community or for his individual interests. He deserves much credit for what he has accomplished, inasmuch as he started out in life empty-handed. Coming to the new world when but fourteen years of age, he has since been dependent upon his own resources and his life record indicates what may be accomplished when one has the will to dare and to do.

P. P. SULLIVAN.

P. P. Sullivan, of Bridgewater, is a native of Adair county, as he was born November 30, 1868, on the old homestead on section 34, Jackson township, on which his parents, John B. and Margaret J. Sullivan, located on emigrating to Iowa from Indiana in the early '50s. They suffered the usual hardships and privations incident to frontier life, but amidst all their privations they never overlooked the religious and educational training of their children.

The subject of this review received his early education in the rural schools and at the age of eighteen years spent one winter in teaching a country school. However, he had visions of greater possibilities and as soon as his school closed in the spring he entered Drake University, at Des Moines, Iowa, enrolling in the commercial department of that institution on the 28th day of March, 1888. After completing his course therein he enrolled in the College of Liberal Arts and in June, 1894, he graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Science. While in college he took a very active part in the various college organizations. He was a member

of the Athenian Literary Society and was for two terms president and for one year treasurer of that organization. He served one year as president of his class, one year as president of the University Oratorical Association, and one year as vice president of the Iowa State Athletic Association. In 1901 he was elected a member of the university board of trustees and has been a member of that board continuously since.

In September after his graduation Mr. Sullivan became superintendent of the public schools of Menlo, Iowa, and remained in that position for two years, after which he discontinued school work for a year but in 1897 he took charge of the schools of his home town, Bridgewater, Iowa. In 1899 he was elected superintendent of the public schools of Orient and served in that capacity for two years, after which he went to Fontanelle, where he remained for four years, and thence to Greenfield, where he continued for three years, resigning at the end of that time to take charge of the Bridgewater Savings Bank. He did much to promote the advancement of the school systems with which he was connected. At Orient and Fontanelle he added one year's work to the courses, at Fontanelle he secured the erection of a new primary building, and soon after his election as superintendent of the Greenfield schools he began a successful campaign for a new high-school building, securing a twenty-five thousand dollar building which was ready for use about the middle of his second year.

In 1908 Mr. Sullivan purchased the controlling interest in the Bridgewater Savings Bank of E. S. Harlan, of Atlantic, Iowa, and removed from Greenfield to Bridgewater to assume the management of the institution. The business of the bank grew steadily until it had more than trebled in volume and, the original quarters becoming inadequate, a two story brick building was erected on the site of the old frame one in 1914. The new building, which is an ornament to the town, is constructed of white enameled brick, has a beautiful interior and is well appointed.

Mr. Sullivan has always supported the democratic party and has taken quite an active part in local politics. He was twice given the nomination for the office of county superintendent of schools and although in the minority party was defeated each time by a very small majority. He is a member of the Church of Christ, is much interested in all church work and has been a leader in the advancement of the Sunday-school movement in the county, having served continuously as president or in some other office in the county association since 1901. In 1909 he became a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Bridgewater and he has held the principal offices in that order. During the year 1913-1914 he was president of the Cumberland Branch Association, an organization numbering over six hundred members.

On the 14th of August, 1895, Mr. Sullivan was united in marriage to Miss Lute Jones, of Des Moines, Iowa, who was born near Keosauqua, Van Buren county, Iowa, September 6, 1869, the eldest child of Isaac and Eva Jones. Mr. Jones was one of the first to enlist in the war of the Rebellion, being a member of Company G, Third Iowa Cavalry, and served through the entire war, and his children received much of their history of that great conflict direct from an eyewitness who saw a great deal of hard fighting and who bears numerous scars from shot and shell. Miss Jones graduated from the Keosauqua high school in 1888 and after teaching one year entered the College of Liberal Arts of Drake University in September,

1889. She spent one year in college and then accepted the principalship of the Keosauqua high school, in which capacity she served for two years. In September, 1892, her parents removed to Des Moines in order that their children might have the advantages of a higher education, and she reentered the university, from which she was graduated with the class of 1894 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. She took a very active part in the affairs incident to college life. She was a member of the Athenian Literary Society and held the various offices, including the presidency, of that organization and was also prominent in the work of the college Young Woman's Christian Association, serving much of the time as its president. After her graduation she was elected principal of the high school at Brooklyn, Iowa, but resigned that position in 1895 and was married to Mr. Sullivan at her home in Des Moines. She joined the P. E. O. order at Keosauqua and has been active in that society. She is a great reader and a careful student of current events and although she is not permitted to cast a ballot she is alive to political conditions, is for Woodrow Wilson first, last and all the time, and is ready to give the reason for her position on public issues. Since she has been a resident of Adair county she has been repeatedly solicited to accept the nomination for county superintendent of schools but has never done so.

To Mr. and Mrs. P. P. Sullivan have been born two sons and one daughter, as follows. Harold Eugene, who was born at Menlo, Iowa, September 29, 1896, was graduated from the Greenfield high school in 1914 and entered the freshman class in the College of Liberal Arts of Drake University in the following September. Lawrence Francis, who was born at Fontanelle, October 15, 1902, completed his grammar-school work at Bridgewater in May, 1915, and expects to enter high school in September. Margaret Evelyn, the youngest of the family, was born at Sunnyside Farm, January 30, 1911.

JOHN SAMUELSON.

John Samuelson owns one hundred and twenty acres of land on section 35, Orient township, which comprises his home farm, and also holds title to eighty acres in Union county, this state. He was born in Sweden on the 18th of January, 1846, and is a son of Samuelson and Christina Samuelson, both of whom were born in Sweden, where they passed their entire lives. To them were born five children, of whom three survive.

John Samuelson was reared under the parental roof and acquired his education in the public schools. In 1868, when twenty-two years of age, he left his native land and crossed the Atlantic to the United States. He continued his journey westward and located in Creston, Iowa. For nineteen years he engaged in railroading, being an engineer in the employ of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad. In 1888 he turned his attention to farming and took up his residence on his present home farm of one hundred and twenty acres in Orient township, Adair county. He also owns an eighty acre tract in Union county, Iowa. He gives the greater part of his attention to raising and feeding stock for the market, but also raises some grain. He has met with gratifying success and ranks with the efficient and progressive agriculturists of his township.

In March, 1878, Mr. Samuelson was united in marriage to Miss Matilda Johnson, who is also a native of Sweden. Her parents, Eric and Mary Johnson, were born in that country and there passed their entire lives. They had eight children, of whom six survive. To Mr. and Mrs. Samuelson have been born two children: John E., deceased; and Roy, who has assumed the greater part of the responsibility in the operation of the homestead. He married Miss May Morcomb, a native of Minnesota and a daughter of Wallace and Mary Morecomb, both of whom are still living in that state. To this union has been born a son, Frank L.

Mr. Samuelson of this review is a republican, but, although he has always manifested a citizen's interest in public affairs, he has never desired to hold office. Both he and his wife are communicants of the Lutheran church and do all in their power to further its work. Mr. Samuelson has never had occasion to regret coming to this country, for here he has found opportunities, the utilization of which has enabled him to win financial independence.

DUDLEY G. WILEY.

Dudley G. Wiley, vice president of the First State Bank of Orient, is well known in local financial circles and is recognized as a man of business ability and soundness of judgment. A native of Iowa, he was born in Davenport, July 26, 1879, of the marriage of Charles I. and Samantha (Coyle) Wiley, further mention of whom appears elsewhere in this work. Our subject received his education in the public schools of Orient and on beginning his independent business career he became a clerk in the drug store at that place. After remaining in that position for two years he became identified with the First State Bank of Adair county as bookkeeper in 1896 and his industry and understanding of the work of the bank led to his promotion to assistant cashier and later to the important position of cashier. In 1902 he left that bank and went to Geneva, Iowa, where he organized the Geneva Savings Bank. In 1905, however, he sold that institution and, returning to Orient, purchased, in connection with his father-in-law, the First State Bank, of which he is now vice president. The institution is well managed and its affairs are in an excellent condition. The care which is taken to safeguard the interests of stockholders and depositors has gained for it the confidence of the community and it does a large business.

Mr. Wiley was married on the 22d of October, 1901, in Orient, to Miss E. Myrtle Dalby, a daughter of James T. and Emma E. (Easterly) Dalby. Her father is president of the First State Bank. Mr. and Mrs. Wiley have four children, two sons and two daughters, namely: Blanche Lois, who is twelve years of age; Eugene D., ten years old; Opal F., seven years of age; and Dudley G., five years old.

Mr. Wiley casts his ballot in support of the measures and candidates of the republican party and manifests a keen interest in everything relating to the public welfare. For about seven years he has served as president of the school board and in that capacity has accomplished much in behalf of the local schools. Fraternally he belongs to Cypress Lodge, No. 539, A. F. & A. M., of which he has been master; and Des Moines Consistory, No. 3, A. & A. S. R. His religious allegiance is given

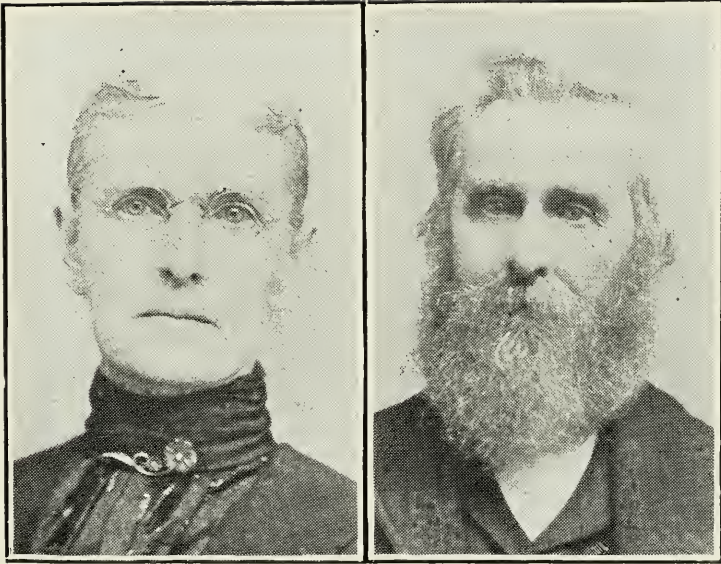
to the Methodist Episcopal church and the sincerity of his faith is manifest in the integrity of his life. He has gained financial success and at the same time has won the respect and goodwill of all who have been associated with him.

SYLVESTER BENNETT.

Sylvester Bennett lived to celebrate his golden wedding and later passed away, leaving her with whom he had so long traveled life's journey, to mourn his loss. Through all those years theirs had been a most happy companionship, as they shared the joys and sorrows, the adversity and prosperity which checker the careers of all. Mr. Bennett was born in Herkimer county, New York, December 17, 1835, a son of Josiah and Mercy (Pullman) Bennett, the latter a relative of the well known George M. Pullman, the builder of the Pullman palace cars. Both parents were natives of New York and became residents of Adair county, where their remaining days were passed. They had a family of thirteen children but only two are now living.

Sylvester Bennett spent the days of his boyhood and youth in his native state, where he acquired a public-school education. The family removed to Herkimer, Lewis county, New York, and as the parents were not in very fortunate financial circumstances Sylvester Bennett began to provide for his own support at an early age. On the 17th of March, 1854, he secured employment in a sawmill and by an unfortunate accident had three fingers cut from his left hand by a circular saw, which rendered him in later life unfit for military service when he would have enlisted in the Union army during the Civil war. At that period James C. Gibbs was a resident of Lewis county, New York and in his family lived Gorton N. Bennett, an older brother of Sylvester Bennett, who in 1855 accompanied the Gibbs family to the middle west, the Gibbs home being established in Summerset, Iowa. It was this that led Sylvester Bennett to come to Iowa. He journeyed by rail to Iowa City, which was then the terminus of the line, and by stage proceeded to Summerset, where he arrived on the 8th of April, 1857. At that period the town contained only eight buildings, some of which were frame houses, while others were built of logs. In the fall of that year Mr. Bennett purchased of the county several town lots, including one on which the old family residence now stands and for which he paid twenty-five dollars. Both he and his brother continued in the employ of Mr. Gibbs for a number of years, the latter being engaged in farming, hotel keeping and later in merchandising, at which period everything was hauled by wagon from Des Moines, it requiring five days to make the trip.

It was while in the employ of Mr. Gibbs that Mr. Bennett formed the acquaintance of Miss Diadama Lee, who had been employed by Mrs. Gibbs to care for her small children. On the 28th of November, 1858, they were married at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gibbs, the ceremony being performed at two o'clock on Sunday afternoon by Frank M. Core, county judge, at the Gibbs Hotel, where the young couple remained until the following spring, when they began housekeeping west of town. Mrs. Bennett traces her ancestry back to one of the old American families, being a great-granddaughter of Colonel Jonathan Lee, of Revolutionary war fame, who joined the army as a member of a New Hampshire regiment, and afterward



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served in a Connecticut regiment in the struggle for independence. In 1786 he left New England and with his family of five sons removed to New York state near Naples, where the Lee family was represented for several generations, and in fact some branches of the family still reside there. William Dunton Lee, father of Mrs. Bennett, was born in Yates county, New York, in 1809, and after reaching adult age wedded Eliza Shepherd, a native of Seneca county, New York, born in 1812, and of Scotch-Irish descent, her ancestors having settled in New Jersey in the early part of the eighteenth century. Mr. and Mrs. Lee continued their residence in Livingston county, New York, until 1855, when they came to Iowa. Mrs. Bennett, who was the third in a family of eight children, was then but fourteen years of age. Traveling by rail they reached Burlington after seven days and then drove to Winterset, which required seven days more, they reaching their destination at sunset on the 30th of April. Mr. Lee preempted land a mile and a half west of Macksburg, for which he paid one dollar and a quarter per acre. On this he erected a log cabin, to which he removed in the fall. Following their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Bennett purchased their household furnishings in Winterset and they had no trouble in making selection of their dishes, as there was only one set to be obtained in the town. It was a tea set of thin china, having a grape design in lavender and gold, that has always been much admired by friends. A few pieces of this set are still in the possession of the family. The house in which Mr. and Mrs. Bennett began their domestic life was a log cabin four miles west of Fontanelle, having one room, with a loft above, which was reached by a ladder. At the time of the gold excitement in Colorado in 1860, Mr. Bennett and a friend, John Moore, fitted up a wagon and joined a company whose destination was Pike's Peak. They started on the 23d of April, and after crossing the Missouri river on ferry boats at Plattsmouth, followed the course of the Platte river all the way to Denver, reaching their destination after a journey of seven or eight weeks. During Mr. Bennett's absence his wife taught a term of school in Washington township. In the succeeding fall Mr. and Mrs. Bennett went to Madison county, Iowa, to live on the Lee farm, where they remained for about two years, afterward occupying the Craven farm two miles south of Macksburg for a similar period. In 1864 they returned to Fontanelle and lived for a time in the jail, the large building accommodating several families beside the prisoners. In the fall of that year Mr. Bennett began the erection of a house on the lot which he had purchased a few years before. The structure was built from native lumber, hauled from the mill in Madison county, and was fourteen by twenty feet. The siding was of walnut, the beams of oak and the floor of ash, while the roof was covered with walnut shingles made by Mr. Bennett. The following year additions were made and for forty-three years the Bennett family occupied that residence.

After the town of Casey was established in 1869 on the newly built Rock Island Railroad, Mr. Bennett carried the mail between Fontanelle and that place three times a week for a year, and beginning on the 18th of July, 1870, took the mail to Whitneyville once a week for four years. He was also engaged in the livery business at that time and he conducted a stage line between Fontanelle and Stuart. At first the trip was made three times a week but afterward daily trips were made. Mr. Bennett had two hacks, which were built to accommodate five passengers and baggage and also carried mail and express. This line was discontinued in June, 1879, at the time the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad was built to Fonta-

nelle. Mr. Bennett was then appointed express agent and so continued until 1896. He was also senior partner in the agricultural implement firm of Bennett & Shannon for several years and later turned his attention to the coal and seed business. At all times he proved a worthy resident of his community and one whose efforts contributed to the public welfare.

Mr. Bennett always gave his political allegiance to the republican party, believing firmly in its principles and at various times his fellow townsmen, recognizing his worth and ability, called him to public office. For twelve years he was a member of the school board, serving as its president during the greater part of that time and at the end of that period he resigned. He filled the office of justice of the peace for sixteen years and was a member of the city council for a number of years.

To Mr. and Mrs. Bennett were born seven children. Eliza, known always as Lizzie, became the wife of D. A. Shannon, and in 1887 they removed to South Sioux City, Nebraska, where she died in 1892. Rena Jenette, born October 19, 1862, died at the age of two years. Ernest B., born April 21, 1865, died October 16, 1866. Arthur Wesley, born September 23, 1867, was married in 1889 to Miss Mamie Slocum, and died at Massena, Iowa, August 30, 1894, while his wife passed away in December, 1907. Freddie, born July 18, 1875, died August 3, 1877. Diadama is at home with her mother. Effie is the wife of J. F. Haagensen, of this county. Mr. Bennett passed away February 25, 1910, when in the seventy-fifth year of his age, leaving a widow and two daughters to mourn his loss, and was laid to rest in Fontanelle cemetery.

Mrs. Bennett still owns the home property in Fontanelle. She is a member of the Congregational church, in the work of which she has taken an active and helpful part. She has been a devoted wife and mother and one whose influence in life has always been on the side of that which is good, true and beautiful. Both Mr. and Mrs. Bennett were among the pioneer settlers of the county and as the years passed he took a most active and helpful interest in the work of progress and improvement. In his later years he loved to recall incidents and events of the early days, which he would relate in a most interesting and entertaining manner, so that one through his words gained a clear picture of the conditions which existed in this county a half century or more ago. There were many friends of a lifetime who mourned his death and many who were his acquaintances of later years, who felt the deepest sorrow over his passing, but most of all the blow came to his family, who had known him as a devoted husband and father.

CHARLES G. SCHWANEBECK.

Charles G. Schwanebeck, who is successfully engaged in farming on sections 27 and 28, Prussia township, is a native of that township and was born September 23, 1875. His parents, Carl and Wilhelmina M. (Menkie) Schwanebeck, were both natives of Germany, and on emigrating to America they made their way to Muscatine county, Iowa, where they located in 1867. The father farmed there until 1871, when he came to Adair county and purchased two hundred and fifty acres on section 33, Prussia township. He at once began the erection of buildings and found it necessary to haul lumber thirty-two miles, from Stuart. He otherwise

improved his place, upon which he resided until called by death. He was successful as a farmer and was esteemed by those who came into contact with him. He passed away on the 31st of August, 1903, and his wife died on the 15th of November, 1901.

Charles G. Schwanebeck was reared and educated in this county and remained with his parents until he was nineteen years of age. He then began working as a farm hand for others and was so employed for twelve years. In the meantime he carefully saved his earnings and at length purchased eighty acres on section 28, Prussia township, where he still resides. He has since added a forty acre tract adjoining which, however, is on section 27. His farm is well developed and the land is in a high state of cultivation. He carries on general farming and stock-raising and finds both branches of his business profitable.

On the 22d of March, 1905, Mr. Schwanebeck was united in marriage to Miss Mary Bolz, a daughter of Andrew and Catherine (Myer) Bolz, natives of Germany, both of whom came to America when sixteen or seventeen years of age. They were married in Illinois but subsequently removed to Iowa, locating in this county in 1885. The father purchased land in Jackson township which he farmed until his death on the 30th of September, 1894. The mother is still living in that township.

Mr. Schwanebeck supports the republican party at the polls and his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Evangelical church. A lifelong resident of the county, he is well and favorably known and his genuine worth of character is attested by the fact that those who have been most intimately associated with him are his warmest friends.

EDWARD STACY.

One of the highly respected citizens of Bridgewater is Edward Stacy, who is identified with various organizations and forces which are recognized as uplifting influences in the community. Moreover, he is a progressive and successful business man, being proprietor of the Stacy House, in connection with which he operates a large livery barn and is also engaged in the milling business. What he has accomplished represents the fit utilization of the innate powers and talents which are his.

Mr. Stacy was born in England, March 15, 1847, a son of Charles and Elizabeth (Caldwell) Stacy, both of whom were also natives of that country. The father passed away there, after which the mother came to America, spending her last days in this country. She had five children, and when she came to the new world she brought four of them with her, leaving Edward with an uncle in England, with whom he remained until 1866, when his mother sent an older son for him, she furnishing the money to pay their passage.

Edward Stacy established his home in Hardin county, Iowa, and in the spring of 1881 removed to Adair county, where he worked at his trade as a miller. For three years he operated what was known as the Durham mill, and he also owned a farm in Eureka township. Eventually, however, he sold that property and bought another farm in Washington township. He afterward disposed of it and became the owner of a tract of one hundred and thirty-four acres in Bridgewater township, which is well improved. In the spring of 1885 he removed to Bridgewater, where he built a hotel called the Stacy House. He has since successfully managed this

hotel, making it a popular hostelry by reason of the excellent table which he sets and the earnest effort which he puts forth to insure the comfort of his guests. He also owns a large livery barn and is yet engaged in the milling business, owning and operating a well equipped mill in Bridgewater. His various business interests are bringing him good return. Diligence is one of his strong characteristics and industry and determination are numbered among his salient traits.

On the 4th of July, 1868, Mr. Stacy was united in marriage to Miss Ada V. Durham, a native of New York and a daughter of Cummings and Amelia (Smith) Durham, who were also born in the Empire state. In 1866 they removed to Minnesota and a short time later came to Iowa, living in this state, however, for but a brief period and then taking up their abode in Kansas, where their remaining days were passed. Mr. and Mrs. Stacy are the parents of four children, as follows: Minnie May, the wife of John Fisher, of California; Honor Honora, who is a professional nurse residing in Colorado; William W., who lives on his father's farm in Bridgewater township; and Matilda J., who gave her hand in marriage to William Boatman, formerly of Iowa but now living in Colorado.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Stacy are members of the Christian church, in which he is serving as one of the trustees. In politics he is a democrat but he does not hesitate to cast a ballot in support of a candidate of another party if his judgment dictates this to be a wise course. He has served on the school board and as road supervisor and he is a member of the Odd Fellows lodge of Bridgewater. Mr. Stacy has made a very comfortable fortune since coming to Iowa and has never had occasion to regret his determination to leave his native land and seek the opportunities of the new world. Here he has gradually worked his way upward and the success he has achieved is the direct and merited reward of his persistent energy and his well defined and carefully executed plans.

JOSEPH W. BEAVER.

Joseph W. Beaver, residing on section 5, Eureka township, owns and operates an excellent farm embracing two hundred acres of valuable land. His birth occurred in Marion county, Iowa, in February, 1864, his parents being Henry and Elizabeth (Bivens) Beaver, both of whom were natives of Ohio. In an early day the father removed to Illinois and in that state he cultivated rented land for two or three years. On the expiration of that period he came to Iowa and prior to the outbreak of the Civil war took up his abode in Marion county, where he entered land and successfully carried on general agricultural pursuits throughout the remainder of his life. His demise occurred in March, 1902, while his wife passed away in October, 1904.

Joseph W. Beaver was reared and educated in his native county and remained under the parental roof until he had attained his majority. Subsequently he cultivated rented land in Shelby county, Iowa, for three years and at the end of that time came to Adair county, here operating a rented farm and also a forty-acre tract which he owned for a period of fourteen years. He then bought his present home farm of two hundred acres on section 5, Eureka township, undertook its improvement and has operated the same continuously since. Later he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land on section 6, Eureka township, which is being culti-

vated by his son. In connection with the raising of cereals he handles high grade stock and both branches of his business yield him a gratifying annual income, for he is practical, progressive and diligent.

In February, 1885, Mr. Beaver was united in marriage to Miss Minnie Morgan, a daughter of David and Elizabeth (Edwards) Morgan, who are natives of Mississippi and Pennsylvania, respectively. The father, a pioneer agriculturist of Adair county, is now living retired at Anita, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Beaver are the parents of three children, namely: Mabel, who is the wife of Oscar Johnson, a farmer of Lincoln township, this county; Earl, who operates one of his father's farms; and Vera, at home.

Mr. Beaver gives his political allegiance to the republican party, while his religious faith is that of the United Brethren church. Fraternally he is identified with the Modern Woodmen of America. The period of his residence in this county covers more than a quarter of a century and he has long been numbered among its prosperous agriculturists and representative citizens.

BERT C. MOORE.

Bert C. Moore is an enterprising young agriculturist of Eureka township who owns and operates a well improved farm comprising one hundred and sixty acres on sections 15 and 16. His birth occurred in Poweshiek county, Iowa, on the 8th of October, 1880, his parents being William and Emma (McVey) Moore, who are likewise natives of that county. The father operated a farm in Poweshiek county for several years and subsequently carried on agricultural pursuits in Audubon county, this state, for about fifteen years. On the expiration of that period he disposed of his property there and came to Adair county, having here since resided and being now sixty-two years of age.

Bert C. Moore was reared and educated in Audubon county and remained under the parental roof until twenty-four years of age. He then started out as an agriculturist on his own account and cultivated rented land for four years, on the expiration of which period he purchased a tract of one hundred and sixty acres on sections 15 and 16, Eureka township, this county, which he has splendidly improved and has operated continuously to the present time. He has made a close study of agriculture, possesses good business ability and is methodical, systematic and progressive, so that he is numbered among the substantial and successful young farmers of Adair county.

At the age of twenty-four years Mr. Moore was united in marriage to Miss Mabel Aldrich, a daughter of Charles and Agnes (Carney) Aldrich, who were natives of New York and Canada, respectively. When three years of age the father was taken by his parents to Bureau county, Illinois, where he remained until February, 1883, when he came to Adair county, Iowa. Here he cultivated rented land for a year and then purchased a quarter section in Summit township, which he has operated continuously and successfully since. He is now sixty-one years of age. His wife passed away on the 22d of February, 1915, after two weeks' illness. To Mr. and Mrs. Moore have been born four children, namely: Carl, Etro, Leora and Martha.

Mr. Moore gives his political allegiance to the republican party and is liberal in his religious views, recognizing the common purpose of all and the good which all may do. The high principles of manhood which have ever governed his dealings with his fellowmen have won for him the unqualified respect, confidence and goodwill of all with whom he has come in contact.

HERMAN ZIETLOW.

Herman Zietlow is engaged in general farming on section 28, Summerset township, and is numbered among that substantial class of citizens that Germany has contributed to the new world. While born across the water, however, he is thoroughly American in spirit and interests. His birth occurred on the 12th of June, 1862, his parents being William and Henrietta (Luebtke) Zietlow, who spent their entire lives in Germany. Under the parental roof Herman Zietlow remained through the period of his boyhood and youth and his educational opportunities were such as the public schools afforded. He also served for three years in the German army. His father owned a large farm in Germany and after Herman Zietlow left the service he worked with his father in the further development and improvement of the fields until 1888, when, thinking that he might find still better advantages in the new world he crossed the Atlantic to the United States, being then a young man of twenty-six years.

He arrived in New York city on the 4th of July, but he did not tarry in the east, continuing his journey at once to the middle west. For five years he was employed in the pineries of Wisconsin and then, hearing favorable report of Iowa farm lands, he determined to own a farm. Accordingly, in 1893, he arrived in Adair county and for one year was employed at farm labor in Cass county, in order to learn American agricultural methods. During the succeeding eight years he was engaged in the cultivation of two hundred and forty acres of land in Summerset township. He rented that property, but while engaged in cultivating the tract he carefully saved his earnings and in 1902 his capital had become sufficient to enable him to purchase his present home farm of one hundred and sixty acres. All of the buildings upon the place are thoroughly modern, having been erected by Mr. Zietlow. He has secured the latest improved machinery to facilitate the work of the fields and has surrounded his place with well kept fences. He has also studied the conditions of the soil and is carefully cultivating his crops, so that good results are obtained.

In 1895 Mr. Zietlow was united in marriage to Miss Anna Bliese, a native of Germany, who was born August 8, 1873, and was a little maiden of ten summers when she was brought by her parents to this country. She is a daughter of Carl Bliese, a merchant tailor of Fontanelle. To Mr. and Mrs. Zietlow have been born eight children, the eldest of whom is Amelia, an organist of Fontanelle, playing the new pipe organ in the Lutheran church. The others are: Martha, Emma, Carl, Marie, Herman, Jr., William and Albert.

Mr. Zietlow votes with the democratic party and is conversant with the important questions and issues of the day. He and his wife are members of the German Lutheran church and are loyal to its teachings. Although he came to this country



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a poor man he is now one of the substantial farmers of Adair county and in addition to his agricultural interests he has stock in the Fontanelle Lumber Company and in the Farmers Mutual Telephone Company. His good judgment is evidenced in the fact that he has not squandered his time and his labors are wisely directed. He has worked diligently and persistently as the years have gone on and the wise use that he has made of his time and opportunities has brought him substantial success.

JAMES M. BROADFOOT.

James M. Broadfoot is a prominent and prosperous farmer and stock-raiser, his home place being situated on sections 19 and 20, Eureka township. In all of his business career his close application and indefatigable energy have led him steadily forward and he is now the owner of four hundred acres of rich and valuable land. He was born in Ontario, Canada, April 11, 1870, and is a son of Alexander and Jane (Thorp) Broadfoot, the former a native of Ontario, Canada, and the latter of Huron, Canada. On leaving that country the father went to Kansas in 1872 and took up a claim there, also purchasing land. For ten years he continued in the cultivation of his property in the Sunflower state, but at the end of the decade sold out and in 1882 became a resident of Henry county, Iowa, where he purchased a farm, which he cultivated until 1884. In that year he came to Adair county, Iowa, where he bought more land, which he improved, and at one time he owned four hundred acres, which he operated until 1900, when he retired. He removed to Atlantic, Iowa, where he resided for four years, but at the end of that time he returned to the farm, whereon he continued to make his home until 1910. Once more he retired from active business and took up his abode in Berea, where he is now living, at the age of sixty-six years, while his wife has reached the age of sixty-four years. His careful management of his business affairs, his earnest, unremitting labor and his judicious investment were the means of bringing to him gratifying success.

James M. Broadfoot was reared and educated in Kansas and in Henry and Adair counties, Iowa. The days of his boyhood and youth were spent under the parental roof but on attaining his majority he began working out as a farm hand by the year, spending six years in that way. He then purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land in Eureka township, but afterward traded that for his present place of two hundred and forty acres on sections 19 and 20, Eureka township. This he at once began to improve and later he bought one hundred and sixty acres more on section 21, so that his place now comprises four hundred acres of finely improved land, which he has since owned and cultivated, with the exception of four years spent in Nebraska on account of his health. In addition to cultivating his fields, in which work he is very successful, Mr. Broadfoot is extensively engaged in stock-raising, feeding about three or four carloads of cattle annually. He is likewise a stockholder in the Berea Horse Company.

On the 26th of December, 1894, occurred the marriage of Mr. Broadfoot and Miss Lavina Hale, a daughter of James and Mary Hale, who were natives of Indiana. On coming to Iowa her father first settled near Burlington, but afterward removed

to Cass county, where he purchased land. Later he sold that property and removed to Adams county, Iowa, where he spent his remaining days, his death occurring November 16, 1904. His widow survived for about six years and was called to her final rest on the 25th of March, 1910.

Mr. and Mrs. Broadfoot have become the parents of four children: Acile A., who was born September 23, 1896; Grace B., born October 23, 1900; and Vera M., born January 25, 1908. Alta H., who was born March 25, 1906, died in January, 1907. In his political views Mr. Broadfoot is a republican, voting for the men and measures of the party, yet never seeking office as a reward for party fealty. He and his wife are members of the Church of Christ and guide their lives according to its teachings, so that the respect which is freely accorded them by their fellow-townsmen is merited.

WILLIAM A. BOLTON.

An excellent farm of one hundred and twenty acres situated on section 10, Eureka township, pays tribute to the care and labor bestowed upon it by its owner, William A. Bolton, who is classed among the representative agriculturists of the locality. Iowa claims him as a native son, his birth having occurred in Cedar county on the 13th of March, 1872, his parents being Andrew J. and Sarah J. (Pierce) Bolton. The father, who belonged to one of the old American families, was a native of Virginia, and on starting in the business world on his own account turned his attention to farming. In Iowa he married Miss Sarah J. Pierce, who was born in Ohio. They settled in Cedar county, where Mr. Bolton engaged in farming in order to meet the expenses of the household. In 1875 he removed with his family to Dallas county, where he lived for one year, and later he spent a year in Fontanelle. On the expiration of that period he took up his abode upon a farm in Prussia township, there purchasing land, upon which he lived to the time of his death, which occurred in the fall of 1887. His widow survived him for only three months.

William A. Bolton was a youth of but fifteen years at the time of his parents' death. He continued to live upon the home farm with his sisters, however, for four years and then started out in life for himself. For a year after his marriage he rented land in Prussia township and later removed to Guthrie county, Iowa, where he rented a farm for one year. In the spring of 1895 he became a resident of Walnut township, Adair county, where he lived upon a rented farm for two years, and on the expiration of that period he removed to his present farm, which he rented for a year. Still later he took up his abode upon another farm, which he leased for two years, and later he was for three years a resident of Oklahoma. He next rented a farm in Jefferson township, Adair county, for a year and afterward rented a farm in Summit township for a year. The next three years were spent upon a rented farm in Eureka township, and in the spring of 1908 he removed to the place upon which he now resides, purchasing one hundred and twenty acres of land, which he has since owned and cultivated. He carefully tills his fields, performing every part of farm labor necessary to the production of good crops. He also raises high grade stock and applies himself so closely to his business that his capable management and unflinching energy are winning for him a substantial measure of success.

On the 20th of November, 1892, Mr. Bolton was mited in marriage to Miss Myrtle Campfield, who was born February 15, 1872, a daughter of Benjamin and Mary (Day) Campfield. The father was a native of Pennsylvania and was of Irish descent, while the mother was born in the Keystone state and was of Pennsylvania-Dutch lineage. They removed from Pennsylvania to Minnesota and afterward came to Warren county, Iowa, where they lived until they settled in Adair county. Both have now passed away. The mother died in Guthrie county in July, 1904, but the father's death occurred in Adair county in March, 1907.

To Mr. and Mrs. Bolton have been born eight children. Mary Jane, who was born April 25, 1894, is now the wife of George Worthington, of Eureka township. Edna, born May 1, 1895, Ivan, July 8, 1896, William, August 8, 1900, David, May 7, 1902, and Bessie, March 28, 1904, are all at home. Harold, born September 26, 1907, died at the age of nine months. Arthur, born September 27, 1910, completes the family. Mr. Bolton has the assistance of his sons in carrying on the work and they have greatly aided him in the arduous labor necessary to the development of the fields.

In his political views Mr. Bolton is a republican and for two years he filled the office of trustee of his township, discharging his duties with credit to himself and satisfaction to his constituents. He also served as school director of district No. 2. His wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and both are well known in the community, where their sterling traits of character have gained for them the warm and enduring regard of many with whom they have come in contact. They have a large circle of warm friends, whose goodwill is greatly appreciated, but above social or other relations Mr. Bolton naturally places his business interests, and in the careful conduct of his affairs he has gained a good living for his family.

RUFUS UNDERWOOD.

Rufus Underwood is the owner of a farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 8, Eureka township, and for twenty-eight years has been engaged in raising and feeding cattle. He was born in Warren county, Illinois, February 4, 1845, his parents being Oliver and Polly (Culver) Underwood. Both were natives of New York and the father was a lumberman and sawmill man. He went to Illinois in 1841, purchased land and turned his attention to farming. He was one of the first men to try to cross the prairies to Chicago and on one trip he disappeared and was never heard from again. He was married ere he left New York and his wife survived him, dying in Warren county, Illinois.

