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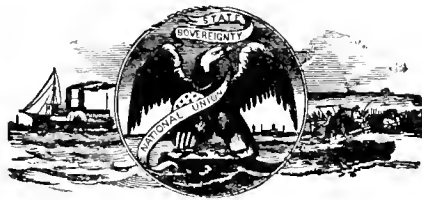
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In the first century of the Christian era, Tacitus (perhaps the greatest of Roman historians) wrote that the object of history was "to rescue virtuous acts from the oblivion to which the want of records would consign them."

BIOGRAPHICAL

CHAPTER XL

THE PART OF BIOGRAPHY IN GENERAL HISTORY—CITIZENS OF MCHENRY COUNTY AND OUTLINES OF PERSONAL HISTORY—PERSONAL SKETCHES ARRANGED IN ENCYCLOPEDIA ORDER.

The verdict of mankind has awarded to the Muse of History the highest place among the Classic Nine. The extent of her office, however, appears to be, by many minds, but imperfectly understood. The task of the historian is comprehensive and exacting. True history reaches beyond the doings of court or camp, beyond the issue of battles or the effects of treaties, and records the trials and the triumphs, the failures and the successes of the men who make history. It is but an imperfect conception of the philosophy of events that fails to accord to portraiture and biography its rightful position as a part—and no unimportant part—of historic narrative. Behind and beneath the activities of outward life the motive power lies out of sight, just as the furnace fires that work the piston and keep the ponderous screw revolving down in the darkness of the hold. So, the impulsive power which shapes the course of communities may be found in the moulding influences which form its citizens.

It is no mere idle curiosity that prompts men to wish to learn the private, as well as the public, lives of their fellows. Rather is it true that such desire tends to prove universal brotherhood; and the interest in personality and biography is not confined to men of any particular caste or vocation.

The list of those to whose lot it falls to play a conspicuous part in the great drama of life, is comparatively short; yet communities are made up of individuals, and the aggregate of achievement—no less than the sum total of human happiness—is made up of the deeds of those men and women whose primary aim, through life, is faithfully to perform the duty that comes nearest to hand. Individual influences upon

human affairs will be considered potent or insignificant, according to the standpoint from which it is viewed. To him who, standing upon the seashore, notes the ebb and flow of the tides and listens to the sullen roar of the waves, as they break upon the beach in seething foam, seemingly chafing at their limitations, the ocean appears so vast as to need no tributaries. Yet, without the smallest rill that helps to swell the "Father of Waters," the mighty torrent of the Mississippi would be lessened, and the beneficent influence of the Gulf Stream diminished. Countless streams, currents and counter currents—sometimes mingling, sometimes counteracting each other—collectively combine to give motion to the accumulated mass of waters. So it is—and so must it ever be—in the ocean of human action, which is formed by the blending and repulsion of currents of thought, of influence and of life, yet more numerous and more tortuous than those which form the "fountains of the deep." The acts and characters of men, like the several faces that compose a composite picture, are wrought together into a compact or heterogeneous whole. History is condensed biography; "Biography is History teaching by example."

It is both interesting and instructive to rise above the generalization of history and trace, in the personality and careers of the men from whom it sprang, the principles and influences, the impulses and ambitions, the labors, struggles and triumphs that engross their lives.

Here are recorded the careers and achievements of pioneers who, "when the fullness of time had come," came from widely separated sources, some from beyond the sea, impelled by divers motives, little conscious of the import of their acts, and but dimly anticipating the harvest which would spring from the sowing. They built their primitive homes, toiling for a present subsistence while laying the foundations of private fortunes and future advancement.

Most of these have passed away, but not before they beheld a development of business and population surpassing the wildest dreams of fancy or expectation. A few yet remain whose years have passed the allotted three-score and ten, and who love to recount, among the cherished memories of their lives, their reminiscences of early days.

[The following items of personal and family history, having been arranged in encyclopedic (or alphabetical) order as to names of the individual subjects, no special index to this part of the work will be found necessary.]

CHARLES T. ABBOTT.

Charles T. Abbott, proprietor of a general repair shop at Woodstock, is a skilled machinist, and owner of a valuable farm in Greenwood Township. He was born in McHenry County, September 29, 1859, one of the three children of his parents, George and Emeransa Abbott, natives of Ohio. George Abbott was a farmer and cattle dealer, and held government contracts for supplying cattle to the army during the Civil War. His death occurred in December, 1889, and his wife died in February, 1890.

Charles T. Abbott attended the local schools of his native county, and until 1902, was engaged in farming, but in that year he entered his present line of business. He specializes in Pennsylvania lubricating oils and grease, and conducts a garage and general repair business, doing an annual business of about \$15,000, and giving employment to four persons. In addition to his fine farm of 183 acres in Greenwood Township, Mr. Abbott owns his residence at No. 219 Lumber Street, and is a man of substance in his community.

On September 29, 1885, Mr. Abbott was married to Miss Mary Pierce, a daughter of John Pierce, who came from one of the eastern states to McHenry County. Mr. and Mrs. Abbott have the following children: Lela M., who is the wife of J. D. Manor; George V., now associated with his father, served in the First Mechanical Regiment, Company Seven, was second in the Ford automobile race held in Chicago in 1916, when he drove a machine at an average rate of seventy-five miles an hour; Ivan, who is attending the University of Illinois and taking a course in electrical engineering, and Harold A., who is attending school. Mr. Abbott and family belong to the Methodist Episcopal church. In politics he is a Republican, and fraternally he belongs to the Odd Fellows. A skilled man in his line, Mr. Abbott's services are in great demand by those desiring expert assistance, and the volume of his trade has increased with each year he has been in business.

CHARLES H. ACKMAN, JR.

Charles H. Ackman, Jr., supervisor of Coral Township, and one of the leading men of McHenry County, resides at Union, where he is engaged in a real estate business, although he owns two farms in Coral

Township and is interested in the operation of a threshing outfit. He was born in Cook County, Illinois, April 27, 1876, one of the eight children of his parents. His father, Charles H. Ackman, Sr., was born in Cook County, Illinois, but later came to McHenry County, in 1907, and was one of the prosperous farmers here until his death, August 20, 1917. His widow survives him and lives in Kane County, Illinois.

Charles H. Ackman attended the common and high schools of his native county, and lived on a farm until 1916, when he removed to Union, retaining, however, one farm of 127 acres, and another of 128 $\frac{3}{4}$ acres, both in Coral Township.

On October 10, 1900, Mr. Ackman was married to Miss Emma Wiesehe, a daughter of Christian Wiesehe, one of the pioneers of Coral Township. Mr. and Mrs. Ackman have four children, namely: Wayne C., LeRoy W., Thelma H. and Harvey H., all of whom were born in McHenry County. The family all belong to the Methodist Episcopal Church, and Mr. Ackman belongs to the Evangelical Church. He is a Republican, and was highway commissioner for nine years, and was elected supervisor in 1916. Fraternally he belongs to Oriental Lodge No. 358, A. F. & A. M., and Coral Lodge No. 769, I. O. O. F.

FRANCIS J. AICHER.

Francis J. Aicher, D. D. S., is one of the capable and skilled members of the dental profession, engaged in active practice at McHenry. He was born at Washburn, Ill., February 1, 1890, one of three children born to his parents, Benedict and Anna (Fecht) Aicher. Benedict Aicher was born in Germany and came to the United States in 1861, and after stopping for a time in New York City, came on to Illinois, and went into a real estate and stock business at Washburn, Ill. There he lived until death claimed him, in 1900. The mother of Francis J. Aicher, who was his second wife, survives him. By a former marriage, Benedict Aicher had four children.

Doctor Aicher attended the common and high schools of Washburn, and then took a three years' course in the Dental School of the Northwestern University, from which he was graduated in 1913. Finding the opening he sought at McHenry, he located in this city immediately following his graduation, and since then has built up a very desirable practice, and has earned the confidence of his patients.

Like other McHenry County men, Doctor Aicher is very patriotic, and when his country entered into the World War, he offered his services, and on September 15, 1917, was commissioned a first lieutenant in the Dental Reserve of the United States Army. He belongs to the Knights of Columbus and the Modern Woodmen of America. In politics he is independent in his views. The Catholic Church holds his membership.

ALFRED O. ALLBEE.

Alfred O. Allbee, one of the energetic and prosperous farmers of Dorr Township, was born in Seneca Township, April 16, 1872, a son of Oren and Christina (Lindsay) Allbee, natives of Collins Center, and Buffalo, N. Y., respectively, the date of her birth being November 25, 1828. The paternal grandfather was Adolphus Allbee, and he came to what was then the wilderness of New York state from Vermont, with four or five brothers, and became pioneers of that region.

When he was eighteen years old Oren Allbee came to Illinois to join his old employer Alvin King, who had come to McHenry County, and entered land. After a short time, Oren Allbee bought a farm in Seneca Township, three miles west of Woodstock, on the Marengo road, which he kept as his homestead, although he bought and sold several other farms. His death occurred at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Flanders, of Seneca Township, in February, 1914, when he was eighty-six years old. He had been retired for some years after becoming very successful as a farmer. His wife died in December, 1907. They were married November 23, 1863. She was a daughter of Thomas and Mary (Mathewson) Lindsay, both of Scotch birth, who came to New York City, where Mrs. Allbee was born September 30, 1838. When she was still a child her parents came to McHenry County, locating on a farm in Dorr Township, two miles south of Woodstock, which property is still in the family. They were among the pioneers of this section, and made the trip overland with ox teams. The father was killed by an accident in the timber, and he left seven children, all small, namely: Thomas, who had the homestead, died at Woodstock in 1902 leaving no issue; Arthie, who is the only survivor, lives at Wayne, Nebr.; Jennie M., who married William Scott, lived on a farm near the homestead, where both died; Christina, who became Mrs. Allbee; Mrs. Robert Richards,

who died in Dakota; Mary, who married Thomas Wier, went to Kansas and then to Idaho, where she died in 1918; and Archie, who left home when young. The old Lindsay homestead is owned by Mrs. Daggett of Woodstock.

Oren Allbee was well known as an auctioneer for many years. While a strong Republican, he was no politician. He had three children, namely: Nellie, who married George Redpath, died in young womanhood; Alfred O., whose name heads this review; and Mary, who married Will Flanders of Seneca Township.

Alfred O. Allbee remained on the homestead until he was thirty years old, when he bought a farm in Boone County. On November 29, 1902, he was married to Mrs. Ina (Elliott) Gillette, a daughter of George Elliott. After a few years in Boone County, Mr. Allbee sold his farm and came back to McHenry County, buying a tract of land in Coral Township, on which he remained for five years. In 1917 he bought his present place of 107 acres in Dorr and Nunda Townships. It is well improved and fitted for modern dairying. He has a herd of cattle and carries on general farming. Like his father he is a Republican, but no office seeker. He and his wife have had the following children born to them: Hal Eldon, and Majorie Esther, both of whom are at home. Mr. Allbee and his wife are connected with some of the oldest and most influential families in McHenry County, and come of as fine American stock as can be found in the country, and they live up to the best standards of citizenship in every respect. Mr. Allbee is an expert farmer, and his fine farm shows that the owner takes a pride in his premises and knows just what he is about when he directs any work.

CHARLES W. ALBRIGHT.

Charles W. Albright, one of the prosperous men of McHenry County, who is helping to maintain its prestige as a great dairying center, owns a valuable farm four miles east of Algonquin in Algonquin Township. He was born in Barrington Township, Cook County, Illinois, November 11, 1873, about three miles east of his present farm, a son of Christ and Charlotte Albright, natives of Germany, who with two children came to the United States about 1866, and in 1876 bought land on Crystal Lake, in Algonquin Township, one mile east of the farm now owned by Charles W. Albright. This farm comprised forty acres and was developed into

an excellent farm, on which Christ Albright lived into old age, dying at his home in McHenry County at the age of eighty-six years. His wife had died six years previously. Their three children to reach maturity were as follows: Ernest, who died in Dundee Township, aged forty-three years, was a farmer, and left a widow and six children; Mary, who is Mrs. William Mitchell of North Dakota, and Charles W., whose name heads this review.

Charles W. Albright remained on the homestead until he was twenty-six years old, when he rented a farm for a few years and then located on his present one, then owned by Robert Haeger, father of Supervisor Haeger. After renting it for two years he went on the farm of William Brandt for fifteen years. Finally in 1912 he bought the Haeger farm, which comprises 130 acres, for which he paid \$110 per acre. He has rebuilt the barn, erected a silo and rebuilt the house, and has a nice place. Dairying is his main feature and he keeps thirty-five cows of the Holstein strain. The farm is well located for dairying purposes, and he has it drained properly. Since buying the farm he has placed ten more acres of it under cultivation. In 1919 he bought sixty acres adjoining the homestead. For three years Mr. Albright served as road commissioner, and has been a capable official.

When he was twenty-six years old Mr. Albright was married to Minnie Golderman, of Algonquin Township, a daughter of Fred and Louise Golderman, who came to McHenry County at an early date. Both are now deceased, but were at one time engaged in farming two and one-half miles east of Algonquin. Mr. and Mrs. Albright have four children, namely: William, Stella, Laura and Hazel, all of whom are at home. Mr. Albright has worked very hard to accomplish what he has and deserves his present prosperity. He stands very high in his neighborhood, and his associates recognize that he is a man of his word, and one who knows how to get things done right.

CHARLES T. ALLEN.

Charles T. Allen, formerly assistant state's attorney of McHenry County, is the junior member of the law firm of Lumley & Allen, of Cary. He was born in Algonquin Township, McHenry County, February 27, 1882, one of the six children of Thomas C. and Margaret (Brannan) Allen. Thomas C. Allen was born in Ireland, but came to

the United States with his parents when a mere infant, and spent the greater part of his life in Algonquin Township. For some years he was general superintendent of the Washington Ice Company at Cary, but retired several years prior to his death, which occurred December 10, 1913.

Charles T. Allen attended the public schools of McHenry County and the Elgin Academy, from which he was graduated. He then studied law at the Northwestern Law School, being graduated therefrom in 1910, and was admitted to the bar. In the fall of that year he opened an office at Woodstock, the county seat, and one at Cary, where he retained his residence. In 1915 he formed a partnership with V. S. Lumley, a prominent attorney of the McHenry County bar. Later, upon the election of Mr. Lumley to the office of state's attorney, Mr. Allen was appointed assistant state's attorney and proved himself a very capable official. From this position on March 1, 1921, he resigned on account of the large private practice he had acquired and his extensive real estate interest along Fox River, and since then has maintained his office almost exclusively at Cary. Mr. Allen has been for the last ten years and is now city attorney of Algonquin and Cary, both of this county. In politics he is a Republican.

In 1903 Mr. Allen was married to Miss Vera Mentch, and they have two sons, Russell C. and Robert E. Mr. Allen is a Mason, Odd Fellow and Elk, and also belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America and Royal Neighbors. He and his family reside at Cary, Ill., where he is most highly esteemed as a man and attorney, as well as throughout McHenry County, where his professional duties and his past connections with the state's attorney's office has given him a large acquaintance.

HENRY PHILIPS ALLEN.

Henry Philips Allen, now deceased, was formerly one of the highly-esteemed and reliable men of Dorr Township. He was born in Madison County, N. Y., February 26, 1839, a son of Thomas and Mary (Williams) Allen. In 1840 the family came to McHenry County, settling in Dorr Township, adjoining the farm later owned by Henry Philips Allen, five miles south of Woodstock, which property is still in the family. It was a tract of timber land, but from it Thomas Allen developed a good home, and lived on it until his death, December 11, 1883, when he was aged



Geo. W. Bonnell



Pauline M. Bonnell

eighty-nine years. His widow died July 3, 1886, aged eighty-seven years. They had three children, namely: James, who owned a farm adjoining the homestead, but retired to Woodstock, there dying, being survived by his widow and daughter, Mrs. George G. Miller; Henry P., whose name heads this review; and Frank, who inherited the homestead, but became a machinist, worked at Union and later at St. Charles, Ill., and now lives in California.

Henry P. Allen was reared on his father's farm and remained on it until his marriage. He studied to be a teacher, but never followed that calling. On January 16, 1866, he was married to Louisa Hope, a daughter of William and Elizabeth Hope. Mrs. Allen is the only survivor of her father's family of four sons and two daughters, and the only one who continued to reside in McHenry County. She was only seventeen years old at the time of her marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Allen began their married life in the house still occupied by Mrs. Allen, on fifty acres of land which were taken from his father's homestead, to which he added until he had 100 acres. He followed general mixed farming, and for a few years conducted a store at Union. Mr. Allen died January 1, 1911, after a major operation in a hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Allen became the parents of the following children: George, who died in boyhood; Rose, who married John Wallace of Seneca Township; Jessie, who married Charlie Gule, of Dorr Township; Dora, who is at home; Kittie, who is Mrs. George Pugh, owns a part of the old Allen farm; Harry A., who is operating his father's homestead. Both Rose and Jessie Allen were school-teachers prior to their marriage and very successful in their chosen calling. The present house on the homestead has been thoroughly modernized and has electric lights, is heated by a furnace, and has other first-class improvements. Harry A. Allen is conducting this farm so as to make it one of the model ones of the county. Henry Philips Allen was one of the upright, honorable men of his community, and when he died Dorr Township suffered a loss it could ill afford. However he left behind him some fine children who are a credit to their name and to the township which gave them birth and fostered them.

Y. B. ANDERSON.

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LEWIS J. ASHBURN.

Lewis J. Ashburn, successful business man and vice-president of the Herriek Feed Company of Harvard, is rightly numbered among the representative citizens of McHenry County. He was born in Wisconsin, October 19, 1889, and is one of the five children of Ole and Julia (Larsen) Ashburn, prosperous farming people of Rock County, Wis.

Growing up on his father's farm, Lewis J. Ashburn attended the district schools of his native county, and the Sharon High School, and after being graduated from the latter, he took a business course in the Southern Wisconsin Business College at Janesville, Wis. In 1910 Mr. Ashburn came to Harvard and entered the employ of Hunt, Helm, Ferris & Company. After remaining with that concern for two years, and being employed in the First State Bank for four years, he went into business for himself and for a time conducted a popular grocery and meat market. Disposing of his business he formed his present connections which are congenial and profitable, and has risen to be the vice-president of his company.

On June 5, 1893, Mr. Ashburn was united in marriage with Miss Elsie Mae Crosby, who was born February 18, 1889. Mr. and Mrs. Ashburn have one daughter, Dellora Mae, who was born May 8, 1919. An alert and astute business man Mr. Ashburn has risen through his own efforts, and deserves the prosperity which has attended him.

WILLIAM A. AUSTIN.

William A. Austin, now living retired at Richmond, is a justice of the peace and a very representative man in every particular. He was born August 10, 1885, a son of William H. and Angeline (Austin) Austin, both of whom are deceased, the latter passing away in Ohio. William H. Austin was colonel of the regiment raised in McHenry County for service during the Civil War, and after its close he went to Nebraska, where he died as the result of injuries received in that conflict. He and his wife had the following children: David, who died at the age of sixteen years, about the time of the birth of William A.; Hattie B., who married Lewis Vogel, deputy assistant secretary of state, resides at Springfield, Ill.; Edward, who is the owner of the old farm in Richmond Township, two miles south of Richmond, and William A., whose name heads this review.

William A. Austin remained at home until he was sixteen years old, and attended the Richmond High School. At his father's death he assumed charge of one of the farms owned by the elder man, and for the subsequent five years was engaged in dairying and stock growing. At the expiration of that period, he moved to Richmond and the farm is now operated on shares by a tenant. This farm is a very valuable one and a herd is kept of about thirty-five cows of the Holstein strain. The buildings on the farm were erected by his father for dairying purposes. Mr. Austin is convinced of the wisdom of handling only good stock, and his product is excellent in this respect. While he is not now on the farm, he supervises the work, having learned to be a practical farmer from his father, who at one time was one of the most extensive agriculturalists of the county, owning 560 acres of land.

William A. Austin was married September 20, 1911, to Marietta Johnsen, a daughter of Ole and Anna Johnsen, of Richmond Township, who was only eighteen years old at that time. Mr. and Mrs. Austin have four children, namely: Edwin, Harold, Arlen, and Donald F. A strong Republican, like his estimable father, Mr. Austin is now serving as a justice of the peace. He belongs to Richmond Lodge, A. F. & A. M. Brought up in the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which his parents were consistent members, Mr. Austin is himself a member of it, and contributes very liberally toward its support.

Mr. Austin is a man of public spirit, and in his operations he has been broad enough to take advantage of the experience of others and so has rendered a service to his community by redeeming farm land through effective drainage. In his office as justice, he displays good common sense and excellent judgment with reference to human nature, and few of his decrees are reversed by a higher court.

EDWARD E. AYER.

Edward E. Ayer, one of the most distinguished men McHenry County has produced, is known all over the civilized world as the greatest living authority on the history of the American Indian. He has not confined his studies to this one line, however, but is equally well informed upon a variety of subjects, all of his intellectual development being entirely the outgrowth of his own endeavors, for he is a self-made man in the best sense of the word.

When he was eighteen years old, Edward E. Ayer left his home in Harvard and went to Nevada, where he worked in a quartz-mill for a time, going on to San Francisco, where he was engaged in chopping wood and working in a saw-mill. With the outbreak of the Civil War, he offered his services to his country by enlisting in the First California Cavalry, and saw service in California, Arizona and New Mexico, being discharged with the rank of second lieutenant. He then retraced his steps to Harvard, where he arrived July 1, 1864, joining his father, who had an interest in a general store at that place, and being taken into partnership. Soon thereafter, he came to Chicago to buy goods, and on this trip secured Prescott's "Conquest of Mexico," which he claims opened the door for him into a new world and inspired him to strive to educate himself and gain an understanding of the higher things. Mr. Ayer has prospered in a material way since that day, but he is far prouder that he was the first president of the Field Museum, and chairman of the collection committee, trustee of the Art Institute, director of the Chicago Historical Society, president of the Archaeological Society, member of the Missouri and Wisconsin Historical societies, member of the Chicago Commercial Club, director and advisor of the Crerar Library, and a recognized bibliophile of international reputation.

His collections embrace African jewels, illuminated manuscripts, Korans, Persian manuscripts, laces, furniture, porcelains, lusters, pewters, embroidery stuffs, Navajo, Mexican, Algerian and Tunisian blankets and many other articles of great value. At the Newberry Library are two rooms which bear his name in which are to be found 17,000 volumes of printed books and 4,000 separate manuscripts, some of them volumes; thousands of printed maps; 300 manuscripts; 2,625 portraits or drawings by artists in the field, 390 prints, 9,770 photographs, including 8,000 of "The Pictorial History of the Philippines;" sixteen editions and different works of John Smith, twenty-two editions of Hennepin, twenty editions of Jonathan Carver, fifty-three editions of Las Casas, every early edition of Champlain, every early edition of Lescarbot, every early edition of Sagard, about 3,000 volumes in the Indian languages, covering 220 tribes in America, thirty-eight in the Philippines, and one in the Sandwich Islands; the finest set of Ptolemy known, sixty volumes including five in manuscript; one of the great collections of Ortelius and Apianus and general geographical atlases; thirty-nine out of the forty-one Cremaisi in existence in the original editions; the twenty-six Gilmory Shea; the eight O'Callaghan; all of the Margry; the Cleveland edition of over seventy volumes; the Quebec edition and many manuscripts; and

100 Mexican pictographs on magney paper and leather; as well as first and early editions on all parts of North America pertaining especially to Indian history, including 351 titles of Captivities; 1,260 of the 2,625 portraits and drawings are by Burbank, 400 are by Waldeck, fifty by Carl Bodmer; 250 are lead-pencil portraits by Catlin, with a short biography of each. What Mr. Ayer considers the very gem of his whole collection is Prescott's "Conquest of Mexico" in three carefully tooled volumes bound in the very best Grolieresque red binding by Binder Zaehnsdorf, which were the first books he ever bought, about August 1, 1864, and the foundation of his great history of the North American Indian Library.

EDWARD M. AYLWARD.

Edward M. Aylward, senior member of the firm of Aylward Bros., breeders of high grade stock, is one of the foremost business men of Hebron, and he is the senior member of the grain house of Aylward, Slavin & Randall. He was born at Walworth, Wis., February 19, 1879, one of the nine children of his parents, Richard W. and Mary (Cleary) Aylward. Richard W. Aylward was born in Ireland, but came to the United States in 1850, and after a stay at Walworth, Wis., located in McHenry County, where he still resides, having, during all of his active years, been a farmer. His wife died September 28, 1899.

Edward M. Aylward attended the schools of McHenry County, and was reared upon his father's farm. He spent two years in railroading, and then in 1912, began breeding stock, specializing on Holstein cattle, and his annual business is now about \$200,000. Mr. Aylward gives employment to six people and he and his brother are recognized as leaders in their line. In 1918 Mr. Aylward formed a partnership with Messrs. Slavin and Randall for the purpose of handling grain, and this firm is doing an immense business.

On September 25, 1901, Mr. Aylward was united in marriage with Miss May Monear, a daughter of Wallace Monear, and they have three children, namely: Viola M., Florence and Edward M. The family all belong to the Catholic Church. In politics Mr. Aylward is a Republican, but he has never taken an active part in public life, as his time has been too fully occupied with his business affairs. Mr. Aylward is proud of the fact that his father served his adopted country during the Civil War, enlisting in 1861, and being a brave soldier until his honorable discharge.

The family is one of the most highly esteemed in McHenry County, and Mr. Aylward is a worthy member of it.

FRANK F. AXTELL.

Frank F. Axtell, president of the First State Bank of Harvard, and one of the most prominent men of McHenry County, is generally recognized as one of the representative financiers of this part of the state. He was born in New York state, October 29, 1847, only child of Monzo E. and Mary M. (Lambert) Axtell. Monzo E. Axtell was born in New York state, and, coming to Harvard, became interested in merchandising upon an extensive scale. He was also one of the early bankers of McHenry County, and developed into a very prominent and influential man.

Frank F. Axtell attended the schools of Boone County, Ill., where the family located in 1851, and Harvard, where they came in 1858. His first employment was as a clerk in his father's store, and he remained with him until 1889, when he organized, as a private concern, the bank of which he is now the executive head, and re-organized it as a state bank in 1909. Mr. Axtell is a member of the American Bankers Association and the Illinois Bankers Association, and he was associated with the Chicago Board of Trade for a number of years.

Mr. Axtell was married to Miss Cynthia A. Austin, a daughter of Paseo Austin, and they have one son, E. E. Axtell, who is the cashier of the bank of which his father is president. A daughter, Darline V., died in 1911. She was born in 1882, was a graduate of Vassar College, and a lovely girl, only twenty-nine years of age at the time of her death. Mr. Axtell is a Republican. Ever since he came to Harvard he has taken an intelligent and effective interest in its development, and is justly numbered among its most representative men and desirable citizens.

CHARLES W. BAILEY.

Charles W. Bailey, M. D., one of the leading physicians and surgeons of McHenry County, is successfully engaged in a general practice at Hebron, and he is also connected with the financial life of the city as a

director of the Bank of Hebron. He was born at Denver, Colo., the only child of his parents, Jefferson A. and Eliza (Brigham) Bailey. Jefferson A. Bailey was engaged in farming for many years in the vicinity of Watworth, Wis., but his wife died in 1874.

Doctor Bailey attended the common and high schools of Illinois, and then took a course at the Northwestern University, from which he was graduated in 1895, following which he took a medical course in the medical department of the same institution. Doctor Bailey then took a course at Rush Medical College, and was graduated in 1900, and for the succeeding year was interne at St. Mary's Hospital of Milwaukee, Wis. He then located at Hebron, where he has since remained. In August, 1918, Doctor Bailey was commissioned captain in the medical corps for service during the World War, and was at Camps Greenleaf and Forest for three months. On December 23, 1918, he was honorably discharged, and returning to Hebron, resumed his practice, which is a very large one, for his patients have great confidence in his skill and knowledge. He belongs to the county, state and American medical associations.

In 1904 Doctor Bailey was married to Miss Ida Groesbeck, a daughter of William Groesbeck, and a member of an old pioneer family of McHenry County. Doctor and Mrs. Bailey have the following children: Alice E., who was born in 1906; Francis J., who was born in 1909, and John W., who was born in 1914. The fraternal connections of Doctor Bailey are with Hebron Lodge No. 604, A. F. & A. M.; Harvard Chapter No. 91, R. A. M.; Cavalry Commandery No. 25, K. T., and he is also a Shriner. Politically, he is a Republican. Recognizing the weight Doctor Bailey's name would have, the Bank of Hebron induced him to consent to serve upon its directorate in December, 1916. As a medical man and citizen, Doctor Bailey has proven his sterling worth, and no one stands any higher in public esteem in this part of the state, than does he.

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JOHN BALDOCK.

John Baldock, who is now living retired at Alden, was formerly extensively engaged in business as a lumber and feed merchant, and he has also served his township as supervisor. He was born in England.

August 16, 1846, one of four children born to his parents, Matthew and Susan (Coy) Baldock, also natives of England, who came to the United States in 1852, locating at what is now Chemung, but was then known as Big Foot. Later Matthew Baldock moved to Alden, where he died in 1893.

John Baldock attended the common schools of Harvard, and grew up in McHenry County. After having been engaged in farming for some years, in 1890 he organized a lumber and feed business, and conducted it until 1910, when he sold it to his son, Jay L. Baldock, and his son-in-law, Nathan B. Clawson, who conduct it under the name of Baldock & Clawson. In February, 1865, Mr. Baldock enlisted for service during the Civil War, and was discharged, September 25, 1865, and he has been a member of the local post G. A. R. since its organization. He is a Republican, and was elected supervisor of Alden Township, and served for sixteen years, and he was a justice of the peace for eleven years.

In 1869 Mr. Baldock was married to Miss Mary A. Seward, who died in 1871. Later he was married (second) to Miss Roxie A. Ferris, who belonged to a well known McHenry County family. She died February 9, 1913. By his second marriage Mr. Baldock had two children, namely: Jessie M., who is the wife of Nathan B. Clawson and has had the following children—Frank, George and Eugene, the last two died in childhood; and Jay L., who married Edith Snell, a daughter of John Snell, and they have two daughters, Florence and Dorothy. The family all belong to the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Baldock is highly esteemed by all who know him, and his prosperity is well deserved.

AMORY BARBER.

Amory Barber, one of the farmers of Riley Township who is connected with some of the leading families of McHenry County, deserves a place in a record of this high class. He was born in the village of Java, Wyoming County, N. Y., a son of Humphrey and Maria (Potter) Barber, natives of Massachusetts and New York, respectively, who came to McHenry County in 1851, to join her brother, Almon Potter, who had already settled in this region, taking up government land. Humphrey Barber entered forty acres of land, now owned by Amory Barber, which is located seven miles south of Marengo, nine miles west



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of Huntley, and there he died at the age of sixty-eight years, and she when eighty-six, in 1901, having survived him for twenty years. In addition to farming, Humphrey Barber discharged the duties of a justice of the peace for many years, having his office in his residence. He was a Universalist. The children born to him and his wife were as follows: Lester, who lived at home for some time, moved to Coral Township, then retired to Marengo, where he died about 1916; Lucinda, who married William Mallory, died in McHenry County, leaving one child; Lucius, who enlisted at the outbreak of the Civil War in Company D, Fifteenth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, served through the war, was captured at Ackworth and confined in Andersonville prison, from which he was later exchanged, but not until his health was undermined, and he died a number of years ago from the effects of the hardships he endured; Amanda, who married W. B. Sheldon, a farmer of McHenry County, died here as did her husband; Nivvie, who married W. B. Mallory after the death of her sister, died a few years later, but he survives and makes his home at Elgin; Rose, who married F. E. Stevens of Coral Township; and Amory, whose name heads this review.

Amory Barber owns the homestead of his father, which comprises eighty acres of land. Formerly he carried on dairying almost exclusively, but of later years has devoted more time to grain production. He is a strong Republican and has served as supervisor of Riley Township, and as a justice of the peace.

RICHARD W. BARDWELL.

Richard W. Bardwell, superintendent of the public schools of Woodstock, and one of the leading educators of this part of Illinois, is held in the highest esteem by all who have the honor of his acquaintance. He was born at Tipton, Iowa, May 14, 1889, a son of Conrad Myron and Anna Louise (Wollben) Bardwell, the former of whom was born at Northampton, Mass., October 9, 1860, and the latter at Marengo, Ill., December 9, 1867.

The Bardwell family was founded in America in 1720 by Robert Bardwell, who landed from England at Boston, Mass., in that year. On the maternal side, the family originated in Scotland, and came from thence to the United States, locating in Illinois. Conrad M. Bardwell is a man of high standing and considerable influence among the educators

of the state, and for many years has been superintendent of different public schools. He is a man of force of character, but also one of fine human qualities, with a large circle of friends both within his profession and out. He has been honored with various offices within the associations of education, and in 1909 he was president of the State Teachers Association.

Richard W. Bardwell was graduated from the University of Illinois, and immediately thereafter accepted the principalship of the schools of Hebron, Ill., holding this position during 1910 and 1911, when he took the same position at Delavan, Ill., remaining there until 1914, when he came to Woodstock, where his career has been eminently satisfactory in every respect, and his schools and pupils show a remarkable improvement under his supervision.

On July 10, 1912, Mr. Bardwell was married, at Evanston, Ill., to Gertrude Smith. She is a daughter of Townsend and Charlotte (Middell) Smith, natives of Beverly, England. Mr. Smith is deceased, but for years was a well known real-estate broker of Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. Bardwell have the following children: Elizabeth, who was born May 2, 1913; and Richard M., Jr., who was born September 21, 1915. Mr. Bardwell belongs to Hebron Lodge No. 601, A. F. & A. M., and the Order of the Eastern Star, and he is also a member of the college fraternities of Psi Upsilon and Phi Delta Phi.

EDWARD C. BARNARD.

Edward C. Barnard, now deceased, was one of the well known figures in McHenry County business life, and owned and operated the mill at Solon Mills in Richmond Township. He was born at Solon Mills, October 19, 1848, and died June 11, 1918, in his seventieth year. He was a son of George and Ruth (Yates) Barnard, the latter being a descendant of Lord Wellington of England. George Barnard owned a farm near Greenwood where he died, and was a farmer and miller, operating a mill at Solon Mills for many years. Both he and his wife lived to an old age. One of their sons, Ensley Barnard is conducting the old farm near Greenwood.

Edward C. Barnard learned the milling business and for a time operated a mill at Silver Lake, near Cary Station. Later he bought a

mill from a Mr. Northrup five miles south of Richmond, on the Nippersink, and operated it from 1884 until 1914, when his health failing, he sold it. The old mill still stands, but has not been operated for some years, although the water power is excellent. Mr. Barnard also owned 300 acres of land in the vicinity of his mill, but he left the farm in 1916 to move to Richmond.

Mr. Barnard was married his bride being eighteen years old at that time. Mr. and Mrs. Barnard had one son, Earl Clement Barnard. He married Bertha Marsh, and they have a son, Clement. Earl C. Barnard has spent some time in Kansas, but is now living with his mother, and the farm is rented. Mr. Barnard was a public-spirited man, of high standing in his community. He was a charter member of Nunda Lodge, A. F. & A. M., and later was connected with the Masonic lodge at Richmond.

CHARLES P. BARNES.

Charles P. Barnes at present County Judge of McHenry County, has an extensive acquaintance among the judges and lawyers throughout Northern Illinois, on account of the many important jury cases he has conducted in his own and the adjoining counties, and his ability as a successful criminal lawyer is admitted by all.

He was born in the town of Nunda, in the county of McHenry, Ill., on February 14, 1862, a son of Charles C. and Lydia (Sayles) Barnes, the former being killed at the Siege of Vicksburg in 1863, as a soldier in the Union Army, leaving a widow and two children, besides Judge Barnes. When eleven years old he commenced working out by the month and, in the summer of 1873, worked eight months for the compensation of \$7 per month. He worked for his board in winters, and attended the district schools, and at the age of eighteen years became a stationary engineer for the Clayson Drying Company, at Nunda. From his boyhood he had taken a deep interest in law suits, and often walked several miles to hear the trial of a case before a justice of the peace and early acquired a desire to become a lawyer. During the fall and early winter preceding his commencement of the study of law, in a regular law office, he conducted five cases before justices of the peace at Nunda and Crystal Lake, and won four of the five.

In March 1881 being then only nineteen years of age, he entered the law office of Attorney O. H. Gilmore at Woodstock, and worked on a farm near the outskirts of the city for his board, in order that he might pursue his law studies. After spending a little over one year in the office of Attorney O. H. Gilmore, who later became County Judge, he entered the office of former County Judge B. N. Smith, and from that office went before the Appellate Court at Ottawa in the month of March, 1883, and passed a successful examination and was admitted to the bar of this state, and immediately entered upon the practice of law in the City of Woodstock, where he has lived continuously until the present time.

In July 1885, he formed a partnership with Hon. Merritt L. Joslyn, who was Assistant Secretary of the Interior during the administration of President Arthur, and for nearly three years the firm practiced law together under the firm name of Joslyn & Barnes. Later he was associated with Attorney D. T. Smiley under the firm name of Barnes & Smiley, and this partnership continued for nearly three years. For a short time, he was in partnership with Attorney John J. Cooney, now deceased, who at one time was a student in his office. Attorneys D. T. Smiley, F. R. Jackman, F. B. Bennett, John J. Cooney, Arthur J. Mullen and J. I. Lang all studied law in his office, and all passed successful examinations before the Appellate Court for admission to the bar.

Judge Barnes has acted for the defense in some of the most celebrated criminal trials that have ever taken place in the Circuit Court of his county, and has an enviable record as a successful jury lawyer. He enjoys the unusual distinction of never having a jury return a verdict against his side on which the client could be sentenced to the penitentiary.

He is Republican in politics, but in 1912 stood with the Roosevelt movement under the head of the Bull Moosers and was chairman of the Roosevelt movement in McHenry County. In 1916 he sought the Republican nomination for states attorney having for his opponents, Attorneys D. R. Joslyn, then states attorney, and V. S. Lumley, who had previously served in that capacity and in the three-cornered fight, he was defeated by Mr. Lumley who received the nomination. In the fall of 1918, after helping Attorney Calvin J. Hendricks of Harvard to secure the Republican nomination he was placed on the ticket to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Attorney Hendricks and as County Judge has made a record that is highly commended by the attorneys and the people who have had business before his court.

C. PERCY BARNES.

C. Percy Barnes, attorney, junior member of the legal firm of Barnes & Barnes, is one of the able young men of Woodstock, and is associated with his distinguished father in the practice of his profession. He was born at Woodstock, May 22, 1886, one of the three children of his parents, Charles P. and Lanta (Young) Barnes.

C. Percy Barnes attended the local schools, and Kent Law School of Chicago, from which he was graduated in 1908, thus following in his father's footsteps, and adopting the law as his profession. Immediately thereafter he was admitted to the bar, and locating at Woodstock, has since been in an active practice, his father being the senior member of the firm of Barnes & Barnes. In 1910, C. Percy Barnes was elected city attorney of Woodstock, which office he still holds.

C. Percy Barnes was married to Miss Ruth Freestone, and he and his wife are members of the Congregational Church of Woodstock. In politics he is a Republican. His knowledge of men and their motives, and his keen, analytical mind enable him to handle the cases entrusted to him efficiently and successfully, and he has been connected with some very important jurisprudence that is not confined to the boundaries of his own county.

DARWIN A. BARROWS.

Darwin A. Barrows, who belongs to one of the prominent pioneer families of McHenry County, is serving his township as assessor, and is numbered among the representative retired farmers of Harvard. He was born in the county, a son of Dexter and Olive E. (Simpson) Barrows, who had eight children. Dexter Barrows was born in Vermont, but came to McHenry County in an early day, and became one of the prosperous farmers of this section. He lived to the unusual age of ninety-three years.

Darwin A. Barrows was reared on his father's farm, and attended the local schools. During the Civil War, he enlisted in Company E, Ninety-fifth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, although only sixteen years old, and served until the close of hostilities, when he was mustered out. Returning home, he resumed farming, and became the owner of a valuable farm in Dunham Township. A few years ago he retired from his agricultural activities, and located at Harvard, where he owns his com-

fortable residence. A man of more than average ability, he has been called upon to hold public office, and for seventeen years he was town clerk and he has been township assessor for five terms.

On June 15, 1870, Mr. Barrows was married to Marion E. Billings, and they had the following children: Mildred, who married Ernest F. Goodknecht; Nellie G., who married Archie Green, and Marion, who married Gardner A. Knapp, superintendent of the county home at Hartland.

EBER E. BASSETT.

Eber E. Bassett, postmaster of West McHenry, is one of the substantial men of McHenry County, and one who has long been appreciated by his fellow citizens. His appointment came as the just reward of faithful service to the government as a rural free delivery carrier, and since taking hold of the office, he has increased very materially its annual business, and the efficiency of the service. Mr. Bassett was reappointed to the office in September, 1917, and he has one assistant under him. His appointment followed the raising of the office to third class.

Eber E. Bassett was born in McHenry County, June 17, 1875, one of the two children of Wilbur F., born in Ohio, and Jennie (Earl) Bassett, born in Vermont. W. F. Bassett came to McHenry in 1851, with his parents, John E. and Celestia Bassett.

Jennie (Earl) Bassett came to McHenry in 1868. For some years following their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Bassett were engaged in farming, but are now retired. Eber E. Bassett attended the local schools, and took a business course at the Elgin Academy during the fall and winter of 1896-97. Until 1905, he was engaged in farming, but in that year became a letter carrier on the rural free delivery route, and continued as such until his appointment as postmaster in 1914. He is a Republican in politics. On December 18, 1897, he was married to Miss Cora Martin, a daughter of Peter S. and Wealthy A. (Farmer) Martin, and they have two children, namely: Lisle E., and Floribel. The family belong to the Methodist Episcopal Church of West McHenry. Mr. Bassett's fraternal affiliations are with the Modern Woodmen of America, and Mrs. Bassett is a member of the Royal Neighbors. Accommodating and capable, Mr. Bassett is giving universal satisfaction as postmaster,

and is correctly regarded as one of the most representative men of his community.

ROCKWELL M. BEAN.

Rockwell M. Bean, assessor of Seneca Township, and one of the leading farmers of McHenry County, owns and operates a fine rural property known as Maple Farm, which is located three and one-half miles northeast of Marengo, and eight miles southwest of Woodstock. He was born on his grandfather's old home farm, October 10, 1863, a son of William and Philenia (Mead) Bean, and grandson of Simeon Bean of New Hampshire. William Bean was also born in New Hampshire, but when he was eight years old his father brought him to Illinois, and in 1836 secured government land in the woods of McHenry County. Simeon Bean was a leading man of those early days, and lived to be sixty years of age. A man of educational advantages far beyond those of his associates, he was called upon to attend to much public business, as well as settle estates and act as administrator of estates. Both he and his wife were school-teachers in New Hampshire, and after coming to McHenry County he continued to teach during the winter months, and at one time was county superintendent of schools. His children were as follows: Ellen, who married Daniel Fellows, died at St. Charles, Ill., at the age of fifty years; Louise, who married Allen Paddock, is deceased, having passed away at the Paddock home in New York, but she and her husband are both interred in the new cemetery at Marengo; Joseph, who died at the age of twenty years while a student at college; John, who lives in Minnesota; and William, who was the oldest born.

William Bean spent two years at Waterloo, Iowa, but returned to McHenry County, and securing the old homestead, lived upon it until his death, in August, 1907, three years subsequent to the death of his wife. He erected the buildings now standing on the Bean farm, and made other improvements, which are now being enjoyed by outsiders as the farm was sold after his death. He was a leader in his community, public spirited and able and served twenty-one years as a member of the school board. The Presbyterian church of Marengo had in him one of its most active workers and devout members. William Bean and his wife had the following children: Frank W., who left home at the age of sixteen years to go to Nebraska, attended college, became a

minister of the Methodist Episcopal church, and died at Clay Center, Nebr., August 24, 1918; Carlton S., who is a farmer of Davenport, Nebr.; Rockwell M., whose name heads this review; William K., who is a fruitgrower of Michigan; Mac, who is Mrs. L. J. Hand of Marengo; and Rose, who is Mrs. Edward Thomas of Belvidere, Ill.

On October 12, 1887, Rockwell M. Bean was united in marriage with Marian Drury, a daughter of L. and Roxa (Angier) Drury, natives of Massachusetts. Following his marriage Mr. Bean spent three years on a large rented farm owned by H. W. Belding, and then went to Davenport, Nebr., operating 600 acres of land, a portion of which he had purchased, and remained there for seven years. Here he met with disaster in the form of continuous droughts so that for the years he was there he made nothing and was glad to get away alive. When he finally arrived in McHenry County he had only twenty-eight cents in cash, and had to provide for his family comprising a wife and two little children. In addition to all this he had a debt of \$1,000, and in order to secure his present farm he had to go still deeper into debt, but during the subsequent years he has cleared off his obligations, and not only has a valuable farm, but excellent buildings. His barn is a basement one and he has accommodations for twenty cows, for he specializes in dairying. Both he and Mrs. Bean are consistent members of the Baptist church, and he served for eight years consecutively as superintendent of the Sunday school of his church, and for one year was county superintendent of the temperance department. In 1918 Mr. Bean was elected assessor of his township, and has proven very acceptable to the people. Mr. and Mrs. Bean have three children, namely: Arthur W., who married Cora M. Lowe, has a son, Clarence A., and conducts a garage at Marengo; Myron, who is on a farm near his father, married Caroline L. Lundy, and has two children, Marion L. and Marjorie W.; and Harold, who is at home. He went into the service under the First Draft, but was rejected after reaching the training camp in Georgia on account of disability. All of the sons have had high-school educations, and are young men of ability and a superior order of integrity.

ALFRED G. BEATH.

Alfred G. Beath, one of the foremost men of Marengo, owns and operates a fine, modern mercantile establishment, and is regarded as



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an excellent representative of the best business interests of McHenry County. He was born in England, June 17, 1851, one of the eight children of his parents, Robert and Sarah (Peck) Beath. Robert Beath was a baker by trade, and not liking conditions in England, he brought his family to the United States, settling at Rockford, Ill.

Alfred G. Beath was reared at Rockford, having been brought there when four years old, and attended its common and high schools. Learning the trade of a baker, he worked at it, and November 6, 1883, he established himself in the baking business at Marengo, conducting it until 1912, when he branched out as a general merchant, and now carries a stock valued at \$10,000, and owns the building in which it is located.

In 1879 Mr. Beath was united in marriage with Miss Catherine Pherris, and they had one child, Mabel, who married Doctor Ashbaugh, one of the leading physicians and surgeons of Marengo. Mrs. Beath died in 1915. Mr. Beath belongs to the Episcopal Church. Politically he is a Republican, and he was elected a justice of the peace in 1918. He is a Mason, and is High Priest of Lansing Chapter No. 73; and belongs to Calvary Commandery, of Woodstock, and Tibutu Shrine, of Rockford, Illinois. Having traveled extensively and being an exhaustive reader, Mr. Beath is one of the best posted men of Marengo, and his advice is often sought by those who realize that they can rely upon his store of knowledge and good judgment.

EDWARD C. BELL.

Edward C. Bell, one of the substantial farmers of McHenry Township, owns and operates a farm on the outskirts of Ringwood. He was born two miles north of Ringwood, in McHenry Township, May 6, 1856, a son of John B. and Nancy (Coates) Bell, both natives of Ireland, who were married in England, and soon thereafter came to the United States. Immediately after landing in this country they came direct to Ringwood, reaching it in 1851 or possibly in 1852. For a short period they resided in the village of Ringwood, and then moved on the farm of eighty acres on which Edward C. Bell was born. It was a new farm with poor buildings, but John B. Bell was an excellent farmer and business man and improved his property and added to his farm until he owned between 500 and 600 acres. Later on in life, he moved

to Ringwood, built a large house, and he died there in September, 1905, aged eighty-two years, his widow surviving him about twelve years, dying when eighty-seven years old.

Edward C. Bell was reared on the farm, and adopted farming as his life work. For twenty-five years he rented land from his father, and then bought 210 acres in Richmond Township, four miles north of Ringwood, remaining on it eleven years, during that period developing it into a dairy farm. He enlarged the barn and made other improvements, and then sold it in 1911, and bought his present farm of fifty acres adjoining Ringwood. The buildings are in excellent condition, and the house was erected by James Green after the loss of the original one by fire. Since buying this property Mr. Bell has built a silo and now carries on general farming, although on his other farm he bred cattle of the Holstein strain.

On February 10, 1881 Mr. Bell was married to Florence Motley, of Richmond Township, a daughter of Robert and Ann (Sill) Motley, natives of England, Mrs. Motley having been born in the same section of Yorkshire as Mr. Bell's father, and Mr. Motley was born in Lincolnshire. They were married in McHenry County, and lived on their farm until Mrs. Motley died. Mr. and Mrs. Bell have the following children: Louis, who is conducting the farm; Robert, who died at the age of twenty years; Bertha, who is Mrs. Esh of Spring Grove; Walter, who died in 1918, aged thirty years; Mary, who is Mrs. Glenn Esh of Spring Grove; and Howard, who is at home.

FRED B. BENNETT.

Fred B. Bennett, one of the prominent lawyers of McHenry County, real estate owner, and a director of the United State Bank of Crystal Lake, is recognized as a representative man of his locality. He was born in Lake County, Illinois, August 26, 1871, one of three children of his parents, John K. and Louisa (Lytle) Bennett, well-known farmers of Lake County, both now deceased.

Fred B. Bennett attended the local schools of Cuba Township, Lake County, and the high school of Barrington, Cook County, Illinois. He then read law with Hon. C. P. Barnes of Woodstock, and was subsequently admitted to the bar. Immediately thereafter, he commenced the practice of his profession in the office of Mr. Barnes, later leaving

to form a law partnership with Frank R. Jackman, the firm being known as Jackman & Bennett. This association continued for about eight years and until the death of Mr. Jackman in 1908, since which time Mr. Bennett has continued the practice of law alone. He is the legal advisor of the Hoy Banking Company of McHenry, and of the Ringwood Bank, and the United States Bank of Crystal Lake, and is a recognized authority on real estate and corporation law. In politics, a Republican, he has served as city attorney for Huntley and McHenry, and is in every respect one of the leading men of the county.

In 1898 Mr. Bennett was married to Miss Kate C. Hibbard, a daughter of John L. Hibbard of Woodstock, and they have a daughter, Katherine R., who is at home. Mr. Bennett and his family belong to the Congregational Church. He is a Thirty-second Degree and Knight Templar Mason, being a past commander of Calvary Commandery No. 25, and also belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America and the Royal Arcanum. A profound scholar and able lawyer, Mr. Bennett is naturally well versed upon many subjects, and his advice is sought by all classes.

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WALTER C. BESLEY.

Walter C. Besley, D. D. S., one of the leading dental surgeons of McHenry County, is engaged in an active practice at Woodstock, where he is held in the highest esteem, not only in a professional capacity, but personally as well. He was born at Chicago, Ill., July 27, 1875, a son of George W. and Sophia (Cone) Besley, who had three children. George W. Besley was for thirty years a druggist of McHenry, McHenry County, later on moved to Woodstock, where he died in January, 1916, his wife having previously passed away.

After attending the local schools of McHenry County, and the McHenry High School, Walter C. Besley took a course in dentistry at the Northwestern University, from which he was graduated in 1897, and immediately thereafter embarked in a general practice at Wood-

stock, where he has since remained. His offices are conveniently located over the State Bank of Woodstock.

On June 6, 1900, Doctor Besley was married to Miss Cora G. Bennett, and they have the following children: George V., and Walter B. Doctor Besley and his family belong to the Congregational Church of Woodstock. In politics he is a Republican, and for the past eight years he has served continuously as a member of the city council. He is a Mason, an Odd Fellow, and an Elk, and prominent in all of these orders. Skilled in his profession, his success with his patients has resulted in the building up of a large and constantly increasing practice, and the establishment of his reputation as a very valuable citizen in his community.

GUSTAVUS F. BINNEWIES.

Gustavus F. Binnewies, one of the retired farmers of Harvard, was formerly very active in agricultural matters in McHenry County, and still owns his farm in Dunham Township. He was born on this farm, three miles southwest of Harvard, August 22, 1858, a son of Christian and Caroline (Kappenberg) Binnewies, natives of Germany. The parents came to the United States in 1853, and after a stay in Pennsylvania, moved to McHenry County, Ill., where they bought a small farm, adding to it until they had 160 acres, and forty acres of timber in another farm. The original house is still in use, although different additions and many improvements have been made to it. The father put about half the farm under cultivation, carrying on general farming. He came to this country with nothing, but owing to the opportunities here offered, he was able to acquire a valuable property. His death occurred on the farm, October 16, 1886, at the age of sixty-seven years. His widow survives and makes her home with her son, G. F. Binnewies. Of their children, four now survive, namely: Anna, who lives with her mother and brother; Minnie, who married Harve McWilliams, who is a factory man living at Harvard; Carrie, who married Henry Hopperstead, who is in a store at Capron; and Gustavus F. One son died at the age of nineteen years while attending Rockford College and Ida, Josephine and Caroline are also deceased.

Gustavus F. Binnewies remained on the homestead and took charge of it when his father was taken sick, and he is still interested in it,

although for the past fifteen years he has lived in Dunham Township. The present tenant had been on the farm for fifteen years, and he is Mr. Binnewies' partner in handling stock. With his leaving the farm, Mr. Binnewies did not lose interest in it, but has kept up the improvements, and has a very fine property, that he holds at a high figure.

Mr. Binnewies has never married, his sister, Miss Anna being housekeeper for him and his aged mother. He is a Republican, but aside from being a school director, as was his father before him, Mr. Binnewies has not cared to hold office. In the early days of McHenry County, the home of the Binnewies family was the stopping place for the traveling ministers of the German Evangelical faith who used to hold services in the schoolhouses of the neighborhood. When a church of this creed was established at Harvard, they attended it, and gave it their support. Mr. Binnewies is recognized as one of the representative men of his country, and his family is justly numbered among the pioneer ones of this region.

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FRED A. BOHLANDER.

Fred A. Bohlander, one of the leading merchants of McHenry County, owns and operates a fine dry goods establishment at West McHenry, and he is also a director of the West McHenry State Bank. He was born at Monroe, Ill., May 21, 1863, one of the seven children born to his parents. His father, Peter Bohlander, was born in Germany, but came to the United States in 1833. He lived at West Chicago, moving thence to South Chicago, and finally to Monroe, Ill., where he died in 1901. His wife, whose maiden name was Schroeder, died in 1894.

Fred A. Bohlander was reared on his father's farm, and early learned to make himself useful in its conduct. He attended the local schools, and was well grounded in the common branches. When he left home to start in business on his own account, he connected himself with the wholesale shoe trade, continuing in it until 1901, when he came to West

McHenry and founded his present house. He carries a full and complete line of ready-to-wear garments for women, men's furnishing goods, clothing, groceries, shoes and rubber goods, tin and granite ware, notions, toys and all goods ordinarily carried by a modern department store. His stock is a very large and comprehensive one, and the prices are as low as is consistent with the quality and service. In August, 1916, Mr. Pohlander was elected a director of the West McHenry State Bank, his association giving added prestige to that institution.

In 1890 Mr. Bohlander was married to Miss Anna Warneke, a daughter of August Warneke, of Will County, Ill., and they have one son, Roy, who is now at Sycamore, Ill., married Viola Cole. Mr. and Mrs. Bohlander belong to the Evangelical Protestant Church. In political faith, he is a Republican. A man of importance in his community, Mr. Bohlander was connected with the various movements connected with the war activities here, and has otherwise proven his good citizenship and worth as a man.

WILLIAM A. BOIES.

William A. Boies, one of the most highly respected men of McHenry County, who was formerly a successful agriculturalist of Coral Township, is now living retired on his fine farm one mile west of Marengo. He was born at Homer, Courtland County, N. Y., December 15, 1841, a son of Israel and Mary (Ives) Boies, the former born in Massachusetts, and the latter in Connecticut. The Horace Boies, one time governor of Iowa, was a first cousin of Israel Boies, and the family is one found all over the country. In 1859 Israel Boies brought his family west to Darlington, Wis., where they lived for five years, and then came to McHenry County, settling at Marengo.

William A. Boies was educated in New York. He was married, February 20, 1865, at Darlington, Wis., to Lottie Shimmings, who was born on Long Island, N. Y., Oct. 23, 1842, but brought to Wisconsin when a child. After his marriage, Mr. Boies rented his present farm, and during the period he was preparing to buy it, his father, Israel, dealt in cattle, buying at Darlington and shipping to Chicago, having had much experience in stock dealing in New York state. In fact it was the realization of the better opportunities he would have in the west to buy cattle that brought him to Wisconsin. During his earlier

experiences in the east, Israel Boies drove both cattle and sheep to the New York and Philadelphia markets, from rural regions, where he had bought them. In 1878 he went to Byron, Ill., and established himself in a butter manufacturing business, and after he had sold it at a fair profit, he built another butter factory at Davis Junction, Ill., and another at Genoa, Ill., and operated the latter until 1882, when he returned to McHenry County and spent his remaining years at the home of his son, William A. Boies, in Coral Township.

In the meanwhile William A. Boies had been associated in the stock business with his father, operating the Marengo end of it, but in 1868 bought what had been the Orsan Rogers farm. Here during the following year he began making butter, producing his own milk and keeping forty cows. The butter was made by his mother, who was so expert that the demand for her product increased to such an extent that in 1870, William A. Boies erected a building that is still standing, and in order to increase the output, began buying milk of his neighbors. In time he commenced shipping to eastern markets, receiving what was then considered a gilt-edged price, forty cents per pound. Ordinary butter then sold for twenty cents per pound. Until about 1875 Mr. Boies practically controlled the milk supply of his neighborhood, but his success encouraged others to enter his line, and similar creameries were established. His own butter was known as "Creamery" butter, and there was such a demand for it, especially in Rhode Island, that he could not supply it. Recognizing his ability, the owners of the other creameries endeavored to secure him as manager, and he undertook too many responsibilities, as during five years he had charge of nineteen creameries, one of them being in Boone County. Disaster overtook these many enterprises, numerous causes contributing, but the same condition prevailed all over the state. The men who had assumed management were carried down, and the majority of them lost their entire investment, and Mr. Boies was no exception. About 1884, the bottom having fallen out, a change began, which has resulted in the establishment of the present system of handling the milk. It is claimed that one contributing cause of failure was excessive speculation on the Board of Trade. While the project was not a success, the foundation was laid for the development of McHenry into the leading dairy county of Illinois. The early creameries had to contend with many difficulties, among them being the lack of proper equipment. They had no means of testing the milk, nor of preserving it, and disaster was certain.

Mr. Boies shouldered his responsibilities, and went to work to clear

off his debts incurred by the inevitable bankruptcy. Although offered a very flattering position at a high salary in Pennsylvania, he borrowed sufficient money to go into general farming, and through that calling rehabilitated himself financially among the people who had so highly trusted him. Here he raised Holstein cattle, and was very active until about 1918, when he retired. To liquidate his debts he sold his farm, but bought it back again in 1890, and still lives upon it. He owns 588 acres on the Grant Highway. To his credit he it said that while he lost everything, no farmer who dealt with him was out a cent, although he could, had he cared to do so, have evaded many of his obligations.

Mr. and Mrs. Boies have two children, namely: Philip, who operates the home farm, is unmarried, and lives at home; and Jessie M., who married N. L. Jackson, a real estate dealer of Belvidere, Ill. While he is not connected with any religious organization, Mr. Boies attends the services of the Presbyterian Church of which his wife is a member, and he gives it a generous support. Looking back over his life, Mr. Boies takes great pleasure in the fact that in spite of disaster he has kept his name clean, and his credit good. At no time was that credit impaired, for his associates knew that his word was good as gold and that what he promised to carry out, he would do without any evasion, and time has proved this to be correct. Such a man is a valuable asset to any community, and Coral Township is proud of him and what he stands for.

EMIL W. BOLLE.

Emil W. Bolle, a general farmer and dairyman of Grafton Township, owns and operates 200 acres of valuable land. He was born in Switzerland, May 21, 1868, a son of Charles and Mary (Corsell) Bolle, and a grandson of Joseph Bolle, a native of France. Charles Bolle was born in Germany, and was a civil engineer.

Emil W. Bolle attended the common and high schools of Germany, and came to the United States in 1903, settling in McHenry County. Prior to coming here, he was superintendent of a large tanning factory at Berlin, Germany. Since coming here, he has been engaged in farming. In 1913, he bought his present farm of 200 acres in Grafton Township, and he milks twenty-four cows.



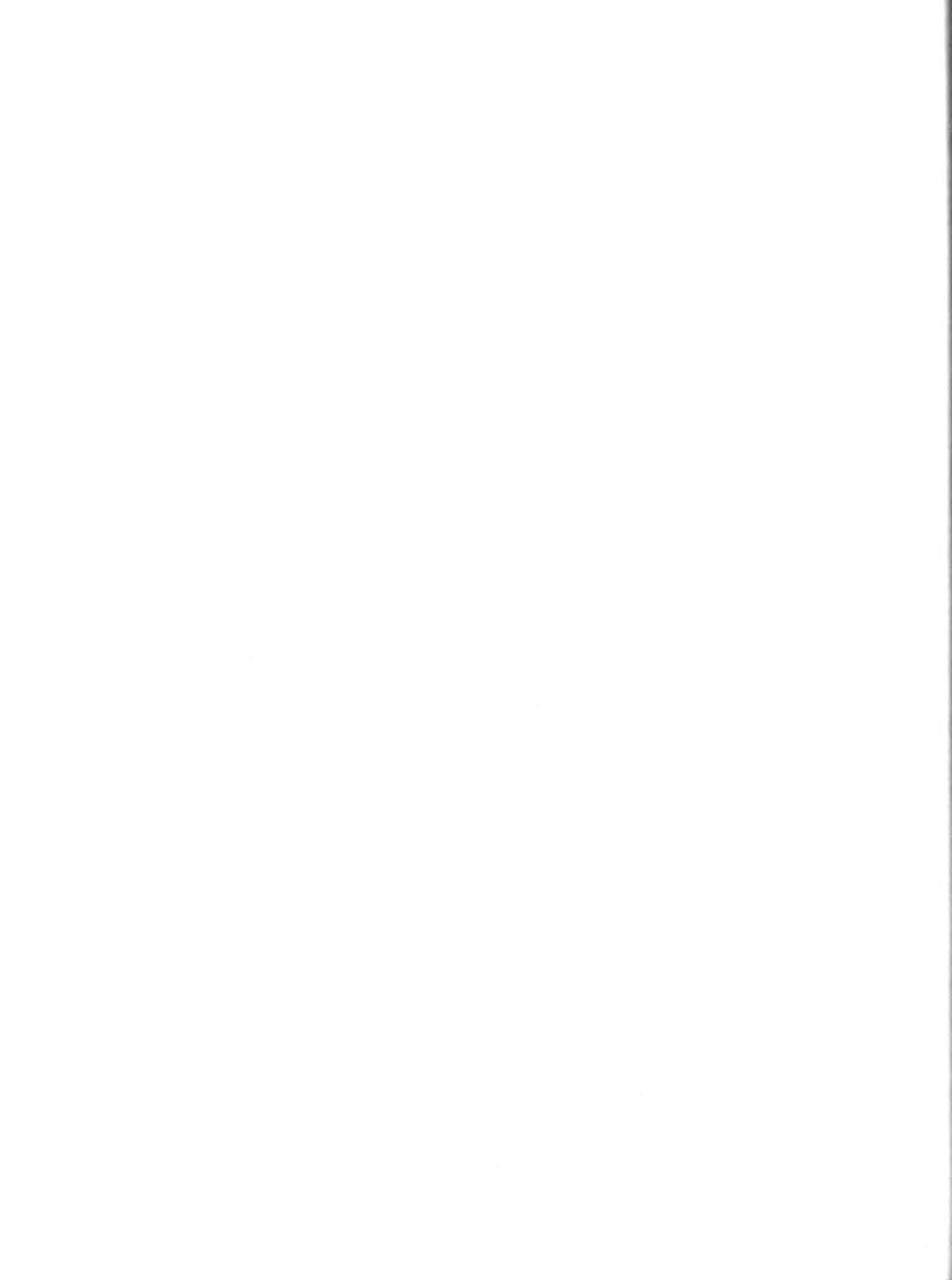
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In 1893 Mr. Bolle was married to Teressa Risto, born in Germany. Mr. and Mrs. Bolle have the following children: Emil, Arthur, Mattie, Eugene, Agnes, Lucy and William. Mr. Bolle is an independent Republican, casting the vote accorded him for the man he deems best fitted for the office in question. He belongs to the Odd Fellows and Mystic Workers of the World. The family belong to the Evangelical church. Thrifty and hard working, he has made a success of his undertakings in his adopted country.

FRED G. BOSSHARD.

Fred G. Bosshard, president of the Woodstock Implement Company, incorporated, is one of the live and energetic young business men of McHenry County, who deserves the success his efforts have brought him. He was born at La Crosse, Wis., June 11, 1886, one of the two children of Edward and Marie (Sulzer) Bosshard. Edward Bosshard was born in Wisconsin, in the city of Sauk, and in his home state his useful life was spent, he being for a number of years one of the substantial merchants of Sauk. He died in that city in 1893.

At the age of eight Fred B. Bosshard went to Switzerland, and attended the graded and high schools of Winterthur. Returning to La Crosse in 1903 he took a course at the Keef College of La Crosse, from which he was graduated in 1905, following which he accepted a position with the La Crosse Plow Company as bookkeeper. Leaving that concern in 1910, he went to Beaver Dam, Wis., as head bookkeeper of the J. S. Rowell Manufacturing Company, and from there came to Woodstock in 1912, and organized his present business under his own name. The following year it was incorporated as The Woodstock Implement Company, with Alvin J. Eppel as secretary and treasurer. The firm handles farm machinery, tractors, gasoline engines, wagons, carriages, automobiles, tires and supplies, and does well work.

In 1911 Mr. Bosshard was married to Miss Inga M. Solbery, a daughter of Louis Solbery, and they have one child, Winifred L. Mr. and Mrs. Bosshard belong to the Presbyterian church. In politics he is a Republican. His fraternal connections are with the Masonic order. The beautiful family residence at No. 418 Jefferson street is noted for its delightful hospitality, and here Mr. and Mrs. Bosshard entertain their many friends.

J. L. BOSSLER.

Now that the supplying of the world as well as this country with foodstuffs has become of such paramount importance, the work of the farmer has increased in value and dignity. Among those of McHenry County whose labors have been directed along this exceedingly important line is J. L. Bossler of Greenwood Township.

The birth of J. L. Bossler occurred on the farm he now owns and occupies, on Section 28, Greenwood Township, October 28, 1874, he being a son of John J. Bossler, born in France. When he came to the United States, the father first located in Lake County, Ill., migrating to McHenry County in the early sixties, and settling on section 28, Greenwood Township, where he developed a farm, and here died. He was married to Thressa Benisch, born in Austria, who survives him, and lives with her son, J. L. Bossler. They had a daughter, Minnie E., who is now deceased.

J. L. Bossler was reared on the homestead, and alternated attending the district schools, with work on the farm, learning from experience how to be a practical agriculturalist. He now owns 160 acres, twenty acres being in pasture, twenty acres in timber, and the remaining 120 acres being the well tilled land of the homestead. Mr. Bossler has made many improvements on his farm. In politics he has always been independent, preferring to use his own judgment with reference to voting, rather than be bound down by party ties. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus, and belongs to the Catholic church, as does his mother. An industrious, capable man, he has well earned the confidence and esteem he inspires.

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JAMES THOMAS BOWER.

James Thomas Bower, one of the retired business men and farmers living at Richmond, has been very active in the affairs of his township and village, and faithfully discharged the duties of a number of public

offices. He was born at Chicago, December 8, 1853, and comes of an old and honored family here, his father having been a heavy land-owner. When he was nineteen years old he left the homestead, and going to Fulton, Ill., spent some time at that place, and then returned to McHenry County. In September, 1885, Mr. Bower was appointed postmaster of Richmond, and re-appointed under the second Cleveland administration. From 1890 to 1900 he conducted a harness shop, and then was engaged in a fire insurance business. For ten years he was on the board of review, from 1907 to 1917, and he has filled all of the local offices, although a Democrat and living in a strong Republican township, which speaks very well for his personal popularity. For twenty years he has been township clerk, and police magistrate, and has served as member and president of the village board, is now its clerk, and is one of the best known men in the country. When his father died, Mr. Bower inherited the old home farm of 411 acres, three miles east of Richmond, and since it has come into his efficient hands, he has made many improvements, including the remodeling of the buildings, the erection of two silos and the installation of everything to put the farm in fine shape. Dairying is the principal feature, and from forty to fifty cows are kept. Mr. Bower has a tenant operating his farm on shares.

So well known is Mr. Bower as a man of the utmost probity, that he has oftentimes been called upon to act as administrator of estates, conservator of properties and guardian of orphans. A Mason, he belongs to Calvary Commandery, K. T., and visits the national conclaves, and also belongs to the Eastern Star, of which Mrs. Bower was worthy matron at the time of her demise, May 12, 1908.

In September, 1880, Mr. Bower was married to Mary Ella Potter, and they had one son, Earl E., who is connected with the National City Bond House of New York, with headquarters at Omaha, Nebr., spent nineteen years in the Woodstock Bank, and was cashier for sixteen years, being at that time regarded as one of the most efficient financiers of the country. Mr. Bower has a pleasant home at Richmond, which was the girlhood residence of his wife. A public-spirited man, Mr. Bower has given his services to the school board since 1890, and can be counted upon to protect the interests of the children, providing for them suitable surroundings and efficient teachers. It would be difficult to find a more thoroughly representative man than Mr. Bower, who in every capacity measures up to the highest standards of American citizenship.

DANIEL B. BOYLE.

Daniel B. Boyle, general manager and junior member of the well known firm of Shurtlett & Peters Company, dealers in grain, coal and lumber, is one of the progressive business men of Marengo, as well as of McHenry County. He was born at Marengo, November 29, 1877, one of the nine children of his parents, Daniel and Mary (Tracy) Boyle. Daniel Boyle, Sr., was born in Ireland in 1836, but came to the United States in the early sixties, and locating at Marengo, here rounded out his useful life. His wife died in 1888.

Daniel B. Boyle attended the common and high schools of his native place, and commenced his business career in 1903 with Redpath & Company, grain dealers, continuing with them until the business was sold in 1907, at which time he formed his present partnership. Mr. Boyle has six persons under his supervision, and the business shows a healthy annual increase.

In 1906 Mr. Boyle was united in marriage with Miss Frances M. Redpath, a daughter of David Redpath, and a member of one of the prominent families of McHenry County. Mr. and Mrs. Boyle have two children, namely: Margaret L., who was born in 1908; and Lindsey B., who was born in January, 1910. Mr. Boyle is a consistent member of the Roman Catholic church. The business acumen of Mr. Boyle is shown in his management of his concern, and his upright policies have won for it a patronage that is gratifying and profitable.

GILBERT BRAINARD.

Gilbert Brainard, now deceased, was formerly one of the leading agriculturalists of McHenry County, but lived at Harvard for several years prior to his death which occurred in December, 1911, when he was fifty-four years old. He was married at Lawrence, Ill., to Emma Brown, who was born on a farm near Lawrence, to which her father had come from one of the eastern states. The homestead of Gilbert Brainard which is well improved, comprised 300 acres, he having developed the property, but the house now standing has been built since his death. Mr. Brainard specialized on raising cucumbers for sale to pickling factories. For some years he was connected with the McHenry County Fair Association, served on the school board for years, and was

a very public-spirited man. His political convictions made him a Republican. The Methodist Episcopal church had in him an earnest member, and he was one of the original class at Lawrence, that later founded the church at Harvard, and Mr. Brainard was a class leader of the latter for several years. Mrs. Brainard died a year before him. They had the following children: Charles Gilbert and Susie May, who died young; Emma, who owns the old homestead, and built the residence at Harvard she now occupies, is very active in community work; Charles Gilbert, who lives at Round Lake; and Susie May, who lives at home, is a teacher at Woodstock.

CHARLES L. BRATZLER.

Charles L. Bratzler owns and operates 160 acres of valuable land in Algonquin Township, where he is engaged in breeding pure-bred cattle, is a resident of Algonquin, and serving as assistant supervisor of his township. He is also secretary for R. E. Haeger, widely known as a cattle man. Mr. Bratzler was born in Algonquin Township, November 19, 1889, a son of J. C. and Eva M. (Jayne) Bratzler, who had four children. J. C. Bratzler was extensively engaged in farming in Algonquin Township, where he died in 1902.

Charles L. Bratzler attended the common and high schools of Algonquin, and his first business experience was with a bank. In 1909 he became secretary of R. E. Haeger, which position he still retains. That same year he was made assistant supervisor of Algonquin Township, and is still representing his township on the county board. In politics he is a staunch Republican, and one of the leaders of his party in this part of the county.

On July 15, 1915, Mr. Bratzler was united in marriage with Miss Susie M. Binnie, a daughter of Alexander Binnie, and a member of one of the pioneer families of Kane County. His fraternal affiliations are with the Masons and Elks. Mr. Bratzler has long been connected with the breeding of pure-bred Holstein cattle, and his success in this line has made his name a well known one among cattlemen.

MARTIN C. BREMER.

Martin C. Bremer, now living retired at Marengo, is one of the highly respected men of McHenry County, who is entitled to the regard

of his fellow citizens. He was born at Elk Grove, Cook County, Ill., May 3, 1860, a son of Henry and Dorothea (Steege) Bremer. Henry Bremer was born in Germany, and when eighteen years old he came to the United States, and became a farmer in Cook County, Ill., where the mother died when her son, Martin, was ten years old. Henry Bremer was married (second) to Sophie Hageman, who survives him, and lives at Marengo. In 1882 Henry Bremer came to McHenry County, locating on a farm four miles northwest of Marengo, a portion of which is still owned by Martin Bremer, and the other part by his brother Henry.

When he was twenty-eight years old Martin Bremer was married to Dorothea Schroder of Huntley, who died two and one-half years later, leaving him with the following children: Fred, who married Ethel Bearnslley, lives at Marengo; and his three children, Ethel, Ralph and Jean; Amanda, who married George Rappich, has a daughter, Adeline, and lives at Marengo; and Herman, who married Elizabeth Husfeldt, was in the service during the World war, is now at home with his father, and lives on the home farm. On June 10, 1918, Mr. Bremer was married (second) to Mrs. Louisa (Stumme) Strubing, also born at Elk Grove, Ill., but married at Elgin, Ill., where her first husband Mr. Strubing, had been a merchant. By her first marriage Mrs. Bremer had two daughters, namely: Loretta and Ruth Strubing, both of whom live at Elgin. There are no children of Mr. Bremer's second marriage. The Lutheran Church of Marengo has in Mr. and Mrs. Bremer faithful members and he is a trustee.

After some years devoted to the operation of his farm, Mr. Bremer retired, and now makes his home at Marengo, where he finds congenial surroundings. He has been in past years a hard worker, and knowing how to save his money and invest it, he can now enjoy the comforts of life without undue exertion.

WHITNEY BRIGHAM.

Whitney Brigham, one of the prosperous farmers of Hebron Township, lives two miles west of Hebron, and was born on his present farm, February 9, 1878, a son of Charles Morris Brigham. The father was also born on this farm, August 7, 1845, and died July 19, 1894. The grandparents of Whitney Brigham, Whitney and Mary (Colson) Brigham natives of Vermont, on September 6, 1839 entered 120 acres of

land in Hebron Township, long before the railroad was built or there were improvements in the county.

Charles Morris Brigham was married when twenty-five years of age to Fanny Campbell, a native of Vermont, who was brought to Illinois when she was two years old, and she survives her husband and makes her home at Hebron. They had the following children: Bertha B., who is the widow of Mark Stone, lives at Richmond; Florence, who lives with her mother at Hebron; Grace M., who married Edgar Swan, lives at Libertyville, Ill.; and Whitney, whose name heads this review.

Whitney Brigham has spent his life upon his present farm. He was married February 20, 1901 to Clara Tribbey, born at Janesville, Wis., a daughter of Erastus and Jane (Shirley) Tribbey, natives of Vermont and Germany, respectively, who came to McHenry County shortly prior to Mrs. Brigham's marriage. Mr. Tribbey died October 5, 1918, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Brigham. Mr. and Mrs. Brigham have four children, namely: Shirley, Joyce, Libbey Jean and Beulah Belle.

Mr. Brigham has 240 acres in his farm where he carries on dairying with fifty cows. His house was erected by his grandfather, but later was rebuilt. He has two cement silos, one 14 x 40 and the other 18 x 44 feet. Mrs. Brigham belongs to the Baptist church, but her husband is not connected with any religious organization. Fraternally he is a Woodman.

SAMUEL RIGHT BROWN.

Samuel Right Brown, now deceased, was born at Bedford, Mass., November 17, 1817, and he died at Cary, Ill., February 2, 1908, having lived in retirement in that village for some seventeen years prior to his demise. He was married at Bath, N. Y., to Sallie Ann Cass, born June 3, 1817, at Bath, N. Y. After his marriage he came to Kankakee, Ill., where a brother, Darien E. Brown had already located, and about two years later, Samuel R. Brown came to McHenry County, to join Mrs. Brown's two sisters, Lucy, who was Mrs. A. L. Weaver; and Matilda, who was Mrs. David Miller, both of Algonquin Township, where their husbands had secured land from the government. Samuel R. Brown rented the farm he later bought, on which was an old house. It was partly covered with timber. He cleared off the land, drained

it and put up a good set of buildings, to which a silo and other improvements have since been added. For years Mr. Brown made butter for private customers in addition to carrying on his farmings, becoming one of the well known men of his community. On December 3, 1902, Mr. Brown had the misfortune to lose his wife. They were the parents of the following children: William C., who enlisted when only sixteen years old in Company I, Ninety-fifth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, under Captain James Nish, and he served through the Civil War, coming out of the conflict without any wounds but with his health so impaired that he died fifteen years later; Samuel K., who is a well-known stockman, lives at Cary with his sister; Martha, who is the widow of Mark Osgood, also lives at Cary; Charlotte, who died at the age of eighteen years, had attended the academy at Elgin; Julia, who lives at Cary, is a very progressive lady, who during the World War was active in Red Cross work, and belongs to the Woman's Club, Royal Neighbors and Ladies' Aid Society; Darwin, who is a prominent man and successful farmer of Lake County, Ill.; Melvin, who is deceased, was a prominent cement contractor, and passed away at Wancenda, Ill., in 1913; Daniel M., was a milk dealer of Chicago for some years, was educated in the Elgin Academy; and Dora, who married Ben Rand of Crystal Lake, died when about fifty years of age. The Brown family is one of the best-known ones in McHenry County, and its members during their long residence here have been connected with some of the most constructive work of their section, and are recognized as being typical of the advanced spirit which seems to prevail in this portion of Illinois.

ARCHIE H. BROTZMAN.

The star on the service flag in the home of Arthur H. Brotzman has turned to gold; there is a vacant chair in the family circle; aching hearts seek solace for the supreme sacrifice which took from a useful, happy life one of McHenry County's most promising young men, Horace A. Brotzman. The great patriotism of this family has been called upon more heavily than that of any other at Marengo, and its members can only be consoled by the remembrance of the fact that their gallant young soldier died in defense of what all of them believed to be right and good, and that he did not try to shirk his duty, but met the requirements of American manhood as a good citizen should.



Henry McMillan & Wife

Arthur H. Brotzman, familiarly called "Archie," is now living retired at Marengo, but he was formerly engaged in farming. He was born at Huntley, this county, April 22, 1869, a son of John Brotzman, a native of Ohio, who spent his boyhood in Madison County, that state, to which his father, John, had come from Pennsylvania in an early day. In 1859 John Brotzman, the younger, came to Illinois, his brother, Nahum, who still resides in Riley Township, coming later. Nahum Brotzman was a loyal soldier during the Civil War, and has been an able official of Riley Township, serving it as supervisor for the past thirty years. There is no more true blue American in the township than he. His son, Earl Brotzman, is well known at the Chicago Stock Yards, having been for the past quarter of a century connected with the commission firm of Miller, White and Wood.

Upon his arrival in McHenry County, John Brotzman settled at Huntley on a farm. Like his brother he served his country during the Civil War, enlisting in the Fifty-second Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and served for three years and three days, or until peace was declared. Although not wounded, a horse was shot under him. Returning to McHenry County he resumed his farming. Soon after the close of the war he was married to Libbie Melvin, who came from Michigan to McHenry County as a teacher in Riley Township and Coral Township, and was engaged in educational work for several years. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Brotzman located on the farm near Huntley, now owned by Archie H. Brotzman. In the spring of 1870 John Brotzman bought the farm in Riley Township, four and one-half miles south of Marengo, where he died November 7, 1918, aged eighty-four years, having been born February 15, 1834. His wife died in the seventies, when twenty-seven years old, leaving two children, namely: Libbie, who is Mrs. William Weaver, lives on the old homestead, and Archie H. Brotzman. This farm was a run-down one of 120 acres, which he put in good shape, adding to it until there were 182½ acres in it. On it he erected a fine set of buildings so that it is a valuable property. John Brotzman served for thirty years as township clerk, and for twenty-five years as assessor, being in both offices continuously. He was a Republican, and very active in local affairs. An excellent judge of horses, as well as a lover of them, John Brotzman became well known at exhibits of driving horses, and did a good business in matching teams and selling them. He always drove a good grade of horse himself, and was a magnificent driver.

Archie H. Brotzman remained at home and attended the local schools

When he was twenty-four years old he was married to Sadie Hance, a daughter of Charles and Evelyn (Frayser) Hance, the latter now a resident of Marengo. Mr. Hance was a carpenter and building contractor, who died May 30, 1907. After his marriage A. H. Brotzman bought a farm two miles from the old farm, but sold it eight years later, and rented land for a time. He then bought another farm of forty acres. About 1916 he moved to Marengo. He has always been interested in handling stock, and ships to the Chicago market. He has also handled milk cows for the dairymen's trade, and has been interested in other branches of the agricultural industry. He is a member of the Mystic Workers.

Mr. and Mrs. Brotzman have had the following children born to them: John, who was sent overseas from Camp Tremont, August 26, 1917, was in Siberia for some months as a soldier of the National Army; Horace, who was in the coast artillery, enlisted May 12, 1918, and June 28, 1918, died at Fort Weatherill on Narragansett Bay as a result of an accident, when only twenty-one years of age; Eloise, who is in the office of the Ellison Machine Company; Florence, who was graduated from the Marengo High School in 1919; and Clifford, who is at Woodstock. The death of Horace Brotzman was a heavy blow not only to his immediate family but to the community where he had been reared, and where he was known as a bright, clean, ambitious young man, whom it was felt was destined for a happy and successful future. War exacts a heavy price, and the family and friends of this young soldier are paying it in losing him from their midst, and his community suffers because he was not spared for constructive work in its behalf.

SAMUEL W. BROWN.

Samuel W. Brown, postmaster of Ringwood, and owner of one of the leading drug stores of McHenry Township, is one of the best known men of this section of McHenry County. He was born in McHenry County August 23, 1880, one of the two children of his parents, Jonathan E. and Emma (Rugg) Brown, the former of whom was born in New Hampshire, but came to McHenry County in an early day, locating at Hebron in 1849, but later moving to Ringwood, where he died in 1911. His widow survives him.

Samuel W. Brown attended the grammar and high schools of

McHenry County, the Elgin Academy and a business college, from which he was graduated in 1896. He then took a course in pharmacy at the Northwestern University, and following his graduation, embarked in his present business. He handles a complete line of drugs, paints, oils, wall paper, school books, stationery, and similar commodities, his stock being valued at \$5,000. A staunch Republican, he was appointed postmaster November 24, 1904, by President Roosevelt, and so capable has he proven himself that he has since been continued in office by the successive presidents.

On September 12, 1906, Mr. Brown was married to Miss Lora McDonnell, a daughter of James McDonnell, a veteran of the Civil War, and a prominent resident of McHenry County. Mr. and Mrs. Brown have a son, Leonard J., who was born September 13, 1914. Mr. Brown is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and Mrs. Brown belongs to the Catholic church. His fraternal affiliations are with the Masons and Woodmen of America, and he is as popular in these orders as he is with the community at large.

THERON HOMER BROWN.

Theron Homer Brown, police magistrate of Woodstock, and one of the solid and representative men of McHenry County, enjoys the esteem of all with whom he is brought into contact on account of his fair and impartial methods of dispensing justice. He was born in New York, October 13, 1857, one of the four children of his parents, Alexander A. and Anna G. (Tucker) Brown, the former of whom was a prosperous farmer of New York state.

Theron Homer Brown was reared in his native state, where he attended the public schools. Until 1901, he was engaged in farming, but in that year he came to Woodstock and embarked in an insurance business. For eight consecutive years he served McHenry County as superintendent of the poor farm, leaving that position to accept that of police magistrate when he was elected as such in 1910. So capable did he prove, that he was re-elected on his record, in 1914, and is still serving.

Mr. Brown was married to Miss Rosa A. Thompson, a daughter of Edward Thompson, and they had a son, Volney E., who is at home. The first Mrs. Brown died October 1, 1916. On July 29, 1918, Mr.

Brown married her sister, Mrs. Minnie Fuller, of Indianapolis, Ind. Mr. Brown and his family belong to the Methodist Episcopal church of Woodstock. He is a member of the Blue Lodge, Chapter and Commandery of the Masonic fraternity, and of the Modern Woodmen of America, serving the last named order as clerk. So uniformly just are the decisions of Magistrate Brown that very few of them are reversed by the higher courts, and his record is one of which anyone in a similar office might well be proud.

WILLIAM BRUEDIGAN.

William Bruedigan is a man who is successfully carrying on a business established by his father, and giving the community of Crystal Lake excellent service as a machinist and expert blacksmith. He was born at Crystal Lake, Ill., July 18, 1883, and is one of the four children of his parents, Henry and Augusta (Kollankork) Bruedigan, natives of Germany, who came to the United States at an early day. They located at Crystal Lake, and here Henry Bruedigan established his son's present business, continuing his interest in it until his retirement in 1914. Although now living in retirement from the cares of business, he takes an intelligent interest in local affairs, and is a very desirable citizen.

William Bruedigan was reared at Crystal Lake, and attended its grammar schools, and was taught his trades by his father, early gaining a practical knowledge of life and its requirements. His father took him into the business twenty years ago, and when he retired, the son became the sole owner, operating as Bruedigan & Co. In November 10, 1910, William Bruedigan was married to Miss Rose Miller. Mr. Bruedigan is a Republican. He and his wife belong to the Lutheran church. A young man of industrious habits, he has increased his trade, and firmly established himself in the confidence and respect of his community.

JOHN BUCHTE.

John Buchte, mayor of Union, and general superintendent of Libby, McNeill & Libby's establishment at this city, is one of the leading men of his part of the county, and deserves the prosperity which has attended

his career. He was born February 15, 1883, one of the ten children of Conrad and Caroline (Hemming) Buchte. Conrad Buchte was engaged in farming for a number of years and after having secured a comfortable fortune, retired, and is spending his declining years in ease.

John Buchte attended the common and high schools of his neighborhood, and gained a practical knowledge of farming from his father. His first business venture was in a mercantile line, and he continued in it until he was offered his present position, when he was twenty-six years old. This involves heavy responsibilities, but he has proven himself capable of meeting them, and manages his fifty employes efficiently. A Mason, he belongs to Oriental Lodge No. 358, A. F. & A. M. of Union, and he also belongs to the Eastern Star. In politics he is a Republican. A man of unusual business ability, his worth is appreciated by all who know him.

JOHN V. BUCKLAND.

John V. Buckland, proprietor of the Ringwood Nursery, is one of the best known men in his line in this part of the state, and enjoys a patronage which extends over a wide territory. He was born at Green Lake, Wis., August 9, 1859, a son of Romulus A. and Laura E. (Smith) Buckland.

Romulus A. Buckland was a native of Brandon, Vt., where he received his education. He came west in 1849, and stopped at Dundee, Ill. The following year he was engaged with a party of engineers to survey and locate the railroad from Elgin to Richmond, with headquarters at McHenry. There he made the acquaintance of Laura E. Smith. After their marriage they lived for some time at Smith's Corners, then moved to Rochester, Wis., but finally located at Green Lake, Wis., where he was engaged in farming in connection with his brother until 1865, when he concluded to change his occupation, on account of failing health. They returned to Ringwood, lived about a year at Smith's Corners, and in 1867 he located and built a cheese factory and dwelling at Ringwood, and moved his family there in December of that year. In the spring of 1869, Mrs. Buckland's health began to fail rapidly. She died June 22, 1869, and was buried in Ringwood Cemetery. She left four children, namely: Moseley A., who was named for his old railroad companion; John V., whose name heads this

review; Clara E. and Howard A. Romulus A. Buckland was married (second) to Harriet A. Pike, a native of New Hampshire, who came to Ringwood as a teacher. She had entered the educational field in the south as an instructor of colored children after the close of the Civil war. She joined relatives at Ringwood after her experiences in the south, and was engaged to teach the Ladd School at Ladd's Corners, and later taught at Greenwood and Woodstock, returning to Ladd's Corners where she was married August 8, 1870.

R. A. Buckland died August 8, 1885, after many years of failing health. In 1895 J. V. Buckland erected a new residence and remodeled the factory building into a barn.

Harriet A. Buckland died October 31, 1918, and was buried in Ringwood Cemetery.

John V. Buckland has operated both the farm and nursery and has been a very busy man. He has ten acres devoted to nursery stock, and also grows fruits, supplying a general line of trees, shrubs, and plants to the local trade, although he has an excellent patronage from the proprietors of summer resorts who desire to beautify their places with his landscape stock. He has studied landscape gardening, and is often called upon to assist in planning for this class of work. Mr. Buckland keeps a few high-grade Jersey cows and Barred Plymouth Rock chickens. He is not married, his step-mother managing his household. Fraternally Mr. Buckland is a Mason and Woodman. He has never aspired to public life, his time and attention being fully occupied with his varied duties.

BILLINGS BURTON.

Billings Burton, now deceased, was a retired farmer of Harvard, and one of the most highly esteemed men of the county, who richly deserved the confidence of his fellow citizens. He was born at Canajoharie, Montgomery County, N. Y., April 26, 1821. In the fall of 1841, he came to Illinois, landing at Southport, now Kenosha, and walked the remaining forty-four miles to Harvard. After looking about him, he selected what is now Chemung Township, and entered government land six miles northwest of Harvard.

In 1844, Billings Burton was married to Harriet J. Sweasey, who came from Springfield, Otsego County, N. Y., to Illinois, with her

parents in the early forties. She was born October 22, 1828, and died May 13, 1910. In 1901 Billings Burton sold his farm, which is now owned by Blake Bell, and moved to Sharon, but later settled at Harvard, where he rounded out his long and useful life, passing away in his eighty-sixth year. Few men are permitted to see so many radical changes as did Mr. Billings Burton. When he arrived in McHenry County almost the entire region was either prairie land with unturned sod, or densely timbered sections, and all of the present development has in large part been accomplished since he, as a young man, walked that forty-four miles between Kenosha and Harvard. He was a man of sound judgment and broad outlook, and while of course he could not have foreseen what was going to happen in its entirety, still he did have faith enough in the future of McHenry County to decide to spend in it the best years of his life. That he succeeded admirably in developing a valuable property, and establishing here a family that has gained distinction, shows that he knew what he was doing when he reached that decision.

Billings Burton has passed from his old life, but he has left to represent him and his good wife twenty-eight grand-children, eighteen great-grand-children, his brother, Charles Burton of Sharon, in addition to his eleven children, who are as follows: James O., who lives in LeRoy Township; Orrin, who lives at Sharon, Ill.; Menzo, who lives in Chemung Township; Mrs. Sarah Corkins, who lives at Peabody, Kans.; Mrs. Mahala Piper, who lives at Sharon, Ill.; Mrs. Joe Englehardt, who lives at Sharon; Mrs. L. Kizer, Mrs. J. B. Englehardt, Mrs. Horton Gillis and Mrs. Clara Spicer, the last four living at Harvard; and Mrs. Charles Quackenbush, who lives near the old Burton homestead in Chemung Township. His daughter, Mrs. George Little, and his sisters, Mrs. Mercey Burr and Mrs. Elizabeth Hollester, died subsequent to his demise.

MENZO E. BURTON.

Menzo E. Burton, whose finely developed farm is located on section 6, Chemung Township, lives on the old Merriam farm of 150 acres, of which sixty acres are in Boone County. He was born on the old Burton farm, May 19, 1871, and was the youngest son of the family of Billings Burton, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work. He left home when twelve years old and has earned his own way ever since.

Learning the buttermaking trade, he was engaged in it in Wisconsin, Illinois, Iowa, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, Colorado and Missouri, and assisted in establishing a number of creameries in these different states. It was his custom to erect the building, install the machinery and then educate someone to take charge, after which he would go on to another community. Oftentimes, however, he was called back by urgent appeals of the stockholders who wished to have his expert knowledge and experience to guide their enterprise. Still later he covered North Dakota, Minnesota and other western states, twenty-two in all, and in each state established creameries at various producing centers, the majority of which are still in operation. Mr. Burton was thus occupied for about twenty years of his life.

He had been married at the age of twenty-one years at Williams Bay, Wisconsin, to Lottie Green, and she died six and one-half years later. He was married (second) to Hattie L. Merriam, a daughter of Hamilton and Mary Merriam, who owned the present farm of Mr. and Mrs. Burton, to which she was brought from Linn, Wisconsin, when five years old. Mrs. Burton's parents died in Sharon, firm in the faith of the Methodist Episcopal church. At their death, Mr. Burton bought the Merriam farm, and has made many changes upon it. This farm was entered from the government by a Mr. Bird, and he built the first house, but it was destroyed by fire in 1914, and in 1918 Mr. Burton replaced it with a fine modern structure. He has added twenty-two acres across the railroad, so that there are now 150 acres in the farm, the greater part of which is cultivated. Here Mr. Burton carries on grain and stock farming with a gratifying success.

Mr. Burton was called upon to make the supreme sacrifice as his eldest son, the gallant young soldier Serg. Burnice Burton, was killed in action during the first big drive on Verdun, October 16, 1916. He enlisted at Panama in the English Aviation Service, going there from Virginia where he was operating a creamery, at the outbreak of the World War. He left a widow, whose maiden name was Helen Claypool, whom he had married in Oklahoma, and two sons, Bernard and Theodore. Serg. Burton was an experienced flyer and had been at the front some time. His family received a characteristically cheery letter from him just a week before he was killed. Like so many heroes of that mighty conflict, he was very young, only twenty-three when stricken from the rolls of life. All that is mortal of this young man who loved humanity better than he did his own safety, is buried near Verdun, and his grave is properly indicated and marked. By his second marriage, Menzo E.



Chas Le Meads



Burton has the following children: Paul Everett, who is a graduate of the Sharon High School; Victor Carroll and Donald M., who are attending the Sharon High School; and Bessie Louise, who is the youngest. All of these children are living at home.

The father of Mrs. Burton, the late Hamilton Merriam, was born near Syracuse, N. Y., May 23, 1832, and he died at Sharon May 23, 1901, on his sixty-ninth birthday, where he was living retired. As a child he was taken by his parents, Allen and Permelia Merriam, to Walworth County, Wis. They were natives of New York, who died near Linn, Wis. Hamilton Merriam was married in 1860 to Mary Brown, also born in New York, who came to Wisconsin when eighteen years old. Until her marriage she was a school teacher. In 1881 Mr. and Mrs. Merriam came to McHenry County and bought the Henry Bird place, two miles east of Sharon. Mr. Bird lived on his farm until he retired and went to Sharon where he died at an advanced age. Mr. and Mrs. Merriam had the following family: Permelia Belle, who is Mrs. Duncan Stevenson of Madison, Wis.; George, who lives near Palmyra, Wis.; Wallace, who lives near Darius, Wis.; Orrin, who lives on a part of the Merriam farm; Hattie, who is Mrs. Burton; and Fred, who lives at Janesville, Wis.

The Burton family is another of the highly respected ones of McHenry County that is connected by intermarriage with a number of others that belong in the best class of those who aided so materially in the settlement and development of this important section of the state. Mr. Burton and his wife are potent factors in the neighborhood, and their children are bright young people who give promise of becoming useful and enterprising citizens.

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JOHN CAREY.

John Carey, a prominent man and retired farmer of McHenry, at one time owned and operated one of the largest farms in McHenry County, but since 1915 has lived at ease, having fairly earned the right

to do so by long years of arduous labor in tilling the soil. He was born in Lake County, Ill., July 15, 1853, and has been a resident of McHenry County since 1857, at which time his parents, John and Mary (Dorey) Carey, came here. The father, John Carey, was born in Ireland, but came to the United States in 1818, and first settled in Lake County, Ill. His life was spent in farming, and he owned and operated a large amount of land. His death occurred in McHenry County in 1897. He and his wife had five children.