Rufus Underwood attended school in the home district and remained upon the home farm until he reached man's estate. Three years later he came to Iowa, making his way to Madison county, where he engaged in farming. He bought a place there and resided on his farm for eleven years, coming thence to Adair county in 1881, after disposing of his land in Madison county. He then purchased one hundred and twenty acres on section 8, Eureka township, and has since added a tract of forty acres, so that he now has a good farm, covering a quarter section. He raises the cereals best adapted to soil and climate and annually gathers good crops of corn and grain. He feeds both cattle and hogs and has been successfully engaged in feed-

ing cattle for twenty-eight years, keeping on hand good grades of stock, and shipping from one to four carloads annually.

In 1866 occurred the marriage of Mr. Underwood and Miss Lucy B. Perine, a daughter of Daniel K. and Doreas (Cox) Perine. The father was a native of Clermont county, Ohio, and a blacksmith by trade. The mother was born in North Carolina and they were married in the Buckeye state, where they continued to reside until Mrs. Underwood was about nine years of age, when they removed westward to Warren county, Illinois, where she formed the acquaintance of Mr. Underwood. Mrs. Perine died in that county, after which Mr. Perine came to Iowa and spent his last days in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Underwood in Madison county, there passing away in the year 1880. To our subject and his wife have been born four children. Aurilla became the wife of B. F. Carnefix, and died at the age of forty-five years, leaving five children: Mabel, Oea, Ora, Asher and Ilda. Mr. Carnefix still resides in Stuart, Iowa. Van, a resident farmer of Eureka township, married Eva Pierce, and they have three children: Bernice, Rex and Claire. Minnie is the wife of John W. Norton, a resident farmer of Prussia township, and they have one child. Istia. Millie, the youngest of the family, is still at home.

In his political views Mr. Underwood is a democrat. He has served as road boss and as school director for several years. His wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. They are well known in the community where they live and for thirty-four years they have resided upon the same farm. Great changes have occurred in the county during this period, for the evidences of frontier life have given way before the encroachments of modern civilization. Wild land has been converted into good farms and Mr. Underwood is numbered among those who have been active in upholding high standards in agricultural work, his business affairs being so wisely conducted that he has won substantial success.

CHRISTIAN JENSEN.

Christian Jensen, who owns three hundred and sixty acres of excellent land in the county, has met with gratifying success as a farmer and stock-raiser. His home farm is on section 28, Prussia township, and he is highly esteemed in his locality. A native of Denmark, he was born in August, 1857, a son of Jens and Marie (Anderson) Jensen, both also natives of that county. The father followed the carpenter's trade in Denmark until 1890, when he retired and came to America, making his home with our subject until his death, which occurred in February, 1908. His wife survived for more than four years, dying in November, 1912.

Mr. Jensen grew to manhood in Denmark and there received his education. He worked as a farm hand until 1881, when he decided to come to America as he believed that this country offered unusually good advantages to young men with little capital but with energy and good judgment. He first located at Sheffield, Bureau county, Illinois, where he worked as a farm hand for four years. At the end of that time he removed to Shelby county, Iowa, and rented land, which he operated for two years. He then came to Adair county and for two years farmed rented land, but at the end of that time his finances were in such a condition that he was able to buy one hundred and sixty acres on section 28, Prussia township.

He at once took up his residence upon the place and concentrated his energies upon its improvement and cultivation. He prospered and added to his holdings from time to time until he now owns three hundred and sixty acres, two hundred and forty of which is on section 28, Prussia township, and one hundred and twenty in Summer-set township. He uses the latest machinery and up-to-date methods in carrying on the work of the farm and his well directed industry has brought him excellent financial returns. In addition to growing the usual crops he raises stock, feeding about a carload of cattle per year.

In March, 1887, Mr. Jensen was united in marriage to Miss Fredericka M. Nelsen, who was born in Denmark in October, 1861, and is a daughter of Nels and Johanna (Ericksen) Nelsen, natives of that country. Her father died when she was about fifteen months old but her mother survived until 1909, passing away in her native land. Mr. and Mrs. Jensen are the parents of nine children, namely, Henning, Marie, Johanna, Hans, Albert, Tina, Ernest, Eva and Lillie.

Mr. Jensen gives his political allegiance to the republican party and fraternally is connected with the Modern Woodmen of America, while in religious faith he is a Lutheran. While living in Denmark he served for one and a half years in the army. He is recognized as an enterprising and efficient farmer and is also identified with other interests of the county as he is a stockholder in the Farmers Lumber Company of Pontanelle. The success which he has gained is due entirely to his own efforts and good management, for he began his independent career without capital or the aid of influential friends.

DANIEL BREEN.

The farming interests of Adair county find a worthy representative in Daniel Breen, who is living on section 28, Eureka township, where he carefully and systematically carries on the work of the fields in the production of the crops best adapted to soil and climate. He is a native son of Iowa, his birth having occurred in Madison county on the 12th of July, 1881, his parents being Maurice and Catherine (Ryan) Breen, the father a native of Ireland and the mother of Madison county, Iowa. Maurice Breen spent the first seventeen years of his life on the Emerald isle and then, bidding adieu to friends and native land, sailed for Canada, where he remained for a short time. He then crossed the border into the United States and made his way to Muscatine, Iowa, where he learned the bricklayer's trade, which he followed for about ten years, being employed in that capacity in Chicago following the disastrous fire which swept over a large part of the city in the fall of 1871. On leaving Chicago he turned his attention to railroading and was thus employed in different parts of the United States, assisting in building the Union Pacific from Kansas City westward. While thus engaged he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land in Madison county, Iowa, which he leased. Finally, however, he abandoned railroad work and moved onto his farm, which he has since operated, making his home there for thirty-six years. His labors have resulted in making this a well developed place, which returns to him a substantial income as a reward for the care and labor that he bestows upon the fields. He has now reached the age of seventy years, while his wife is in the sixty-first year of her age.

Daniel Breen was reared in Madison county, attended the public schools there and afterward enjoyed the advantage of educational training in the State University at Iowa City and also a course in a commercial college at St. Marys, Kansas. Through the periods of vacation he assisted in the work of the home farm and he remained with his parents until he attained his majority, when he came to Adair county, Iowa, and rented a tract of land of one hundred and sixty acres which belonged to his father. This he operated for four years, at the end of which time he purchased land on section 28, Eureka township, where he still resides. He has greatly improved the place, converting it into one of the finest farms of the county. Upon the tract is a beautiful and commodious residence and substantial barns and outbuildings, furnishing ample shelter for grain and stock. He raises high grades of cattle and hogs and carries on his farm work according to practical and scientific methods. He makes stock-raising an important feature of the business and now feeds a carload of cattle and three carloads of hogs annually.

In April, 1908, Mr. Breen was united in marriage to Miss Alice Waldron, a daughter of Martin and Margaret Waldron, who were natives of Ireland. They came to America at an early day and settled at Cincinnati, Ohio, where they were living at the time of the outbreak of the Civil war. Mr. Waldron there enlisted in response to the country's call for troops and served for four years in defense of the Union, thus proving his loyalty to his adopted country. He was wounded during an engagement, which crippled him for life. After the war he took up his abode in Madison county, Iowa, where he secured one hundred and sixty acres of land, which he continued to cultivate and improve throughout his remaining days, becoming one of the representative farmers of that locality. He died in 1906, while his wife passed away in 1903. To Mr. and Mrs. Breen have been born five children: Catherine, Francis, Raymond and Marie, aged, respectively, six, four, three and two years, and a babe, Maurice, only a few weeks old.

The religious faith of the family is that of the Catholic church. Mr. Breen holds membership with the Modern Woodmen of America and he gives his political support to the democratic party. He has served as assessor of his township for two terms, but has never been active as a politician or as an office seeker, preferring to give his undivided attention to his business affairs, which are capably managed and are bringing to him a good financial return, so that he is now numbered among the well-to-do agriculturists of Adair county.

SHERMAN H. PURDY.

Sherman H. Purdy is a well known and representative farmer of Eureka township, living on section 24, where he is engaged in both the raising and feeding of cattle and hogs. He was born in Henry county, Illinois, April 19, 1867, and is a son of William James and Margaret (Harry) Purdy. The father, born in Canada, was of English descent, and in early life took up the occupation of farming, which he followed for many years. On leaving his native country in early manhood he removed to Henry county, Illinois, and was married there. Thirty-eight years ago he came to Iowa, settling in Eureka township, Adair county, upon the farm which is now the home of his son Sherman. He continued to reside there until the fall of 1893.

when he returned to Ontario, Canada, and two years later he was killed by lightning. His wife was born in Illinois, while her parents were natives of Ohio.

Sherman H. Purdy was only thirteen years of age at the time of his mother's death. He continued to live at home until he reached his majority, but for a year before was working as a farm hand. He afterward was employed at farm labor for a year and then rented land in order that he might engage in farming on his own account. For four years he continued to cultivate leased land, after which he purchased the old home place of one hundred and sixty acres, upon which he has since resided, devoting his time to general farming and stock-raising. He also rents one hundred and sixty acres in Prussia township. He keeps on hand a good grade of stock and raises and feeds both cattle and hogs. He farms his land with the help of his son and he utilizes all the crops that he raises in feeding his stock. His business affairs are wisely directed and his capable management brings to him substantial success.

In 1891 Mr. Purdy was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Miller, a daughter of John Miller, of Audubon county, Iowa. She died in 1901, leaving three of the four children born of her marriage, one having previously passed away. Those who survive are: Myrtle May, the wife of Glen Bakerink, a resident farmer of Eureka township, by whom she has one child, Wilma Avis; Goldie Pearl, who is teaching in Eureka township; and Sherman Floyd, at home. In 1904 Mr. Purdy was again married, his second union being with Miss Emma C. Leach, a daughter of Freeman Leach, living near Creston. There are four children of this marriage: Velma, Ellen, Eunice and Ethel, all of whom are attending the school near their home.

Mr. Purdy views the political questions of the day most carefully and as the result of his investigation and understanding of conditions gives his support to the democratic party. The cause of education finds in him a stalwart champion and he has served for two terms as school director of district No. 6 in Eureka township. Fraternally he is connected with the Modern Woodmen of America at Fontanelle. Those who meet him in social and other relations recognize his many good qualities, while those who know him through business feel that he is a thoroughly reliable and trustworthy man.

AMOS C. WORTHINGTON.

Amos C. Worthington owns and operates a fine farm on section 16, Eureka township, and the excellent appearance of the place indicates his careful supervision and his practical and progressive methods. Pennsylvania claims him as a native son. He was born in Lyeoming county, November 4, 1864, and his parents, George and Savilla (Fry) Worthington, were also natives of the Keystone state. The father was a farmer and carried on the work of the fields in Pennsylvania until 1877, when he came to Iowa, settling in Adams county, where he engaged in farming for a year. In 1878 he removed to Adair county, where he followed agricultural pursuits for eight years. He then sold out and went to Kansas, where he purchased land, which he continued to develop and improve to the time of his death in 1896. His widow survives and yet makes her home in the Sunflower state.

Amos C. Worthington was reared in Pennsylvania and in Iowa and the public schools afforded him his educational advantages. Through the summer months he worked in the fields with his father and remained at home until he reached the age of seventeen years, when he began working out as a farm hand, being thus employed until he reached the age of twenty-eight. He was desirous, however, of owning a farm and carefully saved his earnings until he was enabled to purchase eighty acres north of Greenfield. He lost that property in 1896, however, after which he rented for eleven years. He then again made investment in farm land, becoming the owner of two hundred and forty acres on section 16, Eureka township, where he now resides. He has since made wonderful changes in the place by the improvements he has put upon it and by the progressive methods which he has utilized in developing his farm.

On September 1, 1889, Mr. Worthington was united in marriage to Miss Delpha Jordan, a daughter of Francis and Nancy (Booher) Jordan, natives of Ohio. The father was a farmer and became a pioneer settler of Adair county, arriving here at an early day and continuing actively in farm work until 1898. He then went to Oklahoma, where he has since engaged in farming. To Mr. and Mrs. Worthington have been born four children: Carrie B., who died February 20, 1915, at the age of twenty-four years; George M., a resident farmer of Eureka township, now twenty-three years of age; Harvey D., aged seventeen, at home; and Ray F., who died October 18, 1898, at the age of four years. Mr. and Mrs. Worthington are also rearing two adopted children, Vernon T. and Dorothy, who are brother and sister and who are aged respectively twelve and seven years.

Mr. Worthington votes with the democratic party and his religious faith is that of the United Brethren church. He is today numbered among the successful farmers of his county. Not all periods of his career have been equally bright, but with characteristic and commendable energy and determination he has overcome the obstacles and difficulties in his path and has eventually reached the plane of affluence.

FRITZ RUDOLPH KELLENBERG.

Fritz Rudolph Kellenberg, who is successfully engaged in farming and stock-raising on section 2, Prussia township, was born in Hanover, Germany, October 2, 1846. His parents, Frederick Wilhelm and Frieda (Grimm) Kellenberg, were also natives of the fatherland and both passed away in that country. The father was by occupation a laborer.

Fritz Rudolph Kellenberg attended school in his native land and worked as a farm hand there until he was twenty-seven years of age, when he emigrated to this country. He made his way immediately to Adair county, Iowa, where he farmed rented land for eight years. In the meantime he carefully saved his money and at the end of that time purchased an eighty acre tract on section 2, Prussia township, where he still resides. Later he bought an additional eighty acres across the road from his first purchase and, together with his son, he operates the one hundred and sixty acres. They grow considerable grain and also raise stock, feeding hogs for the market.



FRTZ R. KELLENBERG AND FAMILY

Mr. Kellenberg was married in 1880 to Miss Lizzie Molln, a daughter of Joachim and Lena (Smith) Molln, both natives of Germany, whence, in 1859, they emigrated to America. They first located in Bureau county, Illinois, but in 1868 came to Adair county, Iowa, and settled near Fontanelle. The father is now living with our subject, but the mother passed away on the 8th of January, 1914. Mrs. Kellenberg was born in Bureau county, Illinois, on the 30th of May, 1861, and by her marriage she has become the mother of eight children, as follows: William Max, who is farming east of Greenfield and who married Miss Emma Sieg; John Frederick, a farmer of this county, who married Miss Ida Eckert, by whom he has a daughter, Pearl; Annie, the wife of Eli Lundy, who is farming in Madison county; Henrietta, who died when twenty-one years of age; John Henry, who is farming east of Greenfield and who married Miss Annie Sieg, by whom he has a son, Edward; Hannah, and Minnie, both at home; and Rudolph, who is assisting with the operation of the homestead.

Mr. Kellenberg is independent in politics, voting for the man rather than the party. For one term he served as road superintendent and he has at all times manifested a commendable interest in public affairs. Both he and his wife hold membership in the German Lutheran church. He is recognized as a capable farmer, a good citizen and a man of unquestioned integrity.

CHARLES BARTON DORSEY.

Charles Barton Dorsey is a well known young farmer and stockman of Eureka township living on section 7. He was born in Johnson county, Iowa, May 17, 1876, a son of Charles Barton and Hattie (Smith) Dorsey. The father was born in Illinois and was of Irish descent, while the mother was a native of Iowa. He took up the occupation of farming on starting out in life on his own account and at an early age came to Iowa, establishing his home in Johnson county, where he engaged in farming until 1879. That year witnessed his arrival in Adair county and he purchased land in Grove township. Taking up his abode thereon he at once began to develop and improve the property, continuing actively in farm work there until 1895, when he removed to Cass county, Iowa, where he engaged in farming until 1907. He then retired from active farm life and removed to Anita, where he resided until his death, which occurred in January, 1912. He had led a busy life and the good use which he made of his time and opportunities brought him the success which rewarded his labors. Mrs. Dorsey survives and yet makes her home in Anita.

Charles B. Dorsey attended the public schools of Adair county and remained at home until he reached the age of twenty-one, during which time he helped his father upon the farm and thus became familiar with every department of the farm work. When he reached man's estate he started in business independently and was employed by the month as a farm hand for four years. This did not meet his ambition, however, as he desired that his labors should more directly benefit himself, and accordingly he rented land in Eureka township, where he lived for eight years. He next purchased the farm of one hundred and twenty acres on section 7, where he now resides, and took up his abode thereon, since which

time he has made the place his home. He is one of the successful men of the township and carries on the breeding and raising of stock, in addition to the cultivation of his fields, which bring forth rich harvests of corn, wheat and other grains. He also handles good grades of cattle and hogs and both branches of his business are a source of material success and gratification. His place is regarded as one of the well improved farm properties of the county, having upon it excellent buildings, including a comfortable and commodious residence with ample barns and sheds for the shelter of grain and stock. The place is well watered and everything about the farm indicates the careful management of a systematic owner.

In 1899, Mr. Dorsey was married to Miss Ada Taylor, a daughter of Isaac N. and Sallie (Nichols) Taylor, the former of whom was born in Grant county, Wisconsin, August 2, 1851, and was a son of John and Jane (Gillman) Taylor. The father was a native of Virginia and was of Scotch lineage. He came to Adair county, Iowa, in 1869. Previously he had worked as a miner but after his removal to this state he took up his abode in Jackson township and purchased land on section 6. In 1876 Isaac N. Taylor settled in Eureka township and engaged in farming, while in 1880 he bought the land upon which he now resides. He was married on Christmas day of 1877 to Miss Sallie Nichols, a daughter of Thomas Jefferson and Permillia (Fink) Nichols. Mr. and Mrs. Dorsey are parents of but one child, Averil, who was born May 5, 1901. He attended school in district No. 3, Eureka township, and was graduated on the completion of the eighth grade work. He is now a pupil in the high school of Anita.

In his fraternal relations Mr. Dorsey is a Modern Woodman, holding membership in the camp at Anita. Politically he is a standpat republican. He believes firmly in the policy of that party and is a staunch advocate of its principles. The cause of education has ever found in him a stalwart champion and for one term he was director of school district No. 3, Eureka township. He is interested in all those things which mean most to the community in the advancement of its material, intellectual, social, political and moral progress, and his cooperation can always be counted upon to further measures for the general good.

SIMEON DUNBAR.

Simeon Dunbar is the owner of valuable farm property in Adair county, having three hundred and sixty acres in his home place in Walnut township, and two hundred and forty acres near Greenfield in Grove township. This investment represents the result of earnest, persistent effort, intelligently directed, and he is accounted one of the foremost farmers of his part of the county. He was born in Knox county, Illinois, June 15, 1860, a son of Jackson and Marian (Wright) Dunbar, the former a native of Kentucky and of Scotch-Irish descent, while the mother was a native of Pennsylvania. Jackson Dunbar devoted his life to farming. In his boyhood he accompanied his parents on their removal to Knox county, Illinois, where he was reared and educated. He made farming his life work, but his labors were terminated by death in 1864 when he was only forty-five years of age. His wife died in 1890 at the age of fifty years.

Simeon Dunbar spent his youthful days in his native county. Following his father's death his mother married again and he went to live with an uncle, with whom he remained until he attained his majority. He then started out in life independently, taking up his abode upon a rented farm in Henry county, Illinois, which he operated for seven years. He then removed to Missouri Valley, Iowa, where he purchased land, upon which he made his home for nine years. On the expiration of that period he disposed of his property and came to Adair county, where he invested in three hundred and twenty acres on sections 27 and 28, Walnut township. With characteristic energy he began the further cultivation of this place and in a short time was gathering golden harvests as the reward for the care and labor which he bestowed upon the fields. He has brought his land to a high state of cultivation and the farm is most neat and thrifty in appearance. To that tract he has added an adjoining forty acres and he has also become the owner of two hundred and forty acres in Grove township near Greenfield, which is now being operated by his son. A visit to the Dunbar farm is a delight, for it is one of the best improved places in the county. The buildings are all large, commodious and substantial and well adapted to the purposes for which they are used. The home is an attractive one and investigation into the farm methods followed by Mr. Dunbar shows that he is in touch with the latest processes of scientific farming. He is prominently known as one of the leading stock-raisers of the county, making a specialty of handling Aberdeen Angus and shorthorn cattle, feeding about two carloads per year.

In December, 1888, was celebrated the marriage of Simeon Dunbar and Miss Laura L. Buffum, a daughter of Emory and Anna (Hines) Buffum, the former a native of Rock Island county, Illinois, and the latter of Bradford county, Pennsylvania. For many years Mr. Buffum followed farming in Stark county, Illinois, establishing his home there about the time of the close of the Civil war after having served in that conflict with the Thirty-seventh Illinois Infantry. He and his wife are now living retired in Toulon, Stark county. Mr. and Mrs. Dunbar have become the parents of ten children: Bertha, the wife of Ross Hall, a resident of Logan, Iowa; Edith, the wife of Bert Handley, residing on her father's farm near Greenfield; Eddis, who is married and is farming in Grove township; and Susie, Forrest, Merle, Harold, Glenn, Clarence and Lee, all yet at home.

The religious faith of the family is that of the Methodist church and their lives are in accord with its teachings. Mr. Dunbar is also connected with the Order of American Yeomen. He is widely and favorably known as a business man, as a citizen and in social relations, and he and his wife have made their home a most hospitable one, whose good cheer is greatly enjoyed by their many friends.

STEPHEN GREEN.

Stephen Green, an honored veteran of the Civil war and a well known old settler of Adair county, has lived on his farm of one hundred and seventy-one acres on section 18, Union township, during the past thirty-two years, and he and his sons also own three hundred and twenty acres of land on sections 5, 6 and 7 of that township. His birth occurred in New York on the 6th of December, 1841, his parents

being David M. and Anna (Card) Green, who were likewise natives of the Empire state and came of New England ancestry. The father removed with his family to Henry county, Illinois, and subsequently to Cold Harbor, Michigan, where he worked at the carpenter's trade until his demise, which occurred on the 26th of February, 1854. The widowed mother spent the remainder of her life with a daughter in Rock Island, Illinois, where she passed away on the 15th of December, 1875.

Stephen Green was reared under the parental roof and attended the public schools in the acquirement of an education. As a youth he worked with his father at the carpenter's trade. On the 12th of August, 1862, when not yet twenty-one years of age, he joined the Union army as a member of Company E, One Hundred and Twelfth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and until the close of hostilities served in the Army of the Cumberland under General Burnside. He participated in the battles of Knoxville, Athens and Chickamauga and in other engagements and was captured at Knoxville, with twenty-two other men, spending eighteen months in rebel prisons. He was confined at Belle Isle, Virginia, for three months, and afterward transferred to Andersonville, Milan, Savannah, Blackshear, Ocean Pond, Florida, and Jacksonville, being released at the last named place. Mr. Green then returned home but did not receive his discharge until two months later, on the 30th of May, 1865, for on the records of his regiment he had been marked as dead. Only two of the twenty-three men captured at the time he was taken returned home, the other twenty-one dying in prison and most of the number at Andersonville. His service for his country was characterized by the utmost loyalty and his courage never faltered through all the dangers, hardships and terrors of his military career.

Again taking up the pursuits of civil life, Mr. Green was engaged in farming in Illinois until March, 1878, when he came to Adair county, Iowa, here cultivating rented land for five years. On the expiration of that period he purchased his present home farm of one hundred and seventy-one acres on section 18, Union township, whereon he has resided continuously during the intervening thirty-two years. He also owns eighty acres of land on section 6, a place of similar size on section 5, and two other eighty-acre tracts on section 6 and section 7, which have been allotted to four of his sons. His undertakings as an agriculturist have been attended with a most gratifying measure of prosperity and he has long been numbered among the substantial and esteemed citizens of the community.

Mr. Green has been married twice. In 1865 he wedded Miss Fannie Hunt, of Farmington, Illinois, by whom he had two sons: Charles A., at home; and Sylvester S., of Union township. The wife and mother passed away in 1869, and in 1870 Mr. Green was again married, his second union being with Miss Abbie Mooney, of Kewanee, Illinois, by whom he has five children, as follows: Edward T., Harry F., and Walter O., all of whom are engaged in farming in Union township; Archie C., who operates the home farm; and Nellie M., who is the wife of Charles Younkins, of Alliance, Nebraska.

In politics Mr. Green is a staunch republican, loyally supporting the men and measures of the party which was the defense of the Union during the dark days of the Civil war. He belongs to the Grand Army post at Orient and thus still maintains pleasant relations with his old comrades among the fast thinning ranks of the "boys in blue." His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the

Christian church, to which his wife also belongs. He has now passed the seventy-third milestone on this earthly pilgrimage and his entire life has been in harmony with the principles of upright, honorable manhood, so that he well merits the esteem and veneration which is uniformly accorded him.

CLYDE A. SMITH.

Clyde A. Smith, engaged in general farming in Eureka township, was born September 27, 1884, in the township in which he still lives, his parents being Julius B. and Ida (Eby) Smith, who are mentioned elsewhere in this volume. He was reared and educated in this county, attending the town schools of Anita. He remained with his parents until he reached the age of twenty-two years, and then began farming on his own account. He is now in partnership with his father in the development and conduct of the old homestead and is an enterprising, wide-awake business man who is making good use of his time and opportunities.

On the 3d of April, 1907, Mr. Smith was united in marriage to Miss Maude Bloomfield, a daughter of Henry and Fannie (Madison) Bloomfield, who were natives of Indiana and became pioneer settlers of Adair county, arriving here at a day when Indians still lived in the district and when the work of development seemed scarcely begun. Mr. Bloomfield was a veteran of the Civil war, having loyally served in defense of the Union at the time of the hostilities between the north and the south. Mrs. Bloomfield still survives and is now a resident of Fontanelle. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have two children: Gale and Jewell, aged respectively seven and five years. They are well known in the part of the county in which they live and enjoy the friendship of many with whom they have come in contact. In his political views Mr. Smith has always been a republican since age conferred upon him the right of franchise, but, while he does not fail to cast his vote in support of the principles in which he believes, he has never sought nor desired office.

ISAAC P. BAILEY.

Isaac P. Bailey, a representative and successful agriculturist residing in Prussia township, is the owner of an excellent farm embracing one hundred and fifty-three acres on sections 30 and 31. His birth occurred in Keokuk county, Iowa, January 9, 1872, his parents being Isaac and Ella (Tomblinson) Bailey, the former born in Indiana and the latter in Virginia. Isaac Bailey made his way to Keokuk county, this state, by ox team in 1861 and there carried on farming until he came to Adair county, purchasing a tract of land in Jackson township, three miles west of Fontanelle. This he operated continuously and successfully until 1895, when he put aside the active work of the fields and took up his abode in Greenfield, where he has since lived in honorable retirement. He has now attained the age of seventy-eight years, while his wife is sixty-five years old. The period of their residence in this county covers many years and they enjoy an extensive and favorable acquaintance within its borders.

Isaac P. Bailey was reared and educated in Jackson township, Adair county, and remained under the parental roof until he had attained his majority. He then started out as an agriculturist on his own account, cultivating rented land in Eureka township for two years, and renting land in Prussia township for ten years, on the expiration of which period he purchased his present farm of one hundred and fifty-three acres on sections 30 and 31, Prussia township. He has made many substantial improvements on the property and in its operation has won a gratifying measure of success, the well tilled fields annually yielding golden harvests in return for the care and labor which he bestows upon them. In connection with the production of cereals he makes a specialty of the raising of Chester White hogs, this branch of his business materially augmenting his income. He is a stockholder in the Farmers Mutual Telephone Company and widely recognized as a substantial and esteemed citizen of the county.

On the 6th of December, 1893, Mr. Bailey was united in marriage to Miss Kate Hemphill, a daughter of James and Mary (Humphreys) Hemphill, both of whom were natives of Missouri. They came to Adair county, Iowa, in 1874 and here the father successfully operated a farm throughout the remainder of his active business career. His last days were spent in honorable retirement at Fontanelle, where he passed away in September, 1906, at the age of sixty-nine years. His widow, who has now attained the age of seventy-six years, still makes her home in Fontanelle. James Hemphill served for six months of the Civil war as a member of a Missouri regiment. Mr. and Mrs. Bailey have two children, Roy Otis and Cleo Maude, who are eighteen and fifteen years of age respectively.

Politically Mr. Bailey is a staunch advocate of the democracy and for the past seven years has served as township clerk, holding the office at the present time. His religious faith is that of the Methodist church. He is well known among his fellow citizens and the fact that many of his best friends are those who have known him longest is an indication that his salient characteristics are such as inspire and hold regard, esteem and goodwill.

ASBURY DENHAM RATER.

The home farm of Asbury Denham Rater is on section 26, Walnut township. He was born in Marion county, Iowa, August 16, 1863, a son of Daniel and Sarah Anthus (Romans) Rater. The father was born in Indiana and was of German lineage, while the mother, who was born in Kentucky, represented an old American family. Daniel Rater was reared to the occupation of farming and prior to the Civil war removed westward to Marion county, Iowa, where he began the work of tilling the soil, there residing until 1865, when he went to Jasper county, Iowa, where he purchased land and carried on farming until he retired from active business. At that date he removed to Reasnor, Iowa, where he continued to make his home until he was called to his final rest on the 6th of June, 1904. His widow also passed away there on the 10th of May, 1910.

Asbury Denham Rater was reared as a farm boy, attending the district schools and assisting in the work of the home place. Ambition led him to start out in the world for himself and he made his way to Rawlins county, Kansas, where he home-

steaded a farm and resided thereon for five years. He then returned to Jasper county, Iowa, where he rented land for two years, after which he spent a similar period in the Sunflower state. He next went to Oklahoma, where he lived for six years, engaged in the cultivation of school land which he leased. In 1900 he again became a resident of Jasper county, but in 1901 established his home in Adair county. For two years he rented a farm in Summit township and then went to Guthrie county, Iowa, where he rented for a year. In 1905 he became a resident of Walnut township, Adair county, and in 1911 purchased the eighty acre tract of land whereon he now makes his home, the place being situated on section 26, Walnut township. He devotes all of his time to farming and stock-raising and breeds a good grade of stock.

On the 28th of January, 1885, Mr. Rater married Miss Ida Elizabeth Franklin, a daughter of Andrew J. and Catharine (Covert) Franklin. The father was born in Van Buren county, Iowa, and is of French descent. The mother's ancestry was strictly American through several generations. She died when Mrs. Rater, the oldest of the four children, was but seven years of age. Mr. Franklin was a farmer and for years engaged in the tilling of the soil in Iowa and Nebraska, but now makes his home upon a farm in Oklahoma.

To Mr. and Mrs. Rater have been born seven children, but the eldest, Jessie Pearl, who was born January 28, 1886, died on the 7th of February of that year. The second daughter, Ethel Victoria, born April 14, 1887, is the wife of Elmer Sherman Smith, a resident farmer of Walnut township, and they have two children, Howard Leslie and Verle Elsworth. Lulu Anthus, born April 10, 1889, is the wife of George Franklin Smith, a resident farmer of Walnut township, and they have one child, Boyd Franklin. Ollie Alvin, born August 5, 1891, married Alma Staggs, and is a resident farmer of Walnut township. Virgil Asbury, born December 26, 1895, Daniel Arthur, born March 24, 1902, and Ida Evelyn, born June 16, 1904, are at home.

Mr. Rater operates the home place with the aid of his sons and is one of the highly respected farmers of Walnut township. He has ever placed character above success and yet in his business affairs has been actuated by a laudable ambition that has stimulated him to put forth his best efforts to secure advancement.

FERDINAND GREENBECK.

Ferdinand Greenbeck, who owns and operates a farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 20, Grove township, has lived in Adair county for nearly four decades and is widely known as one of its substantial agriculturists and respected citizens. His birth occurred in Illinois on the 1st of December, 1857, his parents being Casper and Christina (Engel) Greenbeck, both of whom were natives of Germany. They emigrated to the United States in the early '50s and made their home in Illinois until 1876, when they came to Adair county, Iowa. Here the father passed away in 1909, after a period of residence covering a third of a century, but the mother is still living and now makes her home in South Dakota. To them were born five children, four of whom survive.

Ferdinand Greenbeck acquired his education in the common schools and remained under the parental roof until twenty-two years of age, when he was married and established a home of his own, in Jackson township, where he was actively engaged in farming until 1903. In that year he removed to Lee township and one year later took up his abode in Summerset township, where he continued to reside for five years. On the expiration of that period he purchased a farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 20, Grove township, which he has operated to the present time and has partly improved. In his undertakings as an agriculturist he has won success, his well tilled fields annually yielding golden harvests in return for the care and labor which he bestows upon them.

In 1879 Mr. Greenbeck was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Rechtenbach, a native of Illinois and a daughter of A. W. and Amelia Rechtenbach, of whom more extended mention is made on another page of this work in connection with the sketch of G. G. Rechtenbach, brother of Mrs. Greenbeck. To our subject and his wife have been born six children, as follows: August C. and Gustave G., who are engaged in farming in Grove township; Barbara C., at home; William E.; John F., who is deceased; and Ferdinand E.

Mr. Greenbeck gives his political allegiance to the republican party and has ably served as school director. Both he and his wife are devoted and consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal church, exemplifying its teachings in their daily lives, and their circle of friends is an extensive one.

C. E. GRAVES.

C. E. Graves is a resident farmer of Jefferson township living on section 22. New England claims him as a native son, for his birth occurred in Bowdoinham, Maine, on the 27th of September, 1841, his parents being James and Martha (Prebble) Graves, who were also natives of the Pine Tree state, in which they spent their entire lives. The father was a spar maker by trade and also owned and cultivated a farm of one hundred acres. He died in 1885, while his wife passed away in 1852.

In his youthful days C. E. Graves largely devoted his time to the acquirement of an education in the district schools and after the outbreak of the Civil war enlisted for active service at the front, being mustered in as a private, in December, 1861, as a member of Company B, Fifteenth Regiment Maine Volunteer Infantry. He served for four years and seven months, participating in many of the important military movements of the war, and was honorably discharged on the 5th of July, 1866. After President Lincoln's assassination his regiment was assigned to police duty and was subsequently sent to South Carolina, where they were on provost duty for almost a year. Mr. Graves participated in the engagements at Sabine Cross Roads, Pleasant Hill, Cane River Crossing, Mansura Plain, and was on duty under General Banks. He was mustered out as first lieutenant.

Following his return home after the close of his military service, Mr. Graves engaged in farming for two years upon rented land in Maine and then sought the agricultural opportunities offered in the middle west. In 1869 he arrived in Adair county and for twelve or thirteen years engaged in the cultivation of rented land, but in 1882 purchased eighty acres of his present home farm—the tract upon which



C. E. GRAVES

his buildings are located. He erected his residence and all of the barns and out-buildings that now furnish ample shelter for grain and stock. He also set out trees which are now splendid specimens of their kind and constitute a pleasing feature in the landscape. As opportunity has offered, Mr. Graves has also extended the boundaries of his place until he now has two hundred and ten acres. He is one of the substantial and well known farmers of the township and is one of the few survivors of the number who were here at the time of his arrival. He has witnessed much of the growth and development of this section of the state and has borne his part in the work of transformation and improvement.

On the 2d of February, 1878, Mr. Graves was united in marriage to Miss Ellen K. Vaughan, of Waupaca county, Wisconsin, by whom he had six children, three of whom survive, namely: Roy E., who is a resident of Minneapolis, Minnesota; and Charles C. and Beulah V., both at home.

In his political views Mr. Graves is a republican, having supported the party continuously since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. He served for six terms, or eighteen years, as township trustee, his long continuance in the office being incontrovertible evidence of his ability and fidelity. He is a member of Maxwell Post, No. 14, G. A. R., at Stuart, and thus maintains pleasant relations with his old army comrades, while in all matters of citizenship he is as true and loyal as when he followed the old flag on southern battlefields. He has not only appreciated but has improved the opportunities offered in the middle west and during the forty-six years of his residence in Adair county has so directed his labors as to win the success that classes him with the substantial residents of Jefferson township.

OLLIE H. HEMPHILL.

Ollie H. Hemphill owns and cultivates eighty acres of land on section 30, Prussia township, comprising one of the most attractive and highly improved farms in the county. His birth occurred in Lincoln county, Missouri, on the 1st of September, 1874, his parents being James and Mary (Humphreys) Hemphill, who were likewise natives of that state. They made their way to Adair county, Iowa, in 1874, the father here devoting his attention to general agricultural pursuits throughout the remainder of his active business career. His last days were spent in honorable retirement at Fontanelle, where he passed away in September, 1906, at the age of sixty-nine years, his death being the occasion of deep and widespread regret throughout the community. His widow, who has now attained the age of seventy-six years, still makes her home in Fontanelle and enjoys an extensive and favorable acquaintance here. James Hemphill served for six months of the Civil war as a member of a Missouri regiment.

Ollie H. Hemphill was brought to this county in his infancy and has remained within its borders continuously since. He was reared and educated in Prussia township and remained under the parental roof until he had attained his majority, after which he started out as an agriculturist on his own account, cultivating rented land for ten years. On the expiration of that period he purchased an eighty-acre tract on section 30, Prussia township, but leased the place for seven years before taking up his abode thereon, so that the farm has been his home only for the past

three years. He has improved the property until it is now one of the best in the county and in its operation is meeting with excellent success. He devotes considerable attention to the raising of thoroughbred Poland China hogs, finding this branch of his business quite profitable.

On the 8th of February, 1899, Mr. Hemphill was united in marriage to Miss Georgia Bloomfield, a daughter of Henry and Fanny (Madison) Bloomfield, who were natives of Ohio and Indiana respectively. The father, an agriculturist by occupation, came to Adair county, Iowa, in 1871, purchasing a tract of land in Eureka township which he improved and cultivated during the remainder of his life. He died on the 4th of October, 1913, as the result of a runaway accident, and his widow now makes her home in Fontanelle. Mr. and Mrs. Hemphill have one child, Lole V., who is fourteen years of age.

Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise Mr. Hemphill has supported the men and measures of the republican party and for five years he served as school director, being ever a staunch friend of the cause of education. Fraternally he is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, while his religious faith is that of the Methodist church. He and his estimable wife have many warm friends, who recognize in them the elements that contribute most to the upbuilding of the best interests of the community.

THORNTON A. CROZIER.

Thornton A. Crozier, an enterprising and highly respected farmer of Eureka township living on section 6, is a native of California, although he has spent the greater part of his life in this state. He was born on the Pacific coast in November, 1851, a son of Robert and Nancy H. (Ward) Crozier, who were natives of the Buckeye state. The parents went to California about 1850 and the father there engaged in farming for a year, after which he went to Iowa, settling in Marion county, where he purchased land, continuing the further development and improvement of that farm throughout his remaining days. He died November 27, 1913, while in 1889 death had claimed his wife.

Thornton A. Crozier spent his youthful days in Marion county, Iowa, and his time was divided between the duties of the schoolroom, the pleasures of the playground and such tasks as were assigned to him by parental authority. He continued with his parents until he attained his majority and then started out in life for himself by renting land which he continued to cultivate for five years. He carefully saved his earnings until industry and economy had brought him sufficient capital to enable him to purchase sixty acres in Marion county. He operated that farm for five years and then sold it, after which he came to Adair county and purchased eighty acres on section 6, Eureka township. This he at once began to cultivate and improve and has since made his home thereon, while his labors have resulted in the transformation of the place into one of the fine farms of the locality.

In April 1878, Mr. Crozier was united in marriage to Miss Laura Fast, a daughter of Phillip and Nancy (McBride) Fast, who were pioneer residents of both Marion and Adams counties. They went to Marion county in 1868 and there the father engaged in farming for a few years and then removed to Adams county,

where he purchased land, which he continued to cultivate throughout his remaining days. He died in July, 1906, having for almost thirty-five years survived his wife, whose death occurred December 7, 1871. There were eight children in their family, of whom six are yet living. Mr. and Mrs. Crozier have become the parents of seven children: Charlie, now a resident of Council Bluffs, Iowa; Billy, whose home is in Lake City, Iowa; Jessie, a resident of Council Bluffs; Nellie, the wife of Ellis Herrick, who is living in Anita, Iowa; and Floyd, Byron and Tressa, all at home.

Mr. Crozier exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party but does not seek nor desire office, his undivided attention being given to his business affairs. He is well known as a raiser of high grade stock, feeding about two carloads of cattle per year, and his annual sales of stock and farm produce bring to him a substantial financial return.

LEVI FAY.

For over thirty years Levi Fay, the owner of the Pleasant View Farm, has been successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits in Prussia township. He was born in Switzerland county, Indiana, June 3, 1853, a son of Levi and Sarah Ann (Merrill) Fay, natives respectively of Pennsylvania and of Ohio. The father, who devoted his life to farming, became a resident of Indiana in an early day in the history of that state and remained there until 1854, when, with his family, he went to Linn county, Iowa, whence he removed successively to Jasper county and to Adair county, where he rented land, which he operated the remainder of his life. He passed away in July, 1900, but is survived by his widow, who resides at Washta, Cherokee county, this state.

Levi Fay was reared and educated in Adair county and remained with his parents until he became of age. He then rented land which he operated for four years, after which he purchased eighty acres on section 1, Prussia township, to the cultivation of which he has since devoted his time. The place, which is known as the Pleasant View Farm, is well improved and the land is in a high state of cultivation. He also owns stock in the Farmers Lumber Company of Casey.

In February, 1879, occurred the marriage of Mr. Fay and Miss Margaret Shanklin, a daughter of Gordon and Hannah M. (Thurston) Shanklin. The father, who was born in Kentucky, enlisted from that state in the Confederate army and served for two years during the Civil war. On returning from the front he went to Mason county, Illinois, and farmed there for several years, after which he came to Adair county, Iowa, and for a long time rented land. He finally retired and removed to Nebraska, where he resided for a number of years, although the last four years of his life were spent in Colorado. He passed away July 12, 1913. His wife, who was born in Indiana, died in February, 1877. Mr. and Mrs. Fay have become the parents of eight children: Clarence, who lives in Arlington, Washington; Frank, who is farming in Prussia township; Arthur, who is following agricultural pursuits in Walnut township; Goldie, who is the wife of Pearl Harris and resides in Prussia township; Delbert, who is farming in this county; Sylvia, who resides at home; Fern, who gave her hand in marriage to James Porter and is living in Greenfield;

and Hattie, who married Eli Lundy and passed away in July, 1904, leaving a daughter, Pearl Leota, who makes her home with our subject.

Mr. Fay casts his ballot in support of the men and measures of the democratic party and is now serving as school director. His ability and integrity have gained him the respect of all who have come in contact with him, and there are many who are his warm personal friends.

GEORGE P. THIELE.

George P. Thiele makes his home on section 28, Eureka township, and is busily engaged in the operation of the old homestead farm of the family. He was born August 20, 1879, in the township where he still resides, his parents being Christian and Mary Thiele, both of whom were natives of Germany. On coming to America they settled in Joliet, Illinois, where they resided until 1877, Mr. Thiele being employed as overseer in the big rolling mills there. He was holding that position at the time of the big strike in the mills. On coming to Adair county he settled in Eureka township and two years later purchased a farm of one hundred and twenty acres, upon which his son George now resides, securing the land from the man who had purchased it from the railroad company. It was then a tract of raw prairie and hazel brush. Christian Thiele at once began to clear the land and to prepare it for the plow and to his original purchase he added from time to time as his financial resources permitted until he was the owner of four hundred acres of excellent and highly improved farm land. He resided thereon until 1901, when he retired and removed to Atlantic, where he and his wife are now residing, enjoying well earned rest. He is truly a self-made man, for he started out without capital or without assistance from friends and has not only earned a good living but has managed to save a comfortable competence for the evening of life.

George P. Thiele, born and reared in Eureka township, pursued his education in district school No. 8 and assisted in the operation of the home farm until his parents removed to Atlantic, when he and his brother Marcus H. took charge of the farms, which they operated in partnership for a year. At the end of that time George P. Thiele removed to a place north of Casey and entered into partnership with J. M. Emmert. He assumed charge of the McCral ranch of three hundred and twenty acres, living thereon for four years. In 1906, however, he returned to Eureka township and rented from his father four hundred acres of land, which he cultivated and improved until 1913, when he rented the old home place of one hundred and sixty acres on section 28, Eureka township. Upon that tract he now resides, his time being devoted to the active work of the fields, which present a most neat and attractive appearance. He is one of the progressive young farmers and stockmen of Eureka township and in addition to tilling the soil he feeds cattle and hogs. He keeps a high grade of Duroc-Jersey hogs and breeds full blooded shorthorn cattle, having a fine bull at the head of his herd.

On the 8th of October, 1902, Mr. Thiele was married to Miss Mary Cavanaugh, a daughter of Patrick and Mary (Minner) Cavanaugh, both of whom were natives of Ireland. They came to America in childhood with their respective parents and following their marriage settled at Stuart, Iowa, where for some years Mr. Cavanaugh

was employed as fireman on the Rock Island Railroad. For the past twenty years the mother of Mrs. Thiele has resided at Casey, Iowa. Following the death of her first husband she became the wife of Fred Folsom, a carpenter of Casey. To Mr. and Mrs. Thiele have been born four children: Lela, who was born August 20, 1903; Margaret, June 27, 1906; Velma, March 4, 1908; and Nelse, February 6, 1910.

All are attending the home school. Mrs. Thiele is a member of the United Brethren church of Eureka township and belongs to the Ladies' Aid Society of that church. Mr. Thiele holds membership with the Modern Woodmen at Fontanelle and gives his political allegiance to the democratic party. He has always followed the occupation to which he was reared and his thorough understanding of every branch of farm work, his knowledge of the methods which are at once practical and scientific and his indefatigable enterprise have placed him with the leading agriculturists of his community.

WILLIAM F. PEARCE.

William F. Pearce, whose home is on section 28, Walnut township, is a native of Dexter, Dallas county, Iowa. He was born September 20, 1874, of the marriage of James H. and Nancy (Ford) Pearce. His ancestry is distinctly American. His father was a native of Ohio and in early manhood took up the occupation of farming. During the pioneer epoch in the history of Adair county he arrived in this part of the state, settling in Jackson township near Bridgewater. Afterward, however, he removed to Dallas county and took up his abode upon a farm between Dexter and Stuart. Later he removed to a farm five miles southwest of Canby, where he resided for many years, and his last days were spent upon his farm in Grove township, Adair county, where he passed away in 1908. In early manhood he had wedded Nancy Ford, a native of Lucas county, Iowa, and her death occurred upon the home farm in Jefferson township in 1898.

William F. Pearce began his education in the district school near Canby and afterward attended school in Eureka township. He continued upon the home farm until he reached adult age and his training well qualified him to take up the practical and responsible duties of life when he began farming on his own account. As he had no assistance in starting out, he rented land and thus followed agricultural pursuits until the spring of 1913, when he purchased his present farm, comprising one hundred and sixty acres on section 28, Walnut township. He moved on to it in the spring of 1914 and is now busily engaged in its further cultivation and improvement. He has brought his land to a high state of cultivation, so that he annually gathers good crops. Several years ago he began the breeding of registered Belgian stock, first purchasing a team of registered thoroughbred mares, and today he has a fine lot of full blooded brood mares, while upon the market he secures a ready sale for his horses. He likewise raises a good grade of cattle and hogs and he is successfully engaged in general farming as well.

In 1901 Mr. Pearce was united in marriage to Miss Alice Laughlin, a daughter of Thomas and Margaret (Crawford) Laughlin, both of whom were natives of Ireland, the mother's birth having occurred in County Donegal. He came to the new world when eighteen years of age, while Mrs. Laughlin was a maiden of but

eleven summers when she crossed the Atlantic to the United States. They were married in Philadelphia, at which time Mr. Langhlin was there employed at the trade of carpet weaving. His attention was given to his business affairs until he felt that there was a still stronger call upon him and he offered his services to his country, enlisting with the boys in blue of Company E, One Hundred and Eighty-seventh Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. He took part in a number of sanguinary conflicts, serving throughout the period of the war, after which he was married and came to Iowa, settling near Davenport. Later he removed to Jefferson township, Adair county, where he purchased land, upon which he lived for many years. He died upon that place in 1905 and there his widow continued to reside until 1913, when she removed to Stuart, Iowa, where she died July 12, 1915. Mr. and Mrs. Pearce have had two children: Clarence, who was born June 4, 1902, and died at the age of five years; and Leota, born June 20, 1912.

Mrs. Pearce is a member of the Christian church of Knox Grove and has many pleasing qualities which have gained her the friendship of many. Mr. Pearce votes with the republican party and is well informed concerning the questions and issues of the day, but is not ambitious to hold office, feeling that his business affairs make full demand upon his time and energy. He is not afraid of work, nor does he shirk that study of conditions which must always precede success. He is advancing steadily in the business world and is thereby securing a handsome competence as a reward for his labor.

JOY RANDOLPH RUSSELL.

Actively identified with farming interests in Adair county is Joy Randolph Russell, one of the native sons of Eureka township, born May 5, 1887. His parents were George R. and Maggie J. (Hepler) Russell. In the paternal line he comes of English and Welsh descent and in the maternal line of Pennsylvania-Dutch stock. His father was born in Indiana, while his mother was a native of Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania. In his boyhood days George R. Russell removed westward with the family, arriving in Van Buren county, Iowa, on the 2d of May, 1858. Later the family came to Adair county, taking up their abode in Eureka township in 1879, and George R. Russell, in connection with his brother, William A., purchased land on section 16. With characteristic energy he began the development of the place and as the years passed continued in the work of the farm until his life's labors were ended by death in 1899. The mother afterward removed with her children to Oregon, and it was in Aurora, that state, that she passed away in 1907.

Joy R. Russell was but a child when he went with his mother to the northwest. He attended school in Oregon and grew to manhood there, but in the year 1907 he returned to Adair county, Iowa, and purchased the farm of one hundred and sixty acres on which he now lives. In 1910 he removed to this place and hereon has since lived, his chief interests being general farming and stock-raising. He keeps on hand good grades of cattle and hogs but feeds hogs only. He gives his undivided attention to his business and his work, intelligently directed, has been the means of securing for him a gratifying measure of success.

On the 24th of June, 1909, Mr. Russell was united in marriage to Miss Pearl E. Hadley, a daughter of A. M. and Cliste (Diddy) Hadley. Mr. and Mrs. Russell have three children: Ruby A., born February 24, 1911; Fae Iona, August 22, 1912; and George Albert, March 14, 1914. They also lost a daughter, their first born, Blanche C., when she was but two months old.

Mrs. Russell is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and is living a consistent Christian life. Mr. Russell votes with the democratic party and recognizes and meets his obligations of citizenship but does not feel it incumbent upon him to seek or fill public office. He gives earnest support to well formulated plans for the public good and in the conduct of his business affairs shows that the principles which govern his course measure up to high standards of manhood.

DENISON PEARCE.

Denison Pearce, a resident farmer of Eureka township, living on section 8, was born in Washington township, Adair county, on the 1st of January, 1877, his parents being Frank and Sarah (Cronk) Pearce. The father was a native of England, born in 1840, and came of English ancestry. He took up the occupation of farming as a life work. In 1847 he had accompanied his parents to America, the family home being established in Dubuque county, Iowa, where the grandfather engaged in farming. Early experience made Frank Pearce familiar with all the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. He afterward removed to Adair county, Iowa, settling in Washington township, where he purchased land. Eventually he removed to Eureka township and was connected with its agricultural interests for a considerable period, but in 1899 severed the ties that bound him to this county and removed to Missouri. Later, however, he returned to Iowa and was making his home with his son Denison at the time of his death, which occurred at Adair, he being killed on the 1st of September, 1913, by a runaway team. For fourteen years he had survived his wife, who passed away on the 1st of April, 1899.

After acquiring his early education in the district schools Denison Pearce continued his studies in Shenandoah, Iowa. In vacation periods he worked upon the farm and continued upon the home place until he attained his majority. He took charge of the farm in 1898 and has since resided thereon. He now owns and cultivates four hundred and eighty acres of well improved land, farming all but forty-five acres of his property. He has two hundred acres in the home place on section 8, Eureka township, two hundred acres on section 17, and eighty acres on section 15. He carefully formulates his plans and carries them forward to successful completion. He studies the nature of the soil, practices the rotation of crops and utilizes the most improved methods in cultivating his fields. He devotes his entire time to his farming and stock-raising interests and he feeds both cattle and hogs. He raises a good grade of stock, for which he finds a ready sale on the market. He sends his stock to market in good condition and therefore has no difficulty in securing high prices. That his life is a busy one finds evidence in the well kept appearance of his farm, where everything is neat and orderly and where the work is systematically carried on.

In 1903 was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Pearce and Miss Manie Crawford, a daughter of P. M. and Elma Crawford. Her father, a native of Indiana, followed the occupation of farming and on coming to Adair county settled in Eureka township, where he reared his family. Following the death of his wife, which occurred on the old homestead, he left the farm and is now living in Linnsburg, Indiana.

Mr. Pearce's adherence to the democratic party has come as the result of his study of the political questions and issues of the day. He has served as clerk at elections but has never sought or desired public office, feeling that his business interests make ample demands upon his time and energy. He never neglects the duties of citizenship, however, and when opportunity offers takes a helpful interest in affairs relating to the general good.

ALBERT M. HADLEY.

Albert M. Hadley is the owner of one hundred and sixty acres of excellent farm land in Eureka township, his home being on section 21. He is one of the pioneer settlers of this part of the state and has been a witness of the many changes which have occurred, transforming a frontier district into a prosperous agricultural section. At the time of his arrival here deer were running wild over the prairie and only here and there had a little house been built to show that the work of improvement and civilization had been begun. Mr. Hadley relates many an interesting tale concerning the early days, for the history of Adair county is largely familiar to him. A native of Indiana, he was born in Hendricks county on the 6th of October, 1854, and is a son of Jonathan and Emeline (Marshall) Hadley. The father was a native of that county and a shoemaker by trade, but after working at the last for some time he took up the occupation of farming, following his removal to Iowa. It was in 1863 that he came to this state, settling first in Guthrie county, where he engaged in farming for a year. He then went to Dallas county and purchased a farm east of Dexter, spending the remainder of his days there, his death occurring in May, 1875. His wife was a native of Indiana and they were married in Hamilton county, that state. Her death occurred in Tama, Iowa, December 8, 1912, at which time she was making her home there with her daughters.

Albert M. Hadley remained under the parental roof until he reached the age of twenty years and then began farming on his own account, renting land in Madison county for a year. In 1875 he arrived in Adair county and for thirteen years rented land in Eureka township on section 10. He afterward purchased eighty acres of his present place and took up his abode thereon. All of the improvements have been placed there by him and he has erected a new residence and substantial barns. In 1910 he added to his original purchase a tract of eighty acres on the northwest quarter of section 21. He carries on general farming and stock-raising and breeds thoroughbred shorthorn cattle and Poland China hogs. He began breeding high grade stock in 1885 and has ever kept his herds up to the best. He sells his cattle to feeders, but feeds hogs himself for the market, and he cultivates his entire tract of one hundred and sixty acres with the aid of his sons. When he arrived in the county forty years ago nearly all of the district was raw prairie. Eureka township contained only twenty-nine voters, none of whom are now left.



ALBERT M. HADLEY AND FAMILY

save Mr. Hadley, who is today the oldest resident of the township. Conditions are very different now from what they were when he arrived, for the deer ran wild over the land and there was not an improvement upon the place where Mr. Hadley now makes his home. When he first came here he was offered one hundred and sixty acres of land at six dollars per acre on twenty years time, but was afraid to make the investment, fearing that the land was not worth it. Much land at that time sold for from six to ten dollars per acre and the most farsighted could scarcely have dreamed that the property would ever attain the value which it has today.

In 1877 Mr. Hadley was united in marriage to Miss Cliste Diddy, a daughter of Peter and Jane (West) Diddy. She died February 21, 1910. There were eight children of that marriage: Aura, the wife of R. B. Smith, of Des Moines; Claude D., who died at the age of sixteen years; Delman E., a farmer of Grove township, who married Iva Reed; Bertha J., the wife of Jesse Handley, a farmer now living near Council Bluffs, Iowa; Pearl, the wife of J. R. Russell, a farmer of Eureka township; Leslie E., who is engaged in farming in that township; Wilbur, who follows farming in Prussia township; and Walter J., who assists his father in the operation of the home place. On Christmas Day of 1912 Mr. Hadley again married, his second union being with Mrs. Amelia J. Burns, the widow of Henry T. Burns, of Dallas county. By her first marriage Mrs. Hadley has four children: Matie, who is now the widow of Edward McClure and resides in Dallas Center; Henrietta, the wife of Joseph P. Fox, of Stuart; Harry, living at Dallas Center; and Ruth, also residing at Dallas Center.

In his political views Mr. Hadley has been an earnest republican since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. He firmly believes in the principles of the party and does all in his power to secure its success. He is now filling the office of justice of the peace, serving for his tenth year. He has likewise been officially connected with the schools as a member of the school board, serving now for the third year as treasurer of the township board. He holds membership with the United Brethren church of Eureka Center, taking an active interest in its work. He has been a factor in advancing the material, intellectual and moral progress of his community and as one of the honored pioneer settlers he is most widely and favorably known.

ALLEN R. BROWN.

Allen R. Brown is a prominent stockman of Adair county. His home farm on section 30, Eureka township, comprises two hundred and eighty acres of valuable land devoted to grain raising and to live-stock interests. He came to Adair county in early manhood from his old home in Illinois, of which state he is a native, his birth having occurred in Grundy county, July 26, 1863. He is a son of John and Sarah (Andrews) Brown. The father, a native of England, was a hatter by trade and worked along that line in England until 1848, when he came to America, accompanied by his wife, who was also born on the "merrie isle." They settled in Newark, New Jersey, where Mr. Brown again worked at the hatter's trade until 1855, when he went to Illinois and purchased farm land in Grundy county, there carrying on general agricultural pursuits until his death, which occurred in 1866.

His widow survived him for more than four decades and died in Grundy county in 1908.

Allen R. Brown attended school in Illinois and remained at home to the age of twenty-three years. After his marriage he followed farming in his native state near the old homestead for two years. Later he came to Adair county and rented land in Eureka township for five years. He next purchased one hundred and sixty acres on section 30, where his son now resides, and upon that farm he continued to make his home until the fall of 1913, when he removed to his present residence not far from the old home. He is now engaged in farming two hundred and eighty acres of land and raises considerable grain. He likewise makes stock-raising an important feature of his place and is breeding Hampshire hogs and Aberdeen Polled Angus cattle. In connection with his brother, Isaac Brown, and others, in 1900 he organized the Berea Horse Company, under the firm style of A. R. Brown & Company. They purchased an imported stallion and since that time have been engaged in breeding horses. They have a stable in the village of Berea and are now owners of Baba 41824 (60746), imported from France in 1907—a most splendid Percheron; and also two mammoth jacks—Major Domo No. 474 and Shy James No. 4444.

On the 14th of March, 1889, Mr. Brown was united in marriage to Miss M. Jennie Pierce, a daughter of Dr. A. M. and Harriet M. (Frost) Pierce. The father was born in Whitehall, New York, and became a physician and surgeon, being graduated from the Hay-Henman College of New York. The mother was a native of Vermont. They removed westward to Morris, Illinois, where Dr. Pierce passed away in 1885, while his wife survived until 1891 and also passed away in Morris. Mr. and Mrs. Brown have become the parents of five children. Zort, who was born March 2, 1890, was married in 1912 to Miss Cora Brown, and they have one child, Zort Allen, born March 17, 1914. Zilpha G. was born June 2, 1893. Armandine, born May 27, 1897, is attending the high school at Anita. Allegra J., born June 28, 1901, is also a student in the Anita high school. Harriet S., born June 7, 1909, is a pupil in the Lone Tree school of Eureka township. The eldest son is living upon the old home place and assists his father in carrying on the farm work.

In politics Mr. Brown is independent, voting for men and measures rather than any party. He served as school director for several terms in his home district and he is interested in those things which pertain to the welfare and development of his community. He has never desired public office, however, but devotes his entire attention to his farming and business interests, which, capably managed, have placed him on the plane of affluence.

EDGAR M. ZOOK.

Edgar M. Zook, who operates an excellent farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 13, Eureka township, has lived thereon for more than a third of a century and is widely recognized as one of the substantial and esteemed citizens of the community. His birth occurred in Whiteside county, Illinois, December 30, 1876, his parents being Joseph S. and Adeline (Law) Zook, both of whom are also natives of that state. The father was reared and educated in Illinois and there followed agricultural pursuits until 1876, when he came to Adair county, Iowa, here purchas-

ing the farm of one hundred and sixty acres which is now cultivated by our subject in Eureka township. He at once began the improvement of the property and was busily engaged in its operation until 1905, when he put aside the active work of the fields and took up his abode in Indianola. At the end of a year, however, he returned to this county and has since made his home in the town of Adair, both he and his wife being well known and highly esteemed throughout the community.

Edgar M. Zook was reared and received his early education in this county and also pursued a course of study in Simpson College of Indianola. On attaining his majority he rented the old home farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Eureka township and has since devoted his time and energies to its operation with excellent results. He owns two well improved farms comprising two hundred and fifty acres in Decatur county, this state, and in connection with the cultivation of cereals is also engaged in raising thoroughbred shorthorn cattle, feeding about a earload of stock annually. He is a stockholder, director and vice president of the Farmers Lumber Company of Fontanelle and is widely recognized as one of the representative and enterprising citizens of the county.

In June, 1905, Mr. Zook was united in marriage to Miss Dimple Watson, a daughter of H. C. and Eva (Peck) Watson, both of whom are natives of Iowa and became pioneer settlers of Decatur county, this state. They are now living retired in Decatur City, Iowa. Mr. Zook gives his political allegiance to the republican party and in religious faith is a Methodist. He has spent nearly his entire life within the borders of Adair county and his many friends and acquaintances entertain for him the highest regard and esteem.

NICKLAS HOFMANN.

Nicklas Hofmann, who owns four hundred acres of excellent land in Prussia township, has been successfully engaged in farming and stock-raising for many years and is well known and highly esteemed throughout Adair county. He was born in Germany, on the 8th of September, 1843, of the marriage of George and Barbara (Hoffman) Hofmann, who, although of the same name, were not related. The father was a farmer and stonemason by occupation but after removing to America with his family in 1852 purchased land in La Salle county, Illinois, which he farmed until his demise in 1854. His wife also passed away in that county.

Nicklas Hofmann was about nine years of age when he accompanied his parents to America and he continued to reside in Illinois until 1872. While living in that state he followed agricultural pursuits but for one year after his removal to Adair county was employed at Casey on railroad construction, working on a gravel train. The following year his financial condition was such that he was able to purchase eighty acres of raw prairie land on section 14, Prussia township. He broke the sod and took up his residence upon his farm, which he brought under cultivation as soon as possible. He has continued to reside there since and through additional purchases of land has brought his holdings up to four hundred acres. In 1909 he gave up the active work of the farm and turned the management of his place over to his sons, who carry on general farming and stock-raising, feeding both cattle and hogs.

The farm is excellently improved and as the land is naturally productive, it yields a good annual income.

In 1869 Mr. Hofmann was united in marriage to Miss Barbara Bittner, a daughter of Nicholas and Margaret (Engle) Bittner, both of whom were born in Germany. They emigrated to America in the same year as the parents of our subject and first located in Illinois, but later came to this county and purchased land in Prussia township which the father operated. Both passed away in this county. To Mr. and Mrs. Hofmann have been born nine children: Emma, the wife of Joseph Roberts, a farmer of Walnut township; John, who is following agricultural pursuits in Prussia township; William, a carpenter living in Greenfield; Charles, who is assisting in the operation of the home place; Herman, a farmer of Prussia township, who married Miss Annie Baker; Frank and Oscar, who, together with their brother Charles, farm the homestead; Lucy, the wife of August Ferber; and Lizzie, the wife of Charles Kramer.

Mr. Hofmann is a democrat and for two terms served as road supervisor, but he has never been an office seeker. Both he and his wife hold membership in the German Lutheran church and their influence is always cast on the side of righteousness and justice. During the many years that he has resided in Adair county Mr. Hofmann has gained the sincere respect of all who have come in contact with him, as he has measured up to high standards of manhood in all relations of life.

LORENZO PUTNEY.

An excellent farm of two hundred and twenty-five acres situated in Grove and Jefferson townships is the property of Lorenzo Putney, and is the visible evidence of a life of well directed energy and thrift, for everything that he possesses has been achieved through his own efforts and has been earned during the period of his residence in Adair county. He had no advantages to aid him in starting out in life and even his education was largely acquired in the school of experience, but by persistent, earnest and honorable effort he has overcome all the difficulties and obstacles in his path and is now numbered among the substantial and respected citizens of Adair county. He was born in the state of New York, February 2, 1850, and his parents, Earl B. and Charity L. (Wiltsey) Putney, were also natives of the Empire state. On removing westward they settled in Tazewell county, Illinois, taking up their abode upon a farm on which they lived for seven years. At the end of that period they removed to Warren county, Illinois, where the succeeding eight years were passed, after which they established their home in Winnebago county, Illinois. Still later they came to Iowa, taking up their abode upon a farm in Adair county in 1870. Their remaining days were passed in this county, where they gained many warm friends.

Lorenzo Putney was one of a family of ten children, eight of whom are yet living. He continued with his parents until he reached the age of twenty years and then returned to Illinois, after which he worked at the paper maker's trade for six years. He then married Miss Sarah L. Allen, a daughter of Azariah and Harriet (Nelson) Allen, the latter a native of New York. The father served as a soldier in the Civil war as a member of Company I, Thirty-first Regiment Iowa

Volunteer Infantry, and laid down his life on the altar of his country. He was a full cousin of Ethan Allen of Revolutionary war fame. The mother is now the only survivor of a family of four children and makes her home in Rockford, Illinois, at the age of seventy-nine years.

Following his marriage Mr. Putney returned to Iowa and for four years cultivated a rented farm in Adair county, after which he purchased one hundred acres of land on section 34, Jefferson township. Taking up his abode upon that place, he has since made it his home. His labors have wrought a marked transformation in its appearance, for he has added to the place all of the improvements thereon and has set out many maple trees which now constitute a fine grove. He persistently and energetically carried on the work of the fields and in the course of time his success was sufficient to enable him to add to his original holdings. He then purchased an additional tract of one hundred and twenty-five acres and is today the owner of two hundred and twenty-five acres of rich and productive land, which he carefully cultivates and improves so that he now has one of the fine farms of Adair county.

Mr. and Mrs. Putney have become the parents of three children: Charles, who is residing on part of his father's farm married Lulu Johnson and has two children Sarah B. and John Lorenzo; Minnie, the wife of L. C. West, of Greenfield, by whom she has two children; and Albert, who is operating the home farm. He married Clara Duff and has one daughter, Minnie Pearl.

Mr. Putney is a republican in his political views but has never been an office seeker, being always too busy to take an active part in public life. He has always placed his dependence upon the substantial qualities of industry and determination and the secret of his success is found in work, whereby he has become one of the substantial farmers of his township.

R. A. McKEE.

Among the native sons of Adair who have found this county an attractive place of residence and have continued to make their home within its borders is R. A. McKee, now living in Lincoln township, where he is actively engaged in farming. He was born December 29, 1880, and is a son of William and Eliza (Moore) McKee, who were natives of Ireland but came to the new world in early life. The father died in this state in 1912 and the mother now resides in Stuart, Iowa.

R. A. McKee was one of their family of ten children, eight of whom are still living. He acquired his education in the common schools and was trained to farm work in the periods of vacation. He remained at home to the time of his marriage, which was celebrated in 1901, Miss Nellie Brown becoming his wife. She was born in Stuart, Iowa, a daughter of J. J. and Alice (Barringer) Brown, the former a native of Virginia and the latter of Henry county, Iowa. She is now a resident of Stuart, this state, but the father has passed away. To Mr. and Mrs. McKee have been born four children: William B., born August 5, 1902; Harold R., January 26, 1904; Marjorie B., January 31, 1910; and Nellie M., born November 27, 1914.

Following his marriage Mr. McKee engaged in railroading for some time as a brakeman, during which period industry and economy brought to him sufficient capital to enable him to become a landowner. He invested in ninety acres in Lincoln township and has since resided upon that farm. He has extended its boundaries, however, until his place comprises one hundred and seventy acres on sections 15 and 16. The farm is well improved, fences divide the fields into convenient size and the land is carefully tilled, so that good crops are annually gathered. Mr. McKee also makes a specialty of raising and feeding stock and thereby materially adds to his income. In business affairs his discrimination is sound, his sagacity keen and the firm purpose with which he carries forward his plans constitutes another element in his growing success.

In his political views Mr. McKee is a republican, but without aspiration for office. He is now serving as a school director and his cooperation can be counted upon to further various measures for the general good. He belongs to the Masonic lodge at Stuart and to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, while his wife is connected with the Rebekahs and with the Methodist Episcopal church. Both adhere closely to the principles which they indorse and they are known as a highly respected couple of Lincoln township. Within the borders of Adair county Mr. McKee has spent his entire life and that his course has been a commendable one is indicated in the fact that many of his staunchest friends are those who have known him from his boyhood to the present.

MICHAEL LOUIS McMANUS.

Michael Louis McManus, vice president of the First National Bank of Adair and for years a prominent merchant of the town, belongs to that class of representative men who recognize the fact that earnest, persistent effort constitutes the basis of all honorable success and, realizing this, have so directed their labors that indefatigable energy has brought to them comfortable fortunes. Mr. McManus is a native of Jennings county, Indiana. He was born November 1, 1841, of the marriage of John and Mary (Connolly) McManus, both of whom were natives of Ireland. The father was born in the province of Leinster and became a farmer. The mother's birth occurred in County Leitrim. When a young man of eighteen years John McManus crossed the Atlantic, and Mary Connolly came with friends to the United States, both settling in New York city, where they met and were afterward married. In 1838 they removed westward to Jennings county, Indiana, where the father engaged in farming for about fourteen years. In 1852 he brought his family to Iowa, settling in Scott county, where he purchased a farm about fifteen miles from Davenport. After living upon that place for some time they took up their abode in the city of Davenport, where their remaining days were passed.

Michael Louis McManus spent his youthful days under the parental roof and worked upon his father's farm in Scott county. He attended school in both Indiana and Iowa and at the age of twenty years he responded to the country's call for troops, enlisting for service in the Union army in August, 1862, as a member of Company A, Fourteenth Regiment Iowa Volunteer Infantry. He was with that command until the 16th of November, 1864, and he was mustered out at Davenport,

Iowa. He was on duty with Sherman's army and took part in a number of hotly contested engagements, in which he was again and again in great danger. He participated in the Red River campaign and in the Atlanta campaign under General A. J. Smith, who at the head of a maneuvering column separated from the main army cooperated with General W. T. Sherman on that campaign. Mr. McManus was also in the Meridian expedition under General Sherman and was slightly wounded in the leg at the battle of Pleasant Hill, Louisiana, but never reported at the hospital. When mustered out he held the rank of sergeant and he returned home with intimate knowledge of all the experiences and hardships which constitute the life of the soldier.

When his military service had ended Mr. McManus returned to this state and in Davenport, in 1867, opened a grocery store which he conducted until 1870. He then removed to Beargrove, Guthrie county, Iowa, where he purchased land and for ten years engaged in farming. He then returned to Scott county and established a general mercantile store at Long Grove, there remaining for a year, after which he sold out. In 1882 he came to Adair, where he established a general store, conducting it until 1902. In that undertaking he was in partnership with several local men. On disposing of his interests in the business he retired from commercial lines. Afterward he served for a time as secretary of the Adair Cooperative Creamery Company and still later he became one of the organizers of the First National Bank of Adair, of which he is now the vice president. In the creamery company, too, he has been advanced to the presidency and in these connections he is controlling important business interests. He is resourceful, ready to meet any emergency, and throughout his entire career he has never feared to venture where favoring opportunity has pointed the way. His plans are carefully formulated and when one avenue of opportunity seems closed he searches out another path that will lead to the desired goal.