John Carey, the younger, attended the schools of McHenry County, and was reared on his father's farm. All of his efforts were directed towards farming, and he still owns 400 acres of very valuable McHenry County farm land. He married Miss Mary Phalen, a daughter of Thomas Phalen. They became the parents of eight children, of whom six survive. The family all belong to the Catholic Church. In politics Mr. Carey is a Democrat. During his entire life, Mr. Carey has been deeply interested in local improvements, and with the entry of this country into the World War, he proved his loyalty and public spirit in many ways.

MERVILLE A. CARMACK.

Merville A. Carmack, one of the leading lawyers practicing at the McHenry County bar, has long been a resident of Woodstock, and one of its representative men. He was born in Dunham Township, this county, August 23, 1872, a son of Abraham and Caroline C. (Niewerth) Carmack. Abraham Carmack was twice married and had seven children. He was born in Crawford County, Pa., and when he attained to his majority he came west to Illinois, settling in McHenry County, where he was engaged in farming. This county remained his home until his death, which occurred February 17, 1892. His wife died several days before him, passing away on February 11, of that same year.

Merville A. Carmack attended the district schools of his native township, Harvard High School and other preparatory schools, and when he attained to manhood, he began reading law under Hon. O. H. Gilmore, being admitted to the bar in 1901, and immediately thereafter began to practice his profession. Since then, he has been connected with some very important jurisprudence, and has built up an enduring reputation for knowledge of the law, and skilful handling of cases.

In 1906 Mr. Carmack was married to Miss Belle G. Allen, a daughter of E. W. Allen, and a member of one of the old established families of McHenry County. Mr. and Mrs. Carmack have three children, namely: Klaron M., M. Allan, and Carrol. Their residence is at No. 377 Lincoln Avenue, Woodstock. Mr. Carmack's political opinions make him a Republican of the progressive type. He is a Mason in good standing.

CHARLES D. CARPENTER.

Charles D. Carpenter, now living retired at Marengo, is one of the highly respected men of McHenry County, where he has passed the greater part of his life. He was born in Delaware County, N. Y., October 2, 1848, a son of Chester L. and Olive M. (Bloom) Carpenter, natives of New York and Pennsylvania, respectively. In 1849 he came with his parents to Illinois, his father locating on a farm ten miles southeast of Beloit, Wis., where the family resided until 1855, when they moved to McHenry County, purchasing a farm on the Kishwaukee River Road, two and one-half miles from Marengo. Here the family home was made for many years.

On February 22, 1871, occurred the marriage of Charles D. Carpenter and Luzena Joslyn, who was born in Seneca Township, this county, August 13, 1851. At the time of his marriage, Mr. Carpenter moved on to a farm in Boone County, ten miles northeast of Belvidere, where he and his wife resided for twenty-three years. In 1894 they removed to Marengo, where for several years he was engaged in the stock business, handling principally cattle and horses, which he purchased from local breeders and shipped to Chicago. He is a director of the Dairymen's State Bank of Marengo, and has held this office for several years. While a Republican, he has kept out of politics. The Methodist Episcopal church holds his membership as it does that of his wife, both being regular attendants at its services. When the church and parsonage was erected, he served on the building committee, and has been a member of the board of trustees of the church for over twenty-five years. He is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, and the Mystic Workers. He and his wife have two daughters, namely: Mary, who married E. R. Hyndman, proprietor of a garage at Capron, Ill., and Ruby, who is the wife of G. F. Colver, a farmer residing near Marengo.

JAMES F. CASEY.

James F. Casey, one of the leading attorneys practicing at the bar of Woodstock, is one of the best examples of the self-made men furnished by McHenry County. He was born at Huntley, Ill., March 6, 1863, a son of Daniel and Nancy Byron (Fitzgerald) Casey, and grandson of Daniel Casey. The elder Daniel Casey was born in County Limerick, Ireland. He grew up in his native land, was there married, and located on a small farm, but during the terrible famine of 1847, he brought his family to the United States, settling in Virginia, where he died. His children were as follows: Robert, Daniel, Jr., Michael and Mary.

Daniel Casey, Jr., the father of James F. Casey, was about thirteen years old when the family emigrated to the United States, and after his arrival in this country, attended the common schools, and later became a farmer. At an early age, he was married at Boston, Mass., his wife also being a native of County Limerick, Ireland, and a daughter of Garrett Fitzgerald, a man of superior education, who had been a teacher in Ireland, which he left in 1848, locating first at Boston, Mass., but leaving that city two years later for Chicago, where he died when between eighty and ninety years old. The children of Garrett Fitzgerald were as follows: James, Garrett, Mary, Kate, Eliza and Nancy. The eldest son, James, who was a promising young lawyer of Chicago, at the beginning of the Civil war, enlisted and became captain of Company I, Twenty-third Illinois Volunteer Infantry, Col. James A. Mulligan commanding, what was popularly known as the famous "Irish Brigade," and participated in many hard-fought battles. Captain Fitzgerald was a zealous member of the Fenian organization. The daughter, Eliza, was married, and at an early day moved to Kansas, where she was massacred at the time of the Quantrell raid against Lawrence in that state. Shortly after his marriage, Daniel Casey, Jr., and his wife came to Chicago, where they lived for about four years, but in 1851 moved to McHenry County, settling near Huntley, where Mr. Casey bought land and began improving a farm. He died March 3, 1863, of typhoid fever, when he was about forty years of age. Mrs. Casey survived him many years, dying at the age of seventy-six. She was a very devout Christian, and during her life was the correspondent of some of the dignitaries of the Catholic church, among them Bishop Foley and Father Daman of Chicago. She received many personal letters from the Pope of Rome. She was a faithful mother, and after the death of her husband, maintained a good home for her children, early instilling into

their minds the precepts of virtue and right living. Self-sacrificing to a remarkable degree, she labored with untiring zeal to bring up and educate her family that they might occupy good positions in life.

James F. Casey was only three days old when his father died, and he was reared at Huntley by his mother, and to her early training he owes his perception of the underlying principles of character on which his success in life has been founded. He was kept at a good school regularly until he was about thirteen years old, when he found employment at farm work, his first duty as a boy being the watching of sheep, for which he received \$2 per month. Later when he was able to handle general farm work, he received \$5 per month. Still later he was advanced until he received \$11 per month. Having reached the highest limit in wages, as then paid, he left the farm, and going first to Huntley, and later to Chicago, he secured better paying employment. All this time he had continued his studies, and by careful economy, managed to save a little money, so that he was able to attend school, being graduated from the Huntley High School when sixteen years old. He then attended the Elgin Academy for three winters, at the same time working in the summers. At the age of twenty years, he received a first-class certificate as a teacher from the county superintendent of schools. In 1881, he organized a private grammar school at Elgin, and in the meanwhile, having been studying law, in 1883, he entered as a student the law office of Judge Ranstead, a prominent attorney of Elgin, and after taking a course at the Union College of Law at Chicago, was admitted to the bar in 1887. On September 6 of that year he located at Woodstock, where in 1888 he formed a partnership with Hon. M. L. Joslyn, which association was continued until March, 1897, when it was dissolved, and since then Mr. Casey has been alone. Some of the jurisprudence with which he has been associated includes the following cases: the J. G. Templeton murder case, in which he appeared for the defendant and secured an acquittal for his client; the case of Mrs. Woolert for shooting her daughter, in which he appeared for the defense, and she was judged insane; the murder case of Joseph Held and Dr. Koehler, in which he secured acquittal for his clients; and in the case of John Flusky against James Clancy, Mr. Casey succeeded in saving an estate valued at \$150,000 for the rightful owner. This case was carried to the Supreme Court. Politically Mr. Casey is a Republican, and has taken an active part on the stump in every campaign since the one in which James G. Blaine was a presidential candidate. Mr. Casey served for

one term as chairman of the McHenry County Republican Central Committee.

On October 30, 1888, Mr. Casey was married to Minnie Simmons, a native of Woodstock, who died May 22, 1890, leaving one daughter, Sylvia. Mr. Casey is one of the best known lawyers of northern Illinois, and enjoys a practice which is widespread and lucrative. Personally, he is one of the most affable of men, and his kindly manner and ready sympathy win him friends wherever he is known, while his professional ability and scholarly attainments gain for him the respect and confidence of his profession and community. He owns two farms of 530 acres in Nunda Township on Fox River. There are good buildings and good stock on these farms and he prides himself on his properties.

WILLIAM J. C. CASELY, M. D.

William J. C. Casely, M. D., one of the leading physicians and surgeons of Marengo, who has long been recognized as an honor to his profession, is connected with St. Joseph's Hospital of Elgin. He is the only child of his parents, William J. and Caroline (Reed) Casely, and he was born in Marengo Township, April 22, 1862. William J. Casely was born in England, and when a mere lad he was apprenticed to the cabinetmaking trade, and after he had learned it, he followed it the remainder of his life. In young manhood he came to the United States, and located at Marengo.

Doctor Casely attended the common and high schools of Marengo, the University of Illinois at Champaign, Ill., and was graduated from the Chicago Medical College in 1885. Immediately thereafter he established himself in a general practice at Marengo, where he has since resided, with the exception of ten years spent at Chicago, where he was appointed by Mayor Harrison, the elder, examining surgeon of the police department. Doctor Casely is a member of the McHenry County Medical Society, the Illinois Medical Society, and the American Medical Association. In politics, he is a Republican, but has never sought publicity, having preferred to give his time and attention to his profession. Fraternally, he is a Mason.

In 1886 Doctor Casely was married to Miss Rachel Pringle, a daughter of Patterson Pringle, a member of one of the pioneer families of McHenry County. The first Mrs. Casely died in 1900. In 1903 Doctor Casely

was married (second) to Miss Emma C. Lane, a daughter of Frederick Lane, well known in McHenry County affairs. Doctor Casely has two children, namely: Robert E. and William E. The family belong to the Presbyterian church. Doctor Casely takes a deep interest in anything pertaining to the advancement of his community. His office and residence are on East Washington Street, Marengo, in the heart of the city, a few doors from the main street.

PROF. JOHN W. CASTELO.

Prof. John W. Castelo, superintendent of the Huntley school, and one of the eminent educators of McHenry County, is held in the highest esteem by all who know him. He was born at Toledo, Ill., August 15, 1880, one of the five children of his parents, Calvin B. and Lizzie (Walker) Castelo. Calvin B. Castelo was a contractor and was engaged in that line until his death, which occurred in 1917.

John W. Castelo attended the common and high schools, and then prepared himself for his profession of teaching by courses at the Valparaiso University, and the Northwestern University, at Evanston, Ill. In 1900 he began teaching in his native city, going thence to Oxford, Iowa, as superintendent of its school. From 1910 to 1914 he was county superintendent of schools of Cumberland County, Ill., and then was at the Chicago University studying law. From 1915 to 1918 he was superintendent of the schools of Roanoke, Ill., and in the latter year he was called to take charge of the Huntley school.

In 1915 Professor Castelo was married to Miss Manda Walker, a daughter of Charles E. Walker, of Chicago, and they have two children: John W., who was born July 19, 1916, and Shirley May, who was born April 18, 1919. Mrs. Castelo is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and he of the Presbyterian Church. In politics he is a Democrat. He belongs to Toledo Lodge No. 834, A. F. & A. M., and he also is a member of the Knights of Pythias and Modern Woodmen of America. A man of studious habits and possessing a natural talent for imparting knowledge to others, he has made his efforts in the educational field count for much, and is highly appreciated by all who know him.

ROLLO GUY CHAMBERLIN.

Rollo Guy Chamberlin, D. D. S., mayor of West McHenry, one of the leading men of McHenry County, is the exponent of the best element

in this section, and a man of high principles and upright living. He was born in Michigan, January 13, 1874, a son of Nathan and Jane (Craver) Chamberlin, the former of whom was a farmer of Michigan, and died in 1900.

Rollo Gny Chamberlin attended the common and high schools, and was graduated from the latter in 1902, and then took a course in dentistry at the Illinois Dental College at Chicago. Following his completion of this course, he located at West McHenry, where he has since been engaged in the practice of his profession, and he has here built up a large and constantly increasing practice. In political faith he is a Republican, and in 1917 was elected mayor of West McHenry by a large majority, running ahead of his ticket because of his personal popularity.

On September 8, 1900, Doctor Chamberlin was married to Miss Fannie Densmore, a daughter of James A. Densmore, and they have the following children: Greeta M., Louise, and Rollo D. Doctor and Mrs. Chamberlin belong to the Methodist Episcopal Church. He maintains membership with the Masonic order and the Modern Woodmen of America. He and his wife belong to the Eastern Star.

THOMAS CHARLES.

Thomas Charles, one of the highly esteemed men of Woodstock, is now retired, but was formerly one of the energetic farmers of McHenry County. He was born in Pembroke-shire, Wales, October 9, 1844, a son of David J. and Mary Ann Charles, of Welsh ancestry. In 1853 they came to the United States, sailing from Liverpool, England, landing at New York City after a very stormy passage of seven weeks on the water. In 1867 Thomas Charles came to McHenry County and worked, making butter and cheese, for Robert Stewart in Hebron Township until 1870, having learned this trade in New York state. Mr. Charles then went with Henry Mead, proprietor of a creamery, and in 1872 took charge of the Richmond factory which he operated for John McConnell, Peter Whitney, Doctor Bennett and others.

In 1873 Thomas Charles was married to Mary E. Stewart, of Hebron Township, a daughter of Robert S. and Susan Stewart, and then began farming, renting land for six years in Hebron Township. He also ran a dairy to produce milk. Mrs. Charles died in August, 1878. In 1881, Mr. Charles was married (second) to Emma Murphy of Greenwood

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Township, a daughter of Owen J. and Emma C. Murphy of the same township. After his second marriage, Mr. Charles bought a farm, comprising 138 acres of land, in Seneca Township, five miles west of Woodstock, on the Marengo road. After remaining on that property for two years he traded it for property belonging to his father-in-law, Mr. Murphy, who continued to live with him, Mrs. Murphy having died. This farm comprised 232 acres and was located five miles north of Woodstock, on the Greenwood road. Mr. Murphy, who had been one of the pioneers of the county, died there in 1892, aged seventy-eight years. He came to the county from Virginia and obtained his farm from the government. After Mr. Charles secured this property he erected new buildings and made many improvements, and lived on it until when in 1913, he retired to Woodstock. He specialized on dairying, milking over twenty cows. As his attention was fully occupied with his farm, Mr. Charles never cared to enter public life.

By his first marriage Mr. Charles had a son, Robert S., who is managing his father's farm. The children born of Mr. Charles' second marriage are as follows: Paul L., who went to Winnipeg, Canada, in young manhood; Fred, who is on the old homestead; and Emma O., who is doing office work, lives at home. Mrs. Charles is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church which her parents were instrumental in establishing in their vicinity. Mr. Charles is a straight Republican, but acts independently when he deems it best to do so. He and his family stand very high in McHenry and deserve the confidence displayed in them, for they are fine people.

EUGENE L. CHURCH.

Eugene L. Church, one of the substantial residents of Harvard, has been an important factor in the industrial life of the city. He was born in Walworth County, Wis., eight miles north of Harvard, May 10, 1850, a son of Cyrus and Emily (Russell) Church, natives of Connecticut and Ohio, respectively, who were married in Wisconsin, to which state their families had come in 1836. Cyrus Church and his wife spent their lives on their Wisconsin farm, where he died at the age of eighty-two years. In addition to their son, Eugene L., they had a daughter, now Mrs. J. D. Clark of Harvard.

Eugene L. Church was reared on his father's farm and was given an

academic course. For some years after reaching maturity he traveled on the road, but in 1878, came to Harvard to continue the manufacture of several patents, among them a hog carrier for use in barns, which he had commenced at Rockford, Ill., two years previously. At different times he had partners, and continued his business until 1900. He manufactured in addition to his carrier, hog tools, and was very successful, dealing with retailers. In 1882 he secured an interest in a flour-mill, but sold it, preferring to devote his attention to his manufacturing. However, during the time he was connected with the mill he had it remodeled, and the new-process machinery installed. During 1881 he built his present residence which is one of the show places of Harvard. Mr. Church owns the double brick block which bears his name and also the site of his former factory, having sold his plant in 1900. At present he is giving some attention to the conduct of his wife's farm in Wisconsin. Politically he is a Republican, has represented his ward in the city council, and has been on the school board for twenty-one years, during which period the schools were remodeled and modernized.

In 1879 Mr. Church was united in marriage with Anna Hall of Walworth County, Wis., member of one of the pioneer families of that region. She owns the farm her grandfather entered from the government many years ago. Mr. and Mrs. Church have three daughters, namely: Ethel and Eloise, both of whom are at home; and Lucy, who is a teacher, who, after teaching for five years at Fergus Falls, Minn., is now principal of the high school of Geneva, Ill. She is a graduate of Beloit College, and a lady of unusual intellectual endowments, whose success in her chosen field is a source of gratification to her parents.

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PHILANDER W. CLARK.

Philander W. Clark, now deceased, was for many years one of the leading agriculturalists of Greenwood Township and a man of high standing in McHenry County. He was born in New York state, June

20, 1838, but came to Greenwood Township in 1860. Mr. Clark was married to Rebecca J. Matthews, also a native of New York state, July 5, 1839, who survives him, and lives on their farm in Greenwood Township, being now over eighty years of age. They had the following children: Clinton H.; Minnie E., who is Mrs. George W. Maetsberger; Frank, who now operates the home farm, Lutie E., who is Mrs. M. Thomas; Matie M., who is the widow of Phil S. Harrison; Clyde C., who is with his brother Frank, is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America. He married Maude Abbott, who was born in McHenry County, June 8, 1879, a daughter of T. A. and Julia (Ryder) Abbott, natives of Illinois. George Abbott, Mrs. Clyde Clark's paternal grandfather, came to Illinois from New York state in 1845. Clyde Clark and his wife have the following children: Alice May, born February 15, 1911; Leta, born December 13, 1912; Gordon, born April 5, 1915; and Eleanor, born July 30, 1917.

The farm on which Mrs. Clark and her two sons are still residing is located on section 26, and contains 120 acres of as fine land as can be found in McHenry County. The family is one of the most highly esteemed in this section, and its members are important people in the county.

SAMUEL D. CLARK.

Samuel D. Clark, one of the progressive business men of Hebron, is successfully engaged in purveying choice meats and groceries and enjoys a wide-extended trade from the people of Hebron and its vicinity. He was born in Wisconsin, August 22, 1851, one of the five children of his parents, Osias and Lydia (Graves) Clark. Osias Clark was born in New York state, but later moved to Wisconsin, all of his active life devoting himself to farming. Both he and his wife are now deceased.

Samuel D. Clark was reared on his father's farm, and attended the local schools. He was engaged in farming for a time, and then learned the butchering trade, and followed it until in 1898, when he came to Hebron and opened his present market. Later, he branched out, and now handles a choice line of fancy and staple groceries, his stock aggregating \$3,000.

In 1872 Mr. Clark was married to Miss Elizabeth Robinson, a daughter of Thomas Robinson, and they have three children, namely: William D., who is associated with his father in business; Byron W.,

who is engaged in business in California; and Kate, who is the wife of Montgomery Householder, of Hebron. Mr. Clark and his family belong to the Methodist Episcopal church. Politically he is a Republican. Recognized as the leading merchant of Hebron, Mr. Clark enjoys a patronage from the very best people of the city, who have implicit confidence in him and his judgment, and rely upon him for high grade foodstuffs, knowing that his prices will be as low as consistent with their quality, and that his service is at all times uniformly excellent.

NATHAN B. CLAWSON.

Nathan B. Clawson, junior member of the well known lumber and feed firm of Baldoek & Clawson of Alden, is one of the successful business men of McHenry County, and belongs to one of the pioneer families of this region. He was born in Wisconsin, a son of George T. and Amanda M. (Helm) Clawson. Nathan B. Clawson attended the common schools, and in 1910, he formed his present connection, his partner being Jay L. Baldoek. This business house, which is one of the largest of its kind in this locality, was founded by John Baldoek in 1890, and operated by him until 1910, when he sold to the present firm, the members being his son and son-in-law, respectively. The firm deals extensively in lumber, coal and feed, the annual sales aggregating \$50,000.

On October 24, 1894, Mr. Clawson was united in marriage with Miss Jessie M. Baldoek, a daughter of John Baldoek. Mr. and Mrs. Clawson became the parents of the following children: George, who was born September 18, 1895, died January 2, 1908; Eugene, who was born May 10, 1905, died July 23, 1905; and Frank, who was born June 27, 1906.

In politics Mr. Clawson is a Republican. Mr. and Mrs. Clawson belong to the Methodist Episcopal church. He belongs to Hebron Lodge, A. F. & A. M. One of the alert business men of Alden, Mr. Clawson deserves the prosperity which has attended him, and is deservedly numbered among the representative men of the county.

JOHN F. CLAXTON.

John F. Claxton, proprietor of the "Woodland Dairy Farm," located one mile east of the city of McHenry, is one of the progressive agricul-

turalists of McHenry County. He was born in Nunda Township, three miles south of McHenry, November 11, 1857, a son of John and Maria (Page) Claxton, the latter being a daughter of Joseph Page, sister of William Page and aunt of Charles E. Page, and a native of County Kent, England. A sketch of the Page family is given elsewhere in this work. John Claxton was born in the County of Norfolk, England, August 14, 1815, and when he was eighteen years old came to the United States, landing at Boston, Mass., making the trip in a sailing vessel that took seventy-two days on the water. He later worked in a mill in Oneida County, N. Y., remaining with one company for fifteen years, but received such small wages that he decided to seek better opportunities, and coming to Illinois, rented land in McHenry County for a year, and then bought seventy acres of land in Nunda Township, all of which was then raw prairie. After four years on it, he exchanged that farm for 160 acres, taking possession of it in 1862. On the place were an old house and barn, and before he moved to it, he erected portion of the present residence. He died on this farm, October 6, 1885, his widow surviving him until October 26, 1892, he being sixty-nine years old at the time of death, and she seventy-six. Five years prior to his death John Claxton was kicked by a horse, and he never fully recovered. He and his wife had the following children: Mary, who is the widow of Charles H. Parks, lives at McHenry; William, who died during the Civil war, while a member of the One Hundred and Forty-seventh Illinois Volunteer Infantry, after a year's service, being then but eighteen years of age; Emma, who is the widow of William H. Mudgett of Chicago; and John F., whose name heads this review.

John F. Claxton took charge of the homestead when his father was injured, and when he died, bought the interest of the other heirs in the farm. Since then he has bought the old Wilson farm of 200 acres adjoining his original farm on the east, so that he now owns and operates 360 acres of very valuable land. The present residence, which was built by his father, was remodeled by him in 1911, and he put in hot and cold water, electric lights and other modern improvements. He enlarged his barn and built two silos and a dairy barn to accommodate his herd of forty-five thoroughbred cattle and his registered bull. He also has a fine drove of Poland-China hogs. Mr. Claxton is a stalwart Republican, but aside from serving on the board of education, has not sought political honors. As a member of that body, he has rendered very efficient service for sixteen years, for twelve of them being connected with the McHenry district.

On January 18, 1882, Mr. Claxton was united in marriage with Mercy E. Fryer, a sister of the first wife of Charles L. Page of McHenry, and a daughter of James and Julia Fryer, natives of County Kent and London, England, who came to the United States and landed at New York City, where their daughter was born. In 1856 they came west to Illinois, and located in McHenry County. In 1886 or 1887, Mr. and Mrs. Fryer went to Dakota, where both died, leaving two daughters, Mrs. Claxton and Mrs. Page in McHenry County. Mr. and Mrs. Claxton became the parents of the following children: William, who was graduated from the McHenry High School, is living at home; Pearl and Ruby, both of whom attended the McHenry High School, are at home; and the former is a teacher in that school, having been connected with it for some time; and Lelah, who was graduated from the same school as her brother. The family all attend and support the Methodist Episcopal church. Fraternally Mr. Claxton belongs to the Masons and the Modern Woodmen of America. His three daughters belong to the Eastern Star. He is one of the most representative men of the county, and all of his operations are carried on intelligently and capably. His family is a charming one, and their influence on their community cannot help but be of an elevating and inspiring nature.

JAMES R. CLEARY.

James R. Cleary, postmaster of Marengo, and one of the most substantial and highly respected men of McHenry County, is an extensive owner of choice McHenry County farm land. He was born at Marengo, May 24, 1860, one of the six children of his parents, Cornelius and Catherine (Hartnett) Cleary. Cornelius Cleary was born in Ireland, but came to the United States in 1848, and after some time spent in New York state, came west to McHenry County, and located in Marengo, where he died in 1886.

James R. Cleary attended the common and high schools of Marengo, and was reared on a farm. He was engaged in farming until 1892, when he branched out into a stock business and followed it until he was appointed by President Wilson, postmaster of Marengo, September 1, 1915. He has under his supervision three people, and the post office is admirably conducted by him.

On November 15, 1913, Mr. Cleary was married to Miss Delia M.

Green, a daughter of James Green, and they have two sons, James G., who was born September 28, 1915, and William J., who was born July 27, 1919. Mr. and Mrs. Cleary are devout members of the Roman Catholic Church. He belongs to the Knights of Columbus and the Modern Woodmen. Politically, he is a staunch Democrat, and has given the administration a loyal support, especially during the late war. For one term he served Marengo as alderman from his ward, and he is properly regarded as one of the leaders in his party. In addition to other interests, Mr. Cleary owns two farms in Marengo Township, comprising 237 acres of fine land.

WILLIAM CLEARY.

William Cleary, who was formerly one of the most successful farmers of McHenry County, is now living in comfortable retirement at Marengo, where he is numbered among the most desirable citizens of that village. He was born in the northwestern part of Marengo Township, April 20, 1858, a son of Cornelius and Catherine (Hartnett) Cleary, a sketch of whom is to be found elsewhere in this work.

William Cleary grew up on the home farm of his father, and when his father died he bought the interest of the other heirs to the homestead, which he has since conducted in partnership with his brother James. After they secured the farm they erected new buildings, and made other improvements. A drainage district passes through the farm by means of which 100 acres have been reclaimed. The brothers lived in one house for a time, but later sold 120 acres of the farm and erected a new set of buildings. For years they were engaged in dairying, and built a creamery on the farm which was operated as a co-operative concern, but they later became butter producers themselves and so continued for two or three years. Later they sold their milk to Bordens, and had from thirty to forty cows in their herd. In 1894 William Cleary left the farm and came to Marengo, but continues his interest in his farm and keeps up its improvements. He has never cared to enter public life, devoting himself to his own affairs, but at the same time he takes an intelligent interest in civic matters, and wants to have everything done which will advance his community. In his political views he is a Democrat. Mr. Cleary has never married, and he and his sister, Ellen, who was born December 2, 1852, live together, she acting as his house-

keeper. The Church of the Sacred Heart of Marengo holds his membership, and he is doubly attached to it as his parents were among the original members of the parish, and he also belongs to the Knights of Columbus, and Foresters. The Cleary family is a very highly respected one in this region, and William Cleary is an admirable representative of the sturdy characteristics of his parents, who are still well remembered in this locality where for years they were leading factors.

J. EDWARD COFFEY.

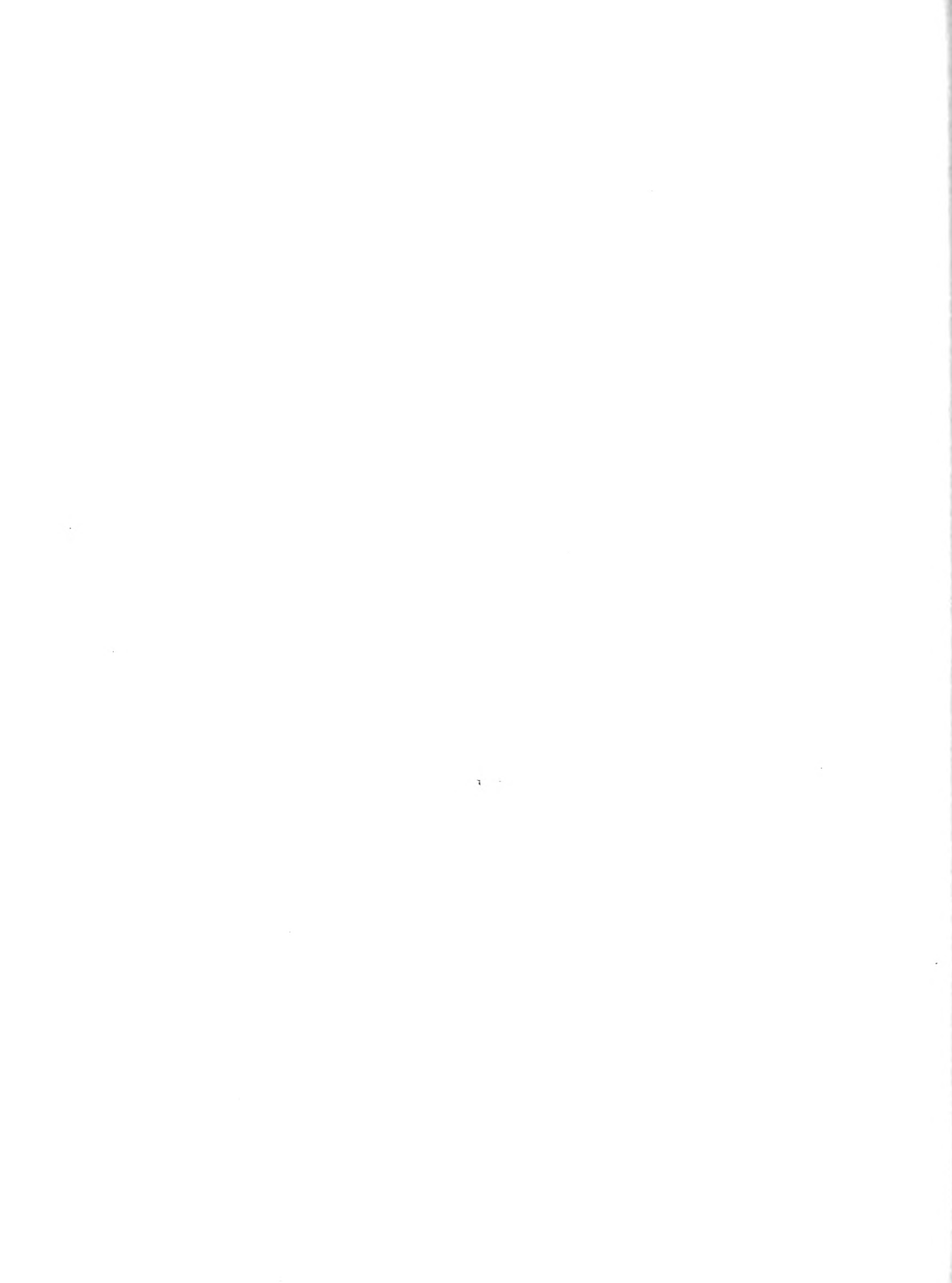
J. Edward Coffey, a prosperous farmer of Greenwood Township, owns and operates 160 acres of valuable land on section 8. He was born in Greenwood Township, May 9, 1865, a son of Thomas and Mary (Clarissy) Coffey, the former born in Ireland, and the latter in Massachusetts. When he was fourteen years old, Thomas Coffey was brought to the United States by his parents and they located in Wisconsin and became farming people of that state. In 1864, Thomas Coffey located on a farm in Greenwood Township, McHenry County, about one-half a mile north of the farm now owned by his son, J. Edward Coffey, and there he lived until his death in 1908, when he was seventy-four years old. His widow survives, being now over seventy years old. They had ten children, six of whom survive. The homestead farm of Thomas Coffey contained 380 acres, and he owned another farm of 120 acres, and all of it he placed under cultivation.

J. Edward Coffey was reared on this homestead, and attended the schools of his native township. In 1896, he was married to Maggie Halloran, born in Alden Township, this county. They have two sons, Gilbert and Paul. Since he moved on his present farm, Mr. Coffey has devoted himself to general farming, and his property is one of the best in the township. He and his wife belong to the Catholic Church. His political affiliations are with the Democratic party. A practical farmer, he has made his work count for much, and deserves his reputation of being a sound business man and excellent citizen.

AMOS COGSWELL.



J. C. Miller.



ALSON J. COLE.

Alson J. Cole, president of the Hebron State Bank, and owner of 320 acres of very valuable land in Hebron Township, is one of the most prominent men of McHenry County. He was born in Stephentown, New York, February 2, 1863, one of the three children of Dr. Melvin J. and Mary A. (Whitman) Cole. Melvin J. Cole was a physician and farmer, who was born in Massachusetts, but later moved to New York, and thence to McHenry County, where he located at Hebron. He died at Hebron, October 9, 1900. His widow survived him until January, 1905, when she, too, passed away.

Alson J. Cole was reared on a farm, and attended the schools of Hebron Township. After reaching his majority, he embraced farming as his life work, and has always been interested in agricultural matters, although he has been engaged along other lines as well, for ten years conducting one of the leading mercantile establishments of Hebron, and now being largely interested in the Hebron Bank, of which he is president, which office he has held since 1906.

On March 16, 1896, Mr. Cole was married to Miss Libbie Rotnour, a daughter of Sanford Rotnour, and they had one daughter Carolyn, who lives at home. Mrs. Cole died January 26, 1913. After her death, Mr. Cole was married (second) to Mrs. Susan M. Meyers, who belongs to one of the oldest pioneer families in the county. Mr. Cole has been very prominent in the Republican party, serving in the Hebron council for seven years, and as mayor of Hebron for one term. A Mason, he belongs to Hebron Lodge No. 604, A. F. & A. M., Harvard Chapter No. 91, R. A. M., and Calvary Commandery No. 25, K. T. He is also a member of Hebron Lodge No. 767, I. O. O. F. His connection with the Hebron bank as its chief executive official, gives it solidity and prominence, for his own record as a business man and citizen has been such as to reflect credit upon him and his associates.

THOMAS. D. COLE.

With the passing of the late Thomas D. Cole another of the honored sons of McHenry County has gone to his last reward, leaving behind him a record of uprightness, sterling integrity, and dependable work both as an experienced agriculturalist and public-spirited citizen. He

was still in the prime of life, but during the years accorded him, he accomplished much, and dying, left many friends, and few enemies, behind him. The example of a blameless life such as his cannot help but be beneficial in his neighborhood, and prove a stimulus to the rising generation to order their lives in like manner.

The birth of Thomas D. Cole occurred on the farm so long occupied by him, in Burton Township, one mile east of Spring Grove, December 18, 1869. He was a son of Franklin M. and Emily M. (Stevens) Cole. Franklin M. Cole was born at East Andover, Merrimack County, N. H., January 4, 1836, and his wife was born September 27, 1841. The parents of Franklin M. Cole, Miles and Sallie (Bixby) Cole, natives of New Hampshire, decided that the old New England home was too narrow, and so set out for the West, packing their household possessions in two covered wagons, one of which was on springs, something then quite new, and made the long trip overland, being seven weeks on the road, and arriving in what is known as the Creek District, McHenry County, in November, 1838. They entered the farm from the government which was so long controlled by Thomas D. Cole, and here they rounded out their lives, dying in old age before the birth of their grandson. They had six children, of whom four grew to maturity, namely: Miles Harmon, who was a miller of Richmond; Ransom B.; Harvey, who went to California and was lost trace of; Franklin M.; Martha, who married Thomas Kimball, a farmer of Lake County, Ill., died in old age; and Mandana, who married Lewis Hatch, lived near the homestead in Burton Township, and they had the following children: Miles, Fred, Frank and Martha Loretta Hatch.

Franklin M. Cole was married in Lake County, his wife being the daughter of Peter and Elizabeth Stevens, natives of Brattleboro, Vt., and Utica, N. Y. A sketch of the Stevens family is given elsewhere in this work. As a lad Mr. Stevens had come to Illinois and settled in Lake County, where he lived for many years, but his last days were spent with Mr. and Mrs. Cole. Franklin M. Cole secured the homestead of his father, and spent his life upon it, and in 1871 erected the residence now standing. The farm originally contained 520 acres, and he operated it as a general farmer and stockraiser, breeding short-horn cattle, which he exhibited at county fairs. A Republican, he served on the school board and as road commissioner. His death occurred May 20, 1895, his widow surviving him until May 8, 1918, when she died on the farm which had been her home from the time of her marriage. Their children were as follows: Lucy, who died in childhood; Warren, who died

March 13, 1920; Alice, who died at the age of sixteen years; Thomas D., whose name heads this review; John, who died in young manhood; Frank, who died in childhood; and Annie, who died in young womanhood.

Thomas D. Cole spent his life on the old Cole homestead, and for sixteen years operated it in partnership with his brother, Warren, who died five months prior to his own demise. They were enterprising farmers and stockraisers, and very successful in all of their operations. Thomas D. Cole was married to Ida M. Dodge, who was born at Appleton, Wis., and they had three children, namely: Franklin Dodge, Martha Elizabeth and Edith Stevens. Like his father, Mr. Cole served on the school board. He maintained fraternal relations with the Modern Woodmen of America. Mr. Cole died August 13, 1920, very suddenly at his old home, and his funeral was held August 15, there being a very large attendance as his many warm, personal friends came to pay a last tribute to one whom they held in such high regard. The services were conducted by Rev. Clay E. Palmer, of Richmond, and interment was made in the Cole Cemetery.

Mr. Cole was not a man who sought public honors. His happiness was found in his home, and with his family. He knew how to carry on farming capably, and was never afraid of hard work. A friend of the public schools, he tried hard to raise the standard of those in his neighborhood, and also did all in his power to improve conditions in his township and county. A good man is gone, but the results of his earnestness and sincerity remain and live after all that is mortal of him has crumbled to dust.

JOHN CONLEY.

John Conley, one of the progressive farmers of Grafton Township, is entitled to be numbered among the representative men of McHenry County. He was born in Grafton Township, October 7, 1866, where for a number of years his father, Owen Conley, was engaged in farming. Owen Conley and his wife, Marguerite (McCue) Conley, were natives of Ireland, but came to the United States when young, and located in Grafton Township. Here he died February 18, 1894. They had five children born to them.

John Conley attended the local schools and was reared on the farm where he has always resided, it comprising 236 acres of valuable land,

all improved, on which he is carrying on general farming and stock raising.

Mr. Conley was united in marriage with Miss Agnes Driscoll, a daughter of John Driscoll, one of the leading men of McHenry County. In politics Mr. Conley is a Democrat, and he has ever been very active in local affairs, serving as road commissioner for twelve years, and was elected supervisor for Grafton Township in the spring of 1918. He and his family are members of the Catholic church.

MICHAEL CONLEY.

Michael Conley, who represents one of the old families of McHenry County, is a native son of this county, and is now successfully engaged in general farming and dairying in Nunda Township. He was born in Dorr Township, February 14, 1854, a son of William and Anna S. (Hanrahan) Conley, the former of whom was born in Kilkenny County, Ireland in 1813, where he was married. In 1849 he and his wife came to the United States and for a time they lived at Pittsburgh, Pa., from whence they came to McHenry County. He died on his farm of thirty acres, in Nunda Township. They had six children, all of whom are living, they being as follows: Ann, who is Mrs. Welsh; Bridget, who is Mrs. M. Dailey; Michael; James; Margaret, who is Mrs. Fitzsimmons; and Kate, who is Mrs. Hanrahan.

Michael Conley has spent his life on his farm, and has been engaged in farming for thirty-one years. He now owns 240 acres of land, and he has a herd of thirty cows. An earnest, industrious man and good farmer, he is regarded as one of the desirable citizens of this county. He is a member of the Catholic church.

FRED A. COOLEY.

Fred A. Cooley, who is one of the progressive business men of West McHenry, deals in agricultural implements and owns and conducts the West McHenry Feed Mills. He was born in Illinois, December 19, 1870, one of the four children of his parents, Henry and Frances E. (Rowe) Cooley. Henry Cooley was born in Vermont, but later moved

to Illinois, and was a farmer all his life. He died in 1914, and his wife is also deceased.

Fred A. Cooley was reared on a farm, and was sent to the district schools. He was engaged in farming until 1916, when he established himself at West McHenry, organizing his present implement business, and buying his feed mill. In his implement business he carries a stock of \$20,000, and his trade is a large one and it comes from a wide territory.

Mr. Cooley was united in marriage with Miss Matilda K. Seyler, a daughter of Conrad Seyler, and a member of a prominent family of McHenry County. Mr. and Mrs. Cooley have the following children: Floyd, Opal and Jennie M.

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JOHN HOWARD CORNUE.

John Howard Cornue, who is living retired on his farm in Alden Township, three miles west of Hebron, and fifteen miles northwest of Woodstock, on the state line, is one of the well known men of McHenry County. He was born on the family homestead, one mile west of his present home, November 5, 1856, a son of Daniel A. and Sarah Jane (Olmstead) Cornue, natives of New York.

Daniel A. Cornue came to Illinois in 1844, and took up wild land on which he built a house, but for a time he worked out by the month to obtain a little ready money, but later settled on his farm. Although he devoted much time and attention to this farm, he was one of the organizers of the Alden Mutual Fire Insurance Company, and continued a member of its board of directors as long as he lived. He also helped to organize the Lynn-Hebron Presbyterian church two miles away from his farm, and was on the committee which built the church edifice, as well as on the official board. He is buried in the cemetery connected with that church. His family was as follows: Melvin C., who is a retired farmer of Steuben County, N. Y.; Elvira, who is Mrs. Doric Porter, lives at Kansas City, Mo.; John Howard, whose name heads this review;

William Duane, who owns the old homestead, is living at Hebron, and a sketch of him appears elsewhere in this work; and Ellen, who married Fred Thacher, lives at Stanley, Wis.

John Howard Cornue was reared on the homestead and assisted in clearing off and breaking the land. He was married February 9, 1881, to Emma J. Weter, a daughter of M. E. and Delia (Mickle) Weter, both now living at Hebron. Immediately following his marriage, Mr. Cornue began housekeeping on his present farm, originally the James Cornue farm. At first Mr. Cornue bought 100 acres, later adding forty acres so that he now has 140 acres, and on this farm he has erected nearly all the present buildings and made many other improvements, this being considered one of the best farms in the township. He carries on dairying and keeps twenty-five cows. For eleven years he bred thoroughbred Holstein cattle and kept fifty or sixty head, milking from twenty-five to thirty, and shipped breeding animals and had sales of his product. His son is also a breeder. Mr. and Mrs. Cornue have the following children: Arthur D., who operates the farm, married Ethel M. Turner and they have three children, James Howard, Wesley Turner and Richard Arthur; Harvey E., who is a ranchman of Winnett, Mont.; Elsie Evelyn, who died on her fifteenth birthday; E. C., who is a locomotive engineer on the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad, went into the army May 21, 1918. Mr. Cornue belongs to the old Lynn-Hebron Presbyterian church with which his family has been associated for so many years.

WILLIAM DUANE CORNUE.

William Duane Cornue, one of the retired farmers of Hebron, was formerly very active in the agricultural life of McHenry County. He was born on his father's farm in Alden Township, on the Wisconsin state line, four miles west of Hebron, October 3, 1861. Remaining on the homestead, he secured it in 1884, and lived upon it until he retired in 1903, since which time he has had a tenant to conduct it. The farm now contains 240 acres of well developed land, and the buildings were erected by his father but have been kept in fine condition by him, and he had added to them and rebuilt, and has everything suitable for dairy farming. Mr. Cornue owns another farm of 160 acres one mile from the homestead, on which he has erected new buildings and put in drainage to redeem the former wet land that now is very productive. While he

has left his farm he keeps up his interest in it and owns stock in partnership with his tenant. Mr. Cornue was one of the directors of the Alden Mutual Insurance Company, and served it as secretary for about eight years. A staunch Republican, he has been committeeman, delegate to county and state conventions, and served his township as road commissioner and supervisor, rendering valuable service in both offices, his occupancy of the former office being during the nineties, and also as assessor for several years.

Mr. Cornue was married September 15, 1903, to Ada B. Wilson, a daughter of John and Lucetta (McColhern) Wilson, of Sharon, Wis. Both parents are now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Cornue have one son, Stanley Huntington, born October 27, 1909. Mr. and Mrs. Cornue are members of the Presbyterian church of Hebron, of which he is an elder, and he served in the same capacity in the Lynn-Hebron church two miles distant from his old home, and he has been a delegate to the synod and the general assembly of his church at Kansas City, Mo. The Cornue farm is one of the best developed properties in the county, and in addition to it and his other farm here, Mr. Cornue owns 240 acres in North Dakota and 80 acres in Wisconsin. He is one of the most highly respected men of this region, and deserves the confidence he inspires as well as the success which has attended him.

ROBERT E. CORLETT.

Robert E. Corlett of Chemung Township, has one of the most valuable, well improved and efficiently-operated farms of this region, and his home is a delightful one. He was born on the Isle of Man, August 2, 1852, a son of John and Catherine (Corlett) Corlett. The name of Corlett is found as frequently on the Isle of Man as the one of Smith is in the United States. In 1853 the parents came to the United States, and upon landing crossed the country to Illinois, and spent a year in Richmond Township, McHenry County, leaving it in 1856 to go to Lodi, Wis., where they remained on a farm until 1865, at which time they returned to Richmond Township, and in the spring of 1880 located on the farm in Chemung Township now owned by their son, Robert. A brother of John Corlett had preceded him to this country, and settled at Rochester, N. Y., where he died. John Corlett died in 1915, aged ninety-one years. He was a powerful man both mentally and

physically, and always kept well posted through reading and study. All of his life he was a local preacher, and he was one of the best known men of the county. His wife died when she was eighty-four years old. The family is noted for its longevity on both sides, Mrs. Corlett's two sisters, who died on the Isle of Man, lived to be eighty-nine and ninety, respectively. The children born to John Corlett and his wife were as follows: Robert E., whose name heads this review; Ceaser Eugene, who is a farmer at Ord, Valley County, Nebr.; and Albert Edwin, who died in 1917 at the age of fifty-eight years, having gone to the state of Washington when he was twenty years old.

Robert Corlett remained at home and as his father grew older, he assumed the responsibilities of the farm. All of the present improvements on the farm, consisting of a modern residence, commodious barn, two silos and similar buildings, have been erected since the Corlett family has owned the property. At first stockraising was carried on, but now Mr. Corlett is devoting himself principally to dairying, and has a herd of from twenty to thirty cows, of the Holstein strain, but does not exhibit. A Republican, he is strongly in favor of Prohibition, and his father did some very effective speaking in favor of the movement, and working with the anti-saloon element. However when it comes to casting his vote, he supports the candidates of the Republican party.

When he was twenty-eight years old Robert Corlett was united in marriage with Christian Cowlin, born in the Isle of Man, who came to the United States in 1880. Mr. and Mrs. Corlett have the following children: Ralph, who is at home; Mona, who is Mrs. C. I. Coates, lives at Monroe, Wis., has three children, John R., Elizabeth, and Elinor. Albert E., and Bertha, who are both at home. The sons are assisting their father in operating the farm. Interested in securing good educational facilities for the children, Mr. Corlett served for some time on the school board, and the excellent schools in his section owe much to his good judgment and wise foresight. He is one of the exceptional men of the county, and he and his family are numbered among the most desirable and worth-while people in this region.

FLOYD E. COVALT.

Floyd E. Covalt, local manager for the Wilbur Lumber Company at McHenry, is one of the enterprising and representative men of this part



Lester C. Noyle

of McHenry County. He was born in McHenry County, July 11, 1884, one of the six children of his parents, Floyd W. and Harriett (O'Connell) Covalt. Floyd W. Covalt was the manager of the Wilbur Lumber Company at Crystal Lake, where he is now living retired from active participation in business life. At one time he was mayor of Crystal Lake.

Floyd E. Covalt attended the common and high schools of Crystal Lake, and as soon as he had completed his studies entered the employ of his present company at Crystal Lake, under his father's management. In 1908 he obtained his deserved promotion to be manager of the plant of that company at McHenry. This branch does a business of \$200,000 annually. The officers of the company are: R. W. Houghton, president; R. H. Wilbur, vice-president; and George H. Wilbur, secretary and treasurer.

In 1907 Mr. Covalt was married to Miss Carrie E. Himler, a daughter of George A. Himler, of West McHenry. Mr. and Mrs. Covalt have two children, namely: Floyd E., Jr., who was born January 29, 1914; and Shirley M., who was born October 7, 1917. Mr. Covalt is a Republican. A Mason, he belongs to McHenry Lodge No. 158, A. F. & A. M., of which he is Past Master; McHenry Chapter No. 36, R. A. M.; Calvary Commandery No. 25, K. T., and he is District Deputy Grand Master of the Twenty-first District. He also belongs to Valley Camp, M. W. A.

EMMETT C. COVELL.

Emmett C. Covell, mayor of Richmond, and one of the retired farmers of McHenry County, formerly was very prominent in agricultural circles, and still owns 280 acres of valuable farm land. He was born at Sugar Creek, Wis., June 20, 1856, one of the seven children of his parents, Charles and Phebe (Persons) Covell, of whom three survive. Charles Covell was born in New York, and there learned the trade of a carpenter, and worked on the erection of churches and public buildings. In 1862, he came to McHenry County, and his death occurred April 5, 1905, when he was eighty-six years old. His wife was born in Massachusetts, December 25, 1818, and died August 12, 1905.

Emmett C. Covell attended the schools of McHenry County, and was brought up on a farm, and still oversees the operation of his large

farm of 280 acres, although he retired from active participation in the work in 1905, when he moved to Richmond and erected a handsome residence. In 1901 he was elected mayor of Richmond, and has held that office ever since, and he has also been a justice of the peace, and police magistrate of Richmond. In addition to his farming interests, Mr. Covell was one of the board of directors of the creamery, and was manager of it for a number of years.

On August 22, 1888, Mr. Covell was married to Miss Cora H. McConnell, a daughter of George McConnell, formerly a banker of Richmond, but now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Covell became the parents of the following children: Nellie B., who is now Mrs. John Westmont of Wisconsin; George C., whose death occurred in 1914; Grace L., who is Mrs. Walter Kruse, lives in Aurora, Ill., and Hattie M., C. Bonepart, Marguerite, Cora M., and William, all of whom are at home. The family all belong to the Methodist Episcopal church, and are very prominent in it. Mr. Covell is a Republican. Fraternally he is a Mason and has been advanced in that order to be a Knight Templar. Mrs. Covell and the daughter Hattie are members of the Eastern Star. A man of sound principles and practical ideas, his counsel is sought upon many occasions, and he is held in the highest esteem by all who know him.

LUCIEN B. COVELL.

Lucien B. Covell, supervisor of Richmond Township, and one of its most representative men, is the owner of a very valuable farm of 200 acres in Richmond Township. He was born in New York state, November 22, 1848, a son of Charles and Phebe (Persons) Covell, and brother of E. C. Covell. Charles Covell was born in New York state, and his wife was born in Massachusetts, the date of his birth being 1819, and hers December 25, 1818. He died April 5, 1905, and she passed away August 12, 1905. Charles Covell was a carpenter, and in 1862 he came to McHenry County, where he spent the remainder of his life. He specialized in building churches and public buildings. He and his wife had seven children, of whom three now survive.

Lucien B. Covell attended the common schools, and was reared to work on the farm, and has always been engaged in agricultural pursuits. Mr. Covell was married to Miss Anna Moore, a daughter of William Moore. There are no children. Mr. Covell is a Republican, and one

of the leaders of his party locally. In 1897 he was elected supervisor of Richmond Township, and held that office for twenty-two years, or until ill health compelled him to retire. For forty-six years he was a director of the school board of Richmond, where he now maintains his residence, although he continues to oversee the operation of his fine farm several miles distant. Mrs. Covell taught school for six years. Both he and Mrs. Covell belong to the Methodist Episcopal Church. His fraternal connections are with the Masonic Order. A man of unusual capabilities, he has exerted himself to such good purpose that he is not only a man of ample means, but one who has accomplished much for his community, and gained the approbation of his fellow citizens.

ROBERT COWAN.

Robert Cowan, a progressive farmer of section 1, Grafton Township, is making a specialty of raising Shropshire sheep, and he is justly regarded as one of the representative farmers of McHenry County. He was born in Will County, Ill., August 10, 1869, a son of John and Mary (Allen) Cowan, the former of whom was born in Scotland in 1833, and came to the United States in 1865, settling in Will County, where he was engaged in farming. He lived to be eighty-three years old. His wife was born in Canada of Scotch ancestry.

Robert Cowan was reared in Will County, and educated there, learning farming under the wise direction of his father, and he has always been engaged in this line, and with the exception of three years in Iowa, has spent his life in Illinois. On March 7, 1912, he moved to his present farm, which comprises 160 acres on section 11.

On August 19, 1896, Mr. Cowan was married to Ellen Frydendall, a native of Kane County, Ill., where she was born March 16, 1874, and they have eleven children, as follows: Elizabeth, Emory, Bruce, Burton, William, John, Dean, Gordon, Grace, Verdell and Florence. Mr. Cowan is a member of the Presbyterian church, and his wife belongs to the Congregational church. Both of them are Republicans. Understanding as he does farming in every particular, he has made his work count for something, and deserves the prosperity which has attended him.

FRANK CARROLL CURTIS.

Frank Carroll Curtis, who is located on the old Poyer farm in Marengo Township, five miles northwest of Marengo, on the River road and near

Seven Bridges, is one of the substantial farmers of McHenry County. He was born at Hebron, Jefferson County, Wis., May 19, 1859, and was there reared by his grandparents. His maternal grandfather, James Folts, came to Wisconsin from New York when the country was undeveloped.

In 1886 Frank C. Curtis came to McHenry County and bought the John Poyer farm, then containing 213 acres. John Poyer, then deceased, had lived on this farm for many years and erected the present house, using a portion of the original residence built on an old Indian trail on another part of the farm. John Poyer's son, Delos Poyer, owned and operated the farm just opposite. The barn, which has a full basement, is 32 x 134 feet, with an el 28 x 30 feet of the same height, and was built by Mr. Curtis. He also built two cement silos, and uses all of the basement for stabling. Dairying is his main feature, and he keeps from thirty to forty cows. His farm is one of the finest on the River Road. While he is a strong Republican, Mr. Curtis has never cared for office.

In 1883 Mr. Curtis was married to Angie King of Whitewater, Wis., a daughter of Edward King, who erected one of the first houses at Whitewater. When Mr. King reached Whitewater he had but fifty cents in his pocket and used that to pay postage on a letter. He had to hunt a job before he had any supper. For some time he worked at his trade as a carpenter, and then became a farmer.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis became the parents of the following children: Flora, who married Verne Sisson, lives near Capron, in Boone County, and has three children, Clarence, Vera and Eugene; Lillian, who married H. A. Walton, a mechanic of Woodstock, has two children, Hugh and Dorothy; Carroll, who is at home on the farm; and Mark, who was the eldest, is deceased. He died in 1914 when in his thirtieth year. This estimable young man had remained at home and become one of the reliable residents of his township. A Mason and Odd Fellow, he was well known in both orders, passed all the chairs in the latter fraternity at Garden Prairie. While he was operating a small pumping engine, his overalls were caught by the starting shaft, and his body drawn into the machinery so that his foot was mangled. He was taken to the Elgin Hospital, but blood poison set in and death resulted. Few young men are as deeply mourned as was he, not only by his family and brother lodge members, but by the whole community. For years he had been a consistent member of the Baptist church of Marengo, and lived up to its teachings in his everyday life.

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TIMOTHY J. DACY.

Timothy J. Dacy, now deceased, was formerly one of the most substantial business men of Woodstock, and one who left behind him a record for upright dealing and kindly actions. For years he was one of the leading dealers in agricultural implements of the county, and he was known throughout this region as few men are. He was born in Ireland in 1838, and when he was twelve years old his parents started for the United States, but while on the ocean the good mother died and was buried at sea. After reaching this country, the little party came to McHenry County and located in Hartland Township, where the father obtained work with the railroad, but the children were thrown upon their own resources, and Timothy J. Dacy early learned to be self-supporting. For some years he worked for Robert Forrest, and in the winters attended school whenever it was possible for him to do so.

Leaving farm work, in 1861, Mr. Dacy came to Woodstock, entering the employ of John J. Murphy, dealer in grain and wool, and remained with him for several years. In 1863 Mr. Dacy's interest was aroused in a patent gate, and he was induced to invest his savings in it, and he purchased the right to sell it in a small territory, later acquiring a larger field until he sold the gate all over the United States and Canada, and met with a very gratifying success. In 1865 he returned to Woodstock and embarked in a farm products business, continuing that until he formed a partnership with W. B. Austin for the purpose of handling farm implements, which business was carried on until March, 1880, although in the meanwhile Mr. Dacy had become the sole owner, but in that month the entire plant was destroyed by fire, entailing a loss of \$20,000, which was only covered by \$2,000 insurance. Mr. Dacy immediately set to work clearing away the debris, and sold at auction the damaged farm machinery, as well as other goods he immediately ordered, and in this way acquired a working capital, and made his name known throughout a wide territory. Mr. Dacy then formed a partnership with J. D. Donovan, which continued for three years, Mr. Dacy again becoming sole owner of his business, continued as such until his

death, being then recognized as the leading man in handling agricultural implements in the county.

In 1869 Mr. Daey married Lucinda Donnelly, a daughter of Neill Donnelly, now deceased, and they became the parents of four children, namely: Charles E., Albert E., Alice B. and George H., who, with his widow survived him. Mr. Daey met his death August 1, 1896, when he was struck by a train at his home depot, and died soon thereafter. Stricken down in the very prime of his usefulness, he was mourned by the whole community, and it was a long time before his place was filled. He had always taken an active part in public matters, and had been one of the promoters of the County Fair Association, doing much to make the annual meetings a success. St. Mary's Catholic church held his membership, and it was from its portals that his remains were carried to their last resting place in Calvary Cemetery. Years have passed since Mr. Daey died, but the results of his upright life remain, and have their influence on the life of the region in which he spent the greater portion of his useful and honorable career.

JAMES DAVIS.

James Davis, one of the progressive farmers of Coral Township, is located four miles west of Huntley, and was born one-half mile north of his present farm, April 4, 1861, a son of David L. and Elizabeth (Williams) Davis, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work. After attending the local schools, James Davis worked on his father's farm for eighteen months, leaving his rural surroundings for Chicago, where he was engaged in conducting a milk route for eight years, securing his milk from his old home neighborhood, and handling from twenty-five to thirty cans daily. He had three wagons and sold at retail, his place of business being at No. 25 Pierce street, opposite to the old fire-marshal Sweeney.

After clearing up a few thousand dollars, Mr. Davis bought his present farm in 1894, then known as the Thomas Williams farm, which contained 160 acres of land, for which he paid \$65 per acre. On it were buildings in fair condition, but since taking possession of the property he has rebuilt and enlarged the buildings and has everything in fine condition. He erected a silo, and operates a dairy, milking about thirty cows. Adding to his farm he now has 200 acres in one

body, and eighty-three acres three miles distant on the State road in McHenry County, once known as the William Barket farm for which he paid \$125 per acre. On this property also Mr. Davis rebuilt the original buildings, and erected a silo as well as put in other improvements. The smaller farm is now being operated by his son Walter. On both farms the cattle are high-grade Holstein, and Mr. Davis owns a full blooded bull. On the homestead he has a fine supply of water for the house and premises, from a fifty-five foot well, operated by a windmill. All of the basement of the barn is arranged for stabling.

When he was twenty-one years old Mr. Davis was married to Dora Mackeben, a sister of Henry Mackeben, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work. Mr. and Mrs. Davis became the parents of the following children: Maggie, who is Mrs. William Lowe, lives one mile south of Harmony, and has no children; Walter, who is on the farm in McHenry County, married Anna Eckman, and they have one child, Ruby; David M., who is living at home, was married to Marie Bourreau, but she died, leaving him with one son, James Henry; and Henry H., who is at home. David and Henry are assisting their father in operating the homestead. Mr. Davis is a Republican, but has never sought office, his private affairs absorbing all of his time. For a number of years he has been active in the Methodist Episcopal church of Harmony, which is located one mile west of his farm. An excellent farmer, Mr. Davis has devoted himself to agricultural labors all his life, and is glad that his sons are following in his footsteps, for he believes that the natural way for a man to earn his living is from the soil.

THOMAS DAVIS.

Thomas Davis, one of the progressive farmers of Coral Township, is profitably engaged in conducting his father's homestead, where he has spent practically all his life. He was born on his present farm, September 20, 1868, a son of David L. and Elizabeth (Williams) Davis. David L. Davis was born in Abrothwith, Wales, March 16, 1835, and died March 22, 1915. His wife was born in Wales, February 22, 1837, and died October 22, 1908. They were married in New York, when he was twenty-four years old and she was twenty-two.

When David L. Davis brought his family to McHenry County he was accompanied by his brother, William. Soon after his arrival,

David L. Davis secured the farm now occupied by his son, Thomas, then principally in the timber. He built a log house, which he replaced with the one now standing, about 1872, and cleared off his original forty acres. To this he added until he owned 120 acres, and he also owned 160 acres in Lyon County, Iowa. For a number of years he was one of the extensive farmers of this region, keeping from forty to fifty cows, and making a specialty of dairying. For the last decade of his life he lived in retirement, renting his homestead of 160 acres to Thomas Davis. Always a Republican, he never neglected exercising his right of suffrage, and was chosen by his fellow citizens to serve on the school board. He was one of the original members of the Harmony Methodist church, and lived to be its oldest surviving member. Very hospitable, Mr. Davis enjoyed entertaining his friends, and his home was oftentimes a gathering place for delightful social events. His remains are laid to rest at Harmony, two miles away from his old home, four and one-half miles due west from Huntley, in Coral Township. He and his wife had the following children: Mary, who died at the age of seventeen years; David, who died at the age of sixty-four years, at Marengo, to which he had retired from his farm, and there his widow who survives him, is still living; George, who left McHenry County thirty years ago, lives at Demison, Iowa; William, who lives on a portion of the homestead, is written up elsewhere in this work; Sarah, who died at the age of eighteen years; James, who lives on a farm adjoining that of Thomas, is also written up elsewhere in this work; Katie, who lives on the old homestead, devoted her life to her parents; Thomas, whose name heads this review; and Mary, who is Mrs. George Hemmer.

Thomas Davis lives in the house in which he was born, and has devoted himself to agricultural pursuits. He was married December 30, 1902, to Emma Kahle, a daughter of William and Elizabeth (Mekaben) Kahle, she being a sister of Henry Mekaben. Mr. Kahle died in January 1917, aged seventy-one years, and she, February 17, 1908, and both were born in Germany. Mrs. Davis was born on the State road October 13, 1884. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Davis are as follows: Sarah, Mary, Margaret, Lester, George, David, Frances, all of whom are at home, and two, who died in infancy. When he married, Thomas Davis took over the homestead where for seventy years his family had lived. Here he carries on dairying, keeping from twenty-four to twenty-five cows, and he owns stock in the new creamery at Harmony. Mr. Davis belongs to the old Harmony Methodist church with which his father was connected for so many years, but Mrs. Davis was reared in

the Harmony Lutheran church. During the years Mr. Davis has been conducting his farm, he has proven himself an excellent farmer and has always been a public-spirited citizen, although like his father he has not aspired to political preferment.

WILLIAM HENRY DAVIS.

William Henry Davis, who belongs to one of the old and highly respected families of McHenry County, was born in a log cabin, in Coral Township, one-half a mile distant from his present farm, February 4, 1859, a son of David L. and Elizabeth (Williams) Davis, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work.

William Henry Davis was reared in his present township, and here he was married, at the age of twenty-seven years, to Ellen Hand, a daughter of Louis Hand, of Lake County, Ill., but later widely known in McHenry County. Both Mr. and Mrs. Hand are deceased. After his marriage, William Henry Davis moved to his present farm five and one-half miles from Huntley, and for twenty years was connected with a threshing outfit, commencing with horsepower, but later buying a steam outfit. At the death of his father he secured eighty acres of the homestead, and now operates 120 acres. On his property he has erected a barn, 36 x 80 feet, and a silo, and has put in considerable tiling, thus redeeming what was formerly almost worthless land. Mr. Davis has also cleared off the timber on his land with the exception of about fifteen acres. When he began farming only a small part of the land had been plowed, but he now has it in magnificent condition, this of course entailing an immense amount of labor and careful planning. He has a well thirty-one feet deep, fitted with a windmill and so has a fine supply of water for all purposes. Dairying is his specialty, and he keeps from fifteen to twenty cows, of a high grade strain. His barn is admirably fitted for dairy purposes, having a cement floor, modern stanchions and other appliances, which bring it up to the requirements of the state regulations. Mr. Davis has, all in all, one of the best-kept farms in McHenry County, and his careful supervision shows that he takes a pride in his property. A solid Republican, he gives a hearty support to his party, but has never held any office except that of school director. He was on the board for thirty years, as was his father, both doing much for the cause of education in this region.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis became the parents of the following children: Vivian, who is Mrs. John Thompson of McHenry County, has the following children: Neil, Vivian, Helen and Melvina; Pearl and Sylvia, both of whom are at home, have taught school in their home district; and Leonard, who is at home. The Harmony Methodist church was established by a few faithful men and women in the neighborhood, of whom Mr. and Mrs. David L. Davis were two, and William Henry Davis is one of its members. He belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America. On February 20, 1907 Mrs. Davis was taken from her family, since which time Miss Pearl has been the housekeeper.

PROF. HARRY A. DEAN.

Prof. Harry A. Dean, superintendent of the schools of Crystal Lake, is one of the thoroughly efficient and scholarly educators of McHenry County. He was born in Massachusetts, July 29, 1866, one of the nine children born to Otis and Annista (Dunlar) Dean. Otis Dean, born in Massachusetts, was a shoemaker by trade. He later became a manufacturer of shoes, and going to California, there rounded out his life, dying in 1910. His wife survived him until 1914.

Harry A. Dean was graduated as a civil engineer, from Ames College in 1891, but immediately after his graduation he began teaching school at Geneva, Ill., where he remained for two years. Leaving Geneva, for the subsequent ten years he was superintendent of schools at Ethur, Ill., and for eight years he was superintendent of the schools of Kane County. In 1910, Prof. Dean came to Crystal Lake, where he has since remained, having charge of the schools of that city. He is a member of the National Educational Association, and of the state and local educational organizations. There are sixteen teachers and 500 pupils under Prof. Dean's supervision, in the grade and high schools.

Professor Dean was married to Miss Eva E. Riplits, and they have the following children: Revere E., who lives at Chicago; Harry A., who is an ex-service man; and Beatrice A., Dorothy I., Jennie V., and Ruth, all of whom are at home. The family residence is at Crystal Lake. Professor Dean is a Mason. His political affiliations are with the Republican party. He and his family are members of the Congregational church.



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JOHN F. DE YARMOND.

John F. De Yarmond, now living retired at Marengo, was formerly actively engaged in farming, and is regarded as one of the representative men of the county. He was born at Ada, Kent County, Mich., March 11, 1850, a son of Alexander F. De Yarmond, born near Halifax, Nova Scotia, but of French Huguenot stock. In 1834 or 1835, he came to the then territory of Michigan and participated in the "Buckeye War," which was a dispute over a strip some six miles wide claimed by Ohio and Michigan. The controversy was settled by Michigan being given what is now the Upper Peninsula, Ohio retaining the other strip. By trade he was a blacksmith.

In 1866 John F. De Yarmond joined his uncle, George W. Richardson, a farmer of Riley Township, who at that time had rented his farm and gone to the "Oil Regions" of Pennsylvania. For three years Mr. De Yarmond operated the old Josiah St. John Farm in connection with his brother-in-law, John B. Hoof, and then bought an interest in a set of abstracts of Eau Claire County, Wis., in partnership with Charles B. Swift, and spent a year at Eau Claire. Returning to McHenry County he was at Marengo for a time, then went on his uncle's farm for several years. Once more coming to Marengo, he conducted a real estate business until 1893, when on June 28 of that year, he was married to Ida Austin, a daughter of Rufus A. and Charlotte Austin, of Woodstock.

Mr. De Yarmond inherited an interest in his uncle's farm, and also administered his estate. In 1914 he was made one of three commissioners of the Coon Creek Drainage District in Riley and Marengo townships of McHenry County, and extending into Boone County, and constructed about four miles of main channel, dredged and laid a number of miles of tile. This enterprise affects 7,000 acres of farm land, rendering it fit for tillage. Much of this acreage is already under cultivation. Mr. De Yarmond is still on the commission. He owns a small tract in this district. The service Mr. De Yarmond and his associates have rendered to their counties and state in this reclamation project cannot easily be overestimated. The lands redeemed were formerly in part almost utterly worthless, but now are among the most fertile in this region. The long period that the soil lay idle, combined with the fertilization of the swamp growths, was productive of a richness that yields banner crops and amply compensates for the time and trouble and expense involved in the proper draining.

In 1911 Mrs. De Yarmond made an extended tour of Europe, visiting the various places of interest in France, Italy, Germany, Belgium, Holland, England and Scotland, and having been over much of the ground, later the scene of the World War, she has naturally been able to follow the course of events more comprehensively and intelligently than the majority of people.

A. G. DICKERSON.

A. G. Dickerson, secretary of the Alden Mutual Fire Insurance Company, is one of the energetic business men of McHenry County, who resides at Hebron. He was born in Seneca Township, December 1, 1868, a son of Silas and Clarissa (Dilley) Dickerson. Silas Dickerson was born near Ypsilanti, Mich., and came to Illinois in 1837, being then ten years of age. His parents entered land from the government in Seneca Township, and there his father died while still a young man. In 1905 Silas Dickerson located in Hebron Township, where he died at the age of seventy-seven years. His widow survives and makes her home with her son.

A. G. Dickerson learned to be a carpenter, and worked at his trade until January, 1918, when he was made secretary of the Alden Mutual Fire Insurance Company, which was organized in 1874 to place risks in Alden Township. The business has been so expanded that the townships of Alden, Hebron, Richmond, Burton and McHenry are included in its territory, and associated with Mr. Dickerson is James H. Twney, who is president; Arthur D. Cornne, who is vice president; and H. G. Street, E. L. Kingsley, H. G. Derkee, all of Alden, and E. G. Turner and Jesse B. Richardson of Richmond, who compose the board of directors. The company now has 500 policy holders of \$1,800,000 insurance, at a cost of about one percent for a five year period. Mr. Dickerson has charge of the new business and the adjustment of all small losses. The cost of operation in 1918 was \$300. This is a constantly growing business, and during 1918 about \$160,000 worth of insurance was placed, there being no assessment for that year.

Mr. Dickerson was married when twenty-nine years of age, to Elva Douglas, a daughter of Edwin and Clara Douglas of Hebron. Mr. and Mrs. Dickerson have two children, namely: Mary, who was graduated from the Hebron High School in 1917, is head of the selling force of the Weaver store at Hebron; and Raymond, who is at home. Mr. Dickerson

is a Mason and is present master of the Hebron Lodge. He is a man well qualified for his position, and under his watchful supervision the volume of business has greatly increased.

ARLIE A. DEITZ.

Arlie A. Deitz, junior member of the well known grocery firm of Kappler and Deitz, extensive dealers in staple and fancy groceries at Woodstock, is one of the enterprising business men of McHenry County. He was born in Seneca Township, McHenry County, May 25, 1875, a son of Albert A. and Olive (Waterman) Deitz, who had six children. Albert A. Deitz was born in Albany, N. Y., and there learned the trade of a cabinetmaker and carpenter, and followed that calling until his death which took place in 1902, his wife having passed away in 1877.

After attending the grade and high schools of McHenry County, Arlie A. Deitz secured the position of rural mail carrier out of Woodstock, and held that position until 1900, when he began clerking in a grocery. Having learned the business, he took the position of manager of a grocery house at Ridefield, in 1910, and held it until 1913, when he formed his present partnership, and since then he and Mr. Kappler have built up a fine trade, and stand well with their customers, not only on account of the quality of their goods, but because of their fair prices and excellent and cheerful service.

In 1898, Mr. Deitz was married to Blanche Jacket, a daughter of Charles Jacket of Seneca Township. Mr. and Mrs. Deitz have two children, namely: Arlie and Eldred A. The family belong to the Presbyterian church. In politics, Mr. Deitz is a Republican. The family residence is maintained at No. 329 North Madison Street, Woodstock. A sound business man, Mr. Deitz has known how to make his efforts pay, and at the same time his principles are such as to prevent him ever taking advantage of another, and in this way he has built up a well-deserved reputation for integrity and fair dealing.

WILLIAM DESMOND.

William Desmond, one of the prosperous farmers of McHenry County, is an honored resident of Woodstock, and one of the substantial

men of his locality. He was born at Hartland, Ill., July 1, 1819, a son of Cornelius and Hannah (McEniry) Desmond, natives of Ireland, where the former was born in 1799, and the latter in 1811. The father was a farmer, who came to Illinois in 1836, and was employed in the construction of the old Illinois & Michigan Canal. He came to McHenry County in June, 1838, and took up a government claim on section 29, Hartland Township, where he remained until his death, February 8, 1871, with the exception of one year which was spent on a farm in Rock Island County, that he bought in 1866. The mother came to the United States in 1843, landing at Syracuse, N. Y., from whence she came to Chicago, and in 1844, to Hartland Township. In 1850 the father was appointed one of the first judges of elections in Hartland Township, and he also served as a commissioner of highways for several years.

William Desmond attended the district schools of his native township, and two years at the Harvard High School. His first work was done on his father's farm, and after completing his studies, he taught in the district schools of the county for twelve years, when he resumed his farming. He now owns 200 acres of land on sections 29, 31 and 32 Hartland Township, and his home at No. 845 Clay Street, Woodstock. In politics Mr. Desmond is a Democrat, and he served as assessor of Hartland Township from 1877 to 1891; as supervisor from 1891 to 1912, during which time he was chairman of the board for three years, and in 1902 was elected by a large majority representative in the lower house of the State Assembly, and he served as a member and clerk of the board of review for seventeen years. His fraternal connections are with the Ancient Order of United Workmen, and the Catholic Order of Foresters. Mr. Desmond belongs to the Catholic church.

On June 6, 1876, Mr. Desmond was married at Harvard, Ill., to Margaret Nolan, born in Hartland Township, October 9, 1848, a daughter of Thomas and Margaret Nolan, the former born in Ireland in 1800, and the latter born in Ireland in 1818. Mrs. Desmond attended the district schools of the county, and the Woodstock and Harvard High Schools, and for fifteen years taught schools in the McHenry County schools. Mr. and Mrs. Desmond became the parents of the following children: Cornelius C., who was born May 25, 1877; Thomas H., who was born March 31, 1879; William W., who was born September 24, 1880; Daniel H., who was born March 21, 1882; John J., who was born July 31, 1885; Margaret E., who was born February 24, 1887, and May E., who was born May 11, 1890.

JOHN C. DIENER.

John C. Diener, one of the retired residents of Harvard, has a record of having been successful along two widely diversified lines, that of farming and railroading. He was born in Germany, February 4, 1853, one of seven children, of whom five survive. These parents, John and Catherine Diener, were born in Germany, which they left in 1856, coming to the United States, and after their arrival in this country, they located at Fond du Lac, Wis., where the father died in 1914, having been a cabinetmaker by trade.

John C. Diener was but a small child when his parents came to the United States, and he consequently was reared here, and attended the public schools of Wisconsin. When he was thirty-eight years old, he came to McHenry County, and has made this county his home ever since. His farming was done in Wisconsin between the ages of twelve and twenty-two. For five years he was occupied with selling pumps, lightning rods and agricultural implements, and then for thirty-three years he was connected with the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad, commencing as a laborer, and advancing to the position of roadmaster. On March 1, 1912, he retired, being at that time held in the highest esteem by all who were associated with him.

On March 31, 1878, Mr. Diener was married to Miss Delia M. Brown, a daughter of Pearson Brown, and a member of a pioneer family of Fond du Lac County. Mrs. Diener died December 13, 1919. Their two children are: Winifred J., who is Mrs. F. B. Saunders of Chicago; and Wayne R., who lives at Harvard. Politically Mr. Diener is a Republican, and he has served Harvard as a member of its city council, being elected three consecutive terms. Fraternally he belongs to Harvard Lodge No. 309, A. F. & A. M., and Harvard Camp No. 86, M. W. A. For some time Mr. Diener has been a prominent member of the Men's Club of Harvard, and has always taken an active part in any movement having for its object the promotion of the prosperity of Harvard, and the advancement of its people.

ALBERT BLODGETT DIGGINS.

Albert Blodgett Diggins, now deceased, was one of the most prominent and wealthy men of Harvard, and was held in the highest esteem all

over McHenry County. He was born in McHenry County, January 23, 1854, a son of Franklin and Ellen (Blodgett) Diggins, who had three children. Franklin Diggins was one of the pioneers of McHenry County, and became a farmer here upon an extensive scale.

Albert Blodgett Diggins was reared on his father's farm, and attended the local schools. In 1881 he went to Hersey, Mich., and for some time conducted a large dry goods store, later branching out into the lumber business, with headquarters at Cadillac, Mich. In 1894, he returned to McHenry County and resumed his farming activities, continuing them until he retired in 1908, and he then lived in retirement at Harvard until his death which occurred February 6, 1916. When he died he owned 150 acres of valuable farm land in McHenry County; a large amount of land in Texas; a number of lots at Harvard, as well as his residence, and his interest in the Cummer Diggins Lumber Company of Cadillac, Mich. Mr. Diggins also had a large amount of money loaned out on gilt-edged mortgages.

On December 28, 1875, Mr. Diggins was married to Emma J. Johnson, and they became the parents of the following children: Stella E., who is the wife of John McFadden, one of the prominent men of Harvard; Frank A., who is supervising his mother's interests, married Effie Udell; and Ralph C., who is a veteran of the World War, enlisted in the aviation branch of the service, July 3, 1917. The family belong to the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Diggins was a staunch Republican. He was a Mason and belonged to the Modern Woodmen of America. Mrs. Diggins survives her husband, and lives at the old home in Harvard, where she is surrounded with every comfort and luxury. She enjoys the respect and affection of her associates to whom she has endeared herself by her many excellent traits of character.

WILLIAM EDWIN DIKE.

William Edwin Dike, formerly one of the prosperous farmers of Dorr Township, is now living in practical retirement at Crystal Lake. He was born at Ogdensburg, St. Lawrence County, N. Y., October 11, 1861, a son of Abial and Olive (Manley) Dike, who were married in Vermont. In 1862 they came to McHenry County, Ill. Abial Dike bought a small farm one-half mile from Crystal Lake, and conducted it for a time, but became crippled by rheumatism. In 1867 or 1868

he sold this farm and bought a large tract of prairie land in Greenwood Township, which continued to be his place of residence until he retired and moved to Woodstock, where he died, surviving his wife, who passed away in January, 1910, having been born in 1829, while he was born in 1828. She was educated at a ladies' seminary at Pittsford, Vt., and was a consistent member of the Congregational church for a number of years. He was a successful farmer, and during his life owned several large farms, and had bought and sold considerable real estate. Abial Dike was one of the original directors of the McHenry County Fair, and superintendent of the horse department of it, for years. At one time he was extensively engaged in breeding both road and farm horses, and was among the first to introduce Merino sheep into McHenry County, and raised and bred on a large scale sheep, cattle, hogs and horses. He was reared in the Congregational church, and was a liberal contributor to it. A very strong Republican. Mr. and Mrs. Dike had the following children: Minnie, who lives at Zion City, Ill.; William E., whose name heads this review; Elizabeth Adelia, who is Mrs. B. V. Morris of Park Ridge, Ill.; and Abbie J., who is Mrs. Peter B. Johnson of Zion City, Ill.

William E. Dike was reared and educated in McHenry County. When he was twenty-two years old he took charge of a farm near Crystal Lake for his father. Later he returned to the home place, and when his father retired, he took charge of the old farm. The father disposed of his real estate before his death, and in 1903 W. E. Dike bought the farm of Albert Morse which contained 133 acres of land to which he later added the Olmstead farm of 120 acres, and called his property Sunshine Farm. Here he ran a dairy farm, and had a herd of Jersey cows, shipping milk to Chicago for eighteen years.

He made other improvements on his property, remodeled the house and barns, and then sold it to James Tate in April, 1919, and moved to his present residence at Crystal Lake, which is one of the most pleasant and comfortable homes in McHenry County. He is a faithful supporter of the Republican party.

On February 10, 1904, Mr. Dike was married to Clara Ashton of Crystal Lake, a daughter of T. H. and Huldah (Chase) Ashton, natives of Medina, N. Y. They came to Illinois in 1855, and ten years later located at Crystal Lake, and owned and conducted the Crystal Lake Hotel until Mr. Ashton's death. He was widely known among traveling men. His death occurred May 19, 1891, when he was seventy-five years old. In recent years Mrs. Ashton went to live with Mr. and Mrs. Dike and died at their home February 6, 1909, aged ninety years.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Ashton were consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mrs. Dike was born at Barrington, Ill., September 16, 1858. She was educated in a girls' school at Crystal Lake, and was a kindergarten teacher at Blue Island, near Chicago, prior to her marriage, and she had also taught at Woodstock. Mrs. Dike had three sisters, namely: Cornelia, who was Mrs. William Morris, is deceased; and Miss Amanda Jane Ashton; and Sarah Patience Ashton Nash, both of whom are living with Mr. and Mrs. Dike. The two brothers, Lewis H. and L. Chase Ashton, are residents of Ogden, Utah. Mr. and Mrs. Dike belong to the Presbyterian Church.

LOUIS DIMMEL.

Louis Dimmel, who is successfully engaged in farming on his fine rural property four and one-half miles west of Woodstock in Seneca Township, was born in Alsace, France, September 23, 1847, a son of Louis and Eliza Dimmel, who in 1848 came to the United States, and bought property one mile east of the present homestead of their son, of which he still owns a portion. Here Louis Dimmel, the elder, died, his widow surviving him until 1910, when she too passed away being then about eighty-four years old. The grandfather, John Dimmel, had come with the family to McHenry County, and he died at an advanced age. The elder Louis Dimmel had served for seven years in the French army, Alsace at that time being under French rule, as it is at present, but for over forty-five years it belonged to Germany. His children were as follows: Louis, whose name heads this review; George, who lives in Winnebago County, Ill., is engaged in farming; and Catherine, who died in young womanhood.

Louis Dimmel, the younger, was only fifteen years old when his father died and upon his young shoulders fell the burden of operating the farm as his brother was only four years old at that time. Later, about 1867, he sold the homestead of 100 acres and purchased his present farm, but still later bought fifty-five acres of the homestead left by his father, and has 175 acres of land, on which he has erected his present buildings, except the barn, which he has recently remodeled. His land is all in the famous Kiswaukee Prairie. Mr. Dimmel has always carried on dairying and keeps from thirty-five to forty cows, selling his milk to factories. His cattle are high-grade Holstein. He is a Demo-



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erat in his political beliefs. St. Mary's Catholic church of Woodstock holds his membership, and his is one of the oldest families in the parish.

In 1878 Mr. Dimmel was married to Lizzie Barbien, of McHenry County, a daughter of Nicholas Barbien, of French origin. Mrs. Dimmel died in 1900, leaving the following children: Lena, who is Mrs. William Desmond of Hartland Township, has five children, Dorothy, Arthur, Marguerite, Donald and Eleanor; George, who is assisting his father on the farm; Kate, who is Mrs. Jerry O'Connor of Newark, N. J.; Louis, who is a millwright of Chicago; Mary, who is connected with the selling force of one of the large mercantile establishments of Chicago; Paul, who is also assisting his father; Helen, who is keeping house for her father and brothers; and Madeline, who took a commercial course, is now employed in an office at Elgin. Mr. Dimmel has every reason to be proud of his family, and they and he deserve the confidence they inspire in their associates.

GEORGE A. DODD.

George A. Dodd, who has served as mayor of Algonquin, is an extensive farmer of Algonquin Township, and stands high among the representative men of McHenry County. He was born in Algonquin Township, July 4, 1869, one of the five children of his parents, George E. and Roselle (Ford) Dodd. George E. Dodd was born in New York state, but came to Illinois in June, 1844, and located in Algonquin Township, where he remained until his death, October 14, 1914.

George A. Dodd attended the common and high schools of his native township, and was reared on a farm, putting to practical use in after life the knowledge he gained during his formative period. His farm of 107 acres of choice land shows the effect of his fostering care, and half of it is within the city limits of Algonquin.

On August 28, 1901, Mr. Dodd was married to Miss Elizabeth Rosenerantz, a daughter of Albert A. Rosenerantz, a prominent man of Crystal Lake. Mr. and Mrs. Dodd have one daughter, Miss Gladys, who is now attending the Elgin High School. Mr. Dodd is a Republican, and was elected mayor of Algonquin in 1916, and gave his city a wise and constructive administration. Fraternally he belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America. He and his family belong to the Congregational church.

WILLIAM A. DODGE.

William A. Dodge, proprietor of the Oakenwall Farm, one mile north of Ringwood in McHenry Township, is one of the aggressive farmers of the county, and a man who holds the respect and trust of his neighbors. He was born at Johnson, Vt., June 5, 1851, a son of Amos and Sarah N. (Ritterbush) Dodge, both of whom were born in Vermont. In 1872 he went to Massachusetts where he worked in various occupations.

In the spring of 1873 William A. Dodge and his brother Erwin Dodge, came to Illinois, and spent some time in McHenry County, but later rented their farm and went to Nebraska and conducted a stock business on government land. Still later they bought 380 acres of land in Valley County, Nebr., on which he was engaged in farming for five years, and then returned to McHenry County, his brother Erwin, who had accompanied him to Nebraska, remaining on their land in that state. The brothers continued to work together for sixteen years, and then William A. Dodge took the farm in McHenry County while Erwin took the one in Nebraska, which he still owns.

Subsequently William A. Dodge moved to Ringwood, and rented his farm, but in 1903 went to Alaska, and upon his return resumed the operation of his farm, and is still so engaged. In recent years Mr. Dodge has added twenty acres to his original farm, and is engaged in carrying on dairying, handling forty-five cows. Earlier in life he did considerable feeding of cattle, sheep and hogs, both in Nebraska and McHenry County. The present residence was standing when he took charge of the farm, but he has rebuilt it.

On September 24, 1884, William A. Dodge was united in marriage with Nellie L. Rea, of Ord, Nebr., born at Knoxville, Iowa, but taken to Nebraska when six years of age, and reared on the prairie. She was eighteen years old at the time of her marriage. Her father built the first frame house and first hotel at Aurora, Nebr., and was a very prominent man of that region.

Mr. and Mrs. Dodge became the parents of the following children: Rea Arthur, who died at the age of twenty-eight years, had lived at home and operated the farm, and his widow, formerly Ada Westlake, now Mrs. George Simpson of Beloit, Wis., bore him a daughter, Mildred Rea who survives her father; Lora, who married George L. Bacon of Antioch, Ill., a railroad mail clerk, has one daughter, Georgia Irene; Agnes Ethel, who was a school teacher in McHenry County, entered

the government service as reconstruction aid at Camp Grant, Des Moines, Iowa, Atlanta, Ga., and Oteen, N. C.; Elynor E., who is attending school at Antioch, Ill.; Leon E., who is at home; Sarah Jane, who is attending school at DeKalb, Ill.; and William, Jr., who is deceased. Mr. Dodge is a Republican, but has never taken any active part in politics, his private affairs absorbing his time and attention.

GEORGE E. DOLBY.

George E. Dolby, who owns one of the best garages and repair shops in this part of McHenry County, is one of the leading business men of Huntley. He was born at Elgin, Ill., August 2, 1892, one of the eleven children of his parents, George W. and Mary (Grice) Dolby. George W. Dolby was born at London, England, where he was reared and taught the trade of a tinsmith. In 1880, he came to the United States, and located at Elgin, Ill.

George E. Dolby was brought up at Elgin, and attended its schools and Grant Academy. In 1914 he embarked in his present business, and has built it up to gratifying proportions, and carries a stock of \$2,500 worth of goods.

Mr. Dolby was married September 18, 1915, to Miss Florence E. Hill, a daughter of Charles Hill of Elgin, Ill. Mr. and Mrs. Dolby have one daughter, Muriel F., who was born November, 1917. Both Mr. Dolby and his wife belong to the Lutheran church, in which they are active. His political convictions make him a Republican. Alert, expert and enterprising, Mr. Dolby has made a success of his undertaking, and stands exceedingly well in his community.

CHARLES H. DONNELLY.

Charles H. Donnelly, circuit judge of Woodstock, was perhaps more widely known and deeply loved than any other member of the bench. In his official capacity he was competent, able, well informed, firm, yet kindly, just, yet merciful; in private life, a loyal, kindly, sympathetic friend, with his heart open to every call of need. Intensely human, Judge Donnelly had characteristics which make comrades of men of

all classes and creeds, repelling none, befriending all. Judge Charles H. Donnelly was born at Woodstock, August 22, 1855, one of the ten children of his parents, Neill and Mary (McElroy) Donnelly. Neill Donnelly was born in County Derry, Ireland, May 12, 1816, and came to the United States in 1828. For many years he was a very successful merchant of Woodstock.

Charles H. Donnelly attended the graded and high schools of Woodstock, and Notre Dame University, from which he was graduated in 1873. He then entered the law office of Slavin & Smith, and in due course of time was admitted to the bar, January 8, 1877. He was elected city attorney of Woodstock for seven consecutive years, and in 1890 was elected county judge of McHenry County, and served until June, 1897, when he was elected to the circuit bench, to which he was re-elected in 1903, in 1909, and in 1915. He also served as captain of Company G, Third Regiment of the Illinois National Guards for six years.

On May 2, 1888, Judge Donnelly was married to Miss Nina C. Blakleslee, a daughter of Gervase and Helen R. Blakleslee, and their children are as follows: Mary, whose husband, H. L. Webster, was discharged August 12, 1919, from serving the United States army during the World War; and Helen, who has completed her studies at Boston, Mass. Judge Donnelly was a Mason of high standing, belonging to Calvary Commandery, K. T., and the Mystic Shrine, Medinah Temple. In the Odd Fellows, he was past noble grand of the Grand Encampment. In politics he was a staunch Republican.

It would be impossible to overestimate Judge Donnelly's services on the bench. His knowledge of the law was very well founded, and his rulings have been just, while his personal honor and unblemished integrity give unquestioned assurance of perfect equity to all parties concerned. He died December 27, 1921. (See pages 143-144).

PAUL J. DONOVAN.

Paul J. Donovan, attorney-at-law of Harvard, is a man whose genial traits, devotion to domestic demands, and recognized ability, have won for him deep appreciation and friendship among a wide circle in McHenry County and throughout the northern part of the state. He was born at Woodstock, March 19, 1890, a son of John Donovan, president of the McHenry County State Bank of Woodstock.

After being graduated from the Woodstock High School in 1907, he became a student of the law school of Notre Dame University, from which he was graduated in 1910, following which he entered the office of David R. Joslyn, and the next year was admitted to the bar of Illinois, it being impossible for him to take his examination earlier as he had not attained to his majority when he completed his collegiate courses. He remained with Mr. Joslyn as assistant states attorney for four years, and then formed a partnership with Judge E. H. Waite, this association continuing until Mr. Donovan opened an office at Harvard in November, 1918, this city having been his place of residence since 1912, he having been united on June 19 of that year to Miss Lillian Keating, a native of Harvard, and a daughter of John and Hannah Keating. Mrs. Donovan was educated at Harvard, and for two years prior to her marriage was engaged in teaching in McHenry County. There are no children of this marriage.

As assistant states attorney Mr. Donovan was placed in charge of some important litigation involving the collection of back taxes from tax-dodging men and estates. One of these cases was the County vs. the Barber Estate, which was ably contested, but a final decision was reached whereby \$60,000 in back taxes were recovered for the village of Crystal Lake. Mr. Donovan's study of assessments and the taxing systems as practiced generally during this and other litigation, made him an expert on a subject which has attracted the attention of some of the ablest men of the profession. When Lake County endeavored to collect back taxes from the Richard W. Sears Estate, Mr. Donovan was chosen as the prosecutor, the decision of the case yielding the county some \$92,000. The village of Oak Park, in Cook County, also made an effort to collect over \$1,700,000 in back taxes from the same estate. Mr. Donovan represented the prosecution in this case as well, and it is still in court.

The attorney general of Illinois called upon Mr. Donovan to represent the State in the case State vs. Durand for the dissolution of an injunction granted by the Circuit Court to restrain the State from destroying a fine herd of cattle infected with the foot and mouth disease. This case was carried to the Supreme Court, where the injunction was dissolved, the right of the State being held supreme. The financial loss to the owner was reimbursed by action of the legislature. All of these unusual experiences have been of inestimable advantage to a rising young attorney of Mr. Donovan's abilities, and he is now recognized as one of the distinguished members of the bar of the state. In politics

he is a Republican, differing in his views from his father who is chairman of the McHenry County Democratic Central Committee.

Mr. Donovan is a close student, going into every phase of a case and understanding it thoroughly before he takes it into court. His field is not overcrowded as are some of his profession, for too few men understand the complicated details of the laws governing assessing and collecting of taxes, especially when they have been persistently dodged, so that in this, Mr. Donovan has ample opportunity to prove his capabilities, and win for his clients a fair and equitable decision. His removal to Harvard is regarded by that city as a decided acquisition, and the loss is correspondingly felt at Woodstock.

EDWARD DUFFY.

Edward Duffy, now deceased, was for many years a prosperous farmer of Grafton Township, and one of the well-known men of McHenry County. He was born in Ireland, November 1, 1839, a son of James and Elizabeth Duffy. James Duffy died when his son Edward was a small child, and in 1851 he was brought to the United States by his mother when he was twelve years old. He attended school in this country, and became a farmer.

On October 26, 1878, Edward Duffy was married to Nellie J. Barry, who was born in Ireland, March 19, 1855. She was brought to the United States by her parents, James and Nellie (Hill) Barry, and they located at Hartford, Conn. Later, the parents returned to Ireland, where they died. Mr. and Mrs. Duffy became the parents of four children, namely: Mae E., who is deceased; James A., who manages the home farm; Estelle R., who is also on the home farm; and Edward G., who is at home.

The home farm contains 145 acres of land, and here general farming and dairying are carried on. Mr. Duffy died on this farm, August 7, 1912, and he is survived by his three children and his widow, who continue on the farm he left to them. He was a Democrat, and was elected road commissioner and school director. For many years he was a consistent member of the Catholic church. A man of fine character and good habits, he was regarded as one of the most desirable citizens of the county, and his death was deplored by all who knew him.

ALAN J. DUFIELD.

Alan J. Dufield is a veteran of the World War, and one of the substantial men of Woodstock who put to good use a natural inclination for mechanics, and proved that he understands the requirements of his trade. He conducted a first-class general machine shop, and did all kinds of electrical and mechanical work. Mr. Dufield was born in McHenry County, June 1, 1892, a son of John A. and Ada M. (Jewett) Dufield, who became the parents of three children, two of whom survive. John A. Dufield was a very prominent man in McHenry County, and active in Democratic politics. He served as postmaster of Woodstock for eight years, and was also the editor of the McHenry County Democrat. He sold the Democrat in 1901, later engaged in the stationery and job printing business, continuing in it until his death, March 17, 1907.

Alan J. Dufield attended the Elgin and Dixon academies, but preferring to follow his natural bent, learned the trade of a machinist, and bought his shop from E. G. Griebel. His equipment was modern and he did all kinds of general machine work, armature winding and electrical work, and made a specialty of the latter. In 1918 Mr. Dufield sold his business, and enlisted in the United States Ambulance service with the French army as a mechanic. He was honorably discharged in 1919.

Mr. Dufield was married to Miss Marie E. Mentzer, a daughter of Henry Mentzer. They have one son, Alan Curtis Dufield, born June 24, 1920. Fraternally he belongs to the order of Elks. His political views make him an independent voter. A fine workman, he had built up a large and valuable trade, and he stands well with his associates and in his community.

NEILL C. DUNHAM.

Neill C. Dunham, owner of one of the finest farms in Coral Township, is numbered among the enterprising young men of McHenry County. He was born in 1884 on a farm adjoining his present property. His grandfather, Artemas Dunham was one of the most distinctive figures

in the early history of McHenry County. When he was fourteen years old, this remarkable personage was the owner of a team, and with his horses began to be self-supporting, and from the little money he was able to make, saved enough to enter land from the government in 1836, which property is now owned by his grandson, Neill C. Dunham. During the early period referred to, Artemas Dunham's father and brother frequently hauled wheat to Chicago and were glad to get fifty cents a bushel for it. One dollar per day was considered good wages, but then the purchasing power of a dollar was much greater than it is today. While developing his land Artemas Dunham worked at whatever he could find to do. He bought and sold farms, owning at one time 800 acres of land, and handling in all about 1,000 acres. The homestead contains 197 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres, nothing having been added since his demise. He had given one tract of land to his son, but owned when he died about 300 acres. He traded three times, one of the farms having been at Union, and from it he took enough land to donate the site for the Methodist church, although he and his wife belonged to the Presbyterian church at Marengo, to which he was a liberal contributor. He died at Marengo, having retired to that village six years previously. For some years before moving to Marengo, he had not taken any active part in the farm management, renting it to a tenant, and living on the farm in a second set of buildings. He occupied himself with caring for his garden. His widow survived him and passed away at the home of her son at Marengo.