On the 6th of November, 1866, Mr. McManus was united in marriage to Miss Ann Kerrigan, who was born in Ireland, April 6, 1846, the wedding ceremony being performed by the Rev. A. M. Pelamourgues. Her parents were Patrick and Ellen Kerrigan, both natives of Ireland. The father passed away in England in 1851. The mother and children then came to the United States, locating first in Ohio, later in Madison, Indiana, and subsequently in Davenport, Iowa. Mrs. Kerrigan died at the home of Mr. McManus, in Adair, on the 25th of July, 1902. To our subject and his wife have been born nine children, as follows: Mary Ellen, who is now the wife of T. H. Walsh, of Adair, Iowa; Agnes, who is the wife of William Walsh, of Adair, Iowa; Ann Theresa, who gave her hand in marriage to Ed Brannan, of Guthrie county, Iowa; John F., who wedded Miss Therese McEvoy and is assistant cashier of the First National Bank of Adair, Iowa; Loretta C., at home; Vincent P., who is a practicing attorney of Manson, Iowa, and who was united in marriage to Mary Armstrong, of Winterset, Iowa; Josephine, who died in infancy; Joseph P., who is a practicing physician and surgeon of Parnell, Iowa, and who was united in marriage to Agnes Murphy, of Parnell; and Alice M., who is the wife of J. M. Walsh, of Adair.

The democratic party finds in Mr. McManus a stalwart adherent of its principles but at local elections where no national issue is involved he often votes for the man regardless of party affiliation. He has served for three terms as mayor of Adair and as chief executive of the city has earnestly worked to advance public interests.

He is also the secretary of the Adair school board. He and his family are communicants of St. John's Catholic church of Adair and he belongs to the Knights of Columbus lodge at Atlantic, Iowa. He maintains pleasant relations with his old army comrades as a member of Washington Post, No. 135, G. A. R., of Adair, in which he is now serving as quartermaster. During the Spanish-American war he received permission from Governor L. M. Shaw of Iowa to drill a company of men at no expense to the state and organized a company of eighty men who were thoroughly drilled and ready for service had President McKinley needed to call for more troops. He has deep love for the stars and stripes and has proven his patriotism and loyalty on more than one occasion.

MRS. EMMA A. (WITHAM) REED.

Mrs. Emma A. (Witham) Reed, well known in Orient, was born in Dubuque county, Iowa, a daughter of W. W. and Elmira Witham. Her entire life has been passed in this state and to its public-school system she is indebted for the educational privileges which she received. In 1879 she gave her hand in marriage to W. H. Reed, who was born in Jones county, Iowa, January 11, 1857, a son of Andrew and Letitia (Henry) Reed, both of whom were natives of Ireland. Crossing the Atlantic to America in 1849, they first took up their abode in Pennsylvania but afterward removed to Dubuque county, Iowa, and subsequently became residents of Jones county, this state. In 1875 they established their home in Adair county, Iowa, and in 1879 removed to Kansas, where their remaining days were passed. In their family were ten children, including W. H. Reed. As previously stated, he wedded Miss Emma A. Witham and they became the parents of seven children, as follows: G. A., who is a practicing attorney of New Mexico; Ella E., who is the wife of A. L. Bevercombe, an agriculturist of Adair county; W. W., engaged in farming in this county; M. W., who is deceased; Reva M., who is at home; Audra Knox; and Howard Eugene.

Mr. and Mrs. Reed spent fourteen years in Thomas county, Kansas, of which county Mr. Reed's father was the first settler and built the first frame house there. Both Mr. and Mrs. Reed worked on a cattle range and he also drove a stage between Colby and Sherman Center, Kansas. He made a business of catching wild horses and for four years served as deputy sheriff of Thomas county. In 1892 he and his wife returned to Iowa. Mrs. Reed is the owner of valuable farm property in Adair county, her holdings embracing two hundred acres of rich and arable land in Orient township and three hundred and twenty acres in Summerset township. She also owns four hundred and eighty acres in Sherman county, Kansas, and her Iowa land is all highly improved. The farm methods utilized in carrying on the work are most modern, and excellent results therefore accrue, large harvests being annually gathered as a reward for the care and cultivation bestowed upon the fields.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Reed are members of the Congregational church and he belongs also to the Masonic lodge at Orient, to the Elks lodge at Creston and to the Modern Woodmen camp, while both he and his wife hold membership in the Royal Neighbors, in which Mrs. Reed has filled all of the chairs. Both are widely known in this part of the state, where they have long resided, and the circle of their



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friends has constantly increased as the circle of their acquaintance has broadened. They are now ranked among the most substantial residents of Adair county, their property holdings bringing to them splendid financial return, and at the same time their interest in and support of measures for the public good are manifest in many tangible ways.

T. W. FITZGERALD.

T. W. Fitzgerald, engaged in general farming in Adair county, makes his home on section 32, Walnut township. He was born in New York city on the 31st of July, 1858, and is a son of Thomas and Kate Fitzgerald. His education was acquired in the schools of the eastern metropolis. He came to Iowa in 1875, but had previously lived in Rock Island. Turning his attention to farming, he is now busily engaged in general agricultural pursuits and is the owner of one hundred and twenty acres of land, pleasantly and conveniently situated on section 32, Walnut township. He has brought his farm to a high state of development, cultivating his fields according to modern methods and winning success through close application, unflinching diligence and honorable dealing.

On the 23d of June, 1886, Mr. Fitzgerald was united in marriage in Adair county, Iowa, to Miss Mintie A. Law, a daughter of James and Sarah Law. This union has been blessed with four children: Grace, now the wife of C. E. Ticknor; John L., who wedded Carrie Varley; and Emma and Frank, both at home.

The religious faith of the family is that of the Methodist church, to which Mr. Fitzgerald loyally adheres. In his fraternal connections he is a Mason and exemplifies in his life the beneficent teachings of the craft concerning mutual helpfulness and kindness. In politics he is a republican and has filled the office of county supervisor, but he is not an active politician in the sense of office seeking, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs.

WILLIAM J. MARTIN.

For more than a third of a century William J. Martin has resided on his present farm of two hundred acres on section 29, Harrison township, and his record is that of one of Adair county's prosperous and representative agriculturists. His birth occurred in County Down, Ireland, in June, 1847, his parents being John and Eliza Ann Martin, who were also natives of that country, where the mother passed away. The father emigrated to the United States in the late '40s and located first in Chicago but subsequently removed to Michigan, in which state his demise occurred.

William J. Martin, the only child of his parents, was eighteen years old when he came to this country. He received a common-school education but was early thrown upon his own resources, beginning to earn his living when but nine years of age by working on a farm. When a young man of eighteen he took up his abode in Poweshiek county, Iowa, where he resided for nine years and was then married. In 1881 he came to Adair county, purchasing a tract of two hundred acres of raw

prairie land in Harrison township, which he improved and which he has cultivated continuously to the present time. He has erected good buildings thereon and has further enhanced the attractiveness of the place by planting an orchard and grove. In connection with the production of cereals he has also been engaged in raising and feeding stock, both branches of his business yielding him gratifying financial returns. He has purchased a home in Greenfield and expects to retire from active life on the 1st of March, 1916.

In 1875 Mr. Martin was united in marriage to Miss Malinda J. Orr, a native of New York city and a daughter of John G. and Ellen (McClintock) Orr, both of whom were born in Ireland. They came to the United States in childhood and later took up their abode in Rock Island, Illinois, where they lived for twelve years. On the expiration of that period they removed to Poweshick county, Iowa, and subsequently came to Adair county, here spending the remainder of their lives. To them were born five children, three of whom survive. Mr. and Mrs. Martin have become the parents of seven children, as follows: Ella M., who is the wife of J. D. Moore; two who died in infancy; Walter Clyde; Linnie M., who gave her hand in marriage to Walter G. Davis; William Claud; and Mabel G., who is the wife of Lester Hepler.

Politically Mr. Martin is a staunch republican but the honors and emoluments of office have never had any attraction for him. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Congregational church, to which his wife also belongs. They are self-made people in the highest and best sense of the term, for the prosperity which they now enjoy has come as the merited reward of their well directed, united efforts. Both have become widely and favorably known during the long period of their residence here and the circle of their friends is an extensive one.

CHARLES E. TICKNOR.

Charles E. Ticknor, a resident farmer of Walnut township, his home being on section 20, is now actively engaged in the cultivation of a farm of two hundred acres in partnership with his brother. He is a native son of Walnut township, his birth having occurred within its borders, July 7, 1884, his parents being Allen J. and Elizabeth M. (Lee) Ticknor, of whom mention is made in connection with the sketch of Walter T. Ticknor on another page of this volume. In their family were five children, of whom one died in infancy, namely, Mina B., who passed away January 4, 1897. The surviving daughters are Margaret D. and Verdie M. The former is the wife of Ernest Gander, who is a professor in the schools in Guthrie Center, Iowa. The latter is the wife of Walter Hartman, a hardware dealer of Stuart, Iowa, and they have one child, Gertrude Elizabeth, who was born November 18, 1914.

The usual experiences of the farm boy came to Charles E. Ticknor in his youthful days. As soon as age and strength permitted he became an active factor in the work of the fields and in the meantime acquired a good English education in the public schools. He continued to assist his father in the further development and improvement of the home farm until the father retired, when he and his brother assumed the management of the home place, which comprises two hundred acres of



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rich and arable land on section 20, Walnut township. They have since operated the farm and they also cultivate an additional tract of eighty acres. They are most careful in the management of the place, the work being systematically conducted, and their enterprising methods make sure the results. In addition to his farming interests Charles E. Ticknor is a stockholder in the Farmers Lumber Company at Casey.

On the 10th of February, 1909, Mr. Ticknor was united in marriage to Miss Grace L. Fitzgerald, a daughter of T. W. and Minta (Law) Fitzgerald, both of whom were born in New York. They became pioneer settlers of Adair county and here the father has been successfully identified with agricultural pursuits for many years. He is now a member of the board of county supervisors. To our subject and his wife have been born three children, namely: Velma A., who is five years of age; Vivian F., a little maiden of three summers; and Veryl C., who is one year old.

The parents are members of the Methodist church, their lives being governed by its teachings. In his political views Mr. Ticknor is a republican but is not an aspirant for office. He feels that his business affairs make entire demand upon his time and energies and he has won for himself a place among the representative farmers of his part of the county, his labors being so conducted that he is gaining substantial success.

HUGH McKEE.

Hugh McKee devotes his time and energies to general farming on section 16, Lincoln township. He has spent the greater part of his life in this state and is now a well known and highly respected resident of Adair county. His birth occurred in County Down, Ireland, on the 24th of March, 1845, his parents being Alexander and Jane (Corrough) McKee, the former a native of the Isle of Man and the latter of County Down, Ireland. In his boyhood days Alexander McKee accompanied his parents to County Down, where he was reared and married. He and his wife began their domestic life there and continued residents of that county until about 1866 or 1867, when they came to the United States, making their way to Muscatine county, Iowa. In 1872 they removed to Adair county and the father purchased three hundred and twenty acres of land in Lincoln township, to which he added from time to time until his holdings aggregated nine hundred and fifty acres. He thus won a place among the large landowners and prosperous citizens of the community. He reached the venerable age of ninety-three years but his wife passed away in 1874, when in her sixty-first year.

Hugh McKee spent his youthful days with his parents and the district schools of Ireland afforded him his educational opportunities, supplemented by a year's study in the United States. After he had attained his majority he remained at home, working for his father until he reached his thirty-third year with the exception of about three years spent in Wisconsin, during which time he was employed in the pineries and at farm work. This was during the latter '60s. He then returned to Iowa and remained at home until 1878, when he began farming on his own account, cultivating a tract of rented land for three years. He was ambitious to own property, however, and during that period carefully saved his earnings until he felt

able to purchase a farm. He borrowed one thousand dollars with which to make the first payment upon a tract of eighty acres and then he bent his energies toward discharging his indebtedness. After five years he was able to purchase another eighty-acre tract adjoining his original place and he continued to cultivate the farm for a time but eventually sold that property and purchased his present home place of one hundred and forty acres, which constitutes one of the fine farms of Lincoln township. He carefully and systematically tills the soil and good crops annually reward his efforts. He is diligent and determined in all that he undertakes and whatever success he has achieved is the merited reward of his earnest labor.

In 1880 Mr. McKee was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary E. Martin, of Stuart, Iowa, who was born in the state of Ohio. To them have been born twelve children, seven of whom survive, namely: James A., Frank, Myrtie, Alice, David, Mary and Harold.

Politically Mr. McKee is a republican, thoroughly informed concerning the questions and issues of the day and giving earnest support to the party principles. For several years he has acceptably filled the office of township trustee and for more than thirty years served as road supervisor. He is a member of Token Lodge, No. 304, F. & A. M., and he and his wife hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, in the teachings of which is found the motive spirit that has guided him in all of his relations in life. His fellow citizens recognize in him a man of sterling worth who has held to high principles throughout his entire career.

WALTER T. TICKNOR.

Walter T. Ticknor is living on section 20, Walnut township, where for a considerable period he has carried on general farming. In fact, he is one of the native sons of this township, born in March, 1883, his parents being Allen J. and Elizabeth M. (Lee) Ticknor, the former a native of Illinois and the latter of Madison county, Iowa. In the year 1876 the father came to Adair county, Iowa, and purchased eighty acres of land on section 20, Walnut township. This he at once began to develop and improve and was busily engaged in the work of the farm until 1909, when he put aside active business cares and retired to private life, establishing his home in Stuart, Iowa, where he and his wife now reside. He now owns a farm of two hundred acres, which is operated by his sons. He is entitled to wear the little bronze button of the Grand Army of the Republic, for at the time of the Civil war he donned the nation's blue uniform and became a member of the Eighty-sixth Illinois Infantry, with which he served for three years, participating in a number of hotly contested engagements. To him and his wife were born five children, those besides our subject being: Mina B., who died January 4, 1897; Margaret D., the wife of Ernest Gander, who is a professor in the public schools; Verdie M., the wife of Walter Hartman, a hardware dealer of Stuart, Iowa, by whom she has one child, Gertrude, born in November, 1914; and Charles E., who is a partner of his brother Walter in the operation of the home farm.

Walter T. Ticknor spent his youthful days in his native county and gave his father the benefit of his services in the work of the farm until the father retired, when he and his brother rented the home place, which they have since cultivated

and improved. In addition to his other interests Mr. Ticknor is a stockholder in the Farmers Lumber Company at Casey.

On the 29th of December, 1910, Mr. Ticknor was united in marriage to Miss Bessie Long, a daughter of A. Z. and Margaret (Harris) Long, natives of Cedar county, Iowa. They removed to Adair county in 1882 and the father purchased eighty acres of land in Jefferson township, which he still owns and cultivates. Mr. and Mrs. Ticknor have one daughter, Marjorie La Vonne, now four years of age. The parents are members of the Methodist church and are loyal to its teachings and to their professions. Politically Mr. Ticknor is a republican and fraternally he is connected with the Sons of Veterans. The spirit of patriotism is strong within him and is manifest in his hearty cooperation with those movements which have to do with promoting the best interests of the community.

CYRUS LARUE.

Cyrus Larue is the owner of an excellent farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 4, Grove township, which has been in his possession for the past third of a century and in the operation of which he has won gratifying prosperity. His birth occurred in Wayne county, Ohio, on the 23d of March, 1837, his parents being George and Mary (Fairfield) Larue, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania. They removed to Ohio in an early day, settled in the timber and cleared a farm in that state, their home being a little log cabin. In 1849 they removed to Cedar county, Iowa, where they entered a tract of land and spent the remainder of their lives. To them were born four children but our subject is the only surviving member of the family.

Cyrus Larue attended the common schools in the acquirement of an education and was a youth of twelve years when he came to this state with his parents. On attaining his majority he started out as an agriculturist on his own account, purchasing a farm in Cedar county which he operated until the spring of 1882, when he disposed of the property and came to Adair county. Here he bought a quarter section of land in Grove township, made excellent improvements thereon and has cultivated the same continuously since. He also planted a fine grove and orchard and the entire place in its neat and attractive appearance bespeaks the supervision of a practical and progressive owner.

In 1859 Mr. Larue was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary Burnett, a native of Ohio and a daughter of William and Elizabeth (Hines) Burnett, who were also born in that state. In 1846 they came to Iowa, spending the remainder of their lives on a farm in Cedar county. To Mr. and Mrs. Larue were born eleven children, as follows: Alva and Andrew who are residents of Cedar county; William, who is living in Michigan; John, a resident of Missouri; Ross, who lives in Canada; Earl, at home; Nancy, the wife of Sylvester Burnett, a resident of Minnesota; Sadie, who gave her hand in marriage to Owen Akins, of Harrison township; Nora, at home; and two who are deceased. The wife and mother died in 1909 and her remains were interred in Cedar county.

Mr. Larue has always exercised his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the democracy and he has ably served his fellow townsmen in the

capacities of school director and road supervisor. In his business career he has won success by dint of indefatigable industry, unfaltering perseverance and careful management and his is the record of a self-made man in the true sense of the term. He has now passed the seventy-eighth milestone on this earthly pilgrimage and enjoys the high regard and esteem of the people of the community in which so much of his life has been spent.

GEORGE D. MUSMAKER.

George D. Musmaker, practicing at the bar of Adair county as the senior partner in the firm of Musmaker & Williamson, the leading law firm of Greenfield, is accorded an extensive and distinctively representative clientage that has connected him with much of the important business tried in the courts of the district in recent years. In no profession is there a career more open to talent than in that of the law and in no field of endeavor is there demanded a more careful preparation and more thorough appreciation of the absolute ethics of life or of the underlying principles which form the basis of all human rights and privileges. Unflagging application and intuitive wisdom and a determination to fully utilize the means at hand are the concomitants which insure personal success and prestige in this great profession which stands as the stern conservator of justice and it is one in which no man should enter without a recognition of the obstacles to be overcome and the battles to be won. Possessing all the requisite qualities of the able lawyer, George D. Musmaker has gained for himself a most enviable position in his practice before the courts. He was born in Cedar county, Iowa, January 14, 1872, a son of George and Mary (Welch) Musmaker, the former a native of Germany and the latter of Ireland. They came to the United States in their young manhood and womanhood, both being seventeen years of age when they crossed the Atlantic. They became acquainted and were married in the state of New York and about the time of the outbreak of the Civil war they removed westward to Iowa, settling in Muscatine county. About the time of the close of the war they removed to Cedar county and in 1878 became residents of Adair county, taking up their abode in Prussia township. At a later date they removed to Lee township, where the old Musmaker home is located. It remained in possession of the family until 1914. After the children had all grown to manhood or womanhood and left home, the father and mother retired from active business life and removed to Greenfield, where both passed away.

George D. Musmaker was reared under the parental roof and obtained his education in the district schools, in the Greenfield high school and in the Dexter Normal School at Dexter, Iowa. After the completion of his studies he engaged in teaching school for a year and it was his intention to adopt teaching as a profession but changing his mind, he turned to the profession of the law and in the fall of 1892, entered the law department of the State University at Iowa City, which he attended through the years 1892, 1893 and 1894. After completing his studies he returned to the farm and for six years devoted his attention to general agricultural pursuits but in 1900 he sold his land and entered upon the active practice of his profession, in which he has been signally successful. Opening offices in Greenfield

he has, in the intervening years, gained a place at the top of the profession in Adair county and is today recognized as one of the ablest and foremost attorneys of his part of the state. He is most careful and painstaking in the preparation of his cases and in the presentation of his cause he is logical and convincing.

On the 23d of April, 1895, Mr. Musmaker was united in marriage to Miss Alice Gerard, of Arbor Hill, this county, a daughter of T. J. Gerard, one of the well known retired farmers of the county now living in Greenfield. To Mr. and Mrs. Musmaker have been born six children, of whom four are living: Lyle, Lewis, Donald and George.

In his political views Mr. Musmaker is a republican but has never had any aspiration for political preferment. However, he served four years as county attorney of Adair county and since 1904 has been president of the school board. As a member of that body he was a dominant factor in bringing about the building of the new schoolhouse in Greenfield, one of the finest and most modern buildings for educational purposes in any town of its size in Iowa. Mr. Musmaker consented, purely from a desire to see certain other improvements put through, to accept the nomination for the mayoralty of Greenfield and immediately after his election he energetically took up the work of the office and secured special legislation which permitted the town to build needed public improvements after the question was passed upon by a two-thirds vote of the town council. Under this ruling the city waterworks were built in 1909 and the following year the paving of the little city was begun while Mr. Musmaker still filled the chair of mayor. The work has been continuously carried forward until all the principal streets and arteries of travel through the town have been paved with concrete, Greenfield having more paved streets than any other town of its size in Iowa. Mr. Musmaker has always been foremost in any movement for the improvement of his city and his labors have been a direct and forceful element in upbuilding Greenfield and making it the attractive city which it is today.

Aside from his public and professional activities Mr. Musmaker is the vice president of the Greenfield Savings Bank and is a stockholder in two other banks. In business affairs his judgment is sound and keen and his enterprise is unflinching. He carefully manages his interests and with equal pride and alacrity looks after the public interests intrusted to his direction. After all, however, the practice of law is his real life work and his legal learning, his analytical mind, the readiness with which he grasps the point in an argument, all combine to make him one of the ablest members of the Adair county bar.

J. S. LOW.

J. S. Low, who has spent his entire life in Adair county and has successfully devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits throughout his entire business career, is now the owner of one hundred and sixty acres of valuable land on section 1, forty-five acres on section 12 and eighty acres on section 15, Grove township. His birth occurred on the 25th of September, 1868, his parents being T. J. and Sophia A. (McGinnis) Low, both of whom were natives of Indiana. They came to Iowa in early life and were married in Adair county, establishing their home on a farm

here. T. J. Low enjoys an extensive and favorable acquaintance throughout the community and now makes his home in the town of Stuart. His wife was called to her final rest in the year 1905.

J. S. Low, the only child born to his parents, attended the common schools in the acquirement of an education and spent the period of his minority at home, early becoming familiar with the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist as he assisted his father in the work of the fields. It was in the year 1894 that he purchased the farm in Grove township which he is now operating and the further cultivation and improvement of which has continuously claimed his attention. He has erected excellent buildings on the property and in connection with the production of cereals makes a specialty of raising and feeding stock, both branches of his business proving profitable.

In 1890 Mr. Low was united in marriage to Miss Maggie Keating, a native of Ireland and a daughter of James A. and Eliza (Gordon) Keating, who were also born in that country. Emigrating to America, they resided for some time in Canada and in 1879 took up their abode on a farm in Adair county, Iowa. James A. Keating passed away here, but the mother survives and now makes her home in Greenfield, Iowa. To them were born ten children. Mr. and Mrs. Low have become the parents of six children, as follows: one who died in infancy; Nita R., who is deceased; Pearl E., the wife of John Chambers; Thomas A., who has passed away; Hayden P.; and Wilbur J.

Mr. Low is independent in politics and he is now acceptably serving in the capacity of school director. Fraternally he is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, belonging to the lodge at Stuart, and his wife is a devoted member of the Christian church. His has been an active, busy and useful life, which at all times has conformed to the highest principles of manhood and citizenship.

JOHN PEASE.

John Pease is engaged in general farming on sections 11 and 12, Lincoln township, where he has a farm of two hundred and forty acres that pays tribute to the care and labor which he bestows upon the fields. There have been no unusual chapters in his life record, but persistency of purpose has brought him to the place which he now fills as a substantial, energetic farmer of his community. He was born in Knox county, Illinois, October 24, 1865, and is a son of J. L. and Bettie E. (Foster) Pease, the former a native of Vermont and the latter of Ohio. In childhood they went to Illinois and were there reared and married, after which they continued their residence in that state until 1876, when they crossed the border into Iowa and established their home in Adair county, where their remaining days were passed, both dying in the year 1893. In their family were eight children, all of whom are yet living.

John Pease spent the first ten years of his life in his native county and was then brought by his parents to Iowa, where he has since lived. He continued at home until after the death of his parents and then he and his brother rented the old homestead farm, which they cultivated in partnership for five years. On the expiration of that period John Pease bought a farm, which he operated for two years

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and then sold it. He later purchased another farm property a mile south of Stuart and lived thereon for two years. He then again sold and took up his abode in the town of Stuart, where the succeeding two years were passed, after which he purchased the farm upon which he now resides, becoming owner of three hundred and twenty acres on sections 11 and 12, Lincoln township. He has since disposed of eighty acres of this tract, but still owns two hundred and forty acres, which is rich and productive and brings to him excellent returns in the shape of large crops, for which he finds a ready sale on the market.

Mr. Pease exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party and is well informed on the questions and issues of the day. He has never held political office, but has served as school director in his district. Fraternally he is connected with the Odd Fellows lodge at Stuart. His business course has been at all times commendable. He started upon an independent career without assistance and through intelligently applied effort has won the prosperity which is now his and which classes him with the representative and substantial farmers of Lincoln township.

W. W. SEELEY.

W. W. Seeley is proprietor of the "Larchwood Farm," comprising three hundred and forty acres of land on section 22, Lincoln township, which he has operated continuously during the past twenty-three years and which is generally conceded to be one of the finest farms in Adair county. He is, moreover, a stock breeder of national reputation and is said to have the largest herd of registered Polled Durham cattle in the state of Iowa. His birth occurred in Tazewell county, Illinois, on the 23d of March, 1865, his parents being Thomas W. and Mary Z. (Brown) Seeley, who were born, reared and married in Medina county, Ohio. Their wedding took place in Wadsworth, that county, on the 24th of October, 1861, and in the following November they established their home in Tazewell county, Illinois, where Thomas W. Seeley continued to reside until he passed away on the 11th of October, 1884. His widow remained on the home farm until 1892, when she came to Iowa with our subject, in whose home she has lived to the present time.

W. W. Seeley was reared under the parental roof and in the acquirement of an education attended the public schools and the Ohio Northern University at Ada, in which institution he pursued his studies for two years or until the death of his father. He then returned to the home farm and assumed its management. Even at this early period in his life stock breeding held a fascination for him and he began the raising of thoroughbred Chester White hogs. This was the beginning of his later successful career as a breeder. In 1892 he came to Iowa and bought his present place of three hundred and forty acres, comprising one of the most valuable farms in Adair county. Shortly after taking up his abode here he began the breeding of registered Polled Durham cattle, in which line of activity he has been signally successful during the past twenty years. He has been a regular exhibitor at the Iowa and the Nebraska state fairs for years past and has been awarded many first premium ribbons on both his cattle and hogs. In fact it is doubtful if any other exhibitor has captured half as many premiums on stock shown

during the years Mr. Seeley has exhibited. His reputation has extended from coast to coast and he makes shipments of his stock to breeders from Virginia to the state of Washington. Not content to rest with the laurels won in the breeding of hogs and cattle, he eventually gained an enviable position among the Percheron horse breeders of the world. He bred the Percheron stallion, "French Premier 55995," which took three gold medals and one silver medal during the three years he was exhibited at the Iowa state fair. He died in 1914, while being prepared for entry into the grand champion class, three weeks before the opening of the show. Mr. Seeley belongs to the Polled Durham Association and the Percheron Society of America and is one of the well known breeders of the United States.

On the 14th of February, 1889, Mr. Seeley was united in marriage to Miss Junie Belle Latham, of Tazewell county, Illinois, and to them was born a daughter, Jessie May, who gave her hand in marriage to Frank Eversull, a farmer of Lincoln township. The wife and mother passed away in January, 1890, shortly after the birth of her daughter. In his political views Mr. Seeley is a republican, loyally supporting the men and measures of that party, and he is a man always to be relied upon to give his influence and help toward the advancement of any meritorious cause affecting the interests of the people in his state and county.

J. H. JONES.

J. H. Jones, a lifelong resident of Adair county and one of the successful and substantial farmers of Grove township, residing on section 2, makes a specialty of breeding and feeding thoroughbred Poland China hogs. His birth occurred in Harrison township, this county, on the 25th of February, 1873, his parents being Elijah and Elizabeth (Lenoeker) Jones, the former a native of Holmes county, Ohio, and the latter of Stark county, that state. They were married in Holmes county. In 1869 they came to Adair county, Iowa, locating on a farm of one hundred and sixty acres which the father purchased on section 5, Harrison township. Subsequently he bought and sold a number of farms but retained three hundred and twenty acres in his home place. He passed away in December, 1905, at the age of seventy-four years, and his demise was the occasion of deep and widespread regret, for he had lived in this county for more than a third of a century and had won an extensive circle of warm friends. His widow, who makes her home in Stuart, is also widely and favorably known throughout the community. She still owns the home farm of three hundred and twenty acres as well as eighty acres of our subject's place and about sixty acres of timber land.

J. H. Jones acquired his early education in the district schools and later attended the city schools of Stuart. In 1895, when twenty-two years of age, he started out as an agriculturist on his own account, renting the home farm, which he operated for fifteen years. On the expiration of that period, in 1910, he acquired eighty acres on section 2, Grove township, buying the property from his mother, who owned one hundred and sixty acres of land there, all of which he has since cultivated. During his entire career as an independent agriculturist, covering twenty years, he has disposed of only one hundred bushels of corn, making this sale in the second year. He not only uses all his grain but also buys a great deal of corn,

making a specialty of breeding and feeding pure bred Poland China hogs, in which line of activity he has been unusually successful.

In 1902 Mr. Jones was united in marriage to Miss Bertha Kliss, a daughter of Henry and Emily (Busch) Kliss. The father, long one of the prominent agriculturists of Harrison township, is deceased, but the mother survives and makes her home in Stuart. Mr. and Mrs. Jones have two children, Marie A. and Dorothy H.

Politically Mr. Jones is a democrat, while fraternally he is identified with the Yeomen. His wife is a devoted and consistent member of the Christian church. He has many friends and acquaintances, all of whom regard him as a man of exemplary character and high standards. His methods are progressive and his thorough knowledge of agriculture together with his business ability have been responsible for the attainment of the success which he now enjoys.

L. E. SACKETT.

General agricultural pursuits have always claimed the time and energies of L. E. Sackett, who is one of the substantial farmers of Grand River township, owning one hundred and sixty acres of valuable land on section 5. His birth occurred in McLean county, Illinois, on the 21st of August, 1862, his parents being Hiram and Mary (Brown) Sackett, both of whom were natives of Ohio. They were taken to Illinois in childhood by their respective parents and were married in McLean county, that state. Hiram Sackett there purchased a sixty-acre farm and continued its cultivation until 1874, when he came to Adair county, Iowa, purchasing and locating on a tract of eighty acres in Grove township. At the end of about five years he disposed of the property and bought a quarter section of land. He made subsequent removals and passed away on his farm in Grand River township on the 10th of June, 1907, the community thus losing one of its prosperous and respected citizens. His widow, who survives and resides with her son Dudley in Greenfield, enjoys an extensive and favorable acquaintance here.

L. E. Sackett, who was a youth of twelve years when he came to this county with his parents, was reared at home and in the acquirement of an education attended the district schools and the old Greenfield Normal School. In 1885 he started out as an agriculturist on his own account and for six years cultivated rented land adjoining his father's farm. In 1891 he purchased a quarter section of raw land in Grove township for fifteen dollars an acre but never lived on the place and a year later sold it at a profit of one thousand dollars. Subsequently he bought an improved farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Grove township and operated the same for about five years, on the expiration of which period he disposed of the property and purchased a tract of eighty acres in the same township on which he resided for three years. At the end of that time he sold the place and bought one hundred and thirty-four acres of land in Grove township at twenty-five dollars an acre, disposing of this property about eight years later for fifty dollars an acre. He then purchased his present home farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Grand River township, where he has resided continuously during the past nine years, conducting his agricultural interests in a practical, resultant manner that

insures his growing success. He is a stockholder in the Greenfield Creamery Company and the Adair County Fair Association.

On the 26th of September, 1886, Mr. Sackett was united in marriage to Miss Ettie Hodges, of Grove township, this county, her father being Frank Hodges, who came from Illinois to Adair county, Iowa, in a very early day and took up his abode among the pioneer settlers of Grove township. Our subject and his wife have three children, namely: Laura, Bert and Lottie, all still at home.

In his political views Mr. Sackett is a stalwart republican and he has always been a staunch champion of the cause of education, ably serving as school director for several years. Fraternally he is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, belonging to Greenfield Lodge, No. 375, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, with which his wife and children are also affiliated. A man of high standards and principles, he enjoys the respect and esteem of the people of the community in which he has now resided for more than four decades.

WILBERT E. WAKEFIELD.

Wilbert E. Wakefield makes his home on section 32, Harrison township, and a well improved farm speaks eloquently of the manner in which he passes his time. He is a native son of Iowa, his birth having occurred in Warren county on the 13th of February, 1871, his parents being Henry T. and Sarah M. (Owen) Wakefield. The father was born in Jefferson county, Pennsylvania, and the mother's birth occurred in Indiana. In the year 1857 Henry T. Wakefield arrived in Warren county, Iowa, where he purchased a farm, upon which he lived for thirty years and then removed to Adair county, where he has since made his home. In 1914 he was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, who passed away on the 8th of March, of that year. In their family were ten children, five of whom are yet living. Mr. Wakefield is a veteran of the Civil war, having enlisted in 1862 as a member of Company M, First Wisconsin Volunteer Cavalry. He served for over three years, participating in more than thirty battles, and was mustered out in 1865 at Nashville, Tennessee. He then returned to Iowa, where he has since lived.

Wilbert E. Wakefield remained at home until 1905, when he was united in marriage to Miss Gertrude Harmon, who was born in Union county, Iowa, a daughter of J. W. and Nancy J. Harmon, who are now residents of Creston, this state. Following his marriage Mr. Wakefield purchased the old homestead of one hundred and nineteen acres on section 32, Harrison township, and has since resided thereon. There was at one time an old stage tavern on this place which was known as the Billy Thomas estate. In addition to cultivating the crops best adapted to soil and climatic conditions, Mr. Wakefield makes a specialty of raising hogs and finds for them a good sale, so that he thus materially increases his annual income.

To Mr. and Mrs. Wakefield were born three children: Homer T., Wayne E. and Vernon D. The wife and mother passed away April 21, 1911, and was laid to rest in the Cromwell cemetery. In 1914 Mr. Wakefield was again married, his second union being with Miss Mabel Neer, a native of Cass county, Iowa, and a daughter of E. T. and Flora Neer, who are still living.

Mr. and Mrs. Wakefield are members of the Congregational church and in politics he is a republican, active in support of the party in his district. For eight years he filled the office of trustee, making a most creditable record in that position. Fraternally he is connected with the Odd Fellows and the Modern Woodmen of America and lives up to the teachings of those organizations, his life being in harmony with their principles of fraternity and helpfulness.

WALTER CLYDE MARTIN.

Walter Clyde Martin, a representative young agriculturist and worthy native son of Adair county, was born on the 30th of July, 1883, his parents being W. J. and Malinda J. (Orr) Martin, the former a native of Ireland and the latter of New York. W. J. Martin emigrated to the United States about 1867, first locating in Illinois and subsequently coming to Iowa. In this state he was married and in 1880 took up his abode in Adair county, settling on a farm in Harrison township, where both he and his wife are still living. The period of his residence in this county now covers more than a third of a century and he has long been numbered among its substantial agriculturists and respected citizens. To him and his wife have been born seven children, five of whom yet survive.

Walter C. Martin attended the common schools in the acquirement of an education and remained under the parental roof until twenty-eight years of age, assisting in the work of the home farm and thus gaining comprehensive knowledge of the best methods of tilling the soil and caring for crops. In 1911 he purchased a quarter section of land on section 5, Grand River township, on which he has since made his home, and also owns eighty acres on section 30, Harrison township. He cultivates the cereals best adapted to soil and climate and also devotes considerable attention to the raising of hogs and cattle, finding this branch of his business satisfactorily remunerative.

On the 12th of March, 1914, Mr. Martin was joined in wedlock to Miss Marion W. Beaman, a native of Adair county and a daughter of M. L. and Ida V. (Stowell) Beaman, who were born in Indiana and New York respectively. Mrs. Martin completed a course in music and taught the art for three years prior to her marriage. Mr. Martin is a staunch republican in politics but has never sought nor desired the honors and emoluments of office as a reward for his party fealty. Both have spent their entire lives in this county and are well known and highly esteemed within its borders.

TROY F. COMLY.