Neill C. Dunham was graduated from the Marengo High School, and then took a three years' course in the agricultural department of the University of Illinois. He then was travelling salesman for the American Radiator Company, selling radiators, boilers, etc., and then, after three years with that concern, spent two years in California, handling automobiles. In 1914 he took charge of the old farm. Mr. Dunham specialized on growing and feeding pure bred Hampshire hogs, shipping largely for breeding purposes, and he also operated a dairy. Since becoming the owner of the farm, he built a silo, laid cement floors in his barns and modernized his house, putting in hot and cold water, and gasoline lights.

Mr. Dunham was married in 1900. He votes the Republican ticket, and was elected a member of the first community school board. He belongs to Marengo Lodge No. 138, A. F. & A. M., and to the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Greek Letter Fraternity.



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HARVEY G. DURKEE.

Harvey G. Durkee, supervisor of Alden Township, and one of the most extensive farmers of this section, is held in the highest esteem all over McHenry County. He was born in Alden Township, September 20, 1866, one of the two children of George F. and Betsy (Stewart) Durkee. George F. Durkee was born in New York, later going to Vermont, and then coming to McHenry County, his parents locating in Alden Township. He became one of the prosperous farmers of this region, dying here in 1888, his wife having passed away in 1887.

Harvey G. Durkee attended the local schools, and learned farming from his father. When he attained his majority, he began farming, and now owns 347 acres in Alden Township and twenty-seven acres in Hebron Township. Here he carries on general farming and stock raising, and is very important in the agricultural life of his community.

Mr. Durkee was united in marriage with Miss Mary Lordon, who belongs to one of the pioneer families of Alden Township. Mr. and Mrs. Durkee have the following children: George L.; Edward J., married Elizabeth Bailey, and they became the parents of the following children: Paul, Mary, Harvey, Francis and Mark; Harry D., who is a veteran of the World War as a member of Company A, Fifty-eighth, Fourth Division of Regulars, and was in France for nearly two years; Agnes M., and Vincent J. The family belong to the Catholic church. In politics he is a Republican, and served as assessor of the township before he was elected supervisor in 1917, and has been very valuable to his township in both offices. He is a charter member of Hartland Court No. 224, C. O. F., and also belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America. His family is an old one in this section as is evidenced by the fact that his father hauled grain to the lakes and Kenosha before a railroad was built. His mother oftentimes saw deer to the extent of fifteen at a time, feeding in the timber about their place. Mr. Durkee is a man of more than usual capabilities, and he has devoted his talents to practical uses, and his present prosperity shows what a man can accomplish if he is willing to work and save.

CHARLES E. DYGERT.

Charles E. Dygert, a retired farmer of Algonquin, belongs to one of the pioneer families of McHenry County, and is one of the oldest living

residents of this county. He was born in Algonquin Township, November 19, 1810, a son of Henry P. and Laura (Peck) Dygert. Henry P. Dygert was born in New York state in 1814, and died in 1898. His wife died in April, 1863. They were among the pioneer settlers of McHenry County, where their five children were born.

Charles E. Dygert attended the district schools, and was given a practical knowledge of farming by his father, and he was engaged in farming until his retirement. During the Civil War, he was one of those who responded to his country's call, enlisting in July, 1861, and serving until September 23, 1864, as a member of Company H, recruited at Woodstock.

Mr. Dygert was married to Miss Lucina Lucas, who died at Algonquin May 13, 1917. The family residence on North Main Street, Algonquin, is owned by Mr. Dygert, and he owns two other houses in that village, but sold his 160 acre farm in Algonquin Township, and another farm of the same area in South Dakota. In politics he is a Republican. He belongs to the local G. A. R. It is related that C. P. Barnes, now one of the most prominent attorneys of the country, when a law student, went to Mr. Dygert for assistance, and the latter paid him \$5 for a pig he possessed, a big price in those faraway days. With this \$5 the ambitious lad was able to secure necessary books to prosecute his studies. During the years he has lived, Mr. Dygert has seen remarkable changes take place, not only in his native county, but the nation, and as an old and patriotic soldier, has followed the late war campaign with expert knowledge and enthusiasm.

HENRY EARLE.

Henry Earle, postmaster at Hebron, is one of the substantial men and prominent citizens of McHenry County, and prior to his appointment to his present office in 1908, he was extensively engaged in farming and stockraising. He was born in Alden Township, October 6, 1851, one of the four children of his parents, Henry and Sarah Jane (Paul) Earle, natives of England, who came to the United States in 1850, and located in Alden Township. There he developed a fine farm, and died in 1872. The mother survived the father many years, dying in 1905.

Henry Earle, Jr., was reared on his father's farm, and attended the local schools. Having been reared to agricultural pursuits, he naturally

followed them after attaining his majority, and was very successful as a farmer and raiser of good stock. When he was appointed postmaster of Hebron in 1908, he moved to that village. Mr. Earle has one assistant and two mail carriers under his supervision.

On October 31, 1876, Mr. Earle was united in marriage with Miss Ella F. Mansfield, a daughter of Hollis and Cynthia J. (Mason) Mansfield, and a member of a very prominent McHenry County family. Mr. and Mrs. Earle became the parents of the following children: Mary M., who married Frank O'Brien, who is superintendent of the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad; Florence E., who is the widow of Thomas Cox; and Charles F., who lives at Harvard, Ill. Mrs. Earle died June 11, 1914, having been a devoted wife and mother. The family are members of the Protestant Episcopal church. In politics Mr. Earle is a Democrat, and he has been very active in local affairs. Under his intelligent supervision, the affairs of the post office are ably conducted, and he is rendered efficient assistant by Miss Verna E. Welbon.

ERNEST V. EASTMAN.

Ernest V. Eastman, dealer in furniture and undertaker of Woodstock, is one of the substantial business men of McHenry County, and a man who is held in high esteem by all who know him. He was born in Winnebago County, Ill., December 3, 1880, one of the eight children of his parents, Henry W. and Eliza (Wilson) Eastman. Henry W. Eastman was born in New York state, but he came to Illinois in 1845, where he continued to reside until his death in 1913, having been engaged in farming all of his active years.

Ernest V. Eastman attended the graded and high schools of Rockford, Ill., and took a commercial course in a business college. He then embarked in a furniture business and in order to fit himself as an undertaker, took a special course in the Barnes Embalming School in 1905. In 1913, he located at Hebron, Ill., and from there came to Woodstock in 1915, forming a partnership with F. C. Slavin, under the firm name of Slavin & Eastman. The business is located at No. 122 Main Street, and No. 360 Tryon Street, Woodstock, and here is carried a fine stock of furniture worth about \$7,000, and a full equipment of undertaking apparatus, including a \$10,000 auto hearse.

On June 19, 1907, Mr. Eastman was married to Miss Iva Moore,

and they have two children, namely: Vernon M. and Everton V. Mr. Eastman and his family belong to the Methodist Episcopal Church. Fraternally he is a Mason, Odd Fellow and Elk. In politics he is a Republican. Mr. Eastman is a skilled embalmer, and every funeral entrusted to him is conducted with dignity and impressiveness that honors the deceased and reflects credit upon the living. Personally, he possesses those qualities which make him well fitted for his calling, and his customers look upon him as a friend as well as a highly trained professional man.

HOWARD D. EATON.

Howard D. Eaton, M. D., one of the leading physicians and surgeons of Harvard, and a man widely known all over McHenry County, is an honor to his profession. He was born in Bound Brook, N. J., February 10, 1878, one of the two children of his parents, James D. and Gertrude (Pratt) Eaton. James D. Eaton was a noted minister of the gospel, and for years was prominent in the Congregational church.

Howard D. Eaton attended the graded and high schools of Montclair, N. J., and Beloit Academy, and then matriculated at Beloit College, from which he was graduated with the degree of B. A. in 1900. Following that he took a medical course at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Chicago, Ill., from which he was graduated in 1904 with the degree of M. D. Immediately thereafter, Doctor Eaton went to Chihuahua, Mexico, where he was engaged in practice for seven years, but then returning to the United States, on account of disturbed political conditions, spent three years in Shopiere, Wis., still continuing his practice of medicine. In 1915 he came to Harvard, where he has since remained, building up a large practice. He served as secretary of the McHenry County Medical Society from 1920 to 1923, and is a member of the Illinois State Medical Society and the American Medical Association.

In 1904 Doctor Eaton was married to Miss Katherine Ingleby, a daughter of John Ingleby, and they have three children. Fraternally Doctor Eaton belongs to the Masons and Loyal Order of Moose. In politics he is an independent voter. He and his family belong to the Presbyterian church. As a man and a physician Doctor Eaton stands very high, and he is a decided addition to Harvard, and McHenry County.

In August, 1918, in response to his country's urgent call for physicians, he accepted a commission as first lieutenant in the Medical Corps, and after four months' service in the army, was honorably discharged, December 21, 1918. After his discharge he was offered a commission as captain in the Medical Reserve Corps for a period of five years, which he accepted, so that in case of another national emergency his country could again have the benefit of his services.

EBEL BROTHERS.

Henry Carl Ebel and Clarence Joseph Ebel, proprietors of Ebel Brothers Garage of Algonquin belong to one of the old families of McHenry County, and are numbered among Algonquin's most representative younger business men. They were born in Algonquin Township, Henry C., February 2, 1875, and Clarence J., November 13, 1896, two of the five children of Joseph and Katherine (Deuchler) Ebel, the former of whom is engaged in farming upon an extensive scale in Algonquin Township.

Henry C. and Clarence J. Ebel were reared on a farm, and attended the district schools. They embarked in their present business at Algonquin under the firm name of Ebel Brothers. When Clarence J. was called to the colors during the World War, he sold his interest in the business, but after his return to Algonquin he again entered into partnership with his brother, Henry C. They carry a stock valued at \$10,000. In addition they do an extensive business in trucking and moving and give taxi service by day and night.

On December 21, 1912, Henry C. Ebel was married to Miss Hazel Rahn, a daughter of Charles Rahn, and they have three children, Charles, Gladys and Norman J. Clarence J. Ebel was married, September 14, 1921, to Miss Irma B. Ritt, daughter of Carl J. and Mary Ritt of Crystal Lake, Ill. They are members of the Lutheran church. In politics they are Republicans. Thoroughly understanding the business in every detail, they are able to render expert service, and their garage is largely patronized by people from a wide territory.

JOSEPH EBEL.

Joseph Ebel, whose farm is conveniently located four miles east of the village of Algonquin, in Algonquin Township, was born in Branden-

burg, Germany, about sixty miles from Berlin, June 23, 1842. He served the necessary three years in the German army, and participated in the Prussian-Austrian War of 1866, and, being stationed in Luxemburg, was in none of the battles.

In 1868 he came to the United States and for a time worked at Dundee, Ill., receiving \$20 per month for two seasons. He then bought a farm of 100 acres that he still owns, on which was a log house and stable, and that primitive dwelling still stands and is used as a summer kitchen. The land was covered with stumps, and it was hard work to get them grubbed out. In order to get the land, for which he paid \$40 per acre, he had to go into debt for it, and for his horses, implements and everything necessary to engage in farming, but he was given twenty years in which to clear off this indebtedness. Since then he has paid off everything, erected the present buildings, and his original one cow is now replaced by a fine herd of twenty. He assisted in organizing a creamery near him. Later Mr. Ebel bought sixty acres of land where he now lives, still later adding sixty acres more across the road, paying for each more than \$60 per acre. He conducts this last farm, and his first one is operated by a son, Otto. For years he has produced milk, and has kept as many as seventy-five cows.

Mr. Ebel was married (first) to Mary Eckert, also born in Germany, who died ten years later, having borne him four children, namely: Albert, who lives near Algonquin; Anna, who is Mrs. Fetland Hager of Nebraska; Emma, who is Mrs. William Madden of Sioux City, Iowa; and Herman, who lives on a farm near his father. In 1883, Mr. Ebel was married (second) to Kate Denchler, a native of Baden, Germany, a widow with one child, Emil Denchler of Aurora, Ill. Mr. and Mrs. Ebel became the parents of the following children: Henry, who lives at Algonquin; Otto, who is on the old farm; Elsie, who is Mrs. Joseph Hart, of Chicago; Clarence, who is a veteran of the World War, was sent to France, but returned, and is with his brother Henry in a garage at Algonquin; and Theodore, who is engaged in farming on the old homestead. Mr. Ebel is a member of the Lutheran church at Barrington, one of its officers, and is now one of the oldest members. This church is five miles distant from his home. Politically he is a Democrat, but he takes little or no part in politics. He is a very hard worker, never sparing himself, and his wife is equally ambitious for their success, her efforts having aided him in getting ahead and coming to a place where his money would work for him.

GEORGE ECKERT.

George Eckert, ex-sheriff of McHenry County, is a man who has taken a very active part in local affairs, and is also held in high esteem on account of his being a veteran of the Civil War, both at Woodstock, where he resides, and throughout the county. He was born in France, February 24, 1841, a son of Henry and Elizabeth (Hartlett) Eckert. Henry Eckert was born in Alsace, France, where he was engaged in farming until his death. Following that sad event, his widow, with her small family, embarked for the United States, and died at Chicago, Ill. The children after her death, separated and made their own way in the world.

Being but a small child when he was brought to the United States, George Eckert had attended school but a short time in France, and he supplemented what educational training he had there received by attending school at Queen Ann, Ill. Until 1859, he was engaged in farming, but in that year entered employ of the A. W. Fuller & Company concern, later going with Fuller & Sherwood, with whom he continued until May, 1862, when he enlisted in defense of his country in Company F, Ninety-fifth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and served during the Civil War until August, 1865, when he was honorably discharged, and returned home. He then became associated with the firm of Fillback & James, selling dry goods, groceries and other merchandise, leaving that firm to go with I. T. and A. L. Solsbery with whom he remained until 1886, when he was elected sheriff of McHenry County, and so capable an official did he prove that he was re-elected to the same office in 1894. For the following two terms he was deputy sheriff under M. W. Lake, and Sheriff Wandrack, and then on December 7, 1914 he was appointed truant officer by Hon. D. T. Smiley, now county judge of McHenry County. For twelve years, Mr. Eckert served as a member of the city council of Woodstock, and in every way has taken a deep and intelligent interest in the progress of his city and county. He belongs to Woodstock Post No. 108, G. A. R.

Mr. Eckert was married to Miss Amy Green, a daughter of Robert Green, and a member of one of the pioneer families of McHenry County. Mr. and Mrs. Eckert had one child Georgia C., who is at home. Mrs. Eckert is dead and is buried in the cemetery at Queen Ann, Ill. Mr. Eckert and his daughter belong to the Presbyterian Church, and their pleasant home is at No. 340 S. Madison Street. A man of enterprise, Mr. Eckert long ago invested quite heavily in

North Dakota farm lands, and their increase in value proves the wisdom of his investment.

GEORGE F. ECKERT.

George F. Eckert, junior member of the well established lumber firm of Hall & Eckert of Woodstock, Ill., has fairly earned the reputation he enjoys for honorable dealing and uprightness of character. He was born February 14, 1864, one of the eight children of his parents, Michael S. and Lena (Stoltz) Eckert, natives of France, who came at an early day to the United States. The paternal grandparents were Harry and Elizabeth (Herdklotz) Eckert, who were born in the central part of France, but died at Paris, France.

George F. Eckert attended both the graded and high schools, and when still a young man embarked in a lumber business with W. D. Hall, maintaining this association for twenty years. On January 1, 1907, the firm of Hall & Eckert was organized, and a complete stock of lumber, coal, sash doors, blinds, lime, cement, stucco, hair, building paper and similar supplies has since been carried. Mr. Eckert is also a director of the Farmers Exchange State Bank of Woodstock, and is a man of large interests in the county.

In 1888 Mr. Eckert was married to Miss Louise Wilber, a daughter of Joseph Wilber of Crystal Lake. Mr. and Mrs. Eckert have four children, namely: Wilbur D., who is a veteran of the World War, was on the battleship "Kansas"; Helen L., Ralph T. and Walter H., all of whom are at home. Mr. Eckert and his family belong to the Presbyterian church. Fraternally he is a Mason, while in politics he is a Republican. A man of sound principles, he can be counted upon to give his hearty support to all movements calculated to be of benefit to his community or country, and is rightly numbered among the most representative of McHenry's best element.

DANIEL E. ECHTERNACH.

Daniel E. Echternach, a rural free delivery carrier of Marengo, and owner of the Kiswaukee Stock Farm, is one of the best-known men of McHenry County. He was born at Reamstown, Lancaster County, Pa.,



MR. AND MRS. JOHN PETER

August 30, 1866, a son of Samuel H. and Susannah (Fry) Echternach, both of whom were reared in Lancaster County. The paternal great-grandfather of Daniel E. Echternach came to the American Colonies from France, while the maternal great-grandfather came to this country from Germany. Samuel Echternach and his wife came to Illinois in 1869, locating first at Naperville, DuPage County, where he was engaged in veterinary work, although he had been a coachmaker in Pennsylvania, and then, after about fifteen years, he moved to Boone County, Ill. In 1888 or 1889, he came to McHenry County, and spent two years on a farm in Coral Township, from whence he moved to Marengo, and there lived retired until his death April 8, 1898, when he was under seventy years of age. His widow survives him and makes her home at Marengo. Their children were as follows: Christian E., who lives at Painesville, Ohio, is a traveling salesman; Fanny, who is Mrs. Charles Green of Chili, Wis.; Anna, who is Mrs. Frank Morris of Aurora, Ill.; Clara, who is Mrs. John A. Chase of Denver, Col.; Daniel E., whose name heads this review; Henry, who is a farmer of Marengo Township; and Wallace, who is a farmer of Riley Township.

Daniel E. Echternach was twenty years old when he came to McHenry County, and prior to that had been graduated from the Elburn High School in Kane County, Ill. He became a mechanic with the McCormick Harvester Company, but after three years went with the Terry Manufacturing Company of New York, as a traveling salesman, covering Illinois, Iowa, Wisconsin and Minnesota, handling their hardware specialties. Later Mr. Echternach went on the farm of his father-in-law for two seasons, in 1900 becoming a rural free delivery mail carrier and one of the first in the county. He has held this position continuously ever since. His associates are: Mrs. Ina Coonrad of Route 1; Roy Thomas of Route 2; and Lee Grover of Route 3; Mr. Echternach's route is No. 4. Route 5 is now discontinued. There have been a number of men in this service since 1900, but Mr. Echternach is the only one who has continued. He is a member of the Carriers' Association, and has been a delegate several times to the state conventions, and has always been active in organization matters.

On November 29, 1897 Mr. Echternach was married to Ethel M. Pringle, who was born in Marengo Township, on the river road. Mr. and Mrs. Echternach have one son, Malcolm Gerald, who was born May 31, 1899, was graduated from the Marengo High School in 1918, is now at home, and is a very intelligent young man. Mr. Echternach has rendered faithful service to his community during twenty-one years,

and has enjoyed his work. Fond of horses, he in former years took a pride in driving a good road horse on his trips, but an automobile now has replaced the horse. As he possesses a genial nature, he has made warm friends all along his route.

EDWARD EDDY.

Edward Eddy, one of the highly esteemed residents of Woodstock, is a retired farmer of Seneca Township. He was born in that township, three miles southwest of Woodstock, January 24, 1818, a son of James, and Louisa (Weeks) Eddy. James Eddy was born near Newark, N. Y. in 1807, but was taken to Steuben County, Ohio when fifteen years old. On April 20, 1845, he was married, his wife being a widow. On October 1, 1846 they came overland to McHenry County, and settled on the Kishawaka Prairie, Seneca Township. James Eddy secured government land on the prairie and here he lived until his death in 1888, at the age of eighty-one years. His wife died in 1886, aged seventy-two years, having been born in 1814. A cooper by trade, James Eddy was handy with his tools and made many things, including ox yokes, cradles and similar articles. The last ox yoke he made is in the possession of his son Edward, and is in good condition although over fifty years old. He was a strong Republican, and served on the school board. Prior to his marriage with the mother of Edward Eddy, James Eddy was married to Lorena Wilcox, who died in New York. Their children were as follows: Alonzo, who during the Civil War, went to Nebraska where he died at the age of seventy-six years; and Homer, who also went to Nebraska, and died there in 1877. By her first marriage, the second Mrs. Eddy had a daughter, Emma, who married Henry Palmer, and in 1855 went to Bear Creek, Iowa, where she died in April, 1916, aged eighty-three years, having been born in 1833. By his second marriage Mr. Eddy had three children, namely: Lorena, who married James Mitchell, lives at Carpenterville, Kane County, Ill.; Julia, who married John Donley, a stone mason, is now a widow of Woodstock; and Edward, who was the youngest.

Edward Eddy remained on the homestead, and bought it in 1877, but gave his parents a home with him until their death. He added to the original farm and erected new buildings, making the property a very valuable one. Here he carried on dairying and hog-growing, milk-

stock December 7, 1855, and when eighteen years of age began teaching in the local schools of McHenry County. For fifteen years she continued in the educational field, seven years of which she taught in the Woodstock school, the remainder of that time being in the country districts, on account of her health, which necessitated her residing amid rural surroundings. Since her marriage she has diverted her talents to social and club work, and for eight years has been recorder of the local camp of the Royal Neighbors. Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth have no children. They reside in the northern part of Woodstock, where Mr. Ellsworth erected a comfortable house, and every summer take an outing on the lakes of Wisconsin. Both the Ellsworth and Lemmers families are exceptionally well known in McHenry and adjoining counties and their representatives stand for all that is best and highest in community welfare work and good citizenship.

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ALVIN J. EPEL.

Alvin J. Eppel, secretary and treasurer of the Woodstock Implement Company, incorporated, is recognized as an important factor in the business life of Woodstock, and McHenry County. He was born in McHenry County, June 8, 1875, one of the four children of his parents, Jacob and Catherine (Koch) Eppel, natives of Germany and the United States. He came to this country in his youth, and became a farmer of McHenry County.

Alvin J. Eppel attended the local schools of McHenry County, and the Woodstock High School. Until 1903, he was engaged in farming, but in that year became associated with Fred G. Bosshard in his present business, which is the handling of farm machinery, gasoline engines, wagons, carriages, automobiles, tires and supplies, and doing well work.

On September 29, 1903, Mr. Eppel was married to Miss Liza Nail, a daughter of Charles Nail of McHenry County, who was born in Germany. Mr. and Mrs. Eppel have one daughter, Helen A. Mr. Eppel

is a Republican in his political convictions. The Lutheran church of Woodstock holds his membership and that of his wife and daughter. The Eppel residence on Dacy street, Woodstock, is a very comfortable one, and here the many friends of the family enjoy gathering upon numerous occasions.

HENRY T. EPPEL.

Henry T. Eppel, one of the prosperous farmers of Greenwood Township, owns and operates 247 acres of valuable land on section 34. He was born in Seneca Township, February 16, 1868, a son of Jacob and Catherine (Koch) Eppel. Jacob Eppel was born in Alsace Lorraine, France, and came to the United States when he was twenty-two years of age, and after stopping in Ohio for a year, came to Illinois, and located in Hartland Township, McHenry County. After living there for thirteen years, he moved to Seneca Township, and became the owner of 200 acres of land. There he died when seventy-one years old. His wife survives him, being now seventy-seven years old. She was born in Racine County, Wis. Their children were as follows: Henry T., Alvin J., William J. and Fred R., all of whom are still living.

Henry T. Eppel attended the local schools in Hartland Township, and learned practical farming from his father, so thoroughly that he was able to make a success of his own farming from the very beginning. He was married to Rose McIntyre, born March 14, 1875, in New York state, a daughter of A. McIntyre. Mr. and Mrs. Eppel have the following children: Irvin H., who was born June 4, 1897; Florence, who was born November 22, 1898, is a teacher; and Ida, who was born August 7, 1902. In politics Mr. Eppel is a Republican, but he has not had the time or inclination to seek public office, his work on the farm occupying his attention, but he has always taken an intelligent interest in local affairs, and given his support to those measures he deemed best for the community and its people.

EDWARD J. FARDY.

Edward J. Fardy, senior member of the hardware firm of Fardy & Vick of Hebron, is one of the well known business men of McHenry



John C. Peters

County, where his ability is appreciated. He was born on a farm in Wisconsin, August 18, 1883, one of six children of William and Alice (Goodman) Fardy.

Edward J. Fardy was reared on his father's farm, and he attended both the common and high schools of his locality, being graduated from the latter in 1901. He then learned the trade of a tinner and plumber, and gained a practical experience which has stood him in good stead in his present undertaking. On March 11, 1916, he and Chris Vick organized their present business, which is the handling of a general line of hardware, gasoline engines, and pumps, and the carrying on of plumbing and repairing. An extensive patronage has been built up, and both partners are accepted as skilled workmen and experienced in their line.

Mr. Fardy was married to Miss Jennie C. Howie, a daughter of DeWitt Howie, and a member of a prominent Wisconsin family. Mr. and Mrs. Fardy have one daughter, Grace E., who was born November 23, 1907. The Fardy family are Universalists. Mr. Fardy is a Republican. Fraternally he belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America. Having made his own way in the world, Mr. Fardy deserves all the more credit for what he has accomplished, and is worthy of the confidence he inspires.

CHARLES H. FEGERS, M. D.

Charles H. Fegers, M. D., one of the honored retired physicians of McHenry County, is now living at McHenry, and is interested in the West McHenry State Bank, which he is serving as president. He was born in Germany, but when only four years old was brought to the United States by his parents, John H. and Gertrude Fegers, also natives of Germany, who located at West Point, Iowa, in 1850. John H. Fegers was also a physician, and practiced his profession at West Point, Iowa, for a number of years. In 1877, he returned to his native land on a visit, and there died. His wife died in Iowa.

Dr. Charles H. Fegers attended the public schools of Iowa, and then embarked in a drug business at Keokuk, Iowa, and was engaged in the same line at Burlington, Iowa. He then began the study of medicine under Doctor Andrews of Chicago, completing his medical studies at the Chicago Medical College, from which he was graduated in 1879. He then located at Johnsburg, Ill., but four years later came to McHenry, where for many years he was engaged in an active practice. In 1911,

he retired owing to increasing years, but he still maintains his interest in politics, voting independently, and for some years was a member of the school board. He had also dealt largely in real estate, having built many residences in McHenry and a number of summer cottages. Professionally he long belonged to the county, state and national medical societies, and is still interested in their work.

In 1880, Doctor Fegers was married to Miss Alice McGee, a daughter of Sylvester McGee, a prominent resident of Woodstock. She died some years ago. The family belong to the Catholic church.

FRANK C. FERRIS.

Frank C. Ferris, junior member of the grocery house of Schuett & Ferris, is one of the enterprising business men of Woodstock, and well known throughout McHenry County. He was born at Huntley, Ill., June 24, 1878, one of the five children born to Theodore R. and Mary (Merrill) Ferris. Theodore R. Ferris was a druggist at Huntley for thirty years, and he was also postmaster at that place for a number of years, being appointed under a Republican administration. He has now retired from active life, and is enjoying the comforts his former activities have entitled him to.

Frank C. Ferris attended the graded and high schools of Huntley, and completed his studies at the Elgin Academy, and a commercial college. He then clerked in his father's drug store, and was associated with his father in the post office. Coming to Woodstock, he entered the well-known grocery house of A. K. Bunker, with which he continued until April 15, 1918, when he and Robert H. Schuett bought the business. Mr. Bunker is now deceased. The new firm carry a full and complete line of groceries and hardware, and are upholding the old prestige of the house. Their stock averages about \$6,000. Mr. Ferris, like his father, is a strong Republican. His fraternal connections are with the Masons and Odd Fellows. A live business man, he has known how to forge ahead, and deserves the credit which is accorded him as a citizen and a man.

HOWARD J. FERRIS.

Howard J. Ferris, one of the substantial business men of Harvard, holds the responsible position of superintendent of the Hunt, Helm,

Ferris Company, of which his father, Henry L. Ferris, is vice president. He was born on a farm known as the Ferris Homestead in Alden Township, February 16, 1878, one of four children born to Henry L. and Millie F. (Mosher) Ferris. A sketch of Henry L. Ferris is given elsewhere in this work.

Howard J. Ferris was reared at Harvard, Ill., and after attending its schools, took a business course in the Rockford Commercial college. On completion of this course he spent two years in the office of Hunt, Helm, Ferris Co., and then took a four year course in mechanical engineering in the University of Chicago. Returning to Harvard he again entered the employ of Hunt, Helm, Ferris Co., working as draftsman and pattern maker for two years. In August, 1904, he was made superintendent and still holds that position although he is devoting more and more of his time each year to the experimental department in which the devices manufactured by his firm are developed.

On January 15, 1905, Mr. Ferris was united in marriage to Miss Beatrice Gaye, a daughter of William C. and Nancy F. Gaye, and they have two children, namely: Robert G. and Beatrice Nan. Mr. and Mrs. Ferris are consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal church, both serving as teachers in the Sunday school for years. Politically he is a staunch Republican, but does not care for office, preferring to exert his influence in favor of his party and civic improvement, as a private citizen. He is president of the board of education and a director in the Harvard State Bank. The Ferris family is one of the best and most favorably known in the county, and Mr. Ferris is a worthy member of it, and the principles for which its representatives have always stood.

HENRY L. FERRIS.

Henry L. Ferris, vice president of the Hunt, Helm, Ferris Company of Harvard, one of the largest concerns of its kind in the United States, is accounted one of the most prominent men of McHenry County. He was born at Alden, Ill., September 24, 1850, one of six children born to Sylvanus and Sarah (Brandow) Ferris. Sylvanus Ferris was born in Greene County, N. Y., where he spent the early part of his life. He died at Alden, Ill., where he had located in 1875.

Henry L. Ferris was reared on a farm in Illinois, and attended its public schools. After reaching years of maturity, he entered the cream-

ery business, and was so engaged for seven years, interesting himself in the production of butter and cheese. Later he obtained several patents of so valuable a nature that they justified the organization of the company of which he is now vice president, and the plant has been expanded to its present proportions, employment being now given to about 300 people. Mr. Ferris has been an energetic and tireless worker, devoting most of his time for the past forty years to inventing and developing the many devices owned and manufactured by his company. He is a firm believer in patents as shown by the fact that he has taken out over one hundred foreign and United States patents covering the devices he has perfected.

In 1876 Mr. Ferris was married to Miss Millie F. Mosher, a daughter of William Mosher. Mr. and Mrs. Ferris became the parents of the following children: Howard J., who is superintendent of the above mentioned company, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this volume; Eugene C., who is at Alden, Ill., is manager of H. L. Ferris & Sons Dairy Farms of 940 acres, producing last year 350 tons of milk; Bessie L., who is Mrs. William Doyle of Harvard, Ill.; and Olive C., who is Mrs. Samuel May of Rockford, Ill. The Ferris family belong to the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Ferris is very active in civic matters as a Republican, and has been a member of the city council of Harvard, and on its school board. In addition to his heavy interests in the Hunt, Helm, Ferris Company, Mr. Ferris owns several valuable farms in the vicinity of Harvard, and has the prosperity of this locality close at heart, and can be counted upon to render any aid in his power to advance it and its people.

REV. ALBERT A. FISKE.

Rev. Albert A. Fiske, D. D., one of the honored residents of Harvard, has the distinction of being the founder of Christ Episcopal church here, and one of the scholarly men of McHenry County, whose labors in the ministry and for the uplift of humanity, have endeared him to a wide circle of people. He was born in Troy, N. Y., November 1, 1828, one of six children born to Allen and Eliza (Chapman) Fiske. Allen Fiske was born in New Hampshire, and was graduated from Dartmouth College as a Phi Beta Kappa. Originally a farmer, he passed his last years as an educator, and specialized as an instructor in literature and English grammar. His death occurred in 1877.

Albert A. Fiske was reared at Troy, N. Y., and received his preliminary instruction under his father. Devoting himself to the service of the church, he entered Nashotah, Wis., Seminary, and was graduated therefrom, being ordained for the ministry by Bishop Whitehouse of Chicago. After faithfully fulfilling the duties of several charges, he was induced by Bishop McLaren to undertake the work of organizing a church at Harvard, and held his first services there in January, 1877. From then until 1886, he labored zealously and successfully, and during that period the present beautiful church edifice was erected and consecrated. In 1886 he received a call from the church at Austin, Ill., and left Harvard for Austin, but in 1891 he was recalled to Harvard by his old parishioners, who felt that he belonged to them. Once more he assumed charge of affairs, and continued to minister to them until failing health made it necessary for him to permanently retire.

In 1859 Mr. Fiske was married to Miss Amelia Goodyear, and after her demise, he was married (second) to Mary S. Herriek, of Boston, Mass. During his youthful days, Mr. Fiske did considerable newspaper work, and has contributed some able articles since then to church publications. He is a Republican. Fraternally he is a Mason.

JOHN G. FITCH.

John G. Fitch, now deceased, was formerly one of the pioneers of Crystal Lake, and a man widely known and universally respected. He was born at Pawlet, Vt., August 19, 1809, a son of Daniel Fitch, born during the American Revolution at Stanford, Conn. John G. Fitch was married in Virginia, to Caroline Marlow, a native of Loudon County, Va., where Mr. Fitch was engaged in teaching, and where he remained for four years. He then returned to Vermont, and in 1839 came to Illinois, securing land that was located in Crystal Lake, then known as Nunda, from the government, and another farm in Algonquin Township. It was on the first farm that his wife died in 1854. After he was again married, Mr. Fitch went to his other farm, living there until he enlisted for service during the Civil War, in Company H, Thirty-sixth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, which company was largely made up of McHenry County men. His period of service extended over three years, but eighteen months of it was spent in the invalid corps to which he was transferred after receiving an injury. Later he

did service guarding government property in the North. After his honorable discharge he returned to Illinois, and lived on a farm in Livingston County, where he died April 1, 1883.

By his first marriage he had the following children who reached maturity: Mary Jane, who married Edward Haring, of Westfield, N. Y., died on her seventy-third birthday; James H., who left McHenry County in young manhood and went to Texas, where he died in 1880, aged forty years; Virginia, who is the widow of Charles H. Cronkhite, lives in Washington County, N. Y.; Marlow, who served in the One Hundred and Twelfth New York Volunteer Infantry during the Civil War for almost three years, was discharged on account of disability from wounds received at the battle of Cold Harbor, Va., and returned to the uncle with whom he was living at the outbreak of the war; Walter B., who is mentioned at length below; Daniel Edward, who left McHenry County in boyhood, died when about forty-nine years of age in Arizona, where he was engaged in sheep herding; and Laura E., who lives with her brother, Walter B.

Walter B. Fitch was born April 3, 1847, on the old homestead, one-half a mile north of Crystal Lake, and he has spent his life in this vicinity with the exception of his period of service in defense of his country during the Civil War. He enlisted for that conflict, in January, 1865, in Company K, One Hundred and Fifty-third Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and saw duty in Tennessee, not being discharged until September, 1865, following which he in company with his uncle, James W. Marlow, established a general store in the old town of Crystal Lake, this partnership being maintained for sixteen years, death severing these bonds, when Mr. Marlow passed away. For the subsequent eleven years Mr. Fitch continued the business, and then retired. During the over twenty-six years he was continuously in business, he built up a fine trade, and was recognized as one of the leading men of Crystal Lake. For four years he served as postmaster under the Harrison administration; was village treasurer for twenty years and school treasurer, and during the time he held the latter office, the main school building was erected. Mr. Fitch belongs to Nunda Post No. 226, G. A. R., and of Nunda Lodge, No. 169, A. F. & A. M., which he served as secretary for sixteen years. Considering the various relations he has maintained with the public, Mr. Fitch is about as well known a man as can be found in McHenry County, and certainly no other man enjoys a greater or more deserved popularity, for he has measured up to the highest standards in every particular.

MATTHEW H. FITZSIMMONS.

Matthew H. Fitzsimmons, one of the prosperous farmers of Nunda Township, resides five and one-half miles east of Woodstock, on the township line between Nunda and Dorr townships. He was born near Auburn, N. Y., March 4, 1843, a son of John and Mary (Riley) Fitzsimmons, both of whom were born near Dublin, Ireland. In the fall of 1843 Mrs. Fitzsimmons, accompanied by her sister, Ann, came to Chicago by way of the Erie Canal and the Great Lakes, and went to visit Patrick Fitzsimmons who had come west five or six years previously, being a pioneer of Nunda Township. Later John Fitzsimmons joined them, and entered a large amount of land near Barryville, Ill., where he died in 1893, aged ninety-one years, having been retired for the last twenty years of his life. He was a Democrat. He was a charter member of the Catholic church of McHenry, the first services being held in the cabins of the early settlers, but later a substantial church edifice was erected. His wife survived him, dying when only lacking two months of being eighty-six years of age. Their children to attain to mature years were as follows: James, who, after having spent twenty years at Lake City, Minn., returned to McHenry, where he died at the age of seventy-five years; Richard, who, after living in Iowa, Minnesota and Kansas, died at Chicago, December 17, 1917, aged eighty-four years; Mary Ann, who married Smith Searles, kept a millinery shop at McHenry for fifty years, and died at the age of seventy-five years; John, who died at the age of twenty-one years, had taught in the home district and was a law student; Thomas, who died at the age of twenty-two years at Natchez, Miss., while serving in the Ninety-fifth Illinois Volunteer Infantry during the Civil War; Matthew, whose name heads this review; William, who was a well known stockman, died unmarried at the age of thirty-eight years; and Joseph, who was a storekeeper at McHenry for some years, retired, and now lives at Chicago.

Matthew H. Fitzsimmons was reared on the homestead and with his brother William operated it until the latter's death. He then secured his present farm which formerly belonged to his wife's parents, and prior to that it was owned by Samuel Terwillger, who erected in 1849, the residence which is still a landmark, now occupied by Mr. Fitzsimmons. Mr. Fitzsimmons has built one of the finest barns in the county. He devotes his 300 acres to dairy farming, and his water supply comes from natural springs on the farm, from which the water is piped to the house, barns and yard. It is his practice to keep a tenant on the farm. He is

one of the original directors of the former McHenry County State Bank at Woodstock, now nationalized, of which he is vice president. Mr. Fitzsimmons owns a section of farm land in North Dakota, and another section in Kearney, Nebr. He has served as assessor and a member of the school board.

Matthew H. Fitzsimmons was married to Margaret Conley, a daughter of William and Anastasia Conley, who settled in McHenry County in the early forties, buying their farm some fifteen years later. Mr. and Mrs. Fitzsimmons have no children of their own, but they have reared James Hanrahan, Mrs. Fitzsimmons' nephew, taking him when he was only a child. He has been graduated from Loyola, St. Ignatius School, Chicago, and is now studying law. Both Mr. and Mrs. Fitzsimmons are members of St. Patrick's Catholic church of McHenry, to which the Conley family belonged from its establishment. An experienced farmer and good business man, Mr. Fitzsimmons has made a success of his undertakings and is justly numbered among the representative men of the county.

WILLIAM GILBERT FLANDERS.

William Gilbert Flanders, one of the prosperous and representative men of McHenry County, owns a fine farm five and one-half miles southwest of Woodstock in Seneca Township, and was born in St. Lawrence County, N. Y., near Ogdensburg, March 28, 1867, a son of Otis B. and Emily (Kelly) Flanders. The Flanders family was founded in this country during Colonial times by four brothers, who located in what are now the New England States, and it is now a very large one found in practically all of the states of the Union, as shown by a genealogy compiled about 1870.

Otis B. Flanders was born in New Hampshire May 30, 1832, and during his childhood was taken to St. Lawrence County, N. Y., and reared on a farm. During the Civil War he served in the One Hundred and Twenty-first New York Volunteer Infantry, Company F, for four years, and participated in a number of important battles. After the close of the war he returned to his wife and family, and later brought them and his parents to McHenry County, first buying the farm now occupied by his son, William G., and later purchasing other property. His death occurred March 23, 1909.

For twenty-nine years William G. Flanders has lived on his present farm, and the buildings have been erected by him during the past ten years, and are thoroughly modern. On May 26, 1909, he was married to Mary L. Allbee, a daughter of Orin Allbee, who was born on the farm now owned by James Scott in Seneca Township. She lived with her parents and cared for them until they were claimed by death. Mr. and Mrs. Flanders have no family.

Mr. and Mrs. Flanders are earnest members of the Methodist church, and active in carrying on its good works. Both are held in the highest esteem in the neighborhood where they have spent their lives.

ALLEN GILMORE FLEMING.

Allen Gilmore Fleming, one of the progressive farmers of McHenry County, is located five miles northwest of Marengo, in Marengo Township. Mr. Fleming was born at Stewarton, Ayrshire, Scotland, March 16, 1853. In 1870, in company with an elder brother David, he came to the United States, locating in Will County, Illinois. Later he moved to Chicago, where he carried on a grocery and meat market business for a number of years. In 1880 he came to McHenry County, where he had purchased 160 acres of land at \$40.00 per acre, from G. N. Chittendon, of Plainfield, Ill. There was not a building on the farm except a portion of a house. The soil was in fair condition, but a number of acres were covered with water. The latter obstacle was overcome by laying 900 rods of tile, which drained it properly and redeemed the greater part of the land. Later he laid 1,000 rods more, making the entire farm tillable. As he could he erected his barn and other buildings, also bought three other farms which he sold again later.

At first Mr. Fleming was engaged in dairying, which he found very disastrous, and for three years was merely able to hold his own. At present he carries on general farming and the feeding of steers; he is also a cattle and hog buyer, shipping to the Chicago markets. A period of forty years has brought about many changes in farming methods, also prices. At one time oats sold for fourteen and fifteen cents per bushel, corn at twenty-one cents per bushel, and hogs brought \$2.75 per hundred weight. Considering these facts and a loss of \$2,500 one year in feeding cattle, his success has been remarkable.

The Fleming farm is one of the best cultivated farms in that region.

It is operated according to modern methods with all the modern machinery. Mr. Fleming has always believed in doing everything effectively and thoroughly. He has never forgotten the kindness of Mr. Chittendon in standing back of him during his early struggles and is grateful for his friendship and support.

Mr. Fleming was married June 25, 1873, in Chicago, to Isabella Taylor, also-born in Scotland. They became the parents of the following children: Clarence Robert, Alexander Taylor, William Cochran, L. Isabelle, Anna Louise, Florence Elizabeth and Alice Lewellyn. Clarence died at La Porte, Ind., in 1912 of pneumonia; and Florence died in October, 1918, during the influenza epidemic. Of the surviving children Alexander lives in Marengo Township, and William in Coral Township, both excellent farmers. The daughters have all taken up the teaching profession and at the present writing Isabelle and Anna are in the Chicago public schools, and Alice in the home school at Marengo, Ill.

FRANK J. FLOOD.

Frank J. Flood, one of the progressive farmers of McHenry County, is a resident of Woodstock, his farm being on the edge of the city. He was born one mile east of Woodstock, May 27, 1866, a son of Owen and Margaret (McDonald) Flood, both natives of County Cavan, Ireland, where they were married. In 1845, they came to the United States bringing with them their infant son. For the first two years they were in New York state where the father worked on the construction of the Erie Canal, and then looking for similar labor, he brought his family west, and located in McHenry County, in 1847.

He secured forty acres of government land east of the present site of Woodstock, which at that time had not come into existence. There was a little log house on the land, and the timber was dense about it. There the family lived until 1869, when removal was made to a farm two miles further east in Greenwood Township, which was made the permanent homestead. This 120 acres of land is now owned by Frank J. Flood. The father lived on this farm until his death which occurred in 1891, when he was eighty years of age. The mother survived him until 1901, when she too passed away, aged seventy-six years. From the time he was seventy-eight until his demise, the father was retired from all active pursuits. He never cared for public life, but did his duty



HARRISON A. GLASE



Anne E. Peterson

as a citizen, voting the Democratic ticket. Both he and his wife belonged to the Catholic church at Woodstock.

Frank J. Flood remained on the homestead until he was twenty-two years of age, and then came to Woodstock and engaged in stock buying and shipping, specializing on dairy cattle, which he gathers in the west, fattens and then supplies the needs of farmers in this locality and the Chicago market. He is one of the best known men in this line in northern Illinois. He now owns the homestead, which he purchased for cash from the other heirs, and he has made many improvements upon it. Mr. Flood is a Democrat by inheritance and conviction, but like his father has not cared to enter public life. Also like his father, he is a consistent member and generous supporter of St. Mary's Catholic church of Woodstock.

On March 29, 1913, Mr. Flood was united in marriage with Miss Rose McCoy of Grafton Township, a daughter of Arthur McCoy. Mrs. Flood was born a few miles south of Woodstock. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Flood are three in number, as follows: One who died in infancy; Margaret and Francis.

The Flood family is undoubtedly one of the best known ones in McHenry County, and its members have also been very active in the upbuilding of St. Mary's Catholic church of Woodstock. Mr. Flood's operations as a farmer and stockman entitle him to consideration and place him among the representative men of his county and state.

VERNON N. FORD.

Vernon N. Ford, one of the retired farmers of Algonquin, was formerly largely interested in the agricultural progress of McHenry County, and owned his homestead in Algonquin Township. He was born in Algonquin Township, October 2, 1843, one of seven children born to his parents, Hiram and Lucy (Brown) Ford. Hiram Ford was born in Vermont, and in 1841 he came to McHenry County, locating in Algonquin Township, two miles west of Algonquin, where he lived until his death, May 18, 1848. His wife died in May, 1886.

Vernon N. Ford was reared in his native township, and attended its schools. He was engaged in farm work until his enlistment, when eighteen years old, in Company I, Ninety-fifth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, for service during the Civil War, and he was mustered out

May 17, 1865, as a corporal. Returning to Algonquin Township, he resumed farming, continuing in that line of endeavor until 1880, when he retired, and moved to Algonquin. Mr. Ford has served as a school director for many years, and for thirty-one years has been township clerk, and he has also been deputy township assessor.

On September 5, 1877, Mr. Ford was married to Miss Nelie E. Dodd, a daughter of Ambrose Dodd, and a member of one of the prominent families of Algonquin Township. Mr. and Mrs. Ford have the following children: Albert V., who lives at Harvard, Ill.; Nella B., who is Mrs. Frank W. Runge of Evanston, Ill.; Elmer A. is a veteran of the World War; Jessie E., who is at home, is a music teacher; and one who is deceased. He is a man highly respected in his neighborhood, and his children are fully sustaining the family name.

WILLIAM H. FORREST.

William H. Forrest, formerly actively engaged in farming, is now living in honorable retirement at Woodstock, where he is numbered among the representative men of the county. He was born November 8, 1858, a son of Robert Forrest, born October 14, 1835, died November 10, 1916, and his wife Nancy, who was born September 26, 1832, and died February 1, 1908. Robert Forrest was a son of William and Jeanette (Drennan) Forrest, natives of Scotland, who, when their son, Robert, was still an infant, came to Canada, there remaining until 1842, when they came to the United States and secured land from the government in Hartland Township, McHenry County, five miles west of Woodstock. They were accompanied by his wife's sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. John Planman, who located in Seneca Township, not far away from the Forrests.

After a few years William Forrest went to Chicago, where he died at the age of forty-four years, leaving his widow with three children, namely: Robert, who later became the father of William H.; Mary, who married Charles Heaton, moved to Kansas, and is now Mrs. Riley, living in Iowa; and Jennie, who married James Vanorsedal, moved to Iowa.

As a lad Robert Forrest had to assume charge of the farm, and at his mother's death, of his sisters. When he was nineteen years old he was married to Nancy Mitchell, born in New York, whose parents

brought her to Hartland Township, but later moved to Iowa. Robert retired from the farm, and spent the remaining twenty-eight years of his life at Woodstock. A public-spirited man he was instrumental in starting the McHenry County Fair Association, and had charge of the grounds during the annual meetings, and he was also one of the promoters of a local creamery, and for a time was its manager, but failing health necessitated his retirement from all business activities. In addition to his 240-acre home farm, he owned 260 acres, and operated both properties while engaged in agricultural lines. He first began breeding Durham cattle, keeping some thirty head, and for several years was an exhibitor, with flattering success. He also bred Poland-China swine, and his efforts resulted in a betterment in the neighborhood stock and the present recognition of the desirability of handling high-grade stock is the outcome of the example he set. His children were as follows: Mary Jeanette, who is now Mrs. Charles Judd of Woodstock; Charles T., who is living retired at Woodstock; and Frank R., who is living at Mobile, Ala.

William H. Forrest was married December 15, 1883, to Flora Gould, a daughter of James and Joanna P. (Phetteplase) Gould, natives of Massachusetts, who came from Chicago, where they had been living for a time, to Woodstock, on the first train operating between the two places. They had also lived at Dayton, Mo., where Flora was born February 21, 1860. On account of war conditions, Missouri was not a comfortable place for loyal Unionists, and so Mr. Gould was glad to get across the Mississippi River into Illinois. He secured a farm in Dorr Township, two miles west of Woodstock, but his last few years were passed at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Forrest, where he died in 1901, aged seventy-six years, his wife died in 1899. Their only son, Frank, lives at Woodstock.

At the time of his marriage, William H. Forrest took up farming on land he had bought from his father, and for thirty-five years devoted himself to operating it. He also raised Durham cattle and Poland-China swine, and then later established a herd of Holstein cattle. In 1918 he retired and moved to Woodstock, although he retains a partnership with his tenant. He is a director in the Farmers Exchange State Bank at Woodstock, and a man of consequence in his community. For thirty years he served on the school board, and was supervisor for six years. Of late years he has spent his winters in Alabama, and has made some profitable investments in that state. Although he and his wife have no children of their own, they have reared two, namely: Daniel

Bedoe, whom they took when eight years old; and Fred Simmons, when he was ten years old. Mr. Forrest has always voted the Republican ticket, and supported its principles. Fraternally he belongs to the Odd Fellows, having joined that order over thirty years ago. Mrs. Forrest is one of the most active members of the Red Cross chapter in her neighborhood, and is a lady of great executive ability, who gave liberally of her time and energy to promote all kinds of war work during the late war.

WALTER E. FRAASE.

Walter E. Fraase, one of the rising young business men of Harvard, is the sole proprietor of the Economy Garage, one of the best equipped of its kind in this part of the state. He was born in McHenry County, October 16, 1889, one of the six children of his parents, Otto F. and Hannah (Hyde) Fraase. Otto F. Fraase was born in Germany, but came to the United States when he was eighteen years old, and located in McHenry County, where he has been engaged in farming for many years.

Walter E. Fraase attended the common and high schools of McHenry County, and when he was eighteen years old he learned the trade of a machinist, and worked at it for a time, and then established himself in a garage business at Woodstock, where he remained until the spring of 1914, when he came to Harvard, and opened his present garage. His stock is worth \$5,000, and he does a large business, giving employment to five people.

On July 3, 1913, Mr. Fraase was united in marriage with Miss Mertel Merchant, a daughter of Frederick Merchant of Rockford, Ill. Mrs. Fraase died September 26, 1917, having been a devoted wife, and consistent member of the Presbyterian church of Harvard. Mr. Fraase also belongs to this church. Politically, Mr. Fraase is a Republican, but he has not sought public preferment. He belongs to Harvard Lodge No. 309, A. F. & A. M. Mr. Fraase has made his own way in the world, and deserves the success which has attended him, for he has worked hard for it.

GEORGE W. FRAME.

George W. Frame, postmaster of Woodstock, and one of the representative men of McHenry County, is a native son of Woodstock, and

deeply interested in its growth and advancement. He was born at Woodstock, October 1 1866, one of the five children of Norman and Susie (Sando) Frame, the former of whom was born in West Virginia. He was a farmer and manufacturer, and died in 1901.

George W. Frame attended the grammar and high schools of Woodstock, and after completing his school courses, embarked in a pickle business, conducting it profitably until 1900, when he sold and went into a feed and milling business, carrying on that enterprise until he was appointed postmaster of Woodstock, January 16, 1917, when he succeeded W. S. McConnell. Mr. Frame has fifteen employes under him in the post office, and his assistant is Bert J. Deitz. Under his capable management, the affairs of the office are conducted in a very satisfactory manner, and he is extremely popular with all classes.

Mr. Frame was married to Miss Alma R. Cowlin, a daughter of Abraham Cowlin, and they have a son, Harold W., who served his country as a soldier in the World War. The Presbyterian church of Woodstock holds the membership of Mr. Frame and his family. Mr. Frame is a member of the Order of Elks. His political convictions have made him a strong Democrat, and he has always been active in party matters, so that he was the logical candidate for the office of postmaster, and his work since receiving the appointment proves that the choice was a happy one.

CHRIST FRANKE.

Christ Franke, senior member of the reliable firm of C. Franke & Co., of Algonquin, is one of the substantial men of McHenry County. He was born in Germany, April 4, 1863, one of the four children born to Christ and Christina (Geister) Franke, also natives of Germany. In 1865, the father came to the United States, and first settled in Algonquin, but later moved to Cook County, Ill., where he remained until his death which occurred in 1865. The mother survived him until the fall of 1872. The father was a mason by trade.

Christ Franke attended the common and high schools of McHenry County, and learned the trade of a carpenter, which he followed until 1894. In that year he went into the retail liquor trade, but sold his business in 1912, and bought his present elevator, and since then has dealt in flour, feed, coal, coke, seeds and salt. In 1916 he took his sons Arthur F. and Clarence W. into the business with him. In addition to

his business interests, Mr. Franke owns a valuable farm of 166 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres in Algonquin Township.

In 1887 Mr. Franke was married to Miss Augusta Wollert, a daughter of Fred Wollert, and they have two children, namely: Arthur F., who was born January 6, 1888, married Alida Redquist, and they have two children, Dorothy A., and Arthur C.; and Clarence W., who was born October 25, 1889, married Ella Ritt, and they have a son, Clarence C. The family all belong to the Lutheran church. Mr. Franke is a Republican, and was elected mayor of Algonquin in 1913, and re-elected in 1915. Prior to 1913, he served for eight years as a member of the city council.

HORACE C. FREEMAN.

Horace C. Freeman, one of the most progressive farmers of McHenry County, owns and operates a farm of 161 acres of valuable land on section 12, Greenwood Township. He was born in Greenwood Township, March 23, 1875, a son of Henry and Sarah (Howard) Freeman, natives of New York state, both of whom are deceased. Henry Freeman was a farmer and lived in McHenry County for many years prior to his death.

Horace C. Freeman attended the schools of his native township, and has always been engaged in farming. He now carries on general farming and stock raising, specializing on a good grade of stock. His political convictions are such that he is an independent Republican.

On December 25, 1898, he was married to Mary A. Barber, also born in Greenwood Township, September 27, 1876, a daughter of John Barber. Mr. and Mrs. Freeman are the parents of the following children: Helen, Arlene, May, Flora, Walter, Frank, Mildred and Marion and Lawrence C., who are living, and Celia, who died at the age of four years. The family is an old one in McHenry County, and its members are held in high esteem by the people here, for they have proven themselves excellent farmers and business men, and very desirable citizens in every respect. Mrs. Freeman is a Methodist, as are the older children.

WILLIAM M. FREEMAN, M. D.

William M. Freeman, M. D., an eminent physician and surgeon of Woodstock, has earned his present standing in his profession through

his natural ability and careful training for his calling. He was born September 3, 1877, at Chicago, Ill., one of the five children of John J. and Marjory (Spence) Freeman, of Chicago. John J. Freeman was for years connected with leading mercantile houses of Chicago, and now lives in Aurora, Ill. His wife died in 1913.

William M. Freeman attended the grammar and high schools of Aurora, and then, deciding upon entering the medical profession, he matriculated at Rush Medical College, Chicago, from which institution he was graduated in 1901. Following his graduation, Mr. Freeman spent the subsequent two years as an interne in several of the Chicago hospitals, gaining in this way a varied and very valuable experience. He then located at Crystal Lake, where he engaged in a general practice for fourteen years. Desiring a broader field, he made a change in February, 1918, coming at that time to Woodstock, and here he has firmly established himself in the confidence of the public. Dr. Freeman is a member of the McHenry County Medical Society, the Illinois State Medical Society, and the Tri-State Medical Society. His fraternal connections are with the Masons, Odd Fellows, and Moose. In politics, he is a staunch Republican.

In 1903 Dr. Freeman was married to Miss Ella M. Corner, a daughter of Thomas Corner, and they have three children, namely, Irene M., born February 3, 1905; Helen L., born October 6, 1907; and Harold M., born April 2, 1911. The family belong to the Congregational church. Dr. Freeman is a highly-trained medical man, and keeps abreast of modern progress in his profession by constant reading and study. Personally he possesses those characteristics likely to win confidence, and has built up a large and lucrative practice.

PETER FREUND.

Peter Freund, now deceased, was formerly engaged in farming in McHenry County, and was regarded as one of the substantial men of this locality. He was born in Germany, and when he was twenty years of age, he came to the United States with his parents, John Peter and Margaret Freund, and his brothers, John, Jacob, Michael and Christ, all of whom are now deceased, Christ dying in California, and the others in McHenry County.

Peter Freund was married to Susan Hess, and settled on land where

he lived and died. He erected the finest house on the bay. His children were as follows: Barbara, who is Mrs. Wolfe of Chicago; Jacob, who lives in the village of McHenry; John, who lives in the vicinity of McHenry; Christina, who married John Miller, died at the age of thirty-five years; Mary, who married Nick Webber, died when about thirty-five years; M. Joseph, who lives near McHenry; Hubert, who is the next in order of birth; Nicholas, who is a blacksmith of Spring Grove; Peter, who lives near Johnsbury; Michael, who lives near Spring Grove; and Elizabeth, who is Mrs. Matt Freund, lives near Spring Grove.

Hubert Freund was born on the old farm, July 29, 1867, and remained at home until after he had attained his majority. For nine years he rented the Jackson farm in Richmond Township, and then bought the Bell farm of 120 acres in Richmond Township, and erected a new dairy barn on it and made other improvements during the ten years he owned it. In 1909 he sold his farm and bought the Covell farm of 220 acres, one mile east of McHenry, on which he has put up a silo, and built a dairy barn. He has a herd of thirty-five cows of the Holstein strain, and has Percheron horses for farm use. His farm is located on high land and has good natural drainage. In politics he is independent.

When he was twenty-two years old, Hubert Freund was married to Kate Meyers, a daughter of Anton and Emma Mary Meyers, and they have the following family: Anton, who married Mary Freund, lives near McHenry; Emma, who is Mrs. Peter M. Freund, lives near Spring Grove; Barbara, who is Mrs. Joseph L. Freund, lives near Johnsbury; and Gertrude, Margaret, George, Joseph, Alfred, Florence and Rosela, all of whom are at home. The parents were members of the old St. John's Catholic church at Johnsbury, but Hubert Freund and his family belong to St. Mary's Catholic church at McHenry.

STEPHEN H. FREUND.

Stephen H. Freund, who has served as supervisor of McHenry Township, is one of the progressive farmers of this county, and a man well and favorably known. He was born in Richmond Township, McHenry County, September 26, 1864, one of the nine children of Mathias S. and Anna (Freund) Freund, natives of Germany, who came to the United States in 1850 and 1843, respectively. For many years



Samuel Roberts



Mary Roberts

the father was a farmer upon an extensive scale, but he is now living retired. The mother died March 20, 1917.

Stephen H. Freund attended the public and private schools of his native county, and was reared upon his father's farm. Although he learned the trade of a carpenter, he only followed that calling a short time, having otherwise devoted himself to farming. He now owns a beautiful farming property, adjacent to the city of McHenry, consisting of 173 acres of very valuable land.

On January 25, 1888, Mr. Freund was married to Miss Catherine Klapperich, a daughter of Peter M. Klapperich, and a member of a very prominent McHenry County family. Mr. and Mrs. Freund have seven children, as follows: Mary N., Anton P., Cecelia E., Carl J., Herbert H., Helen L. and Bertilla A. Mr. Freund is independent in his politics, and in 1909 he was elected supervisor of McHenry Township, and re-elected to the same office continuously ever since, serving a portion of the time as chairman. He has served on the school board of his district, and was a member of the board of education for the city of McHenry. He and Mrs. Freund belong to the German Catholic church, and he is a member of the Knights of Columbus. Both in public and private life Mr. Freund is very prominent, and his standing in his community is unquestioned.

CHRISTIAN FRITZ.

Christian Fritz, commissioner of roads for Coral Township, and one of the representative men of McHenry County, has one of the choice farms of his township, which has been developed by an immense amount of hard work on his part. He is an expert in road improvement, as is attested by the many miles of excellent highways under his supervision. He was born in Dundee, Kane County, Ill., January 23, 1871, a son of Christ and Minnie (Hence) Fritz, both of whom were born in Mecklenburg, Germany.

Christ Fritz came to the United States when he was between nineteen and twenty years old, and was married at Dundee, Ill., in 1870. When his son Christian was one year old, he took his family in a wagon to Adams County, Wis., having traded his house at Dundee for an undeveloped farm, and there he remained until 1915, or for over forty years, and during that period developed it into a very valuable property.

This farm comprises 290 acres of land on the Wisconsin River, and on it he built a fine set of buildings. During the time he lived there he served on the school board and was a representative man in every way. Upon his retirement from the farm he went back to Dundee so as to be among his old friends.

Christian Fritz is the only member of his family to come to McHenry County. Until he was seventeen years old he was on the home farm in Wisconsin, but then began working out by the month for farmers, so continuing until he was nineteen, then leaving Wisconsin for Illinois, and for several years worked on farms in the vicinity of Dundee. When he was twenty-two years old he was married to Freda Lussow of Milwaukee, Wis., who had come to the United States three years prior to her marriage. Her father's last years were spent in the Fritz home, where he died in 1918 at the age of eighty-three years, the mother having passed away three years previously.

At the time of his marriage, Christian Fritz rented a farm near Dundee, staying on it for seven years, and then rented another farm in Riley Township, where he remained for five years, a portion of the time being on the Fred Schultz farm, paying cash instead of produce for his rent. Mr. Fritz then bought his present farm, in 1905, it being the 160-acre property known as the Joseph Kalbaugh farm, and since then he rebuilt the house, and has a barn 36 x 96 feet, with an el 36 x 30 feet, using the latter as a horse shelter. The basement is cemented, and the outbuildings are equally modern. He has a silo and has tiled sixty acres, which are now the most productive of his land, the process requiring over nine carloads of the tile. Each year he has made improvements, but they have paid, for the farm for which he paid \$75 per acre in 1905, is worth several times as much today. Dairying is his principal interest, and he milks about forty-five cows. For twenty-five years he has operated a threshing machine, and for several years has done the local threshing, silo filling, corn shelling, etc. For six years he has been road commissioner, and during that period has put the roads in fine condition, and the cement bridges over the streams are well built, some of them costing as much as \$3,000. He keeps up the road grading, and is constantly urging the necessity of continuing these improvements.

Mr. and Mrs. Fritz became the parents of the following children: Arthur, who married Edith Stopen, attended high school and business college, is at home, assisting his father in operating the farm; Minnie, who married Frank Anderson, a fireman on the Illinois Central Railroad, lives at Freeport, Ill., and has a daughter, June D.; Rudolph, who is

in Wyoming; Florence, who is at home; and Raymond, who is also at home. Mr. Fritz and his family are members of the Lutheran church at Union.

JAMES GANNON.

James Gannon, one of the native sons of McHenry County, and now a prosperous farmer of Grafton Township, was born on his present farm, on section 14, July 4, 1849, in a log cabin which is still standing, and which was built by his father in 1847. James Gannon is a son of Luke Gannon, born in Ireland, who came to the United States when fifteen years old, making the trip in a sailing vessel, which took six weeks to cross the ocean. After reaching this country Luke Gannon worked on the Erie Canal in New York state for a short time, and then came on to Illinois, and was employed on the construction of the Illinois and Michigan canal. As soon as he had sufficient money, he came to McHenry County and spent a year in Dorr Township, and then in 1847, bought the farm now occupied by his son. His death occurred in 1866. He was married to Margaret Fallen, who was born in Ireland. Their children were as follows: John, who is deceased; Peter, who lives in Iowa; Thomas, who lives in North Dakota; and Katherine Minning, Mary, Margaret and Michael, all of whom are deceased, having died within two years of each other.

James Gannon attended the local schools, and grew up on his farm. On June 3, 1884, he was married to Elizabeth Malone, also a native of McHenry County, born February 14, 1863, a daughter of Cornelius Malone, who settled in this county prior to the Civil War. Mr. and Mrs. Gannon have had the following children born to them: John, James, who married Julie Williams, has two children, Mary J. and Katherine E.; Ed.; Margaret; Mary; Katherine; Stasia; Eleanor; and Stella, who died at the age of one year.

Mr. Gannon's farm comprises 160 acres of land, which he devotes to general farming and dairying, he milking about twenty-four cows, his herd containing thirty-five. It is interesting to note, in view of his success, that Mr. Gannon never took a drop of intoxicating liquor in his life. He is an independent Democrat and was two terms commissioner, and many years a school director and trustee. As a farmer and citizen, he is held in the highest respect, and his prosperity is deserved, for he has earned it by legitimate means.

ORLANDO GARRISON.

Orlando Garrison was a retired farmer of Greenwood Township, but at one time was one of the leading agriculturalists of McHenry County. He was born in New York state, July 16, 1841, a son of Noah and Sarah (Bates) Garrison, natives of New York state. Noah Garrison was a farmer, who came to Illinois in 1848, and settling in Greenwood Township developed a valuable farm, prior to his death, when he was forty-seven years old.

Orlando Garrison attended the local schools and learned practical farming from his father, following in his footsteps in the selection of a calling. For many years he was engaged in operating his 212 acres of land on section 13, Greenwood Township.

Mr. Garrison was married three times, his first wife having been Malinda Boon, who bore him two sons, William and Noah J. After her death, Mr. Garrison was married (second) to Anna A. Young, who died, leaving no children. The present Mrs. Garrison bore the maiden name of Frances Jackson Wickham. She was born in McHenry County. By a former marriage she had a son Clifford who married Anna Weber, and they have three children: Walter D., Wilbert J., and Marion K. Mr. and Mrs. Garrison had no children. Mr. Garrison was a Republican, but never sought public office. His experiences went back many years in the history of Illinois for his parents brought him to this state in 1848, before the present great railroad systems were built which now provide safe and rapid means of travel. Then the sturdy pioneers had to risk much, and brave dangers as well as discomforts in order to make the change from the east to the west. His parents traveled from Albany to Buffalo, N. Y., on the Erie Canal, and there re-loaded their household possessions on a lake boat which landed them at Waukegan, Ill., in 1848, and from there the trip to Greenwood Township, McHenry County, was accomplished by wagon.

PROF. EDWARD A. GARDNER.

Prof. Edward A. Gardner, superintendent of the schools of Marengo, and one of the best-known educators in this part of the state, is recognized as the right man in the right place. He was born in Westmoreland County, Pa., December 29, 1861, one of the five children of Samuel

and Jane (Hill) Gardner. Samuel Gardner was born in Pennsylvania, and was engaged in farming until his death in 1905.

Edward A. Gardner attended the common and high schools of his native state, and was graduated from the Merchant's Academy in 1880. He followed these courses with one at the Pennsylvania State Normal School, and immediately after his graduation, entered the educational field as an instructor. Later he came to Illinois, and for sixteen consecutive years was superintendent of schools of Ford County. In 1914, he received his present appointment at Marengo, and since that time has concentrated his efforts upon the improvement and development of his school. He has 440 pupils and fifteen teachers under his supervision, and all concerned have every reason to be proud of the progress made.

Professor Gardner was married to Miss Alice E. Ross, a daughter of George W. Ross of Westmoreland County, Pa., and they have two children, namely: Edward Ross, and Kenneth M. The family belong to the Methodist Episcopal church. Professor Gardner belongs to the McHenry County Teachers' Association and the Illinois Teachers' State Association. In politics he is a Republican. His fraternal connections are with the Masons and Modern Woodmen and Knights of Pythias. A scholarly man, he has devoted his life to his profession, and his success proves that he decided wisely when he adopted it as his life work.

ROBERT B. GARDNER.

Robert B. Gardner, now deceased, was formerly actively engaged in farming, and owned and operated a fine farm at Solon Mills. He was born March 23, 1847, in a house that occupied about the same site as the present one, on the farm now owned by his son, W. H. Gardner. His father, William Gardner, was born in Scotland, and died November 1, 1893, his wife having passed away in March, 1889. They were married in Canada, and in 1837 came to McHenry County, entering from the government the present farm of W. H. Gardner. A carpenter by trade, William Gardner erected the present house in 1850, and it is still a substantial structure. The children of William Gardner were as follows: James, who when twenty-one went to Baker City, Ore., and died there; Mary, who married John Merrill, a carpenter of Solon Mills, died there as did her husband; Robert, whose name heads this

review; Willis, who remained on the homestead, died at the age of thirty; and Flora, who married Charles L. Turner, lived on a portion of the old farm until her death, after which Mr. Turner moved to Solon Mills, where he is still residing.

Robert Gardner remained on his father's homestead until he was twenty-five years old at which time he was married to Adela Turner, a sister of Charles Turner, who died one year later, leaving one daughter, Carrie A., who is Mrs. John Oxtoby of Hinton, Okla. In 1878 Mr. Gardner was married (second) to Amelia H. Turner, an elder sister of his first wife, and a daughter of Robert L. and Mary (Lee) Turner, both natives of Yorkshire, England, who were married at Detroit, Mich., and in 1843 came to Chicago to join his brothers already located there. Mr. Turner operated a blacksmith shop and wagon shop at Chicago, until 1871, on the corner of Michigan and State streets, on the North Side, but being burned out during the Great Fire of 1871, he brought his family to McHenry County. At that time Mr. Turner was building a mill at Solon Mills, but his losses prevented his finishing it and it still stands as he left it. He owned a farm near Solon Mills, and on it Mr. Turner died in 1887, aged seventy-eight years. Mr. and Mrs. Turner had twelve children, five of whom still survive, four of them residing in McHenry County, and one son at Canyon City, Colo.

At his father's death, Robert Gardner bought the interests of the other heirs, becoming the owner of 175 acres of land of which he later sold forty acres, leaving 135 acres in the farm now known as the Gardner Farm. For five years he conducted it, and then went to Colorado for five years, having previously been there for ten years. Upon his return to McHenry County, Robert Gardner located at Solon Mills, where he died April 30, 1902. After his death, the farm was rented until 1910, when his son, Willis H., took charge of it. Mr. Gardner had spent a good deal of his life away from McHenry County, but his main interests were centered here. He and his second wife early united with the Presbyterian church.

By his second marriage Mr. Gardner had the following children: William R., died at the age of twenty-one years at Rocky Ford, Colo.; and Willis Henry, who was born at Solon Mills, February 16, 1880. Flora J. died aged five years; and one died in infancy.

In 1907 Willis H. Gardner was graduated from the agricultural department of the University of Wisconsin, and for the subsequent three years was in the employ of the government as superintendent of dairy tests for an experimental station, and was engaged in making

special butter records. In 1910 he came home and took charge of the farm for his mother, and is now operating it as a dairy property, keeping about twenty-five head of pure-bred Holstein cattle, and grows breeding animals for sale. He is a member of the County Farm Bureau, and is on the school board.

On March 24, 1910, Mr. Gardner was married to Addie Overton, a daughter of William J. Overton of Solon Mills, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work. Mr. and Mrs. Gardner have four children, as follows: William Bruce, Robert Willis, Eunice Ann and Ruth Amelia. Recently Mr. Gardner purchased a residence at Crystal Lake.

RICHARD GAULT.

Richard Gault was formerly a merchant at Marengo, and later engaged in conducting a general insurance and real-estate business, in partnership with his son, Paul, under the firm name of Richard Gault & Son. The firm represent one of the strongest and most reliable companies in the world, the Royal Insurance Company. Richard Gault was born in Posen, Germany, February 15, 1854, and came to the United States in 1870, locating at Chicago, where he remained until after the Great Fire. In October, 1871, he came to Woodstock, where he found employment with Fred Renich, with whom he remained until he formed a partnership with Charles Kremer, under the name of Gault & Kremer, and located near the depot at Woodstock. In 1874 Mr. Gault sold his interest to his partner, and returned to Chicago. Subsequently he came back to McHenry County, and began working at his trade of cigarmaking at Marengo for Randolph Renwick, assisting Mr. Renwick to organize the factory, which he bought on July 4, 1875.

In 1885 Mr. Gault founded the Fair store, in 1904 replacing the old building with a new one, but in September, 1911, he sold the mercantile business. As early as 1885 Mr. Gault began selling insurance, and at the same time began acting as correspondent for the Woodstock Sentinel. Branching out from being the local agent for the Royal Fire Insurance Company, Mr. Gault built up a fine connection and his renewals alone yielded him a handsome income. Ten years ago he bought his residence and office which occupy the site of the first building erected at Marengo, which was built in 1836 by Calvin Spencer and for some years was used as a tavern. It is in the center of the village at the intersection of

State and Highway streets. After he gained possession of the property Mr. Gault rebuilt and remodelled the house and it is a beautiful home.

In 1875 Mr. Gault was married to Emma Basuier, who died in 1883, having borne him two children, namely: Oswald E., who is a resident of Woodstock; and Alice, who married Andrew Swanson, died at Aurora, Ill., on Thanksgiving Day, 1918, of ptomaine poisoning, and is buried in the Marengo Cemetery. In November, 1885, Mr. Gault was married second to Maggie Farmer, who died May 3, 1917. The children of his second marriage were as follows: Paul, who is in business with his father; Ellen, who married Eugene McNeaney, a retail merchant operating the Gault Bazaar; Anna, who is her father's housekeeper; Caroline, who married Cleatus Gandy of Gary, Ind.; Alphonse E., who died in childhood; and Julia, who is a saleslady in Gault's Bazaar, lives at home.

Mr. Gault belonged to the Mystic Workers and the Modern Woodmen of America, and held office in both orders. He also belonged to the Community Club. The Sacred Heart Catholic church held his membership. Mr. Gault was a substantial citizen with many friends. He was fully Americanized, and during the late war invested liberally in the various bonds, and contributed generously to the different war activities. Mr. Gault had been with the Royal Insurance Company so long that they placed confidence in him and his son and gave them the power to adjust their own losses and that is what the assured likes. The speedy adjustments made by this firm have resulted in the present extra good business. He also held a \$2,000 life insurance policy with the Bankers Life Insurance Company, of Des Moines, Iowa, for years. Mr. Gault died December 24, 1921, and his son, Paul H. will continue the business.

IDA LOU GEHRIG.

Ida Lon Gehrig, librarian at Harvard, is one of the accomplished and scholarly ladies of McHenry County, and one who is very efficient in her present position. She was born at Pekin, Ill., a daughter of Charles F. and Anna (Turner) Gehrig. From childhood Miss Gehrig has been of a studious turn of mind, and after she was graduated from the Pekin High School, she took up special studies for perfecting herself for the



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work of a librarian, doing Story Hour work in the Peoria, Ill., public library, and attending the summer school and the University of Illinois Library School. When the trustees of Harvard, Ill., were looking for a competent person to put in charge of the library, Miss Gehrig was suggested as a candidate. Her selection has met with universal approval from the patrons of the library, who not only receive from her a gracious courtesy, but timely and patient assistance in their courses of reading and study, so that those desiring to make use of the library for the purpose of adding to their store of knowledge or to pursue some special study, will find here the expert help they require to accomplish their purpose.

BENJAMIN C. GETZELMAN.

Benjamin C. Getzelman, president of the Algonquin State Bank, and a man of importance in the community, has been connected with the financial affairs of this part of the state for a number of years. He was born at Hampshire, Kane County, Ill., January 1, 1870, a son of Malachi C. and Eve (Rudolph) Getzelman.

Malachi C. Getzelman was born in Germany, January 1, 1837, and came to the United States in 1845, landing at New York City, from whence he came west to Hampshire, Kane County, Ill., where he became interested in farming. During the Civil War, he enlisted in the Fifty-second Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and served for four years, receiving his honorable discharge in 1865. He is now living retired at Elgin, Ill., and belongs to the G. A. R. of that city. He and his wife had four children.

Benjamin C. Getzelman attended the grammar and high schools of his native county, and also took a pharmaceutical course, in which he was graduated, and he was made a registered pharmacist in 1890. From 1890 until 1894, he was engaged in the drug business at Elgin, but in the latter year entered the clerical department of the Elgin National Bank, and remained with that institution until February, 1902, when he left it to organize the Algonquin Bank, which was incorporated as the Algonquin State Bank, June 27, 1913, with a capital stock of \$25,000.00, which he has since served as president. Mr. Getzelman is also a director of the Chapell Ice Cream Company of Chicago.

In 1898, Mr. Getzelman was married to Miss Jennie Chapell, a daughter of Clarence E. Chapell, and they have two children, Eunice J. and Benjamin Chapell Getzelman. Mr. Getzelman is a charter member of Algonquin Lodge No. 960 A. F. & A. M., and belongs to Freeport Consistory and the Mystic Shrine, of Rockford. In politics he is a Republican, and served as alderman from his ward from 1915 to 1917. During the late war he was on the Local Exemption Board of McHenry County. Mr. Getzelman was alternate delegate to the Republican National Convention at Chicago in 1912. The family all are Universalists. A man of more than ordinary prominence, Mr. Getzelman has worked for his community as well as himself, and his prominence is well deserved.

ERNEST A. GIESEL.

Ernest A. Giesel, pastor of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran church of Harvard, is one of the eloquent and forceful members of his profession in McHenry County. He was born at Baraboo, Wis., June 18, 1877, a son of Rev. E. O. Giesel, now deceased, formerly an occupant of the pulpit of his son. E. O. Giesel was born in Silesia, Germany, in 1849, a son of Adolph and Nora (Koener) Giesel, who spent their lives in Silesia, Germany, where the father died in 1880, his wife having passed away several years previously.

Having decided on entering the ministry, E. O. Giesel, after completing his schooling in the public institutions of his native place, studied in a theological college in Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, and then in 1873, desiring to benefit from the broader opportunities offered in the United States, came to this country, and became a student of the Theological Lutheran Seminary at Mendota, Ill., from which he was graduated in 1874, and ordained to the ministry of the Lutheran Evangelical church in 1875. He preached at various points in Illinois and Wisconsin, including Meredosia, Harvard, and Glencoe, Ill., Baraboo and Platteville, Wis., coming from the last named place to Harvard, McHenry County, and was the highly esteemed and beloved pastor of the church of his faith there until his death on December 5, 1912. He had founded many Lutheran churches in Illinois and Wisconsin; was a man possessed of a wonderful intellect, and big heart. He had a truly kind and Christian disposition that made him legions of

friends wherever he went, and his death was mourned especially at Harvard, and also throughout the Synod. Large delegations of his friends came from Chicago and Platteville to attend his funeral at Harvard, and his mortal remains were laid to rest in the cemetery at this village. The good work he had commenced at Harvard has been continued by his son, Rev. E. A. Giesel.

In 1876 Rev. E. O. Giesel was married first to Miss Anna Hebert, who died the following year leaving a son, Ernest A., who was then only nine days old. In 1878, he was married second to his wife's sister, Miss Elizabeth Hebert, and they became the parents of the following children: George, Anna, Clara, Nora, Amanda, Adolph, Mary and Frieda. Some idea of the respect in which the late Mr. Giesel was held in his community is evidenced by the fact that during the day of his funeral the business houses all closed their doors as a token of respect to him. He was equally respected at Platteville, Wis., where his pastorate had extended over nearly a quarter of a century.

The dying request of the mother of Rev. E. A. Giesel determined the future of the nine-day son, as she asked her heart-broken husband that he train the little one to enter the profession she felt the father so honored. Consequently, after he had received the customary common-school education, Ernest A. Giesel became a student of the Platteville High School, and later of the State Normal School of the same city. Still later he took his college training at Waverly, and Clinton, Iowa, and his theological courses at St. Paul, Minn., and Saginaw, Mich., being graduated in 1898. His first ministerial charge was in Butler County, Iowa, in the vicinity of Allison, and from there he was sent to Fall Creek, Wis. During the early years of his ministry he was working under the direction of the Missionary Board, as a missionary whose work it was to establish churches in small, neglected and out-of-the-way places so that all might have an opportunity to learn the truth of the Master's teachings. His success in founding and building up churches, increasing the membership and spiritual strength of the congregations, has been remarkable, and sets an example for other young missionaries to strive to emulate. Among the communities in which his good work was carried on may be mentioned the following: Columbus, Arlington, Waupaca and Baldwin Mills, Wis., and South Haven, Mich., having received and accepted a call from that place, although his departure was deeply regretted by his former congregations. It was while he was accomplishing splendid work for his people at South Haven, that he received the news of his father's sudden demise after an illness

of only a few days' duration. Believing that he ought to accept the call made him by his father's church, he did so, and took charge of the Harvard Church at once, having at that time been a minister of the gospel for thirteen years. Those years had been full of busy, effective hours, and consequently great development in the career of the young clergyman, and these experiences, some of them strenuous and difficult, ripened his character, and fitted him for the greater work he was to perform.

On December 13, 1899, Mr. Giesel was married to Miss Marie Michelis of Marion, Wis., a daughter of P. A. and Marie (Severt) Michelis, and they have the following children: Marie, who was born at Fall Creek, Wis., July 17, 1901; Gertrude, who was born at Columbus, Wis., February 9, 1903; and Ernest Oscar, who was born at Columbus, Wis., July 26, 1906. A more detailed account of the work of Mr. Giesel at Harvard is given under the chapter of churches elsewhere in this history, which will demonstrate that in him his church and community have one of the most valuable men in McHenry County.

JAMES W. GILBERT.

James W. Gilbert, one of the substantial business men of Crystal Lake, carries a large and carefully selected stock of furniture and operates a first-class undertaking establishment. He was born in Lake County, Ill., November 18, 1871, one of two children born to Eugene E. and Catherine (Griffin) Gilbert. Eugene E. Gilbert was born in New York state, but came to Lake County, Ill., when a small boy, and has since resided there.

James W. Gilbert attended the schools of Lake County, and the university at Valparaiso, Ind., following which he embarked in a hardware business, but disposed of it at the expiration of one year, and then bought an undertaking business at Crystal Lake. To this he added the handling of furniture and carried a full and complete line of furniture, rugs, carpets and linoleums. Five years later he sold this business and went into the furniture business at Union, Ill., and added the handling of hardware. On March 9, 1911, he also disposed of this business, and then September 1, 1911, he bought his present establishment, which he conducts upon an extensive scale. He is a graduate of the Barnes Embalming School, class of 1897. His furniture stock averages

\$4,000 and he has \$4,500 invested in his undertaking business, exclusive of his \$6,000 auto hearse. The building in which his business is located was bought by Mr. Gilbert at a cost of \$5,000.

In 1895 Mr. Gilbert was married to Miss Lillian E. Shaw, and they have the following children: Vivian E., Una I. and Leroy E. The family belong to the Congregational church. Mr. Gilbert's fraternal connections are with the Masons, Odd Fellows and Modern Woodmen of America. In politics he is a Republican, and he served for ten years as township treasurer of Coral Township. Mr. Gilbert is well fitted for his profession, possessing those characteristics which make it possible for him to bring comfort into the homes of the afflicted, while his skill and knowledge insure that proper care will be given the dead and a dignified respect shown their memory.

WILLIAM B. GILBERT.

William B. Gilbert, for many years one of the successful farmers of Nunda Township, is now living in honorable retirement at Crystal Lake. He was born June 11, 1858, a son of George and Sarah (Mack) Gilbert. George Gilbert was born in New York State in 1818, a son of Abraham Gilbert, also a native of New York. The Gilbert family is of Holland-Dutch extraction. Sarah Mack was born in New York, a daughter of Abner Mack. George Gilbert was a farmer, who came to Illinois about 1846, and settled in Nunda Township, where he bought 150 acres of land, which is now very valuable. In politics he was a Republican. He and his wife had the following children: Electa M., who is deceased; Edson R.; Ada L., who married Edwin Eaton; Minnie M., who married a Mr. Fink; William B.; and Martin V., who is deceased.

William B. Gilbert attended the schools of Nunda Township, and those of the town of Ringwood. For many years he was engaged in farming his 155 acres of land in Nunda Township, but since his retirement in 1915 has sold it.

In 1879 Mr. Gilbert was married to Charlotte A. Colby, born in McHenry County, a daughter of Allen P. Colby. Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert became the parents of one daughter, Dora. She is the wife of Michael Conley of Oak Park, Ill., and they have the following children: Howard, Everett, Morton and William. Mr. Gilbert is a Republican.

HARRY D. GILE.

Harry D. Gile, one of the worth-while men and first-class farmers of Chemung Township, is located seven and one-half miles northwest of Harvard, a portion of his farm being in Boone County just across the county line. He was born in Walworth County, Wis., five miles northeast of Sharon, December 26, 1883, a son of Frank and Emma (Smith) Gile. Frank Gile was born in Sharon, and died there March 17, 1920, but his widow survives him and still makes her home at Sharon.

Harry D. Gile has spent his life in farming and understands its every detail. When only nineteen years old, on June 24, 1902, he was married to Hattie May Powers, born December 29, 1880, a daughter of Esco and Eva (Brown) Powers. Mrs. Powers died at Chemung where they had been residing, and Mr. Powers then went to Chicago, Ill., and died about three years later. Hattie May Powers was reared at Chemung, and attended its schools.

Following his marriage Mr. Gile rented land and continued to be a tenant for eight years, for four of them being in McHenry Township. He then bought a portion of the old Ridge farm, located in Boone County, on which no buildings had then been erected, and in March, 1914, he exchanged it for his present farm owned by the family of Robert Pearson, comprising 217 acres, eighty acres of which are in Boone County. He has erected a new barn and a tenant house and made other improvements including the remodelling of the present buildings and the putting up of a silo. He keeps fifty head of cattle of the pure-bred Holstein strain, and carries on dairying with twenty-five cows, and he also breeds pure-bred Duroc-Jersey hogs. A very progressive man, he organized The Boys and Girls Club, of which two of his children were the first members, and he is now a leader in this movement. His Corn Club won first place in several exhibits of corn demonstration, and first place in the demonstration at the State Fair at Springfield. He now has three clubs, one Corn another Pig, and a third Calf. These clubs have resulted in the development of great interest among the farmers, who encourage their children in joining them. The results are various farm betterments and a greater desire on the part of the young people to remain on the farms. During the World War, Mr. Gile was very active in war work, stimulating in a marked degree the sale of bonds and contributions to the Red Cross and other organizations.

Mr. and Mrs. Gile became the parents of the following children: Norma; Fred, who is attending the Sharon High School; Iva, Orpha,

Helen, Wilma, Laverna and Dorothea. Mr. Gile and his family belong to Sharon Methodist church, and he is active in its work as he is in other organizations. For some time he has been a member of the Farm Bureau of the Illinois Agricultural Association. The farm of Mr. Gile is one of the best operated in this part of the state. The policy of this alert, astute business man and modern farmer, is to carry on his farming as he would a factory or mercantile establishment were his talents devoted to the running of such enterprises, and whenever he finds by his own experiments, or those of others, that a certain method or appliance will increase his efficiency and improve his property, he adopts it. His work among the young people of his neighborhood can scarcely be over-estimated in its value, not only to them but the community at large, and is entirely on a line with the best ideas of constructive citizenship advocated by the best authorities. In 1920 Mr. Gile somewhat extended the scope of his operations by buying fifty-nine acres of land at the edge of Sharon, Wis.

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CHARLES W. GODDARD, M. D.

Charles W. Goddard, M. D., one of the leading physicians and surgeons of McHenry County, is engaged in a general practice at Harvard, where he is held in the highest respect, and where he is now serving as city health officer. He was born at Cedarville, Ill., January 19, 1857, the only child of his parents, Fayette and Anna (Stiles) Goddard, the former of whom was a noted educator, who died in Stevenson County, Ill., in 1864.

Doctor Goddard attended the common and high schools of his native place, and then took a course at the Chicago Medical College, from which he was graduated in 1882. Immediately thereafter, he located at Rockford, Ill., where he was engaged in a general practice until 1883, when he came to McHenry County, and established himself at Harvard. He belongs to the McHenry County Medical Society, the Illinois State Medical Society, and the American Medical Associa-

tion. In addition to attending to the duties of his practice, Doctor Goddard is local surgeon for the Northwestern Railroad Company, and was elected city health officer of Harvard several years ago, on the Republican ticket, which office he still holds, rendering his community a valuable service in that capacity.

In 1882 Doctor Goddard was united in marriage with Miss Caroline Blake, a daughter of John Blake, a prominent citizen of Rockford, Ill. Doctor and Mrs. Goddard have the following children: Paul B., who is a manufacturer of Chicago, Ill.; Carl B., who is an attorney of Detroit, Mich.; and Dorothy, who married T. R. Strobridge, a manufacturer of Chicago. The Goddards are very prominent socially, and they are deservedly popular not only at Harvard, but throughout McHenry County.

WILLIAM V. GOODER, M. D.

William V. Gooder, M. D., one of the progressive physicians and surgeons of Marengo, was born at St. Paul, Minn., August 1, 1881. The paternal grandfather came from Halifax, England, to the United States in the early forties, settling in Wisconsin, and his son, the father of Doctor Gooder, was born in Monroe County, Wis., later moved to St. Paul, Minn., and later to Iowa, where he died when his son, William V., was only five years old. The widowed mother took him back to the city of his nativity, and he later attended school at Tomah, Wis., being graduated from its high school at the age of seventeen years, and the subsequent year began to read medicine, beginning the regular course at the age of nineteen years, when he became a student of the medical department of the Northwestern University at Chicago, from which he was graduated in 1905. For a year thereafter he was interne at the Wesley Memorial Hospital, and then went to Lowell, Ind., where he was engaged in a general practice for eight years, but his health failing him he went to California, and upon his return to Chicago, took a post graduate course, and learning of Marengo, and realizing the possibilities of the healthful dairying region surrounding it decided to locate there permanently, which he did in 1913. Feeling it to be his duty, Doctor Gooder enlisted for service in June, 1917, and was called into the service in February, 1918, first with the rank of first lieutenant, but later being promoted to a captaincy. He was sent to France in October, 1918, and returned in February, 1919, having spent the greater



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part of his time in a base hospital at St. Nazaire. Doctor Gooder belongs to the county, state and national medical societies, and has done constructive work in all.

In 1907 Doctor Gooder was married to Vera Mason Smith, of Dixon, Ill., and they have one son, Jack. Doctor Gooder is a capable physician and a man of pleasing personality which wins for him many friends both in and out of his profession.

JOHN GOODKNECHT.

John Goodknecht, now deceased, was formerly one of the industrious and prosperous farmers of Chemung Township. He was born in Mechlinburg, Germany, and died in May, 1906, aged seventy-nine years, and is buried at Mt. Auburn Cemetery in McHenry County. Upon his arrival in the United States to which he journeyed in young manhood, he came to Woodstock, then the end of the railroad. Another member of the family went to Michigan, and still another to Iowa, but he remained in McHenry County, and worked for Austin Diggins at Harvard for several years.

In 1856 he bought from Pesehal P. Stiles the present farm of his son, Ernest, comprising 130 acres of land in Chemung Township, and on it he spent practically the remainder of his life. At the time he bought it a portion of it was covered with timber, the remainder being either prairie or low land, but he set to work with characteristic industry and persistence and finally developed it into a valuable property. During his later days he retired and moved to Harvard, where he died four or five years later, his widow surviving him for about eighteen months, and then died at the age of sixty-nine years. He never entered into local affairs, his time and interest being centered on his farm and family. For many years he was a member of the Lutheran church of Sharon, but when he went to Harvard, he transferred his membership to the Lutheran church of that city. The children born to him and his wife were as follows: Amelia, who is Mrs. Charles Walters of Waterloo, Iowa; Theodore, who is a carpenter and builder of Harvard; Emma, who is Mrs. Charles Englehardt of Boone County, Ill.; Maggie, who died at the age of twenty-one years; William, who is a farmer of Parkersburg, Iowa, and Ernest, whose name heads this review.

Ernest Goodknecht has owned the farm for seventeen years, and since

then has made many improvements, including the erection of a silo. He carries on dairying and has from twelve to fifteen cows. His operations are carried on very efficiently, and he is known as one of the progressive men of his calling. A Republican, he contents himself with giving an intelligent support to the candidates of his party, his private affairs being too heavy to permit of his taking office.

In February, 1909, he was united in marriage with Mildred Barrows, a daughter of D. A. Barrows, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work. Mr. and Mrs. Goodknecht have one son, John, who is eight years old. Mr. Goodknecht is a native of the county, and has been educated in it. His interests are naturally centered in the development of this region, and he is a friend of the public schools and the good roads movement. Such men as he are a credit to their communities, and too much praise cannot be accorded them, for it is now an accepted fact that the farmers are the mainspring of the nation's prosperity.

EDGAR E. GOODRICH.

Edgar E. Goodrich, proprietor of the Marengo Steam Laundry and Dry Cleaning Works, is one of the substantial men of Marengo. He was born at Marengo, February 14, 1873, a son of Elias J. and Lucia (Morrill) Goodrich. Elias J. Goodrich was in a furniture and undertaking business at Marengo, with branches at Woodstock and Harvard, at the time of his son's birth, but about 1881 or 1882 he sold and went into a hotel and restaurant business, continuing it for some years, and becoming very well known in the county. In 1894 he moved to DeKalb, Ill., and spent five years, and then returned to Marengo, where he died in 1910, aged seventy-six years. His widow survives him. Their children were as follows: Ella, who is the widow of a Mr. Pettibone, lives at Council Bluffs, Iowa; Walter, who is a hotel man at Council Bluffs, Iowa; Estelle, who is Mrs. George Bates of Marengo; Edgar E., whose name heads this review; Mrs. Bessie Meehan, who lives at Chicago; Ernest W., who lives at Rockford; and Ruth, who is Mrs. I. O. Hungerford of Brooklyn, N. Y. Mr. Hungerford is superintendent of the eastern branch of Borden's Milk Co. His first job was secured for him by E. E. Goodrich with Borden's, and he proved so capable that he was made superintendent of the Borden plant at McHenry, later becoming county superintendent for the company. He was then transferred

to Chicago, then to Montreal, and finally was made general superintendent of all the eastern business of the company with headquarters at Brooklyn, N. Y.

In 1891 the Marengo Steam Laundry was founded by W. H. Fisher, and in 1895 Edgar E. Goodrich bought it and he has improved it until it is now thoroughly modern and equipped with the latest machinery and devices for the conduct of the business. Realizing the need for a reliable dry cleaning establishment, Mr. Goodrich organized this branch of his business over twelve years ago and enjoys a fine trade in both branches. He gives constant employment to five persons.

At the age of twenty-one Mr. Goodrich was married to Maud Winegar of Marengo, who died in April, 1906, leaving two children, namely: Fern, who is Mrs. Harry C. Gilkerson of Marengo; and Pauline, who died in childhood. In 1910, Mr. Goodrich was married (second) to Frances Fisk of Detroit, Mich., and they have no children. Several years ago Mr. Goodrich built his present brick residence, which is very modern and convenient.

A Republican, he has served as a member of the city council, and while holding that office was instrumental in securing for Marengo its present ornamental lights. At present he is worshipful master of Marengo Lodge No. 138, A. F. & A. M. Always interested in civic matters, he finds the Community Club an effective channel through which to achieve improvements, and is a forceful member of it.

EPHRIAM R. GOODROW.

Ephriam R. Goodrow, senior member of the firm of Goodrow & Son, is one of the substantial business men of Woodstock, and one who stands unusually high in public esteem throughout McHenry County. He was born in Wisconsin, July 12, 1861, a son of Eli and Hannah (Penwell) Goodrow, who had eight children. Eli Goodrow was born in France, but came to the United States in 1840, and located in Jefferson County, Wis., where he was engaged very successfully in farming until his death, in 1882. His widow survived him until 1915.

Ephriam R. Goodrow attended the common and high schools of his native state, and came to McHenry County in 1901, establishing what was known as the Hitch Harness Company, which in 1916 was expanded into an automobile business, and the name changed to Good-

row & Son. The firm carries farm implements, milking machines, buggies, wagons, oils, gasoline, whips, blankets, robes and automobiles, and carry on a first-class garage, and employment is given three people. Mr. Goodrow has the exclusive agency of the Overland car for his neighborhood, and carries a stock valued at \$10,000.

Mr. Goodrow was united in marriage with Miss Mary Cook, a daughter of Albert Cook, and a member of a prominent family of Wisconsin. Mr. and Mrs. Goodrow became the parents of the following children: Frank J., who is in business with his father; Eva, who is Mrs. William Orms of Chicago; Etta, who is Mrs. John Hayes; Tessie M., who is Mrs. Howard Cos of Wisconsin; and Loraine, who is completing her studies at the University of Wisconsin. Mr. Goodrow and his family are consistent members of the Roman Catholic church. In politics he is a Republican. A man of unusual business energy, he has forged ahead, and has honestly earned his present prestige.

FRANK J. GOODROW.

Frank J. Goodrow, junior member of the well known garage and implement firm of Goodrow & Son, is one of the alert young business men of Woodstock. He was born in Wisconsin, January 8, 1889, a son of Ephraim and Mary (Cook) Goodrow, also natives of Wisconsin, and grandson of Eli and Hannah (Penwell) Goodrow and Albert Cook, all of whom are well known and universally respected.

Frank J. Goodrow was educated in the schools of Wisconsin and Woodstock, being about twelve years of age when his father established himself in business at the latter place, so that practically he has been reared in McHenry County, and naturally his interests are centered here. In 1916, Mr. Goodrow was taken into partnership by his father, and has participated actively in the business ever since. A complete line of agricultural implements, wagons, buggies and automobile accessories is carried to the amount of \$10,000 and the firm is sole agent for the Overland cars in McHenry County.

Mr. Goodrow was united in marriage with Miss Helen Goff, a daughter of Fred Goff. In politics, like his father, Mr. Goodrow is a staunch Republican. He belongs to the Roman Catholic church. A young man of progressive ideas, he has thrown himself into his business, and while achieving material success, is also gaining the confidence

of those with whom he does business because of his high principles and honorable methods.

MUNSON SMITH GOODSSELL.

Munson Smith Goodsell, now deceased, was in former years one of the substantial men of McHenry County and was the first merchant of Hebron. He was born at Cooperstown, N. Y., November 23, 1826, and died April 21, 1910, aged seventy-three years. On January 10, 1858, he was married to Annie Marie Arnold, at Elkton, Wis. She was born February 9, 1839, a daughter of Giles and Iris Welton (Hickox) Arnold, of Victor, Ontario County, N. Y., where Mrs. Goodsell was born. Prior to 1844, Giles Arnold came west to Wisconsin and securing a home, returned to New York for his family, who made the trip in 1844.

Munson Smith Goodsell attended Beloit College, and when his father died in 1861, took charge of his store, later selling it and moving to Hebron, where in June of that year he erected a building and in it established the first store and post office of the village. At that time there were but two frame houses in the settlement. Mr. Goodsell continued to operate the store until about 1880. He was also interested in a lumber yard conducted by him and his partner Henry Mead. Mr. Goodsell was the first postmaster of Hebron, and held that office for a quarter of a century, and he was township clerk for twenty-three years. For thirty years he served as township assessor, and was holding that office at the time of his death. He was a specially capable business man, reliable and upright. Not a talker, he carried out his ideas in deeds, and had the welfare of his community at heart. Politically he was a Republican. He was made a Mason at Richmond, soon after coming to the county, and was a charter member of the Hebron Lodge, his funeral being in charge of his brothers in the lodge.

The one surviving daughter of Mr. Goodsell is Annie West Snitz, who lives at St. Petersburg, Fla., her husband having been a prominent real estate dealer in Cleveland, Ohio. The other daughter, Iris, married on March 14, 1887, Charles Q. Albertson, and died within a year, being then but twenty years of age. She was a lovely girl, bright and capable, and her loss was mourned by her family and her host of friends. The only son, Lewis Burr Goodsell, was killed at Fox River Station, on the Northwestern Railroad, while coupling cars in his capacity of brakeman, December 7, 1881, being then twenty-three years old. Fannie G. died

at the age of one year. Mrs. Goodsell has lived in her present house since 1862, and has lived to bury her husband and three children, who lie in the local cemetery. Both she and Mr. Goodsell early connected themselves with the Episcopal church at Lake Geneva, but when they came to Hebron they interested themselves in the Methodist Presbyterian and Baptist denominations as there was no church of their own faith here. They were very liberal in their views, and sought only to further the spiritual welfare of their community. For some years since her husband's death, Mrs. Goodsell has spent the winters with her daughter in Florida, but retains her property and interest in Hebron. During the late war she was active in Red Cross work, and all her life has always done more than her share of church and community work, and her many benefactions and unselfish efforts have endeared her to all who have the honor of her acquaintance.

WILLIAM A. GOODWIN.

William A. Goodwin, director of the United States Bank of Crystal Lake, one of the substantial and representative men of McHenry County, is also prominent politically. He was born in McHenry County, August 5, 1857, one of the four children born to John and Sarah C. (Chase) Goodwin. John Goodwin was born in Pennsylvania, but in 1850 came to McHenry County, and was engaged in farming and manufacturing pickles in Algonquin Township, where he died in 1892, his wife passing away in 1908.

William A. Goodwin attended the common and high schools of his native county, completing his studies at the Elgin Academy and the Indiana State Normal School. For the subsequent two years, Mr. Goodwin was engaged in farming, but then came to Crystal Lake, and embarked in a flour, feed and lumber business, and built a feed and flour mill which he still operates. He is also interested in handling stock, and owns considerable farm land, including 131 acres in Algonquin Township, and he also owns his residence at Crystal Lake.

Mr. Goodwin was married to Miss Mary M. Rainthorp, and they have one living child, Benjamin S., the other child, Lora, having died. Mr. and Mrs. Goodwin are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. He is a very prominent Republican and served two terms in the city council, his record as an alderman making him the logical candidate for

mayor, to which office he was first elected on the Citizens ticket in 1907. He has also rendered efficient service on the school board, and has done much to bring about improvements in the school system in his city. Fraternally he is a Mason, and Odd Fellow and is active in both lodges. A man of unusual capabilities, he has exerted himself to make good in whatever he has undertaken, and his success is self-earned, and well merited.

HENRY GORHAM.

Henry Gorham, now deceased, was formerly one of the most representative men of Dorr Township, and a man widely and favorably known. He was born at St. Isaacs, on the St. Lawrence River, within thirty miles of Montreal, Canada, in December, 1855. His educational training ceased when he was fourteen years old, at which time he went to Vermont, and was engaged in farming near Fairfield until 1855, when, with a cousin, George La Chance, he came to Illinois, by railroad as far as Chicago, and thence to Kane County, where he continued to work at farming, being employed by George Sawyer of Dundee for three years. He then joined a party and crossed the plains to California, the trip consuming nearly five and one-half months. After about five years of varied experiences, during which period he met with varying success, Mr. Gorham returned to Dundee by way of San Francisco and the Isthmus of Panama.

On December 26 of the year of his return home, he was married to Judith Helen Sawyer, and they located on the old Sawyer homestead in Dorr Township, where they continued to reside until the death of Mr. Gorham on January 1, 1902, with the exception of fourteen months, when Mr. Gorham was in Kansas, homesteading 160 acres of land, and freighting to Emporia, Humboldt and other points. Returning home, he resumed his agricultural activities in Dorr Township.

Mr. Gorham was a Republican of a stalwart type, but did not seek political preferment. He and his wife had the following children: Elmer S., who is engaged in farming in the vicinity of Crystal Lake, married Mary Myers and they have one son, Henry; William Henry, who lives at Woodstock; George F., who married Laura Thayer, has four children—George H., Edith, Helen and Hazel, and who is operating the old homestead; and Bertha, who married Richard Reed, a farmer living near Ridgfield, Ill., and they have the following children—Pearl Marie, Clarence Edward and Dorothy.

Mrs. Gorham was born at Bradford, Vt., January 9, 1842, a daughter of William and Savilla (Hayes) Sawyer, who were of English-Puritan ancestry. Savilla Hayes was born at Strafford, Vt., January 3, 1811, a daughter of Robert and Abigail (Merrill) Hayes, the former of whom was a soldier of the American Revolution. Their children were as follows: David, John, Samuel, Sallie, Irene, Lydia, Roxanna, Elvira, Lucy (who died young) and Savilla. The Hayes family here referred to belonged to the same stock as Pres. Rutherford B. Hayes.

William Sawyer, father of Mrs. Gorham, was born at Oxford, N. H., in November, 1807, a son of John and Judith (Webster) Sawyer, the ancestors of both having been among the very early settlers of New Hampshire. This branch of the Sawyer family belongs to the same stock as that of former Senator Sawyer of Wisconsin. Judith Webster was a second cousin of Daniel Webster. John Sawyer was killed at an early day in Canada. His son William Sawyer acquired what was for his day an excellent education, and always was an earnest student of history. In 1839 he was married to Savilla Hayes, and their children were as follows: Judith Helen, who married Henry Gorham; and George, who served as a soldier during the Civil War, as a member of Company F, Ninety-fifth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, but died a few months after his enlistment at Lake Providence, La. Mr. Sawyer was engaged in farming and the transportation of produce from his home town to Boston, Mass., by way of the Connecticut River on flat boats made by himself. Later he bought a farm near Bradford, Vt., where he remained until 1840, at which time he moved to Bradford. In August, 1851, he came to McHenry County, Ill., locating on eighty acres of land, which was unimproved except for a dilapidated log cabin. He improved this property and increased his farm until he owned 188 acres. His death occurred when he was eighty-one years of age, his widow surviving him until January 3, 1902, when she passed away, aged ninety-one years. She was a Methodist in religious belief, and very active in church work.

Mrs. Gorham has lived on her present farm since 1851, and is one of the oldest residents of the township. While not a member of any religious denomination, she is an attendant on the services of the Presbyterian Church, and takes an active part in the good work of that body as well as social organizations, having given liberally of her time and money to the Red Cross.

George F. Gorham, son of Henry Gorman, took charge of the old homestead which formerly belonged to his grandfather Sawyer, and an additional farm of 158 acres two miles away from his original one, which



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is owned by his mother. He specializes in milk production, his herd averaging twenty head. The present residence was erected in 1892 to replace the one destroyed by fire. The barn, 36 x 120 feet, is a modern structure, and other improvements are contemplated, for George F. Gorham is one of the progressive men of his calling who believes in having a first-class equipment in every particular. When the government asked the farmers for a greater wheat production, Mr. Gorham responded with a crop of 1,100 bushels in addition to his regular milk production. The Gorham family is one of the most representative ones in McHenry County, and George F. Gorham is living up to its highest standards.

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HENRY F. GREELEY.

Henry F. Greeley, one of the very prominent men of Richmond, owns two choice farms in Richmond Township, and has been interested along several commercial lines in this city. He was born in McHenry County, August 8, 1868, one of the nine children of Michael and Hannah (Waldron) Greeley. Michael Greeley came to McHenry County in 1850, and for many years was engaged in farming. He lived to the unusual age of ninety-nine years, and was one of the most highly esteemed men of his locality.

Henry F. Greeley was reared on his father's farm, and was given an excellent public school education. For some time he was engaged in farming, and then he went into a dairy business at Richmond, but later sold it. A staunch Democrat, he was the unsuccessful candidate of his party for the office of mayor of Richmond, being defeated both times by E. C. Covalt, although he ran way ahead of his ticket on account of his personal popularity.

On November 9, 1910, Mr. Greeley was married to Miss Ariel V. Carnahan, a daughter of Mrs. Emma Gates, who was born in Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Greeley have two children, namely: Henrietta, who was born November 11, 1911; and Horace E., who was born August

27, 1912. He has always given a prompt and loyal support to local measures which in his judgment would prove of benefit to the majority, and few men are held in higher esteem in their communities than he.

CARL GUSE.

Carl Guse, who is now living retired at Marengo, where he owns his comfortable residence, is one of the highly respected, thoroughly Americanized citizens of German birth. He was born in Germany, January 20, 1856, and came to the United States in 1875, his mother accompanying him. After three months spent at Chicago, Mr. Guse, who had been reared on a farm, came to Riley Township to join a friend who had located here. His first work was as a harvest hand, and for four years he continued at farm labor, spending two of these years in the employ of Monroe Sears. Mr. Guse was then married to Therese Post, who had been born in the same village as he, and came to the United States on the same boat. She remained at Chicago until her marriage.

When he married, Mr. Guse rented a farm in Riley Township and remained on it for four years, when he bought the farm adjoining it, known as the Tenrick farm of 160 acres, for which he paid \$31 per acre, going heavily into debt to secure it, and it took him twenty years to clear off this obligation. However, he had a team and some stock, and gradually made things pay. Here he lived until 1915, when he retired. During the time he lived on this farm he had erected new buildings, and did considerable draining, at a cost of \$2,300.

To his original farm he added 100 acres, two and one-half miles distant, and put in \$700 worth of drainage on it, operating the two farms. The buildings on his last purchase have also been erected by him. Dairying was his main interest, and he kept twenty-five or more cows. Of late years Mr. Guse sold his last farm to his son, but retains the other, having a tenant on it.

Mr. and Mrs. Guse became the parents of the following children: Emma, who married Neil Hopkins, lives near Buffalo, N. Y.; Ella, who died at the age of thirty-three years; Rosa, who lives with her sister in New York; Will, who lives on his father's smaller farm, married Flossie McMackan, has one son, Walter C., and owns 240 acres of land; Lena, who spent some years at Chicago, is now at home with

her parents; Charles, who rents the old homestead, married Martha Schauer; Anna, who is employed at Chicago; and Fred, who is on the homestead.

Soon after coming to this country, Carl Guse took out his papers of citizenship, and is a strong Republican. He was a school director for about twenty years. One of the original members of the Zion Lutheran church of Marengo, he has been one of its most generous contributors, and was on the building committee at the time the new church edifice was erected. Although living at some distance from the church, he has always attended its services, and outside of his family and farming, it has been his principal interest in life. Having lived in this country so many years, he has become thoroughly imbued with its principles, and is proud of it and of his choice which brought him to it in the full flush of his young manhood.

CHARLES E. GUSE.

Charles E. Guse, manager, treasurer and a stockholder of the old-established firm of Shurtleff & Peters of Union, operating as the Shurtleff & Peters Company, dealers in the Deering hay, feed and corn machines, tillage implements, corn cultivators, planters, shellers, knife grinders, motor trucks, feed grinder, threshing drills, cream separators, soil and gas engines, oil tractors, manure spreaders, ensilage cutters, farm wagons and trucks, twine, coal and feed, is one of the best known men in this section of the county.

Charles E. Guse was born at Chicago, Ill., July 22, 1876, a son of Herman and Amelia (Gluth) Guse. Herman Guse was born in Germany, but came to the United States in 1868, first locating at Chicago, where for twenty-four years he conducted a lumber business. Selling that, he came to McHenry County, and from 1892 has resided on a farm south of Marengo. He and his wife had nine children born to them.

Charles E. Guse attended the Chicago schools, and was sixteen years old when he came to McHenry County. He engaged in farming, moving to a farm of his own at Union in 1901, but in 1912, became manager of his present firm, and has since held that responsible position. He employs three men in his establishment.

On December 8, 1904, Mr. Guse was married to Miss Augusta Rechner, and they have two children, namely: Emil C., who was born September 29, 1905; and Martha, who was born January 10, 1907. In

politics Mr. Guse is a Republican, and he has been president of the Union school board since 1914. During his occupancy of the office, the present modern schoolhouse was erected. He is also secretary of the fire department of Union. A member of St. John's Lutheran church, he is serving it as secretary. A live, progressive man, he gives to his community the same loyal, efficient service that he renders his business associates and is highly respected by all who know him.

JOSEPH A. GUTH.

Joseph A. Guth, a prosperous general farmer of Greenwood Township, is a man who has developed his land and firmly established himself in public estimation. He was born in Hartland Township, this county, September 21, 1867, a son of George and Ellen (Long) Guth. George Guth was a son of Jacob Guth, and when the former was fourteen years old, his father brought him to the United States, and settled in Hartland Township, where he became a farmer. Ellen Long was born in Ireland, a daughter of Dennis Long. The children of George Guth and his wife were as follows: Katherine, who was married to Edward Howard; Joseph A.; Thomas; Fred; and Margaret A., who is deceased.

Joseph A. Guth was reared in Hartland Township, where he attended the district schools. When he began farming for himself, he bought eighty acres of land on section 22, Greenwood Township, and here he has developed a valuable property. He was married at Chicago, January 19, 1898, to Margaret Keefe, born September 6, 1870, in Hartland Township, where she was reared. Her parents were Edmund and Bridget (Davis) Keefe, natives of Ireland. Mr. and Mrs. Keefe had the following children: Katherine, John, Richard, William, Joseph, who died at the age of thirty years, Mrs. Guth, who is deceased; Anna, who is Mrs. William McGee and Edward. Mr. and Mrs. Guth have the following children: Grace F., George, Edmund, J. Walter, Margaret E. and Edna. In politics he is independent in his views. The family are members of the Catholic church.

ROBERT E. HAEGER.

Robert E. Haeger, supervisor of Algonquin Township, is one of the leading stockbreeders of the state, and his work in developing the Hol-

stein strain of cattle has made him known from coast to coast. For many years he has been a resident of Algonquin, and was born in Algonquin Township, on his father's farm, May 5, 1875, a son of Robert W. and Mary (Jayne) Haeger, the former of whom, born in Germany, was brought by his parents to the United States when a lad of eight years, in 1857, and with them settled on a farm near Spring Lake, McHenry County, Ill. There he was reared and resided until 1895, in the meanwhile in 1876, starting one of the first Holstein herds in Illinois. In 1895, Robert W. Haeger moved to Algonquin, where he died January 19, 1901, his wife having passed away March 21, 1893, and they were the parents of six children.

Robert E. Haeger attended the common and high schools of McHenry County, and when he was twenty years of age began handling stock, and has been connected with the stock industry in various branches ever since. In young manhood he became a professional ball player, and was one of the pitchers of the Pelican team of New Orleans of the Southern League, and was also in the Interstate League and later the Eastern League. In 1898 Mr. Haeger took up auctioneering and has attained to a national reputation in this line. In 1911 he was elected on the Republican ticket supervisor of Algonquin Township, and still holds that office. For many years he has been alderman of Algonquin, and is admittedly one of its foremost men, his volume of business aggregating \$100,000 annually. His extensive stock barns are located at Algonquin. Mr. Haeger has, in the past twelve years, developed the champion show herd of Holstein cattle in the world. In 1890 he did his first auctioneering, taking it up as a regular line of business in 1898, and owing to his lifetime experience with Holsteins, his services have naturally been in demand at the biggest sales of blooded stock in the country. He has received the highest price ever paid for male and female animals in the United States. Mr. Haeger has rendered his services as auctioneer all over the United States and Canada, and is one of the best-known men in the stock industry.

On May 28, 1901, Mr. Haeger was married to Miss Ruth M. Yerkes, a daughter of Frank Yerkes, one of the leading men of Algonquin, and they have one son, Robert Douglas, who was born March 12, 1912. Mr. and Mrs. Haeger belong to the Congregational church. A potent factor in the development of his community, Mr. Haeger displays in every way his business ability and public spirit, and no man in the county or state is more popular than he.

ALVA H. HALE.

Alva H. Hale, supervisor of Nunda Township, and a very successful operator of farm lands, lives at Crystal Lake, where he and his family are regarded as being among its most essential citizens. He was born in Nunda Township, October 22, 1869, only son of Osman M. and Lurelia (Webster) Hale. Osman M. Hale was one of the prosperous farmers of Nunda Township, whose death occurred December 29, 1909. His widow survives.

Alva H. Hale attended the grammar and high schools of McHenry County, and has been a resident of Crystal Lake since he was seventeen years old. After completing his school life, he embarked in a grocery business at Crystal Lake and continued in it for fifteen years, having learned the business as clerk while attending school. In 1906, he began dealing in farm implements. In December 1911, he was appointed supervisor to fill out the unexpired term of deputy sheriff Ben Troop, and the next spring he was elected to the same office. He also served as a member of the city council of Crystal Lake for one term, and was township treasurer of Nunda Township for several years. Mr. Hale served on the school board of Crystal Lake for fifteen years, and has always been a strong Republican.

On June 6, 1894, Mr. Hale was married to Miss May G. Hamilton, a daughter of William T. Hamilton, and a member of one of the old families of Crystal Lake. Mr. and Mrs. Hale have two children, namely: Marion L. and Hamilton O. Mr. Hale has under his direction nearly 1,000 acres of land in the county. All this property is in Nunda Township. Mrs. Hale owns the beautiful residence at Crystal Lake which was erected at a cost of \$10,000. Mr. Hale's fraternal affiliations are with the Masons and Modern Woodmen of America. His long association with the public affairs of his city and township has given him a valuable experience and affairs of moment placed in his hands are certain to receive capable and immediate attention.

WILLIAM D. HALL.

William D. Hall, one of the most prominent men of McHenry County, is senior member of the lumber firm of Hall & Eekert of Harvard, and vice president of the Harvard State Bank. He was born in Wisconsin,

September 3, 1850, one of four children born to Henry and Lucy (Clark) Hall. Henry Hall was born in New York state, in 1813, and his wife was a native of the same state. After their marriage, they moved to Wisconsin, and later located in McHenry County, where he died July 1, 1884, his widow surviving him until June, 1903.

William D. Hall attended the public schools of Wisconsin, Walworth Academy, and the Chicago University. After completing his studies, Mr. Hall embarked in a lumber business at Harvard, and from then, 1873, to the present time has been associated with its development, the annual business now aggregating \$80,000. Mr. Hall also owns a choice farm of 107 acres in Wisconsin. In 1910, the value of his connection with the Harvard State Bank was recognized, and he was made its vice president.

On November 29, 1889, Mr. Hall was married to Miss Euretta Young, a daughter of Henry Young of Albany, Vt., and they have one son, William H., who is completing his studies at the Beloit, Wis., College, having already been graduated from the Northwestern Military Academy at Lake Geneva, in 1918. Mr. Hall belongs to Harvard Lodge No. 309, A. F. & A. M., and is also a Knight Templar. A Republican, he was elected mayor of Harvard for one term, and has also served in the city council, being one of the most public spirited officials the city has ever had. Mr. Hall is one of the wealthy men of Harvard, but he is something more, for he is one of the most popular and highly respected, for it is generally recognized that his ample means have come through legitimate channels, and as the result of honorable business methods, directed by unusual sagacity and knowledge of existing conditions.

JOHN C. HALLISY.

John C. Hallisy, one of the honored retired farmers of Woodstock, was born in Hartland Township, March 8, 1848, a son of John and Mary (Walsh) Hallisy, both born in County Cork, Ireland, but married at Newark, N. J. John Hallisy was engaged as boss of a gang of workmen on the construction work of the Illinois and Michigan Canal, and being pleased with the outlook in McHenry County, took up land in the timber at Hartland Township on section 22, settling on his farm in May, 1841.

Two brothers of John Hallisy, Timothy and Daniel, took up land adjoining his and all three spent the remainder of their lives on their

farms, John dying at the age of sixty-four years; Daniel at the age of seventy, and Timothy at the advanced age of ninety-three years. Mrs. D. F. Coakley, of Woodstock, is a granddaughter of Timothy Hallisy. These brothers were among the first settlers in Hartland Township, and were followed by another brother, Cornelius, who also died in the township at the age of eighty-seven years. All of these brothers were original members of St. Patrick's Catholic Church, which was started in 1846. Prior to that year services were held at the home of Andrew Donnelly. Rev. Father Hampston was the first resident priest, and he was later succeeded by Father Eagan, who served the parish for twenty-five years.

The wife of John Hallisy survived him many years, living to be ninety-nine years old, during her last years being tenderly cared for by her daughter, Mrs. Hannah Deneen, of Marengo Township. The children of John Hallisy and his wife were as follows: Hannah, who is Mrs. Deneen; Elizabeth, who is the widow of Nicholas Grady, who died at Woodstock in 1916; Mary, who is Mrs. Timothy Deneen, of Woodstock; Anna, who is the widow of Roderick Cooney, who died fourteen years ago, and she lives at Woodstock; and John C., who was the youngest.

John C. Hallisy remained with his father until his death, and then bought the home farm of 312 acres to which he added until it is now over 400 acres, and improved it so that it is one of the best rural properties in the township. It is especially adapted for milk production. While he had charge of the farm he kept a herd of from thirty to forty Durham cows. In 1910 he turned the operation of the farm over to his sons. To one son he gave a fine tract of ninety acres. He had erected two barns and silos, drained and tiled his property, and put in all the improvements he deemed necessary to make it fitted for dairying purposes. All of his mature years he has been a Democrat. He is a Catholic by inheritance and conviction and connected with St. Patrick's parish.

John C. Hallisy was married to Bridget E. Wallace, a daughter of Thomas and Margaret Wallace, who were born in Ireland. She was born in McHenry Township, March 6, 1859, although the greater part of her life has been passed in Hartland Township. Mr. and Mrs. Hallisy became the parents of the following children: John, who married Margaret Hurley, has three children—John C., Margaret M., and Edward R., is engaged in farming near the old farm; James, who married Margaret Castetter, has these children—J. Francis, Robert and Dorothy E., on the homestead; Mary, who is Mrs. John Flavin, of Chicago; Margaret, who married Roy Cowlen, a merchant of Hartland Station;



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Florence, who is Mrs. Charles Croak, of Chicago, has a daughter, Lois J.; Edward, who is with his brother James; George, who is a student attending the Woodstock High School; and William H. and Hannah L., who are deceased.

Coming as he does of fine old pioneer stock, Mr. Hallisy is one of the representative men of McHenry County, and during a long and useful life he has contributed much toward upbuilding his community. He has not desired to enter the public arena, but has rather endeavored to do his duty as a citizen in private, carefully considering problems as they have come up and voting upon them conscientiously according to his best judgment. He has reared a fine family who are doing him and his wife credit, and sustaining the reputation of the name and developing into desirable and constructive citizens, whose work is always directed toward the securing of community betterment and better living conditions.

THEODORE HAMER.

Theodore Hamer, county recorder of McHenry County, and a director of the McHenry County National Bank of Woodstock, has long been recognized as one of the leading men of McHenry County. He was born in Germany, February 9, 1869, a son of Claus H. and Anna (Giese) Hamer, who had five children, four of whom survive. Claus H. Hamer was a shoemaker by trade, and worked at his calling all his life.

Theodore Hamer left Germany in 1883, and in 1886 he located in McHenry County. After obtaining his citizen's papers, he became a strong Republican, and his services to his party were recognized by his election to the office of circuit clerk, after he had served for some time as deputy county clerk. Later, he was elected county recorder, and his present deputies are William T. Conn and Miss Emma Shearer.

In 1892 Mr. Hamer was married to Miss Emma Shearer, a daughter of George Shearer, and they have four children. The family all belong to the Presbyterian church, in which they take an active part. Fraternally, Mr. Hamer belongs to the Masons, Odd Fellows and Modern Woodmen of America. A very efficient and painstaking official, he gives universal satisfaction, and is held in the highest esteem throughout the county, where he is recognized as a loyal citizen and most excellent man.

FRANK E. HANAFORD.

Frank E. Hanaford, one of the retired citizens of Woodstock, was formerly actively engaged in teaming work in McHenry County. He was born at Newhampton, N. H., December 8, 1842, a son of Aaron and Sarah (Curtis) Hanaford, natives of New Hampshire and Vermont, respectively, who were married in the latter state. The Hanaford family originated in England, representatives of it coming to New Hampshire at an early day. A Captain Hanaford commanded a company of New Hampshire men during the American Revolution.

A brother of Aaron Hanaford, Milton, came to Illinois about 1850, settling at Huntley, where he was later joined by the former. Aaron Hanaford and his wife had the following children: Mary Elizabeth, who married Morris Parks, died in the state of Washington, in 1918, aged eighty-two years; Frank E.; and Isadora, who is Mrs. Kimbally of Woodstock.

Frank E. Hanaford was fifteen years of age when the family located in McHenry County, and he lived with his father until he enlisted in 1861, in Company A, Fifteenth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, in response to the first call of President Lincoln, and served during the Civil War as a brave soldier. He has long belonged to the local post of the Grand Army of the Republic, and has attended several national encampments, enjoying meeting his old comrades in this way.

In 1865 Frank E. Hanaford was married to Melissa Sears of Seneca Township, born in New York, who was brought to McHenry County when a child by her parents, Clark and Abigail Sears. They settled in Seneca Township, where both died at an advanced age, Mrs. Hanaford being the only survivor of her family. Mr. and Mrs. Hanaford became the parents of the following children: Edward, who lives at Woodstock, is a dealer in oil and gas; Mabel, who married W. H. Monroe, lives at Humbolt, Iowa; Frank C., who conducted the leading teaming and draying business at Woodstock, retired some years ago; and Ida M., who is actively engaged in church work. One daughter, Maud, died in young womanhood. The surviving daughters have always taken an active part in church work and social life. This is one of the best-known families in the county. The pleasant home at No. 442 South Street, was built by Mr. Hanaford in 1868, and it has long been a favorite gathering place for the friends of the family. Mr. Hanaford himself is a well-known, thoroughly reliable and highly respected citizen, and a man who commands confidence wherever he is known.

In connection with his experiences as a soldier during the Civil War Mr. Hanaford relates an account of the escape of himself and Ben Gardner, from Wanconda, Ill.; Marvin Sheldon, from Crystal Lake, Ill.; Daniel Burton, from Woodstock, Ill.; Andrew LaCelle, from Woodstock, Ill.; who were prisoners of the Confederacy. On October 4, 1864, he was captured near Ackworth, Ga., and taken across the Chattahoochee River, and after several changes was confined at Andersonville. At that time there were from 8,000 to 10,000 prisoners in the cramped quarters. Even at this day he recalls with distinction the horrors of that prison with its inadequate and miserable food and unsanitary conditions. The prisoners were insufficiently clad, their wounds were neglected and deaths were many and frequent. Mr. Hanaford was one of those detailed to assist in removing each morning those who had died during the previous night. He was there for one month, and from all that he observed he states it as his firm belief that no one ever really escaped from that stronghold.

Fearing the advance of General Sherman, the Confederates took detachments of prisoners to Savannah, Ga., and from there Mr. Hanaford and his companions after three or four days were run into the pine woods ninety to ninety-five miles southwest of Savannah, and placed under guard. Once more the prisoners were moved, and finally while in camp, near Thomasville, Ga., nearly 100 miles away from the Union forces, the five men above referred to, made their escape on December 11. All were members of the Fifteenth Illinois Volunteer Infantry. These five men had only a pint of beans, one pint of cornmeal, a little salt, and one tin cup by way of equipment and supplies. They had planned to travel by night, which they did, excepting about two miles and lay in the swamps by day. Chickens and sweet potatoes were the principal living which they foraged during the night, usually finding plenty, but never getting very hungry, never asking for help, and their hardships were pitiful. Finally on January 2, 1865, twenty-two days after their escape the five reached the flag fort on the Island of Fernandina, and they reported to the provost marshal, who provided for their needs. From there they finally took a steamboat to Hilton Head, S. C., and from there went up to Beaufort, S. C. There through some misunderstanding these brave soldiers were held for examination by a subordinate, but when the adjutant-general of the Seventeenth Army Corps had the matter called to his attention, he relieved the subordinate from duty, and gave the escaped prisoners a thirty-day furlough. From there they went north to New York City, and the Soldiers Home. They were

sent to Chicago by way of Cleveland, and then on home. In June, he went to Springfield to be mustered out of the service, but as his papers had not arrived, after two weeks of waiting, returned home. Finally he was mustered out July 20.

It is impossible to give in so restricted a space the many intensely interesting incidents told by Mr. Hanaford with reference to this thrilling escape. He has related all of this in a most interesting narrative called "War, Prison and Escape," which ought to be given to the public in some permanent form by him on account of its truthfulness and general interest. He states that his comrades LaCelle and Sheldon are dead and that the former's daughter Eva married his son Frank.

AUGUST HAHN.

August Hahn, a farmer whose prosperity has been self-gained, is a man who is highly respected in Chemung Township where his property is located, it being seven miles northwest of Harvard. He was born at White Oak, Chemung Township, two miles from his present farm, April 24, 1865, a son of Lewis and Mary (Randt) Hahn, natives of Saxony, Germany, who were married in Illinois.

Lewis Hahn had come to the United States during the early sixties, and worked for Austin Diggins of Harvard, and while thus employed he hauled the first load of lumber used in the building of the village. His wife was a sister of Dera Randt, the mother of Ernest Goodknecht, a sketch of whom is given elsewhere in this work. After their marriage, Lewis Hahn and his wife worked on the farm of Abe Carmack and then rented land for awhile. At last he bought eighty acres of land, going into debt for it all. A few acres were cleared and there was a log house on the property, but before he retired to Sharon, he had put the property into fine shape. His death occurred at Sharon in 1910, aged seventy-two his wife having passed away in 1909. Lewis Hahn added to his original farm until he had 110 acres in the home place, and he also bought 120 acres now occupied by August Hahn, about 1887. He had two children, namely: August, whose name heads this review; and Lydia Lora Hahn, who resides at Harvard, but owns the homestead. The parents are buried in the Burr Oak Cemetery in Boone County near their old home. They were devout members of the Lutheran church of Harvard, and Mr. Hahn helped to build the new church edifice.

August Hahn remained at home until he came to his present farm

twenty-five years ago. On February 19, 1894, he was united in marriage with Bena Zimmerman, a daughter of John and Bena Zimmerman, now living retired at Sharon. Both were born in Bavaria, Germany, and there married, coming to the United States in 1883. Mr. Hahn had been renting land for six years prior to his marriage, but then moved on this property which has been his home ever since. To it he has added what was the Jim Barnes farm of sixty acres on the north, for which he paid \$60 per acre, and the Banner farm of sixty acres to the north of his second farm, for which he paid \$77 per acre. His property is all in one farm, and here he carries on dairying and grain farming, keeping fifteen cows. Mr. Hahn has erected a silo and outbuildings, and makes other improvements as they are needed, for he takes great pride in his property and seeks to keep it in tiptop condition. In 1914 he built a new house on an elevation that commands a magnificent view of the surrounding country, and it is thoroughly modern in every respect, being supplied with hot and cold running water, a heating plant and electric light. One-half the basement is used for the heating plant and the other half as a garage. His farm machinery is of the latest design, and operated by a tractor of six plow capacity. In fact everything about this finely improved farm bespeaks the efficiency of the owner and his adoption of modern methods in everything he undertakes. For two seasons he has operated a threshing outfit with customary success. Politically he is a Republican.

Mr. and Mrs. Hahn have the following children: Louis August, who is in partnership with his father, was drawn on the first draft, reclassified, but on the second draft was called, and was ready to go when the Armistice was signed, married Martha Royce; Perley Albert, who is at home; and Jesse, who is working at Plano, Ill. A great believer in farm life, Mr. Hahn has brought up his sons to this calling, and they are proving that not only is it a very important industry, but a paying one as well.

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CHARLES W. HARRISON.

Charles W. Harrison, proprietor of the Meadow Lawn Stock Farm one of the most finely developed rural properties in McHenry Township,

was born April 17, 1867, at the home of his uncle John Harrison, and until he was two years old lived with this uncle, who loved him as though he had been his own son. When he attained to man's estate, he began working for Richard Carr, on a farm he now owns.

On March 20, 1889, Charles W. Harrison was married to Ella Hotchkiss, a daughter of George W. and Helen (Boone) Hotchkiss, natives of New York and Kentucky, respectively. The Boone family came to McHenry County at an early day as did the Hotchkisses, and Ella Hotchkiss was born at Greenwood. Following his marriage, Mr. Harrison rented the Carr farm for five years, and then bought it, living on it until 1911, when he retired to Ringwood, where he had a house built by his uncle, Charles Harrison, and occupied by him as a residence for many years. This house is located on one of the pleasantest spots for a home in this region, and in the yard are sixteen fine old oak trees, relics of the days when much of the higher land in McHenry County was covered with a heavy growth of magnificent timber.

The farm, formerly known as the Carr property, contains 155 acres of land, and has been known as the Meadow Lawn Stock Farm, since Mr. Harrison assumed charge of it. He erected the present house and barns, and it is now devoted to dairy purposes, his son, Chauncey L., conducting it along the same lines as his father. For thirty years Mr. Harrison was engaged in breeding thoroughbred Holstein cattle, keeping fifty head of pure breed, and his product has been exhibited at the fairs held at Freeport, Ill., Elkhart, Wis., and other points, and secured many honors. Sales of the stock were held annually, and shipments for breeding purposes were made to countries as far distant as Japan. Mr. Harrison was one of the first farmers to have a herd of pure-bred Holstein cattle in McHenry County. He carries on his stock business in partnership with his son, but does not supervise other of the operations, feeling that he deserves a little leisure. He has never aspired to enter public life.

Mr. and Mrs. Harrison became the parents of the following children: Chauncey L.; and Ethel F., who is Mrs. Lonnie L. Smith, lives near Ringwood. The son was married to Myrtle Wattles, a daughter of Frank Wattles, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work. Chauncey L. Harrison and his wife have two children, namely: Francis and Helen. Charles W. Harrison is a member of McHenry Lodge, A. F. & A. M.; Woodstock Chapter, R. A. M.; Woodstock Commandery, K. T.; and Medinah Temple, Mystic Shrine, Chicago, and is past master of McHenry lodge. He also belongs to Greenwood Camp, M. W. A. His son

is also a Blue Lodge, Chapter and Commandery Mason. The Harrison family is one of the oldest and most highly respected ones in McHenry County, and its members are held in the highest regard in this and other counties.

CLAYTON C. HARRISON.

Clayton C. Harrison, one of the substantial farmers of McHenry County, owns a fine farm in McHenry Township, nine miles east of Woodstock. He was born on the old Harrison farm west of Ringwood, May 29, 1872, a son of William Harrison, now deceased, and was there reared.

On April 6, 1897, Clayton C. Harrison was married to Flora Sherburne, born east of McHenry, a daughter of Robert H. and Sarah M. (Colby) Sherburne. Robert H. Sherburne was born in New Hampshire, February 3, 1832, and on his mother's side of the house belonged to the old Eaton family of New Hampshire. He died December 11, 1909. When he was nineteen years old, he was married at Boston, Mass., to Bessie Stocker, soon thereafter moving to Green Bay, Wis., then a trading post, where he was employed by the United States government in making surveys. Later he returned to Concord, N. H. In the meanwhile the Stocker family had come to McHenry County, settling on the River road south of McHenry, and Robert H. Sherburne and his wife followed them in either 1856 or 1857, and here Mrs. Sherburne died soon after the close of the Civil War, leaving a family of small children.

On January 1, 1869, Mr. Sherburne was married (second) to Sarah Colby, a daughter of Ira Colby, one of the pioneers of McHenry County. Sarah Colby was born at Danville, Va., August 16, 1833, but when six years old was brought to McHenry County, and for some years was her father's housekeeper, as her mother died when she was young. After his second marriage, Mr. Sherburne lived for two years on a farm east of McHenry, and then in 1871 moved on the farm of 160 acres now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Harrison, and remained there until 1894, when he retired to McHenry and there died. During the time he was on the farm, he worked hard to develop it, and through his efforts it has become a very valuable property, although all of his buildings have been replaced by Mr. Harrison with more modern ones. Mr. Sherburne was on the school board nearly all of the time he lived in McHenry

Township, and he also served as road commissioner. He was a well-read man, and a supporter of Republican principles and candidates. For years he attended the services of the Methodist Episcopal church at McHenry, where his wife attended. By his first marriage Mr. Sherburne had the following children: Maria, who is the widow of William Wilson, lives at Macon, Ill.; Mary, who is Mrs. O. E. Churchill, lives at Libertyville, Ill.; Roberta, who is the widow of Milo Wheden, lives at Fort Smith, Ark.; Anna, who lives with her stepmother; Robert, who is a farmer of Albion, Boone County, Neb.; Ruth, who married E. J. Mansfield, died in young womanhood; Fred, who married Lulu Colby, operated the Sherburne farm for a time, but died after he was thirty, and is survived by his widow. Mrs. Harrison is the only child born of her father's second marriage.

For six years after his marriage, Clayton C. Harrison conducted the old Harrison farm, and then sixteen years ago came to the Sherburne farm, where he has since resided. In 1915 he erected the present fine modern residence, the barn having been built in 1914. The latter is 34 x 96 feet, with stabling in the basement, and there is also a large silo on the place. Dairying is the main feature, and his herd is composed of registered Holstein cattle. He also sells breeding animals. A Republican, he has served on the school board for about sixteen years. Mrs. Harrison is a Methodist, attending service at Ringwood, three miles away. Mr. and Mrs. Harrison have the following children: Margaret, who has been a teacher for two years, is meeting with the same success as did her mother, who was also in the educational field prior to her marriage; Florence Sue; Mary, who is attending Beloit College; William; Ella and James. The four eldest children have been graduated from the McHenry High School, and the younger ones give promise of being equally intellectual.

The Harrison home is one of the nicest ones in McHenry County, and Mr. Harrison pursues his farm work according to the most modern methods known to agriculture. Both he and his wife are very popular, and deservedly so, and they are splendid representatives of some of the best pioneer stock of this region.

ELLERY A. HARRISON.

Ellery A. Harrison, one of the progressive farmers of Hartland Township, is located two miles west of Woodstock where he is carrying



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on dairying and general farming. He was born in the village of McHenry, May 3, 1861, a son of William and Jeanette (Thayer) Harrison, he born in England in 1822, died at the age of seventy-two years; and she, born in 1828, died in 1896 when sixty-eight years old. He was brought to the United States when a child, and was reared in Oneida County, N. Y., from whence he came to McHenry County, Ill., after his marriage, and all of his children were born in Illinois. The first land he bought was located four miles south of McHenry, but he later moved to McHenry Township, and lived in the village of McHenry for a time. Still later he returned to his farm where he remained until 1867, at which time he bought the farm now owned by his son, Ellery A., which lies on the line between Hartland and Greenwood townships. His children were as follows; Lyman, who lives with his son at Lockport, Ill.; Leonard, who after spending his active years on a farm in Minnesota, is now living retired at Elgin, Ill.; Mary, who married Arthur Stewart, is living in North Dakota; and Ellery A., who is the youngest.

Ellery A. Harrison lived on his father's homestead, and when his father died, he bought out the other heirs and now has one of the model farms of his neighborhood. His modern residence was erected by him in 1914, and he built his barn in 1907. He has a silo and accommodations for a herd of twenty-four cows of the Holstein strain. His home is one of the most desirable ones in the county, and is modern in every respect, being supplied with hot and cold water, electric lights, a sleeping porch and compares favorably with any city residence. The dairy barn carries out all of the state requirements, and is a model of its kind. Many of his ideas have been adopted by his neighbors after he has proved their value.

Ellery A. Harrison was married December 22, 1886, to Nettie Whipple, of Dunham Township, a daughter of Virgil and Jane (Durant) Whipple, both of whom are deceased. Her brother, Augustus Whipple is on the Whipple homestead. Mrs. Harrison was born in a log house, March 30, 1867. She attended the local schools and was engaged in teaching school in that same district for two years prior to her marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Harrison have no children of their own, but have taken two into their hearts and home. These girls, Inez and Blanche Stevenson, were sent to the Woodstock High School, from which they were graduated. They were then given a normal-school training, and are now engaged in teaching school.

Mr. Harrison is a Republican, and when he cast his first vote there were only thirty Republican ballots polled in Hartland Township.

During the late war Mrs. Harrison took a very active part in war work, serving as chairman of several of the committees and did more than her share in raising the quotas for the Red Cross, Liberty Loan and other drives in her community.

HOMER MARCELLUS HASTINGS.

Homer Marcellus Hastings, now deceased, was one of the prominent business men of Richmond Township, whose operations as a stock dealer made him widely known, lived one-half mile outside the village of Richmond. He was born at Pittsford, Monroe County, N. Y., October 7, 1846, and came to McHenry County in the Spring of 1858. After his arrival here he was married to Eliza Belle Martin, born in Richmond Township, March 21, 1853, a daughter of Lovain and Fanny (Whiston) Martin, natives of Massachusetts and Utica, N. Y., respectively. They were married near Hebron, Ill., he having come to McHenry County with his brother Benjamin, and she with her parents. Benjamin Martin located in Richmond Township. Mr. and Mrs. Whiston also came to McHenry County, locating in Richmond Township, where he died at the age of eighty-three years, and she at the age of eighty-six years. Fanny Whiston was only sixteen years old at the time of her marriage, and she and her husband continued to reside in Richmond Township, dying at their homestead, later the home of Mr. Hastings, when both were seventy-one years of age, although twelve years apart, as Mrs. Martin was much younger than her husband. Their family was as follows: Mrs. Hastings; Anna Maria, who died at the age of six years; and Lillie, who died in infancy. Mrs. Hastings was seventeen years old when her parents located on their present farm, and nineteen at the time of her marriage.

H. M. Hastings spent twenty-four years in Richmond as a stock buyer, and then, when Mrs. Martin died, he took charge of the farm of 167 acres in Richmond Township, which he made his home, until his death, although he continued to buy and ship stock, being the leading stock buyer of this region. The dairy interests were promoted on the farm and Mr. Hastings also bred Jersey cattle. Mr. Hastings was a man of parts, and served on the county equalization board, on the village board, and as road commissioner, and was a Republican in his political convictions. Both a Mason and member of the Eastern Star,

Mr. Hastings was well known in both orders, and Mrs. Hastings is equally interested in the Woman's Relief Corps and the Royal Neighbors. They had no children, and he was the sole survivor of his family as Mrs. Hastings was of hers.

Mrs. Hastings is one of the most intelligent ladies of McHenry County, and her literary talents find expression in her work as local correspondent for metropolitan journals, in which she has been engaged for the past quarter of a century. When a girl she learned spinning and weaving, she is a musician of no mean ability and has taught both instrumental and vocal music, and for years was one of the members of the choir of the Richmond Methodist Episcopal church. The old log cabin, a relic of pioneer days, on the fair grounds at Woodstock, was secured through the instrumentality of Mrs. Hastings, it having been the original home of Jonathan Imeson, one of whose descendants is Mrs. Albert Gibb of Richmond Township. Mr. Imeson was a near neighbor of Mrs. Hastings' parents. No movement has been promulgated for the purpose of bettering conditions or raising the moral standard of Richmond Township, that has not had the effective support of Mrs. Hastings, and to her co-operation, through her work as correspondent, and in other capacities, is due the success of more than one of these enterprises.

Mr. Hastings died suddenly, at 7 A. M. December 27, 1920. The funeral was held in the Methodist Episcopal church, Wednesday following, at 1:30 P. M. The Masons had charge of the services at the grave. His remains were interred in the Richmond Cemetery. In the passing of Mr. Hastings his community suffered a distinct loss.

JASPER HAVEN.

Jasper Haven, now deceased, was one of the men who exerted a strong influence upon the growth of Seneca Township and Marengo, and whose death was a distinct loss to his community. He was born in Oswego County, N. Y., October 4, 1816, and died October 14, 1900, being buried on October 16, which was the thirtieth anniversary of his wedding, which occurred at Waterloo, Iowa, October 16, 1870, when he was united with Julia E. Hull, born July 8, 1833, at Churchville, N. Y., and died May 14, 1919. She was brought to Seneca Township at an early day by her widowed mother and a brother, Gordon Hull, but later removal was made to Iowa where Mr. and Mrs. Hull both died.

Jasper Haven went from New York to Pennsylvania, and when he was twenty-one years of age, with his earthly possessions tied in a red bandana handkerchief, set out for the South to become an overseer on a plantation. This was about 1831. When he reached Cincinnati, Ohio, the steamboat on which he was traveling, blew up, but the ambitious young man managed to work his way down the river as far as Cairo, purposing to go to New Orleans. There he secured employment in a saw-mill, and helped to saw the first rails for the first proposed railroad in Illinois, which were to be 20 foot 1 x 6 white oak timbers, laid end to end, and straps of iron nailed on top. He worked eighteen hours per day, receiving \$1.50 per day for his work, and when he worked at night, he received \$2. Later he was made cook for the camp, and remained with it until 1841, and then hearing of the land sales in Northern Illinois, he came to Chicago, and from there walked to Union, McHenry County. About the same time, his sister, Lorinda, wife of T. J. Richards, came to McHenry County, and she and her husband secured land about three miles north of Marengo. Another sister, Fidelia, wife of Jonathan F. Wolcott, and two brothers, Edmond and Edson, settled at Union. Jasper Haven bought in Seneca Township for \$1.25 per acre what the present generation knows as the Crandall farm, it being three and one-half miles north of Union. Here he developed a farm, and enjoyed the companionship of his sisters and brothers, and lived with Mrs. Wolcott until his marriage. After his marriage he sold his old farm, but bought other land, and at one time owned 600 acres of land in McHenry County. He had also bought up many tax titles in Wisconsin and Iowa, his holdings in all aggregating about 1,600 acres. He was a very successful farmer, at one time having four crops of wheat threshed which he had kept in the stack to save the price of a grainary. Mr. Haven never spared himself, and in order to secure a little ready money, which was very scarce in the early days, would work at anything offered. From the first he recognized the advisability of keeping a good strain of horses, and his product became famous throughout a wide region, he specializing on them and grain. He bought the David Page farm in Marengo Township for two cousins, Edson and Leander, but after one year they decided they could never pay the \$8,000 mortgage, so he took it back. It was to this property that he brought his bride in 1870, and they lived there until 1879, when he moved to Marengo on account of having been stricken with paralysis in one hand, and there lived retired. This farm sold in 1919 for nearly \$200 per acre. Mr. Haven was a Republican, and served as tax collector

in Seneca Township. He cast his first vote for a Democrat, but left that party soon afterwards, never to return to it. Not a man to seek office, he preferred to do his duty as a citizen in a private capacity. His worth and sterling honesty were so generally recognized that he was oftentimes called upon to act as guardian for orphans. The Presbyterian church had in him a liberal supporter. An advocate of temperance, he aided in the organization of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, and was active in promoting the prohibition work, but never was willing to affiliate himself with the political end of the movement.

Jasper Haven and his wife had the following children: Helen A., who married Rev. H. R. Upton, a Presbyterian minister, of Worthington, Minn., taught school for ten terms prior to her marriage, three of them being in the home district; and Glenni J., who was named for Senator G. W. Seofield of Pennsylvania.

Glenni J. Haven was born November 9, 1873, and was reared in McHenry County. He attended the Cedar Falls Normal School, and then schools in McHenry and Boone counties for two years, when he entered the law department of the Northern Illinois College, from which he was graduated with the degree of LL. B., later taking a post graduate course and receiving the degree of LL. M. He was admitted to the bar of Missouri and of Tennessee, and was engaged in the practice of his profession at Nashville, Tenn. for two years, when his health failed, and he returned to Marengo, and until 1919, supervised the operation of the home farm. For two years Mr. Haven served as police magistrate of Marengo, and since then he has been known as "Judge."

Like his father he is a staunch Republican, but limits his politics to casting his vote for the candidates of his party. For two years he conducted the Marengo Hotel, and was successful in that, for his talents are diversified. A true patriot, when he felt he would be of service to his country, he entered the second officers' training camp at Fort Sheridan, and was honorably discharged when the signing of the Armistice made it unnecessary for him to continue his excellent training, although he was ready and anxious to see active service.

In 1906 Mr. Haven was united in marriage with Louise Medlar of Woodstock, who died in less than a year after marriage. On February 12, 1916, Mr. Haven was married (second) to Mrs. Mae Roberts of Iowa, a daughter of John Dean, who was a pioneer of Coral Township, who had later moved to Iowa. There are no children. Mrs. Haven has a son by her first marriage, Sergeant Elba J. Roberts, who was with the Railroad Transport Corps in France, and was sent across in June, 1918.

Sergeant Roberts was a railroad man, and was the only conductor who registered from McHenry County. He was in France in forty days after being called into the service. Mr. Haven is a Mason and is active in his fraternity, belonging to Marengo Lodge, A. F. & A. M., Lansing Chapter, R. A. M. of Marengo, and Woodstock Commandery, K. T. The Presbyterian church holds his membership, and earlier in life he was active in Sunday school work.

In 1919, having sold his farm in Marengo Township, he moved to Millsville, Clark County, Wis., where he has a large farm and is engaged in raising thorough-bred Holstein cattle.

LEWIS HATCH.

Lewis Hatch, who was one of the oldest men of McHenry County, died on his farm at English Prairie, when he was within two months of being ninety-three years of age. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Mandana Hatch, survived him and lived to be eighty-eight. Mr. Hatch was one of the heaviest landowners in the county, his holdings in McHenry aggregating over 1,000 acres, and he also owned 6,000 acres in Minnesota and land in Nebraska and Kansas, and about 6,000 acres in the State of Washington, his estate amounting to something like \$300,000. Prior to his death Mr. Hatch arranged his affairs and divided his property between his three sons, Miles, Fred and Frank. His children, five in number, were as follows: Fayette, who died in infancy; Miles, who died March 6, 1919, had lived in the state of Washington where he was a lumberman, dairyman, feeder of Guernsey cattle and a hop grower, is survived by a son, Lewis, who lives at Alderson, Wash.; Fred L., who is mentioned below; Frank W., who lives in Lake County, Ill.; and Mrs. Augustus Hubbard. Mr. Hubbard, a former mayor of Elgin, Ill., is now deceased. After going to Washington, Lewis Hatch never returned to McHenry County, but he looked after his property in Washington.

Fred L. Hatch was born on his father's homestead one mile east of Spring Grove, November 1, 1848, and after attending the local schools, he was a student at the Elgin Academy, and then for some time was engaged in teaching, beginning this career at the age of nineteen years, and continuing for three winters in Kane and McHenry Counties, and for a time taught at Champaign, Ill. Still later he returned to the old farm, living there for awhile, but for the last ten years has resided in

Lake County, one mile distant from his farm of 333 acres, three-quarters of which comprises his father's homestead. In addition he owns about 2,000 acres in Minnesota, Michigan and Washington. For ten years Mr. Hatch served Burton Township as supervisor, and during that time the county farm was bought and the buildings erected. In 1912 Mr. Hatch was the candidate of the Progressive party for the State Assembly.

In 1896 Mr. Hatch was married to Anna M. Reynolds of Belvidere, Ill., who died twenty years later, leaving no children. Mr. Hatch was married (second) in 1905 to Mrs. Ethelyn (Baker) Foster, of Manistee, Mich., a daughter of Prof. Samuel Baker, late superintendent of schools of Manistee, now deceased. Prior to her marriage, Mrs. Hatch was a high-school teacher, and is an organizer in the work of women in her neighborhood. Mr. and Mrs. Hatch had two children, but both died in infancy. Mr. Hatch is a convert to alfalfa growing, having experimented with it on his old home, under instructions from the Farmers' Institute. He has always been an advocate of the "Good Roads" movement, and is one of the very progressive men of his neighborhood.

JOHN HAWLEY.

John Hawley, a director in the Huntley State Bank, is interested in farming in McHenry County, conducting at present two farms, comprising 270 acres of land, in Grafton Township. Mr. Hawley was born in Germany, August 29, 1862, but was brought to the United States in 1863 by his parents, who located at Crystal Lake, Ill. Later they went to Kansas.

John Hawley attended the common schools of McHenry County, and after attaining to his majority went into a mercantile business at Crystal Lake, from whence he moved to Huntley, continuing in the same line until he retired from it in 1900 to devote himself to his agricultural interests. When the Huntley State Bank was organized, Mr. Hawley became one of its directors, and he has held this office ever since. A Republican, Mr. Hawley has been alderman of Huntley for three terms, and has also served as town clerk.

In 1878 Mr. Hawley was married to Miss Mina Weltzine, and they have the following children: Edith, who is the wife of J. W. Burns, a leading merchant of Huntley; Neva, who is the wife of M. J. Van Ness, bookkeeper for Jelke & Company; and Lillian E., who is at home. The

family belong to the Congregational church. He belongs to the Odd Fellows and Woodmen of the World. A man of high principles, he has conducted his affairs in accordance with them, and has won and retains the confidence and respect of his fellow citizens.

CHARLES HAWTHORNE.

Charles Hawthorne, township assessor of Hebron Township, and one of the well known men of Hebron, is a native of the township in which he lives, and he was born on his father's farm, three miles southeast of Hebron, March 6, 1866, a son of Isaac and Lorinda (Thomas) Hawthorne. Isaac Hawthorne was born in Oneida County, N. Y., and was married in Illinois, and then located on the farm his parents, Edward and Rachel Hawthorne, had secured from the government during his boyhood. Rachel Hawthorne died on this farm. One of the sons, Isaiah, secured a portion of the farm and lived on it until his death, Edward Hawthorne living with him until he died.

Charles Hawthorne lived on the homestead until he was twenty-two years old, and then, in 1901, bought 160 acres adjoining it, upon which he lived until about 1914, since which time he has resided at Hebron. Mr. Hawthorne is now engaged in handling power milking machines. A Republican, he has been assessor of Hebron Township for four years, and is very satisfactory in this office. His duties as assessor have made him known throughout the township, but prior to that he had impressed people as to his reliability and uprightness by his life among them.

ISAAC HAWTHORNE.

Isaac Hawthorne, now deceased, was formerly one of the successful farmers of Hebron Township and a man universally respected. He was born May 30, 1827, and died August 30, 1899. On March 27, 1862, he was married to Lorinda Thomas, born October 7, 1839, and died September 9, 1911. He was a son of Edward and Rachel Hawthorne of Oneida County, N. Y., who, about 1846, came west to Racine, Wis., and for one or two years resided there, and then moved to the present Hawthorne farm, on which both parents died, Edward Hawthorne in

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1861 and his wife about sixteen years later, at the age of eighty-three years. Isaac and Isaiah Hawthorne were their only sons to reach maturity, the latter dying when thirty-eight years of age. There were three sisters and an elder half-sister in the family, namely: Elizabeth, who married a Mr. Foster, survived her husband many years and lived at Racine, Wis.; Sarah, who married Adam Herzog, lived at Racine, and died when seventy-two; Mary, who married a Mr. Westcott, moved to Iowa and died there when about seventy; and Martha, who married Alonzo Thomas, died in young womanhood. Lorinda (Thomas) Hawthorne was born in Richmond Township, a daughter of Alfred and Susan (Westcott) Thomas of New York, who, about 1835, came to McHenry County, where they were pioneers. Later in life they lived at Woodstock, where he died about 1874, aged sixty-nine years, but she died in Mason City, Iowa, aged seventy-six years.

Isaac Hawthorne and his wife began farming on the homestead that he later acquired, and in time became the owners of 590 acres of land, all but forty acres in one body, but composing four farms with four sets of buildings, he being one of the largest landowners and milk producers in his township, and devoted himself to his farm. In 1900 his widow came to Hebron, where she continued to live until her death. Their children were as follows: Sarah Etta, who is the widow of Stephen H. Holden, to whom she was married May 28, 1902, lost him by death on April 9, 1919, he having been a farmer until 1904, and after that lived retired although he had been a butter and cheese maker for some time, has no children, and lives at Hebron; Charles, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere; Ida, who died in August, 1907, aged thirty-eight years, was the wife of A. P. Robertson, now of Hebron; Edward, who is a rural free delivery carrier at Hebron; Frank, who lives on the original farm of his grandparents; Alfred, who is a stock buyer of Hebron; and Earl, who is on his father's last-bought farm in Hebron Township.

WILLIAM HELM.

William Helm, now living retired at Hebron, formerly one of the successful agriculturalists of McHenry County, was born in Germany, March 24, 1863, a son of John and Caroline (Peters) Helm, both of whom were natives of Germany. In 1882 they came to the United States, locating at Harvard, Ill., where a sister of Mrs. Helm, Mrs.

John Hockstadt, had already settled. Land was secured near Hebron, and William Helm began working by the month, receiving \$180 the first year, \$200 the second, and then \$18 to \$20 per month, for two years of this time being with Beal Finch. Frugal as well as industrious, William Helm saved his money and before long was able to rent land, from Mrs. Merrick, on which he remained for three years, paying cash, and keeping the proceeds of his work. In this way he secured a nice start in handling milk, which he sold to local butter and cheese factories. Mr. Helm, at the expiration of the three years, operated the 160 acre farm of Melvin Cole, father of A. J. Cole, on shares, and from a herd of fifty cows shipped over 1,200 pounds of milk daily, and sometimes exceeded that amount. After remaining on that farm for seven years, he bought the adjoining farm of eighty acres from Charles Prouty, paying \$80 per acre for it. Later he added forty acres, and remained there for ten years, erecting new buildings, put in wells, and other improvements, and then sold it for \$150 per acre. It is one of the fine dairy properties of the county. Retiring from farm work, Mr. Helm located at Hebron, and for twelve years worked at the carpenter trade, which he had picked up. He has one of the nicest homes in the village. While a Republican, he has never sought office. Reared in the Lutheran church, he gives it his support, and although he is not a member of it, his family are.

In 1888, when twenty-five years of age, Mr. Helm was married to Anna Puttbreese, born near Stralsund, and came to the United States when sixteen years old. Her brother, Charles Puttbreese is a retired farmer of Woodstock. Mr. and Mrs. Helm have the following children: Anna who married William Goodsmith of Milwaukee, Wis., a locomotive engineer; Minnie, who married Clarence Stewart, a barber of Hebron; William, who is foreman of the Borden Dairy Company at McHenry, has held that position for two years; and Emma, who married Ben Wilbrandt, a sheep man of Crystal Lake, Ill. Mr. Helm is an example for what America has done for thousands of young men coming here from Germany. He has been broad enough to recognize his advantages, and neglected no opportunity to demonstrate his loyalty to his adopted country during the World War.

GEORGE A. HEMMER.

George A. Hemmer, one of the substantial farmers of Grafton Township, is located one mile west of Huntley, and was born in Coral Town-

ship, October 14, 1856, a son of George and Kundigunda (Ziegler) Hemmer, both of whom were born near Bamberg, Bavaria, Germany, and there married. The father gave the compulsory military service to his country, and then engaged in farming, but left Germany for the United States in 1842, and landed in New York City without any money. He went to Woodbridge, N. J., where he secured employment in its porcelain and clay works, and later came to Illinois. He obtained a farm of 175 acres in Kane County, on the line between it and McHenry County, and there he and his wife lived until 1876, when they traded a part of their farm for one across the county line, on which he died in 1887, aged seventy years, and she in 1892, when over eighty. They had lived in that community for over fifty years, and owned 240 acres of land, which they had turned over to their sons. Their five children were as follows: Margaret, who married Otto Nichols, lived in the same neighborhood as her parents until 1884, when she moved to Stearns County, Minn., and there died; Barbara, who married John Kreuter, lived in Grafton Township, near Huntley, for twenty-five years, finally retiring to Huntley, and later to Elgin, Ill., where they are now living; John, who died in 1874, at the age of twenty-two years, was drowned while skating; George, whose name heads this review; and Joseph, who was a partner with George in the ownership of the homestead until 1900, when he died. He never married, and died of typhoid-pneumonia contracted in the early part of December, 1899, while engaged in shipping some stock from West Union, Iowa. Although very ill, he managed to reach home before his death, which occurred January 10, 1900.

Following his brother's demise, George Hemmer closed up the outside business, but continued the stock shipments for fifteen years, operating upon quite an extensive scale. He still owns the old farm, but for the past five years has lived on the 107 acres he bought near Huntley some years ago. On this farm he has a large house and suitable outbuildings. In a fire about thirteen years ago, all of the buildings except the house were burned, and so the barns and other buildings are comparatively new. One of the barns is 34 x 80 and the other is 54 x 84 feet. There is a silo and other improvements, and Mr. Hemmer still buys and ships cattle. He has not taken much part in politics, but his brother, Joseph, was very active, having been a Democrat until the second administration of President Cleveland, when he turned independent. His numerous satirical articles on the "full dinner pail" attracted considerable attention. Like his father, also a Democrat, Joseph Hemmer was a very

well-read man. A personal admiration for James G. Blaine led him to vote for the Republican candidate for the presidency in 1884.

George Hemmer was married when he was thirty-six years old to Mary Mavis of Coral Township, a daughter of David and Elizabeth Davis, natives of Wales, both of whom are now deceased. Their children are as follows: Pearl K., who was graduated from the Huntley High School, was engaged as a teacher in the public schools of Kane and McHenry counties in music and drawing, is a very close student, and owns one of the best private libraries in the county; Edmond Gerald, who is attending high school; Elizabeth, who died in childhood; and Joseph, who is the youngest.

ANDREW H. HENDERSON.

Andrew H. Henderson, ex-sheriff of McHenry County, who is now living retired at Crystal Lake, is one of the very prominent men of McHenry County, and a man who is deserving of all the confidence he inspires. He was born in McHenry County, February 22, 1858, one of the nine children born to his parents, Andrew H. and Anna (Young) Henderson, natives of Scotland, who in 1844, came to the United States, first stopping in Rhode Island, but in 1848, they came west to Illinois, and located in McHenry County, where they secured a farm, and conducted it thereafter. He died in 1893, and she in 1894.

Andrew H. Henderson attended district school No. 8, in McHenry County, and learned to be a practical farmer under his father's instruction. In 1890, he left the farm to enter a mercantile life at McHenry, and in 1893 opened a butter and dairy business, which he sold in 1895, and moved to Crystal Lake to become city marshal, holding that office until he was elected sheriff of McHenry County on the Republican ticket, and when his term of office expired, in 1914, he returned to Crystal Lake and was again city marshal for two years, and then in 1916, he retired. During the time he was sheriff, he proved himself a fearless official, and gave entire satisfaction to the law-abiding people of the county. In the fall of 1918, he was a candidate for nomination for sheriff.

In 1882 Mr. Henderson was married to Miss Lettie Hauffman, a daughter of David S. Hauffman, and a member of one of the leading families of McHenry County. Mr. and Mrs. Henderson had two daugh-

ters, namely: Florence, who is married to Ray Neville of Forest Park, Ill., and cashier of the Bowman Dairy Company; and Alice A., who is married to Charles Irwin of Chicago, assistant superintendent of the public service of that city. Mrs. Henderson died December 26, 1896. The family all belong to the Presbyterian church of Crystal Lake. Mr. Henderson belongs to the Odd Fellows and Modern Woodmen of America. A man of unusual ability and long experience as a guardian of public safety, he is eminently qualified for any office of this character he may be called upon to fill, while his sterling integrity and unquestioned bravery make him a terror to evil doers.

CALVIN J. HENDRICKS.

Calvin J. Hendricks, formerly an attorney-at-law and mayor of Harvard, was one of the leading lawyers and citizens of McHenry County. He was born at Spring Grove, Ill., October 27, 1872, and died September 27, 1918. His parents were John and Johannah (Larkin) Hendricks, natives of Germany and Ireland, respectively. Calvin J. Hendricks attended the district schools and the Woodstock high school, and during the summer months worked at farm labor, and when only seventeen years old, in 1890, he secured a teacher's certificate. In 1891, he entered the Indiana Normal School and later a business college at Valparaiso, Ind., and after completing his studies there, began teaching at Grass Lake, Lake County, Ill. After teaching there during the spring and fall terms of 1892, and the winter term of 1892-3, Mr. Hendricks entered the law office of David T. Smiley at Woodstock, and was admitted to the bar of Illinois, May 21, 1895.

From then on until April 1, 1899, Mr. Hendricks remained with Mr. Smiley, in the meanwhile, during the spring of 1897, being elected city treasurer of Woodstock, which office he held one year, and then resigned on account of moving to Harvard, where he opened an office April 10, 1899, and built up a large and valuable practice. He was a Republican, and in 1903 was elected city attorney of Harvard, and in April, 1915, he was elected mayor of this city, and re-elected in 1917, with no opposition. In July, 1904, he was appointed master-in-chancery, and served as such until 1916, and from 1903, until his death, he was attorney for the Harvard Mutual Building & Loan Association. His

fraternal affiliations were with the Masons, Knights of Pythias and Modern Woodmen of America.

On November 3, 1897, Mr. Hendricks was married to Miss Pauline Marie Udell, a daughter of Asad and Kate (Donnelly) Udell, who died September 6, 1902. On August 9, 1905, Mr. Hendricks was married (second) to Edna Francisco, a daughter of John A. Francisco of Warren, Ill. Mr. and Mrs. Hendricks had the following children: Kathryn E., Marion F. and Harriet L. Mr. Hendricks was a communicant of the Episcopal church, as is his widow. The office Mr. Hendricks occupied for some years was located over the Harvard State bank. On January 1, 1914, he formed a partnership with Mr. Marshall, under the style of Hendricks & Marshall, which association continued until his demise. A scholarly man, and yet one who had a thoroughly practical grasp on affairs, Mr. Hendricks was easily one of the leaders in his county, where he was held in the highest esteem.

He was the nominee on the Republican ticket for County Judge, September 11, 1918, and died a little over two weeks later.

HERMAN HENK.

Herman Henk, one of the retired farmers of Algonquin, is one of the men who have made good, and he is a credit to himself and his community. He was born on the old farm of his father, October 14, 1872. He is a son of Henry Henk, now deceased, who was born June 26, 1836, and died November 15, 1904. At nineteen years of age, he came to the United States in company with some other young men, and they drove to McHenry County from Chicago.

Henry Henk worked for a time at Dundee in a foundry making flat irons, and also at Carpenterville. It was during that period that he was married to Caroline Haas of Germany, and after his marriage he bought forty acres of land one mile east of Algonquin, going into debt for it and for a yoke of oxen. The land was in the timber, and on it was a log house in which he and his wife lived for a time. In order to get a little money, he hired out by the day, receiving twenty-five cents and his board, and at odd moments cleared off one-half of his farm. He then sold it and bought 135 acres in the same vicinity. The land had been cut over, but the stumps remained, and hard work it was to get them out. On this second farm was a small house. Mr. Henk traded his

yoke of oxen for a span of horses, paying some cash for it as well. This farm he made his permanent home and it is still owned by his youngest son, August. He bought two other farms, one of 180 acres, known as the old John Gillihan farm, and the other of 185 acres was the old Grimes farm, and he owned them at his death, having operated all three of them for some years, being one of the most extensive farmers of his day and neighborhood. Mr. Henk placed his homestead under cultivation, remodeled the house, and erected a barn with full basement in 1872, which is still in use, although enlarged. He did other clearing on his properties, and kept on improving them as long as he lived. In addition to the many stumps, there was much undergrowth of a heavy character and all had to be removed before crops could be profitably cultivated. Mr. Henk belonged to the real farming class, centering his interest on his land and caring nothing for politics. The German Lutheran church received all the attention he could spare from his farm and family, and he helped to organize the church of that denomination at Dundee, and also the one at Algonquin, becoming one of the leading members of the latter. His wife died when Herman Henk was fourteen years old. They had nine children, six of whom reached maturity, namely: Henry, who is a resident of Algonquin; Caroline, who is Mrs. Ferd Marshall of Chicago; Louise, who was Mrs. Fred Borchardt of Chicago, is deceased, passing away at the age of thirty-seven; Herman, whose name heads this review; Annie, who is Mrs. Samuel Beckman of Chicago; and August, who lived on the old homestead, retired and moved to Algonquin.

Herman Henk remained at home until he was nineteen years of age, at which time he began working for farmers by the month. On February 10, 1898, he was married to Caroline Zimmerman, born at Ridgefield, April 8, 1875, a daughter of Charles and Caroline Zimmerman, natives of Germany. Mrs. Zimmerman came to the United States when she was eighteen years. Mr. Zimmerman was a farmer, and was killed at a railroad crossing when his daughter, Caroline, was seven years old. After his marriage, Mr. Henk rented for some years one of his father's farms on shares. Later he bought that farm of 180 acres, placed about forty acres more of it under cultivation, remodeled the buildings, built a new barn, 36x100 feet, and two silos 16x35 feet, and kept on improving his property each year, until it is one of the best farms in the township. Until March, 1908, he operated his farm, but then retired, and since then has rented his farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Henk have three sons, namely: Herman, who took a commercial course in the Metropolitan Business College of Chicago;

Paul, who is in the employ of the Northwestern Railroad at Algonquin; and William. Mr. Henk attends the Congregational church. He belongs to the Odd Fellows and his wife to the Rebekahs of Crystal Lake. During the years he was on the farm Mr. Henk proved that he knew how to work and save, and by improvements increase the value of his property. While he has never entered politics, he takes an intelligent interest in civic matters, and believes in improvements to keep up a village or county, just as he does those on a farm.

FRED J. HERDKLOTZ.

Fred J. Herdklotz, one of the enterprising farmers of Greenwood Township, owns and operates 120 acres of land, and he was born in a log cabin on this farm, September 19, 1866, a son of Henry and Magdalena (Deidrich) Herdklotz. Henry Herdklotz was born in Alsace Loraine, France, in 1840, and was brought to the United States when he was five years old. His wife was also born in Alsace. Their children were as follows: Laura, who is the wife of B. C. Kingsley; Henry, who is deceased; and Fred J. When the Herdklotz family came to the United States in 1845, immediate settlement was made in Greenwood Township, McHenry County, and here Henry Herdklotz was reared and became a successful farmer. The log cabin in which Fred J. Herdklotz was born, was built by the grandfather as the first family residence in the new home, and it is still standing, being considerable of a novelty today.

Fred J. Herdklotz was reared in his present township, and from boyhood was taught farming in all of its details. He attended the local schools, and helped his father until he reached manhood.

In 1891 he was married to Emma Haefner, a daughter of Christ and Mary Haefner, who was born in Wisconsin. Her father was a stockman, and he died in 1916. Mr. and Mrs. Herdklotz have two children, Milford and Stella. He carries on general farming, and has time to give some attention to public matters, having been a road commissioner for three years, and a school director for many years. His affiliations are with the Republican party. The Methodist Episcopal church holds his membership. A skilled farmer and good business man, Mr. Herdklotz carries into public life the same characteristics which



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brought him success in his private ventures, and his community has benefited by his experience and ability.

ROY L. HERRICK.

Roy L. Herrick, president of the Herrick Feed Company, and one of the enterprising men of Harvard, has built up a business of considerable magnitude through his own efforts. He was born in Wisconsin, March 1, 1877, one of the three children of Hiram H. and Jennie (Dodge) Herrick. Hiram H. Herrick was a prosperous farmer of Sauk County, Miss. He died in 1883. During the Civil War, he supported the Union cause as a soldier, and received his honorable discharge after his period of service had expired. His wife survives him.

Roy L. Herrick attended the district schools of his native place, and entered railroad employ when he became self-supporting, becoming train dispatcher of the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad, and continuing with that road for twenty-three years. On January 1, 1918, he branched out, organizing The Herrick Feed Company of which he is President, and M. H. Herrick, his wife, is secretary and treasurer.

On March 26, 1901, Mr. Herrick was united in marriage with Miss Mabel H. Carpenter, and they have the following children: Roy V., who was born August 15, 1902; Jeannette, who was born February 3, 1906; and Robert L., who was born March 15, 1907. He and Mrs. Herrick are consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal church. In all his business transactions, Mr. Herrick has displayed an integrity and a willingness to render efficient service, and he enjoys the respect of all with whom he has been associated.

CHARLES C. HIGBEE.

Charles C. Higbee, former mayor of Marengo, is at present engaged in the oil business as a member of the Pennsylvania Oil Company. Mr. Higbee was born in Michigan, June 3, 1870. On October 9, 1893, he was married to Zua W. Blodgett. They have one child, Garnette A. In 1900 Mr. Higbee came to Marengo Township, and bought a farm,

on which he and his family resided until they moved to the city of Marengo in 1908.

In 1915 Mr. Higbee was elected mayor of Marengo, and so popular did his administration prove that he was re-elected in 1917. Mr. and Mrs. Higbee belong to the Methodist Episcopal church. Fraternally Mr. Higbee is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, Knights of Pythias and Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

REV. BENNO A. HILDEBRAND.

Rev. Benno A. Hildebrand, pastor of St. Peter's Roman Catholic church of Spring Grove, is one of the scholarly men of his faith, and a potent factor in the moral life of his community. He was born in Switzerland, November 16, 1884, and he is one of five children born to his parents, John and Sophie (Wetzel) Hildebrand. John Hildebrand was a veterinary surgeon, and practiced his profession until his death, which occurred in 1901. His wife survives him.

Benno A. Hildebrand attended the public schools of his native land, completing his studies at St. Francis Seminary, Milwaukee, Wis. Immediately thereafter he was ordained priest, June 27, 1909, by the Very Rev. Bishop Muldoon of Rockford, Ill., and was stationed at Aurora, Ill., as assistant priest. From there he was sent to Savannah, Ill., where he remained for a year, and then for three years he was sent as a missionary to Cuba. Upon his return to this country, he served for three years as assistant priest at Aurora, and then, in September, 1917, he came to St. Mary's church at Huntley, and in May, 1919, to Spring Grove. His parish contains sixty-five families, and under his beneficent care, the affairs of the church are in excellent condition.

CHAUNCEY W. HILL.

Chauncey W. Hill, one of the pioneer horseshoers and blacksmiths of McHenry County, conducts one of the best equipped general repair workshops at Woodstock, and is a solid and reliable man of this part of the county. He was born in McHenry County, in September, 1858, one of the six children born to Newell and Wealthy (Hawley) Hill.

Newell Hill was born in New York state, where he learned the horse-shoeing trade, and followed it in his native state until 1848, when he came to Illinois, but he died in New York, where he had moved from Illinois. The mother died in 1885.

Chauncey W. Hill attended the common schools of New York, and learned blacksmithing under his father, who was an expert in his line. He has always continued in this branch of industrial activity, and is unquestionably a leader in it. He is a Republican, and served the city of Woodstock as an alderman for eight years, and was a justice of the peace for ten years.

On December 22, 1880, Mr. Hill was united in marriage with Miss Carrie Ott, a daughter of Martin Ott, and they have two children, namely: Leon O., who married Pear McGowen, has two children, Robert and Douglas; and Merle D., who married Nellie Fosdick, has a son, William. Mrs. Hill is a Christian Scientist. In addition to the very elegant family residence at No. 125 Van Buren street, Woodstock, Mr. Hill owns other city property, and is a man of ample means. His fraternal connections are with the Elks and Woodmen of the World. The services he has rendered to his community in both a business and official way, cannot be lightly considered, and he is justly numbered among the worth-while men of the county seat.

PHILIP G. HOFFMAN.

Philip G. Hoffman, of Spring Grove, supervisor of Burton Township, is one of the very representative men of McHenry County, and one who stands high in public confidence. He was born in McHenry Township, May 2, 1865, a son of Aaron Hoffman, and grandson of Martin L. Hoffman. Martin L. Hoffman was born at Philadelphia, Pa., in 1790, and reared in Somerset County, Pa., from the time he was ten years old. In 1830 he came west to Berrien County, Mich., and to McHenry County, June 6, 1836, settling then in Burton Township, of which he was the pioneer. During the gold excitement of 1849, he went overland to California, and died at New Orleans, La., on the way back, in 1852, aged sixty-seven years. His wife, Hannah Cupp, was born in Somerset County, Pa., in 1808, and she survived him until 1867. Their old house at Spring Grove is now owned by Philip G. Hoffman.

Aaron Hoffman was born in Somerset County, Pa., October 1, 1824,

and he went to California with his father, and prospected there for three years, meeting with fair success. On his return to McHenry County he bought land in McHenry Township, where five of his eight children were born. His wife was Isabella Cole, also a native of Somerset County, Pa. In 1862, Aaron Hoffman bought another farm and in 1868 moved on it and here he died in 1893, his widow surviving him until 1902. Aaron Hoffman owned 495 acres of land in Burton Township, which is now divided into three farms. His children were as follows: Senorita, who was born in 1855, married William R. James and died in 1910; Douglas, who was born in 1857, died in 1870; Mark, who was born in 1859, died in 1916 on the old home at Spring Grove; Philip G., whose name leads this review; William, who was born April 16, 1872, is a railroad man of Green Bay, Wis.; and three who died young.

Philip G. Hoffman followed in the footsteps of his father and grandfather, and went to the Klondike in search of gold, but unlike them returned rich only in experience. At his father's death he secured a portion of the homestead, and as long as his brother Mark was alive, was in partnership with him. He now owns 289 acres of the homestead and his grandfather's farm, and carries on dairying and grain farming, keeping two tenants. For some time he has been taking things easy, only going into the fields at harvest time and when there is a rush of work. Mr. Hoffman is a Democrat, and after serving as assessor, in 1917, was elected supervisor, which office he still holds, and is discharging the duties of that office very efficiently. Fraternally he is a Mason and Woodman.

Mr. Hoffman has never married, but has practically reared his nephew, Paul Hoffman, who entered the service for the World War, June 26, 1918, was sent to the front in October, 1918, was gassed on the Argonne front and died at Stignay, France, May 6, 1919, aged twenty-four years, leaving a widow who is now residing at Wauconda, Ill.

JOSEPH C. HOLLY.

Joseph C. Holly, cashier of the Hoy Banking Company at McHenry, and a former postmaster of the city, is deservedly placed among the representatives and very prominent men of McHenry County. He was born in McHenry County, July 25, 1885, one of the six children born to his parents, Roswell and Nizza (Hebard) Holly. Roswell Holly was

born in Pennsylvania, but came to McHenry County in 1855. He was a carpenter by trade, and worked at his trade in Woodstock, where he lived until 1884, when he moved to McHenry, and there died in 1905. His wife survives and lives with her son, Joseph C. Holly.

After attending the grammar and high schools of his native county, Joseph C. Holly learned the trade of a mould maker and was employed as such by the Terra Cotta Company of McHenry County, with which he remained until 1911, when he was appointed postmaster of McHenry. At the close of his term of office, he went with the Hoy Banking Company as bookkeeper, and was made its cashier, September 16, 1916. Since 1914, he has been township treasurer, and in 1917 was elected village treasurer. He is a strong Republican in politics.

On September 16, 1908, Mr. Holly was married to Miss Ethel May Strong, and they have two sons, Warren S. and Harold J. Mr. and Mrs. Holly are Universalists. He belongs to the Masons, Eastern Star and Modern Woodmen of America. A man of sterling character, he has capably discharged the duties assigned to him, and proved himself worthy of every trust reposed in him, and of future advancement, if he desires to accept other offices.

RILEY HOLMES.

Riley Holmes, now deceased, was formerly one of the well known men of McHenry County in several lines of endeavor, and during his declining years lived in retirement at Hebron. He was born at Akron, Ohio, February 10, 1846, a son of Thomas and Maria (Roddell) Holmes, both of whom were born in England, but were married after coming to the United States. They located in Lake County, Ill., about 1849, going thence to Racine County, Wis., and in 1871 came to McHenry County and divided their time between Hebron and Richmond townships, he dying in the latter, when sixty-three years old. She passed away in Hebron Township when seventy years old. Their farm was in Richmond Township. Of their nine children who reached maturity, four were living in 1919, namely: Riley, whose name heads this review; Russell, who lived at Genoa Junction, Wis., was killed in an accident January 5, 1920; Frank, who lives at Hebron; and Ida, who is Mrs. John Reynolds of Hebron.

After attaining to a working age, Riley Holmes became a cheese maker and was in the employ of G. W. Conn at Hebron for ten years, and continued in this line for thirteen years and becoming very expert turning out 600 pounds of cheese daily, and was paid a salary. His product was exhibited at county fairs, and he would make it at these exhibitions as he was recognized as one of the expert cheese makers in the state. For the past twenty-six years Mr. Holmes lived at Hebron and was a director of the Hebron Bank. While he was a Republican, he took no active part in politics. Of late years he spent his winters at St. Petersburg, Fla., where he died December 5, 1920, aged seventy-four years, nine months and twenty-five days.

On September 18, 1895, Mr. Holmes was married to Dora Holmes, widow of his brother Adelbert, and daughter of Melvin J. Cole, and a sister of A. J. Cole, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work. Mrs. Holmes was married first when twenty-three years of age.

Riley Holmes and his brother Frank Holmes were together all their lives. When the mother died twenty-four years ago, the two brothers began living together at Hebron. Mrs. Holmes owned a farm inherited from her father which was sold in 1919 and Riley and Frank Holmes owned their father's homestead in Richmond Township. Riley Holmes was the owner of several track horses, some of which were exhibited, and won premiums at the Woodstock and Elkhorn fairs. He was a member of the Horsemen's Association of Richmond, and all his life enjoyed driving a good horse. His horse "Modesty" won many honors and is still well remembered by horse lovers in the county. He was held in the highest regard by all who knew him, and he had many friends who were won and retained through his genial manner and kindly actions. His demise was deplored by all who knew him although he was spared for many useful years during all of which he was a constructive force in his community.

JAMES S. HOWARD.

James S. Howard, one of the oldest native sons of Greenwood Township, and a prominent farmer of this county, was born on the farm he still occupies, October 14, 1844. He is a son of Matthew and Catherine (Short) Howard, natives of County Clare and County Tyrone, Ireland, respectively. In 1835, Matthew Howard left Ireland and landed at Quebec, Canada, where he spent three years, and then, in 1838, came to

McHenry County, Ill., and took up a claim in Greenwood Township. In 1840, he bought 280 acres, and later forty acres more, from the government. Subsequently he bought other land from private individuals until he owned 640 acres. He and his wife had the following children: Johanna, who is the widow of P. J. Nolan, resides in Hartland Township; James S., Margaret, who died in infancy, and Thomas P., who died at the age of sixty-seven years. The mother of these children died when she was thirty-four years old, and at that time James S. was only five years of age, and he was taken by an aunt, Mary Howard, who reared him, and he lived with her until she was married. His father married (second) Mary Griffin, and they had two children, John J. and Edward L. Matthew Howard died April 11, 1888.

James S. Howard has spent all of his life on the homestead, and here he carries on general farming. This farm contains 320 acres of land, and is located on sections 17 and 28. In politics Mr. Howard is a Democrat. He belongs to the Catholic church. Belonging as he does to one of the old pioneer families of McHenry County, and having lived here all his life, he naturally is very much interested in whatever promises to prove of permanent benefit to his community and its people.

CLARENCE F. HOY.

Clarence F. Hoy, general manager of the Ringwood State Bank of Ringwood, is one of the substantial and well-known men of this county. He was born in McHenry County, and belongs to one of the oldest and most prominent families of this part of the state. He is a son of Fremont and Hattie (Osborn) Hoy, who had four children born to them, three of whom survive. Fremont Hoy resides at Woodstock and is connected with several of the best known banks in the county. A complete sketch of the Hoy family is given in the sketch of M. D. Hoy, the grandfather of Clarence F. Hoy.

The boyhood of Clarence F. Hoy was passed in his native county, and after he had completed courses in the common and high schools here, he attended Beloit College, from which he was graduated. Following that, he was engaged in an insurance business for three years, leaving it to engage in a banking business at Huntley. There he remained until the close of 1912, and in November, 1913, he became manager of the Hoy Banking Company, it having been then organized.

It was a private bank of the highest standing and reliability, with a capital stock of \$25,000, until its reorganization into a state bank. Its cashier is Kenneth Hoy, a brother. Mr. Hoy was formerly vice-president of the United State Bank of Crystal Lake, Ill., of which Fremont Hoy was president, until disposing of their interests there in January, 1919, and Mr. Hoy is also vice-president of the Fox River Valley State Bank of McHenry. Like his father, he is well known in financial circles as a man of probity and an expert banker.

In 1908 Mr. Hoy was married to Miss Beatrice Boyd, a daughter of Edward K. Boyd, a prominent resident of Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. Hoy have a son: Hamilton B., who was born April 2, 1915. Mr. Hoy is a Republican. Mrs. Hoy is a Christian Scientist. Both are among the leaders in the best circles of Crystal Lake, where they reside and their influence can be relied upon in all movements tending toward a betterment of existing conditions.

GEORGE H. HOY.

George H. Hoy, one of the leading financiers of McHenry County, is president of the Farmers Exchange Bank of Woodstock, and comes of one of the old and honored families of this section of the state. He was born February 21, 1853, in McHenry County, a son of Marmaduke and Catherine Maria (Alberty) Hoy. Marmaduke Hoy was born in Schoharie County, N. Y., March 3, 1821, and he died May 15, 1912. His first wife, the mother of George H. Hoy, was born in Green County, N. Y., February 19, 1821, and died July 23, 1863. On October 4, 1864, Marmaduke Hoy was married (second) to Esther Eleanor Atwater, who was born in Schoharie County, N. Y., February 20, 1833, and is now deceased. By his first marriage, Marmaduke had five children.

George H. Hoy attended the common and high schools of Woodstock, and then took a commercial course at Bryant & Stratton's Business College at Chicago. Returning to Woodstock, he entered with his father into the mercantile business and later into the banking business, which were conducted in the same building now occupied by the bank of which Mr. Hoy is president. The bank being originally carried on as a private bank and in January, 1916, organized as a state bank.

In 1877 Mr. Hoy was married to Miss Mary L. Belcher, a member of an old and prominent family of the county, who located here in 1844.



John M. Schmitt & Wife



Children of John M. Schmitt & Wife

Mr. and Mrs. Hoy have two children, namely: William P., who is cashier of the State Bank of Huntley; and Walter G., who is engaged in an extensive contracting business in Northern Illinois. Mr. Hoy is a Republican, and has been a member of the city council, served Woodstock as mayor, and had long service on the school board. He and his family belong to the Presbyterian church. A man of unusual ability, he has exerted himself in behalf of his community, and is justly numbered among the most representative and influential men of the county.

JOHN M. HOY.

John M. Hoy, cashier of the Farmers Exchange State Bank of Woodstock, and treasurer of the city of Woodstock, is one of the most representative men of McHenry County. He was born at Woodstock, April 5, 1872, a son of M. D. and Esther Eleanor (Atwater) Hoy, an extended sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work.

John M. Hoy attended the public schools of Woodstock, and was graduated from its high school in 1890. His first business experience was gained as a member of the mercantile firm of M. D. Hoy & Sons, merchants of Woodstock, but he later went to Huntley to serve as cashier of the bank established by his father and brothers in that city. In 1903, he was offered his present position, and left the Huntley State Bank, where he was succeeded by his nephew William P. Hoy, and assumed charge of the duties of cashier of the Farmers Exchange State Bank of Woodstock. When the bank at Huntley was re-organized under a state charter, he was made its president, and still holds that office. For several years he has served Woodstock as city treasurer.

On November 11, 1896, Mr. Hoy was married to Miss Letah M. Bunker, a daughter of the late Amos K. Bunker. Mr. Hoy recently served as secretary of Group 4, Illinois Banking Association and declined the chairmanship for this year. The influence of the Hoy family upon the financial development of McHenry County cannot hardly be overestimated, and it is certainly due to its members that the banks of this section rest upon so solid a foundation, and that the interests of the depositors are safeguarded as they are by sound and conservative policies.

M. D. HOY.

There are old and honorable names in McHenry County that have long been prominently identified with its development and leading interests, and thus particularly invite attention from a faithful historian. One of these names is that of Hoy, and in the life and character of the late M. D. Hoy were illustrated those indomitable traits and sturdy virtues that have made this family notable and successful in various lines of activity for generations. An early settler in McHenry County, Mr. Hoy laid the foundation stone upon which he built up a great enterprise at Woodstock, and entered upon and maintained honorable, useful and friendly relations with his fellow citizens until the close of a worthy life.

Marmaduke, or M. D. Hoy, which was his preferred signature from early youth, was born near Gilboa, in Schoharie County, N. Y., March 3, 1821. He was of Scotch-Irish extraction on both ancestral lines. His paternal grandfather, Marmaduke Hoy, was a native of Ireland, and for more than a century the Hoyes belonged to County Antrim. In 1805 two of the sons of Marmaduke Hoy emigrated to America, Richard and Marmaduke, and still later other members of the family also came to the United States.

Richard Hoy was born in 1784, in the parish of Upperwood, Ireland, sixty miles distant from Dublin. He assisted his father on their small farm and afterward worked for several years at the shoemaking trade in the city of Dublin, but he was not satisfied with his business prospects there and in 1805, accompanied by his younger brother, crossed the Atlantic ocean to New York. The brothers separated, the younger entering into military service in a New York regiment, and the former locating in Schoharie County, where he found opportunity to continue work at his trade in an establishment conducted by a Mr. Stevens, whose sister-in-law, Sarah Fanning, he subsequently married. She was born in New York, October 15, 1785, and was the youngest daughter of Capt. Walter and Grace (Benjamin) Fanning. Captain Fanning was an officer during the War of 1812 and during his later years was a farmer. He was a descendant of Edmond Fanning, who came from Ireland to Stonington, Conn., in 1641, after his father, Dominican Fanning, a man of political note, had been beheaded by order of Oliver Cromwell. The Fanning family has many distinguished representatives in the United States today. Richard Hoy removed to Albany, N. Y., after marriage, and conducted a grocery store there for six years and then removed to

Gilboa, in Schoharie County, and resumed work at his trade and also kept a toll gate on the main highway. His death occurred in 1831 at Stamford, in Delaware County, N. Y. He was the father of six children, Marmaduke being the fifth in order of birth.

M. D. Hoy impressed his neighbors and associates in McHenry County as a well-informed and educated man. His educational training had been more thorough than many youths enjoyed and early prepared him for the position of school teacher, and he taught in Green County, N. Y., for a number of winter terms, devoting his summers to work on the farm. He became deeply interested about the time of his marriage in the wider opportunities being offered in what was then the far west, and shortly afterward, when the completion of the Erie Canal made transportation safe and possible across the state, started for Illinois. Rough weather was encountered on the lakes and they put in at the village of Chicago, reaching Southport, now Kenosha, Wis., May 23, 1844, and from there made their way to Alden Township, McHenry County, Ill. They soon became settled residents there, and Mr. Hoy took a prominent part in public matters, and concerned himself with the progress and advancement of the neighborhood, and in 1865 he was elected county clerk. He removed then to Woodstock and for the next eight years devoted himself to the duties of the county office and at the end of that time embarked in a mercantile business in partnership with his son, George H. Hoy, which was developed into an extensive enterprise.

Mr. Hoy was married in Lockport, N. Y., June 15, 1843, to Miss Catherine Maria Alberty, who was born in Green County, N. Y., February 19, 1821, and died July 23, 1863. The following children were born to them: Sarah Delia, born October 10, 1847; Luman Thomas, born October 28, 1850; George H., born February 21, 1853; Fremont, born June 1, 1856; and Jennie, born June 26, 1859, died September 21, 1861. Mr. Hoy was married (second) October 4, 1864, to Esther Eleanor Atwater, who was born in Schoharie County, N. Y., February 20, 1833, and is now deceased. There were two children born to the second marriage, Kittie A., who died in 1883, and John M., who was born April 5, 1872. The sons of Mr. Hoy are all identified with the banking business in McHenry County, and are leading factors in the financial field.

During the Civil War Mr. Hoy was an ardent supporter of the Union cause and few citizens of Alden Township were more active in patriotic work during that period. He was associated with Stephen Alberty, William Barnes, William Wedgewood and other loyal men on the local

committee to promote enlistments and it should go on public record that these men finding that the raising of funds to pay the soldiers' bounties at the time impossible, did not hesitate to raise the needed money on their personal notes. It was a noble act of patriotism and saved the township a large amount of discount money. He was a sound Republican and faithfully supported the party's candidates. Many offices of trust and responsibility were tendered him and he served as a justice of the peace, highway commissioner and township treasurer. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Hoy died May 15, 1912.

WILLIAM P. HOY.

The name of Hoy is associated with banking of the highest class in McHenry County, those bearing the name having been associated with the finances of the various communities here for many years. William P. Hoy is cashier of the State Bank of Huntley, his associates in the bank being as follows: John M. Hoy, president; John T. Kelley, vice president; and W. B. Bartlet, assistant cashier. This bank was originally known as the bank of M. D. Hoy & Sons, being organized as such May 1, 1901, and was incorporated as a state bank in 1913, with a capital stock of \$50,000; now has a surplus of \$25,000.

William P. Hoy was born at Woodstock, March 6, 1879, a son of George M. and Mary M. (Belcher) Hoy. George M. Hoy, president of the Farmers State Bank of Woodstock, is a son of M. D. Hoy, now deceased, a complete sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work. William P. Hoy attended the common and high schools of Woodstock, and was graduated in 1901 from the University of Wisconsin. Immediately thereafter, he entered the Farmers State Bank of Woodstock, remaining there as a clerk in the counting room, until he accepted his present position in 1903, succeeding his uncle, John M. Hoy, who then became cashier of the Farmers State Bank of Woodstock.

In 1902 Mr. Hoy was married to Miss Claribelle Wright, a daughter of A. S. Wright, prominent in Woodstock circles. Mr. and Mrs. Hoy have the following children: Adelbert W., who was born April 12, 1906; George Marmaduke, who was born May 30, 1909; and Mary Louise, who was born June 12, 1912. Mr. and Mrs. Hoy belong to the Congregational church. He belongs to the Royal Arcanum, the Odd Fellows, and is a Mystic Worker. Politically he is a staunch Republican.

MRS. MARY H. (HUBKA) HRDLICKE.

Mrs. Mary H. (Hubka) Hrdlicke, postmistress at Cary Station, is one of the most efficient officials in the government service within the confines of McHenry County, and one who is most highly respected. She was born at Chicago, Ill., May 30, 1864, a daughter of John H. and Barbara Hubka, who had six children. John H. Hubka was born in Europe, and was brought to the United States by his parents when he was seven years old. He learned to make shoes, and locating at Chicago engaged in their manufacture, being so engaged at the time of his death, July 10, 1893. His widow survives and lives at Chicago.

Mary H. Hubka attended the common and high schools of Chicago. She was married June 24, 1890, to Frank H. Hrdlicke, born in Europe, who was also a shoe manufacturer. He died May 21, 1910, leaving her with one child, Manie H., who is the wife of Dr. George B. Allen. Doctor Allen was graduated from the Chicago College of Medicine, Northwestern University, and was an interne of Michael Reese Hospital, Chicago. At present he is engaged in a general practice at South Bend., Ind., and is special medical adviser of the Studebaker automobile plant.

Mrs. Hrdlicke is a Democrat, and an appointee of President Wilson. She took the civil service examination for her position February 12, 1913. The post office is located in one of the rooms of the business block owned at Cary by Mrs. Hrdlicke, and she also owns her residence at Cary. She belongs to the Catholic church.

MARTIN H. HUBRIG.