The attractiveness of Adair county as a place of residence is indicated in the fact that many of her native sons have remained within her borders since attaining adult age, thoroughly content with the opportunities here offered and the business conditions which afford ample chance for the attainment of success. Such a one is Troy F. Comly, a representative young farmer of Walnut township, where he

was born December 7, 1882. Mention of his parents, Jesse R. and Alice (Buck) Comly, is made elsewhere in this volume in connection with the sketch of their son A. B. Comly. No event of unusual importance occurred to vary the routine of farm life for Troy F. Comly in his boyhood and youth. He remained upon the old homestead, assisting his mother, following his father's death, and when the estate was divided in 1908 he received one hundred and eighty acres as his inheritance. He had previously been employed at farm labor in the neighborhood for four years and his entire life has been an active one in which success has been the reward of earnest, persistent labor. His farm is situated on section 29, Walnut township, and is a splendidly improved property, lacking in none of the accessories and conveniences of the model farm of the twentieth century. He annually harvests good crops, for which he finds a ready sale on the market, and his business methods are at all times such as will bear the closest investigation and scrutiny. He is also a stockholder in the Farmers Lumber Company at Casey.

On the 6th of March, 1907, Mr. Comly was joined in wedlock to Miss Elizabeth Petit, a daughter of William and May (Trego) Petit, natives of Illinois, who at an early day took up their abode in Cass county, Iowa. Still later they were residents of Audubon county, Iowa, where the father engaged in farming for about twelve years. He then retired from active business and he and his wife are now living in Anita. Mr. and Mrs. Comly have become parents of two children, William and Harold, aged respectively six and four years. The religious faith of the family is that of the Society of Friends and the political belief of Mr. Comly is that of the republican party. Both he and his wife are widely known for their many good traits of heart and mind, their fidelity to their convictions and their loyalty in friendship. Theirs is a hospitable home and its good cheer is greatly enjoyed by those who know them.

J. M. CLAYTON.

J. M. Clayton is a worthy native son of Adair county and widely recognized as one of the progressive and successful agriculturists of Harrison township, owning and operating a well improved farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 23. His birth occurred in Eureka township, this county, on the 10th of May, 1876, his parents being Robert and Mary (Yerkes) Clayton, who were natives of Ohio and Indiana respectively. Their marriage was celebrated in Iowa, the mother having come here with her parents, while the father, who lost his parents when still but a boy, arrived in this state in young manhood. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Clayton began their domestic life in Adair county and subsequently acquired a farm in Eureka township, on which the former passed away in 1901 and the latter in 1908, the community thus losing two of its well known and respected residents.

J. M. Clayton was reared under the parental roof and attended the district schools in the acquirement of an education. He was married in his twenty-fifth year and began the cultivation of rented land in Eureka township but at the end of about three years, in 1904, purchased an eighty-acre tract on section 19, Harrison township. This he operated for five years and in 1909 traded it in on the purchase price of his present home farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Har-

risson township, which he has cultivated continuously and successfully since. He is rapidly making his mark in agricultural circles and by reason of his energy, activity and careful methods of farming has gained a gratifying degree of prosperity and the regard and esteem of his fellow citizens.

On the 13th of February, 1901, Mr. Clayton was united in marriage to Miss Christina Frank, her father being Jacob Frank, one of the well known residents of Fontanelle. To them have been born eight children, six of whom survive, namely: Floyd F., Gladys M., Faith C., Hazel E., Gilbert L. and Maylon D. Mr. Clayton gives his political allegiance to the republican party, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Christian church, to which his wife also belongs. He is a man of commendable methods and high principles and is accorded the esteem and respect of the people of the community in which his entire life has been spent.

WILLIAM F. KADING.

Farming and stock-raising claim the attention of William F. Kading, whose home is pleasantly and conveniently situated on section 19, Walnut township, not far from Adair. He was born in Jefferson county, Wisconsin, on the 22d of August, 1875, and is of German descent, both of his parents, Ferdinand and Henrietta (Kempe) Kading, having been natives of the fatherland. The father was born October 15, 1846, while the natal day of the mother was February 15, 1847. They came to the United States in early life, Ferdinand Kading settling in Wisconsin, where he took up the occupation of farming, being employed by others until he felt justified in making an independent start as a farmer. He then rented land and in 1877 he left Wisconsin for Iowa. For a year he lived in Madison county and in 1878 became a resident of Walnut township, Adair county, where he purchased eighty acres, upon which his son William now resides. The father took up his abode upon that tract and there remained until 1902, when he removed to a farm just east of the old home place. The succeeding four years were there passed but in 1906 he retired from active life and became a resident of Casey, where for eight years he lived quietly in the enjoyment of a rest which he had truly earned and richly deserved. He died in Casey June 6, 1914, but his widow still resides there.

William F. Kading was but two years of age when his parents came to Iowa, so that practically his entire life has been spent in Adair county. The usual experiences of the farm lad were his. When not busy with his textbooks in the school-room he worked in the fields and he learned many lessons from Mother Nature as well as from those teachers who were employed to direct the intellectual development of the youths of the neighborhood. In early manhood he married and took up his abode upon a farm of one hundred and sixty acres which was willed to him by his father, and upon that place he has continued to live, his attention being given to general farming and to stock-raising. He both breeds and raises good grades of cattle, hogs and horses and he has studied the best methods of caring for his stock so as to keep them in good condition and thus secure high market prices. His work is at all times carefully systematized and his business affairs wisely

managed, and the results which are achieved place him among the substantial residents of Walnut township.

On the 18th of December, 1901, Mr. Kading was united in marriage to Miss Amelia Wegner, a daughter of Edward and Minnie (Lemke) Wegner, both of whom were natives of Germany, the former born May 2, 1846, and the latter December 24, 1844. In the year 1868 Mr. Wegner came to the new world and established his home in Wisconsin, where he afterward met and married Miss Lemke. In 1877 they reached Adair county, Iowa, settling in Walnut township, where he carried on general farming. There were few residents in the district at that period and nearly all of the land was raw prairie, but with characteristic energy he began the development of his place and good results accrued. Mrs. Wegner died on the old home place February 8, 1905. After living upon that farm for twenty-eight years Mr. Wegner removed to Casey in 1907 and retired from active business life, but indolence and idleness are utterly foreign to his nature and he could not be content without some occupation, so he is now clerking in the W. C. Betts store in Casey. Mr. and Mrs. Kading were married in the Wegner home in Walnut township by the Rev. Kroitz, who at that time was pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran church at Casey. Their home has been blessed with seven children: Harold, who was born October 24, 1902; Leroy, born May 24, 1904; Lawrence and Laura, twins, born January 3, 1906; Gertrude, who was born March 31, 1909; Gladys, who was a twin sister of Gertrude and died in infancy; and Elmer, who was born July 18, 1911. The children who are of school age are attending school in district No. 4 in Walnut township.

Mr. Kading is now serving for the fourth year as school director in that district, where, as a boy, he was himself a student and where his children are now pursuing their education. He is a democrat in his political faith and he and his wife are members of the German Lutheran church of Casey. Both are representatives of oldtime German families and are connected with families who were pioneer residents of Walnut township. The work which the fathers instituted has been carried on by the younger generation and William F. Kading is today accounted one of the successful and progressive agriculturists of his township. He is widely and favorably known and many substantial qualities have gained for him the regard of all with whom he has been associated.

FRANK E. LOWDEN.

Frank E. Lowden is a practical and progressive agriculturist who owns an excellent farm of one hundred and sixty-seven acres on section 25, Harrison township. His birth occurred in Madison county, Iowa, on the 16th of May, 1867, his parents being Edward and Margery (Cochran) Lowden, both of whom were natives of Ohio. They came to Iowa in the fall of 1865, locating on a farm in Madison county, which the father improved and on which he spent the remainder of his life, dying when seventy-one years old. The mother of our subject is still living in Winterset at the age of seventy-six years. To them were born six children, four of whom yet survive, those besides our subject being: William, who lives in Grand River township, Adair county; J. J., living in Jackson township, Madison county; and Ada, the wife of Fred Bowlsby, of Winterset.



MR. AND MRS. FRANK E. LOWDEN

Frank E. Lowden was reared to manhood under the parental roof and attended the common schools in the acquirement of an education. After attaining his majority he operated a rented farm in Madison county for three years and on the expiration of that period took up his abode on his present place in Harrison township, Adair county, erecting good buildings on the property and making other substantial improvements. Later he extended the boundaries of his farm by additional purchase until it now embraces one hundred and sixty-seven acres on section 25, and in the cultivation of the fields he has won well deserved success. He also makes a specialty of raising and feeding stock of all kinds and owns a fine stallion and a jack.

In 1889 Mr. Lowden was united in marriage to Miss Addie M. Garrett, a native of Adair county, Iowa, and a daughter of Solomon and Sarah (Spoon) Garrett, both of whom are deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Lowden were born three children, namely: Osa M., a native of Madison county, who gave her hand in marriage to Don Dunn and resides in Minnesota; Alma C., born at the present home; and Mamie E. The wife and mother died on the 26th of April, 1910, and her remains were interred in the Roberts cemetery.

Politically Mr. Lowden is a staunch republican and his fellow townsmen, recognizing his worth and ability, have called him to positions of public trust. He has served as school director, supervisor and constable, making a most creditable record in these capacities. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, the teachings of which he exemplifies in his daily life. The period of his residence in Adair county covers about a quarter of a century and his record is that of one of its representative agriculturists and highly esteemed citizens.

ARDON B. COMLY.

Ardon B. Comly has wrought a marked transformation in his farm since taking possession of the place, which comprises one hundred and twenty acres on section 29, Walnut township. He was born in Brooklyn, Poweshiek county, Iowa, July 29, 1874, a son of Jesse R. and Alice M. (Buck) Comly, natives of Pennsylvania and of Ohio respectively. In the year 1871 the father came to Iowa and began farming in Poweshiek county, where he lived until 1876, when he removed to Adair county and for two years rented land. He then purchased forty acres of the place now owned by his son Ardon and at once began improving it. To his original purchase he kept adding from time to time, thus extending the boundaries of his farm until it comprised three hundred and sixty acres. He continued its cultivation throughout his remaining days, his death occurring November 15, 1898. His widow survives and now makes her home in Grinnell, Iowa. At the time of the Civil war Jesse R. Comly responded to the country's call for troops and joined the boys in blue of Company K, Forty-ninth Pennsylvania Cavalry, with which he served for about a year, taking part in a number of hotly contested engagements. In all matters of citizenship he was loyal and in his business affairs displayed marked enterprise.

Ardon B. Comly was reared and educated in this county, having been but two years of age when brought by his parents from Poweshieck to Adair county. He attended school at Dexter and at Casey and he remained with his parents, assisting in the work of the home farm, until his father's death, which occurred when he was twenty-four years of age. When the property was divided among the heirs, Ardon B. Comly received as his share one hundred and twenty acres of rich and productive land situated on section 29, Walnut township. He has made wonderful improvements upon the place, the work of transformation resulting in converting this into one of the splendidly improved farms of the district. There were three children in his father's family, of whom one died in infancy, while his brother, Troy F., who was born December 7, 1882, lives upon the farm adjoining that of Ardon B. Comly. In addition to tilling the soil the latter has other business concerns, being a stockholder in the Farmers Creamery Company at Casey and a stockholder in the Casey Lumber Company. He is a man of good business judgment, persistent and energetic in carrying forward his plans to successful completion, and his intelligently directed efforts have brought him to a creditable and enviable position among the representative farmers of the district.

On Christmas Day of 1901 Mr. Comly was married to Miss Algia E. Allen, a daughter of Harlan and Jemimah J. (Young) Allen. Three children have been born to this union: Aleta W., twelve years of age; Thaddens A., who died in March, 1912, at the age of four years; and Alice J., now four years of age. The political views of Mr. Comly are in accord with the principles of the republican party. He and his wife hold membership in the Methodist church and they are highly esteemed in the community where they live, the hospitality of many of the best homes being freely accorded them.

MRS. MINA WHITTUM.

No history of Adair county would be complete without extended reference to its public school system, at the head of which is now found Mrs. Mina Whittum, who is filling the position of county superintendent of schools. A native of Henry county, Illinois, she is a daughter of Josiah B. Carnes, who was born in Ohio and became a teacher and farmer of Illinois. Twenty-one years ago he removed to Greenfield, Iowa, and there followed the carpenter's trade until his death, which occurred in 1913. In early manhood he wedded Louisa J. Hayden, a native of Indiana, who still resides in Greenfield. They were the parents of four children and having received a college education themselves, they realized the importance of giving their children good educational advantages. They were faithful members of the Methodist church and brought up their family to be active workers in the church.

Their daughter, Mina, graduated from the Greenfield high school, and also from the Iowa State Teachers College at Cedar Falls. She entered the profession of teaching and taught successfully in the schools of Adair county. After teaching a few years she was married to Charles D. Whittum, a native of Adair county, and a son of George D. Whittum mentioned elsewhere in this work. His death occurred shortly after their marriage and since that time Mrs. Whittum has given her attention to school work. She broadened her experience by teaching in Minnesota and

New Mexico, and also in Des Moines. She was elected county superintendent of schools in the spring of 1915, and entered upon the duties of that position in September of the same year.

Her sister Lulu who was for several years engaged in newspaper work is now at home with her mother, and is an active helper in home and church work.

Goldie, the third child of the family, was educated in the Greenfield public schools and is a graduate from the Iowa State Teachers College. She taught for some time in the rural schools of the county, and for several years has been employed in the grades of the Greenfield schools.

The youngest daughter, Elsie, was also a teacher. After graduating from the Greenfield high school and teaching for a short time, she also entered the Teachers College and completed the course in home economics. She is now the wife of Professor William H. Davis, head of the department of agriculture of that institution.

HENRY RAMSBOTTOM.

Henry Ramsbottom, who has lived in Adair county for four decades, now residing on section 19, Union township, owns about five hundred acres of valuable land and is widely recognized as a leading and enterprising agriculturist of the community. His birth occurred in Waushara county, Wisconsin, on the 18th of March, 1859, his parents being John and Ellen (Foster) Ramsbottom, both of whom were natives of England. They emigrated to the United States in young manhood and young womanhood, locating in Rochester, New York, where they were married. A short time later they removed to Wisconsin and took up their abode among the Indians in the virgin forest, the father having purchased government land at a dollar and a quarter per acre. In 1875 they came west to Adair county, Iowa, locating on section 20, Union township, where John Ramsbottom bought one hundred and sixty acres of land and spent the remainder of his life. When he passed away in February, 1903, the community mourned the loss of one of its substantial agriculturists and esteemed citizens. His wife was called to her final rest on the 5th of September, 1905.

Henry Ramsbottom acquired his early education in the district schools of Wisconsin and after the family home was established in this county attended school here during two winter terms. In order to secure the capital necessary that he might start out as an agriculturist on his own account, he was engaged in breaking prairie for about six years, breaking as high as two hundred acres a season and being paid from two to two dollars and a quarter an acre. When twenty-two years of age he bought his first land, coming into possession of an eighty-acre tract on section 29, Union township, on which he built a small frame house and kept bachelor's hall for two or three years. In the spring of 1888 he disposed of that place and bought a farm of two hundred and forty acres on section 19, Union township, which he has operated continuously since and the boundaries of which he has extended by additional purchase from time to time until it now embraces about five hundred acres of rich and productive land. He has every reason to feel gratified with the success which has come to him, as it is in every way highly creditable and a tribute to his enterprise and energy.

On the 30th of October, 1886, Mr. Ramsbottom was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Nelson, her father being William Nelson, who came to Adair county from Ontario, Canada, in 1872 and located on the farm which is now in possession of our subject. Mr. Ramsbottom purchased the property from his father-in-law and the latter now makes his home in Santa Monica, California. To Mr. and Mrs. Ramsbottom have been born ten children, eight of whom survive, as follows: Ethel, who is the wife of W. A. Henry, of Creston, Iowa; Lyda, who gave her hand in marriage to R. W. Johnson and resides in Alberta, Canada; and Ida, Harry, Elbert, Earl, Maud and Mildred, all at home. In his political views Mr. Ramsbottom is a democrat, exercising his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of that party. He has won an extensive acquaintance throughout the community during the long period of his residence here, and the circle of his friends is a wide one.

WILLIAM CHRISTIAN ZELLMER.

William Christian Zellmer is living on section 33, Walnut township, where he is extensively engaged in stock-raising, being one of the foremost stock breeders of Adair county. Success has attended his efforts in large measure and has come as the legitimate and logical sequence of indefatigable energy and keen business sagacity. He belongs to that class of citizens who have made Iowa the great commonwealth that it is today. His birth occurred in Pottawattamie county on the 23d of December, 1879, his parents being William and Louise (Wendland) Zellmer, both of whom were natives of Germany. The father came to America in 1864, settling in Wisconsin, where he rented a farm for a time. In 1870 he removed to Nebraska, where he purchased land. He lived in that state for three years, but was driven out by the grasshoppers and, abandoning his land, for which he had paid two dollars and a quarter per acre, he went to Pottawattamie county, Iowa, and started in business life anew. There he purchased a small tract of land, upon which he resided for four years. He next removed to Cass county, Iowa, living four miles west of Atlantic until 1902, when he retired and took up his abode in that city, where his remaining days were passed. He spent about eleven years in the enjoyment of well earned rest and was called to his final home on the 19th of January, 1913. His widow survives him and makes her home in Atlantic.

William C. Zellmer was reared upon the home farm to the age of twenty-two years, his time being divided between attendance at the schools of Cass county and work in the fields. After reaching man's estate he rented one of his father's farms and engaged in its cultivation for three years. He next purchased three hundred and twenty acres of land in Audubon county, Iowa, and resided upon that place for five years. He then sold out and took up his abode in Walnut township, Adair county, where he purchased the farm of two hundred acres on section 33 on which he now resides. He at once established his home thereon and has since occupied the place, which, under his care and supervision, has undergone a marked transformation. In addition to his home place he has become the owner of other desirable and valuable property, having now three hundred and twenty acres in Prussia township and three hundred and sixty acres in Guthrie county. He rents the latter, together with one half of his land in Prussia township, while he personally

cultivates one hundred and sixty acres in Prussia township in addition to his home place. He carries on general farming and stock-raising and is regarded as one of the most successful among the young agriculturists and stockmen in this part of the state. In 1913 he began breeding registered Hereford cattle. In 1907 he undertook the breeding of Percheron horses and now owns a fine imported stallion, Keota Fremdman, No. 10921, which was imported from France. He likewise breeds registered Poland China hogs and the extent and importance of his business in these connections makes him one of the foremost breeders of Adair county. He is regarded as an excellent judge of stock, his opinions being accepted as authority by many.

In 1901 Mr. Zellmer was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary Meislahn, a daughter of Christian and Margaret (Kleuver) Meislahn, both of whom were natives of Germany, in which country they were reared and married. At length her father came to the new world and a few years later, or in 1874, he was joined by his wife. They established their home in Effingham county, Illinois, where he engaged in farming until his death in the year 1894. His widow now makes her home with her youngest son, Bernhardt Meislahn, a farmer living in Audubon county, Iowa. Mrs. Zellmer was born in Effingham county, Illinois, May 1, 1882, and by her marriage has become the mother of seven children: Fred, who was born April 1, 1904, and is now attending Willow Grove school of Walnut township; Alma, born December 13, 1905; Lester, September 14, 1907; William, March 1, 1909; Carl, January 14, 1911; Annie, April 18, 1913; and Richard, December 27, 1914.

The parents hold membership in the German Lutheran church at Casey and Mr. Zellmer is identified with Atlantic Lodge, No. 445, B. P. O. E., of Atlantic. His political views accord with the principles of the democratic party, but he has neither time nor inclination to seek office, for his business affairs make constant demand upon his attention, and it is through his close application, unremitting energy and discriminating judgment that he has gained for himself the creditable position which he now occupies as a leading stockman of Adair county.

DAVID LINT.

It is not the directing force of the single individual or even of several that has made Iowa the great agricultural state that it is today, but the combined efforts of the many farmers, each busily engaged in tilling his own land according to practical and progressive methods. Their work has given Iowa precedence as a great agricultural state and their labors largely constitute the source of its wealth. To this class belongs David Lint, of Walnut township, who was born in Pennsylvania June 10, 1845, a son of David and Mary (Burkey) Lint, who were also natives of the Keystone state. The father, who was a farmer by occupation, removed westward to Polk county, Iowa, in 1853 and there purchased and improved land, devoting his remaining days to its cultivation. He died June 10, 1855, and his widow, long surviving him, passed away in March, 1912, at the very remarkable old age of one hundred years.

David Lint was reared and educated in Polk county, where he arrived when a little lad of but seven summers. He remained with his mother until he reached

the age of eighteen years, when he began working as a farm hand in the neighborhood, being thus employed for seven years. At the end of that time he began renting land and after three years removed to Adair county, where he invested his earnings in eighty acres of land on section 36, Walnut township. This he at once began to develop and improve, continuing to operate that tract for seven years. On the expiration of that period he sold his place and bought the Dunbar farm of one hundred and sixty acres, which he cultivated for ten years. On disposing of that property he became owner of one hundred and sixty acres on section 34, Walnut township, and at once began the further development of the land. His labors have wrought a marked transformation in the appearance of the farm and in its productiveness, so that he now annually harvests good crops. He also raises high grade stock and thereby adds materially to his income.

On the 7th of November, 1867, Mr. Lint was united in marriage to Miss Matilda Harrison, a daughter of Lanson and Elizabeth (Keeney) Harrison, who were natives of Indiana, whence they removed to Iowa, settling in Polk county in 1852. There the father purchased land, which he cultivated for several years. At the time of the Civil war he enlisted in Des Moines and was for two years engaged in active duty at the front. When his military service was over he again took up farming in Polk county, where he remained until 1874, when he came to Adair county and bought land, which he cultivated for several years, but finally retired from active business life and removed to Greenfield, where his last days were passed. His wife has also departed this life.

To Mr. and Mrs. Lint have been born three children: Oscar, deceased; and John and George, at home. The sons assist their father in carrying on the work of the home farm. The wife and mother passed away August 9, 1913, after an illness of six weeks, leaving behind her many friends, who esteemed her for her attractive qualities.

In his political views Mr. Lint is a republican, while his religious faith is that of the Methodist church. His Christian belief is the guiding force in his life and has made his course one of uprightness and honor, so that only good words are said of him by the friends and neighbors among whom he has long resided. In a business way his career too has been most creditable, for he started out to earn his living as a farm hand and has steadily worked his way upward, gaining for himself a creditable position among those to whom success has come as the merited reward of earnest, honest labor.

MADISON M. MACY.

During the past eleven years Madison M. Macy has been busily engaged in the operation of a valuable farm of one hundred and twenty acres which he owns on section 33, Harrison township. His birth occurred in Indiana on the 13th of June, 1858, his parents being Milton and Mary (Barnett) Macy, the former a native of Indiana and the latter of Ohio. They were married in the Hoosier state and in 1867 came to Iowa, locating in Guthrie county on a farm of one hundred and sixty acres which the father purchased near Dexter. Milton Macy later bought one hundred and twenty acres more and there continued to engage in agricultural

pursuits until within two years of his death. His last days were spent in honorable retirement in Dexter, where he passed away in 1903. He was twice married, having chosen for his second wife Mrs. Letitia Walton.

Madison M. Macy was reared under the parental roof and acquired his education in the district schools. After attaining his majority he worked for two years as a farm hand and then rented the farm of an uncle near Dexter, operating the place for one year. Subsequently he removed to Avoca, Pottawattamie county, where for one year he was engaged in the furniture business in partnership with Frank Dutton, a brother-in-law. Returning to Dexter, he again turned his attention to agricultural pursuits and continued the cultivation of rented land until 1904, when he purchased his present home farm of one hundred and twenty acres in Harrison township, Adair county, which he has operated continuously since. His farming has been practical and therefore productive of good results, abundant harvests having each year rewarded his care and labor.

In 1883 Mr. Macy was united in marriage to Miss Olive Perdun, of Guthrie county, by whom he has five children, as follows: James, who is a resident of Nevada, Iowa; Laura, the wife of Carl Vonstein, a farmer of Lincoln township; Ward, who follows farming in Harrison township; Leatha, who gave her hand in marriage to Ray Rice, an agriculturist of Harrison township; and Ray, at home. Mr. Macy gives his political allegiance to the republican party, loyally supporting its men and measures at the polls. His wife is a devoted and consistent member of the Christian church. He has many friends and acquaintances, all of whom regard him as a man of exemplary character and high standards.

H. S. WAMBOLD.

H. S. Wambold, one of the venerable and well known citizens of Adair county, was long and actively identified with agricultural pursuits here but is now living retired on his farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 32, Harrison township, which has been in his possession during the past forty-three years. His birth occurred in Pennsylvania on the 8th of December, 1835, his parents being Henry and Anna (Sees) Wambold, who were likewise natives of the Keystone state. In both the paternal and maternal lines our subject is of German ancestry but both families were established in Pennsylvania in 1730. To Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wambold were born four children, three of whom survive.

H. S. Wambold was reared and educated in the state of his nativity and in the spring of 1857, when in his twenty-second year, removed to Wisconsin. In the fall of the same year, however, he made his way to Polk county, Iowa, where he worked at the carpenter's trade until the spring of 1859, when he drove across the country to California by ox team, the journey consuming three months. He remained in the Golden state for six years and then returned to Pennsylvania, where he spent one winter season before again removing to Polk county, Iowa. There he operated a rented farm for four years and was married. In 1872 he came to Adair county, purchasing eighty acres in Harrison township on which he has resided continuously since. Later he added a similar tract to his holdings, thus becoming the owner of a quarter section of fine land. He erected excellent

buildings on his place and also planted a fine orchard and grove, and in the conduct of his agricultural interests he met with gratifying success, the well tilled fields annually yielding golden harvests in return for the care and labor bestowed upon them. At the present time, however, he is enjoying well earned rest, leasing his land and leaving the active work of the fields to others.

In 1867 Mr. Wambold was united in marriage to Miss Anna Lott, a native of Ohio and a daughter of Isaac Lott, who was also born in Ohio and came to Iowa in an early day, both he and his wife passing away in Polk county, this state. To Mr. and Mrs. Wambold were born eleven children, namely: Elmer C.; Florence; Frank; Irving and Austin, twins; Charles; Clayton; Harvey, who is deceased; Demis; Eva; and Clarence. The wife and mother passed away in the year 1888.

In his political views Mr. Wambold is a stalwart democrat and he has acceptably served as school director and road supervisor. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Lutheran church, and his declining years are being spent in the contentment that results from a life of righteousness, industry and honor.

JOSEPH GILLETT.

Joseph Gillett, who is a highly esteemed farmer living retired in Greenfield, was born in England, May 14, 1830, a son of Thomas and Anna (Crocker) Gillett, both natives of that country, where they passed their entire lives. Our subject, who is the only survivor of a family of eight children, remained at home until he was twenty-three years of age, when he was married. In 1854 he emigrated to America and located in New York city, where he remained for three months. He then went to Canada, where his wife joined him on crossing the Atlantic two years after his arrival. He worked as a railroad fireman in Canada for three years, removing to Johnson county, Iowa, in 1857. For the first year he accepted any employment that came to hand but at the end of that time he rented a farm which he operated for three years.

In 1861 Mr. Gillett put aside all personal considerations and proved loyal to his adopted country by enlisting in Company F, Fourteenth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, with which he served for three years and eight months. He took part in the battle of Fort Donelson, which lasted three days, and in the battle of Shiloh, where he was taken prisoner. At length he was paroled with the other privates but the officers were still kept in the prison. He returned home and remained for four months, after which he went to St. Louis and reported for duty, serving with the army until he was recaptured at the battle of Pleasant Hill, Louisiana. He was kept at Camp Ford, Texas, for thirteen months, or until the close of the war, when he was released from prison and was mustered out of the military service at Davenport, Iowa.

Mr. Gillett then returned to Johnson county, where he continued to live until 1887, which year witnessed his arrival in Adair county. He purchased a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Grove township and lived thereon for three years, after which he retired and removed to Greenfield, where he still makes his home. He holds title to one hundred and sixty acres of land in Kansas and also owns four town lots in Greenfield in addition to his residence. He was both practical and



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progressive as a farmer and managed his business affairs well with the result that he acquired a competence that insures him of the comforts of life during his remaining years.

Mr. Gillett married Miss Mary Ann Bradley, a native of England, and to them were born seven children: William H., Thomas and Jacob, all of whom have passed away; Anna, who married A. M. Stouffer, of Goodland, Kansas; Josephine, deceased; Nicholas Z., who married Miss Edith Bonney; and John, deceased. The wife and mother was called to her reward on the 6th of July, 1897, and was laid to rest in the Greenfield cemetery.

Mr. Gillett supports the republican party at the polls but has always been content to perform his civic duties as a private citizen. He finds the principles that guide his life in the teachings of the Methodist Episcopal church, to which he belongs, and his integrity and uprightness have never been questioned. He is well known throughout the county and all who have been brought in contact with him speak highly of him.

F. E. SEARS.

F. E. Sears, of Fontanelle, is a well known landowner and is manager of the Farmers Mutual Telephone Company of Adair county. He has always lived in this county, his birth having occurred in Jackson township, on the 27th of February, 1868, his parents being John and Philinda J. (Perry) Sears. The father, a native of Switzerland, was brought to the United States by his parents when a child of but three years, the family home being established in Ohio, where John Sears was reared. After attaining his majority he wedded Philinda J. Perry, a native of Vermont. Not long afterward they left Ohio and came to Iowa, settling in Dallas county, where they resided until 1853, when they came to Adair county. At that time there were but ten families in the county and the Sears were indeed pioneers of this district. The work of development had scarcely been begun and progress remained to the future. John Sears entered a quarter section of land in Jackson township, for which he paid the usual government price of a dollar and a quarter per acre. It was entirely destitute of improvements, being covered with the native prairie grasses, but he broke the sod and continued the work of development, prosecuting his labors according to the best methods of farming known at that time. Upon that place he continued to make his home until his death, and after his demise F. E. Sears purchased the farm from the other heirs and still owns the old homestead, so that it has never passed out of the possession of the family since they received their title from the government.

The early experiences of F. E. Sears were such as usually fall to the lot of the farm-bred boy. As soon as old enough to handle the plow he took his place in the fields and in the district schools he pursued his education. In the school of experience, too, he has learned many valuable lessons which have led to the careful direction of his activities along business lines. In the summer in which he attained his twentieth year he worked for wages for his father and the following summer he began farming on his own account upon a tract of eighty acres of land which had been deeded to him by his father when he attained his majority. He lived upon

that farm for eight years and upon the death of his mother he purchased the old homestead property and removed to it, there residing until 1905. At that date he became a resident of Fontanelle, where he has since resided in order to give his children the advantage of instruction offered in the city schools. He owns a beautiful residence, holds title to the old homestead, comprising one hundred and sixty acres of rich and valuable land, and also owns a farm of eighty-two and one-half acres lying across the road from the homestead. Both of his farms are now operated by tenants and bring to Mr. Sears a good annual income. In addition to his agricultural interests he became one of the organizers of the Farmers Mutual Telephone Company and in 1908 was made manager, in which capacity he has since served. He is thus controlling an important public utility and it is his object to give the best possible service to the patrons of the line.

In 1890 Mr. Sears was united in marriage to Miss Bessie Brown, of Jackson township, this county, by whom he has two children, namely: Eugene, who was graduated from the high school at Fontanelle with the class of 1910 and is now a lineman of the Farmers Mutual Telephone Company; and Pearl, a high-school student.

Mr. Sears is identified with the Woodmen of the World and his wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Both are highly esteemed, their sterling traits of character winning for them trust and warm regard. Mr. Sears has so directed his efforts in a business way that substantial results have accrued and yet he has had no opportunities that do not come to other men. It has been because he is persistent and energetic and because he desired success and was willing to work for it that he has gained the place that he now occupies in business circles.

FRANK J. SHORT.

For some years Frank J. Short has lived retired in Greenfield, but was formerly identified with the farming and business interests of Adair county. He is a native of Iowa, born in Madison county, May 21, 1870, of the marriage of Cyrus H. and Sarah (Hebner) Short, the former a native of Hennepin county, Illinois, while the latter was born in Pottsville, Pennsylvania. The father engaged in farming in early life and remained in his native state until he had reached mature years. He then accompanied his parents on their removal to Bethany, Missouri, where he resided until April, 1860, at which time he sought a home in Madison county, Iowa. He there rented land and engaged in its cultivation, being thus engaged until 1872, when he came to Adair county and purchased land in Lee township, southwest of Greenfield. He immediately set about improving this place, but at the end of two years he retired and took up his abode in Greenfield, where after a long residence he departed this life in October, 1901. His wife survived for about a decade and passed away in March, 1911.

Frank J. Short was but two years of age at the time the family home was established in Adair county, so that practically his entire life has here been passed. He was educated in the schools of Greenfield and after putting aside his textbooks went to Omaha, Nebraska, there to become an apprentice at the plumber's and steamfitter's trade. For eight years he worked at his trade in the latter state and

then, having in the meantime married, returned to Adair county and engaged in cultivating land in Lee township belonging to his father-in-law for thirteen years, during which time he became the owner of farm property. At the end of that period Mr. Short abandoned agricultural pursuits and removed to Greenfield, where he has since occupied an attractive home, surrounded by six acres of land located within the corporate limits of the city. Although he is practically living retired he deals to some extent in real estate and was formerly identified with the lumber business of Orient. He is strong, forceful and aggressive, and in all lines of business to which he has given attention he has so ably managed his interests that he has met with success—a success that permits him to enjoy all the comforts of life.

On the 12th of August, 1893, Mr. Short was united in marriage to Miss Ella E. Witham, a daughter of William W. and Elmira (Sutherland) Witham, who were early residents of Adair county. The father was born in Maine, while the mother was a native of Kentucky. In an early day Mr. Witham made the long journey from the Pine Tree state to California, but eventually returned to the east, whence he made his way to the middle west, locating in Chickasaw county, Iowa. In 1870 he made a permanent location in Adair county, purchasing land in Orient township. As the years passed and he accumulated funds he kept investing in more land until he became the possessor of several thousand acres here and in Kansas and at the time of his death, January 22, 1908, he was reputed to be the wealthiest man in Adair county. He availed himself of every opportunity for advancement and in addition to farming also conducted a store prior to the building of a railroad through this section of the state. He also gave some time to auctioneering and in all these lines of endeavor met with a gratifying measure of prosperity. His wife preceded him to the home beyond many years ago, her death occurring in 1878.

To Mr. and Mrs. Short have been born a son and two daughters. Dick J., who is engaged in the jewelry business at Estherville, Iowa, wedded Miss Rose McGuire and they have a son, Richard, two years of age. Nina A. is the wife of Donald F. Brooks and resides in Greenfield. Ruth N. is thirteen years of age.

In politics Mr. Short is a democrat and in religious faith is a Baptist. His fraternal relations connect him with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks at Creston, Iowa. He is influential in his community and is one of the leaders in all movements for the betterment of his city and section of the state. He is a man of broad and comprehensive views and is conservative rather than radical. The people of Greenfield and Adair county recognize him as a man of genuine worth and respect him highly.

BENJAMIN FUNKE.

Benjamin Funke is a representative farmer of Prussia township, cultivating two hundred and six acres of land on section 34, belonging to his father. He was born in this township, January 7, 1872, a son of Ernst and Katherine (Erbis) Funke, whose record appears elsewhere in this work.

Benjamin Funke was reared on the farm which he now operates, while his education was acquired in the rural schools near by. He remained under the parental roof until he was twenty-five years of age and was subsequently employed by others at farm labor for one year. He then rented the home place comprising two hundred and six acres in Prussia township and to its cultivation he has since given his undivided attention. He also annually feeds a carload of cattle for shipment. He is industrious and energetic and his labors are bringing him rich returns annually.