Martin H. Hubrig, M. D., the only resident physician of Algonquin, is one of the honored members of the profession in McHenry County, and a conscientious and capable man. He was born in Wisconsin, June 11, 1889, a son of Henry and Anna (Krueger) Hubrig, who had five children. Henry Hubrig, was born in Germany and came to the United States when he was eight years old, and located in Wisconsin, where he remained until his death, December 5, 1917. His widow survives him.

Doctor Hubrig attended the common and high schools of Wisconsin, Valparaiso (Ind.) University, in 1911 and 1912, and the Chicago College

of Medicine and Surgery, from which he was graduated May 30, 1916. Following his last graduation in his profession, he served for fifteen months as interne at the West-Side Hospital, Chicago, and then located in Algonquin, coming here in July of 1917. Doctor Hubrig is a member of the Phi Chi Medical Fraternity, the McHenry County Medical Society, the Illinois State Medical Society, and the American Medical Association.

In April, 1917, Doctor Hubrig was married to Miss Ida Karolus of Wisconsin, a daughter of Henry Karolus, (also of Wisconsin); they have two daughters, Pearl Mae, born November 9, 1918, and Norma Helen, born January 3, 1920. Doctor and Mrs. Hubrig are members of the Lutheran church. His political convictions are independent of party ties, but he can be relied upon to give his support to all measures looking toward an improvement of civic conditions and the advancement of his community.

EARL C. HUGHES.

Earl C. Hughes, supervisor of Hartland Township, is engaged in farming and milk producing upon a very extensive scale, being recognized as a leader in his line in this part of the county. He was born in McHenry County, February 6, 1871, the only child of his parents, William E. and Mary Ann (Schryder) Hughes. William E. Hughes was born in New York State, but came to McHenry County in 1846, locating in Hartland Township, and later lived in Woodstock, where he continued to reside until his death, February 19, 1886. He was a farmer, and was also connected with the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad Company.

Earl C. Hughes was reared in his native county and attended its schools. He has 160 acres of choice land in Hartland Township, and he has always been a farmer and producer and shipper of milk. In 1917 Mr. Hughes was elected supervisor of Hartland Township on the Citizens' ticket.

On February 26, 1896, Mr. Hughes was married to Miss Mary L. Weidrich, born September 10, 1873, a daughter of Frederick Weidrich, and they have the following children: Vera L., who was born September 6, 1898; Mary V., who was born March 1, 1900; and Earl M., who was born September 6, 1907. Mr. Hughes is very proud of the fact

that his father was one of the men who fought on the side of the Union during the Civil War, being honorably discharged in 1865. Both the Hughes and Weidrich families are old and well known ones in this part of the state.

HARRY D. HULL, M. D.

Harry D. Hull, M. D., one of the most successful physicians and surgeons of McHenry County, is engaged in an active practice at Crystal Lake, and is a veteran of the World War. He was born at Chicago, Ill., May 20, 1867, one of the four children of Tracy D. and Isabella (Streeter) Hull. Tracy D. Hull was one of the well-known real estate men of Chicago, where, prior to his death on August 16, 1901, he did much in bringing about a healthy and sane expansion of the city's boundaries. He was a New Yorker by birth, but came West to Chicago at an early day. His wife died July 20, 1877.

Doctor Hull attended the University of Notre Dame, and after his graduation therefrom, entered Rush Medical College, Chicago, from which he was graduated in 1891. For the subsequent eight years he was engaged in a general practice in Wisconsin, but on January 1, 1898, located permanently at Crystal Lake, and has built up a very large practice, and is held in the highest esteem by all who know him. He is also physician and surgeon for the Northwestern Railroad, and the Chicago Telephone and Public Service Company at Crystal Lake, and is the attending physician and surgeon of the Cottage Hospital of Harvard, owned and operated by Dr. C. M. Johnson, one of the leading medical men of Harvard. During his residence at Crystal Lake Doctor Hull has been very prominent in civic affairs, and served as mayor of the city for two terms. He is now city physician of the municipality, and held this office for some years prior to being elected mayor. A staunch Republican he is very active in his party. Doctor Hull is one of the men of his profession who served during the late war, and received his commission as captain September 20, 1918, and was first assigned to Camp Greenleaf, Georgia, Base Hospital, and later to the Rockefeller Institute, New York and Base Hospital at Camp Lee, Va. He received his honorable discharge February 20, 1919, and returned home.

On April 20, 1892, Doctor Hull was married to Miss Cathryne M. Raffin, a daughter of John T. Raffin, and a member of a leading family of Chicago. Doctor and Mrs. Hull have two children, namely: Cathryne,

who is the wife of Victor Breytspraak, of Evanston, Ill.; and Marie F., who is at home. Mrs. Hull and her daughters belong to the Baptist church. Fraternally Doctor Hull is a Mason and a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

It is doubtful if there are any other men in the profession in the county who have so extended their sphere of usefulness, and at the same time continued in active practice, as has Doctor Hull, and his work in the army was equally effective, and his fellow citizens are appreciative. His standing in his calling and community, is unquestionably of the highest in every respect.

WILLIAM M. HULL.

William M. Hull is one of the most representative men of Union, for he not only conducts a large hardware and saddlery business, but also has served the city as fire marshal, and police magistrate, and as a member of the school board. He was born in Boone County, Ill., October 17, 1872, a son of John D. and Olive E. (Gray) Hull. John D. Hull was born in New York, but came to Illinois at an early day and became one of the prosperous farmers of Boone County, where he died in 1908. His wife survives and is living in Boone County.

William M. Hull was reared on a farm in his native county, and attended its schools. When he was eighteen years old he began teaming, and after several years went into the grocery business. He then was a member of a fire department, rising to be assistant fire chief. In the meanwhile he learned the trade of harness making, and in 1911 located at Union, and opened his present business. He also does shoe repairing, carrying in all a stock of about \$1,000. In 1916 he was made a police magistrate and in 1917 was made fire marshal. Fraternally he belongs to the Odd Fellows, Coral Lodge No. 769. Politically he is a Republican.

Mr. Hull was married to Miss Lucy E. Adams, a daughter of George Adams, and they have two children, namely: Joseph W., who was born August 28, 1909; and Harriett D., who was born March 1, 1913. Mr. and Mrs. Hull belong to the Episcopal church.

CARLTON C. HUNT.

Carlton C. Hunt, proprietor of the Oak Grove Farm, and general manager of the Farmers New Era Telephone Company of Hebron,



F. W. Schroeder.

is one of the representative men of McHenry County. He was born on the old farm in Hebron Township, April 23, 1860, the eldest of the five children born of his parents. He continued to reside on this farm that eventually became his and his brother, George Hunt's, they operating it in partnership. After buying additional land, making the farm 280 acres in extent, they divided it. Carlton C. Hunt remained on his farm until 1919, when he came to Hebron. He was a dairy-farmer, milking from twenty to fifty cows, and bred Holstein cattle until he gave that up in favor of milk production. Mr. Hunt also specialized in seed growing and the greater part of the wheat raised in this region comes from seed that he had produced on his farm. Always a progressive man he recognizes the value of concerted action, and is a member of the McHenry County Soil Improvement Association. His farm is one of the best-improved in the township, and he put in a large amount of tile, redeeming a lot of waste land.

In response to the demand for better telephone service Mr. Hunt and others organized in 1904 what is known as the Farmers' New Era Telephone Company, which now has 1,100 subscribers and three exchanges, one at Hebron, one at Richmond, and one at Wilmot. The total assets of the company are \$129,668.38. Mr. Hunt has always been a very strong Republican, and has served on the township board and as a justice of the peace, but has not entered county politics.

When he was thirty-five years old, Mr. Hunt was married to Blanche Merchant of Rockford, and they have the following children: Leslie R., who married Gertrude Deaner of Harvard, operates the homestead; Mina Grace, who is Mrs. Walter Ledger; Blanche Beatrice, who married Clarence Baron; Edith Mary, who is at home, and George W., who is attending the Hebron High School. Mr. Hunt is a Mason, a member of the Odd Fellows and Modern Woodmen of America, and he and his wife are members of the Eastern Star. A wholesome out-of-doors man, Mr. Hunt finds recreation in hunting and fishing. All of his life he has been exceedingly active, and has not relaxed his lifetime habits, the duties of his position as manager of the telephone company requiring him to exert himself during a long-hour day.

GEORGE A. HUNT.

George A. Hunt, son of George W. and Mary Louville Hunt, was born at Oak Grove Farm, Hebron Township, McHenry County, Ill.,

January 4, 1863. He was educated in the common schools. A great lover of nature, he took especial delight in the study of birds. His father died when he was nineteen years old leaving his brother Carlton, three years older, and himself to continue the management of the farm and the breeding of purebred livestock and poultry. Mr. Hunt became well known as a breeder, exhibitor and judge of livestock. He continued in the partnership with his brother on the farm until 1907, when he sold out to his brother and moved to Woodstock, where he now resides. He was married June 26, 1907, to Miss Mary L. Seal, of Rockford, Ill.

Mr. Hunt has always been interested in every public enterprise, taking an active part in the County Farmers' Institute, also in the McHenry County Fair at which he and his brother were regular exhibitors of livestock, poultry and farm products. He was president of the Farmers' Institute in 1899, 1900 and 1901; put much enthusiasm into the work, and was rewarded by some of the largest gatherings of farmers ever held in any institute meetings in the county. He was president again in 1911 and 1912; and was also a director of Farmers' Institutes for the Eleventh Congressional District for the years 1901 and 1902.

In 1901 Mr. Hunt conceived the idea of having the farmers of the county visit the Universities of Illinois and Wisconsin in order that they might get into closer touch with the work of the agricultural colleges and experiment stations. He therefore organized what was called The McHenry County Farmers' Picnic Association. Under the auspices of this association an excursion party of 350 farm men and women of the county visited the College of Agriculture at Madison, Wis., June 4, 1901. This was the first Farmers' Institute excursion to an agricultural college from any Illinois county. The Harvard Herald in its report of this excursion had this to say: "The success of the excursion was due to the untiring efforts of the officers of the Picnic Association but no one person is entitled to more credit than is George A. Hunt, the originator of the project and the most original and tireless worker for the farmers' welfare in McHenry County." In 1902 McHenry County farmers enjoyed a two-days' excursion to the College of Agriculture at Urbana, Ill. In 1901 and 1902, Mr. Hunt made comprehensive exhibits of the agricultural products of McHenry County at the Illinois State Fair, winning first prize for the county both years. There were over six tons of agricultural products in the 1902 exhibit. In connection with these exhibits Mr. Hunt distributed several thousand copies of a booklet which he published in 1901 describing the resources, ad-

vantages and possibilities of the county. This exhibit was reproduced as nearly as possible at the McHenry County Fair in 1903. The grains and grasses in this exhibit and the samples of over 100 different kinds of wood found in the county were shown in the Illinois exhibit at the St. Louis World's Fair in 1904.

Mr. Hunt was secretary of the McHenry County Fair eight years, from 1903 to 1910 inclusive, during which time improvements to the value of more than \$10,000 were placed on the grounds of the association. As secretary of the McHenry County Fair, Mr. Hunt found that the state appropriation for county fairs provided a flat rate of \$200 annually to each fair regardless of merit. This he considered unfair to the more progressive counties, and, believing that the appropriation should be made according to merit, a larger amount going to the fairs that gave the most encouragement to the agricultural and livestock interest of their respective communities, therefore with the co-operation of Hon. Len Small, Secretary of the Kankakee Fair, he arranged for a convention of county fair managers which was held at Springfield, February 14, 1907.

An organization was formed known as the Illinois Association of Agricultural Fairs. This association secured from the legislature an appropriation for each fair equal to forty per cent of the premiums paid except for speed. This appropriation was afterwards increased to sixty percent on the first \$1,000 of premiums paid; fifty percent on the second \$1,000; forty percent on the third \$1,000; and thirty percent on the fourth \$1,000 of premiums paid. Mr. Hunt was secretary of the Illinois Association of Fairs six years after which he resigned on account of the pressure of other work.

Mr. Hunt was superintendent of the Illinois Dairy Exhibits at the St. Louis Exposition in 1904. He made a very creditable showing for the state. His design showing bust statues of President Grant and President Lincoln, and a large statue representing Illinois, all made with pure creamery butter, was very highly commended.

In March of the same year, 1904, Mr. Hunt was instrumental in organizing The Farmers' New Era Telephone Company which grew in a few years from a \$5,000 company to a \$60,000 corporation with many miles of toll line and with exchanges in Hebron and Richmond, Ill., and Wilmot, Wis. While George A. Hunt was the originator of the project and is president of the company, he gives to his brother, Carlton C. Hunt, the larger share of the credit for the company's continued success.

In July, 1911, Mr. Hunt became associated with Eugene D. Funk

and Arthur J. Bill, of Bloomington, Ill., and others, as secretary of the Farmers' Publishing Company, publishers of the Farmers' Voice. Two years later this publication was merged with the Prairie Farmer, of Chicago, Mr. Hunt becoming manager of livestock advertising which position he now holds.

Politically, Mr. Hunt is a Republican and although not an active politician he is interested in all measures intended to benefit the community. He has been connected with the church for a number of years and is a member of the First Methodist Episcopal church of Woodstock. He is also connected with the Modern Woodmen, being a member of Progress Camp No. 229, Woodstock. His father, George W. Hunt, was born in Orangeville, Genesee County, New York, July 16, 1835. He came with his parents to Walworth County, Wis., in 1839; was educated at Milton College and engaged for a time with his father in the mercantile business. After his marriage, March 31, 1859, he made his home on the farm later known as Oak Grove Farm, Hebron Township, McHenry County, Illinois. His great-grandfather came to this country from England or Wales and was a soldier in the Revolutionary war. George A. Hunt's mother was Mary Louville, daughter of Alvin H. and Mary Horsford Parker. She was born in South Bristol, Ontario County, N. Y., April 17, 1835; came with her parents to McHenry County, Ill, in June, 1841, and died March 7, 1918. Mr. Hunt's wife, Mary L., daughter of Christopher and Sarah Finch Seal, was born in Rockford, Ill., December 14, 1867. Her father and mother were of sturdy English stock, coming to this country in July, 1855, making the voyage in a sailing vessel which required six weeks to cross the ocean. They came at once to Illinois and made their home in Winnebago County, where they resided for more than fifty years. Mr. and Mrs. George A. Hunt reside at 425 West South Street, Woodstock.

E. R. JACKMAN.

E. R. Jackman, one of the highly respected residents of Crystal Lake, is now living retired from the activities of life, although in former years he was one of the worth-while farmers of McHenry County. He was born two miles south of Crystal Lake in Algonquin Township, on the homestead of his family, November 15, 1863. He is a son of Rodney D. and Elizabeth L. (Rowley) Jackman, the former born in

New York, June 10, 1821, died November 2, 1884, and the latter, born March 7, 1825, died in June, 1905. They were married in McHenry County, May 16, 1848.

Between the ages of twenty-three and twenty-four, Rodney D. Jackman came to Illinois, driving through from Warren County, Pa., to join his uncle, James Jackman, who had secured considerable land in McHenry County, from whom Rodney D. Jackman bought a farm. A year later, his father, William Jackman, arrived in McHenry County, and the two bought another farm, and the father conducted a little store at Crystal Lake. In time another son, James, became a partner with his grandfather. The last years of William Jackman were spent with his son, James, and he died about 1872 or 1873. Rodney D. Jackman remained on his farm of 155 acres until just before his death, when he moved to Crystal Lake. His brother, James, lived in Crystal Lake, where he was in an insurance business, until 1917. He was also president of the Crystal State Bank. His son, William, is in Idaho; and his daughter, Susie, who is Mrs. John Fish of Woodstock, has a daughter, Flora, who is Mrs. Bert Colby, and Mrs. Colby lives at Loyal, Wis. A brother of James and Rodney D. Jackman, William Jackman, died while still a young man, leaving two children, the daughter only surviving, she being Mrs. Levi Landon of Chicago.

Rodney D. Jackman and his wife had the following children: Amelia, who is Mrs. Ellis Spencer, is a widow of Crystal Lake; Kate, who is Mrs. Thomas Ford of Oak Park, Ill.; E. R., whose name heads this review; Charley, who is a mail carrier of Elgin, Ill. Ezra R. Jackman owns the old farm, having bought out the other heirs, although prior to that he had leased it from his mother, taking charge of it when he was twenty-four years old. For several years he was in a mercantile business at Crystal Lake with his brother, Charley, but later returned to the farm, where his first wife died. In 1915 he located permanently at Crystal Lake, where he has since lived. He built a barn on his farm, which has a cement floor and other modern conveniences, and a silo. The house was erected by his father, who spent the greater part of his married life in it. While conducting the farm, E. R. Jackman kept about thirty cows, milk being his leading feature. As this farm was prairie land, it was not nearly so hard to develop it as those in the timber. Like his father, Mr. Jackman is no politician, the older man espousing, however, first the principles of the Whig party, and later those of the Republican. All his life Rodney D. Jackman was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church at Crystal Lake, but his son does not

belong to any religious organization, although he is a liberal supporter of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which his wife is a member.

On October 7, 1887, E. R. Jackman was married to Carrie Adriance of Crystal Lake, who died August 29, 1901, leaving him with four children, namely: Ralph; Mrs. Hazel Wingate, who married Clifton Wingate of Nunda Township; Lester; and Leon. Of these children, Ralph was married to Ida M. Schrader, who died, leaving two children, Loris and Elroy, and after her demise, Ralph left the old farm where he had been living. Leon enlisted for service in the regular army, First Regiment of Engineers, July 5, 1916, and was sent to Eagle Pass, Tex., and from there to Washington, D. C., to act as guard at the White House. He was then assigned to the Seventh Regiment Engineers at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., and sent to France in March, 1918, and was at the front from July, 1918, until the signing of the Armistice, following which he was in the Army of Occupation in Luxemburg, and during his period of service was in France and Italy, and advanced from private to corporal and then sergeant. Lester is another son who has upheld the family name in military service, going into the National Army under the Selective Draft, and after being trained at Camp Fremont, was sent abroad, and was with the Siberian Contingent.

E. R. Jackman was married (second) to Mrs. Ida E. Hill, of St. Charles, Ill., born at Aurora, a daughter of Daniel and Mary (Parker) Sinclair, and widow of John Hill of Grenada, Miss. There are no children. The Jackman is one of the best known families in Algonquin Township, and its members are commanding confidence and respect both at home and abroad.

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JOHN JANAK.

John Janak, proprietor of the leading garage of Algonquin, and dealer in agricultural implements, lumber, wagons, buggies, road wagons, wood and iron pumps, Plymouth binder twine and similar commodities,

is one of the best known men in this locality. He was born in Bohemia, May 11, 1862, a son of Frank and Frances (Joblonski) Janak, the former of whom was a native of Bohemia, who brought his family to the United States in 1872, and after a short stoppage at Spring Lake, Ill., went to California, where he lived until his death in March, 1916. His wife died in 1895.

John Janak was ten years old when brought to the United States, and he attended the Algonquin schools. All of his mature years he has been engaged in his present business, and branched out when he built his garage at a cost of \$7,000, disposing at that time of a livery business he owned.

On June 22, 1892, Mr. Janak was married to Miss Josephine Suchy, a daughter of Franklin Suchy, Bohemians. Mr. and Mrs. Janak became the parents of the following children: Valentine, who is the wife of Fred Schutie, city marshal of Algonquin; Edward, who enlisted in the United States army in 1915 as a private, became a sergeant with the Philippine Coast Artillery; Edna, who is at home; Elmer, who was with the United States navy; and George, who was a quartermaster in the United States army. Mr. and Mrs. Janak and their family belong to the Congregational church. He is a Republican. His fraternal relations are with the Woodmen of the World. A fine business man, Mr. Janak has made a success of his undertakings, and is numbered among the successful residents of McHenry County.

EMILUS C. JEWETT.

Emilus C. Jewett, president of the State Bank of Woodstock, and one of the leading financiers of McHenry County, is held in the highest esteem by all who know him. He was born on a farm in McHenry County, January 29, 1854, a son of Walter P. and Harriet C. (Horton) Jewett, who had five children, two of whom grew to maturity. Walter P. Jewett was born in Vermont, but in 1836 came to Rockford, Ill., and to McHenry County in 1838. He was a farmer until his death which occurred in 1879.

Attending the public schools, Emilus C. Jewett spent his young manhood in Woodstock, and entered the counting room of the First National Bank of Woodstock; he remained there for eight years, leaving it to start in the shoe business, in which he remained for seven years.

The following two years he spent in the Northwest, and then in 1887, he, with E. E. Richards, formed the firm of Richards & Jewett to handle an abstract business which is now incorporated as the Richards, Jewett & Wright Abstract Company. In December, 1889, he became cashier of the State Bank of Woodstock at the time of its organization, and later was made its president, in 1915. His knowledge of the banking business is intimate, and under his able direction the affairs of his bank are in admirable condition.

In 1879 Mr. Jewett was united in marriage with Miss Alice C. Eckert, a daughter of Jacob Eckert of McHenry County, and they had two children, namely: Jessie E., married Raymond F. Pfeiffer, and Helen A., married Roscoe G. Brewer. She has two children: Harriet Horton and Roseoe G., Jr. Mrs. Jewett passed from this life, April 12, 1912. The family attend the Congregational church. Politically Mr. Jewett is a Republican. His fraternal affiliations are with the Masons and Elks, and he is as popular with these organizations as he is with the community at large.

GEORGE H. JOHNSON.

George H. Johnson, manager of the Wilbur Lumber Company at West McHenry, Ill., is a young man of wide experience and knowledge, and is admirably fitted for the duties of his present position. He was born in McHenry County, December 30, 1886, a son of Benjamin and Caroline (Anderson) Johnson, who had three children. Benjamin Johnson was for many years a farmer, and is now living at Crystal Lake, Ill.

George H. Johnson attended the common and high schools of Crystal Lake, and was graduated from the latter in 1906, and engaged with the Wilbur Lumber Company's plant at West McHenry. In 1912 he accepted a position with W. G. Wheeler at Rockford, acting as traveling salesman for four years. Mr. Johnson then became manager for the Alexander Lumber Company at Waynesville, Ill., and he remained there until October 14, 1918, when he was appointed cashier of the Bank of Ringwood to fill the vacancy left by the death of R. G. Wharton. On March 1, 1920, he severed his connection with the Bank of Ringwood and accepted the managership of the Wilbur Lumber Company yard at West McHenry.



E. E. Leonard

On June 3, 1914, Mr. Johnson was married to Miss Mabel M. Granger, a daughter of Frank K. Granger, and a member of an important McHenry family. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson became the parents of three children, namely: Margaret I., who was born August 16, 1915; George E., who was born February 14, 1917; and Frank K., who was born June 21, 1920. Mr. Johnson is independent in his political views. Fraternally he belongs to McHenry Lodge No. 158, A. F. & A. M.; McHenry Chapter, No. 547, O. E. S., and to the Modern Woodmen of America. He is held in the highest esteem wherever he has lived, and his ability is recognized by all who know him.

HORACE W. JOHNSON, M. D.

Horace W. Johnson, M. D., now deceased, was the first practicing physician of Harvard, and one of the pioneer members of the medical profession of McHenry County. He was born in New York City, N. Y., December 16, 1810, the eldest of the three children of Jacob and Maria (Johnson) Johnson. After completing his academic courses in New York City, he was graduated from Rutgers College, New Jersey, having been under the preceptorship of Valentine Mott, Sr. For the subsequent six years Doctor Johnson was engaged in practice in New York City, but in 1836 came west and from then until 1856, practiced in Kenosha, Wis., when he came to Harvard.

When Doctor Johnson came to what is now Harvard, the present site of the city was occupied by a field of waving corn, and not the most optimistic could have visioned the present surroundings. However, Doctor Johnson did have faith in the future of the neighborhood, and was here located until his death, February 24, 1871. On November 9, 1842 he was married at Bloomfield, Wis., to Adaline A. La Tour, a native of New York City, born August 27, 1823, a daughter of James and Christina (Kipp) La Tour. Doctor and Mrs. Johnson had a family as follows: Col. M. Johnson, M. D., of Harvard, and three sons and two daughters who died early in life. The grandfather of Mrs. Johnson, Anthony William La Tour, came to the United States from France with General Lafayette, served in the American Revolution as an officer, and later had the honor of being one to entertain the distinguished French official when he re-visited this country many years after the close of the war in which both had participated. In the spring of 1841,

the parents of Mrs. Johnson brought her to Walworth County, Wis., where they permanently settled.

COLONEL M. JOHNSON, M. D.

Colonel M. Johnson, M. D., one of the prominent members of the medical profession of McHenry County, is the proprietor of the Cottage Hospital of Harvard, which was the first hospital in the county. He was born at Kenosha, Wis., May 2, 1854, one of six children born to Horace W. and Adeline Amelia (La Tour) Johnson. Horace W. Johnson was a well known physician and surgeon of New York City, where he was born, and later of Wisconsin. He finally came to Harvard, Ill., where he died February 22, 1871. His widow survived him many years, passing away in March, 1901.

Doctor Johnson attended the common and high schools of Harvard, Notre Dame University, from which he was graduated in 1871, the University of Michigan, from which he was graduated in September, 1875. He took a post-graduate course at Bellevue Hospital, New York City for a year, and then in 1876, located at Harvard, where he has since remained. Subsequently he built his hospital, at a cost of over \$15,000. This hospital has accommodation for thirty-two patients, and seven nurses. Doctor Johnson belongs to the county, state and national medical societies. He is a Democrat, and has served as city physician, treasurer, alderman and mayor of Harvard, and has very well satisfied his constituents in all these offices. He is a Thirty-second Degree and Shriner Mason, and also belongs to the Illinois Historical Society.

Doctor Johnson was married to Elizabeth Jolly and divorced from her. They had one son, namely: Horace W., who is engaged in a real-estate and insurance business at Chicago. Doctor Johnson was married (second) to Miss Helen E. Downes, a daughter of Richard H. Downes of Oneonta, N. Y. Doctor and Mrs. Johnson have one son, Colonel R. M., who is at home. Both in private practice and as the head of his own hospital, Doctor Johnson has attained to a well deserved popularity, and those under his charge are certain of receiving expert attention and the most modern of hospital service, without going to the expense and trouble of visiting Chicago.

SAMUEL A. JOHNSTONE.

Samuel A. Johnstone, one of the progressive general farmers and dairymen of McHenry County, owns and operates 120 acres of land on section 36, Nunda Township. He was born in Scotland, May 13, 1856, a son of William and Margaret (Stelle) Johnstone, natives of Scotland, who came to the United States in 1869, and located on the farm now owned by their son. Here the father died at the age of sixty-eight years. He was a Presbyterian in religious faith. There were nine children in his family, namely: Isabella, Samuel A., Janette, Richard, William, Robert, Margaret, John and Fred.

Samuel A. Johnstone attended the schools of Scotland and McHenry County. He was married to Jennie Kirkpatrick, born at Elgin, Ill., a daughter of William and Mary Kirkpatrick, natives of Scotland. Mr. and Mrs. Johnstone have four children, namely: William K., who is in the United States navy, and has been for twelve years; Melvill George, who is also in the navy, on the Texas; Robert C.; and Samuel A. The only daughter, Maggie, died at the age of twelve years. Mr. and Mrs. Johnstone are correctly numbered among the thoroughly representative people of the county, and their sons are living up to the high standards of the family on both sides.

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TIMOTHY KANALY.

Timothy Kanaly, now deceased, was formerly one of the successful farmers of Seneca Township, and a man universally liked. He was born near Cork, Ireland, in July, 1836, and died January 23, 1910. His father died when he was small, and when he was ten years old, Timothy Kanaly was brought to the United States by relatives. Later he sent for his mother to join him. Until he was eighteen years old, he remained

in New York, a portion of that period working for a gardener, but in 1851, he came to McHenry County, and was for a time employed by Thomas Richards, and helped to set out the evergreens that have since given the name of Evergreen to one of the school districts. On January 6, 1858, he was married to Johanna Nihan, who was born in Pennsylvania in November, 1838, the ceremony taking place at St. Patrick's Church at Hartland. She had come to McHenry County with her parents, James and Mary Nihan, who located in Seneca Township, where both died when about eighty years old, and they are buried in the pioneer cemetery of Seneca Township.

After his marriage Timothy Kanaly located on the farm in Seneca Township that is still owned by the family, and he built a shanty on it. There was no road leading to it, and everything was undeveloped. In order to earn a little money, he leased a yoke of oxen, and with them used to work for \$1 per day, going four or five miles to work. He cut wood at fifty cents per cord, hauling it five miles to Marengo. Just as fast as he could, he kept on adding to his original purchase of fifteen acres, until he had 220 in his homestead. The little shanty, he replaced with a frame house still standing, but the present residence has been built at different periods. The original barn was built from stumps, covered with hay, but in 1873 he erected the present barn. Mrs. Kanaly made butter which was sold to customers at Marengo. He was a Democrat of the old school, and never missed an election. While he was firm in his convictions, he was not a man to argue, and his boys are all the same as he in this respect. When they first came there, Mr. and Mrs. Kanaly would walk twelve miles to Hartland for religious services, and when the Marengo church was established, they were among its oldest members. Mrs. Kanaly survives her husband, and lives on the farm.

The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Kanaly were as follows: Timothy, who lives on a farm adjoining the homestead; Mary Ann, who is the widow of J. Riley of Marengo; Cornelius, who is with the Commonwealth Edison Company, of Chicago, has been a resident of that city for thirty years; and Daniel and James, twins, and Katherine, who are all at home. The two sons last named conduct the farm. Daniel is active in township affairs, having served on the election board, and also on the school board. The Kanaly family is one of the highly esteemed ones of McHenry County, and the sons are numbered among the successful farmers of Seneca Township.

EDWARD C. KAPPLER.

Edward C. Kappler, senior member of the well-known grocery firm of Kappler & Deitz, is one of the leading men in his line at Woodstock, and a well-known figure in McHenry County. He was born at Woodstock, April 3, 1874, one of the four children of Charles and Lena (Miller) Kappler. Charles Kappler was a farmer, and was engaged in that line of endeavor until his death which occurred in 1912.

Edward C. Kappler attended the grammar and high schools of Woodstock, and has always been identified with the best interests of his native place. Mr. Kappler first formed a partnership under the name of Kennedy & Kappler, and sold out his interests there in 1913. Later he bought out S. L. Hunt, and he took Arlie A. Deitz as his business associate. The firm carries a full and carefully assorted line of staple and fancy groceries averaging \$8,000, and do an annual business of \$100,000. The selling force is composed of ten experienced people, and excellent service is rendered. During the late war, this firm cheerfully lived up to all the government regulations, and deserves the heavy patronage it receives.

Mr. Kappler is Democratic in his political faith. Fraternally he belongs to the Odd Fellows, Elks and Woodmen. His residence is at No. 335 Lincoln Street. The business policy of this firm is to render the best service and sell the highest grade of goods at prices as low as is consistent with their quality, and the market quotations.

PATRICK KEATING.

Patrick Keating, now living retired at Huntley, is one of the most highly respected men of McHenry County, and formerly took an active part in the agricultural life here and is still the owner of a large amount of farm land. He was born in Kane County, Ill., five miles south of Huntley, April 15, 1843, a son of Edward and Mary (Tobin) Keating, both natives of County Tipperary, Ireland, where they were married.

Upon coming to the United States, they proceeded direct to Illinois and soon were settled on a farm in Kane County, Ill., where Edward Keating rounded out his life, and after his death his widow moved to a farm near Crystal Lake, in Grafton Township, and after ten or twelve

years, went to live at Elgin, Ill. They had the following children: William, who was originally a farmer, became a fireman on the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad, and was killed near Dubuque, Iowa; Patrick, whose name heads this review; Thomas, who at one time conducted a blacksmith shop at Huntley, lived for a time at Chicago, and is now a resident of Elgin, Ill.; and Edward, who was a lieutenant on the Chicago police force, in charge of the Stanton Avenue Station, and later chief of detectives, is now deceased.

Patrick Keating remained in Kane County until he attained his majority, working by the month on neighboring farms, and then conducted his mother's farm in Grafton Township for four years. He then bought eighty acres of land three and one-half miles northwest of Huntley, going into debt for it. Not only did he clear off this debt, but he erected a fine set of buildings on the property, making it one of the best farms in this region, and also began adding to it until he had 240 acres. This farm is rolling prairie land, with several flat tracts, which he drained, thus redeeming about sixty acres. The house was built in 1883, and the barn in 1876, but the latter he replaced in 1915 by a fine dairy barn, with full basement, 36 x 120 feet, and 16-foot posts, all of the stabling being in the basement. There is also a horse barn 36 x 70 feet and the necessary outbuildings, including a commodious milk house and silo, 16 x 50 feet. These buildings are on a slight elevation, commanding a fine view of the surrounding country, and they can be seen for miles about. Mr. Keating's holdings are heavy, he owning 1,400 acres of land, all of which is in McHenry County with the exception of a 200-acre farm a part of which is in Kane County. These McHenry County farms are as follows: the old William Miller farm of 160 acres; the Koppen farm of 120 acres; the Henry Sinnett farm of 240 acres; the John Kreutzer farm of 160 acres; the Salow farm of 140 acres; and the Scott farm of 196 acres, and other valuable lands. Mr. Keating has paid as high as \$140, and as low as \$26.25 per acre, for his land. As he bought these various farms, he began making improvements, either erecting new buildings, or remodeling the old ones; sinking wells, putting in windmills, cementing the floors in the big barns, using several miles of tiling in properly draining the low places, and doing everything to bring his properties up to the highest standards of modern efficiency. On his homestead he made it a practice to keep a herd of about forty head, and always dealt in stock, giving this latter branch of his business special attention after he retired from the farm to Huntley in 1884. In order to properly handle his stock, he built a large barn

for it at Huntley. His stock business is now owned by his son, Edward.

On February 28, 1867, Patrick Keating was married to Margaret A. Harmon at Woodstock. She is a daughter of Michael and Ann (Quinn) Harmon, both of whom were born in Kings County, Ireland, but came to the United States in 1840, and located in Seneca Township, two miles west of Woodstock, where she died in 1902, aged eighty-seven years, he surviving her for four years, passing away at the age of ninety years.

Mr. and Mrs. Keating became the parents of the following children: William, who had spent some years at Wallace, Idaho, entered the service of the Knights of Columbus organization for work in France during the World War; Edward, who is in a real-estate and stock business at Huntley; Thomas, who is a resident of Chicago; Bernard, who is with his brother Edward; Michael, who was a veteran of the Spanish-American War, died July 6, 1915; Elizabeth, who is now living with her parents, was for some years a public school teacher, and for three years was thus engaged at Huntley; Mary, who was a public school teacher in McHenry County and the Elgin High School, is now engaged in War Savings branch of the United States Treasury at Chicago; James, who is engaged in life insurance work, is at home; and Ann, who was a court stenographer at Chicago for some years, is now Mrs. Harold Morton of Yonkers, N. Y. All of the family belong to St. Mary's Catholic church of Huntley.

Mrs. Keating is one of the most intelligent ladies of McHenry County, and much of her husband's remarkable success is due to her foresight and business acumen. Warm hearted and impulsive, she is quick to act and prompt to respond to any call upon her sympathies, and during the late war was very energetic in forwarding the cause in her neighborhood.

JOHN T. KELAHAN.

John T. Kelahan, postmaster of Algonquin, is one of the extensive realty dealers specializing on farm lands. He was born June 16, 1862, a son of Thomas and Mary (Cunningham) Kelaban, who had eight children, seven of whom now survive. Thomas Kelahan was born in the state of New York, and originally was a farmer, but later became a merchant and was engaged in that line of business when he died, September 14, 1875. His wife died February 19, 1918.

John T. Kelahan attended the common and high schools, and was reared on a farm. He remained with his parents until the death of his father, and then assumed the responsibilities of conducting the farm. Later he became associated with the Borden Company at Algonquin, and was so connected for fifteen years, the last year being superintendent. Upon his appointment as postmaster of Algonquin, March 3, 1915, by President Wilson, he resigned from his firm, but in addition to discharging the duties of his position, he deals in farm lands upon an extensive scale.

In 1908 Mr. Kelahan was married to Martha Doyle, a daughter of Thomas Doyle, and they have three children, namely: John T., Jr., Russell L., and Thomas R. The family are all members of the Catholic church. In politics Mr. Kelahan is a Democrat. His fraternal connections are with the Modern Woodmen of America. His administration of the affairs of the post office is such as to commend him to the general public, while personally he has many warm friends not only in McHenry County, but Chicago as well, being very well known in both sections of the state. He was mayor of Algonquin for six years, from 1907 to 1913, and during his term of office brought about many improvements, one of the most important being the city sewerage system. Mr. Kelahan served for four years as postmaster of Algonquin under President Grover Cleveland's last administration.

ABNER W. KELLEY.

Abner W. Kelley, now deceased, was one of the prominent men of McHenry County, and long a resident of Marengo, and he was born in Canada July 26, 1859, and died December 6, 1918. When he was three years old he was brought to Marengo, and was here reared. He learned the trade of a machinist, and worked at it all of his life, principally in McHenry County, although he spent a year in Virginia engaged in farming. Returning to Marengo, he resumed his business of handling Ford cars, in which he had been engaged before moving South, and he had the record of running the first Ford in McHenry County, having bought it in 1904. Mr. Kelley bought the first two Fords in the county, driving them from Kalamazoo to Marengo, and from that time on continued to handle them. In connection with his agency he conducted a garage and a machine shop established by his



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father in 1872. He and his brother built a new garage 80 x 150 feet, with an ample repair department, and a fine display window, there being none better in the county, and he had just arranged matters satisfactorily so as to take things more leisurely when death claimed him. Associated with him in the garage business were his two sons, who have served in the World War. Mr. Kelley was a Republican, and had served on County Committees as well as being interested in securing the well being and progress of his community, serving several terms as alderman. Mr. Kelley was an elder in the Presbyterian church.

On May 14, 1888, Mr. Kelley was married to Caroline Kimball, born in Massachusetts, but reared at Elgin, Ill. Her father was a hardware merchant, and one of the oldest business men of Elgin. Mr. and Mrs. Kelley were the parents of the following children: Pauline, who married R. S. Fidler of Aurora, Ill.; Charles, Joy and Benjamin, who are conducting the garage business formerly owned by their father; Fred, who is attending Lake Forest College, was also in the service during the World War; Theodore, who is also at Lake Forest College; Abner, who is attending Beloit College; and Caroline, who is at home. Charles Kelley served in the Second Division, Army of Occupation, having crossed to France in December, 1917, and was a hospital supply driver. Joy Kelley served in France in automobile repair work.

On December 6, 1918, Mr. Kelley was returning from Chicago with a car, when he was taken with heart failure and was found near Elgin by other autoists in his car dead at the wheel.

JOHN T. KELLEY.

John T. Kelley, ex-mayor of Huntley, vice president of the Huntley State Bank, and grain merchant, is numbered among the most representative men of McHenry County. He was born December 19, 1867, a son of John G. and Sarah (Coyne) Kelley, and grandson of James Coyne.

John G. Kelley was born in Ireland, and after his father's death, which occurred when he was thirteen years old, he was brought to the United States by his mother. He and a brother, Thomas, were engaged in an implement business at Chicago, later living at St. Charles, and Crystal Lake, Ill., and finally coming to Huntley in 1862, where he was engaged in operating a blacksmith shop until 1885. In that year

he sold his shop and continued to supervise his extensive farming interests until his death which occurred January 7, 1915. He and his wife were devout members of the Catholic church.

John T. Kelley attended the public schools and the Drew Business College of Elgin, Ill., being graduated from the latter March 16, 1886. When he was fourteen years old he entered the employ of W. G. Sawyer & Co., and remained with this concern for twelve years, and then bought a half interest in it, and when Mr. Sawyer died March 15, 1912, he purchased his interest from the estate, and continued the business alone, under his own name for three years, when he took in Harry Hilbert as a partner. The firm of Kelley & Hilbert handled flour, feed, grain and coal, and did a large business, amounting to \$60,000 annually.

Mr. Kelley is now the president of the Huntley Farmers Supply Company, organized September 1, 1918, and owns a number of shares in the same. His son is treasurer, and Mr. Hilbert acts as secretary. The business has a capital of \$30,000, and an extensive business is carried on in coal, grain, flour, feed, seeds, etc.

Mr. Kelley also owns 500 acres of choice farm land in Grafton Township. When the Huntley State Bank was organized, Mr. Kelley was made a director, and in 1916, he was elected vice president. Very prominent locally, Mr. Kelley has served as postmaster, village clerk, township trustee, school director, town clerk and mayor of Huntley, and is now secretary of the school board.

In 1893 Mr. Kelley was married to Miss Mary Connor, a daughter of Jeremiah Connor of Kane County. Mr. and Mrs. Kelley have the following children: Marie, who is Mrs. Raymond J. Donohue of Kane County; Gordon J., who is in business with his father; Margaret and Raymond J., who are at home. Mr. Kelley belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America. Mr. and Mrs. Kelley and family are devout members of the Catholic church.

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WILLIS JAMES KITTLE.

Willis James Kittle, one of the substantial farmers of Nunda Township, owns a finely-improved farm on sections 11, 12 and 15 of this town-

ship. He was born in Nunda Township, October 3, 1856, a son of James and Jane Isabella (Mosgrave) Kittle, who spent the greater part of their lives in Nunda Township, where they were engaged in farming. The maternal grandfather of Willis James Kittle, settled on the present farm of the latter, in 1844, buying a large part of it from the government.

Growing up in his native township, Willis James Kittle attended its common schools, and then studied for two terms at the normal school at Valparaiso, Ind. Early taught to make himself useful on the farm, he has spent the greater part of his life in agricultural pursuits, although earlier in life he was also engaged in school-teaching, and had some practical experience in mercantile work, in which he was engaged for several years commencing with 1893, during the period of the World's Fair at Chicago. He is a strong Republican, and during 1881, served as township collector, and has been on the school board, and also as a village trustee. The Methodist Episcopal church holds his membership, and he is highly regarded in the local congregation.

Mr. Kittle was married (first) at Ringwood, Ill., to Rose L. Niekle, who was born at Ringwood, September 5, 1855, and they had one son, Roy L. Kittle, who died October 30, 1918. After the death of his first wife, Mr. Kittle was married (second), at Crystal Lake, Ill., to Miss Laura A. Paine, who was born at Crystal Lake, July 31, 1876. Mr. and Mrs. Kittle have one son, James Lewis Kittle, who was born April 11, 1913. The family residence is at Crystal Lake, although Mr. Kittle still owns and operates his farm. Few men stand any higher in public esteem than he, and he deserves the place he occupies in his community for he has won it through personal effort and real merit.

LENTILLES KIZER.

Lentilles Kizer, a retired farmer of Harvard, belongs to the old and honored Kizer family of McHenry County, and was born on the farm his father secured from the government, July 12, 1856. He is a son of Warren Kizer, one of four brothers, Morgan, Jacob, Warren and Morris Kizer, who came to McHenry County in 1844. Warren Kizer's farm joined that of Jacob on the south, while the farm Morris secured was across the road, so the three brothers had an undivided piece of land. Morgan Kizer was about three-quarters of a mile away from the others. The latter left the county about 1861, and died at Oregon, Ill. Morris

sold his farm before the outbreak of the Civil War, but bought another one in Chemung Township, where he died, and his property was later sold and his family is scattered.

Warren Kizer was married in New York state to Sophronia Brees, and at once came West. They had but the one child, who was born in a log house, but about 1859, a new residence was built, and in it he died August 5, 1868. For some years prior to his demise he was in poor health, and his wife did fine sewing and trimmed hats, gaining a widespread reputation for the quality of her work. For several years he and Warren were in partnership with the Waite brothers and they conducted a general store at the State Line Corners, but after the establishment of the village of Sharon, on account of the building of the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad, the trade was drawn away from that region, the business was abandoned, and Mr. Kizer returned to his farm in 1860. In young manhood he taught school, and was the first teacher at the Big Foot school, five miles from home, and he walked back and forth, receiving only \$12 and his board per month, for his services. When he went for his certificate, he was asked if he could make a quill pen, and when he replied that he could, he was told to write out a certificate, and it was at once signed, the one question and answer constituting the only examination given him. The little schoolhouse in which he first taught was built of cobblestones, and he also taught in his home district. All four brothers were Republicans after the formation of that party. Warren Kizer's wife survived him until April 23, 1902. Their marriage certificate, still in the possession of his son, is dated Fairport, N. Y., April 28, 1844, and shows that he was born in Lucerne County, Pa., June 14, 1816, and she in Chemung County, N. Y., February 4, 1818.

Lentilles Kizer was twelve years old when his father died, and the next four years were spent by him in attending school and in helping his mother. When he was sixteen years old, he began operating the farm, which he owns, leaving it in 1907, to locate at Harvard, although he still supervises the work of the farm, keeping it well improved, and he has a very fine farm. His residence, located on an elevation, is the original house lived in by his father, but he has practically rebuilt it, and made it very modern. Mr. Kizer is a Republican.

On May 27, 1880, Mr. Kizer was married to Lettie E. Burton, a daughter of Billings and Harriet (Sweasey) Burton, born on the Burton farm, April 16, 1860. Mr. and Mrs. Kizer have no children.

ROLLAND C. KIZER.

Rolland C. Kizer, who owns one of the best farms in Chemung Township, is located eight miles northwest of Harvard and three miles east of Sharon, and was born on this farm October 17, 1853, a son of Jacob and Sarah (Smith) Kizer, natives of Pennsylvania, where they were married. The paternal grandfather, Samuel Kizer, accompanied Jacob Kizer when he journeyed overland to Ohio, and with them were two brothers of the latter, Warren and Marius. They came on to McHenry County, the younger men all securing government land, which they developed and spent the remainder of their lives in this vicinity. The old grandfather lived with Jacob Kizer until his death which occurred at the age of ninety-three years. A son of Warren Kizer owns his father's homestead which joins the one of Jacob Kizer, and on it Warren Kizer died at the age of seventy years. His wife was also a Pennsylvanian. Marius had a farm opposite to the one of Warren, but he later sold it and went to Rock Island County, Ill., and there died, his family remaining there also. When the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad was built, all the brothers helped in the construction work, and they were among the organizers of the township. Warren served the township as assessor for years.

Jacob Kizer, in partnership with John A. and William A. Waite, conducted a general store at the State Line Corners, and in addition to the store and post office there was a blacksmith shop and a few houses, the nucleus of a village, but with the building of the railroad and the establishment of Sharon, business drifted to the new town, and Jacob Kizer returned to his farm which he conducted for twenty-five years, but then retired. He was born December 10, 1815, and died February 12, 1896. His wife was born November 24, 1816, and died October 21, 1897. They were married November 11, 1841. Their children were as follows: Laura M., who married Edward V. Phelps, a banker of Harvard; Ann E., who was born July 24, 1846, died in the cholera epidemic of 1870; Hamilton, who was the first of the children born in Illinois, his birth occurring June 11, 1847, lives at Harvard; Edward S., who was a creamery man of Sherland, Ill., died February 2, 1897; R. C., who is mentioned below; Lydia R., who married Robert Brown of Sharon, Wis., a farmer, died December 18, 1909; and Frank, who is engaged in a creamery business of Wapaca, Wis., left McHenry County in young manhood.

Jacob Kizer was one of the active Republicans of his township, but

never could be induced to accept of public honors. During the early days he was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church at State Line Corners, but later connected himself with the Cary Church at Sharon, and died firm in its faith. He was a man who held the respect of his neighbors and deserved it for he was upright, hard working, thrifty, a good citizen and reliable man.

Rolland C. Kizer has added to his father's homestead until he now has 140 acres. His house was erected by his father, but he has practically re-built it. He has also built a barn, silo and made numerous other improvements. For years he has devoted himself to dairying and keeps from seventeen to twenty cows of the Holstein strain. Like his father Mr. Kizer is a strong Republican.

On March 10, 1886, Mr. Kizer was married to Frances Hawver, a daughter of Charles Hawver, born and reared at Big Fork, Chemung Township. Mrs. Kizer died February 8, 1888. Mr. Kizer has not re-married. He has a splendid tenant on his farm. In young manhood, Mr. Kizer united with the Methodist Episcopal church at Sherland, and later transferred to the one at Sharon. He is a Blue Lodge Mason, being affiliated with the lodge at Sharon. Like his father he enjoys the confidence of all who know him, the county owes him and his much for the representatives of his name have borne an important part in the development of this part of the state.

CLAYTON W. KLONTZ, M. D.

Clayton W. Klontz, M. D., one of the prominent members of the medical profession of McHenry County, is engaged in practice at Richmond, where he located August 1, 1917. He was born in Illinois, April 25, 1890, a son of Isaac and Marguerite (Folgate) Klontz, who were the parents of five children, four of whom survive. Isaac Klontz was born in Ohio, but came to Illinois when two years old. He later engaged in farming continuing in this line until his death, in 1908. An excellent farmer and good business man he was very successful, and stood well in his home community.

Doctor Klontz attended the grade and high schools of Freeport, Ill., and the University of Illinois for three years, taking a science course, and later became a student of the Northwestern University, from which he was graduated in 1916. For eighteen months thereafter he was

connected with St. Anthony's Hospital at Chicago, where he gained a very valuable experience. Since coming to Richmond he has won the approval of his fellow practitioners and the favor of the public, by his knowledge of his profession and his skillful treatment of his cases. He is a member of the McHenry County Medical Society. A man of strong convictions he prefers to vote according to his own views instead of binding himself down by party ties.

Doctor Klontz was married to Miss Lula M. Swanson, a daughter of Herman and Mary (Wrightson) Swanson of Lewiston, Mich. Both Doctor and Mrs. Klontz are protestants in religious faith.

GARDNER A. KNAPP.

Gardner A. Knapp, superintendent of the County farm at Hartland, has a practical knowledge of farming that particularly fits him for his present position which he has held since 1913. He was born on a farm in Iowa, April 13, 1868, one of the nine children of Ebenezer R. and Emily (Thompson) Knapp. Ebenezer Knapp was born in New York, from whence he came West as far as Ohio, and after a stop in that state, to McHenry County, in 1855, and locating at Woodstock, carried on a wagon-making business until 1871. In the later year he moved to Seneca Township, and for some years was engaged in farming. He died January 10, 1905. During the Civil War he served in Company G, Seventeenth Illinois Cavalry. His wife survives.

Gardner A. Knapp was reared in McHenry County and attended its schools. He has alternated farming and working at his trade as a carpenter, but since 1913, he has devoted his time and attention to the care of the inmates of the county home. This home was built in 1884, and opened on December 10 of that year. At present there are thirty-eight inmates. The farm comprises 109 acres of land, and the buildings are supplied with modern conveniences.

On February 16, 1898, Mr. Knapp was married to Miss Marian E. Barrows, a sketch of her family appearing elsewhere in this work. Mr. and Mrs. Knapp have the following children: Paul E., who was born January 21, 1900; Mabel, who was born June 24, 1908; Russell, who was born December 24, 1911; Gerald, who died at the age of one month, and two who died in infancy. The family attend the Methodist Episcopal church. In politics Mr. Knapp is a Republican, and he has served as a

justice of the peace and town collector. Under his wise and judicious management the poor of the county receive attention and at the same time are kindly led to till their farm so as to provide in some measure for their food supply. Mr. Knapp is a Royal-Arch and Shriner Mason, and he also belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America.

MICHAEL KNOX.

Michael Knox, a farmer of Nunda Township, who deserves more than passing mention in a work of this character, belongs to one of the old families of McHenry County. He was born in this county, January 21, 1864, a son of John Knox, who was born in Ireland in 1819, and died in 1887.

John Knox came to the United States in young manhood, and soon after his arrival, located in McHenry County, where he became a farmer. He was married to Mary Noonan, born in Ireland, who was brought to the United States by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Noonan, and they became early settlers of McHenry County. John Knox and his wife had the following children: Ella Bolger; Anna Doherty; Elizabeth, who is Mrs. M. Conway; Mary; Alice; John; Michael, all of whom are living; and Thomas, Edward and two infant daughters, who are deceased. In politics John Knox was an independent Democrat. Buying 160 acres of land, he farmed it until his death, and was a very successful man.

Michael Knox attended the district schools, and grew up on the farm. With the exception of two years spent in Chicago, Mr. Knox has always lived in McHenry County. For three years he rented a farm, and then bought 160 acres on section 15, Nunda Township, on which he has since carried on general farming and dairying with gratifying results.

In 1895 Mr. Knox was married to Mary A. Doherty, born in Nunda Township, a daughter of Michael and Mary (Knox) Doherty, natives of Ireland. Mr. and Mrs. Knox have the following children: Florence, who is a teacher; Francis; Edward, who served on the U. S. S. Massachusetts; Harold T.; Robert; Vernon; Mabel and Marie, who are living; and Ellen, who is deceased. Mr. Knox is an independent Democrat. During the more than half a century Mr. Knox has lived in McHenry County, he has borne his part in its development.



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FRANK KREUTZER.

Frank Kreutzer, one of the successful men of McHenry County, resides in Grafton Township, three miles north of Huntley, where he owns a valuable farm. He was born in Bavaria, Germany, February 24, 1854, a son of John and Mary Ann Kreutzer, a sketch of whom is to be found elsewhere in this work. Frank Kreutzer was twelve years old when the family came to the United States, and thirteen, when settlement was made in McHenry County. When John Kreutzer sold the homestead to his sons, Paul and John, Frank Kreutzer began working for John Coil of Kane County, and after one year on his farm, spent two years on the farm of William A. Boies, receiving \$18 per month for the first year, and \$23 for the second. During these three years he was able to save \$300, and with the \$900 he received from his father, he had enough money to go into partnership, in 1878, with his brother George and buy his present farm of 160 acres, all of which was open prairie, covered with stones. They paid \$25 per acre for this farm, and at that time could have bought an improved farm for \$35 per acre. They each paid \$1,000, and went into debt for \$3,000, paying ten percent interest for two years, when they were able to negotiate a loan at six percent. Still later, Frank Kreutzer bought his brother's share.

There were so many stones on the farm, many of them of considerable size that Mr. Kreutzer decided to make use of them, and utilized them in the erection of his buildings, in this way securing a durable and cheap material. It took an almost unending amount of hard work to clear and develop the land, and it was not until 1912 that he paid off his debt in full. Prices were very low during the early days, milk selling for sixty cents per can, from which the freight of seventeen cents had to be subtracted. In fact for some years he made nothing from his herd, but later on he changed his grade of cattle, and improved the quality and increased the volume of his production. During President McKinley's administration land in the rural regions began to increase, prices rose for farm products and he was able to make substantial payments on his debt, and thus reduced his interest. Mr. Kreutzer has continued to improve his property, and has redeemed about sixty acres of ponds and swamp land by proper drainage. His residence and other buildings are located on an elevation overlooking not only his own farm, but an area of several miles in extent, and his entire premises show that they are carefully superintended by one who understands his business and takes a pride in having everything just right. His barn is 36x112 feet,

and 35 feet in height, with full basement, and he has room for over fifty head of cattle in big box stalls. He has made milk his leading feature, and milks forty-five head, feeding all the crop he raises to his stock. As his soil is kept in prime condition, his crops are large. He has a large silo, and other improvements, and his interests are centered in his farm.

In 1880, when he was twenty-three years old, Mr. Kreutzer was married to Mary M. Pobb, born in Illinois, her parents being residents of Buffalo Grove, Lake County, Ill. Mr. and Mrs. Kreutzer became the parents of the following children: John; Rosa, who married Andrew Schmidt of Huntley, a mason by trade; Anna, who is at home; Lizzie, who married Joseph Zelover, is now at home, her husband having died in November, 1918; Andrew; Willie, who spent six months at Camp Hancock, during the Great War, expected to be sent to France, but did not receive orders on account of the signing of the Armistice; and Leo, who is on the farm, as are all of the other sons. Mr. Kreutzer and his family belong to St. Mary's Catholic church of Huntley. He is one of the strongest kind of Republicans, and firmly believes that only under Republican administration can this country develop a healthy prosperity, pointing out with accuracy the hard times which have always followed the return of Democrats to power. His information on this subject shows that he has studied the history of his adopted country, and his willingness to give these facts, proves his fearlessness in backing his beliefs.

PAUL KREUTZER.

Paul Kreutzer, a director of the State Bank of Huntley, and an extensive farmer of Grafton Township, is one of the most substantial men of this region, and resides at Huntley. He was director of the Chicago, Waukegan & Fox Lake Traction Company during the years 1912 and 1913, in which he lost several thousand dollars. Mr. Kreutzer was born in Bavaria, Germany, November 22, 1848, but since coming to this country, has imbibed the true spirit of his adopted land, and is thoroughly Americanized in thought and act. He is a son of John and Mary Ann Kreutzer, farming people.

In 1866 John Kreutzer came to the United States, and spent a year at Springfield, Ill., coming thence to McHenry County, locating on the farm still owned by his son, Paul, which contained 211 acres, forty acres of which were covered with timber, and the remainder is in prairie, to

which Paul Kreutzer has since added until he now has 311 acres, his last purchase of twenty-two acres costing him \$225 per acre, which same land was offered to him forty years ago at \$75. Mr. Kreutzer has built a new set of buildings and made many other improvements, having one of the best rural properties in his neighborhood. This farm lies mainly in Kane County, just across the county line. Mr. Kreutzer has always carried on dairying, milking from sixty-five to seventy cows, but is now having a smaller herd as he has rented a portion of his property. In addition to his barns, he has two silos, and does all of his work according to modern methods. At one time he was associated in the operation of a local creamery. While he is a Democrat, Mr. Kreutzer is not an office seeker.

When he was twenty-seven years old, he was married to Kunigunda Sporlein, at Buffalo Grove, Ill., where she was born, a daughter of Christ Sporlein, whose father had secured land from the government during the early forties, and this farm is still owned by George Sporlein, a brother of Mrs. Kreutzer. Mr. and Mrs. Kreutzer became the parents of the following children: Walburgo, who married a Mr. Daniel Crimmins, and died six months later at the age of twenty-four years; Charley, who is at home; and Joseph, who is also at home. Joseph Kreutzer registered for service under the first draft and was expecting to be called into the service when the Armistice was signed. Mr. Kreutzer is an honest man and looks it. The soul of sincerity, he lives up to his word and expects others to be as honest as he. Strong in his convictions, he does not lack the courage of them, nor does he fear to give expression to his opinions. Powerful in physique, he has always been able and willing to do two men's work, and his industry and energy have resulted in a much-deserved prosperity. During the late war Mr. Kreutzer was one of the men of German birth who proved their loyalty to the United States in countless ways, and is justly numbered among the very desirable citizens of the county. His methods of farming are such as to win approval from his associates, and many of them are adopted by those who appreciate their value and desire to bring about similar results to the ones attained by him. He is a member of the Catholic church at Huntley.

JOHN P. KROEGER.

John P. Kroeger, a director of the United State Bank of Crystal Lake and proprietor of the garage at Crystal Lake that bears his name,

is also agent for the Ford cars. He was born in Germany, July 24, 1862, a son of Joseph and Mary (Roggensack) Kroeger, who had nine children, three of whom survive. Joseph Kroeger was born in Germany. He died in this country in 1893, having been a farmer all his life.

John P. Kroeger was reared on his father's farm, and attended the public schools of his native land. In 1883, he came to the United States and located at Crystal Lake, and worked at various trades. In 1893 he was appointed postmaster at Crystal Lake, and at same time embarked in a mercantile business which he recently sold. In February, 1914, he branched out, becoming agent for the Ford cars, and in 1918 completed his present modern garage at a cost of \$18,000, since which time he has conducted a large service station. He has a partner in the automobile business, operating under the name of Kroeger & Raubut, the firm having been established in 1917. Since its re-organization, Mr. Kroeger has been a director of the United State Bank of Crystal Lake.

In 1887, Mr. Kroeger was united in marriage with Miss Rika Berg, a daughter of John Berg, who was born in Germany. Mr. and Mrs. Kroeger became the parents of five children, namely: William E.; Mary, who died September 9, 1916; Paul F.; and Hulda and Edith (twins) who are at home. The family belong to the Lutheran church. Mr. Kroeger is a Republican. He is one of the best business men at Crystal Lake, and is held in high respect by all who know him.

CHARLES KRUSE.

Charles Kruse, one of the prominent business men of Richmond, owns and operates one of the most prosperous hardware stores in McHenry County. He was born at West Chicago, Ill., December 21, 1872, one of the nine children of John and Sophia (Hilgendorf) Kruse. For many years John Kruse was section foreman for the Northwestern Railroad, and he is still living, but his wife died November 6, 1919.

Charles Kruse attended the public schools of his locality and learned the tinner's trade, following it for some time, and he still has a well-equipped tinning and plumbing shop in connection with his present business. For some years he continued to be a resident of West Chicago, but in 1898 moved to Richmond, and erected his present store building in 1905, at a cost of \$12,000. In normal times he carries a stock ranging

from \$15,000 to \$20,000. He usually has four people in his employ. In January, 1920, he incorporated his business as the Kruse Hardware Company, under which name he is now operating. In addition to his business interests at Richmond, Mr. Kruse owns 115 acres of land in Richmond Township, that is very valuable, a 125-acre farm in Randall Township, Kenosha County, Wis., and considerable realty at Richmond, he being one of the wealthiest men of his community.

In 1898 Mr. Kruse was married to Miss Anna Mordhorst, a daughter of John Mordhorst, a prominent farmer of Kane County, Ill. Mr. and Mrs. Kruse have had the following children: Helen S., who is the wife of Richard G. Richardson; Charles E., who is attending the University of Illinois; Anna Bernice, who died April 1, 1920; and John Wallace, who is at home.

In politics Mr. Kruse is a Republican. He and his family belong to the Lutheran church, but attend the Methodist Episcopal church to which he contributes. His many and varied interests keep him fully occupied, but he does not neglect his civic duties, and can always be relied upon to give an instant and effective support to all measures which he believes will bring about an improvement in existing conditions. He is vice-president of the State Bank of Richmond, a director of the Community High School of Richmond and Burton Townships, and president of the Business Men's Association.

EDWARD FRED KUECKER.

Edward Fred Kuecker, supervisor of Seneca Township, and one of the representative men of McHenry County, is successfully engaged in farming, four miles northeast of Marengo, and eight miles southwest of Woodstock. He was born in Du Page County, Ill., February 28, 1880, a son of Richard and Charlotte (Winkelmann) Kuecker, both of whom were born in Hanover, Germany, where they were married. Soon after their marriage, in 1869, they came to the United States to join two of his sisters who had located in Du Page County, Ill. In 1910, he retired, and moved to Marengo where he is now living, taking life easily. Richard Kuecker owns one of the very valuable farms of McHenry County, having come to it in 1885. It is located in Coral Township, one mile south of the village of Coral. It was an undeveloped tract of land when he bought it, and much hard work was required to bring

it into its present fine state, but that he was able to perform, and few men of the vicinity deserve greater credit for their labor than he. In 1916 his property was visited by a devastating fire, and all of the buildings were utterly destroyed, not a gate being left untouched. He immediately went to work and rebuilt them all, making them thoroughly modern and much better than they were originally. In addition to having the best of buildings, fencing and equipment, Mr. Kuecker has thoroughly drained his land, and holds it at a high figure. His children are as follows: Henry, who is in the employ of the Borden Company at Marengo; William, who is a farmer of Riley Township; Edward F., whose name heads this review; Fred, who is a farmer of Coral Township; Richard, who lives on the old homestead, suffered the loss of several horses, grain, hay, tools, etc., at the time of the fire; George, who lives at Marengo; Sophia, who is Mrs. August Kloszeski of Coral Township; Emma, who is Mrs. Albert Winakelmann of Elgin, Ill.; Dorothy, who is Mrs. Monte Standiford of Belvidere, Ill.; Alvina, who lives at Warsaw, Ind.; and Matilda, who is the wife of Frank Miller, an auctioneer of Marengo.

Edward F. Kuecker assisted his father to clear off the homestead, and remained at home until his marriage, which occurred November 19, 1902, when he was twenty-two years old, at which time he was united with Sophia Mueller, a daughter of J. D. Mueller, now deceased, but late of Seneca Township, his old farm now being conducted by his two sons, Rudolph and William. Mrs. Kuecker was born at St. Louis, Mo., and was only four years old when she was brought to Seneca Township.

Mr. and Mrs. Kuecker have five children, namely: Alvin, Edwin, Wilhelmina and Ellen, living, and Lydia, deceased.

After marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Kuecker rented land in Marengo Township for four years, and then bought eighty acres. On it Mr. Kuecker has erected a silo and outbuildings, and has added twenty-four acres to his original purchase, for which he paid \$100 per acre. Forty acres adjacent to a creek, formerly very low land, have been drained, and the whole farm today is in a high state of cultivation. Starting in a small way, Mr. Kuecker has branched out into a breeder of fine Holstein cattle, of which he has a magnificent herd, all pure bred, and he has also a widespread reputation as a successful breeder of White Leghorn chickens.

A stalwart Republican, Mr. Kuecker was highway commissioner

for four years prior to 1915, and in that year was elected supervisor, and has since been re-elected. He is a member of the local school board and one of the three directors comprising the McHenry County High School Board, of which he is president, becoming a member of the board which came into existence under the new law, which provides the privilege of high school students attending the school most convenient to their place of residence, regardless of townships or district lines, the county bearing the tuition expense. Mr. Kuecker belongs to Zion Lutheran church at Marengo, and has long been very active as a member of its choir, and he is also president of the Marengo Band Association, which he helped to organize. A born musician, Mr. Kuecker has worked hard to cultivate an appreciation of good music, and his efforts are bearing fruit.

CLAUDE C. LACE.

Claude C. Lace, junior member of the firm of Lace & Reimer, proprietors of the Algonquin Garage, is one of the leading young business men of Algonquin. He was born at New Milford, Ill., January 21, 1890, the only child of Thomas and Hattie (Cipperly) Lace. Thomas Lace was formerly one of the prosperous farmers near Rockford, Ill., but is now residing at Rockford.

Claude C. Lace was reared at Rockford, and attended its common and high schools. For a time he was engaged in assisting his father on the farm, after he had completed his studies, and then he began learning the trade of a machinist. Completing his apprenticeship at this trade, he put it to practical use, and December 9, 1914, formed his present association. The firm carries a stock valued at \$7,000, and in addition to operating a general garage and machine shop, they conduct a Goodyear service station, and do a very large business in all lines.

In 1916 Mr. Lace was united in marriage with Miss Minnie Werneke, a daughter of William Werneke, and a member of one of the pioneer families of Algonquin. She died December 31, 1918, leaving one child, Ruth M. Lace.

In politics, Mr. Lace is a Republican. He is one of the alert young men of the county, and deserves the prosperity which is attending him, for he has worked hard and intelligently to bring it about.

JAMES C. LADD.

James C. Ladd, one of the retired farmers and business men of Ringwood, has been active in affairs of McHenry County, and Clark County, Iowa. He was born one mile north of Ringwood, August 12, 1817, a son of Wesley Ladd, who died March 25, 1897. His first wife, whose maiden name was Caroline Colburn, died October 1st, 1853, having borne him two children, namely: James C. and Frederica. The daughter remained with her father, and died unmarried, September 1, 1906, in the family home at Ringwood, to which her father moved in 1882, and which he had owned for fifty years. By his second marriage with Phebe Haley, Wesley Ladd had the following children: Amelia, who is Mrs. E. H. Carter, of Jefferson, Iowa; Nellie C., who is Mrs. Charles M. Prickett, of Elizabeth, Colo., was a teacher until her marriage; Carrie, who is Mrs. Willard E. Smith, of Ringwood; Elma, who died in 1881; and Mary A., who married Oliver Southwick, a merchant of Williams Bay, Wis. Wesley Ladd owned 570 acres of land near Ringwood, at one time being one of the most extensive farmers of this region. In addition to farming, he dealt in grain and pork upon a large scale, especially during the Civil War, and was one of the leading men of McHenry County.

James C. Ladd remained with his father until his marriage, which occurred February 7, 1877, when he was united to Elizabeth Harrison, a daughter of Francis and Catherine (Ward) Harrison of Nunda Township, to which locality they had come from New York state in 1846, and there spent the remainder of their lives. He was born in Yorkshire, England, and she in Oneida County, N. Y. Following their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Harrison moved to Clinton County, N. Y., and lived there until their migration to Illinois. Mr. Harrison died in 1878, aged sixty-eight years; and she died in 1902, aged eighty-five years, having survived her husband for twenty-four years. Mrs. Ladd was born in Nunda Township, February 14, 1854.

At the time of his marriage, Mr. Ladd rented a farm in McHenry County and remained on it for a few years, and then went to Clark County, Iowa, where in 1886, he bought 280 acres of land, for which he paid \$3,500. At the death of his father, he returned to McHenry County as he was named as one of the executors of the estate, although he had become very prominent in Clark County, being one of the three county commissioners, who in 1893, erected the courthouse at a cost of \$50,000, one of the finest ones in the state. It stands in the public



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square, and his name, among others, appears on the cornerstone. As he realized it would take some time to settle his father's extensive affairs, he finally sold his Iowa farm. As a portion of his share of the estate, Mr. Ladd received the family residence at Ringwood, where he has lived for some years. He has been engaged in stock shipping, and owns a 140-acre farm near Ringwood, on which he has made many repairs and put in improvements so that it is now a valuable property. For two terms Mr. Ladd served as supervisor of McHenry Township. A Republican, he cast his first presidential vote for General Grant while he was attending the State University at Urbana, Ill. Mr. and Mrs. Ladd have no children. Since 1885 Mr. Ladd has been a member of McHenry Lodge No. 158, A. F. & A. M. Mrs. Ladd is a member of the Eastern Star. He is a Universalist and the local society of that belief, having no house of worship, holds its meetings at the homes of those belonging to it. Both Mr. and Mrs. Ladd are held in the highest esteem and have many warm friends both in McHenry and Clark counties.

JOHN CARL LADWIG.

It has long been a recognized fact that the agriculturalist occupies a very important place in the economic plan of any country, and recent events have proven how independent the farmer of the United States is of outside influences. If he owns his land he has not only a home assured him, but ample food supply, while from the majority of rural properties enough fuel can be gathered to provide heat. He can easily exchange his produce for clothing, or at a pinch can, as did his ancestors, raise cotton and wool. Because of the realization of the fact that the farmer is fundamentally back of all industry has brought about a greater appreciation of the value of his efforts in the past. One of the men who was closely connected with the agricultural development of McHenry County was the late John Carl Ladwig, who for years was a farmer of Greenwood Township.

John Carl Ladwig was born in Wentsbangendorf, Pommern, Germany, March 27, 1847. In 1872 he came to the United States and settled at Crystal Lake and for a time was occupied with farming for others and then, in 1874, he rented the James Smith farm in Algonquin Township. It was not long, however, before he bought a farm of his own, comprising 120 acres of land in Greenwood Township, which he

operated for nine years, or until his death, which occurred on May 25, 1903. His family sold the farm and moved to Woodstock, where they own a comfortable home.

In 1874 he was married to Miss Marie Schlottmann and they became the parents of Louis, Robert, Emma and Augusta. Mrs. Ladwig died in 1885. In 1886 Mr. Ladwig was married to Mrs. Zimmerman, and they became the parents of the following children: John, who died in 1907; Carl; Alexander, and Clara. Mr. Ladwig was a hard-working, thrifty man, he stood very high in public esteem and was recognized as one of the solid men of his community, and one upon whom implicit reliance could be placed. His widow and children share in the general approbation he won, and are members of a congenial social circle at Woodstock.

JAMES LAKE.

James Lake, one of the very influential men of Harvard, who is interested in some of the most important affairs of the city and county, was born in Walworth County, Wis., eight miles north of Harvard, and one mile north of the state line, September 23, 1850, a son of Beardsley Lake. The latter was born in New York, a son of Rev. Philip Waldo Lake, a minister of the Free Will Baptist church, who came west in 1839, settling on Big Foot Prairie, where he secured 640 acres of land. The next spring, Beardsley Lake's wife and two children joined him. Her maiden name was Mary K. Welsh, and she was born in the same neighborhood as he. They settled on 320 acres of the land above mentioned.

James Lake was two years old when his mother brought him to this farm, and he lived on it until 1876 when he came to Harvard, and two years later he bought an interest in the business of Mr. Clark, and maintained that connection for three years. He then bought the business owned by A. D. Crum of Walworth, Wis., conducting it for three years, when Mr. Crum became his partner. Once more Mr. Lake bought Mr. Crum's interest and continued alone for eight years. At the expiration of that period he took into partnership, his son-in-law. This business was originally founded by James Lake's uncle, Levi Lake, and has been continuously in the Lake family ever since, with the exception of the time it was owned by Mr. Crum. Lumber, coal, feed and similar commodities are handled, and since 1876 the firm has handled stock,

buying, selling and shipping upon an extensive scale. In connection with the stock end of the business, Mr. Lake has owned several farms at different times. He is a staunch Republican, and for ten years served as supervisor of Chemung Township. The Congregational church holds his membership. Mr. Lake is a Knight-Templar Mason. Few men are held in higher esteem in McHenry and Walworth counties than he, and he deserves a place in a work of this high character.

JOSEPH I. LANG.

Joseph I. Lang, now deceased, was one of the distinguished members of the McHenry County bar, and at the time of his demise, was residing at Richmond. He was born in Ypsilanti, Mich., January 30, 1877, one of the six children of Cornelius C. and Jennie (Gunn) Lang, the former of whom was engaged in the hardware business for a number of years.

Joseph I. Lang attended the common and high schools of his native city, and the law department of the Northwestern University, from which he was graduated June 16, 1904. Immediately thereafter he opened an office at Richmond, and was engaged in an active practice, when his brilliant career was terminated by an automobile accident November 20, 1916, when he and Dr. W. H. Streng were killed.

On October 9, 1901, Mr. Lang was married to Miss Ella L. Knight, born January 17, 1880, a daughter of George O. Knight of Providence, R. I. Mr. and Mrs. Lang became the parents of one child, Frances M., born June 3, 1914, who, with her mother survive Mr. Lang. Mr. Lang was a Republican. He belonged to the Catholic Church, while his wife is a Baptist. Professionally Mr. Lang belonged to the McHenry County Bar Association which he served as secretary and treasurer. Fraternally he was a member of the Modern Woodmen of America and the Knights of Columbus, and Mrs. Lang belongs to the Royal Neighbors. Mr. Lang left behind him an unblemished reputation and a name which stands for the highest conception of the ethics of his learned profession.

GEORGE WILLIAM LEMMERS.

George William Lemmers, abstractor of titles and insurance agent, residing at No. 232 North Tryon street, Woodstock, is one of the repre-

sentative men of McHenry County. He was born at Woodstock, March 15, 1871, a son of Cornelius Florentius and Lois Delina (Wheeler) Lemmers, the former of whom was born at Rotterdam, Holland, September 4, 1816, and the latter, at Courtland, N. Y., September 18, 1833. He was a carpenter and joiner and settled with his wife at Woodstock, in 1851, building the following year, a house on the lot now occupied by the residence of his son, George William Lemmers. This house stood until 1915, when it was moved to make room for the new residence of Mr. Lemmers. Prior to coming to the United States, Cornelius F. Lemmers lived at Paris, France, for ten years, and he spoke five languages very fluently. His wife was brought to McHenry County five years prior to her marriage, by her father, who bought 100 acres of land near Ridgeland, but died soon thereafter from sunstroke.

George William Lemmers attended the public schools of Woodstock, and in 1888, when he was seventeen years old, he was graduated from the Woodstock High School. He began working in a meat market when only nine years old, and continued to spend all of his spare time there until he completed his school courses. Mr. Lemmers then began working on a farm during the summer, and in the winter worked in the office of the McHenry County Democrat, where he remained until March 4, 1889, when he became associated with the abstract office of Richards & Jewett, located where the restroom in the courthouse is now placed. During the summer of 1889, Richards & Jewett erected the brick building at No. 130 Cass Street, and here Mr. Lemmers has worked continuously ever since, not having missed a day's pay during all that time. On September 1, 1889, the Richards, Jewett & Wright Abstract Company was incorporated, and Mr. Lemmers was made treasurer and manager, and still holds these positions.

Mr. Lemmers served for four years in Company G, Illinois National Guard, spending six weeks of that time at Chicago during the great railroad strike in 1894, helping to guard railroad property. He was elected city clerk of Woodstock in 1896, and served for eight years, and in 1913, was elected alderman from the Third Ward, serving two years, and served for three years as a member of the board of education, to which he was elected in 1912. Although he cast his first vote for Grover Cleveland in 1892, since then he has voted with the Republican party. Mr. Lemmers belongs to the Odd Fellows, and was noble grand for two years, and secretary for ten years, of Guardian Lodge No. 60; was exalted ruler in 1911 and 1918 of Woodstock Lodge No. 1043, B. P. O. E., and also served it as secretary; and he belongs to St. Mark's Lodge No.

63, A. F. & A. M.; Woodstock Chapter No. 36, R. A. M.; Calvary Commandery No. 25, K. T., of which he was commander from 1913 to 1915; and Tebela Temple, Mystic Shrine of Rockford.

On August 14, 1894, Mr. Lemmers was married to Stella May Jones, born at Woodstock, Ill., November 9, 1873, a daughter of Valorous Elwayne and Mary (Gardner) Jones, the former of whom was born in New York, but moved west when very young, and the latter, born at Batavia, Ill., October 3, 1840, died May 19, 1916. Her father was born in Renfrewshire, Scotland, and came to America, settling in Cook County, Ill., in 1833, naming the town of Dundee in Kane County. Mr. and Mrs. Lemmers have two children, namely: Dorothy Geraldine, born August 20, 1895; and Mary Evelyn, born October 23, 1905.

LOUIS M. LILLIBRIDGE.

Louis M. Lillibridge, one of the retired farmers of Harvard, has been a director of the First State Bank of Harvard since it was organized, and was formerly extensively engaged in farming in Dunham Township. He was born in Durham Township, April 14, 1846, one of the two children of Oliver P. and Matilda (Smith) Lillibridge. Oliver P. Lillibridge was born in Pennsylvania, and came to McHenry County in 1842, settling in Marengo Township. He died in 1898, in Dunham Township, having been a farmer all his active life.

Louis M. Lillibridge attended the common schools, and was reared upon his father's farm. After reaching his majority, he began farming, and was so engaged until 1895, when he retired, but he still owns a fine farm of 235 acres of land in Durham Township.

On February 5, 1868, Mr. Lillibridge was married to Miss Ella Billings, a daughter of Capt. William G. Billings, and a member of a well known McHenry County family. When the First State Bank of Harvard was organized, Mr. Lillibridge was made one of its directors, and has maintained that connection with it ever since. For the past eighteen years he has been school treasurer and for twelve years he was assessor of Durham Township. Politically he is a Republican. Mr. and Mrs. Lillibridge have had five children, three of whom survive, namely: William P., of St. Charles, Ill.; Fannie, J.; and Jessie B., wife of Alfred H. Shepherd. Thomas and Gertrude are deceased. Strictly honorable in all his dealings, Mr. Lillibridge has always commanded

the respect and confidence of his associates, and few men stand any higher than he in public opinion.

SAMUEL L. LINCOLN.

Samuel L. Lincoln, now deceased, was formerly one of the most influential men of Hartland Township, owning and operating a fine farm two and one-half miles east of Harvard. He was born in Alexander Township, Genesee County, N. Y., June 7, 1840, a son of Apollos and Melissa (Waite) Lincoln, a grandson of Daniel Lincoln; great-grandson of Purvis Lincoln, and a descendant of General Lincoln of Revolutionary fame, from whom Abraham Lincoln was also descended.

Apollos Lincoln was born at Brattleboro, Vt., June 2, 1802, and he died February 22, 1880, aged seventy-eight years. In June, 1845, he came to McHenry County, and after renting land for four years, located on 120 acres of timber land in Nunda Township, but later sold this farm and bought another one in Marengo Township, where he lived the remainder of his life. His children were as follows: Gooding W., Henry M., Elizabeth A., Eunice A., Mary S., Samuel L., and Omar H.

Samuel L. Lincoln was only an infant when his parents moved to Cattaraugus County, N. Y., and not quite five years old when they came to McHenry County. His educational training in Illinois was supplemented by attendance on a school in New York, alternating being a student at the academy at Wauconda, N. Y., with working on the farm for two years. After completing his schooling, he began teaching school, and followed the practice for thirty-four years of teaching during the winter months, and farming in the summer, all of his schools being located either in Boone, Lake or McHenry counties.

On April 15, 1868, Mr. Lincoln was married in Ridgefield to Julia E. Francisco, born in McHenry County, February 26, 1847, a daughter of Peter and Sarah (Ingalls) Francisco. The Francisco family is of French descent, but long ago was established in New York state. Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln had the following children: Earl G., who was born June 22, 1869, married Mary Strandt, and lives on the home farm; Charity, M., known as Dollie, who was born April 12, 1871, is Mrs. E. C. Hammond of Alden Township; Herbert W., who was born June 30, 1875, died of diphtheria February 22, 1897, when twenty-one years old; Clara B., who was born June 14, 1878, lives with her mother; Albert W., who was born February 22, 1881, also died of diphtheria

February 22, 1897; George M., who was born May 29, 1884, died August 15, 1908, when twenty-four years old; and Leon S., who was born September 20, 1889, is a rural free delivery carrier, and lives with his mother.

After his marriage Mr. Lincoln lived at Marengo for about twelve years and then came to Hartland Township where he bought a farm of 163 acres of land, and moved upon it in 1881. He became very much interested in milk production and kept about twenty cows himself. At one time he was a director of the Milk Producers Association, there being only one other in McHenry County. For some years he was interested in selling brick silos, averaging about twenty a year, and saw that they were properly put up. In every way he encouraged the farmers in this and adjoining counties to improve their farms and fit them for the production of milk, he realizing that this county is an ideal locality for that branch of agricultural activity. Being an educated man he had a broader outlook than many, and could weigh matters and pass judgment intelligently, so that many affairs were submitted to him for his advice. Early in life he was a Republican, casting his first vote for Abraham Lincoln, but later changed his politics and voted for William Jennings Bryan, and continued thereafter with the Democratic party. He held the offices of justice of the peace and school director for many years. Always very active in school matters as an educator and citizen, he was one of the organizers of the McHenry County Teachers Institute about 1860-1, and was appointed a member of the committee to draft its constitution and by-laws, his associates being A. W. Cummings of Chemung, and Edward Haywood of Nunda Township. All of his mature years the Methodist Episcopal church had in Mr. Lincoln a devout and effective member and worker, and he died firm in its faith, November 11, 1917, his remains being interred in Oakland Cemetery near Harvard. In his passing McHenry County lost one of its venerable figures, and a man whose equal it would be difficult to find. Upright and honorable, he gave freely of his means and experience toward the betterment of his community and calling, and left his neighborhood the better for his having spent practically all of his life in it.

WILLIAM C. LINDERMAN.

William C. Linderman, general superintendent of the extensive lumber business of J. H. Patterson & Company of Union, is rightly

numbered among the representative men of his community. He was born in Boone County, Ill., in December, 1865, one of the seven children of Alonzo and Mary Ann (Paul) Linderman. Alonzo Linderman was a prosperous farmer of McHenry County, where he died in 1903, his widow surviving him until 1906.

William C. Linderman was reared in McHenry County, and attended its schools. His first self-supporting employment was on a farm, but he left it in 1905 to engage with the J. H. Patterson Lumber Company, and in 1907 was made its secretary.

In 1894 Mr. Linderman was united in marriage with Miss Fannie B. Fry, a daughter of Robert Fry, and they have one daughter, Vivian W., who is the wife of James Rowland, a civil engineer of Chicago, Ill. Mr. Linderman is a Republican. Fraternally he is a Mason, and also belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America. He and his family are members of the Presbyterian church. Although his business interests are centered at Union, Mr. Linderman resides at Marengo, where he owns his home. A sound and reliable business man, he has risen to a position of trust and responsibility, and he is also held in high esteem because of his constructive interest in local affairs.

THOMAS LINDSAY.

Thomas Lindsay, for many years connected with the agricultural activities of Dorr Township, but now deceased, was one of the substantial men of McHenry County, and one whose memory is held in high esteem. He was born in Scotland, July 23, 1836, a son of Thomas and Marion (Marshall) Lindsay, who came to the United States in 1840, and located permanently in McHenry County in 1842, purchasing the farm in Dorr Township which later became the property of their son Thomas. The father only lived for twelve years after his arrival in McHenry County, dying in 1852, but the mother survived him until 1880. Their children were as follows: Jenette, who married William Scott; Thomas, whose name heads this review; Christine, who married Oren Allbee; Archibald; Mary A., who married D. Redpath; and Margaret J., who married Thomas Wier.

The educational training of Thomas Lindsay, the younger, was acquired in the district schools of Dorr Township, and he grew up on the homestead. From the time of his father's death until that of his mother,



Barbara J. Smith



John J. Smith

he had charge of the homestead of 200 acres of land, and then acquired ownership of it, and operated it very successfully for many years.

In 1864 when his adopted country was divided in a civil war, Mr. Lindsay enlisted in defense of the Union, and served in Company F., Ninety-fifth Illinois Volunteer Infantry for one year, when he was honorably discharged, and returned to his agricultural labors.

In 1880, Mr. Lindsay was married to Maggie Pope, a daughter of Frederick Pope of Cook County, Ill. Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay became valued members of the Presbyterian church. A Mason, Mr. Lindsay maintained membership with St. Mark's Lodge No. 63, A. F. & A. M. of Woodstock. Although some years have passed since Mr. Lindsay's demise he is still remembered by the older generation of Woodstock and Dorr Township as one of the men who helped to raise the high standards for which this region has always been justly celebrated.

CLARK E. LOCKWOOD.

Clark E. Lockwood, one of the prosperous farmers of Dorr Township, owns and operates a fine farm in the vicinity of Ridgefield. He was born in Geneseo, Livingston County, N. Y., January 24, 1859, a son of Minor and Belva (Sutton) Lockwood, natives of Connecticut and New York, respectively. In 1861 these parents came to McHenry County to join Mrs. Lockwood's brother, James Clark Sutton, who had lived for some years in Dorr Township on what is still known as the J. C. Sutton farm, lying between Ridgefield and Woodstock. Minor Lockwood first bought a farm adjoining the present one of his son, Clark E. Lockwood, but sold it and in 1872 bought the homestead, one mile west of Ridgefield, and five miles south of Woodstock. It comprised over seventy acres of land, the greater part of which was improved. He left the farm in 1899, and moved to Woodstock, where he died April 1, 1916, aged eighty-seven years, having spent all of his active years in agricultural work. He was very prominent in the Presbyterian church of Ridgefield, later transferring to the one at Woodstock. His first wife died in 1893, and three years later he was united in marriage with Mrs. Frances M. Duffield, who survives him and lives at Woodstock. She was a widow, whose maiden name had been Sawyer. By his first marriage Minor Lockwood had the following children: Cora, who died in childhood;

Clark E., whose name heads this review; Elmer, who lives at Elgin, Ill.; and Mary E., who is Mrs. J. F. Wilson of Marengo.

Clark E. Lockwood has always lived in McHenry County since being brought here in 1861. After he attained to his maturity he rented land for seven years, and then, in 1896, returned to the homestead and worked it for his father until in 1900 when he bought it. He is a Republican, and for about fourteen years served as a justice of the peace, and was on the school board for twelve years.

On February 28, 1894, Mr. Lockwood was united in marriage with Georgia E. Murphy, a daughter of Elijah Heddings and Josephine (Hakes) Murphy, now deceased, but formerly of Greenwood Township. Mrs. Murphy was born in New York, but brought to McHenry County when a child, but Mr. Murphy was a native son of the county, and he died February 17, 1915, having spent his entire life on the farm where he was born, and which is still a part of his estate. Mr. and Mrs. Lockwood have one daughter, Cora M., who is a teacher. After being graduated from the Dundee High School, she taught for two years in the McHenry High School, and then was graduated from the State Normal School at Charleston, Ill. Miss Lockwood is an able educator, and accomplished young lady. Mr. Lockwood has belonged to the Modern Woodmen of America for thirty years, and his wife belongs to the Royal Neighbors.

CHARLES JOSEPH LOCKWOOD.

Charles Joseph Lockwood, who has always lived on the farm he now owns, is one of the successful dairymen and farmers of Coral Township. He was born in a portion of his present residence, May 2, 1863, a son of Charles and Sarah (Kennedy) Lockwood, both natives of New York, and grandson of Joseph and Dolly Lockwood. The family came to McHenry County at the same time as Rush Bartholomew, the Cobbs and Thomases, all of whom were neighbors in New York. They entered land in such a way as to continue to be neighbors, and Joseph Lockwood secured the farm now owned by his grandson, Charles Joseph, whom he never saw, he dying before the latter's birth. At the time he entered it, the farm was covered with timber and contained sloughs and ridges, only the latter being cultivated.

Charles Lockwood was born May 12, 1812, and died December 30, 1901. He was the only child of his parents, whom he accompanied to

McHenry County in 1844, and spent the remainder of his life on the Coral Township farm. He was married (first) to Jerusha Miller, who died leaving two children, namely: Mary, who is Mrs. Leham Warner, of Mendota, Ill.; and J. Henry, who married Hattie Woodworth, of Chicago. The second wife of Charles Lockwood was Sarah Kennedy, and she was born February 20, 1830, and died February 5, 1911. She came to McHenry County with her parents when she was a child, and here met Mr. Lockwood, to whom she was united in 1880. The children of Mr. Lockwood's second marriage were as follows: Jennie, who is unmarried, is a nurse and dressmaker and lives at the old home; and Charles Joseph, whose name heads this review. Charles Lockwood was one of the organizers of the Harmony Methodist church, and continued a member of it until his death. When he was a lad he was frail of constitution, and so his parents had him well educated, and the studious habits he then formed continued with him the remainder of his life. He was a great reader, kept himself well posted on current events, and was a recognized authority in his neighborhood.

Charles Joseph Lockwood not only owns his father's homestead of 165 acres of land, but also a second farm of 169 acres adjoining. He carries on dairying with from twenty-five to thirty cows. In addition to farming, Mr. Lockwood is engaged in buying, selling and shipping stock, and has handled considerable real estate, at one time owning several farms in O'Brien County, Iowa. The reclamation of the old farm has been carried on by Mr. Lockwood, and about half of it has been thus developed through the use of tile. His father and grandfather were Democrats, but he is a Republican.

On February 5, 1896, Charles J. Lockwood was married to Carrie Shellington, a daughter of James and Ellen (Kelley) Shellington, at Marengo. She was born on her father's farm three miles west of Marengo, on the State Road, and prior to her marriage, was a bookkeeper in an insurance office at Marengo. James Shellington died April 20, 1903, aged eighty-eight years, having been born in May, 1815. He was married in 1856 to Elizabeth Hagen, and they had three children, namely: Maria, who is Mrs. Fuller, of Chicago; Maggie, who is Mrs. Tiedeman, of Chicago; and Lizzie, who is Mrs. Charles Shearer, of Rockford, Ill. His second wife was Ellen Kelley, and they had children as follows: Ella, who is Mrs. Warren Jordan, of Marengo; Sadie, who is Mrs. Chauncey Wheeler, of Marengo; Carrie, who married Charles J. Lockwood; and James Shellington, of Marengo. Mr. Shellington

retired to Marengo twenty-five years before his death. He belonged to the Episcopal church.

Mr. and Mrs. Lockwood became the parents of the following children: Clarence, who was graduated from the Marengo High School in 1919; George, who is attending the Marengo High School; and one child who died in infancy. The family belong to the Methodist Episcopal church of Riley Township and are active in its good work. Mr. Lockwood is recognized as one of the leading men of his township and deserves the prosperity which has fallen to his lot. He and Mrs. Lockwood enjoy entertaining their many friends at their delightful rural home, and are the center of a pleasant neighborhood social circle.

GEORGE LOWE.

George Lowe, one of the men whose work in behalf of agriculture places him in the front ranks of the great army of farmers of McHenry County, owns a fine farm in Algonquin Township, two miles north of Algonquin, and one and one-half miles south of Carey Station. He was born at London, Ontario, Canada, February 28, 1859, a son of George Lowe, who was born in Aberdeenshire, Scotland, February 29, 1824, and came to Ontario, Canada, in 1852, and there was married in 1857 to Jessie Watson. She was born in Banmiffshire, Scotland, and came to Ontario, Canada, in 1852.

Although a farmer in Scotland, George Lowe turned his attention to other work after coming to the New World, his first employment after reaching it was the laying of ties for the old suspension bridge over Niagara Falls. Later he became a railroad contractor on what is now the Grand Trunk Railroad in Ontario, securing the contract for laying 100 miles of cattle guards along the railroad. In 1863 he moved to McHenry County, Ill., and bought land one and one-half miles north of Algonquin Township, and there he died August 4, 1906. His wife died January 28, 1898. Their children were as follows: Mary A., who is unmarried, lives at Elgin, Ill.; George, whose name heads this review; John W., who died at Osseo, Wis., in 1917, at the age of fifty-seven years; Jessie, who married Frank Svoboda, who is living retired at Algonquin; Elsie, who married Ralph McCarthy, lives at Elgin, Ill.; Cora, who is Mrs. James Stewart of Carey, Ill., and James A., a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work.

George Lowe, the younger, remained on his father's homestead, and attended the old Miller school of Algonquin Township. When he was twenty-one years old he rented the Siebert farm of 285 acres, and handled a large amount of stock in connection with it until he bought his present farm of 255 acres, then known as the Hamilton property. It lies along the Fox River for one-half a mile, and about one-half of it is under cultivation. Later he sold some of the land, so that the farm now comprises 200 acres. The land he disposed of was not suitable for tilling, but is admirably adapted for summer homes and is used for this purpose. He carries on dairying with about forty head of high-grade Holstein cattle, and his improvements are good. The farm is beautifully located overlooking the valley of the Fox River with its timbered scenery. While he is a strong Republican, he cannot be induced to permit the use of his name on the party ticket, for he has no inclination for public life, preferring to exert his influence for civic betterment in a private capacity.

When Mr. Lowe was thirty-five years old, he was married to Elizabeth Surfleet, of Carey, a daughter of Edmond Surfleet, now deceased, born in England, who became a farmer near Carey. Mrs. Lowe's mother bore the name of Anna, and she, too, is deceased. The birth of Mrs. Lowe took place at Crystal Lake. Mr. and Mrs. Lowe have the following children: Marshall, Alice, Watson, Marian, Ruth, Robert, John, Dorothy and Esther. Mr. Lowe has been a great reader and observer, and relates many interesting stories illustrative of conditions during the pioneer period, and owns some very valuable relics of those days. One of these stories relates the efficiency and bravery of Mrs. Margaret Gilligan. The Gilligan family were the first settlers on the west side of the Fox River, coming there in 1834. The pride of Mrs. Gilligan's heart was her cook stove, for the majority of the pioneers had to depend upon open fireplaces and "Dutch" ovens, and so when a band of Indians entered her little cabin and taking a liking to this luxurious article, made way with it, the intrepid lady followed them up the Fox River to McHenry, a distance of twenty miles, and recovered her property, bearing it back with pride on horseback. She lived to be over ninety years of age, residing in McHenry County until within a year of her death, which occurred in Missouri at the home of a daughter, she having lost her own home by fire. Another incident of the Gilligan family related by Mr. Lowe is relative to a man hired by John Gilligan from Chicago to haul out a few sacks of barley. This man, named Thomas, set out for Algonquin Township, ahead of Mr. Gilligan, who

overtook him, finding him stuck with his wagon in one of the many mudholes. Mr. Thomas was seeking to lighten the load by removing the sacks of barley, and called upon Mr. Gilligan to help him. After a heated argument, in which he failed to convince Mr. Gilligan to help him, Mr. Thomas threw the barley in the mud and drove away. Mr. Gilligan's contention was that as he had hired Mr. Thomas to deliver the grain, it was not his place to render any assistance. This incident goes to prove that human nature has not changed much since pioneer days. Another pioneer of the Fox River valley was Jesse Miller, who died at Algonquin when nearly ninety years old. He was the first settler on the east side of the Fox River, coming there in 1834, and locating at Millers Grove, in Kane County. Later he came to Algonquin Township, and the Miller School is named for him. The pioneers have passed away, but the work they accomplished remains and it is but fitting that proper recognition be paid to them, in a record of this dignified character, so that the coming generations may understand some of the hardships and privations of the brave men and women who made McHenry County one of the most famous dairy regions in the state, and laid the foundation for its other claims to prestige.

JAMES A. LOWE.

James A. Lowe, one of the successful farmers and extensive land-owners of Algonquin Township, is a man widely known and respected. He was born one and one-half miles north of Algonquin, December 21, 1870, a son of George Lowe. Until he was twenty-two years old, James A. Lowe remained on the homestead, and alternated attendance in the country schools with farm work, learning from his father the fundamentals of farming. When he left home, he rented the W. P. Thompson farm, and conducted it for two years, keeping sixty cows. He then moved to the Ed Benson farm which joined his father's homestead. Here he also had sixty cows and remained two years, and upon leaving it he began handling stock, buying, selling and shipping cattle and horses to Algonquin, remaining in this business fifteen years. A portion of the time he continued to farm, making milk production his feature until within recent years he has been handling horses to meet the local demand, buying from four to five carloads annually and selling them to the farmers. Mr. Lowe has dealt quite heavily in farm property, and now owns four

farms, amounting to 700 acres. All these farms are used for milk production. He keeps tenants on these farms. In all, he owns 135 head of Holstein cattle, and keeps on making improvements on his properties, for he is a progressive man and recognizes the wisdom of keeping his plants up to standard in every respect. His farm equipments conform to state regulations and are admirably fitted to increase the product and add to the value of the property. For twenty-two years he has resided in Algonquin, where he has a pleasant home.

When he was twenty-seven years old, Mr. Lowe was united in marriage with Isabel Fyfe, of Shelby, Neb., and they have five children, namely: Edna Mae, who graduated from the Elgin High School in 1919 and is now attending the Wisconsin University; Winnifred Mary, who graduated from the Elgin High School in 1921, and is now attending Beloit College, Beloit, Wisconsin; George W., who is attending Elgin High School; Jessie Isabel and Margaret Fyfe, both of whom are attending school in Algonquin.

Mr. Lowe is a man who understands agricultural matters thoroughly, and having been engaged in all of the branches of farm life is an authority upon them. His operations have been carried on intelligently and systematically, and the results prove that he has adopted the best course. It is such men as he who have given McHenry County its prestige as the greatest dairy county in the state. His success encourages others to devote themselves to milk production, for which the farms of this region are so admirably adapted. He is a man who, while not desiring public life, takes an intelligent interest in progress, and is a friend to the public schools, good roads and other improvements, and can be relied upon to give his support to measures looking forward to their advancement.

VESPER J. LOWE.

Vesper J. Lowe, manager of the Caselu Manufacturing Company of Union, and member of the school board, is one of the men who makes his influence felt in his community. He was born at Elgin, Ill., March 22, 1859, one of the seven children of Venrenssaler J. and Jerusha Lowe. Venrenssaler J. Lowe was born October 25, 1816, and died February 12, 1881.

Growing up at Elgin, Vesper J. Lowe attended the schools of that city and learned to be a blacksmith, following that trade for some years.

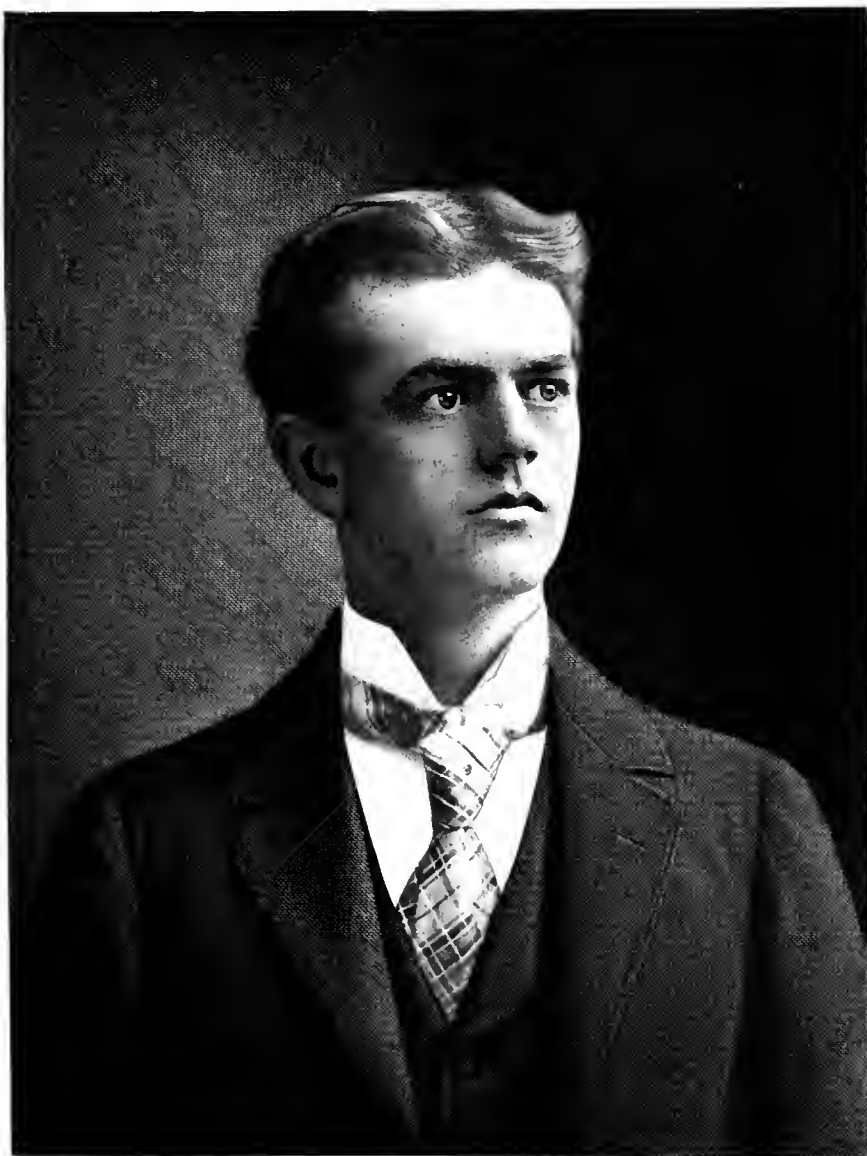
He also was engaged in handling sugar of milk upon an extensive scale, and then in 1900 embarked in his present business, and since 1909 has been its manager, and has been instrumental in developing it to its present proportions.

On August 8, 1891, Mr. Lowe was married to Miss Gertrude Barber, a daughter of Joseph Barber, and they have the following children: Vernon J., who is a veteran of the World War; Howard; Stella, who is Mrs. A. G. Anderson, of Great Lakes, Ill.; and Miss Grace and Donald D., who are at home. They have an adopted daughter, Cora, who was born October 30, 1890. Mr. and Mrs. Lowe and their children belong to the Baptist church. In politics he is a Republican, and, in April 1914, he was elected a member of the school board of Marengo, where he maintains his residence.

VINCENT SILAS LUMLEY.

Vincent Silas Lumley, state's attorney of McHenry County, and senior member of the legal firm of Lumley & Allen, is one of the most prominent attorneys of this region, and a man whose character both in public and private life is without a blemish. He was born at Ringwood, McHenry County, December 26, 1867, a son of Thomas R. and Eliza (Mitchell) Lumley. The Lumley family are of English descent, their history having been identified with Yorkshire, England, from a remote period. They were the founders of a fraternal organization, The Foresters, originally composed solely of members of that family but into which, at a later period, members of other English families were admitted.

Thomas R. Lumley, the father of Vincent S. Lumley, was born in Yorkshire, England, July 3, 1827, the son of Thomas Emanuel and Mary Ann Lumley, and was reared to be a farmer in his native country. His father, Thomas Emanuel Lumley, also a native of Yorkshire, was a farmer, and had three brothers, all of whom, like himself, were men of prominence and considerable property. Of these, John, now deceased, was a well-to-do citizen of Scriven, England; Mathew was a piano manufacturer of Hull, England; and Edwin was during his lifetime an extensive farmer of Yorkshire. Thomas Emanuel Lumley served as a soldier during the French-English War, under the Duke of Wellington, and participated in the battle of Waterloo. A former Lord Lumley,



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connected with this family, was friendly to the Puritans and assisted some of them in their efforts to reach the American Colonies during the days of their persecution. Thomas E. Lumley married Mary Ann Wright, and they had an excellent home in Yorkshire where the following named children were born to them: John, Helen E., James, William, Thomas Robert, and Mary Ann. Thomas E. Lumley died in England in 1863, and his wife died in 1848.

Of the above family Thomas R. and William Lumley sailed from Liverpool, England, for America, in 1851, the voyage to New York consuming six weeks. After landing they came to Huntley, McHenry County, direct from New York, and obtained employment for a time on what is now the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad. Later they joined the John S. Cummings Company in an expedition across the plains to California. While in California Thomas R. Lumley engaged in the merchandise business for two years, but in 1854 returned to McHenry County. He then bought 335 acres of land in Ringwood Prairie, a portion of which was improved and known as the Halcomb Farm, but the remainder was unimproved. Here he erected one of the finest farmhouses of that period in McHenry County.

On May 3, 1858, Thomas R. Lumley was married to Ann Eliza Mitchell, born at Kingsville, Ashtabula County, Ohio, February 22, 1836, a daughter of Silas Robert and Mary S. (Hopkins) Mitchell. After marriage Mr. Lumley settled on his farm in McHenry County, where he acquired a large estate, at one time owning 1,000 acres of land. Among his later acquisitions were the Tryon Farm of 275 acres in Hebron Township, and the Peterson Farm of 218 acres in Greenwood Township. Mr. Lumley and his wife remained on their farm until 1888, when they removed to Woodstock, and later to Chicago. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he filled the office of steward for many years. Politically he was a Republican, but he was in no sense an office seeker, preferring to give his attention to his large farming and other activities.

Mr. and Mrs. Lumley were the parents of the following children: Frank B., Clinton G., Genevieve L., Vincent S., Edwin T., Wallace J., and Stanley M., who died August 24, 1890, aged eighteen years. Mr. Lumley died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Tryon, at Chicago, November 14, 1896, aged sixty-nine years. Of their children, Clinton G. was graduated from the University of Illinois and the Chicago Medical College, and is now a practicing physician of Chicago; he married Miss Nellie McLean of Urbana, Ill., a graduate of the University of

Illinois, and they have four children, Harold M., Leslie, Arlene and Dorothy. Edwin T. Lumley took courses in the Dixon Business College, and the Illinois School of Pharmacy, and is a druggist of Chicago. Wallace J. was graduated from the Dixon Business College and the Illinois School of Pharmacy, and is a resident of Elgin, Ill. Frank B. married Fred Tryon of McHenry County and they have three children: Glendara H., who married W. V. Hoff, of Blue Island. Floyd C., and Verna E. Mr. Tryon died in 1894, and his widow now resides at Woodstock. Genevieve L. married George T. Goodnow, who is associated with the firm of Benjamin Moore & Company of Chicago, and they have one child, Pauline. Wallace J. married Margaret Weast. Edwin T. married Cecil Erickson, and they have two children, Gerald and Bernice.

Vincent S. Lumley was reared among the peaceful scenes of rural life in Ringwood Prairie, one of the most beautiful of the smaller prairies which dot the rich landscape of Northern Illinois. Here he passed his youthful days, and attended the public schools, acquiring the foundation of a good education under the instruction of Rev. William Nickle. He then attended the normal school at Normal, Ill., and later was graduated from the Northern Business College at Dixon, Ill., where he was valedictorian of his class. After being engaged in teaching school at McHenry, for a year, he entered the law department at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, from which he was graduated in 1888 when only twenty years of age, at which time he delivered the class oration. The year previous, when nineteen, he was admitted to practice law in the state of Michigan and at Ann Arbor, and with a single exception, was the youngest student in a class of 142, the others not only being older, but many of them were able lawyers in active practice.

In 1888, the year of his graduation, Mr. Lumley engaged in practice at Woodstock, in partnership with the late Judge T. D. Murphy, which association continued until the death of the latter. Since that even he practiced alone until he formed a partnership with Charles T. Allen, in 1915. Politically Mr. Lumley is a staunch Republican. In 1896, he was elected state's attorney of McHenry County, receiving a plurality of fifty-nine votes over those cast for William McKinley for the presidency, and securing the largest majority ever given to any candidate for office in the county. In 1900 Mr. Lumley was re-elected, was again returned to office in 1916, and in 1920.

In 1892, Mr. Lumley was united in marriage with Neva D. Bunker,

at Woodstock. She was born in this city, a daughter of Amos and Dell (Sherman) Bunker. They have two daughters. Mr. Lumley belongs to the Odd Fellows and several benevolent organizations.

PEHR HJALMER LUNDGREN.

Pehr Hjalmer Lundgren, now living retired at Marengo, is one of the highly respected men of McHenry County, who was born at Lindshafen, state of Ostergotland, Sweden, on May 5, 1845. He came to the United States in 1868, and after he landed in New York City, being a painter by trade, he secured a job painting a fruit vessel. This vessel was to make the trip between New York and New Orleans, touching at Aspinwall, and he was to do the work while on the water. For it he was paid \$115 in addition to his board. Unfortunately yellow fever broke out on board so he was very glad to reach New Orleans without being stricken down with the scourge. From that city he came north as far as St. Louis, and thence to Chicago, where he was offered work, but having a friend at Des Moines, Iowa, decided to join him, and the two went to work painting stage coaches for the line which then ran between Des Moines and Boone, Iowa, for at that time there was no railroad. After the Chicago fire Mr. Lundgren came to Chicago, thinking to find work during the rebuilding period, but through a friend secured a job of painting the machines manufactured by the Easton Harvester Company at Sycamore, Ill., remaining there for two years, and was soon made foreman over twenty men. In the meanwhile, during the summer, when work was slack at the shop, he secured work house painting, and some of these houses were at Marengo. The locality so pleased him, that he finally located permanently in this city.

In October, 1876, Mr. Lundgren was married to Delilah Renwick, a daughter of Walter and Mary Ann (Haynes) Renwick, natives of New York and Virginia. Mr. Renwick was a stone mason and contractor and did considerable work on canal locks in the east. Subsequently he came to McHenry County, locating on a farm one mile east of Marengo, where Mrs. Lundgren was born, March 30, 1850. Mr. and Mrs. Renwick had in addition to Mrs. Lundgren the following children: William, who is living retired at Marengo; James Walter, who lives in California; and Randolph, who lives at Belvidere, Ill. Mr. Renwick died in 1881, age eighty-one years, his widow surviving

him for fifteen years. She lived with Mr. and Mrs. Lundgren the last four years, and then died at the age of eighty-two. The old Renwick farm has since been sold.

Mr. Lundgren secured a farm two miles north, and one and one-quarter miles west of Marengo, on the Kiswaukee River Road, and still owns that 103 acres, upon which he lived until 1900. He then returned to Marengo, and continued his painting. He has bought and sold a few farms at a profit to himself, for he is a good judge of land values. In addition to doing all kinds of outside painting, Mr. Lundgren carried on contracting as an interior decorator. He built his present home after the model furnished him by his father's residence in Sweden, where his father was a large farmer, distiller and hotel man. Mr. Lundgren has been back to his native land upon several occasions, the first time after ten years' absence from it, and again after his father's death. His mother died in 1897, aged seventy-nine years. He had three brothers who died in Chicago, the last two from injuries received in accidents. Mr. and Mrs. Lundgren became the parents of four children as follows: Carl Leonard, who was graduated from the State University at Champaign, Ill., as a civil engineer, has experience as a professional ball player, and is now coach for the ball team of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, Mich., and a traveling salesman during vacation times; Franz Emil, who was graduated from the Marengo High School in 1907, died August 29, 1917, unmarried, being at that time an employe of a clothing store; Eva, who was a stenographer was made private secretary of Robert J. Blum, head man of the cash department of Sears Roebuck & Company of Chicago, and later was married to Mr. Blum; and Alma, who married Jesse Getman, a traveling salesman of Belvidere, Ill. Mr. Lundgren is a member of the Odd Fellows. The family are members of the Presbyterian church. Mr. Lundgren has made nine round trips between the United States and Sweden, and has toured Europe several times.

HENRY MACKEBEN.

Henry Mackeben, mayor of Huntley, is one of the progressive farmers of McHenry County, and is extensively engaged in the raising of strawberries, raspberries and all small fruits for the market. He was born in Hanover, Germany, in 1863, and came to the United States in 1865

with his parents, after a seven-weeks' ocean voyage. They first located at Plum Grove, Ill., where they remained three years, when they moved to Lake Zurich, Ill., where his father managed the 700-acre Fox estate, and in 1872, he, with his parents, came to Harmony, in Coral Township, and bought the old Marshall farm where they lived and the children were schooled. In 1887 Mr. Mackeben went to Chicago and started to work for Thomas O'Brien, in the milk business. In 1888 he was married to Miss Lena Lambrecht at which time he purchased the business of Mr. O'Brien and which he conducted for two years.

After the death of his father he disposed of his business and purchased the old homestead and a few years later purchased the adjoining farm.

In 1901 he moved with his family to Huntley, where he has since continued to live. Mr. Mackeben was a member of the village board of trustees for several years and in 1917 was elected mayor of Huntley, giving the little city a wise and business-like administration.

In 1910 Mr. Mackeben started in the fruit business on a small scale, increasing year by year until his gardens now cover fourteen acres. He has made a study of all plant life giving his entire time and thought to that end. He is ably assisted in this work by his two children, namely: Harley H. and Ida.

JOHN W. MAIR.

John W. Mair, manager of the Crystal Lake Branch of the Bowman Dairy Company, is one of the leading business men of McHenry County, and one whose sagacity and knowledge of the affairs of his concern recommend him to those in authority. He was born in Scotland, November 8, 1867, one of the twelve children of William and Jane (Richmond) Mair, both of whom were natives of Scotland, and are now deceased. His father was a farmer by occupation.

John W. Mair attended the public schools of Scotland, and completed his studies in Kelmornock Academy. In 1894, he came to the United States, locating in Illinois, where he became associated with extensive interests in the creamery business, and in 1910, came to Crystal Lake as manager of the plant of the Bowman Dairy Company. The present plant was built in 1902, and has a capacity of 60,000 pounds of milk per day. Mr. Mair has thirty-five people under his supervision.

In 1909 Mr. Mair was married to Miss Hattie Wyant, and he and

his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. He believes in the principles of the Republican party, supports its candidates with his vote, and served Crystal Lake as alderman for one term. His fraternal connections are with the Odd Fellows and the Mystic Workers of the World. In addition to his residence, Mr. Mair owns sixteen acres of land within the corporate limits of his municipality, and 100 acres in Nunda Township.

BENJAMIN F. MANLEY.

Benjamin F. Manley, attorney-at-law, and one of the best known lawyers of McHenry County, deserves the prestige to which he has attained, for he has won it fairly and honorably. He was born at Alden, Ill., December 31, 1868, one of the four children of Henry F. and Harriet A. (Glass) Manley. Henry F. Manley was born in Vermont, but later came to Alden, Ill., where he lived until his retirement from farming, when he located at Harvard, and there died. During the Civil War, he served as a brave soldier.

After going to the schools of Alden, Mr. Manley attended the Western Normal Commercial Institute, from which he was graduated in 1894, following which he took a course in the legal department of the Northwestern University, and was graduated therefrom in October, 1899. He then entered the firm of Gann & Peaks of Chicago, with which he continued until October, 1902, when he located at Harvard, where he has since remained. In 1905, he was elected a member of the school board, and held office until May 1, 1919, and was city attorney of Harvard from May, 1907, to May, 1919, and served as Mayor of Harvard from May 1, 1919, to May 1, 1921. He is a member of the McHenry Bar Association of which he is vice president. Fraternally, he is a Mason and Odd Fellow, and Elk.

Mr. Manley was married to Miss Effie M. Justice, a daughter of John O. Justice of Bushnell, Ill. Mr. and Mrs. Manley have one son, John Henry, who is at home. They are members of the First Presbyterian church of Harvard, of which Mr. Manley is a trustee. He is recognized as one of the leading attorneys of the county, and his services in an official capacity to Harvard are considerable, and are appreciated, as is shown by his re-election to office.

WILLIS HOMER MANN.

Willis Homer Mann, now deceased, was for some years extensively engaged in handling real estate at Woodstock, where his last years were spent, and where he left a lasting impress upon the city's welfare. He was born at Plymouth, Wayne County, Mich., November 14, 1854, a son of Levi and Melvina Mann.

After a boyhood spent in Michigan, Willis H. Mann engaged in farming near Broadhead, Wis., and developed a very valuable farm and learned to know the agricultural business in all its branches. During 1903, he retired from farming, and coming to McHenry County, established himself in a real estate business at Woodstock, expanding until he carried on extensive transactions, and controlled many and varied interests. He was thus engaged when claimed by death on November 16, 1915.

Mr. Mann was united in marriage on March 2, 1874, with Ada Howard, at Carson City, Mich., a daughter of Eben and Elizabeth (Ryan) Howard of Jackson, Mich. Mr. and Mrs. Mann became the parents of the following children: Lilly, Charles H., Floyd, Lizzie, Millard, Earl, Georgia and Homer. Mr. Mann and his family early began attending the services of the Baptist Church, although Mr. Mann was not a member of any religious denomination.

CHARLES E. MARKS.

Charles E. Marks, stock breeder, and dairyman, is one of the progressive men of Woodstock, and one who is fully alive to the possibilities of his calling and the importance of the advancement of his community. He was born in Jo Daviess County, Ill., February 28, 1880, a son of J. H. and Eleanor A. Marks, highly respected residents of Woodstock, having made this city their home for the past three years. J. H. Marks was also born in Jo Daviess County, about sixty-four years ago, his parents having come to that section from England. The parents of his wife came originally from England and the Isle of Man. He is a large owner of McHenry County farm land, and devotes his attention to supervising its cultivation.

Charles E. Marks was five years old when he was taken to Grant County, Wis., where he lived during his educational period, attending

the local schools and Laurence College at Appleton, Wis. Early in his career, he became associated with his father in stock dealing and handling farm land, their operations extending over several states, including South Dakota. However, Mr. Marks was impressed with the superior advantages offered for dairying in McHenry County, and in 1915 bought 295 acres of land adjoining the city of Woodstock, where he made extensive improvements. His farm is now regarded as one of the model ones of the county. A tenant occupies the house on the farm, Mr. Marks having erected for his own use a handsome residence on the city line, but near his farm so that his family can enjoy both country and urban advantages. Mr. Marks erected and equipped a modern and sanitary milk plant for bottling milk and making butter for the city trade at Woodstock, and has Guernsey cows, tuberculin tested, producing the best quality of milk. His policy is "service and quality." He is a breeder of pure-bred Duroc-Jersey swine.

On December 26, 1908, Mr. Marks was united in marriage to Grace W. Willison, and they have three children, namely: Charles Donald, Chester Edgar and Marjorie May. The Methodist Episcopal church holds his membership. Long a Mason, he is well thought of in that order, and his wife is equally interested in the Eastern Star of which both are members. An intelligent and experienced farmer, Mr. Marks is deservedly numbered among the leaders in his calling in this part of the state. For two years he was a member of the city council of Woodstock.

HENRY FOSTER MARKS.

Henry Foster Marks, now living retired at Huntley, is one of the substantial men of McHenry County. He was born at Homer, Cortland County, N. Y., August 23, 1843, a son of Azef and Ann (Wallace) Marks, natives of Ohio and England, who were married in New York. When Henry Foster Marks was thirteen years old, the family came to McHenry County, and the father located on the Sherman farm two miles south of Woodstock, but two years later went on a farm four miles north of Huntley, which he subsequently bought. Still later, he moved to Westside, Crawford County, Iowa.

Henry Foster Marks lived in McHenry County from the time he was thirteen years old until his father went to Westside, Iowa, when he accompanied him, but after helping to develop a new farm, he sold his



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interests, and returned to Huntley, where he spent several years, and then went to Missouri for a year. Once more he returned to Illinois, and for twelve years conducted a milk route in Chicago. He then went back to McHenry County for two years, when he was offered the position of superintending a flat building at Chicago, which he accepted, and held it for about ten years. Mr. Marks then returned to Huntley and since then has been practically retired. Having served during the Civil War as a soldier, he was interested in the Grand Army of the Republic, and belonged to Old Glory Post at Chicago, but never connected himself with the post at Huntley. He generally attends the reunions, especially of his regiment, and spent a week in camp on the Fiftieth anniversary of the battle of Gettysburg, and is now the only survivor of all of the men who went into the service from Huntley.

Mr. Marks was married to Rene Grimley of Huntley, born in New York, February 28, 1849, and they have two sons, namely: William Ernest, who married Martha Allen, is a real estate dealer of Oak Park, Ill.; and Alfred Earl, who is a promoter of oil stock at Kansas City, Mo.

ROBERT F. MARSHALL.

Robert F. Marshall, one of the leading members of the McHenry County bar, is one of the most prominent men of this part of the state, and his public-spirited efforts have been largely instrumental in bringing about many of the recent improvements in local conditions. He was born at Rockford, Ill., June 8, 1880, one of the three children of his parents, William and Almira (Herrick) Marshall. William Marshall was also an attorney of distinction in McHenry County and at Rockford, and he died at Chicago, Ill., April 23, 1902.

Robert F. Marshall attended the schools of Rockford, Academy of Beloit College, and the law department of the Northwestern University, from which he was graduated in 1907 and he was admitted to the bar in the fall of the same year. From 1907 to 1909 he was employed as a law clerk with one of the large law firms in Chicago. From 1909 to 1912 he was engaged in practice at Rockford, and then located at Harvard, forming a partnership with the late Calvin J. Hendricks. With the exception of the three years he spent in Rockford he has made Harvard his home since the spring of 1899. In December, 1917, Mr. Marshall, moved by the spirit of patriotism, relinquished his enviable position

among the attorneys of McHenry County to enlist in Army Y. M. C. A. work and was first stationed at Camp Logan, where the One Hundred and Twenty-ninth Infantry trained for overseas work. He was unable to get an assignment for overseas duty with this organization, and was assigned to Y. M. C. A. duty on the U. S. S. Pocahontas. He has visited Brest, France, and made numerous trips back and forth in the discharge of his duty. Many of the returning soldiers will hold Mr. Marshall in affectionate and grateful remembrance for his service to them.

On September 23, 1911, Mr. Marshall was married to Miss Blanche Marshall, a daughter of Hugh Marshall, of Kansas. Mr. and Mrs. Marshall have one son, Hugh F., who was born November 26, 1918. They are members of the Presbyterian church. Mr. Marshall is a Republican and city attorney of Harvard. Fraternaly, Mr. Marshall is a Knight Templar Mason and prominent in his order. With the cessation of his war duties, Mr. Marshall resumed active practice of his profession at Harvard, Ill., where he now resides, and will add to the distinction he has already attained for he is recognized as a lawyer of unusual ability and steadfast purpose.

FRANK E. MARTIN.

Frank E. Martin, proprietor of the Oak Wood Farm of McHenry Township, is one of the substantial men of the county, of which he is a native son, for he was born within two miles of his present home, in McHenry Township, January 18, 1864, a son of Peter L. and Wealthy A. (Tanner) Martin, natives of West Virginia and Ohio, respectively, who were married in Illinois. She was brought to Illinois in childhood by her father, Harvey Tanner, who located in McHenry Township, two miles west of the present farm of his grandson, Frank E. Martin. He died when the latter was fifteen years old, being then seventy-nine years of age. Peter L. Martin came to Greenwood Township with his parents, who died in that township.

After his marriage, Peter L. Martin moved to Iowa, and from 1865 to 1875 was engaged in farming in Cass County, that state. Upon his return to McHenry County in 1875, he secured the old Tanner homestead of 200 acres, and continued to live there until his death on July

28, 1907, at the age of sixty-nine years. His widow survives him and lives with a daughter at Woodstock. The old Tanner home has since been sold. The children of Peter L. Martin were as follows: Carrie B., who is Mrs. E. J. Mansfield of Woodstock. Frank E., whose name heads this review; Cora M., who married E. E. Bassett of McHenry, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work; Edward L., who lives at Woodstock.

Frank E. Martin was reared on the homestead, and attended the district schools, and the village school of Ringwood. On January 20, 1887, when he was twenty-three years old, he was married to Abbie L. Whiting, and went to Chicago, and was engaged in railroad work for two and one-half years. Returning then to McHenry County he conducted his wife's father's farm on shares for four years, at the expiration of which time, Mr. Whiting gave his daughter 160 acres, which constitutes the present home of the Martins.

On this farm Mr. Martin has erected a fine set of buildings, and has one of the finest rural homes in the county, his residence being equipped with steam heat, electric light and all modern improvements. This house was built in 1902, but has been further improved since that date. The barn, built in 1898, is equally modern, and fitted for dairy purposes, and he milks from twenty to twenty-five cows of the Holstein strain. A Republican, Mr. Martin has never cared to hold office. He belongs to the Masons and the Royal Neighbors, and Mrs. Martin is a member of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and the Red Cross. For some years Mr. Martin ran his own threshing outfit, but is now confining his efforts to farming.

Freeman Whiting, the father of Mrs. Martin, was born January 8, 1822, and he died September 13, 1915, his wife dying September 26, 1912. From 1880, Freeman Whiting lived on the second farm he owned which he bought from William Mead, renting his original farm. Mr. and Mrs. Whiting had the following children: Delbert A., who resides on a portion of his father's farm, married Ellen Dutton; Laura L., who married Richard Thompson, lives in Nunda Township, one and one-half miles south of McHenry; Lillian C., who is Mrs. C. W. Harrison, lives at North Crystal Lake, and Abbie who is Mrs. Frank E. Martin. Mr. and Mrs. Martin have two children, namely: Clinton E., and Loren O., both of whom are on the farm, now known as the Oak Wood Farm, which was originally the property of their grandfather, Freeman Whiting. Both the Martin and Whiting families are old and honored ones in McHenry County.

FRED A. MAXON.

Fred A. Maxon, one of the prosperous farmers of Dunham Township, is located five miles southwest of Harvard. He is a son of William J. and Jennie (Sinton) Maxon, he born in Rensselaer County, N. Y., December 14, 1843, died January 11, 1917. He was married December 4, 1867, having come to Illinois in 1861, after being twice rejected for service during the Civil War, and secured land in Dunham Township, which he cleared, building on it a log house, which he later replaced with the one now standing on the farm, for which he quarried the stone. A brother of his built a stone house on his farm about the same time. For eight years he served the township as assessor, and was a man of prominence in his community. His widow survives him and lives in the village of Chemung. Their children were as follows: Fred, whose name heads this review; Frank, who lives in Chemung Township; and Myrtle, who is Mrs. Harry Paul of Chemung Township.

Fred Maxon was born June 29, 1871, and reared on his father's homestead, of which he took charge in 1896. Since then he has made a number of improvements, erecting a fine silo and outbuildings, and has brought his land into a high state of fertility. Specializing on dairying, he has from twelve to fifteen cows, and he also carries on general farming.

On November 22, 1899, he was married to Clara Lee, a daughter of David and Mary (Craig) Lee, both natives of County Tyrone, Ireland, who came to the United States when young. They were married in McHenry County in 1868. Mr. Lee was a farmer of Dunham Township, and their son, Charlie, has the old farm near the village of Chemung, both of them being deceased. Mrs. Maxon was born near her present home, April 14, 1876. Mr. and Mrs. Maxon have the following children: William, who is attending the Harvard High School; and David and Charles, all of whom are at home. The whole family belong to the Methodist Episcopal Church of Chemung, in which they take an active part. Mr. Maxon not only belongs to an old and honored family of McHenry County, but he is an important factor in the agricultural life of his community, and he takes an interest in improving the roads and securing for this section all the advantages possible.

EDWIN LEWIS McAULIFFE.

Edwin Lewis McAuliffe, M. D., one of the leading men of Seneca Township, is prominent both as a physician and a farmer. He was

born two and one-half miles west of his present farm in Seneca Township, September 20, 1856, a son of Jeremiah and Mary (O'Brien) McAuliffe, both born in County Limerick, Ireland. Not long after their marriage the parents came, during the early thirties, to the United States, and secured forty acres of land in Seneca Township, and after they had cut off the timber, sold that land and bought the farm now owned by William Henry, one mile west of the farm of Doctor McAuliffe, which was 160 acres of timbered land lying on the Kishwaukee Creek. Later Jeremiah McAuliffe sold a part of this farm to his brother-in-law, James O'Brien, who with his brother Patrick, served as soldiers during the Civil War, the latter settling in Wisconsin. James O'Brien spent the remainder of his life on his farm, where he died at the age of seventy-five years. Jeremiah McAuliffe had a brother who served in the Confederate army during the same conflict. When he was about seventy-five years old, Jeremiah McAuliffe passed away, his widow surviving him until July 12, 1896, when she died at the age of ninety-three years. Their children were as follows: Michael, who served as a member of the Eighth Illinois Cavalry throughout the Civil War, now lives at Milwaukee, Wis.; William H., who lives on the old homestead; Doctor McAuliffe, whose name heads this review; Alfred James, who went in young manhood to California, there died; Francis George, who died at the age of twenty-two years while studying medicine with his brother, Doctor McAuliffe; Winfield John, who went to California, but returned and three days later was drowned in Lake Geneva, and his companion, a young man, met the same fate; and Mary Louise, who is Mrs. John Chestnut, of Seneca Township.

Edwin Lewis McAuliffe learned the saddler and harness making trade at Marengo and worked at it for four years, and at the same time read medicine, and then became a student at Rush Medical College, from which he was graduated in 1882, Dr. Arthur Bevan being one of his classmates. He was then an interne of Michael Reese Hospital, of Chicago, for two and one-half years. From then until 1896 he engaged in an active practice at Chicago, and was very successful. In the latter year he retired, and having in the meanwhile invested in 250 acres of land in McHenry County, has since then lived practically on his farm, which is one of the finest in this part of the state. Doctor McAuliffe has a tenant on his farm, but supervises its general conduct, specializing on dairying. He is still very much interested in medical matters, but while he has some office practice he prefers to devote his time to study. He is interested in the development of medical societies, of which at one

time he was an important factor, being a delegate to the convention of the American Medical Association at St. Louis. Strictly a temperance man, he is delighted with recent events with relation to prohibition, although in politics he has voted the Republican ticket. Always busy, he has found but little time for vacations.

Doctor McAuliffe was married to Lillian Madden at Sarnia, Ontario, Canada, and they became the parents of the following children: Edwin, who died at the age of nineteen years; Winfield Davenport, who was a mechanic in the shipyards at Hog Island, Pa., during the great war, is now in the Philippine Islands in Medical Corps of United States Service; Elmo Norton, who is assisting with the farm; Courtland Michael, who died August 10, 1920; and Amand, who is named for the Amand Island in the Baltic Sea.

Doctor McAuliffe is intensely American, and is not willing to see any of the rights of the people compromised. Prior to the sinking of the Lusitania, he had seen much to admire in the Germans, but became convinced that as a monarchial nation they were a menace to humanity, and the progress of Christian civilization.

DANIEL J. McCAFFREY.

Daniel J. McCaffrey, formerly pastor of the parish of the Church of the Sacred Heart of Marengo, is one of the scholarly men and beloved priests of the Roman Catholic church. He was born at Chicago, Ill., September 15, 1866, one of the eleven children of James E. and Catherine M. (Dunn) McCaffrey. James E. McCaffrey was born in Ireland, but came to the United States in 1849, locating at Chicago, where he became prominent in the business world as a commission merchant and stock dealer. His death occurred June 24, 1884, his widow surviving him until April 23, 1899.

Rev. Daniel J. McCaffrey attended Niagara University and was ordained to the priesthood in 1889 by Very Rev. Archbishop Patrick A. Feehan of Chicago. His first charge was in Chicago, where he was an assistant, and he was sent to Marengo, October 6, 1907. At present there are 110 families in the parish at Marengo. The affairs of the parish are in a very flourishing condition, and the present church edifice begun in May, 1908, was completed July 12, 1909, at a cost of \$30,000. A hall was erected in connection with the church at a cost of \$7,000.

Father McCaffrey is a very efficient worker in his church, and the parish at Marengo increased in importance very materially, as well as spiritually, under his charge. His qualifications as a man and a citizen are such as to make him an important factor in his community, outside of his church as well as in it, and his advice has been sought and followed in many cases where sound judgment and a knowledge of human nature are needed to bring about a logical conclusion on public matters.

Father McCaffrey is now located at Elburn, Kane County, Illinois.

CHARLES McCLURE.

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ABRAM B. McCONNELL.

Abram B. McConnell, now deceased, was formerly one of the successful agriculturalists of McHenry County, and a man who stood very high in public esteem. He was born in the original log cabin on his father's farm near Richmond, February 3, 1839, being the eldest son of the Hon. William A. and Elizabeth (Bodine) McConnell, natives of Pennsylvania, who were the earliest settlers of Richmond Township, coming here in 1837.

Abram B. McConnell was reared in Richmond Township, and attended the schools of his district. From boyhood, he devoted himself to farming, receiving a practical training in the work from his father, and when he began farming on his own account, he located on a farm owned by his father, in the vicinity of Woodstock. He farmed here successfully until 1894, when his health failed and he built a home and moved to Woodstock in November, 1894. Abram B. McConnell was married February 28, 1861, to Harriet S. Potter, born in Washington County, N. Y., July 12, 1839, a daughter of Stephen A. and Charity (Barker) Potter, and they became the parents of the following children: Libby, deceased; Lena, deceased; Ida, Mrs. Arthur Southworth, of Willamette; William S.; Fred B., farming; and Roy, deceased. Abram B. McConnell died on February 15, 1895. His wife died September 20, 1912. Like his father, William A. McConnell, Abram B. McConnell was devoted to the advancement of his community, and in his quiet, unostentatious way, did all in his power to bring about such a result.

FRANK B. McCONNELL.

Frank B. McConnell, president of the State Bank of Richmond, is one of the sound, reliable and experienced men of McHenry County. He was born in Richmond Township, March 29, 1875, one of the four children now living of his parents, George and Susau (Cushman) McConnell. George McConnell, who is now deceased, was one of the pioneer bankers of Richmond, and organized the bank known as the Bank of Richmond, in 1890.

Frank B. McConnell attended the common and high schools of his locality and later the Northwestern University of Evanston and the Bryant & Stratton Business College of Chicago. In 1895 he became connected with his father's bank, the Bank of Richmond, as bookkeeper and in 1902, was promoted to the position of cashier, which position he held until the reorganization of the Bank of Richmond into the State Bank of Richmond, which he promoted and accomplished January 1, 1921, and became president of that corporation, which organized with a capital stock of \$50,000. Mr. McConnell's long connection with the banking business puts weight and strength back of the organization which is one of the stable financial institutions of the County.

Mr. McConnell was married in 1897 to Miss Mae Dennison, a daughter of Daniel Dennison, and a member of one of the old families of McHenry County. Mr. and Mrs. McConnell have four children, namely: Marjory L., Beatrice M., George D., and Frank B., Jr. The family all belong to the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. McConnell is a Republican. A man of high principles, he has lived up to his ideals, and is held in proper esteem by all who know him.

FRED B. McCONNELL.

Fred B. McConnell, one of the prosperous farmers of Dorr Township, belongs to one of the most representative families of McHenry County, for its members have been associated with some of the best interests of this locality ever since the McConnells came here during the pioneer period of its history. Fred B. McConnell was born in the house he now occupies, April 9, 1874, and has devoted his useful life to agricultural labors. He has received more than ordinary educational advantages, for after he had been a student in the local schools, he took a course at



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the Northwestern University, at Evanston, Ill. Returning to his father's farm, Fred B. McConnell assisted the latter in conducting it until 1897, when he took charge of the homestead, and operated the 350 acres comprising it. When the farm was divided in 1907, Fred B. McConnell received 167 acres, on which was the old residence. Since then he has rebuilt and modernized it, and here he carries on general farming and dairying. For the past five or six years he has been a breeder of high-grade Holstein cattle. His buildings are equipped for dairy purposes. While his efforts are centralized on the farm, he is a stockholder and director of the State Bank of Woodstock, founded by his father, who continued on the directorate for many years. For twenty years Fred B. McConnell has been upon the school board. While in a general way he is a Republican, he does not feel bound down by any particular party ties, but reserves to himself the right to vote as his judgment dictates.

On January 20, 1897, Mr. McConnell was united in marriage with Rose Barden, a daughter of John and Bessie (Coatman) Barden, who had come to McHenry County, from Nebraska, to which state they had been taken when young, and where they were married. Mr. and Mrs. Barden survive and live near their daughter, Mrs. McConnell. Mr. and Mrs. McConnell have the following living children: Bessie Harriet, who is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin and a business college; Abram Bodine, who attended the State University at Champagne, Class 1919; and Ralph Allen, who is the youngest. Ida Marian, the fourth child, died in infancy. Mrs. McConnell belongs to the Royal Neighbors, and is active in the local improvement society.

Mr. McConnell's mother possessed considerable poetical talent, and a souvenir book of her poems has been published for the intimate family circle. These poems breathe the freshness of country, and indicate not only careful observation of nature's works, but bring out many of the moral lessons that are only to be found in contemplation of the Divine handiwork.

GEORGE McCONNELL.

George McConnell, now deceased, was a representative citizen and leading banker of McHenry County, where his memory is held in the highest veneration. He was born in Richmond Township, west of the village of Richmond, in the log cabin of his father, William A. McConnell,

March 3, 1845, being the youngest son of three born to William and Elizabeth (Bodine) McConnell, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work.

George McConnell attended the local schools and for a year was a student of Mt. Morris College. He was then engaged in educational work in Burton Township for a period. Following this he was engaged in operating the farm located south of the homestead, his father giving him his 250-acre farm, and he further improved it, and made it one of the most valuable in Richmond Township.

In 1866 William A. McConnell erected a cheese factory at Richmond and George McConnell hauled the lumber used in its construction from Hebron and Genoa. It was a two-story building, 30x112 feet, and was the first of its kind erected in McHenry County. The first cheese made in it was manufactured May 18, 1866. The following year this factory manufactured 19,000 pounds more cheese than any other factory in the county, several others having by this time come into existence, or a total of 181,471 pounds.

In 1890 George McConnell and his brother, John, organized a private bank at Richmond, of which he was president and his brother vice president, they associating with them John W. Haythorn as cashier. Later Frank B. McConnell, son of George McConnell, became cashier, and Charles D. McConnell, son of John McConnell, assistant cashier. This bank was known as the Bank of Richmond until it was reorganized into the State Bank of Richmond, January 1, 1921, with Frank B. McConnell as president.

On November 15, 1865, George McConnell was married to Susan Cushman, a daughter of Darius and Mary Cushman, who was born in Vermont, May 26, 1847, and they became the parents of the following children: Cora H., who was born November 15, 1866; Mary May, who was born June 12, 1869; Agnes Leona, who was born January 24, 1873, died September 25, 1874; Frank Bodine, who was born March 29, 1875, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work; Harry J., who was born July 16, 1879, died December 26, 1889; and William A., who was born July 25, 1881, a sketch of whom will be found elsewhere in this work.

George McConnell was a supervisor and justice of the peace for many years, and was also on the school board, which he served as chairman for four years. He was a Mason and was treasurer of his lodge for a long period. On October 7, 1877, George McConnell and his wife united with the Methodist Episcopal church at Richmond, and he

served it as a trustee and treasurer until his death. He and his brother John contributed one-half of the amount required for the erection of a new church edifice, and he built the present Methodist parsonage and gave it to the church. George McConnell died at Los Angeles, Cal., March 29, 1908, and in his passing Richmond, as well as all of McHenry County, lost one of the best of men and most loyal of citizens.

JOHN McCONNELL.

John McConnell, now deceased, was one of the influential men of McHenry County, and for years was connected as vice president with the Bank of Richmond, and the McConnell Cheese Factory, the latter, the first of its kind to be established in McHenry County. He was born 1842, in the little log cabin on his father's farm, which served the family as a home for fifteen years, a son of William A. and Elizabeth (Bodine) McConnell, natives of Pennsylvania, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work.

Growing up in Richmond Township, John McConnell early displayed those sterling traits of character which distinguished him through life, and was a favorite in the district schools and Mt. Morris Academy, which he attended. All of his life he was interested in agricultural matters, but in later years specialized on the conduct of the creamery established by his father, which he later bought. In 1890, he assisted in the establishment of the Bank of Richmond, and served it as vice president until his death, and he was also a director in the State Bank of Woodstock. In 1864, he went overland to California, and spent four years in that state, and then returned by the way of the Isthmus of Panama. Landing at New York City, he came thence to Richmond, where he rounded out his useful life, dying in 1900.

In 1868, John McConnell was married to Mary Frothingham, and they became the parents of the following children: Bertha L. and Charles D.

WILLIAM A. McCONNELL.

Since the early days of McHenry County, the name of McConnell has been an important one in this region, and a number of its members

have been closely associated with the establishment and growth of its banking interests. One bearing this honored name is William A. McConnell, assistant cashier of the Bank of Richmond, who, with his brother, Frank B. McConnell, and sisters own the institution. William A. McConnell is the grandson and namesake of the late William A. McConnell, a sketch of whose life is to be found elsewhere in this work, together with that of George McConnell, son of one and father of the other William A. McConnell.

William A. McConnell, whose name heads this review, was born in McHenry County, July 25, 1881, a son of George and Susan (Cushman) McConnell, and there were three others in the family of the parents. George McConnell, now deceased, was undoubtedly one of the distinguished men of the county, and a man to whom is due much of the constructive work of his day, especially in banking circles. He founded the Bank of Richmond, inaugurating the present policies and placing the institution upon a solid and reliable basis, his sons following the example of their father in its conduct after they assumed charge. The bank has a capital stock of \$10,000 and a surplus of \$47,000, and the cashier is Frank B. McConnell, William A. McConnell being as stated above, the assistant cashier. In addition to his banking interests, Mr. McConnell is the local representative for the Security Insurance Company of Connecticut, the Dubuque Fire Marine Insurance Company, the Milwaukee Mechanic Insurance Company, and the American Security Company.

On October 25, 1905, Mr. McConnell was united in marriage with Lena Gollman, a daughter of George J. Gollman, and they have three children, namely: Fred W., Virginia E. and John A. The family are consistent members of the Congregational church, and give it an earnest and efficient support. Mr. McConnell is not only a supporter of Republican principles and candidates, but his work in behalf of his community has been of so important a nature that he has been brought into public notice, and he was the successful candidate of his party for the office of village treasurer upon several occasions, bringing to bear upon the conduct of the affairs of that office a ripened experience gained during his years of association with financial matters. He maintains his residence in the beautiful homestead of his family at Richmond. Mr. McConnell is a Mason, and his wife is a member of the Eastern Star. They are among the social leaders of their community, and a credit to their name and county.

WILLIAM A. McCONNELL.

William A. McConnell, now deceased, was one of the pioneers of McHenry County, became a heavy landowner of Richmond Township, and was intimately associated with its progress. He was born in Pennsylvania, was there reared, and came to McHenry County in 1837. The first settler to locate a claim in Richmond Township, he secured one on section 8, on which he erected a log cabin, 16x18 feet.

Having thus provided a home for his bride, Mr. McConnell returned to Pennsylvania, and was married there in 1838, to Elizabeth Bodine. Returning with his wife, Mr. McConnell began to improve his land. For fifteen years the primitive log cabin served as a home, but it was then replaced by a frame residence, located across the street from the cabin. In 1872, a more commodious residence was erected on the site of the cabin, and there William McConnell died October 9, 1887, his wife passing away six months later. They were survived by three sons, namely: Abraham B., John and George, sketches of whom appear elsewhere in this work.

William A. McConnell was one of the most influential men of his generation. During the administration of President Van Buren, he was appointed postmaster of Richmond, and served for six years, the post office being in the log cabin on his farm. He was associate judge of McHenry County for sixteen years and in 1844, he was elected county commissioner and served in that office until the adoption of township organization, when he was made a justice of the peace for Richmond Township and held that office for thirty-five years. He was appointed a judge of election in 1840 and served as such for several years. Mr. McConnell was a member of the first state legislature convened under the new constitution, and served as a member of the board of equalization one term, and as supervisor of Richmond Township for several years, and for one term was chairman of the board. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and was one of the organizers of the church of that denomination in Richmond. Not only did he serve faithfully and well in every office, but he reared his three sons to be as upright and capable as he, and they, too, have made their influence felt in the history of McHenry County, so that today the name of McConnell stands for the highest standards of American manhood and good citizenship.

WILLIAM S. McCONNELL.

William S. McConnell, vice-president of the Woodstock State Bank, and owner of considerable McHenry County farm land, has long been one of the leading residents of Woodstock, which he has served in several official capacities. He was born in McHenry County, Ill., August 1, 1870, a son of Abram B. and Harriet S. (Potter) McConnell, who had six children, three of whom grew to maturity. Abram B. McConnell was born at Richmond, Ill. He moved to Dorr Township in 1862, and died February 13, 1905, in Woodstock.

After going to the schools of his native county, McConnell attended the University of Michigan, and was graduated from its legal department in 1894 with the degree of LL. B., and was admitted to the bar soon thereafter. Since attaining to maturity, he has been interested in agricultural matters, and owns 300 acres of valuable land. A Republican, he has served as treasurer of McHenry County from 1906 to 1910, has been township supervisor, and in March, 1911, he was appointed by President Taft, postmaster of Woodstock, and held that office until November, 1915. On November, 1918, he was again elected County Treasurer.

On June 15, 1897, Mr. McConnell was married to Miss Susan St. Clair, a daughter of Israel St. Clair, and they have six children, namely: Harold S., Margaret, John W., Robert, William S., Jr., and Mary. Harold S., who served during the Great War in the Thirty-third Division, enlisted on June 22, 1916, before he was eighteen years of age. He was honorably discharged April 25, 1919. Mr. McConnell and his family belong to the Methodist Episcopal church. He is a Mason, Odd Fellow and Elk, and is active in all these orders. Few men stand any higher in public esteem than does Mr. McConnell, and his success has been earned through honorable actions and praiseworthy industry.

THEODORE B. McCORMICK.

Rev. Theodore B. McCormick, administrator of St. Mary's Catholic Church at Huntley, was born in Philadelphia, Penn., October 1, 1865. He was graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1882, and from Niagara University in 1884, and was ordained in St. Vincent's Seminary, Germantown, Philadelphia, June 28, 1891. For some years

he was professor in St. John's College of Brooklyn, N. Y., and Niagara University. For four years he labored in the pine forests of New Jersey, Trenton Diocese, and then came to the Rockford Diocese, November 17, 1909, where he continues to work in the smaller towns.

REV. MARTIN J. McEVOY.

Rev. Martin J. McEvoy, pastor of St. Patrick's parish, McHenry, and of St. Joseph's Catholic church of Richmond, is one of the scholarly men of his faith stationed in McHenry County. He was born at Joliet, Ill., April 12, 1880, one of the seven children of John and Johanna (Bolgar) McEvoy, the former of whom was also born at Joliet, and was a steam fitter by trade. He and his wife reside with their son at the parish house at McHenry. The paternal grandfather at one time served as circuit clerk of Will County, Ill., and with his brothers built and managed the old woolen mill in Joliet, which supplied the government during the Civil War with army blankets and woolen cloth of all kinds. They were among the most prominent business men in Joliet in those days. The maternal great-grand-uncle was ordained a priest in 1817, and was the first priest of the Catholic faith to be so ordained in what was then the diocese of Boston.

Rev. Father McEvoy attended the common and high schools of Joliet, and the Jesuit College at Chicago, from which he was graduated in 1902 with the degree of A. B. In September, 1902, he entered St. Mary's Seminary at Baltimore, Md., and a year later the degree of A. M. was conferred upon him by the Chicago College. In 1906 he was graduated from Saint Mary's Seminary with the degree of S. T. B., and he was ordained to the priesthood on December 15 of that year at the Holy Name Cathedral, Chicago, Ill., by the Most Rev. James E. Quigley, Bishop of Chicago. Father McEvoy was first stationed as assistant priest at St. Mary's church at Rockford, Ill., from whence he went to take charge of St. Peter's church at South Beloit, Ill., leaving it for his present parish, August 1, 1915. The present church edifice was erected in 1865 at a cost of \$8,000, and the affairs are in a flourishing condition. Plans are under way for the erection of a new church at an estimated cost of \$75,000, W. B. Vander Meer of Rockford, architect. Father McEvoy is a fourth degree member of the Knights of Columbus.

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JAMES E. McKAY.

James E. McKay, one of the substantial business men of Algonquin, formerly owned and operated a machine shop, under the firm name of McKay & Kruschel, but is now connected with the American Ironing Machine Company. Mr. McKay was born in Wyoming, on December 27, 1878, a son of James F. and Minnie (Dahn) McKay, the former of whom is deceased. A sketch of James F. McKay appears elsewhere in this work.

James E. McKay attended the common schools of his native place, and learned the trade of a blacksmith, following it until 1908, when he established his present business, conducting it alone until 1917, at which time he organized the firm of McKay & Kruschel.

Mr. McKay was married to Miss Charlotte Danielson, a daughter of Frank Danielson. Mr. and Mrs. McKay have the following children: Lura, who was born in 1907; Frank D., who was born in 1910; and James E., who was born in 1912. Mr. McKay belongs to the Masonic order, the Woodmen of the World and the Royal Neighbors. In politics he is a Republican. Having a practical knowledge of his work, Mr. McKay is able to render expert service, and his trade is a large one which shows a healthy annual increase. Several years ago Mr. McKay met with an automobile accident and his injuries were such as to forbid his continuing his heavy work, so he sold his interest in his machine shop and went with his present company.

JAMES F. McKAY.

James F. McKay, now deceased, formerly one of the honored residents of Algonquin, was for many years engaged in operating a locomotive as engineer, and was also president of the Algonquin Mutual Insurance Company. He was born in Scotland, November 29, 1845, and died at Algonquin, April 13, 1916. Coming to Algonquin in 1866,



H. G. Street,

for the subsequent half a century, he made that village his home with the exception of a period when he was a locomotive engineer on the Union Pacific Railroad, operating out of Laramie, Wyo.

On October 16, 1874, Mr. McKay was married to Minnie Dahn, who survives him and lives on North Main Street, Algonquin. Mr. and Mrs. McKay became the parents of four children, three of whom survive, namely: Thomas and Andrew, both of whom live at Chicago, Ill.; James Edward, who lives at Algonquin; and George, who died at Laramie, Wyo., in 1887. Mr. McKay left two sisters, namely: Mrs. Bartels, who lives at Woodstock; and Mrs. Brough, who lives at Chicago; and two brothers, Thomas and Andrew, both of whom live at Chicago. Mr. McKay belonged to Algonquin Camp No. 490, Modern Woodmen of America, and was an honorary member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers. During the many years he served as engineer, Mr. McKay proved his worth, and was recognized as one of the most faithful and reliable men on the road.

JOHN F. McLAUGHLIN.

John F. McLaughlin, manager of the Ringwood Branch of the Bowman Dairy Company, is one of the progressive business men of McHenry County. He was born in this county, in 1870, one of the eight children of Thomas McLaughlin and his wife. Thomas McLaughlin was born in Ireland, but came to the United States in young manhood, locating in McHenry County, where he died in 1870.

John F. McLaughlin was reared upon a farm, and attended the common and high schools of his locality. He was engaged in farming until he was eighteen years old, when he became interested in a milk and dairy products business, and in 1890 became connected with his present company, with which he rose until he is now in charge of its Ringwood plant, which has a daily capacity of 60,000 pounds of milk. The officers of the company are as follows: Johnston R. Bowman, president; D. B. Peck, vice-president; Robert A. Bowman, treasurer; and E. M. Bowman, secretary. The main offices of the company are at Nos. 140-158 W. Ontario Street, Chicago, Ill. The Ringwood plant gives employment to twenty-seven people. It was organized in 1907, when the Bowman Dairy Company bought the co-operative Farmers' Company.

In 1901, Mr. McLaughlin was married to Miss Julia A. Noble, a daughter of Major Noble, and a member of one of the oldest families of McHenry County. Mr. and Mrs. Laughlin have had two daughters: Mary, who died aged four years, and Julia E., who was born January 20, 1913. Mr. McLaughlin is a Catholic. He is a Democrat but has never entered public life, confining his efforts in that direction to giving his hearty and unqualified support to all measures calculated to prove beneficial to his community.

HENRY McMILLAN.

Henry McMillan, one of the native sons of McHenry County, and a successful farmer of Nunda Township, was born on the old McMillan farm, in Nunda Township, just east of the one he now owns, March 21, 1882. His father, Andrew T. McMillan, was also born in Nunda Township, a son of Samuel McMillan. Samuel McMillan was born in the state of New York, where he was married to Jane Ann Wilson, and in 1836 they came to Illinois, settling in Nunda Township, and entering 160 acres of land. There they both died.

Andrew T. McMillan was reared in Nunda Township, where he was married to Marian A. Wicker, a native of Vermont, a daughter of Benjamin Wicker. They had the following children: Emma, Charles and Benny, deceased; Henry, Frank Ray; and Earl. Andrew T. McMillan was a farmer and owned eighty acres of land, on which Henry McMillan now lives, and sixty-eight acres across the road which was the homestead. He was a Republican, but not active in politics. His death occurred when he was sixty-eight years old.

Henry McMillan attended the district schools and learned to be a practical farmer under his father's instruction. On July 2, 1903, Mr. McMillan was married to Bessie C. Hoffman, who died May 29, 1916, leaving her family desolate, for hers was a noble, Christian character, and she was beloved by them and the whole neighborhood. Mr. and Mrs. McMillan had the following children: Eva and Neva, twins; Mark; Glenn; Vera and Nellie, all of whom are at home. Mr. McMillan belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America, and his wife belonged to the Royal Neighbors.

CYRUS L. MEAD.

Cyrus L. Mead, now deceased, was one of the retired farmers of Hebron, and at his death, owned a fine farm of eighty-six acres of land within the corporate limits of the city. At one time he was prominent in the agricultural circles of the county. He was born in Oswego County, N. Y., August 13, 1827, one of the ten children of Jeremiah and Anna (Cline) Mead. Jeremiah Mead was born in Massachusetts, but moved to Oswego County, N. Y. in 1814, and lived there until his death in the early seventies, being engaged all of his active life in farming.

Cyrus L. Mead moved to Wayne County, N. Y., in 1848, and from there to McHenry County, Ill., in 1853, and until his retirement in 1882, was actively engaged in cultivating his farm land. He was a Republican, and served as a member of the school board for twenty-two years, and for five years was a member of the board of commissioners.

January 25, 1856, Mr. Mead was married to Miss Finette A. Carmen, a daughter of Sidney Carmen of New York, a Quaker in his religious belief. Mr. and Mrs. Mead had five children, namely: Anna A., who is mentioned below; Charles, Henry, Darwin and Luella, all of whom are deceased.

Anna C. Mead was married first to George P. Goddard, who is deceased, and they had a son, Henry A., who was born August 10, 1880, and died January 6, 1918, having married in 1910, Miss Nellie Peele, who bore him a son, Henry A. Goddard. Mrs. Anna C. Goddard was later married to Ellis F. Hewes who was born in Cook County, Ill., July 12, 1851. Henry Mead, son of Cyrus L. Mead, married Mary McCau'ey and had one daughter, Luella A. Mead, and she married Harry Behnke, now deceased, and they had one daughter, Luella M. Behnke. The Mead and Hewes families belong to the Methodist Episcopal church, and are well known in it and in other circles throughout the county, where Mr. Mead was recognized as one of the most representative of its pioneers. During his long residence here he saw many changes take place, and bore his part in many of them, his influence being always directed toward those which promised to prove beneficial to his community.

Cyrus L. Mead died May 8, 1920, after an illness of five months, his daughter, Mrs. Anna C. Hewes, caring for him. He was buried in the Hebron Cemetery beside his wife and children. The daughter retains the house in which he died, which is on the site of the original farm house.

EDWIN A. MEAD.

Edwin A. Mead, D. D. S., one of the leading dental surgeons of McHenry County, is conducting a general practice at Hebron, but draws his patronage from all parts of the county. He was born at Richmond, Ill., June 15, 1877, one of the six children of Isaac N. and Marie (Benson) Mead. Isaac M. Mead was born in New York state, but came to McHenry County in 1840, and located in Richmond, where he followed farming until his retirement, at which time he moved to Janesville, Wis., and is still residing there. During the Civil War, he served in the Union army for four years.

Doctor Mead attended the schools of Janesville, Wis., and then entered the College of Dental Surgery at Chicago, from which he was graduated in 1901. Immediately thereafter, he established himself in practice at Genoa Junction, where he remained a year, and then came to Hebron, and finding conditions to suit him, has since remained, building up a very desirable trade. Doctor Mead owns the building in which his office is located, and which bears his name, he having erected it at a cost of \$10,000, and he owns his residence at Hebron, and a summer home at Lake Geneva. His office is equipped with all modern appliances for the proper conduct of his work. For a period of five years, Doctor Mead served Hebron as postmaster, and also as a member of the village board, and he is a leader in the Republican party. In 1903, Doctor Mead was united in marriage with Miss Lora C. Hyde, a daughter of William Hyde, and a member of a prominent family of Hebron. Doctor and Mrs. Mead are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. A Mason, Doctor Mead belongs to both the Blue Lodge and Chapter of that order. An excellent citizen, Doctor Mead has lived up to the highest conceptions of American manhood, and is recognized as a very valuable adjunct to his community.

OWEN G. MEAD.

Owen G. Mead, senior member of the popular grocery establishment of Mead & Charles, of Woodstock, is one of the city's enterprising business men, and a director of the Farmers' Exchange State Bank of Woodstock. He was born at Woodstock, September 4, 1865, one of the five children of Charles and Rosina (Woodard) Mead, the former of whom was a carpenter and responsible man of Woodstock, who died in 1893.

Owen G. Mead attended the common and high schools of Woodstock, and his first business experience was gained as a clerk. For ten years he was engaged with several firms at Woodstock, and then in 1897, he formed his present partnership, and established the business, the firm has since continued. A full and complete line of fancy and staple groceries, to the amount of \$12,000, is carried, and a very large annual business is done. In 1900, Mr. Mead was married to Miss Ida Eppel, a daughter of Frederick Eppel. Mr. and Mrs. Mead became the parents of twin sons, Fred L. and Edwin C., who were born in September, 1903. The family residence is at No. 446 Judd street, Woodstock. Mr. Mead is a Mason and also belongs to the Odd Fellows and Modern Woodmen of the America. His social connections are with the County and Golf clubs. Not only did he serve as a member of the school board, but he has also been town clerk of Woodstock, and has been very capable in both offices. In 1915 he was made a director of the Farmers' Exchange State Bank of Woodstock, one of the sound financial institutions of the county. Mr. Mead and his family belong to the Presbyterian church, and he is prominent in it, as he is in every organization with which he is connected.

LUNA E. MENTCH.

Luna E. Mentch, of Cary, has had more to do with the political life and business activity of Cary than any other one man, being almost continuously in an official position of one kind or another, and at times filling several. For fourteen years he has been the local banker, and for twenty-eight years, proprietor of the flourishing pickle factory of this place.

Mr. Mentch was born at Oshkosh, Wis., in 1860, a son of Jacob and Sarah (James) Mentch, natives of Germany and Holland. The parents were married at Algonquin, to which she had come from New York when sixteen years old, with Silas Jaynes and family. The Jaynes family was one of the early ones to settle in Algonquin Township, its members becoming heavy landowners. Silas Jaynes continued to live here until 1900, when he moved to Barrington, and died when nearly ninety. Sarah James continued to live in the Jaynes family until her marriage. Jacob Mentch had come from Germany to the United States in young manhood, first settling at Cuba, Kane County, Ill., and worked on a farm there and in McHenry County until his marriage, which

took place December 20, 1848, the ceremony being performed by Rev. W. E. Manley. Following his marriage, Mr. Mentch went to Oshkosh, Wis., and there enlisted in response to President Lincoln's first call for troops for the Civil War, in 1861, under Captain Sawyer, later United States senator from Wisconsin. He was honorably discharged a year later on account of disability, and returning home died three months later from disability incurred in the service, leaving a widow and seven children. She remained at Oshkosh, Wis., for a year, and then returned to Algonquin Township.

This brave mother kept her family together, with the exception of the eldest, who struck out for himself, and supported them by working among the families of Algonquin Township. These children were as follows: Morania, who served in the Civil War, enlisting from Wisconsin, later became a marine engineer on the Great Lakes, and died at the age of forty-five years; Abraham, who was also a marine engineer on the Great Lakes, died at Oshkosh, Wis., in 1916, aged forty-eight years; George, who died in young manhood; Isaac, who lives at Woodstock; Hiram, who left McHenry County twenty-five years ago, died at Chicago, where he was a merchant; Luna E., whose name appears at the head of this review; and Lineys, who is foreman of the foundry department of the James A. Brady Foundry Company of Chicago. The devoted mother of this family spent her last days at the home of her son Lineys at Chicago, where she died when fifty-two years old, deeply mourned by the family for whom she had done so much.

When Luna E. Mentch was eleven years old he went to live in the family of G. S. Frary and remained there until after he reached his majority, during that period attending the district school and the Dundee High School. Subsequently he took a teacher's course at the Illinois State Normal School at DeKalb, Ill., and was engaged in teaching for twelve years, first in the country schools, and later at Cary and Crystal Lake, and was very successful in the educational field, never lacking a school, and when he abandoned that calling, his action caused regret, for parents knew that under his capable and inspiring care their children were certain to develop in no slight degree.

Mr. Mentch was not satisfied with the opportunities of the school-room, and branched out into a commercial life, and his success has proven that he was right in taking this step. He opened the first meat market at Cary in 1880, at a time when there were only five or six houses in the place, his first location being in a small building east of the post office, now used as a paint shop, and conducted it for two years.

when he disposed of it to M. B. Weaver. Beginning to handle realty, Mr. Mentch opened a real-estate office, and secured the agency of some of the leading insurance companies. In 1900 he opened the first bank of Cary, known as the Cary Exchange Bank, in the store now occupied by Hubka Bros., later on erecting the present bank building. When the Carey State Bank was organized, Mr. Mentch liquidated the Exchange Bank, selling his building to the new institution, and devoting his time and attention to his real-estate and insurance business, which had assumed large proportions. Later he diverted some of his attention to his pickle factory, which he had bought in 1889 from Goodwin & Frary. Mr. Mentch has handled a large amount of real estate, both rural and city, and at times owned several farms, operated for him by tenants. In the village of Cary he has erected more than one building, which he later sold at a good figure.

A man of unusual capabilities, Mr. Mentch has always taken a very active part in civic affairs, being active in bringing about the incorporation of the village of Cary, January 9, 1893, was its first president, and was re-elected to that office. Later he served in the same capacity for two terms more. For sixteen years he was supervisor of Algonquin Township, and for three years of that period presided over the board. For one term he was township collector, and member of the county board of review for four years. For thirty years he has been a member of the school board, his experience as an educator making his services of special value. He was village treasurer for two terms, served for the same length of time as police magistrate and is now a justice of the peace.

When Mr. Mentch was twenty-three years old he was married to Lila Kendrew of Algonquin Township, a daughter of William and Ellen Kendrew, farming people of Algonquin Township, both of whom are deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Mentch have two children, namely: Vera, who married Charles T. Allen, assistant states attorney; a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work, has two children, Russell and Robert Allen; and Foy L., who is proprietor of the Cary Garage, married Pearl Lindsey, and has one son, Elburn. Mr. Mentch is an Odd Fellow, and has been very active in the local lodge for a quarter of a century, and for nine times has been sent by his lodge as a representative to the Grand Lodge. He is also a Mason, belonging to Crystal Lake Lodge, A. F. & A. M.; Woodstock Chapter, R. A. M.; Woodstock Commandery, K. T., and Medinah Temple, Mystic Shrine, of Chicago. Mr. Mentch is one of the most representative men of McHenry County, and his

remarkable success in life has come entirely through his own efforts as he is decidedly a self-made man.

MELVILLE W. MERRY.

Melville W. Merry, proprietor of the Nyal Store at Hebron, is one of the leading druggists of that city and is a director of the Bank of Hebron. He was born in this county, January 6, 1862, one of the five children of Waterman S. and Pleiades (Wilkinson) Merry. Waterman S. Merry was born in New York state, but came to McHenry County, where he was extensively engaged in farming, and where he lived until his death.

Melville W. Merry attended the Harvard High School and the Aurora Business College, after which he became a clerk in the drug store of Gresbeck & Wilkinson of Harvard, with whom he remained for ten years, and then in 1885, he located at Hebron, where he has since remained. He carries a full and varied stock of drugs, books and jewelry amounting to \$20,000, and he owns the building in which his store is located. In 1916, Mr. Merry became a director of the Bank of Hebron, and still maintains that connection. He is secretary of the Milk Producers Association of Hebron. During the administration of Presidents Roosevelt and Taft, Mr. Merry served as postmaster of Hebron, receiving his last appointment, August 28, 1907, and he is a staunch Republican. He was also interested in farming for ten years, and still owns 400 acres of land in Hebron Township. Fraternally he belongs to the Masons, Odd Fellows and Woodmen of the World.

In 1888, Mr. Merry was united in marriage with Miss Emma C. Mead, a daughter of Henry W. Mead. Mr. and Mrs. Merry have three children, namely: Nina A., who is a graduate of Lake Forest University, is at home; Clifton H., who was born February 13, 1892, was graduated from the Northwestern University in 1916, enlisted September 4, 1917 in Company F, Three Hundred and Forty-second Infantry, was mustered out of the service December 16, 1918, and is now serving as assistant cashier of the Bank of Hebron; and Celia F., who is attending the Northwestern University. Mr. Merry has been active in many movements at Hebron, and is recognized as one of its most prominent and influential citizens.



CHARLES II. TRYON

EDWARD W. MEYER.

Edward W. Meyer, one of the leading business men of Cary, is held in high esteem by the people of McHenry County. He was born at Desplaines, Ill., May 3, 1889, one of the four children of Edward J. and Augusta (Geils) Meyer. Edward J. Meyer was born at Albany, N. Y., but came to Des Plaines, Ill., at an early day, is now retired and lives at Crystal Lake. His wife died in 1905.

Edward W. Meyer attended Maine Township High School, and the Northwestern College of Pharmacy. In 1912, he opened his present drug store, and gave it his personal attention until June 10, 1918, when he was made assistant cashier of the Cary State Bank. Almost immediately thereafter, he was called upon to discharge the duties of cashier. While serving in the latter capacity he went into the government service as a soldier.

In 1916, Mr. Meyer was married to Miss Fern Hutchinson, a daughter of Chester Hutchinson of Barrington, Ill., and they have a daughter, Marjorie. Mr. Meyer is a Mason and Odd Fellow. In politics, he is a Republican. He and his wife belong to the Methodist Episcopal church. Both as a druggist and banker, Mr. Meyer has proven his worth and capability, and he is perhaps as well known throughout the country as any man now living in it.

CHARLES C. MILLER, M. D.

Charles C. Miller, M. D., is one of the residents of Marengo who has attained to a world-wide reputation as a writer upon subjects of interest to apiarists, and as a naturalist of more than average ability. Doctor Miller was born in Pennsylvania, June 10, 1831, and his father, Johnson J. Miller, was a member of the medical profession. The mother of Charles C. Miller bore the maiden name of Phebe Roadman.

After securing his degree of A. B. from Union College of Schenectady, N. Y., Doctor Miller studied medicine in the University of Michigan, being graduated therefrom in 1856, and for a time was engaged in the practice of his profession. In 1861 his lifelong interest in bees found expression with his entrance into the bee industry at Marengo, and he increased his business until at one time he had over 400 colonies. Carrying on his work in a scientific manner, he made experiments which were

of such value that his constructive contributions to bee journals met with instant attention, and he was thus encouraged to place the results of his observation in book form. Since 1894 he has conducted a department of questions and answers in the American Bee Journal and has been department editor of Gleanings in Bee Culture since 1890; and is a member of the National Beekeepers Association, which he twice served as president. He also is the author of "A Book by P. Benson, Sr.," "A Year Among the Bees," "Fifty Years Among the Bees," and is editor of the apiary terms in the Standard Dictionary. For many years he was secretary and later president of the McHenry County Sunday School Association, and president of the Second District of Illinois, comprising six counties. He has been an elder in the Presbyterian church for more than sixty years. Doctor Miller has also been head of the local Sunday school, and chairman of the Synodical committee for the Synod of Illinois for several years. He attended the convention of the International Association of Sunday School Work held at St. Louis, and was a delegate to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church at Saratoga Springs.

In the line of his bee industry, Doctor Miller produced honey for the market and took first premium at the World's Fair in 1893. At the convention of Bee Keepers at Chicago in February, 1919, he was hailed by Dr. E. F. Phillips, head of the Government Department of Bee Keeping, at his appearance before the convention, as the "greatest bee keeper in the world."

On August 12, 1857, Doctor Miller was united in marriage with Mrs. Helen M. White, of Marengo, who died in 1880. On November 15, 1881, Doctor Miller was married (second) to Miss Sidney J. Wilson, of Marengo. Doctor Miller has one son, Charles Clinton Miller, who is a clerk in the adjutant-general's office, in the War Department at Washington, D. C. At the outbreak of the Spanish-American War he resigned to serve in that campaign, but resumed the duties connected with his position after peace was declared.

Doctor Miller has endeavored to interest others in growing flowers, especially the gladioli, and has sought to have instruction relative to its culture introduced in the public schools. He is a member of the National Plant and Flower Guild, which arranges with express companies to carry flowers for distribution in the slums of cities. As is but natural in a man of his mentality and inclinations, Doctor Miller has always been a strong advocate of the Prohibition movement, and no one is better satisfied than he at the successful passage and ratification of the Prohibition Amendment.

JOHN C. MILLER.

John C. Miller, proprietor of the Princess Theatre, is one of the most representative men of this part of the country. He was born on a farm near Dundee, in Kane County, Ill., February 14, 1879, a son of John and Rachel (Salow) Miller, who had seven children, six of whom survive. The parents were born in Germany, but came to the United States in 1871, and located in Kane County, Ill. The father died in September, 1916, but the mother survives and lives at Marengo.

John C. Miller attended the common schools of his native county, and early in life lived with his parents on a farm, but on March 19, 1907, came to Woodstock, Ill., and was employed in the Oliver Typewriter Co., and on February 1, 1909, engaged in the motion picture exhibition business. He is a staunch Republican, and was elected alderman from the third ward in 1917.

Mr. Miller was united in marriage on June 4, 1902, with Miss Lena Trebes, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Trebes, and they have one daughter, Helen L., who was born June 18, 1905. The family belong to the Grace Lutheran Church. Mr. Miller is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Loyal Order of Moose, and the Country Club, and is the vice-president and a director of the Commercial and Community Club. He is a man widely known and is justly popular.

JOHN F. MILLER.

John F. Miller, proprietor of the Rosedale Greenhouses of McHenry, is a native of Denmark, where he was born August 26, 1876, and learned the business in which he has always been engaged. In 1896 he came to the United States and spent three years at Morton Grove with the Pullman Company, and then came to McHenry and rented his present property for a year. The greenhouses were established in 1903, and are located on the Fox River adjoining the village of McHenry. There are nine and one-half acres of land surrounding the houses, which are in the highest state of fertility. Mr. Miller has 40,000 feet of glass, and his houses are heated by a steam plant. While in Denmark his specialty was rose growing, but he finds that here there is a greater demand for carnations, chrysanthemums and sweet peas, which he sells at wholesale in Chicago. When he took over this business he and his wife had between

them just \$1,000, which they paid down, and went into debt for the remaining \$13,000. In the years which have followed they have done so well that they have cleared off this debt and made many improvements, having one of the finest plants of its kind in this part of the state.

Mr. Miller was married to Minnie Stevensen, also born in Denmark, but a resident of New York for some years prior to her marriage. They have two children, namely: Alice Rose and Theodore S., both of whom are at home. Mr. Miller belongs to McHenry Lodge, A. F. & A. M., and Woodstock Chapter, R. A. M., and both belong to the Eastern Star, in which Mrs. Miller is an official. They have succeeded beyond all expectations, but theirs has not been an easy way. They were only able to meet their obligations and get ahead, because they were willing to work early and late, and save every penny not needed for the absolute necessities of life. As a result of this industry and thrift, they have today a fine business and are numbered among the prosperous people of their locality, in which they are highly appreciated and respected.

ANDREW MORITZ.

Andrew Moritz, one of the thrifty and prosperous agriculturalists of McHenry County, is located on his farm five miles north of Union in Seneca Township. He was born in Hanover, Germany, April 1, 1855, and reared on a farm. In 1880 he came to the United States, landing in New York City, from whence he came to Illinois and for a time worked by the month, for farmers in Du Page County, and then in 1881 located in Coral Township. In 1883 he bought his present farm of 140 acres for which he paid \$50 per acre, and on it he erected all the buildings, and has now a very valuable property. He has always been a hard worker and is regarded as one of the first-class farmers of the township. Independent in his political views, he votes for the man he thinks best fitted for the office.

In 1882 Mr. Moritz was married in Seneca Township to Marie Dunker. She is a daughter of Henry and Dora Dunker, all born in Hanover, Germany, who came to the United States in 1876, and settled in Coral Township. Mr. Dunker died when seventy years old. His widow survives him and is living at Marengo, being now a very aged lady. Mr. and Mrs. Moritz became the parents of the following children: Christ, who is a rancher of Montana; Dora, who is at home;

Treda, who lives at Delavan, Wis.; Louis, who is living on a portion of his father's farm; Henry, who is a partner of Louis, was in France as a member of the Twenty-first Engineers, being sent over in October, 1918; Mina, who also lives at Delavan, Wis.; Charlotte, who has been teaching in Seneca Township for six years, lives at home; Elizabeth, who has been teaching for two years, also lives at home; George, who is also on the homestead; and Carl and Mary, both of whom are at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Moritz and their children belong to the German Evangelical church at Union, and Mr. Moritz is a generous supporter of its good work. They are very estimable people, and have the esteem of their neighbors.

WILLIAM MUNSHAW.

William Munshaw, a representative man, has been for years one of the substantial farmers of McHenry County, and owns and operates together with his brother, Lambert, a fine farm in Algonquin Township, three miles southeast of Crystal Lake and three miles north of Algonquin. He was born on this farm, October 24, 1871, a son of William and Maria (Wiles) Munshaw. The elder William Munshaw was born March 16, 1817, in Ontario, Canada, where he was married, and where four of his children were born. In 1869, he came to McHenry County, Ill., and buying 102 acres of land in Algonquin Township, located in the oak openings, and here he died July 24, 1888, aged seventy-one years. His widow survived him for fifteen years, dying at Crystal Lake. She was much younger than he. In addition to his farm in Algonquin Township, he owned another one near Crystal Lake, but made his first one his home, and lived in the house now standing on it. His life was devoted to general farming and he had no taste for politics, although he voted the Republican ticket.

A brother of the elder William Munshaw, John Munshaw, who was born in Ontario, Canada, June 24, 1818, came to McHenry County, Ill., in 1871, and died here August 28, 1891, aged seventy-three years. His children were as follows: Mrs. D. E. Green, who lives at Lincoln, Neb.; Mrs. Fayette Thomas, who lives at Crystal Lake, Ill.; Mrs. Z. B. Udall, who lives at Columbus, Neb.; Miss Louise, who lives at Elgin, Ill.; E. D., who lives at Evanston, Wyo.; T. A., who lives at Elgin, Ill.; and F. A., who lives at Eau Claire, Wis.

William Munshaw and his wife had the following children: Louise,

who is Mrs. William Huffman, lives at Crystal Lake; Anna, who is Mrs. Fred Goodman, lives at Crystal Lake; Carrie and Sophronia, who do not live in McHenry County; John Robert, who died when about fifty years old, left three children, Hazel, Jennie and Ralph; William, whose name heads this review; and Lambert, who is a chemist in the Terra Cotta Works, is in partnership with William, in the ownership of the old home, which William operates, and where Lambert also lives.

William Munshaw, the younger, attended the local schools, and remained at home until his father's death, and in addition to farming, learned the blacksmithing trade at Carey, and then ran a blacksmithing shop of his own for eleven years. For the subsequent one year he was with the Oliver Typewriter Company at Woodstock, and then in 1907, took charge of the farm, in partnership with his brother, Lambert. They have bought the interests of the other heirs, and operate the farm under the style of Munshaw Bros., general farmers, stockraisers and dairymen. Each year Mr. Munshaw grows and fattens a fine drove of Duroc swine of pure breed, and his herd of twenty-five cows are of a high-grade Holstein strain. The farm is well drained naturally, and all of it is under cultivation. The basement of the barn is used for stabling purposes, and the equipment is thoroughly modern.

Lambert Munshaw was married to Myrtle Prickett, but William Munshaw is unmarried. Lambert Munshaw attended the schools of Crystal Lake, and for the past fifteen years has been the chemist of the Terra Cotta Works at Terra Cotta, this county. These young men are typical of the best class of McHenry people. They were born on their present farm, and have spent their lives within the confines of their native county, so that their interests are centered here and they take great pride in its development, and are favorably inclined toward all movements looking to further advancement of their locality.

GEORGE L. MURPHY.

George L. Murphy, president of the American National Bank of Woodstock, and senior member of the well-known mercantile house of Murphy & Doering, of Woodstock, is one of the leading business men of McHenry County. He was born at Woodstock, November 19, 1878, a son of John J. and Elizabeth A. (Donnelly) Murphy, being one of seven children, of whom four survive.

After attending the schools of Woodstock and the University of Chicago, Mr. Murphy returned to Woodstock, and formed a partnership in the mercantile business, under the style of Murphy & Mullen, which firm was in 1910 succeeded by the firm of Murphy & Doering, which now controls a large and profitable trade. In 1901 Mr. Murphy embarked in the banking business, and in 1903 was made president of his present bank, it being then organized by some of the leading men of the county. This bank is one of the most substantial in this section, and under Mr. Murphy's sane and conservative policies, it is in a most excellent condition, and largely patronized. Mr. Murphy is deeply interested in agriculture and is one of the largest owners of farm land in McHenry County.

In 1906 Mr. Murphy was married to Miss Gabriella Casamave, a daughter of Francis D. Casamave, formerly chief engineer of the motive department of the Pennsylvania Railroad System. Mr. and Mrs. Murphy have three children, namely: John J., Elizabeth C. and Frances Delphine. The family all belong to the Catholic church, and he is a member of the Knights of Columbus Council of his parish. In politics Mr. Murphy is a Republican, but he has not entered public life, his time and attention being fully occupied with his private affairs.

JOHN J. MURPHY.

John J. Murphy was long one of Woodstock's leading bankers and business men, and this was but one phase of a busy life that reached out in continuous usefulness and sympathy to all with whom he came in contact. He always judged his fellowmen not by wealth, birth or position, but by innate worth of character, and himself measured by this standard, shows a record which places him high on the roll of Woodstock's most valued and honored citizens. He was seventy-six years of age when he passed away, for his birth occurred in County Cork, Ireland, on May 8, 1832. His parents, Edward and Elizabeth (Healey) Murphy, were also natives of that county and the father there followed the occupation of farming until about 1838, when he brought his family to the United States, settling in New York city, where he was employed as an overseer in an oil mill and there remained until about 1844, when he came to Illinois, taking up his abode on a farm in Hartland Township, McHenry County, there remaining until

the death of his wife, about 1862. The father afterward removed to Woodstock, where he spent his remaining days in retirement from business, living with his daughter until his death in 1884, when he was in his eighty-fourth year. In the family were seven children.

John J. Murphy, the third in order of birth, attended a brothers' school in New York. He was reared in the faith of the Roman Catholic church, to which he always adhered, and he was liberal in his views and did not seek to influence the opinions of others on religious matters. In his boyhood days he was studious and was well posted even in his youth on current events. He ever remained a well-informed man, capable of discussing intelligently the vital problems and questions of the day.

When fourteen years of age he went to Chicago, where he clerked in a general store and also attended night school. In 1850, when eighteen years of age, he went overland to California and was engaged in mining near Sacramento and at Hangtown, now Placerville. He opened the mine at Gold Hill, near Marysville, and after about two years spent on the Pacific Coast returned to Illinois to visit his parents. A few months were passed in this state and he then again went to California, accompanied by a number of people from his locality. The second time his sojourn covered about three to four years, and following his return to Woodstock he established a general store, being connected with commercial interests of the city throughout the remainder of his life. He was perhaps even more widely known as a banker. A few years after starting in business in Woodstock he became cashier of the First National Bank, of which his father-in-law was president, and continued in active connection with the institution until he liquidated the bank because of his failing health. In 1892 he with his family spent a year in traveling through France, Italy, Germany, Austria, and the British Isles. About 1894 Mr. Murphy founded the bank which became known as the McHenry County State Bank, of which his son, G. L. Murphy, was elected president, but subsequently both withdrew. Later he established the American National Bank of Woodstock, of which his son is now the president, and continued in active association with the institution until his death. He did more to place on a substantial footing the leading financial institutions of McHenry County than any other one man. Moreover, he was an extensive landowner, conducting his real-estate dealings in North Dakota, Minnesota and Wisconsin, besides owning many valuable farms in McHenry County and city property in Woodstock. In the early days of his connection



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with mercantile interests of Woodstock he engaged in the grain and lumber business very extensively and met with substantial success in that way. At the time of his death his entire attention was taken up by the management of his estate. He was a man of excellent business ability, whose efforts were carefully directed by sound judgment, and at all times his business career was characterized by keen sagacity, unfaltering energy, straightforward purpose and laudable ambition.

On July 13, 1859, Mr. Murphy was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth A. Donnelly, who was born in Greenwood, McHenry County, Ill., a daughter of Neill and Mary (McElroy) Donnelly, both of whom were natives of Ireland, the former born in County Derry and the latter in County Fermaugh. Mrs. Donnelly was brought to America by her parents in infancy and Neill Donnelly came when a youth of fifteen years, settling first at Lowell, Mass., where he worked in a wholesale carpet store until his marriage in 1838. He then came to Illinois, settling in Greenwood Township, McHenry County, where he purchased a farm and resided for several years. He was then elected sheriff of the county and removed to Woodstock. On his retirement from office he engaged in general merchandising, in which he continued until his death, about 1889. His wife passed away about 1895. Mr. Donnelly was not only well known as one of the foremost representatives of trade interests in Woodstock, but also served as mayor of the city for two or three terms and filled other municipal offices. He was admitted to the bar but never practiced. The community recognized in him a public-spirited man, whose unselfish devotion to the public welfare was above question. His business activity was also a strong element in the city's growth, and in the early days he was president of the First National Bank of Woodstock and was also the owner of considerable stock in the Northwestern Railroad.

Mrs. Murphy, who died April 22, 1919, was the second in a family of ten children and by her marriage became the mother of seven children, namely: Julia, who died at the age of nineteen years while a student in the Boston Conservatory of Music; Charles F., who died at the age of two years; Mary F., who is the wife of Dr. George S. Thomas, formerly Dean of the University of N. D., but now a resident of Richmond, Va.; Eleanor G., who is the wife of J. N. Kelly, superintendent of the schools of Grand Forks, N. D.; Henry C., who is editor and manager of the Courier, a paper published at Evansville, Ind., married Miss Katherine Speed, of Memphis, Tenn., and they have one son, John S.; Evelyn C., who died April 26, 1908; George L., who is presi-

dent of the American National Bank of Woodstock, married Miss Gabrielle Casanave of Philadelphia, Pa., and they have three children, Elizabeth, John J. and Frances Delphine.

At one time Mr. Murphy became a member of the Masonic lodge but later withdrew. His political belief was that of an independent Democrat. For one term he served as mayor of Woodstock and he also was a member of the school board. Before advanced years came upon him he took an active interest in the social and political life of the city. He was a man fearless in expressing his opinions and yet did not arouse antagonism. He gave generously where aid was needed, yet no one knew the full extent of his charities or heard him speak of his benevolences; and was identified with practically every public improvement that tended to advance the material welfare and upbuilding of Woodstock, and his worth as a citizen cannot be overestimated. In the funeral service the priest of St. Mary's Catholic church, Father Gilmartin, said:

"This day a great man has been called from our midst, a highly respected citizen of the community, one upon whom this city conferred the highest office in its trust, the duties of which office he discharged faithfully and honorably. He was a man of great executive powers and possessed of wonderful business ability. As a financier he had few equals and no superior in this section of the country. Nature endowed him with a strong indomitable will and magnificent intellect. He had a keen insight into human nature and a phenomenal grasp on business principles. John J. Murphy would have made a name for himself in any walk of life and would be an honor to any profession.

"About seventy years ago he came to our shores. Then he was a poor boy, six years old, without friends and without influence, yet by the sheer power of his innate faculties he overcame all obstacles and rose gradually until he stood in the very front rank of the business life of our community and was a recognized leader in the financial life of this city and of this county.

"In his home the visitor always found in him the polished, refined, cultured, dignified, intelligent gentleman—man of affairs and man of letters. He had a great fund of information, gleaned alike from extensive reading and wide travels. He could speak intelligently and profoundly on almost any subject.

"The deceased had many good qualities of mind and heart and surely the least of them was not his kindness and generosity. He gave much to charity, but his charity was for the most part unknown

to the world. That he gave quietly and unostentatiously, without any noise of publicity."

Such is the history of one whom Woodstock long honored as among her most prominent citizens, one whose life work was of signal value and usefulness to his community, while his memory remained as a benediction to all who knew him.

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JOHN S. MYERS.

John S. Myers, one of the progressive farmers of McHenry County, lives two miles west of Richmond village, in Richmond Township. He was born in his present house, August 26, 1864, a son of the late George H. Myers. George H. Myers was born at Utica, N. Y., January 28, 1825, and died January 27, 1909. In 1844 he came with his parents, John D. and Eva D. Myers, natives of New York, to Kenosha, Wis. Soon thereafter the brother moved to the farm owned by his son, John S. Myers, which had been secured the year previously. It was wild prairie land, and comprised 220 acres, as it does now. On it John D. Myers and his wife passed away when quite aged. Early in life he was a strong Whig in his political sentiments, later becoming a Republican. In addition to his son, George H. Myers, John D. Myers had another son, Joseph, who was younger.

George H. Myers remained on the farm and married Miranda Ladd, and they lived on this farm for years, but he later retired to another farm two miles away and there died when over eighty, and his widow, surviving him, lives at Richmond. The old farm buildings erected by him still stand, although John D. Myers has remodeled them. The children of George H. Myers were as follows: Alberta, who is Mrs. C. W. Radcliffe of Chicago; Emily, who is Mrs. W. M. Radcliffe of San Diego, Cal.; Margaret, who is Mrs. J. J. Jewell of San Diego, Cal.; and John S., whose name heads this review.

Like his father, John S. Myers has made farming his life work, and

pays special attention to dairying, keeping about thirty-five cows, the farm being well adapted to this class of agricultural activity. Having always lived on this property, Mr. Myers is very much attached to it, and takes a pride in following the example of efficiency and good citizenship set him by his father.

On June 8, 1887, Mr. Myers was married to Alida Buchanan of Lodi, Wis., and their children are as follows: George, who married Kessie Hackett, has one daughter, Avis; and Alberta, who, after being graduated from the School of Expression of Columbia College and the Sisters' School at Kalamazoo, Mich., is now engaged in teaching in the Chicago public schools, being a very intelligent and efficient lady, well known in educational circles. Mr. Myers has never cared for politics, and will not accept of office, his time and interest being fully absorbed by his farming. His family is one of the old and honored ones in this neighborhood, and his long connection with the farming activities of Richmond Township have brought him to the notice of his fellow citizens in a very favorable light. It is such men as he, substantial, able and upright, who form the great backbone of American citizenship.

WILLIAM ABBOTT NASON, M. D.

William Abbott Nason, M. D., who is now deceased, was for twenty-five years the only physician and surgeon of Algonquin, and was a well-known figure to all of McHenry County. He was born at Hallowell, Maine, June 21, 1841, and he died at Algonquin, June 10, 1918, aged seventy-six years, eleven months and twenty days.

After attending the Boston public schools, and the Buffalo High School, he took his medical training at Bellevue Hospital of New York City and the Chicago Medical College, being graduated from the latter in 1866. The following year he located at Chicago, but being appointed assistant surgeon for the United States government, he went to Gordonsville Hospital, Va., and later to the government hospital at Yorktown, Va. In 1868, he came to Algonquin and continued in active practice here for fifty years. During that period he took an active part in many movements, and was president of the Fox River Medical Society for one year, having assisted in founding it. For a number of years he was president of the school board, and had the betterment of the schools deeply at heart all his life. A scholarly man, he branched out

along scientific lines, and was one of the founders of the Chicago Academy of Sciences, and a member of the American Entomological Society of Philadelphia, Pa. Many of his pamphlets and articles on special subjects have been published, and he was an authority on botany and the fauna of his state. His collection of flowers and insects was one of the finest in the state, and is now preserved under his name at the University of Illinois.

On June 29, 1874, Doctor Nason was married to Miss Anna Goodson of Algonquin, who survives him. They had the following children: William Edward, who is superintendent of the Borden Condensed Milk Company at Algonquin, has a daughter, Wilhua Margaret; Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Raedel, who has two children, Marion Nason, and Paul Nason; and Charles Craig, who is of Algonquin. Doctor Nason was a Mason and a member of "the Modern Woodmen and of the Maceabees.

WILLIAM E. NASON.

William E. Nason, superintendent of the Algonquin plant of Borden's Condensed Milk Company, is one of the thoroughly competent and practical men of McHenry County, who has rendered valuable service to his company and community in his present capacity. He was born at Algonquin, on the site now occupied by the Algonquin Bank building, October 28, 1881, a son of the venerated Dr. W. A. Nason, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work.

After attending the public schools of Algonquin, he completed his studies at the Elgin Academy and then entered the employ of the Northwestern Railroad Company, where he remained until 1903, in February of that year engaging with his present company, first as shipping clerk, then as bookkeeper, and on October 1, 1914, he was promoted to his present position.

On October 21, 1914, Mr. Nason was married to Miss Margaret Wahlen, a daughter of Joseph Wahlen of Algonquin. They have one daughter, Wilma M., who was born February 23, 1916. Mr. and Mrs. Nason attend the Congregational Church. Mr. Nason belongs to Algonquin Lodge No. 960, A. F. & A. M., and has the distinction of being the first member raised. Mr. Nason has been the Republican candidate for precinct committeeman and alderman, and elected by a large majority.

GEORGE H. NICKELS.

George H. Nickels, manager of the J. H. Patterson Lumber Company of Huntley, is one of the enterprising business men of McHenry County. He was born at West McHenry, March 31, 1880, a son of Christopher and Dena (Tunion) Nickels. The former was a mason by trade, and worked as such until his death. He and his wife had nine children born to them.

George H. Nickels attended the common and high schools of McHenry County, and then began working with his present firm, having secured all of his business experience with them, rising from subordinate positions to his present one through merit. The J. H. Patterson Lumber Company does a large business, its annual sales amounting to \$25,000.00.

On September 27, 1912, Mr. Nickels was married to Miss Emma Felschow, a daughter of Frank Felschow, prominent in the mercantile circles of Dundee, Ill. Mr. and Mrs. Nickels have one son, Harold H., who was born July 18, 1912. Mr. Nickels is a Republican, but has not been active in politics. He and his wife belong to the Lutheran church. In his case faithful endeavor and intelligent application have resulted in deserved reward, and he stands as well in his community as he does with his company.

CHARLES LUMAN NICHOLS.

Charles Luman Nichols, now living retired on his farm two miles west of Hebron, in Hebron Township, was born February 17, 1852, a son of Samuel John and Mary (Adams) Nichols, who came to Wisconsin in 1854, buying land in Lynn Township, Walworth County, that state, four miles north of the present home of Charles L. Nichols. Two cousins of Mrs. Nichols, John and Charles Adams, had located there previously, in company with Whitney Brigham and Josiah Giddings, all of whom secured land adjoining. John Nichols and his wife had the following family: Levi Adams, who is president of the First National Bank of Lake Geneva, Wis.; Charles L., whose name heads this review; Frances E., who married John J. Stewart of Hebron; Mary, who married Willbur Adams of Morristown, Minn.; and James G., who is living on the old farm in Lynn Township, Walworth County, Wis.

Charles L. Nichols was reared on his father's farm, attending the district schools until eighteen years old, and was also a student during

portions of two years at the Whitewater Normal School. During the winter months of five years he taught school in Lynn Township. When he was twenty years old, his uncle John Adams died, and he and his sister Mary came to live with their aunt, and he conducted the farm for her during the first year and then leased it for three years. Mrs. Adams then moved to Oshkosh, Wis., and another tenant took the farm. During the winter months Mr. Nichols continued to teach school, but in the summer months farmed. Eventually he bought the John Adams farm of 155 acres, and still later the adjoining farm of 120 acres of Charles Adams. Both John and Charles Adams were survived by their widows, but neither left any children.

Mr. Nichols has fed hogs, cattle of the Shorthorn strain, and carried on dairying, making of it in later years his main feature. He improved his farms and has a very fine property. It was his intention for some years to retire from active participation when he became fifty years old, and this he did in 1901, moving into a new house he had just erected. Since then he has not over-exerted himself, feeling that he has earned his leisure. While a Republican, Mr. Nichols supports the policies of President Wilson.

On September 24, 1888, Mr. Nichols was married to Ida Frances Anderson, a daughter of James Lee and Solinda (Thompson) Anderson of Lawrence, Chemung Township, where Mrs. Nichols was born July 7, 1864. Mrs. Anderson died October 25, 1915, and Mr. Anderson lives with Mr. and Mrs. Nichols. The children in the Nichols family are as follows: Mary Anderson, who is a professional librarian; and Charles Henry, Louise Lydia and Ralph Levi, who are all at home. Mr. Nichols is one of the representative men of the county, and is held in exceeding high esteem.

DAVID B. NICHOLS.