On the 2d of January, 1899, Mr. Funke was united in marriage to Miss Marie Bretschneider, a native of Germany who with her mother emigrated to the United States in 1890, the father having died in his native country in 1875. The mother resided on a farm in Adair county until 1908, since which time she has lived on a farm in North Dakota. To Mr. and Mrs. Funke have been born eight children: Sophia, Lizzie, Katie, Gladys, Velma, Ernest, Andrew and Florence M.

In political faith Mr. Funke is a republican, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Lutheran church. He has learned well life's lessons and has put them to practical account. His success has come as the result of energy, labor and perseverance, directed by an evenly balanced mind and guided by honorable business principles.

ERNST FUNKE.

Although Ernst Funke is now a resident of Alhambra, California, he was for many years one of the foremost farmers and stock-raisers of Adair county and still has extensive property interests here. His birth occurred in the province of Brunswick, Germany, April 8, 1847, and he is a son of Ernst and Louisa (Seavers) Funke, likewise natives of the fatherland. The father was a well-to-do merchant, but met with reverses when his son Ernst was about seventeen years of age. The mother died in Germany, but the father eventually came to the United States. He visited our subject in Adair county, but passed away in New York at the home of a daughter.

Ernst Funke received a common-school education in his native land, where he remained until he was seventeen years old, but in 1864 he emigrated to the United States with an older sister. For two years he clerked in a store in New York city and as he was a good salesman he received excellent wages for those days. He was given a chance for rapid advancement and even opportunity to engage in business for himself, but he left the city and went to Bureau county, Illinois, where he had a sister living whom he was very anxious to see again. For four years he worked by the month as a farm hand in Bureau county and was then married. In 1872 he removed to Adair county, Iowa, and bought eighty acres of unimproved land in Summerset township at ten dollars per acre, but he only paid two hundred dollars down, although at that time he had a capital of eleven hundred dollars. He erected a one room house, fourteen by fourteen feet, hauling the lumber from Casey. At that time dimension lumber sold for twenty-five dollars per thousand and finishing lumber for fifty dollars per thousand. Coal was twenty-eight cents per bushel and when, as frequently occurred, it could not be obtained at all, the

early settlers burned corn, which was very plentiful and brought only thirteen cents per bushel.

Mr. Funke brought his land under cultivation as soon as possible and worked diligently, his well directed labor bringing him increasing prosperity. He was quick to recognize and take advantage of opportunities for financial advancement and was not afraid to take some risk in his transactions. However, he was at all times scrupulously honest and his credit was always good. He attributes his success chiefly to his integrity and his reputation for square dealing. As opportunity offered he purchased additional land and in time became the owner of five hundred and sixty acres in a body in Summerset and Prussia townships. Still later he purchased three hundred and eighty-seven acres in Lee township, on which he lived for a number of years, although during the greater part of the time he made his home on the first eighty acres which he purchased. He carried on agricultural operations on a large scale and as he was at once practical and progressive he received a handsome income from his land. In addition to growing the usual crops, he fed cattle extensively and was the second man in the county to engage in raising thoroughbred shorthorn cattle, the first man being Henry Wallace, now the editor of the well known agricultural paper, Wallace's Farmer. Mr. Funke found sale for his blooded cattle not only in many parts of this country but also in Canada, and gained an enviable reputation as a stock breeder. In 1909 he decided to retire from active life and removed to Alhambra, California, where he has since made his home. His energy and vigor, however, have made it impossible for him to retire from active life altogether and for the past two years he has been secretary and treasurer of the Alhambra Feed and Fuel Company, of which he is the majority stockholder. He is also a member of the Alhambra & Los Angeles Express.

Mr. Funke was married on the 17th of February, 1869, in Bureau county, Illinois, to Miss Katherine Erbis, a daughter of Daniel and Kauner (Kunegunde) Erbis, natives of Germany, who, however, became residents of Bureau county, Illinois, in an early day in its history. To Mr. and Mrs. Funke have been born fourteen children, all of whom are still living, namely: Benjamin, who is operating one of his father's farms in Prussia township, this county; Henry, a stock dealer residing in Greenfield; Philip, a farmer of Summerset township, who devotes considerable attention to raising thoroughbred stock; Emma and Mary, who are with their father in California; Lizzie, the wife of J. E. Petry, of St. Louis, Missouri; Nellie, who is teaching in California; Frank, a farmer of Prussia township, this county; Harry, who makes his home with his brother Benjamin; Gertrude, who is living with her father; Clara, who is bookkeeper for a Los Angeles wholesale grocery house; Lena, who is employed by the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company in Chicago; John, who is attending the agricultural college at Davis, California; and Arthur, who is a student in the Alhambra (Cal.) high school. The wife and mother passed away on the 21st of December, 1904, and her demise was the occasion of much sincere regret, for she possessed many admirable qualities of heart and mind. In early womanhood she was a member of the Evangelical Association, but on removing to Lee township became a member of the Methodist Episcopal church at Greenfield.

Mr. Funke was a member of the Evangelical Association, was one of the organizers of the church of that denomination in Summerset township and helped to erect the house of worship of that congregation. He took an active part in various

phases of church work and was superintendent of the Sunday school and class leader for some time. His business ability has enabled him to gain a large measure of financial success, but he has never forgotten that there are other important interests in life and has been a factor in the civic and moral advancement as well as material development of the communities in which he has lived. He is highly esteemed wherever known and there are many who are his warm personal friends.

FRANKLIN DUTRO.

For more than forty years Franklin Dutro was actively engaged in farming in Adair county, where he has resided since 1873. In 1914 he put aside the cares and responsibilities of an active business life and is now living retired in Adair. His birth occurred in Bureau county, Illinois, on the 19th of August, 1847, his parents being George and Betsy Elizabeth (Neff) Dutro. The father was born at Duncan Falls, Ohio, and was descended from Scotch-Irish ancestry, while his wife, who was born in Zanesville, Ohio, was of Pennsylvania-Dutch descent. They were married at Duncan Falls, and in the early '40s removed westward to Illinois, where the father engaged in farming for about a quarter of a century. In 1869 he went to Kansas, where he continued to live until called to his final rest, his death occurring during the intensely cold winter of 1901. He was a veteran of the Civil war, for as one of the boys in blue of Company C, Sixty-sixth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, he had aided in protecting the stars and stripes for over three years, while in the same company were his two sons, James and Franklin. Mr. Dutro long survived his wife, who died upon the home farm in Kansas in 1872.

Franklin Dutro spent the first sixteen years of his life under the parental roof, and then, although but a boy, scarcely fitted for such a strenuous life, he offered his services to the country and enlisted in January, 1864, as a member of Company C, Sixty-sixth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, joining his command at Sheffield, Illinois. He thereafter served until the close of the war and participated in the Atlanta campaign, taking part in the siege of Atlanta and afterward going with Sherman on the celebrated march to the sea, whereby the weakness of the southern confederacy was exposed, for it was proven that the troops had been drawn from the interior to protect the border. His military experience was indeed fraught with many hardships and dangers. He was under fire one hundred and twenty days in the siege of Atlanta, fighting all the way from Chattanooga to Atlanta. Later he was in the siege of Savannah, and after the march to the sea had been completed he participated in the campaign through the Carolinas and was at Raleigh when Johnson surrendered. He was under fire at the battles of Peach Tree Creek, Resaca, Dallas, Allatoona, Snake Creek Gap and Rome Crossroads, all in Georgia, and also participated in the last fight of the war at Bentonville, North Carolina. After the war was ended Mr. Dutro participated in the Grand Review in Washington, where thousands of victorious Union soldiers marched through the streets of the capital and passed before the reviewing stand on which stood the president. He was mustered out at Louisville, Kentucky, and was honorably discharged at Springfield, Illinois.

Mr. Dutro then returned home and for a few years was employed by the month as a farm hand. In 1869 he was married and removed to Kossuth county, Iowa,



MR. AND MRS. FRANKLIN DUTRO

where he engaged in farming for a year. He then went to Kansas, where he continued until 1873, when he came to Adair county, purchasing land in Summit township, where he secured eighty acres. Taking up his abode thereon, he bent his attention to farming, and that he was not afraid of hard work was soon manifest in the excellent appearance of his fields, which annually brought forth golden harvests. Year by year he carefully cultivated his farm until forty-one years had passed, when in March, 1914, he retired from active life, disposed of his land and removed to Adair, where he now makes his home.

On the 5th of October, 1869, Mr. Dutro was united in marriage to Miss Nancy Foster, a daughter of Tildon and Betsey (Heatherton) Foster, who were natives of England and passed away in Kossuth county, Iowa. The father was a stationary engineer. Mr. and Mrs. Dutro have become the parents of four children, as follows: Viola, the wife of Ed Gaines, an agriculturist of Summit township, by whom she has four children—Mildred, Claude, Marion and Audrey; Claude, a member of the firm of Dutro & Kading, conducting an auto garage in Adair, who wedded Miss Orpha Huff and has two children, Harry and Marie; Mamie Katie, who gave her hand in marriage to George Kading, junior member of the firm of Dutro & Kading; and Minnie, who died when thirteen months old.

Mr. Dutro has always given his allegiance to the republican party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. He served several years as a trustee in Summit township, but resigned that position on his removal to the city. He has served as a director on the school board and is a stalwart champion of the cause of education. He maintains pleasant relations with his old army comrades as a member of Washington Post, No. 135, G. A. R., in which he is now serving as quartermaster. He has ever been as true and loyal to his country in days of peace as when he followed the old flag on southern battlefields, and he has never believed in lowering the standards of citizenship in the slightest degree.

GEORGE S. RAPER.

George S. Raper is now living retired in Greenfield, but was formerly identified with farming interests. At the present writing he is filling the office of justice of the peace and his rulings are strictly fair and impartial, being based upon the law and the equity in the case. He was born in the neighboring state of Illinois, his birth having occurred in Mercer county, on the 28th of December, 1858, his parents being John and Miriam (Stevenson) Raper, both of whom were natives of England, in which country they were reared and married, there remaining until 1853, when they came to the United States. They established their home in Geneseo, Illinois, and there the father worked at the carpenter's trade, which he had previously learned in his native land. In the fall of 1874 he left Illinois and came to Adair county, Iowa, having four years before purchased a farm within its borders. On reaching this county he took up his abode upon that tract of land which was situated on section 31, Walnut township. He made it his place of residence until 1894, when he removed to Adair, where he continued to reside until his death, which occurred in 1901. Five years later, or in 1906, his wife passed away.

No unusual experiences occurred to vary the routine of life for George S. Raper in his boyhood and youth. He attended the public schools of Geneseo, Illinois, passing through consecutive grades to the high school. He was sixteen years of age when he came to Iowa and after attaining his majority began farming on his own account by renting land from his father. From 1886 until 1896 he bought various tracts of land in Prussia township and is now the owner of three hundred and twenty acres of valuable Adair county farm land, which he holds at a high figure, for it has become a most productive tract. He engaged actively in farming until February 8, 1910, when he removed to Greenfield, where he has since resided. On the resignation of Judge Mason in 1911 Mr. Raper was appointed justice of the peace to fill the vacancy and was subsequently regularly elected to that office, in which capacity he has since served continuously, covering a period of four years. Such has been his course as justice that he has "won golden opinions from all sorts of people," his decisions being free from all personal bias.

On the 14th of October, 1880, Mr. Raper was married to Miss Cornelia Speedling, a daughter of George Speedling, a prominent farmer of Prussia township, who came to Adair county from Cedar county, Iowa, in the spring of 1875. For thirty-six years he continued to reside in this county and passed away in Greenfield on the 2d of May, 1911. Mr. and Mrs. Raper have become the parents of two children: Bernard S., who is operating his father's farm; and Arthur, now deceased.

In his political views Mr. Raper has always been an earnest republican since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. He and his wife are of the religious faith of the Society of Friends and hold membership in the only church of their denomination in Adair county. This church was built on his father's land, the father being a liberal contributor toward its erection. Since that period the Raper family has been most active in advancing the moral progress of the community. George S. Raper has ever stood for those things which are most worth while in community life, for observance of law, for the advancement of material progress and for the improvement of the educational system, and those who know him recognize the fact that his influence has always been in behalf of substantial improvement and advancement.

PETER A. BEVINGTON.

Peter A. Bevington is now living retired at Greenfield, although he was for an extended period actively engaged in farming. His work was so wisely directed that he won a measure of prosperity that now enables him to put aside further business cares. Ohio claims him as a native son, his birth having occurred in Huron county, on the 18th of October, 1843, his parents being Peter and Aary (Bevington) Bevington, both of whom were probably born in the Buckeye state, where they lived and died. The father followed farming in Holmes county for many years and was there called to his final rest.

In his youthful days Peter A. Bevington attended the district schools and mastered the elementary branches of learning, but he had comparatively little opportunity to secure an education, as his services were needed upon the home farm.

In March, 1861, when eighteen years of age, he came to Iowa and settled in Madison county, where he worked through the following summer for Dr. Bevington of Winterset, who was his uncle. He put aside all business and personal considerations, however, when the country became involved in the Civil war and in October, 1861, enlisted for active service, being mustered in as a member of Company B, Fifth Iowa Volunteer Cavalry. Under that command he served until the close of the war, the regiment being assigned to duty with the Army of the Cumberland, and he took part in various important engagements, including the battles of Stone River and of the Atlanta campaign. At the battle of Nashville, on Christmas day of 1864, he was shot through the body and three of his ribs had to be cut out. The wound was a very serious one, but in due time he recovered and he was mustered out of the service on the 22d of August, 1865.

When the war was over and the country no longer needed his aid, Mr. Bevington returned to Ohio and there remained for a year or more. In 1867, however, he again came to Iowa, settling in Winterset. Later he returned to Ohio for his bride, whom he brought to Iowa directly after their marriage. She bore the maiden name of Miss Cecelia Mackey, and their wedding was celebrated on the 29th of December, 1869. Upon his return to this state Mr. Bevington settled on a farm in Madison county, where he remained for forty-two years, or until 1901, when he turned over his farm of two hundred acres to his son and removed to Greenfield, where he has since lived retired. He was one of the progressive agriculturists of his locality and set an excellent example for others to follow.

To Mr. and Mrs. Bevington were born seven children: Cambia, William, Estella, Mina, Cliola, Cora and Harry. Mr. Bevington has always voted with the republican party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise and has kept well informed concerning the issues and questions of the day. He is a member of Myers Post, No. 149, G. A. R., and he and his wife are members of the Methodist church, true to its teachings and loyal to their belief.

L. E. YOUNG.

A substantially improved farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 29, Grove township, pays tribute to the energies of L. E. Young, who purchased the property in 1904. His birth occurred in Highland county, Ohio, on the 1st of May, 1865, his parents being Marion and Mary M. (Gossett) Young. A sketch of the father, a retired agriculturist residing in Greenfield, appears on another page of this work.

L. E. Young acquired his education in the public schools and also pursued a commercial course in the Iowa Business College at Des Moines. He was associated with his father in farming operations until 1894, when he started out as an agriculturist on his own account, cultivating rented land in Walnut township, this county, until 1901. In that year he bought ninety acres of land in Jefferson township, near Casey, but three years later disposed of the property and purchased his present home farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Grove township, the operation of which has claimed his attention continuously since. He uses the most modern machinery to facilitate his labors, his early training and his interest in his work constituting

elements in his success. He is a stockholder in the Greenfield Creamery Company and the Lincoln Mutual Telephone Company and has long been numbered among the substantial and enterprising citizens of the community.

In 1892 Mr. Young was united in marriage to Miss Maggie Kendall, of Winter-set, Iowa, by whom he has three children, namely: Bessie, who is the wife of Harold Utts, of Walnut township, this county; and Ray M. and Glen L., both at home. He gives his political allegiance to the republican party and has served for three terms in the capacity of township clerk, while for several years he acted as a member of the school board, making a most creditable record in public office. Fraternally he is identified with the American Yeomen and the Knights of Pythias, belonging to Adair Lodge No. 393 of the latter order. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Presbyterian church, with which his wife is also affiliated. His life has been in all its phases upright, straightforward and honorable and by intelligent and scientific operation of his excellent farm he has gained a comfortable fortune for himself and aided in the agricultural development of his section.

W. F. ARMSTRONG.

For forty-six years W. F. Armstrong has been a resident of Orient township. He came to Adair county in 1869 and at that time purchased a part of the farm on which he now resides, although he has since extended the boundaries of his place by additional purchase until he is the owner of six hundred and forty acres constituting one of the most valuable farm properties of this part of the state. He was born in Oneida county, New York, October 29, 1840, and has therefore passed the seventy-fifth milestone on life's journey. His parents were Thomas and Elizabeth (Roberts) Armstrong, the former a native of the north of Ireland, while the latter was born in England. They came to America in early life, and the father worked in a foundry for a time but afterward settled upon a farm in Oneida county, New York, which he purchased, his attention being devoted to its cultivation until 1843, when he sold that property. In 1850 he went to California, attracted by the gold discoveries on the Pacific coast, and for seven years he remained in that part of the country. He then returned to the state of New York and in the spring of 1857, accompanied by his son, W. F., removed westward to Henry county, Illinois, where he continued to reside until called to his final home. His wife had passed away in the state of New York. In their family were twelve children, of whom four reached adult age and are yet living.

W. F. Armstrong was a resident of the Empire state through the first seventeen years of his life and then accompanied his father westward to Henry county, Illinois. In 1869 he purchased a part of the farm on which he now resides on section 27, Orient township, becoming owner of three hundred and twenty acres. With characteristic energy he began the development of the place and later bought more land. He now owns six hundred and forty acres, all of which is highly improved. He practices rotation of crops, has divided his lands into fields of convenient size by well kept fences, utilizes the latest improved machinery to facilitate the work of the fields and in a word carries on his farm work in a most progressive and resultant manner.



W. F. ARMSTRONG

On November 8, 1870, Mr. Armstrong was united in marriage to Miss H. H. Tacher, a native of Delaware county, New York, and a daughter of Stephen and Diadamas (Willis) Tacher, who were also born in that state. The mother passed away in the home of our subject, but the father is still living with Mr. Armstrong and has now reached the venerable age of eighty-nine years. Mrs. Armstrong is one of a family of five children and by her marriage has also become the mother of five children, namely: Warren N., who is engaged in the banking business in Colorado City, Colorado; Natta E., who is the wife of William Pugh, a college professor of South Carolina; Willis R., a banker of Colorado Springs, Colorado; Neva D., who is the wife of Gerald Corwin, of Montana; and Fred C., a resident of Orient, Iowa. Mrs. Armstrong is a member of the Congregational church.

Mr. Armstrong votes with the republican party but the honors and emoluments of office have no attraction for him. The only public position he has consented to fill has been that of school treasurer and trustee and in the former position he served for sixteen years. His success is attributable in large measure to his close application as well as to his unremitting energy. He has ever felt that industry was the basis of advancement and because of this he has worked hard and persistently, and his intelligent direction of his efforts has brought to him most gratifying results, for he is now numbered among the most prosperous residents of Orient township.

ABIJAH AXEL DICKEY.

Abijah Axel Dickey, a well known farmer and stock-raiser living on section 30, Jefferson township, was born November 14, 1863, in Mercer county, Pennsylvania, a son of George and Rebecca (Stevens) Dickey, who were likewise natives of the Keystone state and were of Pennsylvania-Dutch and Irish descent. The father devoted his life to the occupation of farming and in the year 1866 removed westward to Cedar county, Iowa, where he continued in the same business, there remaining until his death, which occurred in 1893. For a considerable period he had survived his wife, who passed away in 1877.

Abijah A. Dickey, whose name introduces this review, acquired his education in the common schools of Cedar county, having been but three years of age at the time of the arrival of the family in this state. He was a youth of but fourteen years when he began working for his brother Ira. Up to the time of his mother's death he had assisted in the work of the home farm and had attended the district schools through the winter months. In 1880 he came to Adair county and settled in Walnut township, where he was employed at farm labor until 1892. He then married and began farming on his own account, first renting the land upon which he now resides. After a year he removed to Walnut township, where he cultivated a rented farm. In 1905, however, he purchased his present place on section 30, Jefferson township, and has since occupied it. He now owns and cultivates eighty acres, the place being a well developed and well improved farm. He raises corn, wheat and other cereals and with the help of his sons is also engaged in stock-raising. When he purchased this place there were no improvements upon the land, but in 1905 he erected his residence and has since added other improvements at various times. In 1913 he built a large horse barn and he raises high grades of

horses, cattle and hogs, feeding all of his crops to his stock. His entire time is devoted to his farming interests and his success is the result of his close application and indefatigable energy.

On the 23d of January, 1892, at Stuart, Iowa, Mr. Dickey was united in marriage to Miss Louise McDaniels, the ceremony being performed by the Rev. Father Foley, pastor of the Roman Catholic church at that place. She was a native of this county and a daughter of George and Margaret McDaniels, passing away in their home in Jefferson township on the 17th of March, 1905. George McDaniels was for years successfully engaged in farming in Jefferson township, where he died, but his widow survives and now makes her home in Greenfield. To Mr. and Mrs. Dickey were born four children, as follows: John, whose birth occurred on the 15th of August, 1894; Esther, born April 2, 1897; Frances, whose natal day was November 6, 1900; and Josephine, who was born January 23, 1903, and is now a student in district school No. 9 of Jefferson township. All of the children are still at home.

In his political views Mr. Dickey is an earnest republican and has filled the office of road supervisor but he is not ambitious to hold political positions, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs. Starting out for himself at the early age of fourteen years, he has since depended upon his own resources and from the beginning he has realized that industry is the safest foundation upon which to build prosperity.

FRANK PATERA.

Frank Patera, who is carrying on agricultural operations on section 32, Richland township, is one of the successful farmers of that township and is highly esteemed by all who know him. He was born in Bohemia, Austria, March 31, 1863, a son of Anthony and Mary (Vleck) Patera, who emigrated to the United States in 1873. The family landed in Baltimore on the 27th of November, of that year, and made their way to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where they remained about a month. They then came westward and located on a farm in Johnson county near Iowa City, where they lived for five years. In the spring of 1879 they removed to Adams county but five years later they crossed the line into Adair county, buying one hundred and sixty acres on section 31, Richland township, to the operation of which the father devoted his time and energy. Both parents passed away upon that place.

Frank Patera was largely educated in the district schools in Bohemia but after removing to this country attended school during two winters. When he reached mature years he went to Creston and for five years was employed in the roundhouse of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad at that point. He then returned home and assisted his father for two years. In 1891 he was married and not long afterward began operating eighty acres of the homestead which his father gave him. He farmed that place for twelve years, but in 1903 sold it and purchased his present farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 32, Richland township, where he has since resided. He is at once practical and progressive and as he manifests commendable enterprise he is meeting with a gratifying measure of success. He also owns stock in the Nevinville Telephone Company.

Mr. Patera was united in marriage on the 7th of April, 1891, to Miss Barbara Krisinger, also a native of Bohemia. When eighteen years of age she emigrated to this country and joined an uncle, Frank Cihak, a resident of Audubon county, this state. To Mr. and Mrs. Patera have been born two children, Edward and May J., both of whom are at home.

Mr. Patera is independent in politics, voting for the man rather than the party. He and his family belong to the Western Bohemian Brotherhood Association and take an active interest in its work. He is a representative citizen of the county and holds the unqualified respect and the high esteem of all who have come into contact with him.

CLARENCE L. RIDOUT.

Clarence L. Ridout is a farmer living on section 26, Union township. He was born in Jasper county, Iowa, on the 13th of August, 1871, a son of William S. and Arabella (Logsdon) Ridout, who are mentioned elsewhere in this volume, in connection with the sketch of their son, I. C. Ridout.

The subject of this review was educated in the district schools but his opportunities there were limited. It was necessary that he aid in the work of the home farm and thus his textbooks were put aside. On attaining his majority he began farming for himself as a renter and he purchased his first land about 1902, buying eighty acres of his present home farm. To this he has added until he now has one hundred and twenty acres, constituting a good farm property in Union township. He is busily employed in the work of the place and he is winning added success as the years go by.

On the 30th of May, 1899, Mr. Ridout was married to Miss Mary Brooks, a daughter of E. W. Brooks, mentioned elsewhere in this work. Mr. and Mrs. Ridout have become the parents of ten children, of whom nine are living: Dorothy, Pearl, Glen, Opal, Verl, Nora Belle, Edward, Theodore and Maxine. The parents hold membership with the Christian church and Mr. Ridout is a republican in politics. He is always true to his honest convictions and loyal in defense of what he believes to be right, so that the republican party finds in him an earnest supporter and the church a faithful worker.

ALBERT E. JOHNSON.

Albert E. Johnson, numbered among the most prosperous and enterprising agriculturists of Adair county, owns seven hundred and twenty acres of rich and productive land in Orient township. This property includes the old home farm on which he was born on the 19th of September, 1875, his parents being Reason L. and Ada (Dillow) Johnson. A sketch of his father, a retired agriculturist residing in Orient, appears on another page of this work. In the acquirement of an education he attended the public schools and also pursued a commercial course in the Creston Business College. He was but eighteen years of age when his father removed to

the town of Orient, leaving him in charge of the home farm, the operation of which has claimed his time and energies continuously since. In 1902 he purchased and also began the cultivation of a tract of three hundred and twenty acres of land lying across the road from the home place, while about 1905 he bought the home farm, comprising four hundred acres, so that his holdings now embrace seven hundred and twenty acres. He cultivates all of this and in his undertakings has won a most gratifying and well merited measure of success, carrying on the work of the fields in a practical and progressive manner that insures the best results. Mr. Johnson is a member of the board of directors of the Orient Savings Bank, in which institution both he and his wife are stockholders.

In February, 1899, Mr. Johnson was united in marriage to Miss Inez Swick, of Creston, Iowa, by whom he has four children, namely: Merle, Lela, Doris and Reason Paul. He gives his political allegiance to the democracy and enjoys an enviable reputation as a public-spirited, substantial and esteemed citizen of the county in which his entire life has been spent.

L. H. EDWARDS.

L. H. Edwards, a successful agriculturist and representative citizen of Richland township, makes his home on section 20, where he owns two hundred acres of rich and productive land. His birth occurred in Fulton county, Illinois, on the 11th of August, 1868, his parents being Haden and Eliza (Beekstadt) Edwards, the former a native of Kentucky and the latter of Canada. Their marriage was celebrated in Fulton county, Illinois, to which place they had removed as children with their respective parents. In 1869 Haden Edwards came with his family to Adair county, Iowa, spending the winter in the old Avondale schoolhouse in Washington township while he was building a home. In the spring of 1870 they took up their abode in their new log cabin in Washington township. Five years later they removed to another farm in the same township and the father erected a log cabin thereon. About 1880, however, he made his way to Gentry county, Missouri, and three years later went to Holt county, that state, where he has resided continuously to the present time.

L. H. Edwards was reared under the parental roof and received his education in the district schools. He was living in Missouri when he attained his majority and thence returned to Adair county, here working as a farm hand for his uncle, David Edwards, during about three falls and winters. In 1895 he purchased his first land, coming into possession of a forty-acre tract in Holt county, Missouri, on which he resided for two years. On the expiration of that period he disposed of the property and bought a farm of sixty acres in Holt county, on which he made his home for a similar length of time. In 1900 he again came to Adair county, Iowa, purchasing eighty acres of land on section 18, Richland township, which he sold two years later. Going back to Holt county, Missouri, he there resided for three years and at the end of that time returned to this county, purchasing his present home farm of eighty acres in Richland township. In 1911 he bought a tract of one hundred and twenty acres on the same section and still owns both farms. His undertakings as an agriculturist have been attended with a well deserved and gratifying measure

of success and entitle him to recognition among the prosperous and enterprising citizens of the community. The Nevinville Telephone Company numbers him among its stockholders.

In 1896 Mr. Edwards was united in marriage to Miss Anna Steinhauer, a daughter of Henry Steinhauer of Lincoln county, Illinois, who has passed away. To them have been born three children, namely: Louis F., Herman A. and Mary E. Mr. Edwards gives his political allegiance to the republican party and has ably served in the capacity of road overseer. Fraternaly he is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, belonging to the lodge at Fontanelle. He is one of the hard-working, capable citizens of Richland township, where his honest and upright methods of conducting his business interests have won him the confidence and respect of his fellow townsmen.

H. U. HAINLINE.

H. U. Hainline, a prosperous and representative agriculturist of Orient township, where he owns and operates an excellent farm of two hundred and eighty acres on section 23, is known throughout the country as a breeder of Percheron horses. His birth occurred in Tazewell county, Illinois, on the 2d of February, 1867, his parents being Henry and Polly (Camp) Hainline, who were born, reared and married in that state. The father, who followed general agricultural pursuits throughout his active business career, is now living retired in Tazewell county.

H. U. Hainline was reared in the county of his nativity and attended the district schools in the acquirement of an education. When a youth of eighteen he began working as a farm hand and following his marriage, which was celebrated when he had attained the age of twenty-two years, he started out as an agriculturist on his own account, cultivating rented land in McLean county, Illinois, for two years. In the fall of 1891 he came to Iowa, purchasing a farm in Union county on which he took up his abode in the spring of 1892. The operation of that property claimed his attention until 1902, when he left the farm on account of his wife's impaired health and during the following two years engaged in the real-estate business at Creston. In 1904 he purchased and located on a farm of two hundred and eighty acres in Orient township, Adair county, which he has operated continuously and successfully since. For several years he was widely known as a breeder of hogs, owning at one time the finest herd of Berkshire hogs in the state of Iowa. In the year 1907 he won fifty-six premiums, taking first champion and grand champion on an aged sow and first champion on a boar as well as many premiums on young hogs. In years past he has also devoted considerable attention to the breeding of Shetland ponies, while at the present time he is prominently known as a breeder of Percheron horses. He owns one of the finest Percheron stallions in this section of the state and eleven registered Percheron mares. Mr. Hainline belongs to the Percheron Society of America and is one of the well known breeders of the country.

In November, 1889, Mr. Hainline was united in marriage to Miss Anna Bozarth, of McLean county, Illinois, by whom he had six children, four of whom survive, as follows: Ella Leta, who is the wife of Fred Butler, of Orient, Iowa; Loren J.,

who operates a portion of the home farm; Rachel Bernice, who is attending school in Orient; and Henry Harold.

In his political views Mr. Hainline is a staunch republican but he has never sought nor desired the honors and emoluments of office as a reward for his party fealty. Fraternaly he is identified with the Woodmen of the World and the Ancient Order of United Workmen, while his religious faith is that of the Christian church, to which his wife also belongs. The high principles of manhood which have ever governed his dealings with his fellowmen have won for him the unqualified respect, confidence and goodwill of all with whom he has come in contact.

JOHN McDERMOTT.

In the enterprising little city of Bridgewater, John McDermott is known as a representative citizen. His business interests are extensive and are most carefully and wisely managed, for his judgment is sound, his discrimination keen and his energy unflinching. He conducts a growing lumber business in the town, deals in coal and also buys grain. In addition he is the owner of a farm of seven hundred and seventeen acres in Washington township and is extensively engaged in stock-raising. He was born in Richland county, Ohio, February 17, 1857, and in the same year his parents, Henry and Elizabeth (Miller) McDermott, who were also natives of that state, brought their family to Iowa, taking up their abode upon a farm in Cass county, where they continued to reside until called to their final rest. In their family were eight children, of whom six are yet living.

John McDermott was reared on the Cass county farm with the usual experiences that fall to the lot of the farm-bred boy. He performed such work as he could do in accordance with his age and strength and his work in the fields was alternated by attendance at the district schools. After reaching adult age he began farming on his own account in Cass county, Iowa, and in 1892 he removed to Adair county, Iowa, settling in Bridgewater. Since that time he has been engaged in the lumber business, in connection with which he handles all kinds of building materials and coal and also buys grain. His business has assumed extensive and gratifying proportions and his well managed interests have brought to him splendid financial return. He has likewise made judicious investment in farm lands and is now the owner of seven hundred and seventeen acres in Washington township, whereon he handles Percheron horses and high-grade cattle and hogs, his stock-raising interests being one of the important features of his business. It is characteristic of him that whatever he undertakes he carries forward to successful completion and obstacles and difficulties are not allowed to bar his path but serve rather as an impetus for renewed effort. He also owns one hundred and sixty acres of land at Kimball, South Dakota, and another farm of a quarter section adjoining the village of Bridgewater.

In 1884 Mr. McDermott was united in marriage to Miss Anna E. Marsh, who was born near Colorado Springs, Colorado, her parents being Charles and Elizabeth (Millhollin) Marsh, natives of Pennsylvania and Iowa respectively. They removed to Colorado in an early day but at the end of about four years returned to Iowa. Charles Marsh and Henry McDermott were bosom friends of about the same age

and lived as neighbors for a half century. Both died when eighty-seven years of age and were buried at the same time. Mrs. McDermott was one of a family of seven children, five of whom survive. By her marriage she has become the mother of eight children, as follows: Ethel E., who is the wife of Samuel Love; Burt B., at home; Verna, who is now a student in Drake University; D. D., at home; Ella, who is attending school; Kenton; Clayton; and Ellis, who is deceased.

Mr. McDermott exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the democratic party and has served as township trustee and as a member of the school board. He cooperates heartily in all plans and projects for the public good. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he is serving as one of the trustees, and they guide their lives according to its teachings. Both Mr. and Mrs. McDermott are held in high esteem and richly merit the warm regard given them, for they display many admirable traits of heart and mind.

MISS MINNIE E. BARNETT.

Miss Minnie E. Barnett, acceptably filling the office of county recorder, is well known in Adair county, where she has spent her entire life. She is a daughter of J. W. Barnett, who was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, December 28, 1849. His father was Joseph Barnett, who followed blacksmithing in Pittsburgh. The family removed westward when J. W. Barnett was a small boy and arrived in Adair county in the '60s, before the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific railroad was built. Joseph Barnett purchased land in Lincoln township and followed blacksmithing in connection with farming. He died upon his farm where he had long resided, enjoying the respect and goodwill of his fellow citizens. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Sarah Price, was a native of Belfast, Ireland, but was brought to the new world during her infancy and she, too, spent her last days in Iowa.

J. W. Barnett followed farming throughout his entire active life but removed to Greenfield in 1915 and is now living retired. He carefully conducted his farming interests according to progressive, modern methods and he has always taken a deep and helpful interest in everything relating to the public welfare. He has served as a member of the school board in his home district, acting as president of the board and also as treasurer. Those who know him, and he has a wide acquaintance, entertain for him warm and enduring regard. In 1877 he was united in marriage to Miss Ann Belden, who was born near Galesburg, Illinois, May 22, 1857. Her father, Joel W. Belden, was a native of Saratoga, New York, and removed to Knox county, Illinois, whence he came to Adair county in 1876. Here he followed farming in Lincoln township. He married Augusta Glyde who was born in England and was thirteen years of age when she came to America. Mr. and Mrs. Belden passed away in the same year. This family came to Iowa in 1876 and the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Barnett was celebrated the following year, the young couple beginning their domestic life upon a farm in Summit township. Later they removed to Lincoln township and Mr. Barnett there carried on the work of tilling the soil and cultivating the crops until 1915, when he put aside business cares and took up his abode in Greenfield.

To Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Barnett were born nine children: Minnie E., who is the present efficient county recorder; Mary Augusta, the wife of George W. Eversull, who operates a farm in Lincoln township; Bert J., who wedded Miss Nina Moore and resides on the home farm; Nellie Sarah, who gave her hand in marriage to John H. Booher, a postoffice attache at Nebraska City, Nebraska; J. R., who makes his home near Billings, Montana; Bessie, who is engaged in teaching in Montana and is now proving up on a claim near Billings; Myrtle, who is also a teacher by profession and resides at home; William M., who is engaged in farming; and Aurel D., who is now a senior in the high school and will become her sister's deputy in the recorder's office.

Miss Minnie E. Barnett attended the public schools of the county and following her graduation from the high school at Greenfield took up the profession of teaching, which she followed for six years in the rural schools. In 1910 she pursued a commercial course in the Gem City Business College at Quiney, Illinois. Later she served as bookkeeper in the office of the secretary of the State University of North Dakota and subsequently she engaged in teaching for a year. She then became the candidate for the office of county recorder on the republican ticket and was elected in 1914 for a two years' term. She is now acting in that capacity and is giving general satisfaction by the prompt, capable and systematic manner in which she is discharging her duties. She holds membership in Columbia Lodge, No. 6, Daughters of Rebekah, at Stuart, Iowa. The Barnetts are members of the Methodist church and have long occupied an enviable social position in those circles where true worth and intelligence are received as the passports into good society. Their influence has been a potent element along lines of material, social, intellectual and moral development.

WILLIAM DWIGANS.

William Dwigans is the owner of three hundred and ninety acres of valuable land on sections 18 and 19, Grove township, and devotes his attention to the pursuits of farming and stock-raising with excellent success. His birth occurred in Benton county, Iowa, on the 19th of January, 1862, his parents being James and Sarah (Root) Dwigans, both of whom were natives of Ohio. In 1851 they came to Iowa, locating first on a farm in Benton county and subsequently removing to Cedar county, where they remained for two years. On the expiration of that period they came to Adair county, settling in Grove township, where James Dwigans passed away in 1898 and where his widow is still living. They became the parents of twelve children, ten of whom yet survive.

William Dwigans attended the common schools in the acquirement of an education and remained under the parental roof until twenty-one years of age. He then herded cattle for one season and afterward cultivated a rented farm for one year, at the end of which time he purchased a tract of land. Subsequently he bought the place upon which he now resides, his present holdings embracing three hundred and ninety acres of rich and productive land on sections 18 and 19, Grove township. He has brought the farm to a high state of cultivation and improvement and in connection with the production of cereals makes a specialty of raising and feeding stock, both branches of his business proving very remunerative.

Mr. Dwigans has been married twice. In 1885 he wedded Miss Hattie Knouf, a native of Benton county, Iowa, and a daughter of R. E. and Sarah (Riley) Knouf, both of whom were born in Pennsylvania. They came to Iowa in an early day and in this state spent the remainder of their lives. To William and Hattie Dwigans were born seven children, as follows: Bessie, who is the wife of Clarence E. Hulbert; Winfield; Edna, who gave her hand in marriage to Roy Woodson; Hazel, the wife of F. E. Messenger; Bernice, who is the wife of George Porter; Rex, at home; and Naomi, the wife of E. L. Richards. The mother of these children died in 1899 and was laid to rest in the Greenfield cemetery. For his second wife Mr. Dwigans chose Mrs. Frances (Holmes) Cunningham, a native of Ohio and a daughter of Clark and Elizabeth (Dwigans) Holmes, who were also born in the Buckeye state. In an early day they removed to Missouri, where they continued to reside until their demise.

Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise Mr. Dwigans has supported the men and measures of the democracy, believing firmly in its principles. He has served as school director and also in the capacity of road supervisor, ever discharging his official duties in a prompt and capable manner. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist Episcopal church. Upright and honorable in all the relations of life, his word is considered as good as his bond, and he has the entire confidence and respect of those with whom he comes in contact either in business or social affairs.

ARTHUR B. RICE.

Arthur B. Rice owns and operates a farm of two hundred acres on section 34, Harrison township, and is widely recognized as one of the progressive and substantial agriculturists of the community. His birth occurred in Nodaway county, Missouri, on the 10th of June, 1868, his parents being Gabriel and Mary (Butler) Rice, the former a native of Kentucky and the latter of Indiana. Their marriage was celebrated in Missouri, to which state they had removed with their respective parents. In 1880 they came to Adair county, Iowa, locating on a farm north of Fontanelle which the father operated continuously and successfully until 1906. During the past nine years, however, he has lived retired in Fontanelle, enjoying the fruits of his former toil in well earned ease. He is a veteran of the Civil war, having loyally defended the interests of the Union as a member of the Ninth Missouri Cavalry. The period of his residence in this county now covers more than a third of a century and he is well known and highly esteemed within its borders.

Arthur B. Rice was twelve years of age when he came to Adair county with his parents and in his youth attended the district schools in the acquirement of an education. On attaining his majority he started out as an agriculturist on his own account and he successfully cultivated rented land for about seventeen years. On the expiration of that period, in 1906, he purchased a tract of one hundred and twenty acres in Grove township but two years later disposed of the property and in March, 1908, bought one hundred and sixty acres of his present home farm in Harrison township. A year later he purchased an adjoining tract of forty acres, so that his place now comprises two hundred acres of valuable land. The property is well improved in every particular and yields its energetic owner a gratifying annual income.

In 1889 Mr. Rice was united in marriage to Miss Maud Aspinwall, of Fontanelle, this county, by whom he has two sons: Rex, who cultivates a part of the home farm; and Ray, who is also engaged in agricultural pursuits in Harrison township. Politically Mr. Rice is a stalwart advocate of republican principles and in 1914 was a candidate for nomination to the office of county sheriff. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Congregational church, to which his wife also belongs. A man of high standards and principles, he enjoys the respect and esteem of his neighbors and fellow citizens, many of whom he has known from boyhood.

W. B. HOSKINS.

Nature seems to have intended that man shall enjoy a period of rest in later life. Youth and energy fit him to undertake the more serious duties which come in early manhood and mature judgment enables him to so direct his labors as to win substantial results. If he follows a sagacious course the result is certain and the evening of life will find him well prepared to meet its obligations without recourse to the arduous labors of earlier years. Mr. Hoskins is among those who, formerly actively identified with farming interests, is now living retired, making his home in Greenfield. He was born in Marshall county, Illinois, and the date of his nativity was October 12, 1844, so that he has now reached the Psalmist's allotted span of three score years and ten. His parents, John S. and Eliza (Bonham) Hoskins, were both natives of Ohio, where they were reared and married. Directly afterward they settled in Marshall county, Illinois, which was then a frontier district and had but few inhabitants. Much of the land was still in possession of the government and the father entered a claim, upon which he resided to the time of his demise in 1879. His widow survived him for a quarter of a century and passed away at the home of a son in Nebraska in 1904.

W. B. Hoskins spent his youthful days with his parents and the public schools afforded him his educational opportunities, his time being divided between the duties of the schoolroom, the pleasures of the playground and the work of the fields. He began farming for himself when twenty-one years of age, renting land from his father for two years. In 1867 he was married, after which he continued to engage in farming in Marshall county, Illinois, until 1873, which year witnessed his arrival in Adair county, Iowa. Two years before he had purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land in Richland township and on coming to this county he settled upon his farm, upon which he lived for forty-one years. As time passed the results of his labors were seen in splendid improvements and highly cultivated fields, and his farm became a productive place, yielding him good profits. In 1914, however, he put aside the work of the plow and removed to Greenfield, where he has since lived retired, enjoying a well earned rest. After coming to this county he bought other land from time to time until he was the owner of six hundred acres, still retaining possession of four hundred and eighty acres. This supplies him with a most substantial annual income. He is a stockholder in the Fontanelle Lumber Company and is president of the Nevinville Savings Bank, having been one of the dominant factors in its organization.

On the 25th of September, 1867, Mr. Hoskins married Miss Melissa J. Nighswonger, of Marshall county, Illinois, and to them were born seven children, six of whom are yet living: Wilson D., who now makes his home in Portland; Charles M., a



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resident farmer of Richland township; Olin R., who follows farming in the same township; John R., who is cultivating his father's farm; Stella M., the wife of Guy O. Ray, a farmer of Richland township; and Mary C., the wife of C. A. Bonar, of Long Beach, California.

For years Mr. Hoskins was a dominant factor in the local ranks of the republican party and is still a stalwart advocate of its principles. He served for a long time in the offices of township clerk and township trustee and was also justice of the peace. For six years from 1888 he was a member of the county board of supervisors. His duties were discharged with promptness and fidelity and his course in public office won him high esteem. He also did effective service in behalf of the cause of public education as a member of the school board. The military chapter in his life record is one of equal interest, he being a veteran of the Civil war. When but nineteen years of age he enlisted for service on the 16th of May, 1864, joining the boys in blue of Company A, One Hundred and Thirty-ninth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, with which he served for six months, being mustered out in October of that year. His regiment served on detached duty, aiding in guarding government stores in Illinois, Kentucky and Missouri. He now holds membership in Meyers Post, No. 39, G. A. R., and proudly wears the little bronze button that indicates his membership in the organization. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he is serving as one of the stewards. He contributes generously to the support of the church and does all in his power to promote its growth and extend its influence.

CONWAY BROTHERS.

Frank and Ernest D. Conway, farmers and stockmen, are well known in Walnut township, where their progressive business methods have won them substantial success. They are sons of William and Emma (Gabbert) Conway. The father, a native of Pennsylvania, is of Scotch lineage. He took up the occupation of farming and at the close of the Civil war removed to eastern Iowa, but afterward became a resident of Turner county, South Dakota, where he secured a claim, upon which he resided until he removed to Madison county, Iowa. The year 1894 witnessed his arrival in Adair county, at which time he purchased land in Walnut township, where he has since made his home, being identified with agricultural pursuits through all the interim to the present time. He wedded Emma Gabbert, a native of eastern Iowa, who in her childhood days accompanied her parents on their removal to Madison county, this state, where she grew to womanhood. She died in Walnut township in 1902 and her death was the occasion of deep regret to many friends. Since coming to Adair county Mr. Conway has retired from active farm life, turning over the care of his fields to his sons. He is numbered among the highly respected residents of Walnut township, enjoying the warm regard of the great majority of those with whom he has been brought in contact. His family numbered four children, of whom the eldest, Mary, died at the age of thirteen years. The youngest, Fay Vivian, is at home with her father.

Frank Conway, the senior partner in the firm of Conway Brothers, was born in Turner county, South Dakota, on the 29th of June, 1876, and attended school in Madison and Adair counties. In the periods of vacation he had ample training in

farm work, so that he was qualified to assume responsibilities of that character when he attained his majority. He and his brother remained at home and managed the home farm, which they rented for five years. On the expiration of that period Frank Conway, in partnership with his brother Ernest, purchased one hundred and twenty acres of land on section 25, Walnut township, and that tract they also cultivated for five years. In 1908 they traded it for one hundred and sixty acres, upon which they took up their abode, and they have since lived upon this place, which is situated on section 29, Walnut township.

Ernest D. Conway was born in Madison county, Iowa, September 7, 1879, attended the district schools of that locality and has spent the greater part of his life upon the home farm with his father. He has been an equal partner with his brother in all of their dealings and the Conway brothers are today known throughout Adair county as successful breeders of Shire horses. They began the breeding business in 1910 and for this purpose purchased the English imported Shire stallion, Moulton Bell Ringer, No. 11794 (27981). This animal is still in stud at the Conway Brothers farm. In the fall of 1914 they bought the Shire stallion, Dunsby Friar, No. 10682 (26148). The Conway brothers also breed high grade shorthorn cattle and Poland China hogs and are numbered among the foremost breeders and stock feeders of this part of the state. Frank Conway has made a study of scientific breeding and each year he pursues a course in the Graham Scientific Breeding College of Kansas City, Missouri. Following progressive methods, he has secured excellent results and the business is now a very satisfactory and profitable one.

On the 30th of November, 1913, Frank Conway was married to Miss Virginia M. Handley, a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Hanna) Handley. The father, a native of Breenbrier county, Virginia, was a farmer by occupation and when about twelve years of age became a resident of Cedar county, Iowa, where he followed farming until 1894. He then removed to Adair county, where he engaged in general agricultural pursuits, residing upon a farm in Walnut township until his death, which occurred December 1, 1902. His widow now makes her home with her children. In the Handley household were three daughters and a son: Clara, now the wife of Walter Nolan; Nora Blanche, the wife of Sidney Woodson; Virginia Marietta, now Mrs. Conway; and Herbert McClelland, living in Greenfield.

The Conway brothers are stalwart advocates of the republican party and its principles and Frank Conway served for one term as constable, but they prefer to devote all of their time and attention to their business affairs, which, capably managed, are bringing to them most gratifying success. They stand as leaders in their line and in their business undertakings readily discriminate between the essential and the nonessential. Their course has been marked by steady progression and in all their business career there has been nothing sinister and nothing to conceal.

C. H. CASS.

C. H. Cass, of Bridgewater, owns and operates the only brick and tile factory in Adair county and is also a builder and contractor. He has managed his interests well, has gained more than a competence and has at the same time built up an enviable reputation for integrity. He was born in Clinton county, Iowa, September

3, 1864, a son of E. and Anna (Moon) Cass. The parents, who were natives respectively of New York state and Ohio, removed to Iowa in 1838 and settled in Clinton county, where the father entered land. He was well known in the early days and helped in surveying the county. In 1876 he removed to Cass county and located upon a farm there, where his wife passed away. Later he returned to Clinton county, where his demise occurred.

C. H. Cass is one of a family of nine children, eight of whom survive. When but fourteen years of age he left home and traveled over different states but in 1885 settled in Adair county, Iowa. After residing here for some time he established a brick and tile factory, at first manufacturing brick by hand but later installing up-to-date machinery. He still operates the factory, which is the only one of its kind in the county, and his product finds a ready sale in the local markets. He is also a builder and contractor and has erected the greater number of the important buildings of Bridgewater. He also owns forty acres of excellent land adjoining the village limits and four town lots.

In 1889 Mr. Cass married Miss Clara A. Brower, who was born in Adair county and is a daughter of Deloss and Malinda (Jenkins) Brower, both of whom have passed to their reward. Mr. and Mrs. Cass are the parents of six children, H. D., Ola, Berenth, Rex D., Keith and Bethel.

Mr. Cass and his wife belong to the local Christian church and its teachings guide their daily lives. During the three decades that he has resided here he has won the confidence and respect of his fellow citizens and has also gained a place among the successful business men of the community.

JOSEPH L. WINN.

The home farm of Joseph L. Winn covers two hundred acres on sections 21 and 29, Jefferson township, his residence being on the former section. He was born in Ohio in February, 1867, a son of William and Mary (Hamilton) Winn, who were natives of Ohio. The father followed farming in that state until he arrived in Adair county. He purchased land just over the line in Guthrie county and cultivated and improved that place fifteen years, after which he sold it and took up his abode in Adair county, purchasing eighty acres of land in Jefferson township. His time thereafter was given to the development of that farm and his labors soon wrought a marked transformation in the appearance of the place, which he brought to a high state of cultivation. Three months before his death, however, he sold that property and removed to Menlo, where he passed away on the 24th of December, 1912, when he had reached the age of seventy-four years. His widow still resides there and is now seventy-three years of age. In their family were eight children, seven of whom are yet living: Henry, Joseph, Minnie, William, Ollie, Sadie and Fred, while Gertrude died in August, 1887.

Joseph L. Winn was but four years of age when brought by his parents to Iowa, so that the period of his boyhood and youth was largely passed in Guthrie county, the usual experiences of the farm lad coming to him during that time. He attended the district schools and in vacations worked in the fields. After reaching adult age he rented land in Adair county and thus engaged in farming until 1904, when he

purchased eighty acres in Jefferson township, upon which he has since made his home. In 1909 he bought an additional tract of eighty acres on section 29, and in the fall of 1914 he added forty acres more. His land is all in one body and constitutes an excellent farm property. His excellent tract of land of two hundred acres is well cultivated and the result of his labors is seen in the large crops which he gathers.

In March, 1895, occurred the marriage of Mr. Winn and Miss Mary Varley, a daughter of James and Sarah (Cochran) Varley, who were natives of England, and in 1873 removed with their family from Yorkshire, that country, to the United States. For a year they resided in Des Moines, Iowa, after which they removed to Jefferson township, Adair county, locating upon a farm which they purchased. They resided there until 1907, when the death of Mrs. Varley occurred. Mr. Varley made his home thereafter with his children until October, 1913, when he passed away. When they located in Jefferson township that region was wild prairie with no fences or roads and with only a very few houses and Indians were still numerous. The town of Menlo had at that time but two or three buildings besides the depot. The Varleys experienced all of the hardships that usually fall to the lot of early settlers but persevered in the work of development and thus aided in transforming the township into a prosperous and well settled farming district. There were six children in the family: Joseph, Mattie, Francis and Annie, all of whom were born in England; and William and Mary, who were born in Jefferson township.

Mr. Winn exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party and keeps well informed on the vital questions and issues of the day. Fraternaly he is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, but the motive force of his life is found in his faith as a member of the Christian church, his course being guided according to its teachings. The greater part of his life having been passed in this section of the state and his salient traits of character being such as invariably awaken respect and confidence, he is both widely and favorably known here.

JAMES H. HULBERT.

With agricultural and financial interests in Adair county, James H. Hulbert was closely and prominently associated and figured for many years as one of its leading and respected citizens. He was a native of Ohio and came to Adair county in early manhood, in the year 1867. He took up his abode in Washington township, where he subsequently purchased the homestead property which had been entered by his father-in-law, Joseph Dunlap, from the government. J. H. Hulbert was one of the first cattle feeders of Adair county and became a conspicuous figure in connection with the cattle trade of the state. As his financial resources increased he kept adding to his real-estate holdings until he was an extensive landowner, having in the late '80s and in the early '90s almost four thousand acres of land, all of which was operated under his direct and immediate supervision. He became the largest individual farmer of southwestern Iowa and his efforts were a most important element in the agricultural development of his part of the state. There was no such word as fail in all his vocabulary and difficulties and obstacles seemed but to serve as an impetus for renewed effort on his part. In 1880, while only approaching the zenith of his activities, he removed



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into Fontanelle, where he afterward maintained his residence. He was one of the principal factors in the organization of the First National Bank of that place and became its largest stockholder. He was justly accounted the foremost citizen of his community and was honored and respected by all not only on account of the success he achieved but also owing to the straightforward business policy which he ever followed, his actions at all times measuring up to the high standards which govern strict and unswerving integrity and enterprise.

Mr. Hulbert was united in marriage, in this county, to Miss Mary L. Dunlap, a native of Illinois, who was brought by her parents to Iowa in 1854, during her early girlhood. To them were born seven children, six of whom are yet living: C. F., Mrs. Maggie L. Morley, Clio M., Mrs. Addie Gaches, Mrs. P. J. Faurote and J. H., Jr. Mr. Hulbert established a home near Mount Vernon, Washington, where his widow now resides, adjoining the farm of her son, J. H. Hulbert.

In politics Mr. Hulbert, whose name introduces this review, was a staunch democrat, and while his opinions carried weight in the councils of his party and he was a public-spirited citizen, taking an active interest in all public affairs, he had no aspiration for office. However, he served as county supervisor. He was a prominent Mason of Iowa in early days and attained the Knight Templar degree of the York Rite. When he passed away on the 9th of July, 1912, Adair county and in fact all of Iowa lost one of its representative and valued citizens—a man whose efforts had been of the utmost importance in advancing the agricultural and other business interests of the state.

C. F. HULBERT.

Prominent among the leading and representative citizens of Adair county is C. F. Hulbert, a lumber dealer of Fontanelle. In his business career he displays a spirit of initiative combined with energy and determination that enables him to carry forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes. Adair county is proud to number him among her native sons. He was born in Washington township, October 22, 1869, a son of James H. and Mary L. (Dunlap) Hulbert, more extended mention of whom is made on another page of this work.

C. F. Hulbert was reared in his parents' home and passed through consecutive grades in the public schools of Fontanelle until he had completed the high-school course. This he supplemented with a business course in Western Normal College at Shenandoah, Iowa, and when his textbooks were put aside he returned to Fontanelle and entered his father's office, there to receive practical business training in the management of important interests.

In 1895 Mr. Hulbert was united in marriage to Miss Helen Spindler, of Fontanelle, a native of West Virginia. After their marriage they spent a year and a half upon the home farm and then came to Fontanelle, where in company with D. Carver, Mr. Hulbert engaged in the lumber business, becoming a partner in the firm of Carver & Hulbert. After two years, however, he sold out to his partner and subsequently purchased the lumber business of D. U. Dunlap. He then removed the lumberyard to its present location and has erected a good modern business building, the largest in Fontanelle. At that time his father and W. J. Johnston were associated with him

under the style of the J. H. Hulbert Lumber Company. In 1907 C. F. Hulbert acquired the interests of his partners in the business, thus becoming sole proprietor of an enterprise which is one of the large and important commercial interests of Fontanelle and which is bringing him a substantial measure of success.

Mr. Hulbert is a member of Fontanelle Lodge, No. 138, F. & A. M., and exemplifies the beneficent spirit of the craft. He also has membership in St. John's Chapter, No. 73, R. A. M., at Greenfield, and in Des Moines Valley Consistory No. 3, A. A. S. R., Za-Ga-Zig Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Des Moines, and Fontanelle Lodge, No. 250, I. O. O. F. His wife is identified with the Order of the Eastern Star, the ladies' auxiliary of Masoury, and is a member of the Congregational church. His political indorsement is given to the democratic party.

WALTER O. GREEN.

Walter O. Green, one of the progressive and representative young citizens of Union township, is the proprietor of a blacksmith shop at Zion and has built up an extensive enterprise in this connection. His birth occurred in Union township, this county, on the 24th of March, 1888, and he is a son of Stephen Green, extended mention of whom is made on another page of this work. He was reared to manhood under the parental roof and in pursuit of an education attended the district schools. On attaining his majority he began learning the blacksmith's trade as an apprentice and subsequently conducted a shop on his father's farm for about two years. He then spent two winters at work as a blacksmith in Orient and in the fall of 1913 erected a building and opened the shop which he has since conducted at Zion, enjoying an extensive and profitable patronage. In February, 1914, he built another structure and in partnership with O. K. Cannon established a barber shop and a buying station for cream and farm produce, Mr. Cannon taking charge of these interests. Later, however, Mr. Green acquired his partner's interest in the business, discontinued the cream and produce station and installed his brother, Sylvester S. Green, in the barber shop, the latter having been in charge thereof to the present time. Walter O. Green also owns an eighty-acre farm on section 5, Union township, which is being operated by one of his brothers. He gives his political allegiance to the republican party, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Christian church. His business interests have been attended with gratifying success and he enjoys an enviable reputation as one of the enterprising and popular young native sons of Adair county.

JOHN N. LANGFITT.

John N. Langfitt is a prominent and highly respected citizen of Adair county and one who wields a wide influence in behalf of agricultural progress and of advancement along lines relating to community interests. He lives on section 5, Lee township. His birth occurred in Scott county, Iowa, on the 9th day of May, 1866, his parents being John J. and Mary C. (Gadd) Langfitt. The father was a native of

Bucks county, Pennsylvania, and the mother of Ohio. They were married in Blakesburg, Iowa, to which place the mother had removed in her childhood days with her mother, following the death of her father in Ohio. John J. Langfitt went as a forty-niner to California, making the overland trip to the Pacific coast, where he spent three years in mining, returning by way of the Isthmus route. It was soon after this that he was married and entered the half section of land in Adair county, on which his son John now resides. The father secured the property in 1853 but continued to live upon his farm in Scott county until within three years of his death, when he removed to his Adair county farm, on which he passed away.

John N. Langfitt was reared in Scott county and attended the public schools to the age of eighteen years, when he began teaching. On attaining his majority he removed to Adair county and located on his father's land adjoining the city of Greenfield. Four years later he was married and with his bride went to Snohomish county, Washington, where he engaged in teaching in the city schools of Snohomish for six years. He was then offered the superintendency of the schools but declined, returning to the farm in Adair county. After the death of his father he purchased the place from the other heirs. This farm comprises three hundred and twenty acres of rich and arable land adjoining the corporation limits of Greenfield and is among the valuable farm properties of the county. None of the accessories and conveniences of the model farm of the twentieth century are here lacking and a glance at the place is sufficient to indicate the care and supervision which are bestowed upon the farm. In addition to his farming interests he is the vice president of the Greenfield Creamery Company and one of its directors.

In 1892 Mr. Langfitt was united in marriage to Miss Clara A. Martin, of Greenfield, a daughter of W. B. Martin, ex-secretary of state and father of the mullet law. He now makes his home in Des Moines and is one of the most widely known men in the state. Of the six children born to Mr. and Mrs. Langfitt, four survive, namely: Harry M., Bernice L., Clara Mildred and John N., Jr.

Mr. Langfitt exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party and fraternally is connected with Greenfield Lodge, No. 386, A. F. & A. M., while in Des Moines Consistory, No. 3, A. A. S. R. he has attained the thirty-second degree. He also has membership relations with the Knights of the Maccabees and the Modern Woodmen and he and his wife are consistent members of the Presbyterian church.

MARCUS H. THIELE.

Marcus H. Thiele, a well known farmer of Eureka township living on section 22, is a representative of one of the old families of the county, his parents being Christian and Mary Thiele. His birth occurred on the farm where he still makes his home and in his youthful days he was a pupil in district school No. 8. where he mastered the branches of learning that usually constitute the common-school curriculum. During the periods of vacation he worked in the fields and he remained at home until he reached the age of twenty years, assisting in all the departments of the farm work. He then took up agricultural life on his own account and for six years rented land in Jackson township, after which he returned to Eureka township and again

cultivated a rented farm for four years. On the expiration of that period he bought a farm in Benton township, Cass county, Iowa, on which he lived for two years, after which he disposed of that property and came to Eureka township, purchasing the place of one hundred and sixty acres upon which he now resides. In its cultivation he met with success and after two years was able to add seventy-five acres to his original holdings. He now has a well improved farm property of two hundred and thirty-five acres and carries on general farming and stock-raising, both branches of his business proving profitable. For several years he bred and raised pure blooded trotting horses.

On the 25th of September, 1901, Mr. Thiele was united in marriage to Miss Edith Madison, a daughter of John and Annie (Church) Madison. The father, a native of Indiana, is a representative of an old American family. He is a farmer by occupation and was one of the early settlers of Adair county, taking up his abode in Eureka township at an early period in its development. There he engaged in general farming until 1910, when, with a handsome competence acquired through his labors, he retired from active life and removed to Fontanelle, where he is now living. His wife is a native of Illinois, but they were married in Iowa. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Thiele has been blessed with two children: Andy, who was born December 28, 1903, and is now attending the district schools of Eureka township; and Mervin, born December 2, 1910.

Mr. Thiele votes with the democratic party and wide reading keeps him in touch with the political situation of the country, and he is an active party worker in his community, serving as a member of the township central committee. He has been school director for one year. Fraternally he is connected with the Odd Fellows lodge at Fontanelle and he enjoys the warm regard of his brethren of that organization. He is yet a comparatively young man, but he has made for himself a creditable place in the business world and has gained an enviable position in the regard and goodwill of his fellow citizens, among whom the greater part of his life has been passed.

HENRY NISSEN.

Henry Nissen, living on section 27, Walnut township, was born in Germany, December 19, 1867, his parents being N. P. and Catherine (Peterson) Nissen, both of whom were natives of the fatherland. They were farming people there and continued residents of Germany until 1882, when they crossed the Atlantic to the United States, establishing their home in Pottawattamie county, Iowa, where the father purchased land and again engaged in farming. He cultivated his place there for a considerable period and then removed to Ida county, Iowa. At the present writing he is living retired, making his home with his daughter in Holstein, Iowa, at the age of eighty-four years, his wife having passed away in June, 1907.

Henry Nissen spent the first fifteen years of his life in his native country and then accompanied his parents to the new world. His education was begun in the schools of Germany and for two years he continued his studies after coming to America. The remainder of his minority was devoted to work upon his father's farm, but when he had reached adult age he started out in life for himself by renting land,

which he cultivated for two years. He then removed to Audubon county, Iowa, where he engaged in farming for three years, after which he came to Adair county. Through the succeeding four years he was employed in an elevator and then rented land, which he operated for eight years. On the expiration of that period he invested his savings in one hundred and sixty acres on section 27, Walnut township. This he set about improving and today has one of the excellent farms of the county equipped with all modern facilities which are of value in the conduct and operation of a farm. He works on day after day, finding enjoyment in his labors, and excellent results have rewarded his diligence and close application.

On the 24th of February, 1894, Mr. Nissen was united in marriage to Miss Annie Hass, a daughter of Claus and Margaret (Bruce) Hass, who were natives of Germany and came to the United States in 1884. The father was a stonemason in his native land, but following his arrival in the new world settled in Pottawattamie county, Iowa, where he took up the occupation of farming, devoting his remaining days to that pursuit. He died February 20, 1905, and his wife died at the home of her son, Claus Hass, August 9, 1915, at the age of seventy-five years, three months and twenty-six days.

Mr. and Mrs. Nissen hold membership in the German Lutheran church and are loyal to its teachings. His political allegiance is given to the republican party, which finds in him an earnest advocate because of his firm belief in its principles. He is always loyal to his honest convictions and fearless in defense of what he believes to be right.

WILLIAM E. BEAMAN.

William E. Beaman, who follows farming on section 25, Harrison township, has been a resident of Adair county for more than a half century and as one of its pioneer settlers has witnessed its steady growth and substantial improvement, sharing in the forward movement since reaching an age of accountability. He was born in Indiana on the 13th of August, 1859, and is a son of Samuel and Emily (Key) Beaman, both of whom were natives of Indiana, where they were reared and married. In 1861 they brought their family to Iowa, settling in Adair county, Mr. Beaman purchasing two hundred and thirty-five acres in Harrison county. Part of the original homestead is now in the possession of his son William E. The parents continued to reside upon their farm until called to their final rest, the father dying in 1872, while the mother passed away in Missouri Valley, Iowa, in 1896, while visiting a daughter there. They were people of the highest respectability and enjoyed the warm regard of those with whom they were brought in contact.

William E. Beaman was reared on the old homestead farm where he now lives and his education was acquired in the district school nearby, his time being divided between the duties of the schoolroom, the pleasures of the playground and the work of the fields. In 1882 he was united in marriage to Miss Sarah E. Nelson, a daughter of William Nelson, who came to this county from Mercer county, Illinois, and settled in Lincoln township in January, 1876. He was a native of Ohio and he passed away at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Beaman in 1908, having for twenty years survived his wife, who died in 1888.

After his marriage Mr. Beaman rented the old homestead farm and continued its cultivation for three years. He then removed to a farm in Lincoln township, which he rented for eight years, after which he carried on general agricultural pursuits in Madison county for a year. In 1895 he purchased his present home place of one hundred and thirty-four acres from a brother-in-law, who had bought it from the Beaman estate, and since that time his undivided attention has been given to the further development and improvement of the place, which, in its excellent appearance, indicates his careful supervision and practical, progressive methods.

Mr. and Mrs. Beaman have become the parents of nine children, and there are also thirteen grandchildren and thus far there has never been a death in the family. There are five daughters and four sons, namely: Mary O., the wife of Clayton Wambold, a resident farmer of Harrison township; William E., who follows farming in Lincoln township; Ernest O., a farmer of Madison county; Golda E., the wife of Ellis Estell; Grace M., the wife of Percy Estell, a farmer of Madison county; Walter Harvey, who also follows farming in Madison county; and Frank I., Hazel M. and Clyde Merle, all at home.

The parents are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and Mr. Beaman gives his political allegiance to the democratic party. He has never been active as a politician, however, preferring to devote his undivided attention to his business affairs. In addition to his home farm he has twenty acres of timber and his holdings make him one of the substantial farmers of Harrison township. Industry has ever been one of his salient characteristics and sound judgment has guided him in all of his business transactions.

BAILEY BROTHERS.

William J. and Frank M. Bailey constitute the firm of Bailey Brothers, owners of a farm on section 26, Lincoln township, which they are cultivating according to modern scientific methods, their labors being attended with good results. William J. was born January 26, 1850, in Boston, Massachusetts, while Frank M. Bailey was born in Muscatine county, Iowa, November 6, 1865. Their parents were George and Bridget (McMenany) Bailey the former a native of London, England, and the latter of Ireland. They came to this country at about the ages of sixteen and fifteen years respectively and were married in Boston. The year 1856 witnessed their arrival in Iowa, at which time they took up their abode in Muscatine county, and ten years later they removed to Adair county, where they purchased four hundred and eighty acres of land in Lincoln township, two hundred and eighty acres of which now constitute the home farm of the Bailey brothers, the father having previously sold two hundred acres of his original purchase. He died in this county August 7, 1881, while his wife passed away on the 2d of January, 1904.

The two brothers, William J. and Frank M., were reared at home and the district schools afforded them their educational privileges. They became active assistants of their father in the operation of the home farm and as the father was in poor health, the responsibility of developing and cultivating the place rested more and more largely upon them. Following the father's death they continued the management of the farm and in 1894 purchased the interests of the other heirs in the home place

and have since been associated in its ownership and conduct. Neither brother is married and together they keep bachelor's hall.

In their political views they are republicans, staunchly supporting the party. William J. Bailey served for five years as a member of the board of township trustees and for some years Frank M. Bailey has been school treasurer in his district. He is a member of Stuart Lodge, No. 214, I. O. O. F. Both brothers are substantial citizens and efficient farmers—men of sterling worth, who enjoy the warm regard and friendship of many with whom they have come in contact. Almost their entire lives have been passed in this county and among their fellow citizens they enjoy an enviable reputation as representative business men and agriculturists.

CHARLES D. KNAPP, M. D.

Dr. Charles D. Knapp, who is now living retired in Greenfield, for a number of years actively engaged in the practice of medicine but during the later years of his active life conducted a drug store in this city. He was born in Connecticut, December 26, 1832, a son of Salmon and Anna (Platt) Knapp, both natives of Danbury. On removing westward they located in Michigan, where they resided for a short time, after which they settled in western New York, and in 1842 they became residents of Henry county, Illinois, where the father engaged in farming. Both died in that state. They were the parents of four children: Sarah P., who is now living in Chicago, Illinois; Charles D.; Thomas, deceased; and one who died in infancy.

Charles D. Knapp remained at home until he was of age and then began farming on his own account, so continuing until he enlisted in Company D, One Hundred and Twelfth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, for service in the Civil war, remaining at the front for three years. He was shot through the left hip and thigh at the battle of Kelly's Ford, Tennessee, and was left in the enemy's territory. He remained with a family within the rebel lines for four months but as soon as he was well enough he made his escape by way of the French Broad river in a canoe, passing through the rebel lines successfully. After rejoining the Union forces he was on duty in a hospital until he was discharged at Quincy, Illinois. He then returned home and took up the study of medicine. He became a student at Rush Medical College of Chicago, and following his graduation from that institution located in Mason county, Illinois, where he engaged in the practice of his profession for about eight years. At the end of that period he went to Colorado, but remained there for only a short time. He next located in western Kansas but after living there for two years removed to Chicago, where he practiced for a similar period of time. In 1880 he came to Adair county, Iowa, and has since resided here. He turned his attention to the drug business and for ten years conducted a drug store in Greenfield but since 1890 has lived retired. He has excellent business judgment and has made profitable investments. He owns the homestead of several hundred acres in Henry county, Illinois, and also holds title to seven hundred and sixty-eight acres of land in this county.

Dr. Knapp was married in 1877 to Miss Ella C. McKelvey and they have had two children: Myrtle, who is now the wife of S. W. Neal; and one who is deceased.

Dr. Knapp has supported the republican party since its organization and has served on the city council of Greenfield. Fraternally he belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and has filled all of the chairs in the subordinate lodge. He is a loyal member of the Grand Army of the Republic and values highly the opportunity of associating with his old comrades in arms. Although he has reached the advanced age of eighty-two years he still manages his business affairs and takes the keenest interest in the events of the day. He is well known throughout the county and is held in high esteem.

WILLIAM HENRY McCLURE.

There were no brilliant or dazzling chapters in the life record of William Henry McClure, but his history is that of substantial worth, of wisely directed energy, of honorable purpose and of successful accomplishment. In a word, he was of that class of citizens who constitute the real strength of the nation, men who are active in public affairs, who are cognizant of their duties and obligations to their fellowmen and to the community at large and who in every phase of life maintain that even balance of character that produces public stability. Mr. McClure was born in Dundee, Illinois, on the 15th of November, 1859, and was a son of William and Maria (Wesson) McClure. The family was of Scotch-Irish descent, the grandfather, General George McClure, being a native of Ireland. Coming to the new world, he served as a soldier in the War of 1812.