David B. Nichols, one of the most prominent men of Woodstock, is engaged in conducting the leading plumbing establishment at the county seat. He is a native of Illinois, and was born April 7, 1871, one of the three children of Alexander M. and Mary Ann (McElroy) Nichols. Alexander M. Nichols was also born in Illinois, and he was an engineer by trade, working both on railroad and stationary engines until his death in November, 1889.

David B. Nichols attended both the common and high schools,

and in 1888 became apprenticed to the plumbing trade, which he completed in 1895. In 1901 he came to Woodstock and organized his present business, and carries a full and varied line of plumbing and heating apparatus and equipment valued at about \$5,000, and does the largest amount of business in this part of the county.

Mr. Nichols was united in marriage with Miss Mary H. Hansch, a daughter of John Hansch, and they have one son, Leslie A. Politically Mr. Nichols is a Republican, but he has held no offices. His fraternal connections are with the Masons and Elks. Mr. and Mrs. Nichols are consistent members of the Presbyterian church. Their residence is at No. 532 Austin avenue, Woodstock, where their many friends are always made cordially welcome.

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LESTER C. NOGLE.

Lester C. Nogle, secretary, treasurer and manager of the popular dry-goods establishment known as the Woodstock Dry Goods Company, is one of the leading and alert business men of Woodstock. He was born in Wisconsin, April 28, 1880, the only child of William B. and Emma C. (Gaylord) Nogle. William B. Nogle was also born in Wisconsin, but later came to Woodstock, where he now resides, being an expert carpenter.

Lester C. Nogle attended both the common and high schools, and his first business experience was gained with his present firm. He entered the establishment as a clerk and gradually was advanced until in 1915, he was made its manager, and has since capably and satisfactorily discharged the duties of that position. Subsequently he was elected secretary and treasurer, and is now a stockholder. He has under his direct supervision several employes, and the annual business transacted by the firm is very satisfactory to stockholders. This firm has been in existence since 1902, and a full line of dry goods, cloaks, suits and notions is always carried.



J. H. Turner

In 1902 Mr. Nogle was united in marriage with Miss Emily C. Neil, a daughter of Charles Neil. Mr. and Mrs. Nogle have one daughter, Joye M. Both he and Mrs. Nogle belong to the Baptist church. In politics he is a Republican. Fraternally he belongs to the Odd Fellows, and Elks. A man of unusual ability, he has risen through his own efforts, and is justly regarded as one of the representative men of McHenry County.

CORNELIUS NOLAN.

Cornelius Nolan, former assessor of Hartland Township, and one of the thoroughly representative men of McHenry County, owns and operates a fine farm seven miles northwest of Woodstock. He was born on his present farm, January 8, 1850, a son of Thomas B. and Margaret (Nolan) Nolan. Although the parents were both natives of County Fermuagh, Ireland, and bore the same name, no relationship existed between them. They were married in their native county, which they left in 1837, for the United States to join a brother who had become a contractor at Holyoke, Mass. After his arrival, Thomas B. Nolan became a boss of a gang on railroad construction and kept a boarding house. In 1842, he came to McHenry County and secured the present farm of his son as a pre-emption claim, not then surveyed. About the same time, a brother of his, Patrick Nolan, settled near the present site of St. Patrick's church, as did a Mr. McCaffrey, a friend of the brothers in their native land, but he later left McHenry County for California. Thomas B. Nolan lived on his farm until his death, January 8, 1889, when he was ninety-seven years of age. His wife died two years before him, aged eighty-four years.

Cornelius Nolan is devoting the greater part of his attention to dairying, and keeps from fifteen to twenty high-grade Holstein cows, the greater number of which he has raised. For over thirty-four years he served continuously as assessor of Hartland Township, but made his last assessment in 1918. Always a Democrat, he has taken an active part in his party. Mr. Nolan's parents were among the original members of St. Patrick's Catholic church, which is two miles distant from his farm. Probably no other man knows as well as he the values of real estate in Hartland Township and certainly no man has more or warmer friends.

When Mr. Nolan was thirty-four years old he was married to Mary

Ann McCabe, a daughter of Patrick McCabe, a neighboring farmer, and after twenty-two years of married life together, they were separated by her death. They had eight children, as follows: Thomas Francis, who is located at Chicago, is a member of the Pinkerton Detective Agency; Joseph Charles, who is engaged in farming two miles west of his father; W. Cornelius, who resides at Woodstock; Patrick Henry, who served during the Great War; Albert Michael, who is assisting his father on the farm; and Margaret Ann, Susan Mary and Winifred Catherine, all of whom are at home. The last named was only two years old when Mrs. Nolan died. The Nolan home is one of the most popular in the township, and a center of social activity, the young people and their estimable father welcoming here their many friends.

EDWARD E. NOWAK.

Edward E. Nowak, proprietor of the Nowak Machine Works of Union, and agent for the Dort, Empire and Jackson cars, also owns a well-equipped garage, and is one of the progressive men of McHenry County. He was born in Cook County, Ill., August 16, 1881, a son of John and Tena (Guse) Nowak.

Edward E. Nowak attended both the common and high schools of his locality, and learned the carpenter trade, working at that before he entered the real estate business at Chicago. In 1917 Mr. Nowak came to Union and established his present business, which he has continued to expand until he has one of the best of its kind in his locality.

On June 6, 1906, he was married to Miss Mary Steinke, born December 18, 1885, a daughter of William Steinke and Emeline Dittbenner, and member of one of the old families of McHenry County. Mr. Steinke was a successful farmer of this county. Mr. and Mrs. Nowak have two children, namely: Elwood B., who was born February 13, 1907; and Ralph E., who was born January 11, 1911. Mr. Nowak is a Republican. He and his family belong to the Lutheran Church.

ALBERT E. NYE.

Albert E. Nye, formerly superintendent of the schools of McHenry, is one of the learned and scholarly men produced by McHenry County,

and one whose efforts in behalf of the children of this section, met with deserved appreciation. He was born in Ohio, October 2, 1884, one of the fourteen children born to Frank and Mary (LaFountain) Nye. Frank Nye was a farmer and miller in Ohio.

After attending the district schools of Alveda, Ohio, Professor Nye entered the preparatory school at Ada, Ohio, and then for several years was engaged in teaching in the rural districts of Ohio. After he had further prepared himself for his selected profession, by taking a scientific course at the University of Valparaiso, Ind., he accepted a position at Aberdeen, S. D., and later was made superintendent of schools of Gettysburg, S. D. Four years afterwards he attended the University of Wisconsin to take a course in manual training and in other special work, and in 1910, he came to McHenry County to assume charge of the city schools of McHenry. The pupils under his charge numbered about 260, and he had eight teachers working with him. The present modern school building was erected under his supervision in 1914. He is now superintendent of the Community High School at Coal City, Ill.

Mr. Nye was married to Lucile Gutzwiler, a daughter of George Gutzwiler, and they have three children, namely: Roseline L., who was born November 1, 1911; Lowell W., who was born July 28, 1914; and Ruth E., who was born September 13, 1916. Mr. Nye is independent in his political views.

NICHOLAS J. NYE, M. D.

Nicholas J. Nye, M. D., one of the most prominent physicians and surgeons of McHenry County, is engaged in a general practice at McHenry, where his skill is duly recognized. He was born in Ohio, October 15, 1871, a son of Frank and Mary (LaFountain) Nye, also natives of Ohio, where the father was a farmer and miller. He died in 1913, but the mother survives.

After attending the local schools, Nicholas J. Nye entered the Starling School of Medicine at Columbus, Ohio, from which he was graduated, and he took post-graduate courses at Chicago, and the Memphis Medical College, of Memphis, Tenn. In 1910, Dr. Nye came to McHenry to succeed Dr. Fegers, having previously been engaged in practice at Jolmsburg, and he still retains his very valuable farm of 160 acres in Richmond Township.

Dr. Nye was married to Miss Katherine C. Hoffbauer, a daughter of Joseph Hoffbauer. Dr. and Mrs. Nye became the parents of the following children: Harvey E., Rose Mary, Herman T., William and Eugene. The family belong to the Catholic church. Dr. Nye is a member of the McHenry County Medical Society and the State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. He is a carefully trained and experienced man, and his success in his practice comes of his natural skill and proficiency.

WILLIAM H. O'BRIEN.

William H. O'Brien owns and conducts one of the finest drug stores in McHenry County, and is one of the leading business men of Richmond. He was born at Clinton Junction, Wis., April 9, 1872, one of the two children born to James and Anna (Simpson) O'Brien. James O'Brien became well known to the traveling public through his hotel which he conducted at Pecatonica, Ill., until his death in 1887. His widow survived him until 1900, when she, too, passed away.

William H. O'Brien attended the common and high schools of Pecatonica, and the Northwestern University, School of Pharmacy in 1894. He then went to Winnebago, Ill., and for four years clerked in drug store of U. G. Dennison, located at Chicago, and foreightyears operated a drug store under the firm name of Kask & O'Brien. Leaving Chicago, he went to Woodstock, and spent four years in the pharmacy of L. T. Hoy, coming then to Richmond, where he has built up a magnificent business. He not only carries a full line of drugs, but also of stationery, kodaks and photographic supplies, toilet articles and kindred articles, his stock being valued at \$10,000.

Mr. O'Brien belongs to Woodstock Chapter No. 143, R. A. M. In politics he is a Republican. His services during the late war were very valuable, and he proved his patriotism and support of the administration in his effective work in the various campaigns to raise funds and sell Liberty Loans. It would be difficult to find a man more universally liked and respected than he.

MICHAEL F. O'CONNOR.

Michael F. O'Connor, postmaster of Harvard, is one of the men in the government service who deserves the position he now holds, having

worked up to it and rendered faithful and efficient returns for the confidence reposed in him. He was born in McHenry County, July 26, 1856, one of the seven children of Daniel and Mary (Fogerty) O'Connor, natives of Ireland, who came to the United States in 1846, first locating in Ohio, from whence in 1852, they came to McHenry County, Ill., which continued their home until death claimed them, he passing away in 1891, she surviving him until 1906. They were farming people, and very highly esteemed.

Michael F. O'Connor attended the common schools of McHenry County, and worked on his father's farm until he was twenty-five years old. He then went upon the road as a salesman, and in 1884, he became a mail clerk on the railroad. In 1913, President Wilson appointed him postmaster of Harvard, and he now has fourteen people under him, among them being his assistant, Miss Elizabeth Sweeney.

Mr. O'Connor was married to Miss Elizabeth Young, a daughter of James Young, and they have two children, namely: Mary Frances, and Eugene M. Mr. O'Connor and his family all belong to the Roman Catholic church. In politics he is a strong Democrat. For some years he has belonged to the Illinois Commercial Travelers Association. A painstaking public official, Mr. O'Connor gives universal satisfaction to the people of Harvard, and as a result of his able management, the affairs of his office are in prime condition.

JACOB OLBRICH.

Jacob Olbrich, now deceased, was formerly one of the most prosperous farmers of Chemung, and a man who held the respect of his neighbors by reason of his sturdy honesty and upright character. He was born at Wetzlar, Germany, July 25, 1838, and came to the United States in August, 1858, locating at once in McHenry County. He secured fifty acres of land on section 9, of Chemung Township. After coming here he was married to Katherine Weitzel, born in Germany in 1847, and she died leaving five children. On January 17, 1871, he was married (second) to Mary E. Weitzel, younger sister of the first wife. She was also born in Germany. By his first marriage Jacob Olbrich had the following children: William, who was born June 26, 1859, lives at Harvard; Elizabeth, who was born January 18, 1861, married George Fanning, and is now deceased; Mary, who was born

October 19, 1862, married Charles Tooker of Edgar, Nebr.; Augusta, who was born April 22, 1865, married Fred Parent, and died leaving three children; and Otelia, who was born May 12, 1868, is Mrs. Frank Ammon of Sterling, Ill. By his second marriage he had the following children: John, who was born June 8, 1873, lives in Marengo Township; Jacob, who was born June 8, 1876, is mentioned below; Frank, who died in Colorado when about thirty years of age; Michael, who is now deputy attorney general of Wisconsin, resides at Madison, Wis., and was graduated from the law department of the University of Wisconsin; and Emil, who was drowned while bathing in Lake Mendota, Madison, Wis. He had just been graduated from the State University at the age of twenty-three years, and had a brilliant future before him. The father of these children, Jacob Olbrich, was killed on the railroad crossing at Lawrence in 1897, while trying to cross the tracks. His horses became uncontrollable and they, too, were killed. At that time, Mr. Olbrich was fifty-nine years of age. His widow died about seven years ago. Both are buried in Bigfoot Cemetery. Mr. Olbrich spent his entire life on a farm and was an excellent business man. The German Evangelical church had in him a most devout member, and he was held in high esteem in the congregation. Mrs. Olbrich was a daughter of Frederick Weitzel, a neighbor of Mr. Olbrich, born in Germany in January, 1810. In 1852 he came to the United States bringing with him his wife whom he had married in 1835. Her maiden name was Amarilla Gabriel, and she was born in Germany in 1813. The three children of the Weitzel family were as follows: Katherine, who is deceased, was the wife of Jacob Olbrich; Christina, who resides in Wisconsin, is the widow of John Mueller; and Amarilla, who was born September 10, 1845, became the second Mrs. Olbrich. Mr. Weitzel died about 1895, aged eighty-six years, his widow surviving him until she was ninety-five years old. This is a long-lived family.

Jacob Olbrich, the younger, owns 124 acres of land formerly the Weitzel farm, to which he has added thirty acres, all in Chemung Township. This farm is well developed and on it Mr. Olbrich carries on dairying, having thirty cows, and he also raises horses, hogs and other stock. He is not married, his home being cared for by Mrs. Flora Wood, widow of James E. Wood, who was born and reared in Chemung. He was an inventor among his other products being a corn husker, on which patents were granted. While working as a millwright mechanic at Aurora, he was killed on October 12, 1910, his clothing catching in the machinery. Mrs. Wood has a daughter, Grace A. Wood who is the

wife of Randall Weitzel of Harvard. They have no children. Mr. Weitzel is engaged in a real-estate business and is a rising young man. Both the Obrieh and Weitzel families are old ones of McHenry County, and they are associated by ties of friendship and intermarriage.

SOREN P. OLESEN.

Soren P. Olesen, city assessor of Marengo, owns some valuable rural property in McHenry County, and was formerly one of its progressive agriculturalists. He was born in Denmark, April 3, 1861. In 1883 he came to the United States, and for a while divided his time between working on a farm in the vicinity of Petersburg, Ill., and labor in Moline, Ill. In the spring of 1881, he went to South Dakota, homesteaded at Charles, Mix County, proved up his farm and lived on it for about five years, in all spending eleven years in South Dakota. He then returned to Illinois, settling near Capron, Boone County, where his wife was born and had lived until nine years of age, and in March, 1901, came to McHenry County, buying a farm at the Seven Bridges, five and one-half miles west of Marengo. This farm comprised 292½ acres of land and was then known as the Delos Poyer farm, but is now named The Highland Farm. For the subsequent fifteen years, Mr. Olesen lived upon this property, making many improvements, including the erection of a large dairy barn, the remodeling of all the buildings, and the putting in of a silo, forty-eight feet high. His new barn stands on the site of the old one. This farm is a very good one, comparing favorably with any other in the township. On it dairying and hog raising are carried on very profitably. He sold this farm in 1916, and in this transaction obtained his present 120-acre farm in Coral Township, where he has built a silo similar to the one on his original farm, and this is rented to a tenant. In June, 1919, he bought another 120-acre farm in Riley Township. About three years ago Mr. Olesen moved to Marengo. While not a strong partisan, he generally votes the Republican ticket, and is thoroughly Americanized. Prior to his election as city assessor, he had served acceptably on the district school board, and is a man of sterling character and unflinching honesty. He was reared in the faith of the Lutheran church, but since coming to this country has been identified with the Presbyterian church, of which he is an elder, and clerk of the sessions.

On April 2, 1893, Mr. Olesen was married in South Dakota to Maude M. Carroll, born August 10, 1874, which in that year fell upon Easter Sunday, but it has not since occurred. Mrs. Olesen was born at Capron, Ill., a daughter of H. M. and Climena (Blodgett) Carroll, who brought her to South Dakota in 1883. Mrs. Carroll died in South Dakota, and Mr. Carroll spent his last years with his daughter, Mrs. Olesen in McHenry County, although for several years he was a hardware dealer at Capron, Ill. He was a highly respected man, and a Thirty-second Degree Mason, and had organized several lodges during the twenty-one years he lived in South Dakota, for which he was awarded a medal, now in the possession of Mrs. Olesen. He was buried at Platte, S. D., by members of his lodge. Mr. and Mrs. Olesen have had the following children: Metta, who married Roy Stock, lives near Seven Bridges, Marengo Township; Ralph C., who was in the service during the Great War as an aviation mechanic, spent six months in England, after having been in training at Jefferson Barracks, Mo., San Antonio, Tex., and Long Island for fourteen months, and was discharged with creditable mention; Lyle D., who is in the employ of the Oliver Typewriter Company at Woodstock; Muriel V., who is attending the Marengo High School; and Erving B., who died in infancy.

SILAS E. OLMSTEAD.

Silas E. Olmstead, ex-mayor of Woodstock, owns and operates a fine farm of 270 acres of choice land in the vicinity of the county seat. He was born in New York state, November 29, 1851, a son of Edwin S. and Maria (Marshall) Olmstead, who had four children, two of whom survive. Edwin S. Olmstead was also born in New York state, died in Ridgefield, Ill., July 15, 1913.

Mr. Olmstead attended the schools of McHenry County, where he was brought when one year old, and was reared on a farm. Having learned the principles of farming from boyhood, when he attained to mature years, he naturally adopted farming as his life work, and has always been engaged in that calling, and stock raising, with marked success.

In 1874 Mr. Olmstead was united in marriage with Miss Mary Scott, a daughter of Andrew Scott, and they have had two children: Winnifred D., and Delbert J. Mr. and Mrs. Olmstead are consistent members



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of the Presbyterian church. Very prominent as a Republican, he was elected on his ticket for alderman, and in 1917 was elected mayor of Woodstock, and while in office gave the city a fine and businesslike administration, and he takes a deep interest in public matters. His fraternal affiliations are with the Woodmen of the World and the Court of Honor. A man of high principles, he has always lived up to them, and is a citizen of whom his county may well feel proud.

KNUTE OLSON.

Knute Olson, one of the younger agriculturalists of Grafton Township, and a leader among those who claim Sweden as their place of birth, was born in Sweden, January 17, 1878, a son of Jons and Anna Olson, farming people. Knute Olson was well educated before he left Sweden, and taught to be a practical farmer under the wise guidance of his father. In 1897, when he was nineteen years old, he came to the United States, and located at Huntley, working on a farm in its vicinity for four years. He then spent a year in Chicago, but returned to Grafton Township, where he rented land, until he bought his present farm. This property of 200 acres was the old J. J. Schuyler farm, and here he carries on general farming and dairying, and has been very successful.

In 1905 Knute Olson was married to Clara Holmgreev, also born in Sweden, and they have four children, namely: Russell, Arthur, Knute and Garnet. Mr. Olson is a Republican. Probably he is one of the best examples of what can be accomplished through a man's industry and thrift in the county. Coming to this country without means, he has in a little over twenty years become the owner of one of the finest farms in Grafton Township, and won confidence and respect of his fellow citizens.

SAMUEL L. ORVIS.

Samuel L. Orvis, now living retired at Spring Grove, is one of the veterans of the Civil War, and a man whose usefulness to his country in both war and peace has been clearly proven. He was born at Battleboro, Vt., January 1, 1840, a son of Simeon V. and Derexey (Campbell) Orvis, and grandson of David C. Orvis, who was a Revolutionary

soldier and officer. In 1840 the family moved to New York, and in 1853, to Illinois, and after three years in this state, went to Wilmot, Wis. Still later, Simeon V. Orvis went to Iowa, but he and his wife spent their last days with their children, of whom there were four growing to maturity and marrying.

Samuel L. Orvis enlisted for service during the Civil War, in November, 1861, in the First Wisconsin Cavalry, and re-enlisted in the same regiment in 1864, continuing with it until after peace was declared. During the last year he was commanding sergeant, and was detailed to capture Jefferson Davis. Succeeding in the undertaking, he with his comrades shared the reward. During his long and dangerous service he was not wounded or captured. Mr. Orvis received his honorable discharge in July, 1865, after three and one-half years of service.

Mr. Orvis was married (first) to Miss Lavina Sanborn, at Wilmot, Wis., November 4, 1866. A sketch of the Sanborn family is given elsewhere in this work. Mr. Orvis was a farmer of Richmond Township until 1888, but in that year moved on the old Sanborn homestead that originally belonged to Grandmother Sanborn. During recent years he has lived retired at Spring Grove. He and his wife had the following children born to them: Clarence C., who is an attorney of Oskaloosa, Iowa; Rose, who married James Madden, has six children and is now housekeeper for her father, her children being, Mary, James, Catherine, Samuel and Margaret P.; Bryon, who lives at Waukegan, Ill., is a city employe; Elmer, who is city attorney of Waukegan; and Frank, who was killed in 1909 on the railroad at Shernierville, Ill., was a railroad employe; and Everett, who is a farmer of Lake County, Ill. Mr. Orvis is one of the most highly respected men of the county, and deserves the leisure he is now enjoying for he has worked hard in previous years.

ADDISON D. OSBORN.

Addison D. Osborn, one of the prominent residents and leading merchants of Woodstock, carries a select line of hardware, china and auto supplies, and is regarded as one of the most successful men of McHenry County. He was born in Delaware County, N. Y., January 29, 1860, one of the three children born to Ogden A. and Susan (Multer) Osborn. Ogden A. Osborn was born in New York state, and came to

McHenry County, Ill., in 1873, where he was engaged in farming until his death in 1886. His widow survived him until 1909.

Addison D. Osborn attended both the common and high schools, completing his studies at Woodstock. His first business experience was gained in the store of E. A. Purphy and Company, dry goods merchants, with whom he remained until 1886, when he went to Chicago, remaining there until 1897, when he returned to Woodstock, and bought his present business from George Eckert and L. J. Young and has since conducted it. His stock which is a very fine one, and his store, is located on the public square, fronting Cass street, and adjoining the Farmers Exchange State Bank.

In 1888 Mr. Osborn was married to Miss Bessie Delamere, a daughter of Charles Delamere of Michigan. Mr. and Mrs. Osborn have one daughter, namely: Ada Doris, who was born May 23, 1890. She was married to Fred J. Mershon, residing at Bay City, Mich., and they have one son, John Osborn Mershon. The family residence of the Osborns is No. 515 Jackson street, Woodstock. Both he and Mrs. Osborn belong to the Presbyterian church of Woodstock. Mr. Osborn is a Republican, and for four years he was a member of the city council, and proved himself a very capable man in office. An excellent business man, he has known how to meet the requirements of the public, and his prosperity is well deserved.

WILLIAM J. OVERTON.

William J. Overton, one of the substantial men of Richmond Township, is located at Solon Mills, where he was born June 6, 1854, a son of James and Harriet (Rowson) Overton, both born in the same parish in Lincolnshire, England. They came to the United States at different times, and in 1832 were married in New York, coming later to Solon Mills, where he first conducted a cheese factory, and later a farm. At the time he bought it the land was covered by timber, and he sold a good deal of it to the railroads, clearing off at least 200 acres, for which he had paid \$25 per acre. He and his wife had four children, as follows: William J.; Richard; Adlie, who died at the age of twenty-five years; and Ruth, who died at the age of sixteen years. Richard married Fannie Killey, who survives him and lives at McHenry. They had two children, who also survive. He operated his father's homestead until his death in 1900, when he was fifty-four years old.

William J. Overton was engaged in buying and selling stock in partnership with his father for some years, and later handled cattle for dairy use. When the railroad was built, he established a lumber yard and operated it for five years. For a number of years he has been engaged in farming, carrying forty pure Holstein cows in his herd. His son, Lynford, is breeding full-blood Holstein cattle with marked success, and his son Duane was operating the homestead and carrying on dairying, until the farm was sold in 1920 to Willis Gardner.

In 1878 William J. Overton was united in marriage with Eliza Richardson, a daughter of Robert Richardson, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work. Mr. Richardson was an honored resident of Burton Township. Mr. and Mrs. Overton have had the following children, namely: James, who married Mamie Cary, had one son James; Lynford, who married Ada Coddington of Milwaukee, Wis., has two children, Avis and Virginia; Duane, who married Lotis McCloon of Minneapolis, Minn., has four children, William, Bertha, Evelyn and Lotis Lillian; and Addie, who is Mrs. Willis H. Gardner of Richmond Township, has four children, William Robert, Eunice and Ruth, and Sydney, who died aged seventeen years.

The present residence of Mr. Overton was built by his father, who lived in a portion of it. While Mr. Overton has always been a staunch Republican and a hard worker for his party, it has been because he believed it his duty to do so, and not for any material benefits, for he is not an office seeker, although he has served on the school board. Fraternally he belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America, and is interested in success as he is in everything with which he is connected. He is a man whose personal probity is unquestioned, and one who has brought considerable business to his locality by his extensive operations.

CHARLES L. PAGE.

Charles L. Page, one of the representative men of McHenry Township, was born on the opposite side of the road from his present farm that is located one and one-half miles south of McHenry. The date of his birth is January 15, 1865, and he is a son of William and Jane (Harrison) Page, the former of whom was born in County Kent, England, and the latter in Lincolnshire, England. The paternal grandfather, Joseph Page, came to the United States when his son William was eight

years old, locating in New York state, where he remained until the son migrated to Illinois, and bought a farm east of McHenry, in McHenry County. The maternal grandfather brought his daughter, Jane Harrison to the United States when she was six years old.

After securing land in McHenry County, William Page returned to New York state and remained two years, but then came back to McHenry County, and for two years rented land in Nunda Township. About 1860 he bought the farm in McHenry Township on which his son, Charles L. was born, and where his father, Joseph Page spent his last days. William Page lived for thirty years upon this farm, and then in 1890 went to Chicago to reside with his daughters, with whom he died in 1895, aged sixty-seven years. His farm originally contained 104 acres, and he conducted it, although he was a butcher by trade and followed that calling in New York state. The residence now standing was erected by him, and he put in other improvements. Never desiring public honors, he devoted the time others usually give to politics to work in connection with the Methodist Episcopal church of which he was an active and useful member. William Page and his wife had the following children: Franklin, who went to Slayton, Minn., in young manhood, died there; Charles L., whose name heads this review; Ella, who is deceased, was the wife of Murray Terrill of Minnesota; Emma, who is the widow of De Forest Feullington, lives with her brother, Charles L. Page; Nettie, who is the widow of E. B. Webster, lives at Washington, D. C.; and Cora, who died unmarried, at the age of twenty-four years.

Charles L. Page remained with his father until the latter moved to Chicago in 1890, when he took charge of the homestead, and when his father died inherited a portion of it. He bought the interests of the other heirs, and continued to live there until about 1914 when he bought eighty-six acres across the road from J. C. Ralston. The buildings were already erected, but he remodelled them and made a number of improvements. Later he added to this farm until it now contains 291 acres, and he operates both it and his other farm. On the old homestead he has erected a new barn, remodelled the old one and put up two silos. For a number of years Mr. Page has specialized in dairying and now keeps a herd of thirty-five cows known as the "Sunyside Herd," all being thoroughbred Holstein cattle, and twenty-one of them are pure bred. He is not an exhibitor but sells his products at auctions. Mr. Page has several fine Holstein bulls and breeds extensively. For fourteen years he has operated a threshing outfit, and owns and uses

gas and oil tractors for his machines which include a shredder, thresher and similar implements, his equipment being one of the most complete and modern in the county. He is still threshing for the same patrons he gained at the beginning of his career, and has all the contracts he can fill. Aside from serving as a school trustee for a number of years, Mr. Page has not found time to enter public life, but always votes the Republican ticket.

When he was twenty-four years old, Mr. Page was married to Julia A. Fryer of Woodstock, who died eleven years later leaving him with the following children: Charles R., who served during the World War in France; Roy, who was killed by accident at the age of fifteen years; Letah, who is Mrs. Earl Thomas of Elgin, Ill.; and Lester, who is at home. Mr. Page was married (second) to Martha Rossmann of McHenry, and they have one son, Frank Chance.

LEWIS B. PALMER.

Lewis B. Palmer, one of the leading members of the McHenry County bar, is engaged in the practice of his profession at Harvard. He was born in Chemung Township, August 13, 1879, being one of a family of four children of his parents, Elbert and Frances M. (Gilbert) Palmer. Elbert Palmer was born in Bradford County, Pa., and in 1878 came to McHenry County, buying land in Chemung Township. A blacksmith by trade he operated a shop at Lawrence for a time, but for some years past has devoted himself to farming. He has been highway commissioner and a school director and is one of the leading men of his township.

Lewis B. Palmer was reared in Chemung Township, and attended the common and high schools of Harvard, and then read law with Calren J. Hendricks of Harvard, who died November 27, 1918, just after he was nominated for county judge. Mr. Palmer completed his legal training in the Northwestern Indiana University, and was admitted to the bar of Indiana September 11, 1911, and to the Superior and Supreme courts June 19, 1912, and the following day, to practice in the United States district courts. He was admitted to the Illinois bar June 5, 1918. Fraternaly he is a Mason.

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ERNEST D. PATRICK.

Ernest D. Patrick, president of the First National Bank of Marengo, and one of the sound and reliable men of McHenry County, has the distinction of being at the head of the finest banking establishment, outside of Chicago, in this part of the state. He was born at Marengo, January 31, 1869, a son of Richard Montgomery Patrick, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work.

After attending the common and high schools of Marengo, being graduated from the latter in 1886, he went to Lake Forest, and Phillips Academy of New Hampshire, from which he was graduated in 1890. Returning to Marengo, he became a messenger for the First National Bank, which his father had founded, and which is the oldest bank in McHenry County, and was successively promoted until he became its cashier, holding that position for twenty years. In 1916, when the office of president was vacated through the death of his father, Mr. Patrick was made its chief executive, having associated with him, A. C. Smith, cashier; C. B. Whittemore, first vice president; E. C. Robb, second vice president, and Charles Schofield, who, with the others, is on the board of directors. A staunch Republican. Mr. Patrick was elected mayor of Marengo, and supervisor of Marengo Township, his record in both offices being excellently creditable.

In 1892 Mr. Patrick was married to Miss Leone Vail, a daughter of Elisha J. Vail, now deceased, a very prominent man of Marengo. Mr. and Mrs. Patrick have the following children: Martha L., who is Mrs. G. Petritz of Rockford, Ill.; Frances D., who is the wife of Byron B. Brown of Belvidere, Ill.; and Richard M., who was born January 12, 1904. Mr. Patrick has served as president of the McHenry County Bankers Association, and is very active in that organization. He and his family belong to the Presbyterian church. His fraternal affiliations are with the Elks. A man of more than usual ability, he has been able to make a record of which anyone might well be proud, and render to his community a service that places its banking interests among the foremost in the county.

HOWARD V. PATRICK.

Howard V. Patrick, senior member of the prosperous grocery firm of Patrick Bros. of Marengo, is one of the leading business men of his city, and he and his brother own and conduct the finest equipped grocery establishment in the county. He was born at Marengo, September 12, 1887, one of the six children of Francis W. and Harriet (Vandevere) Patrick. Francis W. Patrick was engaged in merchandising until his death which occurred in November, 1906, but his widow survives him and makes her home at Marengo.

Howard V. Patrick attended the common and high schools of Marengo, being graduated from the latter institution in 1904. Immediately thereafter he embarked in a grocery business, and when his father died, he and his brother, Harry C. Patrick, formed their present partnership. The brothers built their present building in 1915 at a cost of \$10,000, the store they occupy being 40x80 feet. It is handsomely equipped, and here is carried a full and complete line of staple and fancy groceries aggregating \$10,000. The store is at the corner of State and Washington streets, in the center of Marengo. Harry C. Patrick served in the ambulance division during the World War, in which he enlisted in July, 1917.

In July, 1913, Howard V. Patrick was married to Miss Mildred Jackson, a daughter of William Jackson of Terre Haute, Ind. Mr. and Mrs. Patrick have two children, namely: Phyllis M., who was born May 22, 1914; and Susanne, who was born April 12, 1916. Mr. Patrick belongs to the Baptist church. In politics he is a Republican, but he has never cared for office, preferring to devote his time to his business affairs in which he has been so eminently successful.

RICHARD MONTGOMERY PATRICK.

Richard Montgomery Patrick, now deceased, was born near Trueton, Courtland County, N. Y., May 5, 1831, a son of Nathaniel and Penelope (Potter) Patrick. Both grandparents of Mr. Patrick were soldiers in the American Revolution and later became early settlers of Courtland County, N. Y. The maternal grandfather was the first settler of Cuyler, N. Y., the land he took up as a homestead having descended from him to the oldest son, and is still held in the family.



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Richard M. Patrick attended the Homer Academy which has had as pupils such men as Lyman J. Gage, later secretary of the United States treasury. Very early in life Mr. Patrick began to be self-supporting, his capital being a yoke of oxen. By 1851 he had acquired enough to go to Iowa and take up government land. On his way, he stopped at Chicago, but decided that the muddy little village would never develop sufficiently to satisfy his ambition. Later he reversed his decision and invested in land there that is still a part of his estate. Having spent a night at Marengo, on his overland trip, he decided to make it his permanent home, and in 1852 settled here, going into a drug business with his brother-in-law, Charles Angle. Subsequently he established himself in a general merchandise business, in which he was later joined by his brother Elias, and two nephews, F. W. and H. E. Patrick. From this original venture have grown the stores of Woleben's Dry Goods Co. and the grocery firm of Patrick Bros. During the Civil War, he conducted a small exchange and banking business which in 1867 was expanded into the banking house of R. M. Patrick, and in 1871 became the First National Bank of Marengo, in which he held four-fifths of the capital stock. For some years prior to his death, he was accepted as the dean of the banking business of McHenry County.

In 1856, Mr. Patrick was married to Miss Emma Hotchkiss Page, a daughter of Rev. William Page of Rockford, Ill. Mr. and Mrs. Patrick celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in 1906, at which time all of the living children and grandchildren were present, the festivities lasting several days. Mrs. Patrick died September 19, 1913. Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Patrick, four of whom survive, namely: Frederick A., who lives at Duluth, Minn.; Mrs. Newell Dwight Hillis, who lives at Brooklyn, N. Y.; Ernest Durand, who lives at Marengo; and Mrs. C. W. Moyer, who lives at Rockford, Ill. Mr. Patrick early joined the Presbyterian church, to which he always gave a generous support. He was deeply interested in civic matters, and rendered efficient aid in promoting public movements of merit. His death occurred November 2, 1915.

CLINTON C. PATTERSON.

Clinton C. Patterson, now deceased, was one of the prominent and highly-regarded young business men of Marengo, and treasurer and

general manager of the J. H. Patterson Lumber Company, extensive lumber, fuel and feed dealers, with home offices at Marengo, and branch offices at Union, Huntley, Gilberts, Roseoe, Wauconda, Rochelle and Freeport, Ill. Associated with him were: J. H. Patterson, president; G. H. Perkins, vice president; and W. C. Linderman, secretary.

Clinton C. Patterson was born at Marengo, September 16, 1889, one of the three children of Joseph H. and Viola (Crissy) Patterson. Clinton C. Patterson attended the common and high schools of Marengo, and the Northwestern University, where he was made a member of Beta Theta Phi. After completing his studies he entered his father's business, and continued with him until his death. The company was founded in 1886 by Nelson Buck, who sold the business to Mr. Patterson in 1891. This concern owns an elevator with a capacity of 20,000 bushels. The home offices are located in the Community Building at Marengo.

Clinton C. Patterson was married September 4, 1912, at Marengo, to Miss Mabel Joslyn, born October 30, 1889, a daughter of E. O. Joslyn, a very prominent resident of McHenry County. Mr. and Mrs. Patterson had two children, namely: Kenrick W., and Burritt C., who died February 14, 1919. Mr. Patterson was a Mason, and she belongs to the Eastern Star. For several years he has served on the school board. He belonged to the Methodist Episcopal church, and was deservedly popular in it as elsewhere. Mr. Patterson died October 18, 1918, and is buried in the Marengo cemetery. In his death his family and community sustained a heavy loss. Mrs. Patterson is also a member of this church.

ALONZO S. PEAK.

Alonzo S. Peak, now retired, is one of the substantial men of McHenry County, who is residing in Coral Township, near the village of the same name. He was born in Wayne County, Ohio, near Wooster, March 22, 1845, a son of Christopher and Elizabeth (Colgrove) Peak, both of whom were born at Scholharie, N. Y., and were there married, going afterwards to Ohio about 1840. In 1848 the family migrated to McHenry County, settling in Coral Township, two and one-half miles west of Huntley, on wild land, that had on it a small log house.

Christopher Peak went to work at once to clear off his land. He moved three times, his permanent home being west of Harmony where he lived until his death at the age of eighty-five years, having been

retired for some years prior to his passing away. His wife died at the age of seventy-two years. He was a Republican and a very public-spirited man, and one of the organizers of the Harmony Methodist church. Prices in the early days were not what they are today, and A. S. Peak distinctly remembers operating the churn for his mother's butter which was sold about 1855, at eight and ten cents per pound to pay the family's subscription to the church. The Peak family have continued to attend this church ever since, but their subscription totals up a much larger amount than it did in 1855. At one time this church had a very large congregation. The parents of A. S. Peak are buried in the old Harmony Cemetery, kept in fine condition by the present members of the church. Christopher Peak and his wife had the following family: A. S., whose name heads this review; Eleanor, who is the wife of Albert Shapley of Logan, Kan.; George D., who lives at Logan, Kan.; William J., who lives at Colorado Springs, Colo., who are living, and seven who are deceased, three of the seven having passed away in childhood. Ursula, who became Mrs. N. Van Vleet, died at the age of twenty-seven years; Mindel died in young womanhood; Charles W. Peak died in childhood; and Arvilla, who also died in young womanhood.

Alonzo S. Peak remained at home until he enlisted on September 17, 1863, for service during the Civil War, in Company B, Seventeenth Illinois Cavalry, under Colonel Beveridge and Captain McReynolds, and was sent to Alton, Ill., to guard prisoners, from there being transferred to Missouri at the time General Price made his great raid. The company divided, a portion going to Kansas, but his command pursuing the bushwhackers in Missouri. He received his honorable discharge at the end of a year, and was not wounded or captured, and came out as a high private. A portion of his service consisted in the carrying of dispatches in which he ran considerable risk, but was not captured.

Returning home A. S. Peak conducted his father's farm until the latter's death when he bought the homestead and continued his farming until his retirement, after which he rented the farm, and moved to a small property near the village of Coral. He is secretary and treasurer of the Harmony Cemetery Association, and was on the school board for twenty-five years, and for forty-three years was township collector. At first his collections amounted to about \$1,000, advancing to \$10,000 after the Civil War. In 1916 the taxes amounted to \$150,000, the last year he held office. A strong Republican, for thirty-five years he has served his party as county committeeman, and still holds that office

from Coral Township. For thirty years a justice of the peace, a school director for twenty-two years, and judge of election for fifty years, he is a well-known man in this region.

On June 4, 1871, Mr. Peak was married to Emily E. Stevens, a sister of Frank Stevens, whose biography appears elsewhere, and they became the parents of these children: Esther Almira, who died in infancy; Charles N., unmarried, who lives in Coral Township; and Ernest G., who was struck by lightning August 15, 1919, owned the Peak homestead bought by his grandfather, just prior to the Civil War, and which has been in the family for over sixty years. On June 3, 1921, Mr. and Mrs. Peak celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. Congratulations and good wishes arrived from distant friends; many beautiful and useful gifts were received, including a shower of gold pieces to the amount of \$325. The occasion was a very happy and memorable one.

ERNEST G. PEAK.

Death comes as a shock to the survivors no matter in what form it terminates a useful life, but fortitude is indeed demanded when the blow comes from some convulsion of nature and smites down one in the full vigor of young manhood. Not only were the family and immediate friends of the late Ernest G. Peak horrified at the tragedy of his death, but the entire state, for seldom does such a tragedy occur. This most estimable young man was quietly carrying on his work as an agriculturalist, August 15, 1919, when he was struck by a bolt of lightning and instantly killed. While he and his fellow workers in a threshing outfit on the farm of C. A. Thompson, were aware a storm was approaching, they, as is the custom of dependable farmers, endeavored to finish their loading before it reached them. The horses attached to the wagon he was loading were also killed, but his fellow-workers were spared. The loss to the community was all the more deeply felt because of the high character of the young man, and the work he had accomplished in behalf of war activities, and moral uplift. It will be a long time before he will be forgotten, or his useful life fail to influence for good those with whom he was associated while living.

Ernest G. Peak is a native son of McHenry County as he was born in Coral Township, December 29, 1882. His father, Alonzo S. Peak is one of the leading men of the county, and the family one of the pioneer

ones of this part of the state. A complete history of the Peak family is given elsewhere in this work.

After attending the graded schools of West Harmony, Ernest G. Peak took the high-school course at Marengo, from which he was graduated in June, 1901, and winning a scholarship in Beloit College, he attended that institution for a year. He then taught school for some time, but feeling the urge of the soil, began farming on his own account, and developed into one of the progressive agriculturalists of Coral Township.

On March 26, 1910, Mr. Peak was married to Miss Louise Becklinger, who survives him. Their only child died in infancy. Mr. Peak was a young man of exemplary character and extremely active in reform work. It was mainly through his efforts that Coral Township went dry in the spring election of 1919, and he was equally zealous in church and Sunday school work. About twenty years ago he joined the Methodist Episcopal church and served as trustee, steward, treasurer, minuteman, Sunday school superintendent and teacher. Not long before his death he was elected delegate to the lay conference held at Chicago in the fall of 1919.

During the late war Mr. Peak found expression for his intense patriotism by working steadfastly and unremittingly in behalf of the Red Cross, Y. M. C. A., Salvation Army and the Liberty bonds. He was keyman in helping to lead his church to victory in the late centenary movement. As a faithful and dutiful son, a loving and devoted husband, splendid neighbor and patriotic citizen, Ernest G. Peak measured up to the highest standards of American manhood, and was never found lacking in any of the Christian virtues.

WALLACE B. PEATT.

Wallace B. Peatt, one of the successful general farmers of McHenry County, owns and operates 120 acres of valuable land on section 14, Greenwood Township. Mr. Peatt was born in McHenry County, September 29, 1862, a son of Lewis B. Peatt, who owned a farm of 240 acres of land in Greenwood Township, and was one of the highly esteemed men of his community.

Wallace B. Peatt was reared in his native county and attended its schools. He was married to Nellie McDonald, born in Richmond

Township, a daughter of James McDonald, a native of Scotland, who came to the United States with his parents when he was seven years old. The McDonald family first located at Chicago, but later came to McHenry County, and became farmers of Richmond Township. During the Civil War, James McDonald served his adopted country as a soldier. He was married to Rose A. Brady. Mr. and Mrs. Peatt have two children, namely: Floyd and Blanch. After his marriage, Mr. Peatt located on his present farm, and he has developed it and made it a valuable property.

CHARLES C. PECK, M. D.

Charles C. Peck, M. D., one of the leading physicians and surgeons of Harvard, is a man whose reputation in his profession is firmly established and maintained. He was born in Marengo, this county, December 19, 1870, a son of Daniel E. and Eliza J. (Crego) Peck, who had four children. Daniel C. Peck was one of the earlier physicians of Marengo, where he was in active practice until his death.

Charles C. Peck attended the common and high schools of Marengo, and entering the Hahnemann College and Hospital of Chicago, Ill., was graduated therefrom, after taking the full medical course, in 1895. Immediately thereafter he located at Marengo, leaving it for Harvard. He was elected coroner of McHenry County to fill the unexpired term of Dr. J. S. Maxon, upon the Republican ticket. Doctor Peck belongs to the McHenry County Medical Society, the Illinois State Medical Society and the American Medical Association, and also to the Western Roentgen X-Ray Society. His fraternal associations are with the Masons and Odd Fellows.

Doctor Peck was married to Miss Clara A. Morse, who died in 1915, leaving one daughter, Charlotte C. On February 6, 1919, he married Genevieve Lake, a daughter of Monroe W. and Margaret Lake, of Harvard. Doctor Peck and his daughter belong to the Methodist Episcopal church. He is an efficient and experienced physician, and his practice is a large and valuable one. As coroner he has rendered a very capable service to his county, being fearless in his investigations and wise in his decisions.

GEORGE H. PERKINS.

George H. Perkins, vice president and general manager of the J. H. Patterson Lumber Company of Marengo, dealers in lumber,



Eva M Walker

building materials, fuel, grain and feed, is one of the leading business men of this part of McHenry County. He was born at Marengo, July 20, 1866, one of the three children of Samuel J. and Mary E. (Rodgers) Perkins. Samuel J. Perkins, who was born in Vermont, came to Marengo at an early day, and there died in 1887, his wife having died in 1884. They were farming people, and very highly respected.

George H. Perkins attended the common and high schools of Marengo, and has been identified with the lumber business throughout his business career, rising through merit to his present position. Mr. Perkins was married to Miss Ada Fry, a daughter of Robert Fry, a native of England. Mr. and Mrs. Perkins have the following children: Robert H., Mary S., Lawrence L., and Isabel L. The family all belong to the Methodist Episcopal church, and are very active in promoting its good work. A staunch Republican, Mr. Perkins served Marengo as a member of its city council for two years, and was capable in every respect.

HARVEY R. PERKINS.

Harvey R. Perkins, who is living retired on his farm in Chemung Township, was formerly actively engaged in agricultural operations, and is a man well and favorably known throughout McHenry County. His farm is located seven miles north of Harvard, and four miles east of Sharon. He was born on his present farm, September 5, 1860, a son of Royal and Helen (Burton) Perkins. Royal Perkins was born in Rutland County, Vt., December 7, 1824, and died July 8, 1899, aged seventy-two years. He came to Illinois about 1845 with his parents, and acquired a farm at the time of his marriage. There was a small clearing with a log house on the south side of the road, and in it Harvey R. Perkins was born. Mrs. Perkins was a daughter of Philip Burton who lived on an adjoining farm. She died in young womanhood, leaving four children, namely: Emma, who married Robert Andrews, died when past sixty years of age; Mary, who married Frank Maybury, lives at Lockwood, Mo.; Harvey R., whose name heads this review; and Jay, who is a stockman of Sharon, Wis. In 1874 the father was married (second) to Mrs. Jane Arnold, widow of Fayette Arnold. Her maiden name was Willis.

Harvey R. Perkins took possession of the homestead in 1883, and

had added to it until he now has 152 acres, forty being a portion of the old Burton estate, and he has rebuilt and enlarged the barn, it now being 100 x 30 feet instead of the old dimensions of 30 x 56 feet. With the exception of several years spent in the Sharon cheese factory, Mr. Perkins has spent practically all of his life upon his farm, and takes great pride in it. He bought out the interest of the other heirs so as to own it.

On September 5, 1881, on his twenty-first birthday, Mr. Perkins was married to Sarah Snowden Dean, a daughter of Archibald and Mary (Snowden) Dean, born in LeRoy Township, Boone County, Ill., November 27, 1860. Mr. and Mrs. Perkins have three children, namely: Mary, who married Frank Barth; Grace, who married August Peterson, the man who is managing Mr. Perkins' farm and is in partnership with him, has two children, Eleanor and Gerald; and Royal, who married Alma Keller, a daughter of Conrad Keller, have one child, Howard.

There are two houses on the farm, and for three years Mr. Perkins has lived retired in one of them, his daughter and her husband, Mr. Peterson, occupying the other. There are two silos, and a fine dairy barn for the forty-eight head of cattle of good strains. Mr. Perkins has one of the best rural homes in the county, and it will compare favorably with any city residence. This was built in 1910 and is of stucco, with a furnace, gas, hot and cold water, and all other modern conveniences. A Republican, Mr. Perkins has served as commissioner of the township for four years, and was on the school board for sixteen years. He is a man who has the courage to live up to his convictions, and is not afraid to let everyone know exactly how he stands with reference to matters of public moment. The Sharon Camp, M. W. A., provides him with fraternal affiliations. There are few men in this part of the county who are held in as high esteem as he and he deserves the confidence he inspires.

ALFRED C. PERRY.

Alfred C. Perry, member of the automobile firm of Perry Bros. of Hebron, is recognized as one of the live and progressive men of McHenry County. He was born at Hebron March 17, 1863, one of the three children of Alfred G. and Mary C. (Fox) Perry. Alfred G. Perry was born in Canada, where he learned the trade of a carpenter, and after

coming to the United States, he located at Hebron, where he continued to work at his trade until his retirement. At present he is one of the highly respected men of Hebron.

Alfred C. Perry attended the common and high schools of Hebron, and then learned the trade of a carpenter, working at it until he branched out as a contractor. In June, 1916, he and his brother, William E. Perry, formed their present firm, and now conduct a garage, and handle all kinds of automobile accessories and supplies. Their stock average about \$5,000, and they do a large business, that shows a healthy increase.

Fraternally Mr. Perry is an Odd Fellow. His political sentiments make him a Republican, but he has confined his public service to casting his vote for the candidate of his party.

WILLIAM E. PERRY.

William E. Perry, junior member of the firm of Perry Bros., owners of a garage at Hebron, and dealers in automobile accessories, is one of the rising young business men of this part of the county. He was born at Hebron, March 21, 1890, one of the three children of Alfred G. and Mary C. (Fox) Perry. Alfred G. Perry was born in Canada, but later came to the United States, and located at Hebron, where he followed the trade of a carpenter. He retired several years ago, and is still residing at Hebron.

William E. Perry attended the common and high schools of Hebron. After leaving school he became a chauffeur, and after having learned thoroughly all about automobiles, in June, 1916, he and his brother, Alfred C. Perry, organized their present business. The firm carries a full assortment of automobile supplies, vulcanizes tires and tubes, and handles gasoline, oils and greases, the stock carried aggregating \$5,000. Both young men are experienced, and their work commends them to the trade.

On January 23, 1914, Mr. Perry was united in marriage with Florence C. Bigelow, a daughter of Seneca Bigelow. Mr. and Mrs. Perry have one son, William S., who was born August 10, 1916. Mr. and Mrs. Perry belong to the Methodist Episcopal church. In politics he is a Republican.

JOHN PETER.

John Peter, deceased, formerly vice president of the Algonquin State Bank, and a heavy stockholder in the Peter Bros. Manufacturing Company, both members of which are his sons, was one of the leading men of Algonquin. He was born in New York State, August 21, 1842, a son of John and Margaret (Turnbull) Peter. John Peter was born in Scotland, and there learned the trade of stone mason. In 1842, he came to the United States, and for a time followed his trade, but later became a farmer. He died in 1876.

In 1869, John Peter came to McHenry County, and embarked in a hardware business at Algonquin, continuing it for many years. He was interested with other business concerns upon an extensive scale, until 1912, when he retired from active participation in business life, although he retained his stock in the Algonquin State Bank, which he continued to serve as vice president, and in the Peter Bros. Manufacturing concern. The latter manufacture the Simplex Ironer and other laundry equipment, the Woodstock safety tapping chucks, automatic reversing attachments and tapping machines, and abrasive metal cutters. The senior member of the firm is E. C. Peter, and the junior is W. T. Peter, who with their sister, Grace H., are the children born of the marriage of John Peter and Lida M. Helm, a daughter of John Helm. John Helm was born in Scotland, and came to the United States in 1833. The Peter family belong to the Presbyterian church.

Mr. Peter was a Republican and for twenty-seven years served Algonquin Township school as treasurer, and for seven years was president of the village board. For fifty-two years he had been a Blue Lodge Mason, and he also belonged to the Modern Woodmen of America. In 1862, Mr. Peter enlisted in defense of his country, in the Eighty-eighth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and served during the Civil War until he was honorably discharged in July, 1865. Since the organization of the local Grand Army Post, he had been one of its faithful members. There are few men who are more representative of their community's best interests, than Mr. Peter was, and Algonquin recognizes that it owes much to him. He died April 12, 1919.

JOHN PETERS.

John Peters, one of the substantial men of McHenry County, is located in Coral Township one and one-half miles south of the village

of Coral. He was born in Pommerania, Germany, August 2, 1852, and was brought to the United States in 1867 by his parents, Christ and Elizabeth Peters. Christ Peters was a day laborer, and locating at Huntley, worked for others until 1874, when John Peters secured a farm, after which he made his home with his son until his death which occurred when he was seventy-two years of age, his widow dying a little later, at the same age.

The only opportunities for securing an education John Peters had were those offered by the German public schools as he had to work after the family came to the United States, and for eight years was employed by farmers in the vicinity of Harmony, one of them being S. K. Williams, with whom he remained for four years. His wages ranged from \$18 to \$22 per month. By 1874, through close economy he had saved \$1,600 from his wages, and invested it in 170 acres of land in Coral Township, for which he paid \$30 per acre. There were some buildings on the farm, but only twenty-seven acres were under cultivation, the balance being covered with stumps, brush and stones, and in the lower portions there were ponds. Since then he has drained the swamp, putting in five cars of tile during one season, and a lot more later on, redeeming in all sixty-five acres which are now the best he possesses. He has erected a comfortable residence, two barns, one 36 x 80, and the other 34 x 72, with an el, and two concrete silos. Dairying is his principal feature, he milking about thirty cows and having an average of twelve cans of milk each day. All in all Mr. Peters has one of the best improved and managed farms in McHenry County. For the past seven or eight years he has been handling partly thoroughbred Holstein cattle, and his hogs are of a high grade, he believing in good stock. His farm comprises the same number of acres as originally, it being his belief that it was better to improve what land he possessed, than to neglect it to add to his acreage. In politics he is a Republican, and has served for several terms as a road commissioner. The German Evangelical church at Harmony has in him one of its members, and he has been active in it since its organization.

On September 17, 1874, Mr. Peters was married to Fredricks Sass, born in Mecklenberg, Germany, and died September 16, 1916. Mr. and Mrs. Peters became the parents of the following children: Bertha, who married Bernie Benjamin, a merchant of Coral village; Mary, who is at home; Minnie, who is Mrs. Charles Johns, of Coral; Alvina, who is Mrs. Clarence Lowdenbech, of Seneca Township; John, who is the junior member of the firm of Shuttelff & Peters, of Marengo; Emma,

who is at home; Florentine, who is a teacher at Chicago Heights, has been there for five or six years, but has taught in the Coral schools; George, who is at home; Walter, who is assisting in operating the home farm; and Dorothy, who died in infancy.

JOHN C. PETERS.

John C. Peters, junior member of the well known firm of Shurtleff & Peters, dealers in lumber, coal and feed at Hartland, is one of the prosperous business men of Hartland. He was born in Coral Township, September 1, 1881, and is one of the nine children of his parents, John and Rachel Peters. John Peters was born in Germany in 1852, and came to the United States at the age of sixteen years. He came direct to McHenry County, and worked for a short time on the farm of S. K. Williams of Huntley, and then located in Coral Township, where he is still engaged in farming.

John C. Peters was reared in Coral Township and attended its schools. He remained at home until he was twenty-three years old, when he entered the employ of the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad Company as fireman, and remained with it until 1908. He then entered the employ of F. G. Jancke, and continued with him for two years. In 1911, he and Mr. Edward Shurtleff formed their present company, Mr. Peters being in charge of the lumber department at Hartland, and Mr. Shurtleff of the business at Marengo, and he is a resident of Woodstock. Mr. Shurtleff is a resident of Marengo.

Mr. Peters was married September 21, 1910, to Miss Edith A. Koch, a daughter of William Koch, and they have a son, John Peters, the third to bear that name in the Peters family. The Kochs are numbered among the pioneers of Coral Township, and both they and the Peters family are well known in this part of the state. Mr. and Mrs. Peters are Protestants. He is a Republican. He is justly numbered among the successful men of this part of McHenry County.

KNUDE L. PETERSEN.

Knude L. Petersen, now deceased, was formerly one of the enterprising agriculturalists of McHenry County, and operated a fine farm in

Dunham Township, five miles south of Harvard, that is the property of Mrs. Peterson, and where she still resides. He was born in Norway, July 15, 1868, and he died on May 5, 1918. When he was sixteen years old he came to the United States, and went to Nebraska, where he was united in marriage with Margaret McMullen, who had been reared in the vicinity of Woodstock. She died at Whitewater, Wis., about 1906.

After his marriage, Mr. Petersen went to Milwaukee, Wis., where he worked at his trade as a carpenter until after his wife's death, when he came to Woodstock, and was married (second) on May 28, 1913, to Anna Chase, and took charge of her farm. Owing to an accident when he fell from a building he was helping to construct at Kearney, Neb., Mr. Petersen was never very strong, and his death occurred while he was still in the prime of life. His children were as follows: Alva, who died at the age of twenty-two years; Fred L., who is a veteran of the World War; Mary Bauke, who lives at Marengo; Mabel, who was ten years old at the time of her father's second marriage, is now attending the Harvard High School, and living with Mrs. Petersen; and Jessie, who died at the age of seven years.

Mrs. Petersen is the daughter of Samuel and Hannah (Thomas) Chase, and granddaughter of Alva Chase of St. Lawrence County, N. Y., where both he and his wife were born. Samuel Chase was twelve years old when his parents came to Illinois in 1842, and the grandparents also came to McHenry County, and the Wells family were also of the party. They all secured government land, and the present farm of Mrs. Petersen was a part of what the Chase family took up. At that time it was all covered with heavy timber and great stones were found below the surface so that it was a heavy task to clear off the farm and make possible the putting in of crops. Alva Chase died on this farm in 1885, aged eighty-three years, having been born in 1802, surviving his wife, whose maiden name had been Minerva Thompson, for nine years. Their only child was Samuel Chase, who was born May 6, 1830, and he died in September, 1912. His wife was also born in Lawrence County, N. Y., and she was eleven years old when brought by her aunt, Mrs. Jonathan Wells to McHenry County. Her father died when she was five years old. Mrs. Chase lived with her aunt until her marriage. Her mother later joined the Wells family, having in the meantime married (second) William Gray, and later moved to Kansas, leaving her daughter behind her. After his marriage Samuel Chase settled on his farm in the house he had provided for his bride, which still stands, although enlarged, and remodeled. Although he carried on farming all his life, Samuel Chase also operated a black-

smith shop for Cyrus Allen, about one-quarter of a mile away from his home. Samuel Chase and his wife had two children, namely: Hartson, who died in 1914, on a farm adjoining that of Mrs. Petersen, which his family has later so'd; and Mrs. Petersen. She was born on her present farm, December 8, 1858, and has spent her entire life here. She rents her farm, and lives alone, keeping several cows, three horses and five varieties of chickens, Light Brahmas, White Orpingtons, Rhode Island Red, Buff Rock and Plymouth Rock, and White and Buff Leghorns. She is very fond of animals. There is quite a lot of fruit on her place. While she is not a member of any of the neighborhood clubs, she is very well informed, keeping herself posted through the papers to which she subscribes and finds interest and enjoyment in her home and surroundings.

LOUIS PETERSON.

Louis Peterson, one of the enterprising farmers of Dunham Township, is located on the old Jerome farm, which his wife inherited from her grandfather. The founder of the Jerome family in McHenry County was Jason N. Jerome, a native of Vermont, who came to McHenry County in 1836, entering land from the government in Dunham Township, and here Jason N. Jerome died in 1892. He and his wife had one son, Nelson C. Jerome, who was born April 8, 1831, in Vermont, and he died September 18, 1889, on the old homestead, having spent his life in farming.

On December 25, 1852, Nelson C. Jerome was united in marriage with Harriet E. Blodgett, born November 14, 1833, a daughter of Abiel D. Blodgett, who was born near Concord, Massachusetts, April 24, 1794, and he was married November 16, 1820, to Susan Richmond, born at Lenox, Mass., October 19, 1795. He died September 14, 1861, and she October 21, 1866. The Blodgett home in Alden Township, two miles east of Harvard, is the one bought when the family came to McHenry County in 1845. One of the sons of Abiel Blodgett, Delos Blodgett, left McHenry County in young manhood, and going to the lumber woods worked his way up until he became one of the millionaires of Grand Rapids, Mich. At one time he was one of the pine landowners and lumbermen of Michigan, and associated with him was Delos Diggins, who also made a fortune. The Delos Diggins Library at Harvard is named in honor of the latter.



M. F. Walsh.

Nelson C. Jerome bought a farm adjoining the Blodgett homestead, and divided his time between it and his father's farm, but his death occurred on the latter. His wife survived him until February 10, 1901, when she passed away at the home of her daughter. There were three children in the Jerome family, namely: Howell Richmond, who is a retired farmer of Walworth, Wis.; Helen C., who is a maiden lady living at Harvard; and Katie C., who is Mrs. Louis Peterson.

Katie C. Jerome was born on the old Jerome farm, January 19, 1856, and she was married July 5, 1887, to Louis Peterson. He was born July 2, 1864, in Denmark, and at the age of sixteen years came to the United States with his parents, who stopped a time at Chicago, and then went to Monroe County, Wis., where several of their children still reside. Louis Peterson came to McHenry County in 1882, and worked at his trade as a mason for one or two years, and then went on the farm of Jason N. Jerome as a tenant. Still later he went to Chicago and was engaged there in contracting for mason work for fifteen years. Since 1901 he has lived on the old Jerome farm, buying out some of the other heirs in 1908, although Mrs. Peterson's sister still retains an interest in it. The Jerome farm comprises 271 acres of land, 231 in Dunham Township, just south of Harvard, and forty acres in Hartland Township. Dairying is the principal industry, thirty cows being milked. Mr. Peterson has recently built a silo and large barn, and has made other improvements, having everything in fine condition.

Mr. and Mrs. Peterson have one child; Eva, who married Ralph Marshall, a member of the firm of Marshall Bros. of Harvard, has one daughter, Mona Katherine. Prior to her marriage Eva Peterson was a vocal music teacher and for a number of years has been the leading soprano singer in the Presbyterian church of Harvard. She takes great pride in being connected with two such old and honored families as the Jeromes and Blodgetts, and has every reason for it, as they are justly numbered among the most representative of those who have made McHenry County what it is today.

JOSEPH F. PICHEN.

Joseph F. Pichen, one of the most public-spirited men of Cary Station, is extensively interested in agriculture. He was born in McHenry County, March 18, 1872, one of the seven children of his parents, Frank and Antonia (Janek) Pichen. Frank Pichen was a

Bohemian by birth, but came to the United States in young manhood and lived at Chicago and in Kane County, prior to locating in McHenry County, where he was engaged in farming until his death which occurred in 1882. His widow survived him, dying in McHenry County in 1918.

Joseph F. Pichen attended the common and high schools of McHenry County, and learned the trade of a blacksmith, and he also learned that of a butcher. For the past twenty-five years he has been engaged in raising cattle, his fine farm being located on the outskirts of Cary, and his stock transactions amount to about \$20,000 annually.

In 1900 Mr. Pichen was married to Miss Celia Kutbla, a daughter of James Kutbla of McHenry County, and they have the following children: Stanley, Lillian, Elmer and Joseph. The family all belong to the Catholic church. Mr. Pichen is a Republican, and was first elected mayor of Cary Station in 1914, and re-elected in 1916. He built for the city the substantial town hall in 1917, at a cost of \$5,100, and bought the property adjoining the hall for a city park. Mr. Pichen has been instrumental in securing many improvements for the city, and owns a large amount of property, and deals quite extensively in city real estate and farms. His fraternal connections are with the Odd Fellows and Woodmen of the World. A man of unusual energy and business ability, he has not only conducted his own affairs in such a manner as to win a comfortable fortune, but he has given to his city the benefit of his knowledge and experience, and under his wise administration. Cary Station made remarkable progress in every respect.

ELLEN HYDE PIERCE.

Ellen Hyde Pierce, widow of John Pierce, is the last survivor of the nine children born to David W. and Dolly (Church) Hyde, natives of Vermont and New York, respectively, who were married in the latter state. Mrs. Pierce was born at Hampton, Washington County, N. Y., March 19, 1832, and when she was thirteen years of age, her parents came to Illinois by way of the Erie Canal and the Great Lakes, landing first at Racine, Wis., from whence they came to Kenosha. Her father had previously visited McHenry County, and later secured government land near Lake Geneva, in Walworth County, which was covered with timber. At that time there were only three families in the neighborhood. Still later the Hyde family came to Hebron Township; and the

parents spent their last years with their youngest son who lived west of Hebron.

Ellen Hyde was married April 26, 1857, to John Pierce, born May 10, 1833, in Herkimer County, N. Y., but in an early day was brought to McHenry County by his parents who settled on a farm west of Hebron, Mrs. Pierce's house being located on a part of this farm. It was on this farm that John Pierce died December 4, 1884, having just completed a fine barn that is still standing, as is the house he built two years previously. Mr. and Mrs. Pierce had two sons, namely: Lyman Zenar, who was born November 13, 1864, lives at Hebron, married Della Conn, a daughter of George Conn, has one son, Howard; and Perry Oliver, who was born April 7, 1867, is a conductor on the Chicago & North Western Railroad at Chicago, for which he has worked since he was seventeen years old. He has been a conductor for twenty-three years and his run is now between Chicago and Clinton, Iowa. His residence is No. 3112 Washington Boulevard, Chicago. On April 26, 1893, Perry Oliver Pierce was married to Mamie Burns of Belvidere, Ill. There are no children.

JOHN PIERCE, SR.

John Pierce, Sr., one of the oldest farmers of McHenry County, and a man widely and favorably known, owns and operates 120 acres on section 24, Greenwood Township. He was born in Litchfield County, Conn., June 5, 1828, a son of Bethel B., also born in Connecticut, as was his father before him. The paternal grandfather of John Pierce, Sr., served his country as a soldier in the War of 1812.

Growing up in his native state, John Pierce, Sr., attended its schools and there learned to be a practical farmer. He was married in New York state, to Electa Hinman, born in New York, April 27, 1829, a daughter of Elijah Hinman, who was born in Connecticut. After their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Pierce spent three years in Connecticut, five years in Pennsylvania, and then went to New York state. In 1868, they came to Illinois, settling on their present farm in Greenwood Township. They had nine children born to them, of whom the following six survive: Nellie M., who is Mrs. William Allen; John W.; Mattie, who is Mrs. Charles Abbott; Arthur C.; Edgar H.; Rena, who is Mrs. Francis Abbott; while those who died are as follows: Hattie, who was

Mrs. Henry Howard, died at the age of forty years; Arthur, who died at the age of five years; and Adgar, who died at the age of three years. Mr. Pierce has been a life long Democrat. During his long and active life in McHenry County, Mr. Pierce has been associated with much of its material development, and has won and retains the confidence and respect of his neighbors.

LYMAN PIERCE.

Lyman Pierce, now deceased, was probably one of the best known men in this section of Illinois, and also in Wisconsin, where he spent sixty-five years of his useful life engaged in farming. He owned a fine farm in Hebron Township on the state line between Illinois and Wisconsin, two miles north of the village of Hebron, but he died September 30, 1911, at Hebron to which village he had moved in 1889. He erected the house now occupied by his daughter, Mrs. John P. Wickham, in 1904. His wife, Maria, died at Hebron, January 30, 1911. When he went to the village he lived in the old house built by his father, who had died in it.

Lyman and Maria Pierce became the parents of the following children: Hattie, who is Mrs. John P. Wickham of Hebron, owns a portion of her father's farm, now included in the village of Hebron, on which she was reared, although she was born in Lynn Township, Walworth County, Wis.; John, who died in June, 1900, aged thirty-three years, had gone to Montana, and from there to Mariposa, Cal., in search of a climate that would agree with him, but in vain, and he died there, unmarried; and May, who died in infancy. The Pierce family is connected by marriage with a number of the other important families of McHenry County, all of whom played their part in the development of this section of the state.

SILAS W. PIERCE.

Silas W. Pierce, a skillful blacksmith and carpenter, and one of the substantial men of Spring Grove, was born in Burton Township, two miles east of Spring Grove, March 22, 1849, a son of Marvel N. and Eleanor (White) Pierce, natives of Susquehanna County, Pa., and Tioga County, N. Y., respectively. After their marriage, in 1838, Marvel N. Pierce and his wife came to La Salle County, Ill., and after

two years spent there, located in Burton Township, which he had previously visited. Job Pierce, a brother of Marvel N. Pierce, went to California in 1854, and died there.

Marvel N. Pierce was a farmer and spent his life on his farm with the exception of his military service during the Civil War, he enlisting in the Ninety-fifth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, from which he was transferred to the Veteran Reserve Corps on account of disability, and after three years was discharged. His death resulted from the effects of his service, he passing away in May, 1878, aged sixty-four years. His widow survived him until she was sixty-nine. Their children were as follows: William; Hiram, who was killed in the Civil War; Perlina, who lives at Hebron; and Silas W., whose name heads this review. The remaining children are deceased. The old farm is now owned by H. C. Sweet.

Silas W. Pierce remained at home until thirty years old and then, in 1877, he was married to Lizzie M. Rix, of Volo, Lake County, Ill., but living in Nunda Township, a daughter of Samuel and Marian Rix, who was nineteen years old at the time of her marriage. Following his marriage, Silas W. Pierce conducted the homestead for a time, then rented land. Still later he opened a carpenter and blacksmith shop at Spring Grove, and has since operated it with the exception of two years spent in Marinette County, Wis., to which he went in 1908. In 1911 Mr. Pierce was married (second) to Mrs. Mary Potter, nee Barrus, widow of Charles Potter, a farmer of Volo, Ill. By his first marriage Mr. Pierce had the following children: Edna, who is Mrs. H. A. Colby of Waukegan, Ill., has three children, Mildred, Elsie and Arthur; James, who is a farmer of Wheeling, Ill., married Clara Anderson, who died and left two children, Edwin and Emily, and then he married (second) Mrs. Martha Blanchard, and they have one daughter, Reta Marie; and Mark, who is a farmer of Burton Township, married Minnie Seigslaugh, and has two sons, Clarence and Allen. Mr. Pierce holds no offices, never having entered politics. Fraternally he belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America. A man of high character, Mr. Pierce enjoys the respect of his neighbors, and is a representative citizen.

CHARLES C. PINGRY.

Charles C. Pingry, now deceased, was for many years a man of importance in Algonquin and Coral townships, and is remembered

with great respect by those who had the honor of his acquaintance. He was born at Danbury, N. H., September 7, 1818, and he died at Crystal Lake, Ill., April 3, 1904. He was a son of True Pingry, a native of New Hampshire, who was married to a Miss White, also of New Hampshire. As a lad Charles C. Pingry was taken to Erie County, N. Y., where he attended school, and in 1858 was brought to Illinois, his parents settling two miles northeast of Nunda, in Nunda Township, on land entered from the government. Here the mother died while still a young woman, but the father survived her many years, passing away at the age of ninety-three years, having sold his farm and moved to Wisconsin where his last years were spent. Charles C. Pingry was the only one of his sons to remain in McHenry County, the others going to Wisconsin with their father.

On April 28, 1845, C. C. Pingry was married to Eunice Johnson, born June 2, 1825, at Concord, N. H. When only fifteen years old she became a teacher, and in 1841 went to Lapeer County, Mich., to teach school, joining a sister at that point. The following year this sister, Martha, with her husband, Charles Warner, brought her to Nunda Township, and there she continued teaching school until her marriage.

Mr. and Mrs. Pingry settled, after their marriage, on the farm now owned by their son, John, two miles east of Crystal Lake, in Algonquin Township. In 1889 they went to the village of Nunda, now Crystal Lake, where Mr. Pingry operated a hotel that is now conducted by their son, Sumner, which was then known as the Pingry Hotel. In 1900 Mr. Pingry retired, and he died four years later, his wife surviving him until October 27, 1906. The operation of the hotel at Nunda was not his first venture in this line of business for during the Civil War he conducted what had been the Algonquin Hotel at the village of Algonquin, giving it his own name, and he operated it for twenty years. A strong temperance man, he would not permit the selling of any liquor in a day when this branch of the hotel business was an important feature, and a bar was to be found in almost every hostelry. All his life he fought to secure prohibition, and although a Republican, he voted the Prohibition ticket. It was the initial work of such men as he, carried on under the worst of discouragements, which made possible the late legislation which closed the saloons of the country.

When he and his bride settled on their farm, their first house was built of logs, but later they erected one of cobblestones, secured principally from the shore of Lake Michigan, and it stands and is a landmark

for the surrounding country. This remarkable house is in a magnificent state of preservation and is occupied by John Pingry.

Mr. and Mrs. Pingry had the following children: Ellen, who married James Kee, died November 6, 1917, in the village of Crystal Lake; Mary, who is Mrs. Henry A. Rowley, lives at Crystal Lake; Sumner, who is proprietor of the Pingry Hotel at Crystal Lake; John, who is operating the old farm; and Frank, who was a resident of Crystal Lake, died at the age of thirty-five years. Travelers through McHenry County between 1860 and 1900 became well acquainted with the excellent service given by the Pingrys, and sought to so regulate their trips so as to make their stopovers at the hotel conducted by Mr. and Mrs. Pingry, where they knew they would find comfortable beds, delicious meals and a genial hospitality that made them guests, rather than mere inmates of the house.

JOHN PINGRY.

John Pingry, one of the successful farmers and representative citizens of McHenry County, is engaged in farming two and one-half miles east of Crystal Lake, in Algonquin Township, this being the old homestead of his father, Charles Christian Pingry, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work. John Pingry was born on his present farm, and in the house he now occupies, January 11, 1861. This house which is one of the oldest in the township, is built of cobblestones and is today a monument to the skill of the masons of sixty years ago. It was about a year old when John Pingry was born, and he is very much attached to it as it has sheltered him all his life. His father operated a hotel and also lived at Crystal Lake, but continued his farm until his retirement over sixteen years ago, when he settled permanently at Crystal Lake, and there he and his wife passed away, he dying at eighty-six years of age, and she surviving him for several years. One of their sons, Sumner Pingry, now operates the National Hotel at Crystal Lake. The two sons and a daughter, Mary, who is Mrs. Henry Rowley of Crystal Lake, are the only survivors of the family of C. C. Pingry.

John Pingry grew up on the farm, and as he displayed an agricultural bent, his father deeded to him forty acres of it before his death, and since then John Pingry bought the balance, now having 100 acres, all of which his father had entered from the government. Originally it was covered with timber. It is now all cleared and well drained, and here

Mr. Pingry carries on dairying, keeping about twenty cows of the Holstein strain. His barn was built in 1910 by him, and is 34 x 80 feet, twenty-four feet in height, with a full basement, all cemented, which is used for dairy purposes. His thirty-six foot well is never pumped dry. The entire premises show the effect of careful management and hard work, and Mr. Pingry has every reason to be proud of it and the results of his efforts.

When he was thirty-three years old, Mr. Pingry was married to Mary A. Anderson, of Wauconda, Lake County, Ill. They have two children, namely: George Clinton, who is assisting his father with the farm; and Grace Hazel, who married Paul E. Slotman, has no children, and lives in Crystal Lake. Mr. Pingry belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America and the Mystic Workers of the World, and is popular in both organizations, as he is in his community, for he is a man whose characteristics command friendship and esteem.

WILLIAM PINNOW.

William Pinnow, president of the Home State Bank of Crystal Lake, is one of the sound, conservative and reliable men of McHenry County, and one upon whose judgment the utmost confidence is placed. He was born in Germany, November 12, 1857, one of the seven children of Charles and Fredericka (Engel) Pinnow, also natives of Germany, who came to the United States when William Pinnow was sixteen years old. They were farming people.

William Pinnow began farming in McHenry County in 1873, and continued along that line with marked success until 1896, when he embarked in a mercantile business at Crystal Lake, and continued it for nine years, then selling to become a banker. His first entry into the banking world was in connection with the old Citizens' Bank, but in 1915, he, with others organized the Home State Bank of Crystal Lake, of which he was made president, and he has since continued to hold that office. The building which houses this bank was erected in 1915, and is thoroughly modern in every respect.

In 1878, Mr. Pinnow was married to Miss Fredericka Reddersdorf, a daughter of Joseph Reddersdorf, who came to the United States in 1868. The family all belong to the Lutheran church. In politics he is a Republican. A man of the highest standing in his community,



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his connection with his bank is additional guarantee of its financial soundness and that the interests of the depositors will be safeguarded in every respect.

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ELEAZAR L. POMEROY.

Eleazar L. Pomeroy, now deceased, was one of the early settlers of Algonquin Township and one of the very prominent men of his time and locality. He was born at Granville, Mass., October 19, 1825, and in 1837 came with his family to Lacon, Ill., where he learned the coopering trade. At the age of twenty-five years he went to Chicago where he and his brother established the house of S. B. Pomeroy & Co. They owned two large grain elevators and a fleet of ships carrying grain between Chicago and Buffalo. Both were charter members of the Chicago Board of Trade and active in that body.

In 1869 Mr. Pomeroy moved to Crystal Lake and bought from Mr. Baldwin, what is now the "Clow Farm." In 1871 he purchased of James T. Pierson a large acreage in the center of Crystal Lake, on which he specialized in dairying. Prior to his death in 1899, this farm was divided into city lots, but the home place including about seven acres was retained and is now the property of his only surviving son, Edward.

Mr. Pomeroy was married December 22, 1863, at Salem, N. Y., to Mary Frances Hastings, the daughter of David and Clymenda (Weston) Hastings. They were the parents of the following children: Frank Hastings, Louise and Edward Dwight. Mr. Pomeroy was a Congregationalist, and a strong Republican. In every relation of life he lived up to his ideals of good citizenship and earned and held the respect and regard of all who knew him.

EMMETT D. POYER.

Emmett D. Poyer, now deceased, was for a number of years a prosperous farmer of McHenry County, but for some time prior to his death was living at Marengo, and there discharging the duties of tax collector. He was the eldest son of Delos and Lydia (Merriman) Poyer, and grandson of John Poyer, of New York, who brought his family to McHenry County. He located on the farm now owned by Frank Curtis, and later acquired two other farms, owning in all about 800 acres in a body, all of which he entered from the government at \$6 per acre.

Emmett D. Poyer was born February 4, 1861, on the homestead of his grandfather, John Poyer, and remained on it until his marriage, April 13, 1888, to Viva Wright, a daughter of C. P. and Mary (Lyon) Wright, natives of Jo Daviess County, Ill., who came to McHenry County in 1872 and located on a farm adjoining that owned by the Poyers, so that Emmett D. Poyer and Viva Wright were neighbors. For several years after his marriage Mr. Poyer worked for his father, and then bought the 100-acre Walter Parker farm on which he lived for seventeen years, later adding to it the Hereley farm, so that he had 280 acres for which he paid \$50 per acre. He rebuilt the house, erected a new barn and silo, and put his property in fine condition in every respect. With the exception of \$2,000 he inherited, Mr. Poyer made all he owned, and was a very successful man. For some years he devoted himself to dairying and kept a herd of twenty-five cows. His death occurred when he was in the very prime of life, March 22, 1917. He had come to Marengo in March, 1910, and was here discharging the duties pertaining to the office of tax collector when his health failed, he took to his bed, and passed away a week later, just one day before his youngest daughter was eighteen years old. His farm is now operated by his son. Mr. and Mrs. Poyer had the following family: Clarence Wright, who is operating the farm, married Mary Sheahan, and their children are, Dorothy and Helen; and Mildred, Evelyn, and Mabel A., who are graduates of the Marengo High School. Mabel A. studied at Miami University, at Miami, Ohio, and both sisters are now engaged in teaching at Belvidere. Mr. Poyer served on the school board in his home district, and was active in community matters, and always supported the candidates and principles of the Republican party. For many years he was a leading factor and earnest member of the Methodist Episcopal church at Marengo, and Mrs. Poyer is still connected with it, and is a teacher in the Sunday school and on the official board, and has been a

member of the Home Missionary Society for seven years, as well as of other clubs connected with her church and community. During the late war, Mrs. Poyer devoted her energies to Red Cross work, and accomplished much in behalf of the cause. Mr. Poyer belonged to the Knights of Pythias, was keeper of the records and seals of that order, and was honored by his brethren. Mrs. Poyer belongs to the Eastern Star.

C. W. PRESCOTT.

C. W. Prescott, one of the substantial business men of Marengo, is one of the leading nurserymen of McHenry County, and a man widely known outside of his local region. He was born at Naperville, DuPage County, Ill., September 26, 1851, a son of Horace Prescott, who was born in Orleans County, Vt., and came to Illinois in 1847, settling on a farm near Downer's Grove, in DuPage County. His mother later was married (second) to B. Cady, and in 1865 the family moved to Coral Township, McHenry County, locating on a farm a few miles east of Marengo.

When he was sixteen years old C. W. Prescott began working for E. H. Skinner of Marengo, and gradually worked up in the nursery business until he now has one of the leading establishments of its kind in the county. He has been called upon to serve the public in several official capacities, and was ten years a member of the city council of Marengo, and for sixteen years was on the school board.

On December 22, 1872, C. W. Prescott was united in marriage with Anna Rogers, a daughter of one of his old partners, and she bore him two children, namely: William Horace, and Orson Raymond, a mechanical engineer of Chicago. On October 3, 1901, Mr. Prescott was married to Mrs. Lottie (Winslow) Halcomb, a native of New York, who had come to Marengo with her parents Abraham and Martha Winslow, and her first husband, the latter dying a few weeks after the arrival of the party at Marengo. Mrs. Halcomb was a music teacher and for several years served as organist in the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. and Mrs. Winslow's last years were passed with Mr. and Mrs. Prescott.

Mr. Prescott is one of the most popular men in McHenry County. He has learned the secret of successful dealing. His affable nature

emphasizes the training he has received during his long contact with the public, and he makes friends readily and retains them to the end. He adheres to the policy of honest dealing and true representation of facts, and has a clientele that no blandishments of volatile agents have drawn from him. His customers know that from him they can always be sure of receiving the right kind of a deal, and that he will not represent his goods as other than they are. In public life he enjoys the same confidence from his constituents, and naturally is proud of the record he has made in having been returned to office so many times. Voters do not support men time after time in whom they have not explicit confidence.

JOHN D. PRINGLE.

John D. Pringle, a stock dealer of Marengo, and one of the enterprising men of McHenry County, was born two and one-half miles northwest of Marengo, on the river road, February 3, 1855, a son of Patterson and Isabel (Donaldson) Pringle, who came to McHenry County in 1848. A sketch of Patterson Pringle appears elsewhere in this work.

Until he was twenty-six years old, John D. Pringle remained on his father's farm, and was then married to Nellie O. Watson of Greenwood Township. At that time Mr. Pringle bought a farm adjoining that of his father, and lived there until his first wife died. He was married (second) to Mrs. Margaret (Swanson) Livingston, an orphan, and moved to Marengo. For forty years Mr. Pringle has been a stock shipper, working in partnership with his father, and practically confines his shipments to stock for Chicago markets for feeding purposes. He does not breed stock, using his farm only for feeding. Aside from serving on the school board, he has not taken any part in politics. For thirty years Mr. Pringle has been a Woodman.

By his first marriage Mr. Pringle had the following children: Madge, who was graduated from the Northwestern School of Pharmacy, married Bert Moore of Los Angeles, Cal., took a course as an optometrist at Chicago, and for some time carried on her calling in a drug store at Marengo, but is now practicing at Los Angeles, her husband also being an optometrist; Gretchen, who was graduated from the State Normal School of California, was a teacher in California and Arizona, and prior to going west had taught in McHenry County, but she is

now Mrs. Ralph Jaycox and lives at Phoenix, Ariz.; Dorothy, who was graduated from the University of Wisconsin, taught in McHenry County, and is now a resident of San Francisco, Cal.; and Jeannette, who was graduated from the State Normal School at DeKalb, Ill., was a teacher at Missoula, Mont., married C. L. Busher, and lives near Boston, Mass., all of whom are living and two sons who are deceased, namely: Harold and Patterson, who died in childhood. By his second marriage there were two children: Margaret, who studied music at Stuart's Hall at Staunton, Va., is now at La Salle Seminary; and John D., Jr., who is in the Marengo High School.

The present residence of the Pringle family was erected by Doctor Mesiek about 1860, and occupied it until his death. It is a very comfortable house and has long been a social center for a delightful circle gathered from the best people of the county. Mrs. Pringle made a tour of Europe in 1910, visiting the leading points of interest, including Rome, Venice, Berlin, London and Paris, and was in the Mirror Room at Versailles in which was held the Peace Conference in 1919.

PATTERSON PRINGLE.

Patterson Pringle, now deceased, who was for years one of the leading farmers and stockmen of McHenry County, owned a large amount of land in the vicinity of Marengo, and played an important part in the history of that village. He was born in Scotland, and when he was sixteen years old came to the United States from Glasgow, accompanied by his brother George, with whom he was long associated in business. On reaching New York City, Patterson Pringle set out for Kentucky. At that time the water in the Ohio River was so low that no steamer could operate, so the brothers hired a flatboat and poled their way to Maysville, Ky., and there spent four years, leaving it for the lead mines near Galena, Ill., where Patterson Pringle made enough to pay for his land.

In the meanwhile, when he was twenty-eight years old, he was married at Polo, Ill., to Isabel Donaldson, born in Canada, and in 1848 they came to McHenry County. His sister Margaret, then Mrs. John Wilson, had located near Marengo in 1840, and Patterson and George Pringle bought land on the river road. George Pringle lived on his

farm practically the remainder of his life, and only left it late in life to live at Marengo, where he died when about eighty. None of George Pringle's children now live in McHenry County. A brother-in-law of Patterson Pringle went to California in 1849, leaving his wife and children in the care of Patterson Pringle, but made nothing. After his return, however, he went into a mercantile business and developed into a prosperous merchant.

Upon coming to McHenry County Patterson Pringle bought 132 acres, and entered forty acres, and after the close of the Civil War he bought 100 acres more, making 272 acres in all, his farm extending from the Kiswaukee River to beyond the River road, and this property was sold about 1911. On it he erected good buildings, and made suitable improvements. In addition to carrying on dairying, he fed live stock, and bought the first Poland-China hogs in the county, and bred them for many years. While he was not an exhibitor, he produced some very fine animals which were exhibited by others. Mr. Pringle was also a buyer and shipper of stock, doing a larger business than any other man in his line in McHenry County. His shipments covered a wide area and included Capron and Darlington, Wis. For ten years prior to his demise, he was retired, but he continued to live on his farm. For twenty-four years he was commissioner of highways, and at last refused to hold the office any longer on account of his age. A charter member of the Presbyterian church, he served it as an elder for many years. His death occurred September 7, 1910, when he was eighty-eight years old having been born October 30, 1822. His wife, born March 28, 1830, died November 15, 1910. In his family he was a strict disciplinarian, and carried his views as to Sabbath breaking to such lengths as to refuse to read a Sunday paper. His oldest daughter, Isabella Jane, is the widow of Frank N. Elliott, who died August 6, 1907, as the result of a breakdown superinduced by a railroad wreck. She had no children, and is now living with her sister Mrs. Echternach, the two using their share of the father's estate to purchase fifty acres bordering Marengo, three blocks from Main Street. Mrs. Echternach is the wife of Daniel E. Echternach, of Marengo, a rural free delivery carrier, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this work, as does that of John D. Pringle, the son, and former partner of Patterson Pringle. Another daughter of Patterson Pringle, Rachel Elizabeth, was the first wife of Doctor Casely.

HORACE M. PROUTY.

Horace M. Prouty, a retired farmer of Hebron, was formerly one of the enterprising and highly successful agriculturalists of McHenry County, and he is now one of the oldest residents of the community in which he lives. He was born in Vermont, January 22, 1837, a son of Louis and Sarah (Werner) Prouty. Louis Prouty was also born in Vermont, where he owned a large farm, and was engaged in conducting it all of his active life. His death occurred in Vermont in 1860. He had twelve children born to him.

Horace M. Prouty attended the common schools of his native state, and in 1863 came to McHenry County, locating in Hebron Township, where for a number of years he was actively engaged in farming. Later he began the manufacture of cheese, and carried on that line of business until his retirement from active life, at which time he sold his cheese factory, and located at Hebron.

On April 7, 1857, Mr. Prouty was united in marriage to Miss Marie Jane Coon, a daughter of Emory Coon, and a member of an old and highly respected family of Albany, N. Y., where the marriage ceremony was performed. Mr. and Mrs. Prouty became the parents of fourteen children. Mr. Prouty and his family belong to the Methodist Episcopal church. Politically Mr. Prouty is a Republican, but he has not cared to go before the public as a candidate for office. A high-principled man, Mr. Prouty has lived up to what he believed was right and just, and enjoys the confidence and esteem of all who know him.

JOHN E. PUFABL.

John E. Pufahl, manager of the West McHenry plant of the Borden Company, is one of the substantial business men of McHenry County, and is held in the highest respect by all who know him. He was born in Wisconsin, October 11, 1880, one of the eight children of August and Kate (Eckes) Pufahl. August Pufahl was born in Germany, but came to the United States in young manhood, and located in Wisconsin.

John E. Pufahl attended the common and high schools of his native state, and then learned telegraphy, and was engaged with various railroads until 1920, when he was made one of the employes of the Borden plant at West McHenry. So efficient did he prove that in 1911 he was

promoted to be manager, and has held that important position ever since. The capacity of the plant is 40,000 pounds per day.

On September 21, 1904, Mr. Pufahl was united in marriage with Miss Bertha Leech, a daughter of Edward Leech. Mr. and Mrs. Pufahl have two children, namely: Pauline K., who was born September 16, 1906; and Adell H., who was born July 16, 1908. Mr. Pufahl is a Republican, but has not had the time to enter into public life, although he gives the principles and candidates of his party an intelligent and hearty support. Both he and Mrs. Pufahl are consistent members of the Catholic church.

CHARLES QUACKENBUSH.

Charles Quackenbush, one of the enterprising farmers of Chemung Township, lives on the old Philip Burton farm, seven miles northwest of Harvard, where he is achieving a deserved success as an agriculturalist. Philip Burton was the father of Billings Burton, and he died in 1879 or 1880 at the age of seventy-five years. His wife, whose maiden name was Nancy Quackenbush, survived him until 1893, when she passed away at the age of ninety-three years, having lived on the old farm from 1841 until her death. After his father's death, Billings Burton, renting his own farm, moved on that of his mother to take care of her, and he erected a portion of the present buildings. Later he sold his own farm to a son, George, who is now a stock dealer of Sharon. Another son, Charles, also lives at Sharon. They are the only survivors of their father's family. Billings Burton later divided the 300-acre farm and built a new set of buildings, but finally sold the property and retired to Sharon. The old farm of Philip Burton remained in the family, Mrs. Charles Quackenbush inheriting it about 1901. To this farm Mr. Quackenbush has added forty acres, erected a house, and made other improvements, and is carrying on dairying.

Mrs. Quackenbush was Nora Burton prior to her marriage, and the youngest of the twelve children of Billings Burton, being born November 29, 1874, on her father's farm. On June 15, 1892, she was married to Charles Quackenbush, who was born in the village of Sharon, four miles away from her birthplace, April 20, 1870, a son of Luke and Sarah Quackenbush, natives of New York, who came to McHenry County about 1845, and located near Sharon. There he died at the age of seventy-two years, and she at the age of seventy-five years. Until his



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marriage, Charles Quackenbush lived among the neighboring farmers, working by the month, but afterwards was engaged in teaming for a year, and then for two years was manager of a summer resort at Lake Geneva. In 1898, Mr. and Mrs. Quackenbush returned to the Burton home. Mr. and Mrs. Quackenbush have no children, but adopted Frank Rice, a boy of three years, whom they reared. He married Eunice Woodward, and is operating a portion of the farm owned by Mr. Quackenbush. Mr. and Mrs. Rice have three children, namely: Lyle, Floyd and Helen Irene. Mr. Quackenbush served as road commissioner for one year. He is an excellent farmer and keeps his property up to a high standard. Mrs. Quackenbush is one of the best-known ladies in the county, coming as she does of such old pioneer families, and enjoys a pleasant social life among her neighbors.

JAMES RAINEY.

James Rainey, local manager at Ringwood for the Alexander Lumber Company, extensive dealers in lumber and all kinds of building material, is one of the representative business men of McHenry County. He was born in Michigan, November 25, 1872, one of the seven children of James and Mary (Cochrain) Rainey. James Rainey, the father, was born in Ireland, where he learned the trade of a carpenter. In young manhood he came to Canada, and thence to the United States, locating for a time in Michigan, but later returned to Canada, where he now resides.

James Rainey, the younger, attended the schools of Michigan, but early was forced to become self-supporting, and was employed at various kinds of work until 1916, when he became connected with his present firm, later becoming the manager of its Ringwood plant, which was organized in 1914. This plant does a business of \$40,000 annually.

In 1906 Mr. Rainey was married to Miss Callie Thomas, a daughter of George Thomas, one of the leading men of McHenry County. Mr. and Mrs. Rainey are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Rainey belongs to Ringwood Lodge No. 158, A. F. & A. M., and also to the Modern Woodmen of America. Politically he is a staunch Republican. Mr. Rainey's rise in the world has come through his own efforts. His success is therefore all the more commendable, and his methods of doing business are such as to win him the approval and respect of his associates.

GRANT S. RANDALL.

Grant S. Randall, one of the prosperous business men of Hebron, and enterprising farmers of Hebron Township, is recognized as one of the leading men of McHenry County. He was born in Jo Daviess County, Ill., September 23, 1868, one of the four children of Aaron and Caroline (Fowler) Randall. Born in England, Aaron Randall was brought to the United States when he was nine years old, and he lived in Jo Daviess County, Ill., for some years, being there engaged in farming. Later he entered the employ of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad, and remained with it the rest of his life, dying in 1894.

The educational training of Grant S. Randall was received in the grammar and high schools of Illinois, and his first practical experience was gained in butter and cheese manufacturing, which business he conducted for ten years. In 1898 he bought ninety acres of valuable land in Hebron Township, and has conducted it ever since, and been quite active in dairying as well. In 1918, he and Messrs. Slavin and Aylward formed the firm of Slavin, Randall & Aylward, grain merchants of Hebron, and it has built up an extensive trade.

In 1890 Mr. Randall was united in marriage with Miss Florence Brass, a daughter of Orson N. Brass, and they have two children, namely: Hettie M. and Florence R. Mr. Randall is a Republican. Both as a farmer and business man Mr. Randall has displayed unusual abilities, and his prosperity is all the more deserved in that he has gained it through his own efforts, and through methods which are strictly honorable.

THOMAS H. RATFIELD.

Thomas H. Ratfield, who is now living retired one mile south of Marengo, was formerly one of the leading farmers of this region, and is a man widely known and universally respected. He was born in Virgil Township, Kane County, Ill., February 27, 1852, a son of William and Betsy (Parker) Ratfield, of Brainard, County Essex, England. William Ratfield lost his father when a child, and at the age of ten years he shipped on a vessel as a cabin boy, later becoming a sailor, and was on the water for twelve years, and among other countries visiting the United States, and liking conditions here so well, he decided to remain.

In 1834 he came to Illinois, having been married in New York. He

lived in Virgil Township for a few years, then moved to Riley Township, McHenry County, where he died at the age of sixty-five years. Some years prior to that event, he was seriously injured by lightning, which struck his house. His wife assumed the management of the farm after his accident, and brought up the ten children, who were as follows: William Nelson, who served during the Civil War in Company B, Seventeenth Illinois Cavalry, died in Polk County, Minn.; Mary Margaret, who married Frank Allen, died at the age of sixty-five; Harriet Ann, who married John Solomon, lives at Sycamore, Ill.; Thomas H., whose name heads this review; Elizabeth, who married George Trout, died at Chicago in 1918; Rosetta, who is married, lives at Sycamore, Ill.; Cyrillus, who is a contracting carpenter, lives at Minneapolis, Minn.; George, is a railroad engineer, who has been working in the western states, but is now a resident of Canada; Edward, who is a farmer of Sumas, Wash.; Eldora, who married Fred King, lives in Montana.

Thomas H. Ratfield acted as conservator of the estate, until his father's death and cleared off the indebtedness, and following his father's demise he was made administrator. By buying the interests of the other heirs, he secured the old farm and was on it until he turned it over to his son, Alva J., and when this son went to Texas, another son, William L., took charge. Another farm owned by Mr. Ratfield is operated by his son Charles T. For the past five years Mr. Ratfield has been living on his farm of twenty acres, on which he erected his present residence.

On March 1, 1877, Mr. Ratfield was married to Emeline Eliza Collins, of Burlington, Kane County, Ill., a daughter of Leander and Jerusha Collins, of New York, who were married in Kane County. Later they went to Elgin, Ill., and their old home, a picture of which is in Mrs. Ratfield's possession, was later used as a school, a church and post office. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Ratfield have been as follows: Charles T., who is on the eighty-acre farm in Riley Township; Alva J., who is in Relotis, Tex., was a teacher at one time in De Kalb County, Ill.; William L., who is on the old homestead; Jesse James, who was a carpenter, died at the age of thirty-two years; Louis Seymour, served in the navy during the Great War, being one of the first to enlist from this region, was discharged and is now living at Gloucester, Mass.; and Merritt Irvin, who is at home. He possesses a mechanical talent and has taken a commercial course at the Elgin Business College. Mr. Ratfield has served as road commissioner for four terms, and as a

justice of the peace. While a Republican in sentiment, for the past twenty-one years, he has voted the Prohibition ticket, one of three to support it in his township. His first vote was for a Greenback candidate. Mrs. Ratfield is a Republican, and she is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Ratfield, while not a member of this church, attends its services and gives it a generous support. He belongs to the Court of Honor, and he is also a member of the Community Club.