William H. McClure attended the public schools although he was largely a self-educated man, continually promoting his knowledge through reading, experience and observation. During his boyhood he worked alternately as a printer and painter, but at length concentrated his efforts along the former line and in 1886 purchased a half interest in the Audubon (Ia.) Republican, being connected with that paper until 1894, when he sold out. He was then employed for four months on the Creston Advertiser and in July, 1894, became editor and proprietor of the Fontanelle Observer, so continuing until his demise. He made this one of the leading country papers of the state, its large circulation indicating that it was highly satisfactory to the public in its methods of treating matters of general and local interest, while in mechanical construction the Observer showed the results of the speedy adoption of the latest improved equipments of the newspaper office. In addition to his business as a newspaper editor and owner Mr. McClure was a stockholder in the First National Bank of Fontanelle, of which he served as a director for several years.

On the 16th of October, 1879, at Maquoketa, Iowa, Mr. McClure was united in marriage to Miss Kate Pratt Holmes, a daughter of W. H. and Electa D. Holmes. The father, who served as state treasurer of Iowa from 1860 until 1865, is now deceased, while the mother lives in Sioux City. Mr. and Mrs. McClure became the parents of three sons and a daughter: Scott H., who married Bertha A. Warner and is living in Pomeroy, Iowa; Mary W., the widow of Otto J. Kaemmerer, of Fontanelle; and Don D. and Edgar R., who are now owners and publishers of the Fontanelle Observer. The last named married Lena M. Talcott. There are also six grandchildren. The family circle was broken by the hand of death when on the 13th of August, 1915, Mr.



WILLIAM H. McCLURE

McClure passed away at his home in Fontanelle, after a three years' illness, with a complication of organic troubles.

For many years Mr. McClure was connected with the Knights of Pythias, but had demitted several years before his death. He belonged to the Presbyterian church while at Wyoming and at Audubon. In politics he was a strong and active republican and was largely instrumental in molding public thought and action in Adair county. In 1897 he was called to the office of postmaster, which position he filled until 1914. Within that period he served for two years, in 1902-03, as state representative from Adair county. Throughout his entire public life he was faultless in honor, fearless in conduct and stainless in reputation, and Adair county numbered him as one of its most valued citizens.

DAVID E. BANCROFT.

In the death of David E. Bancroft Adair county lost a worthy and highly respected citizen. He was born in New York, near Saratoga Springs, on the 24th day of April, 1830, and was a son of Gamalial and Matilda Bancroft, the former born May 7, 1786, and the latter on the 22d of December, 1794. The father was a shoemaker by trade and always resided in New York, where he passed away February 6, 1847. His widow survived him for a number of years and died in March, 1875.

David E. Bancroft was reared and educated in New York and there learned the trades of a carpenter and cooper. He afterward worked as a cooper, becoming proprietor of a shop in the east. After conducting the business for two years he put aside all business and personal considerations and responded to the country's call for troops, enlisting in Company B, One Hundred and Tenth New York Infantry, with which he served for three years and one month, making a most creditable record during his connection with the army. About 1867 Mr. Bancroft came to Adair county and purchased land in Jackson township, after which he engaged in general farming for six years. On the expiration of that period he disposed of his farm and took up his abode in Adair, at which time there was but one store in the town. The remainder of his life was largely devoted to carpentering but he also conducted an undertaking business in Adair for several years. His life's labors were ended by death on the 18th of July, 1888.

It was on the 14th of July, 1854, that Mr. Bancroft was united in marriage to Miss Amy K. Claffin, a daughter of Winslow and Amy (Purdy) Claffin, who were natives of New York and Vermont respectively. The father was a lumberman and followed that business in the Empire state throughout his entire life. He was born October 25, 1801, and had therefore attained the age of almost sixty-eight years when he passed away August 20, 1869. His wife, who was born January 9, 1801, died on the 16th of March, 1871. To Mr. and Mrs. Bancroft were born eight children: Eva A., the wife of Joseph Flora, a resident of Michigan; Cora, the widow of G. W. Cox and a resident of Adair; Clara B., the wife of John Hopkins, living in this county; Edward E., who resides in Texas; Martha A., who died April 29, 1888; Archie B., who passed away September 13, 1874; Willie, who died July 4, 1876; and

Mary V., who became the wife of Franklin Kilpatrick and died on the 27th of January, 1912.

Mr. Bancroft was a member of the Grand Army post and thus maintained pleasant relations with the boys in blue. Politically he was a republican and held closely to the principles of the party which was the defense of the Union during the dark days of the Civil war and has ever been the party of reform and progress. His religious faith was that of the Methodist church and to its teachings he was ever loyal. In all the relations of life he manifested sterling qualities and enjoyed in the fullest measure the confidence and goodwill of all who knew him. Since the death of her husband Mrs. Bancroft has continued to reside in Adair and she owns a nice residence two blocks from Main street.

THOMAS P. NEVILLE.

Thomas P. Neville owns a well improved and valuable farm of two hundred and forty acres on section 34, Lincoln township, which he has operated continuously during the past forty-five years. His birth occurred in Henry county, Illinois, on the 1st of May, 1842, his parents being Patrick and Jane (Pounds) Neville, the former a native of Ireland and the latter of Pennsylvania. Patrick Neville came to the United States when but a boy and in 1833 took up his abode in Illinois, where he spent the remainder of his life. The demise of his wife occurred in Henry county, that state, in 1897. To them were born four children, three of whom survive.

Thomas P. Neville acquired his education in the common schools and spent the period of his minority under the parental roof. In May, 1870, he came to Adair county, Iowa, and purchased a farm of two hundred and forty acres in Lincoln township, the operation of which has claimed his time and energies continuously since. He erected excellent buildings and also planted an orchard, which adds much to the attractiveness of the place. In the work of general farming he has utilized the most practical and progressive methods of agriculture and his efforts have been rewarded by bounteous harvests annually. The prosperity which he now enjoys has come as the direct result of his industry and able management and he is widely recognized as a self-made and honorable, representative citizen.

In 1883 Mr. Neville was united in marriage to Miss Josephine Elliott, a native of Indiana and a daughter of L. C. and Mary Jane (Becknell) Elliott, who were also born in that state. In 1855 they came to Adair county, Iowa, and here the father passed away in 1897. The mother, who has now attained the age of eighty-six years, makes her home in Stuart, this state. They became the parents of eight children, six of whom are yet living. To Mr. and Mrs. Neville have been born six children, as follows: Jennie, who is deceased; Mrs. Sarah C. Armstrong, of Des Moines, Iowa; Thomas, Jr., who has also passed away; Elliott C.; Chase; and Richard.

Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise Mr. Neville has supported the men and measures of the republican party and he has held the offices of county supervisor and trustee, while for a number of years he served on the school board, ever making a most commendable record as a public official. He is a worthy exemplar of the Masonic fraternity, belonging to the blue lodge and chapter at Stuart, and

his wife is a devoted member of the Methodist Episcopal church. He has now passed the seventy-third milestone on life's journey and his career has ever been such as to command the esteem and regard of all with whom he has come in contact in business or social relations.

FRED G. HOLCOMB.

Fred G. Holcomb, one of the enterprising young men of Greenfield, has been engaged in the automobile business since 1914, is also dealing to some extent in real-estate and is interested in the loan business. He was born in Lorain county, Ohio, March 1, 1864, a son of Moses and Hannah (Tenant) Holcomb, who were natives of Ohio and New York respectively. The father farmed in Ohio and there lived until the 4th of June, 1881, when he arrived in Cass county, Iowa. He purchased land there at twenty dollars per acre and improved and operated his place until his death, which occurred April 25, 1897. The mother survived for a decade and passed away at the home of her son Fred on the 1st of August, 1907.

Fred G. Holcomb was a youth of seventeen years when the family removed from the Buckeye state to Cass county, Iowa, where he completed his education, which had been begun in the schools of Ohio. For two years he studied at Oberlin, that state. He remained under the parental roof until he had reached the age of twenty-three years, when he began life on his own account by farming rented land in Cass county. He there remained until 1899, when he came to Adair county and cultivated rented land for seven years, at the end of which time he purchased one hundred and sixty acres on section 27, Grove township. This place he improved and operated until his wife's demise, which occurred on the 27th of August, 1913, when he sold his land and took up his abode in Greenfield. In September, 1914, he engaged in the automobile business, handling the Studebaker and Maxwell cars, and in this connection he is meeting with success here. He has a splendid location, being situated one block from the public square, has a well equipped establishment and is able to meet the demands of the people. He likewise handles real estate and loans money and in this connection is also successful, for he keeps himself informed as to land values, knows what property is upon the market and always gives his clients a fair deal.

Mr. Holcomb was married on the 17th of October, 1888, to Miss Emma Stark, a daughter of Jacob and Barbara (Hedrick) Stark, the former a native of Indiana and the latter of Tennessee. The father farmed in his native state until 1883, when he made a removal to Cass county, where he was similarly engaged until 1900, when he disposed of his property there and located in Adair county. He purchased land north of Greenfield and operated the same until on account of ill health he was forced to retire from active business life. He passed away March 1, 1915. His widow survives and is making her home with a daughter in Sheridan, Missouri. To Mr. and Mrs. Holcomb was born one child, who died in infancy. Mrs. Holcomb departed this life August 27, 1913, having been an invalid for three years prior to her demise.

In politics Mr. Holcomb is a republican, while in religious faith he is a Methodist and fraternally is an Odd Fellow and a Woodman. For six years he served as trustee of Grove township and in this relation was faithful in the discharge of his official

duties. He is one of those representative men who quickly discern and take advantage of opportunities and who brook no obstacles that can be overcome by honorable and determined effort and he is favorably known in business circles because of his capability and laudable ambition.

HARRISON R. BEVINGTON.

Harrison R. Bevington, numbered among the enterprising and successful young agriculturists of Adair county, is the owner of an excellent farm embracing two hundred acres on section 34, Grand River township. His birth occurred in Madison county, Iowa, on the 16th of January, 1889, his parents being Peter A. and Sarah C. (Mackey) Bevington, both of whom are natives of Ohio. In an early day they settled on a farm in Madison county, Iowa, and subsequently came to Adair county, being now well known and esteemed residents of Greenfield. To them have been born seven children, all of whom survive.

Harrison R. Bevington attended the common schools in the acquirement of an education and remained under the parental roof until he had attained his majority. Subsequently he cultivated rented land for two years and on the expiration of that period purchased a farm of two hundred acres on section 34, Grand River township, which he has operated to the present time with good success. In connection with the production of cereals he makes a specialty of raising and feeding stock of all kinds, both branches of his business bringing him a gratifying annual income. His success has come as the direct reward of his own efforts and he is a self-made man whose record may be a source of just pride to him and an inspiration to others.

In 1910 Mr. Bevington was united in marriage to Miss Edith Givan, a native of Madison county, Iowa, and a daughter of Robert and Ada L. (McFarland) Givan, the former born in Ireland and the latter in Iowa. Both are yet living and make their home on a farm in Madison county, this state. Their children are ten in number. To Mr. and Mrs. Bevington have been born three children, namely: Elmo H., Robert A. and Mac.

In his political views Mr. Bevington is a republican but the honors and emoluments of office have never had any attraction for him. His wife is a devoted and consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church. He is held in favorable regard by his neighbors and fellow townsmen, who have found him to be strictly honest and honorable in his transactions and accord him their respect and confidence.

EUGENE F. JONES.

Eugene F. Jones is a well known and successful farmer of Harrison township, owning one hundred and sixty acres of productive land on section 11. His birth occurred in Penn township, Madison county, Iowa, on the 3d of February, 1869, his parents being Francis and Barbara (Siegel) Jones, the former a native of Maine and the latter of Germany. Barbara Siegel came to America with her parents when still but a child, the family home being first established in New York and later in

Wisconsin, in which state she gave her hand in marriage to Francis Jones. Soon afterward, late in the '60s, they came to Iowa and at the end of a year spent in Polk county removed to Madison county, where they continued to reside until 1894. They then took up their abode in Harrison township, Adair county, and the following fourteen years were divided between this and Madison counties. About 1908 they established their home in Dexter, Dallas county, where Mr. Jones passed away on the 13th of March, 1912. His widow still resides there and the home farm in Harrison township, this county, is yet in her possession.

Eugene F. Jones attended the district schools in the acquirement of an education. He was married on attaining his majority and the same spring started out as an agriculturist on his own account, renting and operating his father's farm in Harrison township for one year. He then operated the farm of his father-in-law for one year and continued the cultivation of rented land in Harrison and Lincoln townships until 1910, when he removed to South Dakota and purchased one hundred and sixty acres in Minnehaha county, where he resided until the spring of 1914. At that time he disposed of the property and returned to Adair county, here buying his present home farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Harrison township. His labors as an agriculturist have been attended with gratifying success and he is numbered among the representative and substantial citizens of the community.

On the 21st of February, 1890, Mr. Jones was united in marriage to Miss Belle Smith, of Harrison township, this county, her father being Clifford Smith, who is deceased. To them have been born four children, namely: Mary, Mildred, Harry and Hazel.

Mr. Jones is a republican in politics and is now serving as a member of the school board, the cause of education having ever found in him a stanch champion. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Christian church, to which his wife also belongs. Earnest effort and intelligently directed labor have ever constituted the salient features of his business career, while his life has been governed by high principles that have gained him the respect and good will of his fellowmen.

FRANK M. EVERSULL.

Farming interests in Lincoln township find a worthy representative in Frank M. Eversull, who is living on section 35. It was in that township that he was born, his natal day being October 14, 1881. His parents were Roland C. and Mary Eusebia (Rigg) Eversull. The father was born in Hamilton county, Ohio, September 3, 1843, and was a son of George W. and Elizabeth (Ogden) Eversull, both of whom were natives of the Buckeye state, where they spent their entire lives. Their family numbered seven children, of whom but two are now living. Roland C. Eversull remained at home until he enlisted in 1862 for service in the Civil war as a member of Company D, Seventieth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, serving until the close of hostilities. He participated in the battle of Atlanta, in the engagement at Missionary Ridge, in the siege of Vicksburg, was with Sherman on the celebrated march from Atlanta to the sea and in the meantime had taken part in various engagements throughout the Atlanta campaign. In a word, he participated in many hotly contested engagements which led up to the final victory that crowned the Union arms. On several occasions he

was slightly wounded and at the close of the war was mustered out at Cincinnati, Ohio.

After the war Roland C. Eversull remained at home for two years and then removed to Warren county, Illinois. A year later he took up his abode in Marion county, Iowa, and after a year there passed came to Adair county, purchasing one hundred and twenty acres of land where he now lives. He has added to his property from time to time until he has become the owner of eleven hundred acres of valuable farm land, a part of which is in Madison county. He has always made a specialty of raising and feeding stock and he has added to his place many fine improvements in the way of good buildings, while he has likewise planted a grove and orchard. In 1870 he married Miss Mary Eusebia Rigg, who was born in Marion county, Iowa, and they have become parents of seven children, Arthur, George, Edna, Frank, Joe, Harry and Eva. The two last named are now deceased and the daughter Edna is the wife of David Pryor. The wife and mother died in 1903 and was laid to rest in Fairview cemetery. In politics Mr. Eversull is a democrat and for twenty years he served as school director.

His son, Frank M. Eversull, was reared upon the home farm and acquired a district-school education. After reaching manhood he continued to assist in the operation of the home place and in 1911 he began farming for himself, cultivating a portion of his father's land on shares. On the 1st of August, 1914, his father deeded him one hundred and twenty acres, which constitutes his present home place, his time being given to the further development, improvement and cultivation of that tract.

On the 9th of February, 1915, Mr. Eversull was united in marriage to Miss Jessie May Seeley, a daughter of W. W. Seeley, of Lincoln township, of whom extended mention is made elsewhere in this work. Mr. Eversull votes with the democratic party. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and he has manifested his interest in educational progress by serving as school director. He is one of the younger representative men of Lincoln township, widely and favorably known, his many good traits of character winning for him the warm and enduring regard of those with whom he is associated in business or social relations.

H. SWEET, M. D.

Dr. H. Sweet has been a practicing physician and surgeon of Adair county for more than a decade and since 1908 has maintained his office at Fontanelle. His birth occurred in Adams county, Iowa, on the 11th of August, 1876, his parents being Dr. H. L. and Ida M. (McCune) Sweet, the former a native of the New England states and the latter of Ohio. After a period of residence in Chicago, Dr. H. L. Sweet came to Iowa in the '70s and has remained an active representative of the medical profession in Adams county to the present time, being accorded a gratifying and lucrative practice. To him and his wife, who has passed away, were born two children: the subject of this review; and Ida M., who is now the wife of W. W. Fees, of Mount Etna, Iowa.

H. Sweet acquired his early education in the graded and high schools of his native county and also pursued a university course. Determining to devote his life to the

same profession followed by his father, he entered the Chicago Medical College and was graduated from that institution with the degree of M. D. in 1904. Subsequently he spent six months in hospital practice in the western metropolis and then opened an office at Bridgewater, Iowa, where he resided until 1908. In that year he came to Fontanelle and has here remained continuously since, enjoying a practice which has steadily grown in volume and importance as he has demonstrated his skill and ability in coping with the intricate problems which ever confront the physician in his efforts to restore health and prolong life. With the constant progress of the profession he keeps in close touch through his membership in the Adair County Medical Society and the Iowa State Medical Society.

In 1905 Dr. Sweet was united in marriage to Miss Ethel L. Van Antwerp and they have a handsome home in Fontanelle. The Doctor gives his political allegiance to the republican party and is now ably serving in the capacity of city health officer. Fraternally he is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and the Masons, belonging to Lodge No. 138 of the last named. He holds to high ideals not only in his profession but in citizenship and in social relations, thus commanding the warm esteem and genuine admiration of all with whom he comes in contact.

HARVEY ANDREW HUBBARD.

Harvey Andrew Hubbard, a well known stock breeder and farmer living on section 30, Walnut township, is a careful man of business who has displayed sound judgment in the conduct of his affairs and who today has one of the valuable and productive farm properties of the county. He was born in Lee township, Madison county, Iowa, June 21, 1869, and is a son of Peter and Mary Elizabeth (Lee) Hubbard. The father, a native of Indiana, is of German and English descent, while his wife, who was also born in the Hoosier state, is of French lineage. They were married in Madison county, Iowa, the father having removed thither with his parents when but six years of age. He was reared to the occupation of farming and shared with the family in the experiences of frontier life. Eventually he came to Adair county, settling thirty-three years ago in Walnut township, where he purchased land. With characteristic energy he began the development and improvement of his place and continued to devote his life to farming there until 1903, when he sold that property and went to Guthrie county, Iowa, where he engaged in farming for two years. He next established his home in Daviess county, Missouri, where he carried on general agricultural pursuits for ten years, after which he retired and took up his abode in Guthrie Center, Iowa, where he and his wife now reside. Long residence in this part of the state and the possession of sterling traits of character have won for them high and enduring regard.

Harvey A. Hubbard was educated in the common schools and remained at home until he attained his majority, assisting in the work of the farm. The early experience which he had in that connection well qualified him to take up farm work on his own account when he started out in life independently. For four years he rented land in Walnut township and after his marriage lived for two years with his wife's people in Cedar county, Iowa, farming her father's land. In 1896, however, he

returned to Walnut township and purchased his present farm of eighty acres, on which he has made all of the improvements, including the erection of a splendid new residence in 1914. This is one of the attractive homes of his part of the county. It is commodious, is built in pleasing style of architecture and affords to the family all of the comforts of the model home. Mr. Hubbard is engaged both in general farming and stock-raising and in 1904 he began the breeding of registered shorthorn cattle. He raises full blooded stock and today owns a fine herd of twenty-five head of registered cattle. He sells cattle for the breeding market and there is always demand for all that he raises. He likewise feeds a few hogs and he owns a Percheron stallion, Klauk 103600 (96049), which is a magnificent animal that was imported from France in 1914. Mr. Hubbard is recognized as one of the most enterprising, progressive and successful cattle and horse breeders of Adair county.

On the 3d of October, 1893, Mr. Hubbard was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Alice Handley, a daughter of Samuel and Nancy Ruth (Foster) Handley, both of whom were natives of West Virginia, the former of Irish descent and the latter of Dutch and Irish ancestry. In 1857 they came to Iowa, locating in Cedar county, where the father purchased land and carried on agricultural pursuits throughout the remainder of his life. He passed away on the 21st of December, 1893, having for only five days survived his wife, who died on the 16th of that month. Mr. and Mrs. Hubbard have no children of their own but adopted two little ones, William Charles, seven years of age, and Cornelius Jesse, aged six. They were taken from the Christian Orphans' Home at Council Bluffs, Iowa, and have found a most attractive, pleasant home with Mr. and Mrs. Hubbard. They are manly little fellows and the love and care given them by their foster parents has won in return the deepest love of the children.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Hubbard are members of the Christian church and are most loyal to their professions. Mrs. Hubbard belongs to the Willing Workers of the Friends church of Walnut township and her life is fraught with many good deeds and characterized by a most kindly spirit. In politics Mr. Hubbard is independent, voting for men and measures rather than for party. His fellow townsmen, appreciative of his worth, have called him to several local offices. He served as constable in Walnut township for four years, was trustee for three years, township clerk for two years and a director in the home school district for one year. It is well known that he stands for progress and improvement along all lines leading to the development and upbuilding of township and county. He is reliable as well as enterprising in business, progressive in citizenship, loyal in friendship and most faithful to the ties of home and family. Thus possessing many excellent traits of character, he is esteemed by all who know him.

CHARLEY L. WALTZ.

For nearly three decades Charley L. Waltz has resided within the borders of Adair county, being now widely recognized as one of its successful farmers and prominent stockmen and owning one hundred and sixty acres of valuable land on section 22, Union township. His birth occurred in Morris, Illinois, on the 28th of November,



ADAM WALTZ



MRS. ADAM WALTZ

1877, his parents being Adam and Jane (Gravatte) Waltz, a record of whom appears elsewhere.

Charley L. Waltz remained on the home farm until twenty-three years of age and, assisting his father in the work of the fields, gained practical knowledge of the best methods of tilling the soil and caring for crops. Starting out as an agriculturist on his own account, he purchased one hundred and twenty acres of land in Union township, this county, but disposed of the property two years later and bought a tract of one hundred and sixty acres on section 22, Union township, which he has operated continuously to the present time and has brought to a high state of cultivation and improvement. The place is lacking in none of the conveniences and accessories of a model farm of the twentieth century and the exceptionally good buildings thereon include a comfortable residence for hired help. Mr. Waltz makes a specialty of raising thoroughbred stock, including English Shire and Norman horses, Hereford cattle and Poland China hogs. He has won first and second prizes on his English Shire stock at the Iowa state fair, now owns some of the finest horses of that breed in Iowa and will doubtless soon be able to compete with any of the stockmen of the state. He is a member of the English Shire Association of America.

On the 15th of February, 1899, Mr. Waltz was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary Gibson, who was born in Illinois, February 10, 1875, her father being Noah Gibson, who came from Illinois to Adair county, this state, in 1882 and settled in Union township. He was an honored veteran of the Civil war and lived in the same vicinity as Mr. and Mrs. Waltz until his demise, which occurred in June, 1908. Our subject and his wife are valued members of the Hill of Zion Christian church, taking an active and helpful part in its work. They are well known throughout the community and justly merit the high regard and esteem which are uniformly accorded them.

EARL R. WALTZ.

Earl R. Waltz, who carries on general farming, was born on the place where he now resides, on section 28, Union township, his natal day being November 16, 1888. He is a son of Adam and Jane (Gravatte) Waltz, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania, but became residents of Illinois, where their marriage occurred. Afterward they removed to eastern Iowa, where they lived until the early '80s, when they arrived in Adair county, taking up their abode upon the farm which is now the property of their son Earl. The father acquired five hundred and twenty acres of land, of which he still owns one hundred and eighty acres, having deeded the remainder to his two sons, Charles L. and Earl R. For many years he was actively and successfully engaged in farming but in 1911 removed to Union county, living in the suburbs of Creston, where he owns a small place of ten acres. He feels that this is a sufficient amount for one of his years to care for and moreover, he desires to enjoy the fruits of his former toil.

Earl R. Waltz was reared in Union township and supplemented his early education acquired in the district schools by study in the Orient high school and by a

commercial course in Creston Business College. When his textbooks were put aside he returned to the farm and upon his father's removal to Creston received a deed to eighty acres of land. He also purchased an adjoining tract of eighty acres, so that his farm at the present time comprises one hundred and sixty acres, on which stands the old homestead, a handsome residence. There is also a large modern barn built by him and other up-to-date improvements which indicate his progressive spirit. In addition to tilling the soil in the development of the crops best adapted to conditions here he makes a specialty of raising thoroughbred Hereford cattle and Shire horses.

In 1911 Mr. Waltz was married to Miss Jessie Brown, a daughter of Frank D. Brown, then of Union township, Adair county, but now a resident of Idaho. Mr. and Mrs. Waltz have become parents of a son, Dale Monte. The parents are members of the Christian church and in his political faith Mr. Waltz is a republican. He is one of the progressive and enterprising young farmers of Union township, meeting with success, which is the ultimate outcome of well directed labor.

D. L. CLARK.

One hundred and sixty acres of land in Lee township pays tribute to its owner, D. L. Clark. He was born in Greenwood county, Kansas, July 13, 1872, of the marriage of George F. and Matilda A. (Dinsmore) Clark. His parents, who were natives respectively of New Hampshire and of Ohio, removed to Wisconsin in early manhood and womanhood and there their marriage occurred. The father served throughout the Civil war as a member of the Fourth Wisconsin Mounted Infantry and was wounded in the left leg in the battle of Fort Hudson. He was mustered out at Washington with the rank of captain. Following the restoration of peace he returned to Wisconsin, but later removed with his family to Kansas, whence, in 1883, he came to Adair county, Iowa. Later he took up his residence in North Dakota, where he proved up a claim which he later sold, subsequently removing to Westplains, Missouri, where he and his wife are still residing. Four of their five children survive.

D. L. Clark attended the public schools in the acquirement of an education. He was early trained to agricultural pursuits and remained at home, giving his father the benefit of his labor, until he was thirty years of age. He was then married and for two years rented the homestead. He has continued to follow agricultural pursuits and in 1913 he bought the quarter section on section 26, Lee township, which he is now farming. He raises grain to some extent but gives the greater part of his attention to stock-raising, as he finds that business profitable. He raises all kinds of stock but specializes in the feeding of hogs for the market.

Mr. Clark married Miss Rozena E. Warrior, a native of Wisconsin and a daughter of Henry and Laura E. Warrior, further mention of whom appears elsewhere in this work. Mrs. Clark taught school for some years previous to her marriage.

Both he and his wife belong to the Methodist Episcopal church. As a farmer and stock-raiser Mr. Clark is progressive and efficient, as a citizen public-spirited and as a man he conforms his life to the highest ethical standards.

FRANK RAMSBOTTOM.

Frank Ramsbottom, who makes his home on section 20, Union township, has become the owner of five hundred and sixty acres of valuable land since starting out as an agriculturist on his own account more than three decades ago. His birth occurred in Waushara county, Wisconsin, on the 25th of August, 1863, his parents being John and Ellen (Foster) Ramsbottom, of whom more extended mention is made on another page of this work in connection with the sketch of Henry Ramsbottom, a brother of our subject.

Frank Ramsbottom was a youth of twelve years when the family home was established in Adair county and has remained within its borders continuously since. He began his education in the district schools of his native state and attended school for three winter terms after coming to this county. When in his nineteenth year he started out upon an independent career and was employed by the month for a year, at the end of which time he purchased a team and broke prairie, also beginning farming for himself in a small way. In 1885, when a young man of twenty-two years, he came into possession of his first land, buying an eighty-acre tract on section 29, Union township, in association with his brother Wallace. Subsequently they bought eighty acres of land adjoining and then divided their holdings, Frank Ramsbottom taking one eighty-acre tract and his brother the other. In later years our subject has purchased other property from time to time until he now owns five hundred and sixty acres of rich and productive land. He makes a specialty of raising registered short-horn cattle and in both his farming and live-stock interests has won gratifying success, enjoying an enviable reputation as one of the substantial and representative agriculturists of the county.

In 1896 Mr. Ramsbottom was united in marriage to Miss Marie Campbell, by whom he had two children, Edward and Mary. The wife and mother passed away in 1900 and six years later Mr. Ramsbottom was again married, his second union being with Miss Eva Cochran, of Talmage, Iowa. He gives his political allegiance to the democracy and has ably served as township assessor for two or three terms. In all his dealings he is thoroughly reliable and honorable and a worthy representative of that class of citizens who constitute the most forceful element of any community.

WASHINGTON I. DARROW.

Washington I. Darrow carries on general farming on section 30, Eureka township, where he has lived continuously since 1903. He was born in Jones county, Iowa, in December, 1878, and is a son of George and Louisa (Smith) Darrow, both of whom were natives of New York. In an early day the father came to this state, settling in Dubuque county, where he engaged in farming for ten years. He then removed to Jones county, where he purchased land and improved a farm, continuing the cultivation and further development of that place throughout his remaining days. He died in January, 1910, while his wife, who survives, is yet living in Jones county.

Washington I. Darrow was reared and educated in Jones county and remained with his parents until he attained his majority. On starting out in life on his own account he worked as a farm hand for four years, but it was his ambition and his

purpose to engage in farming for himself and to that end he carefully saved his earnings, practicing economy as well as industry. In 1903 he came to Adair county and invested the capital which he had saved in eighty acres of land on section 30, Eureka township. Later he bought forty acres adjoining and he at once began to develop and improve his land, which he has since cultivated. The result of his labors is seen in good crops, which bring to him a gratifying annual income. His farm methods are practical and his unremitting labors bring him substantial returns.

In February, 1903, Mr. Darrow was united in marriage to Miss Nettie J. Head, a daughter of Edward and Mahala (Mayberry) Head, natives of Jackson county, Iowa. Her parents removed to Jones county at an early day, since which time her father has there engaged in the development and improvement of an excellent farm. The mother, however, has passed away. To Mr. and Mrs. Darrow has been born one child, Edward L., now eleven years of age.

The parents are Baptists in their religious faith and are loyal to the teachings of the church. In his political views Mr. Darrow is a republican and keeps well informed concerning the chief political problems of the country, but he does not seek nor desire office, feeling that his time is fully occupied by his farming interests. He has worked earnestly and persistently as the years have gone on and his efforts have been attended by a gratifying measure of success.

HENRY H. BUTTS.

Henry H. Butts, engaged in farming on section 29, Union township, was born in Pontiac, Michigan, on the 25th of September, 1812, his parents being Henry and Cornelia E. (Hinman) Butts, natives of Pennsylvania and New York respectively. They were married in the latter state and soon afterward removed to Thunder Bay Island, where they spent the summer months but lived in Pontiac, Michigan, during the winter seasons. When on Thunder Bay Island the father was engaged in fishing in Lake Huron, spending several years in that way. In 1848 he removed to Evansville, Indiana, where he conducted business as a dyer and tailor, there opening a tailor shop and afterward establishing the first steam dye house in the town. He continued a resident of Evansville until called to his final rest.

Henry H. Butts was a lad of only fourteen years when he came to Iowa and for fourteen years he made his home with an uncle, A. C. Hinman, a farmer of Johnson county, and later a merchant of Iowa City. Mr. Butts began his education in the public schools of Evansville, Indiana, and continued his studies in the Iowa City schools. In 1871 he arrived in Adair county and took up his abode upon the farm which is now his home. He had visited the county the previous fall and had purchased the land from his uncle, Chauncey Hinman. This tract of one hundred and sixty acres had been entered by an aunt on two soldiers warrants of the War of 1812 and has never been out of possession of the family. Not only is H. H. Butts descended from ancestors who served in the War of 1812 but also from those who fought for independence in the Revolutionary war. One of his great-grandmothers on his mother's side, a Mrs. Bailey, at the time of the Revolutionary war, when a battle was in progress and the soldiers had no wadding for their guns, took off her woolen petticoat, tore it into strips and thus furnished the soldiers the necessary

wadding, thereby winning the day for the Continental troops. The government later rewarded her by making her postmistress in Middlebury, Connecticut, for life, and she lived to be one hundred years old.

Mr. Butts has resided on his present farm for forty-four years and is now the owner of four hundred and eighty acres, which for some years has been cultivated by his two youngest sons. Industry has ever been one of the chief traits of his character. He has worked hard and after gaining a start, so directed his efforts that his labors brought him substantial return. His property is now valuable and brings him a gratifying annual income. His fields have been carefully tilled and the work of the farm has been carried forward in keeping with the progressive spirit of the times.

In August, 1871, Mr. Butts was married to Miss Fannie Smith, of Orient township, a daughter of Michael Smith, who came to Adair county from Ohio some time in the '60s. Mr. and Mrs. Butts are the parents of nine children, of whom five are yet living: Lawrence, a resident farmer of Union county; Delmer and Ernest, who are carrying on the home place; Pearl, the wife of C. J. Weston, living with her father; and Elsie, the wife of Nelson Brooks, a farmer of Clarke county.

Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise Mr. Butts has been an earnest advocate of republican principles. He has long been recognized as one of the substantial residents of Adair county and as a citizen of worth, for he has ever supported and advocated those measures which are of value in producing a higher standard of citizenship and in furthering the best interests of the community. He has almost reached the seventy-third milestone on life's journey but while his sons now actively operate the farm he still gives personal supervision thereto and it is not unusual to find him busily employed with some work which improves conditions upon his place.

WILLIAM STEELE.

William Steele, a successful farmer and stockman living on section 19, Eureka township, was born March 28, 1876, in La Salle county, Illinois, a son of John and Jeanette (Sharp) Steele. The father was born in England and was a coal miner. The mother was a native of Scotland and they were married in La Salle, Illinois. With his parents John Steele crossed the Atlantic and went to Morris, Illinois, where he worked in the mines, devoting his entire life to that occupation. He died in Chicago after an operation, but his widow survives and yet makes her home in Morris.

William Steele continued under the parental roof until he reached adult age but earned his living before attaining his majority. He was educated in the common schools and at twenty-one years of age began working as a farm hand, in which manner he was employed for three years. In 1900 he came to Adair county, Iowa, and for four years cultivated rented farms in Eureka township, but during that period carefully saved his earnings, as it was his desire to own a farm. His diligence and economy at length enabled him to realize his hope and he purchased one hundred and sixty acres on section 19, Eureka township, where he now resides. He immediately located upon that place and has since made it his home, devoting his time to general farming, including the raising of both grain and stock. He now has a well improved

farm property, thoroughly modern in its equipment and lacking in none of the accessories and conveniences of the model farm of the twentieth century. The buildings are commodious and substantial, the fields are well tilled and the farm machinery is of the latest invention.

On the 20th of February, 1900, Mr. Steele was married to Miss Callie Butt, a daughter of Benjamin and Mary Ann (Cook) Butt, both of whom were natives of Gloucestershire, England, and were descended from old English families. They were married there and came to the United States in 1865, settling in Joliet, Illinois, where for many years Mr. Butt was employed as an engineer in the steel mills. His wife died in Joliet twenty-one years ago and in 1900 he came to Adair county, where he has since made his home with his daughter Mrs. Steele. To Mr. and Mrs. Steele have been born four children: Lewis, who was born November 17, 1900; La Verne, September 9, 1905; Phillis, April 24, 1909; and Merritt, August 21, 1912. The children are attending the public school near their home.

Mr. Steele is recognized as one of the stalwart republicans of his part of the county, doing active, earnest and effective work to advance the interests of the party. He has served for five terms as school director in district No. 4, but is not filling the position at the present time. Fraternally he is connected with the Odd Fellows lodge and Modern Woodmen camp at Anita. All other interests, however, are subservient to his chosen life work and he is meeting with success in the cultivation of his fields and in the breeding, raising and feeding of hogs and cattle. His business judgment is sound and his clear insight into trade transactions enables him to conduct all business with profit, yet in his dealings he has never been known to take advantage of the necessities of his fellowmen.

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