JOHN W. RAYCRAFT.

John W. Raycraft, one of the prosperous farmers of Greenwood Township, and one who stands very well in public esteem, owns 548 acres of land, 400 acres of which comprise his homestead. He was born in Greenwood Township, October 27, 1847, a son of William and Mary (Flemming) Raycraft, natives of County Cork and the north of Ireland, respectively. In young manhood William Raycraft came to the United States, and after some time spent in different portions of Illinois, located in McHenry County, where he entered 240 acres of land from the government. He died in California at the age of forty-four years, his wife surviving him until she was seventy-five years old. They had three children, but John W. Raycraft is the only survivor.

John W. Raycraft was reared in Greenwood Township and attended its schools, and learned to be a farmer. He was married to Johanna Ryan, who was born at Woodstock, a daughter of John and Mary Ryan. Mr. and Mrs. Raycraft became the parents of nine children, three of whom died in infancy. Those surviving are as follows: Lizzie, who is Mrs. S. J. Ogle; William F.; John; Joseph; Maude; and Robert. In addition to his 400 acre homestead, Mr. Raycraft owns 148 acres in Hartland Township and carries on general farming upon an extensive scale. A Democrat, he has served as road commissioner for one year. He is a member of the Catholic church. A thoroughly experienced farmer, he is regarded as a model agriculturalist, and his advice is often sought by those who aim to conduct their farms in the best and latest manner.

MISS HATTIE READ.

Miss Hattie Read, one of the notable educators of McHenry County, under whose wise care and capable instruction many of the children of

an older generation learned the fundamentals of English, and hold her memory close to their hearts. She devoted her life to her chosen vocation, and remained in the educational field until failing eyesight forced her to retire after half a century of strenuous effort. Her mind remained clear to the end of her life, and she lived happily at her home in Hebron.

Miss Read taught in a number of the schools of McHenry County, and then was called to Wisconsin, where she taught in Lynn Township and at Lake Geneva, and also at Madison. Always ahead of her times, she used many of the methods in her work which then were an innovation, but now are accepted as essentials. Her old pupils took pleasure in visiting her and giving her little attentions that in a measure paid back her devotion to them in days gone by.

DAVID REDPATH.

David Redpath, one of the honored residents of Woodstock, and a man widely and favorably known, was born at Elizabeth, Jo Daviess County, Ill., February 15, 1845, a son of Alexander and Ann (Pringle) Redpath, both born near Pinkey, Scotland. Coming to the United States in young manhood, Alexander Redpath met a brother of Ann Pringle, and with him, joined Mr. and Mrs. Pringle who had already located in Jo Daviess County, Ill., attracted thereto by the opening of the lead mines. Another member of the Pringle family formed a partnership with his future brother-in-law, Alexander Redpath, and the two remained together for eight years operating a lead mine.

In the meanwhile Alexander Redpath and Ann Pringle were married, and subsequently located on a farm near Marengo, near that of his brother-in-law, Patterson Pringle, which was about two miles north of the city. Here Alexander Redpath died in 1872, aged sixty-six years. His widow survived him for some years, dying when eighty-four years old, at Marengo. Alexander Redpath was not desirous of public honors, and devoted himself untiringly to his own affairs.

David Redpath attended the schools of Marengo, and the Jennings Seminary at Aurora. He was married (first) to Janet Purves, who died after bearing him three children, namely: Lizzie, who is Mrs. Wallace D. Echternaeh of De Kalb County, Ill.; Grace, who owns and operates a portion of the old Purves homestead in Seneca Township; and William P., who was an infant at his mother's death, is a leading farmer of

Seneca Township, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work. In 1879 David Redpath was married (second) to Mary A. Lindsay, who died after twenty-five years of married life, leaving three children, namely: Charles L., who is on the old Alexander Redpath homestead in Marengo Township; Margaret, who is with her father; and Frances M., who is Mrs. D. B. Boyle, Jr., lives at Marengo. The present wife of David Redpath was Mrs. Marian Cassel, widow of James Cassel, and a daughter of William and Janet (Lindsay) Scott, and she is a niece of the second wife of Mr. Redpath. There are no children of this marriage.

Until recent years David Redpath was engaged in farming in McHenry County, but realizing that he had reached the time of life when it was expedient for him to the comforts of life, he retired to Woodstock, although he spends his winters at Zephyr Hill, near Tampa, Fla. During the Civil War Mr. Redpath served his country as a soldier, being in the One Hundred and Forty-first Illinois Infantry, and a portion of the time was in Kentucky guarding the forts from attacks by guerrilla bands. The Redpath family is one of the old ones of McHenry County and its history is interwoven with that of the section in which its representatives have lived for so many years.

GEORGE W. REDPATH.

George W. Redpath, who is now living retired at Marengo, was formerly one of the successful agriculturalists of his township, and is a man widely known and universally respected. He was born May 12, 1859, on the old Redpath homestead two and one-half miles northeast of Marengo, and is the youngest of his father's family. He was reared on this farm and sent to the local schools until he was eighteen years old, at which time he had the misfortune to lose his father. Then, in company with his brother, Robert, who was seven years his senior, he bought an eighty-acre tract directly north of Marengo, and this partnership continued for nine years, the two carrying on dairying and farming. About 1880, they bought the Hutchinson farm of 232 acres, and removed from the old home in which they had been living, to it. This second farm was near their first one. In 1885, George W. Redpath sold his interests to his brother, who six years later, losing his health, retired to Marengo, and died there in the fall of 1918. His widow and one son, Thomas, still live at Marengo.

George M. Redpath bought 200 acres of land in Riley Township, six miles south of Marengo, known as the Searles farm, and lived there until he lost his wife through an accident, and he then rented the farm and located at Marengo, where for ten years he was engaged in buying stock, and also for three years handled lumber and coal in partnership with E. E. Seward. Selling his interests, Mr. Redpath then returned to the farm, and spent five years on it, but when his son married, he was able to relieve his father of the duties of management, and Mr. Redpath once more located at Marengo. For thirty years he has been interested in fire and life insurance in partnership with J. C. Tanner, they purchasing the Mead Insurance Agency. Mr. Redpath still owns 140 acres in Riley Township, one and one-half miles southwest of his homestead, as well as the latter property, and is in very comfortable circumstances. While engaged in farming he paid special attention to dairying during his earlier years, but later raised more cattle and hogs, shipping them in large quantities to the Chicago markets. While voting the Republican ticket, he is not a public man.

When he was twenty-nine years old, Mr. Redpath was married to Nellie Albee of Seneca Township. Her death was a tragedy, which plunged the whole community in mourning, and she left a six-months old son, Harold Everett, who is now conducting the homestead. He was married to Eda Keeney, and they have one son, George Germaine. Harold E. Redpath now owns 120 acres of his own.

George M. Redpath was married (second) to Ruth McKinney of Marengo, a daughter of E. F. McKinney, an old merchant of that city. Mr. and Mrs. Redpath have one daughter, Frances A., who is attending the Marengo High School. Mr. Redpath is an elder in the Presbyterian church, and has held that office for five years. His recreations are automobiling and fishing.

WILLIAM REDPATH.

William Redpath, one of the most progressive young farmers of Seneca Township, was born November 17, 1875, a son of David and Janet (Purvis) Redpath, mention of whom is made elsewhere in this work. William Redpath was with his father's people until he was eight years old, and then joined his father, with whom he remained until seventeen years of age, at which time he began working for neighboring farmers, for three years being with August Swager of Marengo, who

paid him \$17 per month. Then, for a year, he was in partnership with his brother-in-law, when once more he worked by the month. Subsequently he became his father's tenant and as such conducted the homestead. Then, on November 22, 1899, he was married to Emma A. Wileox, a daughter of John Q. and Arilla Wileox, whose farm is located one-half mile west of Mr. Redpath's farm. She was born April 4, 1875, so is about the same age as her husband. Following his marriage, Mr. Redpath rented a farm owned by his uncle, and then in 1902, bought his present farm of 160 acres, paying \$64 per acre for it. This land has a branch of the Kiswaukee running through it, and it is admirably adapted for dairying. In 1916 Mr. Redpath rebuilt his house, and invested \$4,000 in new buildings, now having silos, a barn with basement 40x60, with twenty-four feet posts, and an addition 32x36 feet. He has a fine supply of water, which is piped to all the buildings. There are stabling accommodations for 100 head of cattle. His herd runs from ten to forty head and his cattle are high grade, as he breeds from a thoroughbred bull. Each spring he sells cattle and running horses, brood sows, and other stock, although he caters to the needs of dairymen. He also feeds hogs. For the past three years his residence has been at Marengo, but he supervises all the farming operations.

Mr. and Mrs. Redpath are the parents of five children, Ira, Irma, Ione, Irlene and Ina, all of whom are at home. He does not take any active part in politics. Without question Mr. Redpath is one of the most progressive men of this section and one who is thoroughly alive to public interests.

HENRY REHORST.

Henry Rehorst, now deceased, was an able farmer, excellent business man and respected citizen, whose operations were mainly centered in Richmond Township. He was born at Munster, Westphalia, Germany, December 24, 1845, and died at Richmond January 24, 1895. In 1862 he came to the United States and went alone to Bassetts Station, Kenosha County, Wis., spending the subsequent winter in farm work, and in the spring he came to McHenry County. In 1865 he was married to Mrs. Christina Elfers, and lived on her 160-acre farm located on the state line until her death in 1870. They had three daughters, namely: Lydia



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Rehorst, who is of Richmond; Mary, who is Mrs. Peter Olsen of Salem, Wis.; and Anna K., who is Mrs. Edwin Haldeman of Spring Grove, Ill. By her former marriage, Mrs. Rehorst had four children, namely: Lena, who married John Kolthoff of New Hampton, Iowa, where she died; William Elfers, who lives at Richmond; Christina, who married Frank Rosenerans, died at New Hampton, Iowa; and George Elfers, who lives in Richmond Township.

After his wife's death, Mr. Rehorst rented the Elfers farm for five or six years. On February 11, 1873, he was married (second) to Mary E. Kasken of Wheatland, Wis., a daughter of Herman and Elizabeth (Bucher) Kasken, both natives of Westphalia, Germany, and early settlers in Wisconsin. In 1879 Mr. Rehorst bought the Robert Turner farm of 200 acres, two and one-half miles east of Richmond, and two miles north of Solon Mills, to which he later added until he had 260 acres. This farm is still owned by his widow. After buying the property he improved the buildings, doing something each year. He had other interests, forming a partnership with James Westlake to operate the Washington Cheese Factory, one mile away from his farm, but later sold his share in it. While he did handle sheep, he made milk his leading feature. Two years prior to his death he retired to Richmond. Prior to leaving his native land he connected himself with the Presbyterian church, and ever continued a faithful member of it; and helped to build the church of that denomination, in his neighborhood. For years he served on the school board.

By his second marriage Mr. Rehorst had the following children: Sylvia, who married Henry Vogel, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work; Nellie L., who was a teacher in the home school, is living with her mother; and Edith, who is Mrs. Clyde Wilson of Richmond. Mrs. Rehorst is a Presbyterian, but her daughters belong to the Congregational church. Mr. Rehorst was both a Chapter Mason and Woodman, and was charter member of the local camp of the latter, and his was the first death in that organization. He was buried with Masonic honors in the cemetery at Richmond. Mrs. Rehorst and her daughters are charter members of the Richmond Chapter, O. E. S., and Miss Nellie is secretary of the local chapter. After the death of Mr. Rehorst, Mrs. Rehorst erected her present decidedly modern residence on the site of the old one, in which Mr. Rehorst's last days were spent, and it is a credit to her ability and good taste as well as an ornament to the village of Richmond.

CHARLES J. REIHANSPERGER.

Charles J. Reihansperger is one of the prosperous business men of West McHenry, whose efforts have been successfully directed toward conducting a hardware store, as the junior member of the firm of Donavin & Reihansperger. Charles J. Reihansperger was born at Chicago, April 21, 1891, one of the two children of John and Sarah (McConley) Reihansperger, native of Illinois, the former of whom has for a number of years been a railroad engineer.

After attending the common and high schools of Chicago, Charles J. Reihansperger learned the trade of a tinner, completing his apprenticeship in 1913. Two years later he formed his present partnership, and the firm carry a full and complete line of light and heavy hardware and plumbing supplies, and have a fine trade. Their stock averages about \$8,000, and is thoroughly up-to-date, while their work is excellent in every respect.

In 1917 Mr. Reihansperger was married to Miss Julia Stuffell, a daughter of Simon Stuffell, one of the leading bankers of West McHenry, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work. Mr. and Mrs. Reihansperger are members of the Catholic church. Fraternally he belongs to the Knights of Columbus. Politically he is a Republican.

ERNEST C. REIMER.

Ernest C. Reimer, senior member of the firm of Reimer & Lace, proprietors of the Algonquin garage and general repairing and machine shop, is one of the alert young business men of Algonquin, and comes of an old and respected family of McHenry County. He was born at Huntley, this county, December 1, 1888, a son of Frederick and Reka (Albright) Reimer, natives of Germany, who came to the United States in 1882, first stopping at Chicago, from where they came to Huntley, Ill., where the father was engaged in farming. They now reside in Algonquin. They became the parents of six children.

Ernest C. Reimer attended the common and high schools of his native place, and after learning to farm, took up the machinist's trade, and having mastered it, in December, 1914, formed his present connection with Claude C. Lace, the two doing a fine business in all branches of their business. They carry a stock valued at \$7,000.

In 1917 Mr. Reimer was married to Miss Irene Schuette. They have one son, Edward C. Reimer. Mr. and Mrs. Reimer belong to the Lutheran church. In politics he is a Republican. Enterprising and skilled, Mr. Reimer has forged ahead, and rightly deserves the prosperity which has attended his efforts.

CHARLES F. RENICH.

Charles F. Renich, president, treasurer and controlling stockholder in the corporation owning the Woodstock Sentinel, of which he is also editor, is one of the representative men of McHenry County. He was born at Woodstock, December 19, 1871, a son of Frederick and Katherine (Stein) Renich, the former of whom was born in the Alpine republic of Switzerland. His parents were natives of Bern, Switzerland, and they had three sons, namely: Emil, Frederick and Edward. After the death of his wife, the paternal grandfather came to the United States to join his sons who had already reached this haven for so many foreign-born, but after he reached Pittsburgh, Pa., he disappeared and nothing was ever heard of him again.

His eldest son, Emil, who had received a university education, served in the Civil War, in a New York regiment, was wounded and confined in Libby prison. After the close of the war he went to Chicago, where he was married and there reared a family. For eighteen years prior to his death he was a Chicago letter carrier. His death occurred in 1896.

Frederick Renich, father of Editor Renich, was born in Bern, Switzerland, March 19, 1842. During his boyhood he attended the Industrial School at Bern, and there learned the trade of a confectioner, which he followed in different cities of his native land. In 1864 he left Switzerland for the United States, and came direct to Chicago after landing in this country. From that city he enlisted in the Ninth Illinois Cavalry, and was mustered out from that service several months later, in 1865, at the close of the war. Returning to Chicago he embarked in the manufacture of cigars. On August 26, 1866, he was married to Elizabeth Stein of Chicago, and the following year he moved to Woodstock, where he continued to manufacture cigars. His wife died in the fall of the same year of his settlement at Woodstock, and he later married Katherine Stein.

Katherine Stein was born in Chicago March 14, 1846, a daughter of

Charles Stein, who came to Chicago from Hesse Darmstadt, Germany, in 1834, and has the distinction of being the first German born pioneer resident of Chicago, which at that time was but a village of a few hundred people. Charles Stein was a successful business man, he and his family conducting one of the first hotels in Chicago, where thousands of pioneer settlers, coming into the Western country from France and Germany, many of them locating in McHenry County, found their first stopping place after the long and wearisome trip in sailing vessels over the ocean, and from New York through the Erie Canal and the Great Lakes to Chicago. The name of Stein was a household word among many of the pioneer settlers of Queen Anne prairie and other parts of McHenry County and in the latter days of Mr. Stein's life he spent many happy days visiting these pioneers of McHenry County, who had received their first welcome in this new country at his hostelry in Chicago.

Frederick Renich's death occurred February 22, 1890, when he was forty-eight years of age, and he was survived by his widow and seven children, namely: Charles F., whose name heads this review; Charlotte, who is Mrs. P. Benjamin Anderson; Frederick L.; Mary E.; Edward A.; Amanda E., who is Mrs. D. Arthur Daly; and Katharine.

Charles F. Renich attended the public schools of Woodstock, and when he was sixteen years old he was taken into the newspaper office his father had acquired, and there learned the newspaper business, beginning from the bottom. His father dying when he was only a little over eighteen years of age, he succeeded to the management of the paper, then issued under the name of *Das Volksblatt*, and later his brother Frederick came into the business. In May, 1895, Mr. Renich formed a partnership with Benedict Stupfel of Woodstock, under the name of Stupfel & Renich, for the purpose of conducting a grocery business, but in a few years Mr. Stupfel retired, and Mr. Renich continued alone for a year, and then took as his partner Stark L. Hart.

In December, 1899, Mr. Renich was appointed postmaster of Woodstock by President William McKinley, and he held it from 1900 until 1911, when he retired in order to devote himself to his newspaper work. He was twice reappointed by President Roosevelt. In January, 1906, he acquired an interest in and became manager and editor of the *Woodstock Sentinel*, McHenry County's oldest newspaper. Later he purchased the stock of others until he is now almost the sole owner of the company, serving as president and treasurer of the corporation. During the period of the World War he served as chairman in three of the Liberty

Loan sales drives in Woodstock, the people of which community purchased about \$1,000,000 worth of bonds under his leadership. He also was an active participant in every other patriotic movement during the war, both through his newspaper and personally.

On November 14, 1891, Mr. Renich was married to Miss Lucy H. Hennings at Barrington, Ill. Mrs. Renich is a daughter of Charles C. and Caroline (Mundhenk) Hennings, and she was born at Palatine, Ill., September 30, 1875. For nearly twenty years Mrs. Renich has held a responsible position at the Woodstock post office, entering her duties there first to assist her husband as postmaster at a time when the office was small and the pay of the clerks came out of the postmaster's salary. She has continued following her husband's retirement as postmaster and served through the administrations of Postmasters W. S. McConnell and G. W. Frame, the latter being the present incumbent. Mrs. Renich has been active in social work, especially in the Women's Relief Corps and Eastern Star. In the former organization, besides being president several terms, she served three and one-half years as treasurer for the department of Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Renich have a daughter, Florence, who was born March 14, 1896. She was a graduate of Wisconsin University at Madison, and for the past four years has been employed as a chemist at the Victor Chemical works at Chicago Heights, Ill. Mr. Renich belongs to St. Mark's Lodge No. 63, A. F. & A. M., and several other fraternal orders. In politics he is a zealous Republican, and has always been interested in public matters.

PHINEAS A. RENIE.

Phineas A. Renie, M. D., one of the leading physicians and surgeons of McHenry County, owns and conducts the only drug store at Union, and is recognized as one of the representative men of this region. He was born in Riley Township, McHenry County, February 10, 1867, one of the seven children of John A. and Malinda (Miller) Renie. John A. Renie was a farmer, but later became a blacksmith, but continued his farming, carrying both lines of business after he and his family located in Riley Township, McHenry County, in 1840. His wife survived her husband until May 30, 1919, when she passed away at Marengo, then being over eighty years of age.

After attending the common and high schools of his locality, Doctor

Renie took a medical course at Hahnemann College, from which he was graduated in 1891. Immediately thereafter he located at Marengo, and remained there in active practice until 1898, when he came to Union, where he has since remained. His drug store contains a stock valued at \$2,000, and he owns his residence, store building and four lots at Union. Doctor and Mrs. Renie also own a fine farm of sixty acres of land in Seneca Township.

On June 4, 1891, Doctor Renie was united in marriage with Miss Mamie Wallace, a daughter of Amos Wallace, and a member of one of the pioneer families of McHenry County, who originated in New York state. Doctor and Mrs. Renie have two children, namely: Lota M., who is attending the Elgin Academy; and Francis W., who is attending the Union School.

Doctor Renie is a member of Orion Lodge No. 358, A. F. & A. M., of which he is past master, and Oriental Consistory of Chicago. He also belongs to the Mystic Workers of Union; the Odd Fellows of which he is past grand; Woodmen of the World; and the Volunteer Surgeons of America, and the county, state and national medical societies.

A Republican, Doctor Renie has been locally active, and has served as a member and president of the local school board, president of the village board for ten years, and supervisor of Coral Township for one term. A man of unusual ability and scholarly attainments, he has known how to bring about satisfactory results along all lines, and during the late war was very active in his support of the administration and his advocacy of patriotic measures.

ERASTUS EMERY RICHARDS.

Erastus Emery Richards, one of the most representative men of McHenry County, and an honored resident of Woodstock, has for many years conducted an abstract of title business under the name of Richards, Jewett and Wright Abstract Company, of which he is now president. Mr. Richards was born in Sharon, Norfolk County, Mass., February 12, 1838, a son of Erastus and Rowena Caroline (Johnson) Richards. The father was a tanner and conducted a meat market for many years. He served as town clerk and assessor, and was long a police magistrate,

which office he was holding at the time of his death, which occurred when he was eighty years and seven months old.

Erastus Emery Richards attended the common, parish, and high schools of his neighborhood, and read law for two years in the offices of M. C. Johnson and H. S. Hanchett. On June 10, 1852, he came to Woodstock, and since his arrival has taken an important part in its public life and development. When his country had need of him, he enlisted in Company A, Fifteenth Illinois Infantry, and served bravely and well during the Civil War, participating, among other engagements, in the battle of Shiloh. After his honorable discharge, he returned to Woodstock, and resumed his peaceful occupations. For one year he served as deputy circuit clerk; was deputy county clerk under E. M. Lamb, William H. Stewart, for four years, and M. D. Hoy for eight years. He was clerk of the circuit court and recorder of deeds for twelve successive years; he served as mayor of Woodstock for three full terms and to fill a vacancy; was alderman of Woodstock for one term; and was city and town clerk. For ten years he was president of the school board, and for seventeen years he was president of the board of directors of the public library. For over twenty-six years he was president of the State Bank of Woodstock, of which he is now a director, and was president of the Citizens' State Bank of Nunda.

On July 19, 1864, Mr. Richards was married at Woodstock, Ill., to Frances A. Wait, a daughter of Henry M. and Narina (King) Wait. Mrs. Richards died December 13, 1920. Mr. and Mrs. Richards had no children. Mr. Richards is a Mason and belongs to St. Mark's Lodge No. 63, A. F. & A. M., which he served as master for one year; Woodstock Chapter, No. 36, R. A. M.; Calvary Commandery No. 25, K. T., of which he was eminent commander for six successive years, and he is treasurer of it at present.

A man of his standing naturally has weight in his community, and Mr. Richards has always exerted himself to bring about improvements, and to raise the standards in every way possible. While mayor, he set in motion a number of movements which ultimately resulted in additional elaboration of the plans of those who had the best interests of the county seat at heart. His wide experience as a public official, and his knowledge of the law, especially as related to property rights, have made him an invaluable man in his firm, and in his banking connections. Mr. Richards has taken a considerable interest in music for years, being a talented musician himself; and he has himself written several operas and produced one.

LYNN W. RICHARDS.

Lynn W. Richards, county treasurer of McHenry County, and one of the best-known men of this section, having been associated with financial matters for many years, both in a private and public capacity. He was born at Rowley, Iowa, September 9, 1876, one of the nine children of George B. and Ida (Chase) Richards. George B. Richards was one of the prominent men of McHenry County and in addition to owning and operating a fine farm in the county, he was circuit clerk and recorder for many years. His death occurred in 1907.

Lynn W. Richards attended the public schools of McHenry County, to which his father moved when he was a child. Always prominent as a Republican, he served as deputy circuit clerk and recorder for fifteen years, and in 1914, was elected on his party ticket for county treasurer. In the meanwhile he became connected with the State Bank of Crystal Lake as cashier, holding that position from 1911 to 1916, when that institution was consolidated with the United States Bank, of which he is now cashier.

In 1901, Mr. Richards was married to Miss Erma Phelps, a daughter of Benjamin Phelps of Harvard, Ill. Mr. and Mrs. Richards have one daughter, Virginia. He is a Mason and Odd Fellow. A man of unusual force of character, he naturally dominates in his community, and it profits from his association with it.

GEORGE JAMES RICHARDSON.

George James Richardson, who is living on the family homestead five miles east of Richmond, and one and one-half miles north of Spring Grove in Burton Township, is one of the representative farmers of McHenry County. He was born in his present house August 8, 1890, a son of J. B. Richardson, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work.

Growing up on the farm, George James Richardson attended the Richmond High School, from which he was graduated in 1908, following which he took a short agricultural course in the agricultural department of the State University at Madison, Wisconsin. He was with his father until October 21, 1915, when he was married to Stella Price, born near Bristol, Wis., who had been a teacher for four years, and is well educated,



Harry B. Whitson



Eula M. Whitson

having taken English and commercial courses at Kenosha, Wis. He and his wife have two children, namely: Francis H. and Della Edith. Since 1915, Mr. Richardson has been operating 207 acres, owned by his father, as a general farmer and dairyman, and he breeds pure-bred cattle. He is independent in his political views, and for the past four years has been township treasurer. Mr. Richardson is a member of Richmond Lodge, A. F. & A. M.

JESSE B. RICHARDSON.

Jesse B. Richardson, one of the retired farmers of Richmond, was formerly extensively engaged in farming in Burton Township, where he still owns 207 acres of land. He was born in Burton Township, September 18, 1862, one of the thirteen children born to Robert and Eleanor (James) Richardson. Robert Richardson was born in England, but came to the United States in 1831, and after a stop at Milwaukee, Wis., came to McHenry County and entered land from the government in Burton Township, that is now owned by his son, Jesse B. He continued to live in McHenry County until his death which occurred in 1878. His widow survived him until 1894.

Jesse B. Richardson was reared on the homestead, and sent to local schools. When he attained to mature years, he took charge of the old farm and became its owner, conducting it until his retirement in 1916, when he moved to Richmond. In 1904 he was elected supervisor of Burton Township and served as such until 1915, having been elected on the Democratic ticket. Mr. Richardson belongs to the Masons, having been advanced to the Knight-Templar degree, and is also a member of Richmond Lodge No. 267, O. E. S., and the Modern Woodmen of America. Mrs. Richardson also belongs to the Eastern Star.

On February 4, 1886, Mr. Richardson was married to Miss Cora Belle Turner, a daughter of George E. Turner, well known in former days in McHenry County, where he died in 1872, his widow surviving him until 1903. They had five children. Mr. and Mrs. Richardson became the parents of the following children: Ella J., who is the wife of Louis Sweet, a prominent farmer of Richmond; Ena Bell, who is the wife of Oliver R. Cubbon, employed by the Waukegan, Ill., Gas Company; George J., who married Stella Price, is on the home place; Richard G., who was in the World War; and Amy E., who is at home. Mr. Richard-

son and his family all attend the Methodist Episcopal church. He is one of the highly esteemed men of his locality, and deserves the comforts of life he is now enjoying, for he earned them through hard work and thrifty saving.

JOSEPH HERBERT RICHARDSON.

Joseph Herbert Richardson, one of the retired farmers of Richmond, belongs to one of the old and representative families of McHenry County. He was born in Burton Township, September 27, 1846, a son of Robert and Eleanor (James) Richardson, who had thirteen children. Robert Richardson was born in England, but in 1832 he came to the United States, locating first at Milwaukee, Wis., but in 1836, he came to McHenry County and entered land from the government in Burton Township, where he resided until his death in 1888. His widow survived him until 1899.

Joseph Herbert Richardson was reared upon his father's homestead and attended the district schools. He began farming when he attained his majority, and eventually became the owner of 240 acres of choice land in Richmond Township, but sold a portion of it, now owning 120 acres. He served as road commissioner for a number of years, was school trustee for ten years, and has always been a staunch Democrat.

On March 6, 1889, Mr. Richardson was married to Miss Clarissa Motey, a daughter of Robert Motley, and a member of an old McHenry County family. Mr. and Mrs. Richardson have two children, namely: Ida J., who is the widow of Dr. William H. Strange, who was killed in an automobile accident in 1917; and Iva A., who is one of the popular school teachers of Evanston, Ill. Mr. Richardson and his family belong to the Methodist Episcopal church. He belongs to Oriental Lodge No. 143, A. F. & A. M., and she to the Eastern Star. Like the other members of his family, Mr. Richardson measures up to the highest standards of American citizenship, and his standing in his neighborhood is very gratifying.

ROBERT H. RICHARDSON.

Robert H. Richardson, one of the progressive agriculturalists of McHenry County, is on the old Richardson homestead in McHenry

Township, three miles west of the city of McHenry and seven miles east of Woodstock. He was born at Sparta, Wis., December 21, 1870, a son of Robert and Isobel (Lindsay) Richardson. Robert Richardson was born in Ohio in 1812, and died in July, 1888. In 1840 he left Ohio and came to visit relatives living in McHenry County, one of whom was Ashael Thompson, of Greenwood Township. Robert Richardson bought the farm of 100 acres, now known as the Richardson homestead. At that time there was a small log house on the property, but he improved the farm and lived on it until he was fifty years old. Prior to his marriage, his sister, Fidelia, kept house for him. Isobel Lindsay was born two miles south of Woodstock in Dorr Township, a sketch of her family being given elsewhere in this work. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Robert Richardson went to Sparta, Wis., and spent a number of years, but eventually returned to their farm in McHenry County. Mr. Richardson kept on adding to his farm until he owned 320 acres, the greater part of which he secured at a low price. When he was seventy years old, his son, Robert H., took charge of the farm, but he continued to live on it until his death in July, 1888. For a year thereafter, his widow continued to live with Robert H. Richardson, and then erected a second house and barn on the farm and with a son, Paul, undertook to conduct a portion of the property, but her plans were disarranged by the death of Paul, who was thrown from a horse and killed when only eighteen years of age. Mrs. Richardson then moved to Woodstock, where she died in July, 1915, aged seventy-three years. She and her husband had the following children who reached maturity: Robert H., whose name heads this review; Mary B., who is Mrs. L. W. Thompson of Chicago; Sylvia, who was Mrs. Frank Thompson, died in 1916 near her old home; Jessie, who is Mrs. Guy Harrison of Anacortes, Wash.; Paul, who died at the age of eighteen years; and Nellie, who is Mrs. Arthur Dimon of Isabel, So. Dak.

On January 1, 1892, Robert H. Richardson was married to Tillie A. Jacks, a daughter of Isaac and Mary Jacks, who lived on the farm adjoining the Richardson homestead. She died in 1909, leaving the following children: Seth, who is at home; Alice, who is also at home; Alfred, who was a member of the Sixth Marine Corps during the Great War, had the honor of being one of the heroes of Chateau Thierry, and lost a foot in the defense of his country; and Sylvia, who is at home. On October 22, 1912, Mr. Richardson was married (second) to Jessie Benwell, reared in Lake County, Ill. There are no children of this marriage. Mr. Richardson operated the entire homestead for some

time, and now owns 139 acres of it. He has erected a large cow barn, 34 x 80 feet, with a full basement and stabling facilities, and a silo, and keeps a herd of twenty cows. He is a Republican, but has never entered public life aside from serving on the school board, where he has held office for ten or a dozen years, and rendered valuable assistance in protecting the interests of the children and providing them with proper educational advantages.

CLIFFORD W. RICE.

Clifford W. Rice, formerly superintendent of schools at Cary Station, now assistant principal at Harvard, has proven his ability as an educator and his worth as a man. He was born in DeKalb County, Ill., June 24, 1898, one of the two children of Frank P. and Hulda (Wickstrom) Rice, natives of New York state and Illinois, respectively. Frank P. Rice is extensively engaged in a contracting business, and both he and his wife are still living.

Clifford W. Rice attended the common and high schools of DeKalb County, and completed his studies in the DeKalb Normal School, from which he was graduated in 1918. Immediately thereafter he began teaching, and has followed that calling with marked success ever since. In June, 1918, he became superintendent of the schools of Cary Station, and had six teachers under his supervision, the average attendance being about 180 pupils. Professor Rice is a scholarly man, and keeps himself abreast, not only of the advances made in his own profession, but along all lines and possessing, as he does, the faculty of imparting knowledge to others sends forth his pupils well fitted for any walk in life. At Cary Station he inaugurated many changes in the school. He commands the respect and confidence of all with whom he is associated.

MRS. MARTHA E. ROSE.

Mrs. Martha E. Rose, widow of John W. Rose, and a daughter of the late Thomas Burnside, one of the pioneers of Seneca Township, is now an honored resident of Marengo, where she is the center of a delightful circle of friends. Her father, Thomas Burnside was born in

New York in 1816, and came west from Otsego County, that state, to McHenry County, in 1839, locating one mile south of Franklinville, in Seneca Township. After securing his land, Mr. Burnside returned to his old home, was married, and in the spring of 1840 came back to McHenry County, bringing with him his wife and his brother, George, who lived for a time near Woodstock, but died at Poplar Grove, Boone County, Ill. Once more Thomas Burnside went back to his New York home, but returned to his western farm, and died at Franklinville, which was named for Frank Stringer, who taught school and resided with Mr. Burnside. On the last day of school he sent up a silk balloon and named the locality Franklinville. The wife of Mr. Stringer bore the maiden name of Charlotte Frettenberg, and lived at Aurora, Ill. for some time prior to his demise. Mrs. Burnside survived her husband, who passed away October 17, 1872, aged fifty-six years, and lived until 1878, when she too died, being then sixty-four years old. Both were charter members of the Methodist society that held prayer meetings in their home at Franklinville, until in 1855 when a church was built. Mr. Burnside was a consistent Republican. He and his wife had two children, namely: Francis Harley, who served during the Civil War in Company E, Ninety-fifth Illinois Infantry, contracted disease and was brought home only to die before he was twenty-one years old; and Martha Elizabeth, who was born at Colliersville, Otsego County, N. Y., November 2, 1851.

Mrs. Rose was reared on the farm in McHenry County, and on November 8, 1876, when twenty-five years old, she was married to John W. Rose who was from Pennsylvania. He also served as a soldier during the Civil War in the One Hundred and Thirty-sixth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and veteranized in the Second Pennsylvania Cavalry, in which he remained until peace was declared. Returning to his home in Tioga County, Pa., he cared for his father until 1874. After his marriage, took charge of the Burnside farm and conducted it until he retired to Franklinville, where he died on May 30, 1903, Decoration Day. He had long been a member of the G. A. R. Post at Woodstock, and his old comrades used to visit him during his last days. The Methodist Episcopal church at Franklinville held his membership. After his death Mrs. Rose went to Woodstock and spent three years there, but then moved to Marengo, which is now her home. She is very active in the Methodist church, the Woman's Relief Corps, and was its president. During the building of the soldiers' monument in the park, she was president of the Woodstock Corps, and it was through their efforts that

the sum necessary to complete the fund for building, was raised. Mrs. Rose is also much interested in the Seneca Ladies' Literary Society, and has studied its early history with the result that she furnished the following very valuable and interesting article at one of the meetings:

"It may not be known by a majority of the present membership of the S. L. L. S. that the organization was christened at the beginning 'The Franklinville Ladies' Literary Society.' This was the name before the Civil War, while working in a humble way in conjunction with the National Mt. Vernon association, to preserve the tomb of George Washington to the American nation. This was not the primary object of this society but was soon taken up by it. That we may understand what the work of the Mt. Vernon association was I will quote from a paper given into my care by one of the early members, our loved and honored Mrs. Parsons. 'In the year 1855 John Augustine Washington being without means to maintain the estate (the estate of George Washington) offered it for sale. A patriotic daughter of South Carolina, Ann Pamela Cunningham, resolved to save the Washington home to the country as a national possession, and devoted herself to the tremendous task of raising the sum required, \$200,000. In the year 1858 "the Mount Vernon Ladies' association of the Union" was organized with Miss Cunningham as regent, with vice regents representing different states, contributions were solicited and popular support given. Edward Everett and Washington Irving gave the proceeds of certain writings and lectures, and thousands upon thousands of school children gave five cents each.' We are proud to know that our society in its earliest years helped in this patriotic work of such great magnitude.

We can only know of the work of the society in its earliest years through tradition as the records were lost, but it has been established beyond a doubt that it was organized in April, 1855, at the home of Garret W. Dietz, J. P. of the township, also that Mrs. Daniel Wayne was the first president.

Among the little incidents gleaned through a number of years' research of its early history we have the following related by a daughter of one of the earliest members:

During the presidential campaign, when James Buchanan was the Democratic nominee for that high office, a Buchanan rally flag was made and exhibited at a meeting of the society. This caused such a commotion that the society very wisely resolved that in the future no part would be taken in politics by the ladies until after election when as good citizens all should participate. This incident was impressed upon the mind of the one relating it because her elder sisters made the flag.

The non-partisan resolution has been well regarded in the past. What 'future development' may bring to our society now that women are numbered among those supposed to be competent to cast a ballot only time can reveal.

In those early days every lady present at a meeting was counted a member and so recorded, in fact, about all of the secretary's business was a record running like this: Nov. 28th, society met at Mrs. Benson's members present, Mrs. King, Bigelow, Moiser, Anderson, Heaton, Parsons, Hammond, Randolph, Jones, and then signed secretary. This is an exact copy of a society record of an early day.

During the days of the Civil War the Literary society turned its attention where all loyal eyes were centered, 'to the front,' and worked devoting all their time to preparing necessary help to send to our soldier boys. At the close of the war they resumed their regular routine, assisting the entertaining hostess with her sewing while a member appointed as reader for the day, read from some book, occasionally they enjoyed an essay written by a member and sometimes by a husband. The world did not seem so rushed with work but what the men turned out to the meetings of the Ladies' Literary society.

At the annual meeting, 1872, occurred the incident or culmination of incidents, now known as the only quarrel the ladies have indulged in, the contention being for restriction of membership, that the society might shine as the social elite. This would be ignoring the aim the constitution set forth, and when brought to the test was promptly voted down, resulting in the withdrawal of five prominent members, who immediately started a society of their own, but without the sanction of the society or share in the books they had demanded. They named their society the South Seneca Ladies' Literary society, and for a time kept their library books at Union. Just when the society divorced Franklinville and annexed Seneca to its cognomen I am unable to state. But we are the same old society founded by our pioneer fore-mothers of whom we are rightfully proud. Without the Seneca Ladies' Literary society the history of Seneca township can never be correctly written. It is hard to estimate the uplift socially and intellectually given to women and through them the benefit received by the families and the community in general. We have only to study its history to realize in a measure what it has been to women. The society was advanced slowly but surely in its management, always conservative, cautious, and jealous of any change from old time tradition.

Some of our present members will recollect the criticism given when

the president of the year 1896 at its close, in response to a prevailing motion appointed a committee to revise the constitution and by-laws. Some of the older members felt almost as though the Heavens were about to fall; but those same dear old-time members later took pains to congratulate the committee and the society on a constitution and by-laws that can be read with confidence before any visitor without fear of criticism. Our manner of bookkeeping has greatly improved with years. All officer's duties are better defined and discharged. While we have not reached perfection, we are at least conscious of deficiencies and are reaching after better things.

You ask about future developments of the Seneca Ladies' Literary society? Please do not expect me to foretell what they may be. It is generally conceded hard to tell what women will do. Just at present the younger organized women's clubs of the county are coquetting with the 'old girl' trying to persuade her that along their pathway lies the attainment of greater good to women, admitting that to walk the way would mean death to the old Seneca Literary, but maintaining that out of the chrysalis would emerge a more perfect body. Will the old dame listening yield? Or will she, conscious of her own shortcomings, conserve her strength for improvement along her own chosen lines, going forward judiciously as time changes, seeking to get all the good she can do all the good she can, and keep sweet! Wait and see."

All her life Mrs. Rose has revered her father, and it has been her aim to so order her life that she might live up to his ideals and follow the example set by his upright, godly life, and the many who have benefited by her generosity, Christian charity and kindness of heart, claim that she is a worthy daughter of an honored father and mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Rose had no children of their own, but they took a little lad of six years, Eugene Pettett, into their hearts and home, and brought him up to useful manhood. He is now a resident of Hebron, McHenry County.

GEORGE F. RUSHTON.

George F. Rushton, vice-president of the American National Bank of Woodstock, is extensively interested in the real estate development of this section, and is a member of the firm of Rushton, Tappan and Rushton, heavy realty operators, with headquarters at Woodstock. Mr. Rushton was born in Wisconsin, September 27, 1853, a son of

THOMAS WHITSON



MISS THOMAS WHITSON



Charles and Susan (Mabbot) Rushton, who had five children. Charles Rushton was born in England, and came to the United States in an early day, locating in Wisconsin, where for a number of years he was engaged in farming.

George F. Rushton was reared in his native state, and attended its public schools. Until 1872 he was engaged in farming in Wisconsin, but in that year he came to McHenry County, with his parents, who settled in the town of Alden, and engaged in farming. While on the farm Mr. Rushton entered the railway mail service, and remained in it for seven years, when he resigned on account of poor health, and again gave his time to farming. A Republican, in 1890 he was elected supervisor of his township, serving four years. In 1894 he was elected county clerk of McHenry County, and served for sixteen years in that capacity, retiring to engage in the real estate business. He was one of the original stockholders at the organization of the American National Bank of Woodstock, and served as one of the directors from the beginning, later being chosen vice-president, a position he still holds.

In 1905 Mr. Rushton married Joan M. Berger, a daughter of Peter Berger, and she died June 30, 1913. A dignified, capable and widely-known man, Mr. Rushton exemplifies the best interests of his community, and is held in the highest regard by all who know him.

JOHN WINTHROP SANBORN.

John Winthrop Sanborn, now deceased, was one of the retired farmers of Burton Township. Not long before his death he disposed of his fine farm in this township, which was located one and one-half miles north-east of Spring Grove. He was born on this farm December 28, 1842, a son of John and Mehitabel (Sanborn) Sanborn, and grandson of Winthrop Sanborn, both natives of Salisbury, N. H. Originally there were three brothers in the Sanborn family who came to the American Colonies from England, and from them have come three distinct branches. In England the family is traced back for seven hundred years and a genealogy of it was published, giving these branches and all the descendants. The name was originally spelled Sanborne, but the final letter has since been eliminated.

John Sanborn was married at Salisbury, his wife being a cousin. They came west in 1836, to Michigan, and in 1837 to Illinois, securing

the tract of land recently sold by John W. Sanborn, from the government. Winthrop Sanborn came with his son to the west, his wife having died in New Hampshire, and he died in McHenry County in the spring of 1842, being then eighty-two years old. At the time of his demise, his grandson, J. W. Sanborn, was six weeks old. The old militia coat he wore in the service is still a cherished possession of Mr. Sanborn. John Sanborn served during the War of 1812 at Portsmouth, N. H., as gunner of the fort, and his shots fore, aft and direct, caused the flag of surrender to be raised on a British vessel loaded with clothing that had been driven by storm into that port. In 1836, while still in Michigan, John Sanborn was called into service to quell old Black Hawk, who came as far as Fort Dearborn, Chicago. After coming to McHenry County he had to contend with the claims of English settlers, and assisted other Americans on English Prairie to maintain and retain their rights, including the Stevens family. He was one of the organizers of the township, served it as supervisor, and was a staunch Democrat. At first he used to go to Michigan City, Mich., one hundred miles away, with a cart hauled by four yoke of oxen, in which he could carry one hundred bushels of wheat to be ground at the mill there, bringing back flour for the neighborhood. This trip made in this way took a month. Later he was one of the founders of the Blivins mill at Spring Grove, and he displayed his public spirit in many other ways.

John Sanborn had a family as follows: Levina, who married S. P. Orvis, died on the old farm in 1918, but Mr. Orvis survives and a sketch of him appears elsewhere in this work; John W., whose name heads this review; Clorinda, who died at the age of twelve years; B. F., lives at Nice, Ore., having left McHenry County thirty-six years ago; Minerva, who died at the age of twelve years.

When his father died in 1866 John W. Sanborn took charge of the old homestead of 269 acres which he recently sold. Here, until his retirement, he carried on general farming and dairying, breeding Holstein cattle. While a Democrat, he worked with the Prohibitionists, and fought the saloon element. Unlike some reformers, he was spared to see some results from his work in this direction, and no one was more pleased with the new amendment than he. For forty years he held office, having been township collector, road commissioner and school director. He was a charter member of the Richmond Post, but later became a member of the Kenosha Post, and kept in touch with the members of his old regiment.

On May 22, 1869, Mr. Sanborn was married to Olive Walker, who

died December 20, 1902. On August 25, 1905, he was married (second) to Mrs. Kate (Patterson) Shotliff, widow of William Shotliff, of Burton Township, and a daughter of Robert and Nancy (Shaw) Patterson, who lived at Harvard, and later at Woodstock. Mrs. Sanborn was born in County Tyrone, Ireland, and was but a child when brought to the United States. Mr. Shotliff was a blacksmith of Spring Grove for twenty-six years, and died December 18, 1900. By his first marriage John W. Sanborn had the following children: Clyde Walker, who died in 1913, aged forty-four years, having lived in Richmond Township; Harry Winthrop, who is a carpenter of Lake Geneva, Wis.; Flora Mabel, who married C. C. Orvis, attorney at Oskaloosa, Iowa; Guy Chelsea, who is a farmer of Oklahoma; Lillian, who is now a Chicago school teacher, was formerly a teacher of McHenry County; and Wade Hampton, who is a farmer of Burton Township. By his second marriage Mr. Sanborn has one son, John B., who is attending school. Mrs. Sanborn had five children by her first marriage, namely: Walter E., who lives at Spring Grove; Alice M., who married Joseph Wagner, a confectioner of Spring Grove; Fred V., who is on the Sanborn farm; William H., who lives at Spring Grove; and Mabel Helen, who is Mrs. Leonard Franzen of Spring Grove. On January 16, 1920, Mr. Sanborn died, and in his passing Burton Township suffered a distinct loss. His memory is cherished by a wide circle to whom he had endeared himself by his many admirable traits of character.

FREDERICK W. SANFORD.

Frederick W. Sanford, manager of the Richmond yards of the Barker Lumber Company, is an experienced man in his line, and a prominent resident of McHenry County. He was born in New York state, March 22, 1859, one of six children born to William H. and Mary E. (Jackson) Sanford. William H. Sanford was born in Connecticut, and was a hatter and merchant tailor. Both he and his wife are now deceased.

Frederick W. Sanford was brought to McHenry County by his parents and attended its common and high schools. After a stay at Woodstock, the family came to Richmond. Frederick W. Sanford learned the trade of a painter and paperhanger, and worked at both until 1898, when he became identified with the Barker Lumber Company, one of the largest concerns of McHenry County, with headquarters in

Wisconsin. He was first superintendent of the Richmond yards, and was then promoted to be manager and has held this position for sixteen years.

In February, 1896, Mr. Sanford was married to Miss Emma C. Stewart, a daughter of Charles Stewart, of McHenry County. Mr. and Mrs. Sanford became the parents of the following children: Cyrus H., who is a veteran of the World War, in which he served as an enlisted man; Helen M., who is a popular teacher of Evanston, Ill.; Leslie B., who also enlisted for service in the World's War, was wounded in France; Jessie C., who is holding an office position in Chicago; and Eugene C. and Dorothy M., both of whom are at home. Mr. Sanford is a Republican, and is now a trustee of the village board. He served as chief of police of Woodstock and deputy sheriff of McHenry County. His fraternal connections are with Richmond Lodge No. 143, A. F. & A. M. A man of wide experience and natural ability, he has risen steadily and deserves the prosperity which has attended his efforts.

ANTON SCHAEFER.

Anton Schaefer, one of the most representative men of Spring Grove occupies his talents in a diversity of interests, carrying on a high-class undertaking and furniture business, a bank and a farm. He was born in Rhein Bezirk Coblenz, Kreis Maiern, Germany, August 3, 1871. When he was three years old he was brought to the United States by his parents, Mathias and Kathern Schaefer, who located in McHenry County where relatives had already settled. Mathias Schaefer secured a farm from the United States government and went to work to develop it. He was one of the most thorough of farmers, who made experiments in order to find out what kind of crops were best fitted for his land. Among others he tried raising alfalfa and the results were such that he continued to produce it for many years, being the first to grow it in this region. He remained on his farm until his death in 1900, when he was about seventy-five years old, his widow surviving him, and living on the farm near Johnsburg. They were devout members of St. John's Catholic church of Johnstown.

Anton Schaefer remained at home until he was seventeen years old, at which time he learned to be a carpenter and house mover, working at Johnstown for ten years. In 1901 he came to Spring Grove

where he started in the furniture and undertaking business, which he still conducts. He, John H. Gerbracht and J. H. Meredith founded the Spring Grove Bank in 1905, as a private financial institution, of which he became sole owner, Mr. Meredith having moved to Pennsylvania, and Mr. Gerbracht to Dakota. There are about \$50,000 in deposits. The business is strictly a banking one, and is a great accommodation to the community. It is now a state bank, having been reorganized. Mr. Schaefer has a forty-eight acre farm near Spring Grove, and rents other lands, his farming being principally done by others. He carries on dairying and has a flock of Cotswold sheep. Mr. Schaefer was the first president of Spring Grove and is still on the village board.

In 1894, when he was twenty-three years old, Mr. Schaefer was married to Kate Freund, a daughter of John F. Freund of Johnstown, and they became the parents of the following children: Mary, who is assistant cashier of the bank, Nicholas, Christina, Anna, William, Mathew, and Paulina and Alvina, twins, Anton and George, all of whom are at home. The family all belongs to St. Peter's Catholic church of Spring Grove. Through persistent effort Mr. Schaefer has steadily risen, giving to each line of endeavor due attention, and is justly regarded as one of the men of substance in the county, and one in whom implicit confidence may be placed.

HENRY J. SCHMID, M. D.

Henry J. Schmid, M. D., one of the eminent physicians and surgeons of McHenry County, is engaged in an active practice at Harvard, where he has won the confidence of his community. He was born at Racine, Wis., December 25, 1875, one of the nine children of Simon and Mary (Smith) Schmid. Simon Schmid was born in Switzerland, but came to the United States in 1865, and, locating at Racine, Wis., he became interested in a manufacturing line, and continued a resident of this county until his death, which occurred in 1904.

Doctor Schmid attended the common and high schools of his native city and then entered Leola University, from which he was graduated in 1906, following which he took a medical course at Bennett Medical and Surgical Institute, from which he was graduated in 1909, following which he commenced practicing his profession. In 1910 he came to Harvard, where he has since remained. Doctor Schmid belongs to the

McHenry County Medical Society, the Illinois State Medical Society and the American Medical Association.

On April 18, 1901, Doctor Schmid was married to Miss Mayme Summers, a daughter of John Summers of Richfield, Wis. They have had the following children: Winnifred J., Grace M., Ruth M. and Henry N., who died January 11, 1919. Doctor and Mrs. Schmid are members of the Catholic church. Politically he is a Republican. A scholarly man, he keeps thoroughly abreast of the times in his profession, and his skill, augmented by his learning, makes him one of the most able practitioners of the county.

ANTON M. SCHMITT.

Anton M. Schmitt, one of the prosperous farmers of McHenry Township, is located on the old homestead of his father, three miles northeast of McHenry and bordering on the Fox River. He was born on this farm, October 30, 1882, the youngest son of Stephen and Maria (Clapprich) Schmitt. Stephen Schmitt was ten years old when his father, Martin Schmitt brought him to McHenry County, and he became one of its leading men and heavy landowners. A complete sketch of this excellent man and good citizen is to be found elsewhere in this work.

Anton M. Schmitt was reared on the homestead and attended the schools of the district. His life work has been farming and he understands it in all its branches. For some years he has made dairying his chief work, and milks about thirty cows. His place is in prime condition, having been thoroughly improved. In 1920 he erected his present house. On May 5, 1920 Mr. Schmitt was married to Kathrine Lay Freund.

Anton M. Schmitt belongs to St. John's Catholic church at Johnsburg, of which his father was a leading member. He has never taken any part in politics. Although his fine farm is located on the Fox River and only three-quarters of a mile from Pistakee Bay, noted for its excellent fishing, Mr. Schmitt does not care for the sport, preferring to devote himself to increasing its already high state of fertility, and bringing about a still higher rate of efficiency in the conduct of the affairs of his property. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus and Catholic Order of Forresters.

JOHN M. SCHMITT.

John M. Schmitt, one of the substantial men of McHenry County, and one who has taken active part in its agricultural operations, lives one mile north of Johnsburg, and three and one-half miles north of McHenry. He was born May 11, 1872, on the old Schmitt homestead, now occupied by his brother Anton, which is located three miles northeast of McHenry, and bordering on the Fox River, a son of Stephen and Maria (Klapprieh) Schmitt. Stephen Schmitt was born in Bavaria, Germany, May 25, 1832, and came to the United States in 1842, with his parents, who settled on the south side of the Fox River, at the point now crossed by the bridge, and there Martin Schmitt lived until his death, when he was over ninety years of age. His wife, Gertie, died when she was about sixty years old. In addition to his son Stephen, Martin Schmitt had the following children: Anna, who married Jacob Freund, lived in McHenry County; Mary, who married John F. Schmitt and also lived in McHenry County; Mary Ann, who married Anton Meyer; and Frederick. All are now deceased.

At the time of his marriage Stephen Schmitt located on the farm now owned by Anton Schmitt, and at that time the land was all covered with heavy timber. He cleared off the land, made it into a fine farm, and built the present house in 1872, and the barns at different periods. His death occurred on his farm September 17, 1917. He lost his wife July 2, 1914. Although he lived on the farm until his death, he had been retired for seven years prior to that event. He added to his original farm until he had 150 acres, and he owned another farm of 134 acres near Ringwood, and 169 acres now the property of his son, John M., which was two miles from his homestead. His land cost him different prices, the highest being \$65, but he bought his original tract for \$27 per acre. During the time he was engaged in farming, he produced sheep as his leading feature. A Democrat, he upheld the principles of that party with his vote, but did not desire office. A charter member of St. John's Catholic Church, he assisted in building four church edifices, and was one of the most active workers in the parish.

Stephen Schmitt was married to Catherine Kaut, who died two years later, leaving one daughter, Elizabeth, who married Matt Miller, a farmer in the vicinity of Johnsburg. Mr. Schmitt was married (second) to Maria Klapprieh, and their children were as follows: Susie, who is unmarried; Maggie, who is Mrs. John J. Schmitt, lives on the farm adjoining her father's homestead; John M., whose name heads this

review; Mary M., who married Jacob M. Diedrich, died when she was twenty-four years old; Ann, who is Mrs. J. P. Schaefer, of Johnsbury; and Anton, who is on the old homestead, married Mrs. Kathrine Freund.

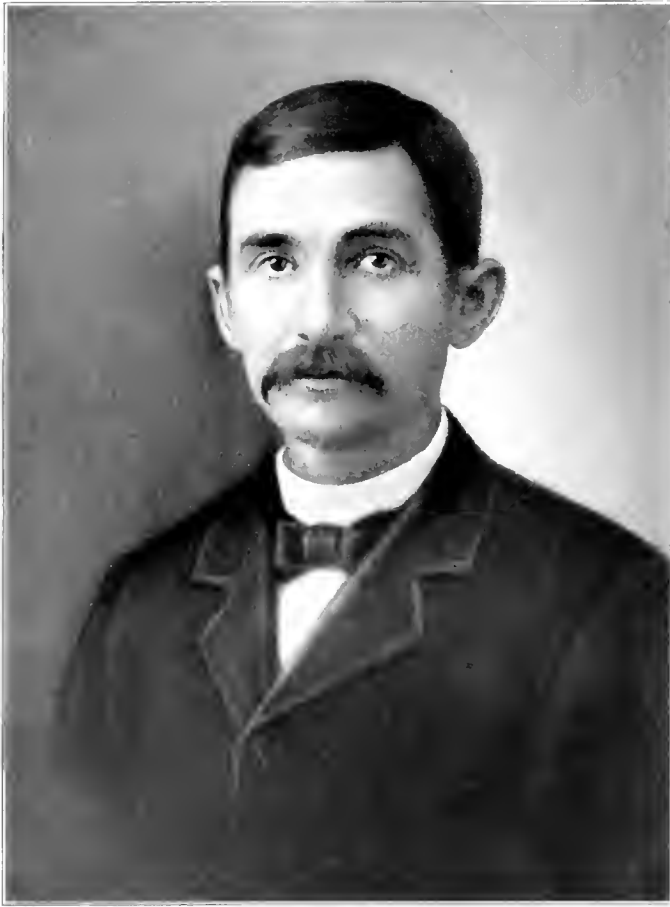
John M. Schmitt remained at home until he was twenty-four years old, at which time he was married to Elizabeth Thelen, of Johnsbury. Following his marriage, John M. Schmitt bought his present farm, since which time he has erected a silo, the house, barns and other buildings having been put up by his father, who had been the former owner. Mr. Schmitt carries on dairying, and keeps about thirty cows, nearly all of which are registered Holsteins. For the past eighteen years he has operated a threshing machine, and is acknowledged to be one of the best threshers in the county. In addition to this work, he fills silos, bulls clover and shreds corn, doing this work for the same customers year after year.

Mr. and Mrs. Schmitt became the parents of the following children: Susie, Anton, Joseph, George, Albert, Louis, Henry, Emil, Mary, Eva, Alma and Steve. All of the Schmitt family, in its several branches, are held in high esteem and respect, and they are generally to be found tilling the soil and helping to maintain the country's prestige as the greatest dairy section in the state, for this is a line of business they like and understand. The farms under the Schmitt management are well developed and finely improved, and a credit to the township and county in which they are located.

STEPHEN F. SCHMITT.

Stephen F. Schmitt, one of the honored residents of McHenry County, is now living in retirement from the activities of life at Johnsbury. He was born on the Fox River, one and one-half miles from Johnsbury, February 28, 1856, a son of John and Mary Schmitt, who were born at Munich, Bavaria, Germany, and brought to the United States in childhood. They were married at Johnsbury. John Schmitt was a son of Frederick Schmitt, and his wife was a daughter of Martin Schmitt, both of Munich, who came to the United States at the same time.

Stephen F. Schmitt was reared on his father's farm near Johnsbury, where he remained until he was married at the age of twenty-one years, to Catherine Freund, a daughter of Nicholas Freund. Mrs. Schmitt



John E. Williams

was born near Johnsbury, and was eighteen years old at the time of her marriage. The young couple rented the farm owned by his grandfather, Martin Schmitt, but after five years they moved to the farm owned by Nicholas Freund, two miles north of Johnsbury, where they spent three or four years. They then bought a farm one and one-half miles north of Ringwood, consisting of eighty acres of improved land, on which there was a new barn. After some years on it, Mr. Schmitt rented that farm, and moved on his father's farm, which he operated for twenty years, and finally bought it for \$67 per acre. The farm contained 198 acres, and he still owns it, his son, Matt conducting it at present. Mr. Schmitt owns valuable property at Spring Grove and his pleasant home at Johnsbury, where he has resided for two years.

Mr. and Mrs. Schmitt became the parents of the following children: Matt, who is on the homestead; John, who is in the employ of the United States government as inspector of fishing at Spring Grove; Joseph, who is on the farm with Matt; Mary, who is the next in order of birth; Anna, who is Mrs. Matt Lay, lives at Spring Grove; Emma, who is Mrs. John Lay, of Spring Grove; Christina, who is Mrs. Peter Miller of Spring Grove; and Agnes, who is at home. Mr. Schmitt has done considerable road work, and has long been a friend to the "Good Roads" movement. He and his family belong to St. John's Catholic church of Johnsbury.

FRED H. SCHROEDER.

Fred H. Schroeder, proprietor of the Crystal Lake Garage, agent for the Dodge and Oakland motor cars and a director of the United State Bank of Crystal Lake, is one of the foremost business men of his part of the county. He was born at Crystal Lake, July 31, 1874, a son of Charles W. and Fredericka (Oerkfitz) Schroeder. Charles W. Schroeder was born in Germany, but came to the United States in 1870, landing in New York City, from whence he came to Crystal Lake. He took out citizen papers and was loyal to his adopted country until his death, which occurred January 9, 1918. Until 1904, he was extensively engaged in farming, but in that year retired. His wife died in 1903.

Fred H. Schroeder attended the common and high schools of McHenry County, and then, until 1913, was engaged in farming, having learned the practical details of his calling from his father. In 1913 he bought his present business from William J. Mayers for \$3,500. Mr.

Schroeder immediately added to the stock on hand, and now carries a full and complete line of auto tires and accessories, as well as of the International Harvester Company farm machines, and he has the agencies for the Dodge, Oakland cars. His business is a very large one, and is steadily increasing. When the United State Bank of Crystal Lake was organized, Mr. Schroeder was placed on the directorate and has continued a member of that board ever since.

In 1893 Mr. Schroeder was married to Miss Matilda Wokersin, a daughter of William Wokersin, and a member of one of the well-known families of Crystal Lake. Mr. and Mrs. Schroeder have two children: Alfred W. and Walter W. Alfred W. is working for his father. He was married to Anna Schroeder. The family belong to the Lutheran Church of Crystal Lake. In politics, Mr. Schroeder is a Republican.

OTTO H. SCHULDT.

Otto H. Schuldt, manager of the Bowman Dairy plant of Carey, is one of the men who is eminently fitted for his work. He was born at Crystal Lake, Ill., May 2, 1892, and has spent his life in McHenry County, where his father is very well and favorably known. He is one of eight children born to his parents, William and Sophia (Peters) Schuldt, natives of Germany, who came to the United States in 1890, and located at Crystal Lake, where they still reside, being farming people.

Otto H. Schuldt attended the public schools of Crystal Lake, and then learned the carpenter trade, following it until 1913, when he went with the Oatman Milk Company, leaving that concern in November, 1918, to assume the duties of his present position. His plant has a capacity of 18,000 pounds of milk per day, and employment is given to five people.

In 1913 Mr. Schuldt was united in marriage with Miss Clara Fanter, a daughter of William Fanter, one of the prominent men of Crystal Lake. Mr. and Mrs. Schuldt have two children, namely: Gladys and Mildred. Politically, Mr. Schuldt is a Republican. An aggressive worker, Mr. Schuldt not only is able to accomplish much himself, but can get the best results from his associates, and during the time he has been in charge of his present plant has demonstrated his fitness for his position, and inspired confidence in his community.

ROBERT H. SCHUETT.

Robert H. Schuett, senior member of the well-known and reliable grocery and hardware firm of Schuett & Ferris of Woodstock, is one of the substantial men of McHenry County. He was born February 7, 1890, in McHenry County, one of the eight children of John C. and Matilda (Eherke) Schuett. John C. Schuett was born in Germany, but came to the United States in 1870, and the following year, to McHenry County, where he has since resided, becoming one of the prosperous farmers of Dorr Township.

Robert H. Schuett attended the common and high schools of McHenry County, and grew up amid rural surroundings learning farm work under his father. Later he entered the employ of A. K. Bunker, and after remaining with him for five years, in April, 1918, he and his present associate formed their partnership under the style of Schuett & Ferris. The young men have a wide acquaintance throughout the county, and their business shows a steady and healthy expansion.

On June 6, 1917, Mr. Schuett was married to Miss Mabel Grover. Mr. Schuett belongs to the Odd Fellows. A young man of steady habits and great industry, he has risen through his own efforts and deserves his present prosperity.

JAMES SCOTT.

James Scott, one of the men who has attained to considerable prestige as a successful farmer of Seneca Township, was born at Woodstock, April 28, 1857, a son of William and Jeanette (Lindsay) Scott, both born near Glasgow at Strathwell, Scotland. When he was twenty years old he came to the United States, and she was brought here when about five years old by her parents, Thomas and Mary Lindsay, who settled two miles south of Woodstock, in Dorr Township, where they spent their lives, he being killed by a blast of powder.

James Scott grew up on the farm owned by his father, and lived there until his marriage on February 15, 1882, when he was twenty-five years old, to Emma Andrews, a daughter of Dwight and Emma M. (Sears) Andrews, who came to Seneca Township many years ago, locating on a farm there about 1854. During the Civil War Mr. Andrews enlisted for service in Company E, Ninety-fifth Illinois Volunteer In-

fantry at Franklinville, and served until the close of the war, during which period he was for one year one of the sharpshooters. He died two years after his discharge as a result of injuries received in the service, and is buried in the pioneer cemetery of the township. His widow survived him until about 1903, living in Seneca. The Andrews family numbered the following children: Chester L., who lives at Elgin, Ill.; Ella, who is Mrs. William Wheeler of Los Angeles, Cal.; and Mrs. Scott, who was born in Seneca Township, May 19, 1859, where she was reared.

In 1893 Mr. and Mrs. Scott moved on their present farm of 163 acres, once known as the Albee farm, from which the pioneer cemetery and site for the school were taken some years ago. Mr. Scott has made all of the present improvements, and has a comfortable residence and suitable barn and outbuildings. He is carrying on dairy farming, and milks about twenty-five cows of the Holstein strain. He is a strong Republican and has served as road commissioner for six years. Mr. and Mrs. Scott became the parents of the following children: William R., who lives at Fond du Lac, Wis., is foreman of a factory; Harold C., who is at home; and James Earl, who is now at home, was in the service during the World War, from June 3, 1918, until his honorable discharge, March 21, 1919, during that period being in the Great Lakes Training School. The Scott family attend the Presbyterian church at Woodstock. Mr. Scott and his wife are connected with some of the old and best-known families of McHenry County, and having been born in the county, and spent their lives here, their interests are naturally centered in it and they take an intelligent pride in its development.

GEORGE W. SEAMAN.

George W. Seaman, one of the most interesting men of McHenry County, who has been spared to live to an age far exceeding the ordinary span of life, is living retired on a farm two miles northeast of Hebron, in Hebron Township. He is remarkable, and although ninety-five years old, is better preserved than most men fifteen years younger. His mind is keen, his recollection is clear, eyesight fairly good, and his hearing perfect. Upright as a pine, he gives no indication of approaching the century milestone. On his ninety-fifth birthday a party was given him, a half a dozen of his old friends being invited to the house, and as

though pre-arranged, an airplane passed over as though in honor of the event. His span of life covers the greatest period in the world's history, and his mentality has been such that he has been able to appreciate the wonderful development of this age. He was born in Madison County, N. Y.

His early efforts at farming were with the primitive implements that showed but little improvement over those of the stone age. He used the first machine that took the place of the flail in threshing grain, and consisted of a cylinder made of a log, with spikes driven into it for teeth in a frame that also carried a converse similarly made. The power was a one-horse tread mill. The grain, straw and chaff all fell in a head, from which the straw was raked off by hand and the final separation of the grain from the chaff was made with a hand windmill. Mr. Seaman operated this machine in this region during 1845. The owner was Vunar Potter, a brother-in-law of Jackson Case, of Racine, Wis., brother of J. J. Case, renowned maker of threshing machines. Jackson Case had brought eight of these tread power machines from Oswego, N. Y., in 1844. In 1846 Mr. Seaman operated the first separator ever brought to Illinois, and it was also a tread power contrivance. The first experiment with it was made at Solon Mills, with 150 bushels of wheat as the result of the first operation. Later, in company with his brother Leonard and brother-in-law A. C. Cleary, Mr. Seaman operated a short sweep power machine for six years, and during that period it came into universal use, only to be superseded by the steam power machine. About this time a company at Geneva, Ill., commenced manufacturing various kinds of machinery and he became a salesman for it in northern Illinois, continuing with the concern for sixteen years, and later selling grain binders in Nebraska.

In 1844 his father, Leonard Seaman, came to McHenry and entered land to the extent of forty acres, one mile east of Hebron, and the next year brought his family to this new home, including George, Leonard B., and Thomas J. A daughter, Betsy, and her husband, A. C. Cleary, also accompanied the party. Later removal was made to Vernon County, Wis., the original farm being sold. Still later, Leonard Seaman and his sons bought 240 acres of land further north and on it he made his permanent home. This farm was fenced with rails made in the Geneva woods, eight miles distant. On this farm Leonard Seaman died in 1855, but his widow survived him until she was over seventy. Leonard B. Seaman continued to live on his father's farm and died there.

Thomas J. Seaman sold his share to his brothers and went to Vernon County, Wis., and is now deceased.

The coming of the Seaman family to McHenry County resulted in the settling here of several other families from Oswego, N. Y. George Brown, a cousin of George Seaman, came here in 1844, but soon returned to New York. His four brothers, Edmond, Jacob, Isaac and Thomas, and a sister, Lucretia, who later married F. A. Stewart, also came here. Mrs. Stewart survives and lives in Howard County, Nebr., where Jacob Brown died. Thomas died in Colorado, and Isaac died near Seattle, Wash. Edmond died soon after coming to Hebron. John A. Rotnaur, another neighbor of New York, who followed the Seamans to McHenry County, bought the original farm of forty acres from Leonard Seaman, and he died in Richmond Township. Alphonso Tyler and his wife settled in the neighborhood of the Seamans and died here. F. A. Stewart and Lorenzo Stewart came to Lake County, Ill., about 1855, and died there. A son of Lorenzo Stewart, R. P. Stewart, left McHenry County in 1880 and now lives in Hull County, Nebr. During the Civil War he served in the Sixty-sixth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and as a result of that service later lost his right arm. He is now over eighty years old and makes frequent visits to Hebron.

George W. Seaman has lived on his present farm since 1863, as he lost his former farm through mortgaging it to invest in a "Blue Sky" project with relation to a proposed railroad, out of which he only managed to save \$1,000, which he immediately put on his present farm of 160 acres as a first payment. Since he took possession of it the farm has been handsomely improved and is well adapted for dairy purposes. There are two silos and all the necessary conveniences. Mr. Seaman is by several years the oldest resident of Hebron Township, and is the only one now living who was here when the township was organized in 1847. When his brother Thomas J. Seaman was elected tax collector, he refused to serve, and George W. Seaman took his place and made the first actual tax collection for the township, amounting to about \$500, and he was reelected for a second term. In those days the collector was required to call personally on every taxpayer, a job few men cared for. Mr. Seaman served for many years as road commissioner, and there are few roads in this township that he has not assisted in improving. The township was named by Mrs. Belia H. Tryon, who selected it on account of its biblical associations. The John Sawyer district west of Hebron village, and the Alvin H. Parker district, were both organized about the

same time as the township, and Mr. Seaman recalls that Miss Archibald and Elizabeth Ellsworth were among the earliest teachers.

George W. Seaman was married September 30, 1849, to Jane Currier, a daughter of Abner Currier, who came to McHenry County from Pennsylvania in 1847, and became a neighbor of the Seamans. Later the Curriers moved to Vernon County, Wis.; Mrs. Seaman died September 20, 1914, within ten days of the sixty-fifth anniversary of her wedding, an event the children were preparing to celebrate as they had the one of the golden anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Seaman had five children, namely: Helen, who died young; Susie, who was the widow of Neverson Gookin, died at the age of seventy-three; Charles H., who is agent for the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad at Salem, Wis.; George E., who with his brother, William G., operates the homestead, although they live in separate houses. George E. married Jennie Reynolds, and their children are as follows: Jay, Cora, Clifford, Clarence and Dene. William G. married Mabel Critchett and they have two sons, Kenneth and Lyle. Myra Stamper, five years old, is also a member of the family, and no one is fonder of the children than Mr. Seaman, who in their companionship forgets the loss of his former acquaintances now deceased. He keeps in touch with the world's events, and is especially interested in the progress made in mechanics. During the St. Louis Exposition he spent some time there, and enjoyed the exhibits in Machinery Hall more than any of the others.

CALVIN SEARLE.

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GUSTAVE F. SEEFELDT.

Gustave F. Seefeldt, member of the well known dry goods establishment of Mutchow Bros. & Co., of Harvard, and president of the Community Club, is one of the representative business men of McHenry County. He was born in Alsace-Lorraine, February 22, 1879, one of the eleven children of Charles C. and Elvina (Vouwangerin) Seefeldt. Charles C. Seefeldt was born in France, but came to the United States and located at Milwaukee, Wis., with his family. He died in 1885, his widow surviving him until 1900.

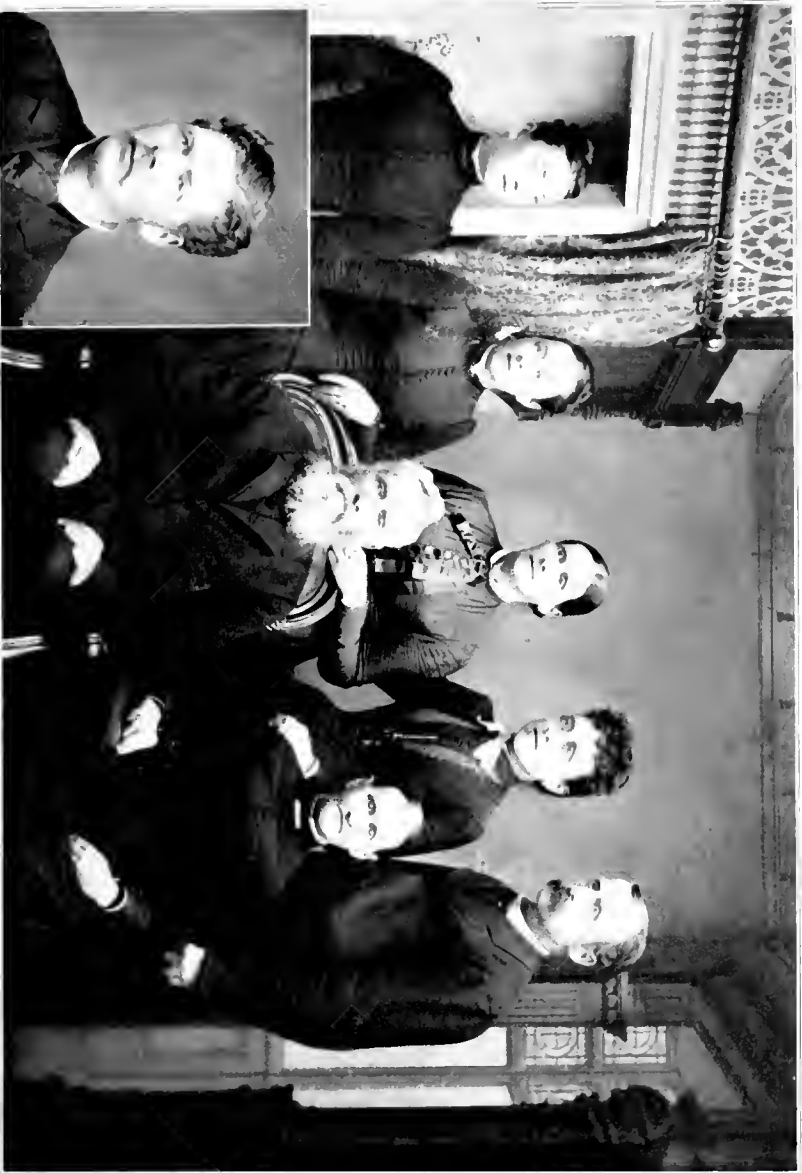
Gustave F. Seefeldt attended the parochial schools of Milwaukee, Wis., and was reared on his brother's farm on the outskirts of that city. For a time Gustave F. Seefeldt was engaged in farming, but then became associated with the Milwaukee Electric plant, and remained with it until 1903, when he went to Chicago, Ill., and was there connected with the mercantile trade. In October, 1910, Mr. Seefeldt came to Harvard and was associated with the sales force of Mutchow Bros. until 1916, when he was admitted to partnership. This concern is the leading dry goods house at Harvard, and a full and varied line of timely goods is carried to the amount of \$20,000. Employment is given to seven salespersons, and the service is excellent.

In 1904 Mr. Seefeldt was married to Miss Freda Demien, a daughter of John Demien, well known people of Chicago, Ill. Mr. and Mrs. Seefeldt have two children, namely: Clarence W. and Earl F. In politics Mr. Seefeldt is a Republican. In January, 1919, he was elected president of the Community Club, and has extended the scope of its usefulness. In every capacity Mr. Seefeldt measures up to the highest standards of efficiency and good citizenship, and is rightly numbered among the representative men of his locality.

ELLSWORTH E. SEWARD.

Ellsworth E. Seward, president of the Dairyman's State Bank of Marengo, and treasurer of the Coon Creek Drainage District, is one of the leading men of McHenry County, and one who has long been actively engaged in promoting its best interests. He was born in McHenry County, Ill., May 27, 1861, a son of Ephraim H. and Mary L. (Rogers) Seward, who had eleven children, four of whom survive. Ephraim H. Seward was born in Vermont, but later came to McHenry County, where he was engaged in farming until his death. His wife is also deceased.

Ellsworth E. Seward attended the common and high schools of his native county, and after studying law, was admitted to the bar of South Dakota, to which state he had gone in 1885. He was successively engaged in the newspaper business, a real-estate business, and then with the Shurtleff Lumber Company. This concern later became the Seward & Redpath Lumber Company, with which Mr. Seward remained until 1908. In that year he was made a director and also vice president



WILLIAM N. WILMS AND FAMILY

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Edward J. Wilms, William N. Wilms, Mary C. Wilms

of the Dairyman's State Bank of Marengo. In 1910 was made its president, J. E. Williams being now vice president and A. S. Norton, cashier. Mr. Seward owns 400 acres of valuable farm land in Riley Township.

On May 19, 1898, Mr. Seward was married to Miss Caroline Metcalf, a daughter of Martin Metcalf. Mr. and Mrs. Seward have two children, namely: Eunice L., who was born in 1905; and Martin, who was born in 1910. The family all belong to the Presbyterian church. He is a Republican. His fraternal relations are with the Masons and Knights of Pythias. Mr. Seward is a Shriner and Thirty-Second degree Mason. For some time he has been vice president of the McHenry County Bankers Association, and is recognized as one of the leading men of his calling in the county. Under his sound administration, his bank has tided over the stringency of the war and reconstruction period, and its affairs are in excellent condition.

ADDISON M. SHELTON.

The day of the little red schoolhouse has passed, and with it the type of schoolmaster who used to preside over the destinies of the pupils gathered in it. While this little red schoolhouse has been replaced by modern sanitary buildings, amply provided with every convenience and appliance known to present-day methods, the schoolmaster also, has gone through a period of transition. He has developed into a member of one of the honored and learned professions; a man who comes to his work only after years of special preparation, and who, no matter what his qualifications may be, never ceases to be a close student, not alone of books, but of human nature as well. Because of the great progress made in educational matters many men of exceptional talents have been attracted to the profession, and they in turn are exerting themselves to achieve still better results, and succeeding in a manner to call forth commendation and appreciation. One of these alert, scholarly and carefully trained men of brilliant minds whose capabilities are centered in educational work is Addison M. Shelton, of Crystal Lake, county superintendent of schools of McHenry County.

The birth of Addison M. Shelton occurred at Chatham, Ill., November 11, 1875, and he is a son of Martin Shelton, who was born at Chatham, Ill., February 25, 1841, and Sarah (Dill) Shelton, who was born at Chatham, Ill., January 25, 1819, the former of whom was a

farmer. The ancestors of the Sheltons came to the American Colonies at a very early date. Records of the family history show that members of it participated in the French and Indian War, the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812, and Martin Shelton volunteered for service in the Civil War and served until its close.

After his graduation from the local high school, Addison M. Shelton spent one year at the State Normal School at Carbondale, Ill., and then later became a student of the University of Illinois, from which he was graduated in 1903 from the Political Science group with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Immediately following his graduation Mr. Shelton came to Crystal Lake as city superintendent of its schools, and held that office with dignified capability until he was elected county superintendent of schools of McHenry County, which office he has held since 1910.

For a number of years Mr. Shelton has been identified with the State Teachers Association, and other educational organizations; for a long period he has been interested in school legislation, representing various teachers' organizations before the legislature. Because of this work, and in recognition of work accomplished while he was at Springfield, the presidency of the Illinois Educational Commission was given him by Governor Small, in September, 1921. The purpose of this commission is to revamp the school laws of Illinois, and to report to the next General Assembly of the state, recommendations for consideration. Other members of the commission are: Mrs. M. H. Leber, chairman, Applied Education State Federation Woman's Clubs, of Winnetka; William Scott Gray, member of the Senate, of Coatsburg; Len Small, governor of Illinois; C. M. Thompson, dean, College of Commerce and Business Administration, of Urbana; and Harry Wilson, member House of Representatives, of Pinckneyville.

Prominent as has been the part Mr. Shelton has always taken in educational matters, he has not confined himself to them, but has accomplished much in behalf of other worthy measures. He was intimately connected with the early organization of the McHenry County Soil Improvement Association, was its first secretary, and continued to hold that office for several years. While this country was at war he was one of the effective workers, serving as one of the county Four Minute Men, and as chairman for McHenry County in the Thrift Organization during the life of that body, and he was very active in all of the Liberty Loan drives. Ever since he cast his first vote he has been a republican. He maintains membership with the Modern Woodmen

of America, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. During 1903 he represented the University of Illinois in the debating team in the Illinois-Missouri debate; was class poet, and was otherwise connected in an important degree with his class while at the university. In later years he has contributed some very valuable articles to educational magazines on timely topics.

Mr. Shelton was married at St. Louis, Mo., in June, 1899, to Miss Wanda Schember, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William R. Schember, No. 2815 Russell avenue, St. Louis, Mo. Mr. and Mrs. Shelton have the following children: Robert Schember, who was born November 2, 1906; Wanda Schember, who was born August 9, 1908; and Richard Martin, who was born in 1914.

In an able address delivered before the annual conference of the Illinois School Board and City Superintendents Association held at Springfield, October 27, 1921, Mr. Shelton outlines his stand with reference to the work to be done by the newly-created commission of which he is the chairman, under the following heads: separation from state politics of the school tax, the advocacy of taxing tangible property to help support the schools and the increasing of the local unit of the taxable area of each school district. Not only the people of McHenry County but the entire State are anxiously awaiting the results of Mr. Shelton's efforts on the commission. This appointment is the just reward to an able man for services faithfully performed and is also a great opportunity for him to give to the people the benefit of his years of thought and study upon the subjects so dear to their heart, and awaken in all an appreciation of the necessity for greatly increased educational facilities.

VERNON D. SHERBURNE.

Vernon D. Sherburne, owner of the well-equipped garage at Woodstock operated under his name, is one of the substantial men of McHenry County, and one who is held in high esteem. He was born in Michigan, January 28, 1871, one of three children of Albert and Jane (Pixley) Sherburne. Albert Sherburne was born in Canada, but came to the United States, first being in Michigan, and later in Wisconsin, from whence he came to Hebron, where he died in 1916, having spent his life in farming.

Vernon D. Sherburne attended the common and high schools, and was graduated from the latter in 1888. For the subsequent three years he was engaged in school teaching. He then began assisting his father with the farm work until 1901, when he bought a farm of 180 acres, which he still owns. He farmed until 1904, and then rented his farm and embarked in a livestock business. This business he sold in 1911 and opened a garage at Hebron, moving to Woodstock in December of that year. In February, 1916, he bought his present property for \$20,000, and added improvements until now his investment is worth \$32,000. He carries a stock of \$30,000, and gives employment to ten people. His is the largest and best-equipped garage at Woodstock, and he is sole agent for Ford cars, accessories and supplies.

In 1895 Mr. Sherburne was married to Miss Anna J. Jones, a daughter of Jay W. Jones, of Clinton, Wis., and they have the following children: Clarence L., who is in business with his father; and Elwood G. and Carroll W., who are both at home. Mr. Sherburne belongs to the Odd Fellows and Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. The family are identified with the Methodist Episcopal Church. The amount of business transacted by Mr. Sherburne reflects credit upon his ability as a business man, and upon his standing in his community. He richly deserves his prosperity, for it has come to him through his own unaided efforts.

CLIFFORD E. SHERMAN.

Clifford E. Sherman, proprietor of the Sherman Hill Farm, is located two miles west of McHenry, and he was born on this farm, February 8, 1870, a son of Samuel S. and Abigail (Fellows) Sherman. Samuel S. Sherman was born in New York, a son of Benson and Wealthy (Gates) Sherman. In 1840 the Sherman family, together with that of Andrew Hanna, drove to McHenry County, and Benson Sherman secured quite a large acreage, Sherman Hill, a well-known landmark, being part of his property. His homestead contained over 300 acres, and his original log house stood about the same place as the present house. Benson Sherman died when but a little over fifty years of age, his widow living on the homestead survived him until she was eighty-six years old. His two sons, Jeremiah and Samuel S. received the homestead, the former having 150 acres, and the latter 180 acres, on which was the house.

Samuel S. Sherman was eight years old when his father came to

Sherman Hill, and he was reared on this farm. After the death of his wife, he gradually turned matters over to his son, Clifford E. Sherman. Samuel S. Sherman built a part of the present barn, to which his son has since made additions, it now being 30 x 84 feet, with an el 32 x 28 feet.

Clifford E. Sherman attended the local schools and was reared on the farm. When he was twenty-one years old, he had to assume the responsibilities of conducting the farm. Since then he has made extensive improvements. At his father's death he inherited eighty acres, and later bought the shares of the other heirs, and made the farm into a dairy one. Still later, he sold some of his original farm, added his uncle's farm of 120 acres, and now has about 250 acres, all in one body. The original farm of his uncle is now operated by a tenant, Mr. Sherman being a partner in the stock business the tenant carries on, for the second farm is also a dairy one. Mr. Sherman has concentrated on farming, but in the midst of his other duties has found time to serve as a director of the Sherman School district.

Mr. Sherman was united in marriage with Laura Grace Thomas, a daughter of Julius and Lucy (Hobart) Thomas, of Greenwood Township, where Mrs. Sherman was reared. Mrs. Thomas, now a widow, lives at Woodstock. Mr. and Mrs. Sherman have two sons, namely: Lester Thomas Sherman, who was born November 2, 1896; and Edwin Earl, who was born November 2, 1913. Lester was graduated from the McHenry High School, and is now assisting his father with the farm. Mr. Sherman is a Universalist. He supports the Free Soil Improvement Association to which he belongs.

EDWARD D. SHURTLEFF.

Edward D. Shurtleff, member of the lower house of the State Assembly, and one of the leading attorneys of McHenry County, has long been engaged in practice at Marengo. He was born in DeKalb County, Ill., September 19, 1863, a son of Alfred J. and Mary F. (Higby) Shurtleff, who had three children. Alfred J. Shurtleff was born in Stanstead, Quebec, Canada, October 14, 1827, and when he was eleven years old he came to DeKalb County, Ill., leaving it for Marengo in 1870, and he resided in the latter city until his death, June 8, 1895.

Edward D. Shurtleff attended the schools of DeKalb County and the

Marengo High School, and later Oberlin College, and after three years in the latter institution, entered the office of A. B. Coon, of Marengo, where he studied law. Going to South Dakota, he was admitted to the bar of that state in 1885, and upon his return to Illinois was admitted to the Illinois bar in 1894, immediately thereafter entering upon a practice at Marengo. A strong Republican, he has been very active in politics, serving Marengo as mayor from 1894 to 1896, and again from 1899 to 1901, and from 1895 up to and including 1899 he was supervisor of Marengo Township. From 1901 he has been the representative of his district in the lower house of the State Assembly, and has taken an active part in securing some very excellent legislation. Fraternally he is a Mason, an Odd Fellow, Knight of Pythias and a Woodman, and has advanced to the Knight Templar degree in the first-named order.

On June 25, 1890, Mr. Shurtleff was married to Miss Elizabeth H. Sisson, a daughter of Allan Sisson, and a member of a prominent pioneer family of McHenry County. Mr. and Mrs. Shurtleff have the following children: Maurice E., who was born September 16, 1892; and Helen E., who was born August 11, 1899. The family all attend the Presbyterian church. Both as an attorney and public official, Mr. Shurtleff has made an enviable record, and his fellow citizens are proud of him and of what he has accomplished.

ROSS D. SILL.

Ross D. Sill, representative of the Standard Oil Company at Hebron, and one of the successful men of McHenry County, owns 180 acres of very valuable land in Hebron Township. He was born at Richmond, Ill., in July, 1864, one of the five children of John and Mary (Reed) Sill. John Sill was born in England in 1840, and in young manhood came to the United States, and after a stop at Chicago came to McHenry County, locating at Richmond, where he rounded out his useful life, being actively engaged in farming for many years. His death occurred in 1909, and his widow died that same year.

Ross D. Sill was reared at Richmond, and attended its schools. After reaching his majority he learned buttermaking, and for sixteen years was engaged in manufacturing butter. He then moved to Hebron, where for some years he was superintendent of the pumping station, resigning to accept his present position with the Standard Oil Company.

In 1889 Mr. Sill was united in marriage to Miss Nellie A. Andrews,

a daughter of Steven J. Andrews, of Hebron. Mr. and Mrs. Sill have a daughter, Sybil A., who was born August 17, 1899. Their other daughter, Beulah, is deceased. The family belong to the Baptist church. Mr. Sill belongs to Waupin (Wis.) Lodge, A. F. & A. M. In 1918 Mr. Sill was elected a trustee of Hebron Township. The beautiful family residence at Hebron is owned by Mr. Sill, and here the family welcome their many friends, and are the center of a charming social circle.

FRANK SILLIMAN.

Frank Silliman, one of the representative men of Seneca Township, was born in this township, two miles east of Franklinville, September 18, 1856, a son of Stiles and Martha (Burnside) Silliman, natives of Otsego County, N. Y., where they were married. In 1848 they came to Illinois to join her brother, Thomas Burnside, who had located in Seneca Township, some four or five years previously, and rounded out his life on the farm he had secured. Stiles Silliman bought a farm in Seneca Township about 1852, and died on it at the age of eighty-two years, on December 3, 1906, his wife having passed away October 4, 1905, aged eighty-seven years. The Silliman family originated in Connecticut. On the maternal side of the house, Stiles Silliman was connected with the Brewer family, of Holland origin. The Burnside family traces back to English and Scotch stock. Stiles Silliman was a road commissioner and a school director, being elected on the Democratic ticket. He was one of the original members of the Woodstock Camp, M. W. A. The children of Stiles Silliman and his wife were as follows: Ella, who married Charles Foote, removed to Nebraska, where she died at the age of thirty-seven years; Irene, who is Mrs. A. L. Beam of Dorr Township; Frank, whose name heads this review; and George, who left the farm twenty-five years ago, is a wholesale grocer of Elgin, Ill.

Frank Silliman grew up on the farm, helping to dig stones and perform all the tedious work incident to developing a wild farm. On January 30, 1883 Mr. Silliman was married to Allene Foote, a daughter of Hooker and Emeline (Eastman) Foote, who was brought to Seneca Township at the age of ten years, from Pleasant Prairie, Wis. Mr. Foote was born in Madison County, N. Y., and Mrs. Foote in Otsego County, N. Y. The Foote family was founded in the New World during the Colonial period, representatives of it first locating in Connecticut, and going

thence to New York. Both Mr. and Mrs. Foote were taken by their parents to Kenosha, Wis., when small, and were reared in that state. After their marriage, they kept a hotel at Pleasant Prairie for some years.

Frank Silliman and his wife became the parents of the following children: Harry, who is on the old farm, married Ora Jackett, and has three children, Stanley, Mildred and Ethel; Eva, who is Mrs. Fred Eppel, lives near McHenry; and Vellie, who is at home, was graduated from the Woodstock High School and then engaged for some years in teaching school in Seneca Township. For four years she was secretary of the McHenry County Sunday School Association, which was organized sixty years ago. In 1905 Mr. Silliman became interested in the teachings of Dr. Alexander Dowie, but now attends the Methodist Episcopal church at Franklinville. Mrs. Silliman has been a member of the Ladies' Aid Society of Seneca Township for thirty-five years. For fifteen years Mr. Silliman served as school treasurer and was township collector for many years, handling between \$7,500 to \$8,000 annually.

WILLIAM S. SINCERBOX.

William S. Sincerbox, superintendent of the Bowman Dairy Company plant at Hartland, is a member of a prominent New York family, and a man widely and favorably known. He was born in Dutchess County, N. Y., December 7, 1866, one of the six children of Egbert and Sarah (Pierce) Sincerbox. Egbert Sincerbox was a native of New York state, and was a carpenter by trade. His death occurred when William S. Sincerbox was eleven years old.

William S. Sincerbox attended the local schools of his native county, and, when he was seventeen years old, he entered the milk and dairy business, and has devoted his life to it. In 1888 he located at Carpenterville, Ill., to work in the Borden Condensed Milk plant, as pan operator, and remained there until 1893. In the latter year he was offered a position as manager of the Chemung plant, owned at that time by the Great Western Condensed Milk Company, and accepted, and worked there for two years. In 1902 he went back to the Borden Company, and assisted in building their Woodstock plant, of which he was superintendent for twelve years. In 1914 he went to work for the Bowman Dairy Company, assisting in the building of the Cary Station, Lake



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Geneva and Hartland plants. He is stationed at this time as superintendent of the Bowman plant at Hartland. The capacity of the latter plant is 45,000 pounds of milk daily, and it is recognized by the state inspectors as being the best equipped in the country, the percentage given by them being $98\frac{1}{2}\%$.

On April 8, 1894, Mr. Sincerbox was married to Miss Hattie Belshaw, born June 18, 1873, at Clifton, Ill. She is a daughter of Hobart and Angelene (Davis) Belshaw, of Kane County. Mr. and Mrs. Sincerbox have two children, namely: Elva A., who was born December 3, 1898; and Hobart I., who was born June 21, 1902. The family belong to the Congregational church. He politically is a Republican and fraternally maintains connections with Belvidere Lodge No. 28, I. O. O. F., and the Woodmen of the World. An experienced dairyman, he is giving his company and the people of this district expert service, and this is proven by the high standing of his plant. Mrs. Sincerbox is a member of the Daughters of Rebecca and the Woman's Relief Corps.

JAMES H. SLATER.

James H. Slater, manager of the Borden's Farm Products Company, Inc., at Ridgefield, is one of the leading dairymen of McHenry County, and one who thoroughly understands his business from start to finish. He was born in New York state, January 4, 1856, one of the six children of William H. and Evelyn (Sharp) Slater. William H. Slater was a native of New York state, but is now living at Allentown, Pa. By trade he is a harnessmaker.

Growing up in his native state, James H. Slater attended its common schools, and learned the trade of a harnessmaker from his father, but after working at it until 1882, he left it to become connected with his present company, first as an inspector and then, in 1907, he was made manager of the Hampshire plant, which he built and installed in that same year, and he remained in charge of it until 1913, when he was placed in charge of the plant at Ridgefield. The Ridgefield plant was built in 1907, and has a capacity of 30,000 pounds daily. Mr. Slater is ably assisted by his bookkeeper, Daniel W. Fitzgerald. In politics Mr. Slater is a Republican, but he has never desired public honors. Fraternally, he is a Knight of Pythias. Energetic, experienced and capable, Mr. Slater has brought his plant up to a high state of efficiency and at

the same time won for himself a personal regard which is sincere and widespread.

FRANK C. SLAVIN.

Frank C. Slavin, mayor of Hebron, and vice-president of the Hebron Bank, has done much to promote the welfare of his community, and add to the prestige of the financial institution with which he is connected. He was born at Lake Geneva, Wis., January 19, 1868, one of nine children born to Matthew A. and Anna (Coffee) Slavin. Matthew A. Slavin was born in Ireland, but came to the United States in 1849, and for seven years thereafter was engaged in farming in the vicinity of Albany, N. Y. He then came West and was at Lake Geneva, Wis., until 1887, at which time he moved to Hebron Township, remaining here until his death in 1905.

Frank C. Slavin was brought to Hebron Township by his parents, and was here taught farming and completed his schooling. All of his mature years he has been interested in farming, and owns 653 acres of land in Hebron Township, and 444 acres in another part of the county. In addition to carrying on these extensive agricultural operations, Mr. Slavin is a member of the grain firm of Slavin, Aylward and Randall, of Hebron; of the furniture firm of Slavin, Eastman & Pierce, of Woodstock; and for the past fifteen years he has been president and manager of the Grove Creamery Company. For some years he has been a member of the Elgin Board of Trade. As a Republican he has taken an active part in politics, and in 1910 he was appointed to fill out the term of Levi Nichols, mayor of Hebron. In the fall of that year he was elected to the office and has since been re-elected several times. Under his businesslike administration Hebron has greatly prospered and many improvements have been inaugurated and carried out.

Mr. Slavin was married to Miss Nellie Powers, a daughter of Michael Powers, of Troy, Wis., and she died in 1910, leaving two children, namely: Florence E. and Francis J., both of whom are at home. Mr. Slavin was married (second) to Mrs. Helen (Stratton) Watkins, and they have one son, Jean M., and one daughter, Helen Elaine. The family belong to the Catholic church. It is but seldom that any man is successful along so many lines, but Mr. Slavin has never known failure, and he is not only prosperous in a marked degree but he is popular as

well, and is held in the highest esteem all over the county where he is exceptionally well known.

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JOHN G. SLAVIN.

John G. Slavin, now deceased, was one of the best farmers Hebron Township ever produced, and his widow still lives on the farm which is located two miles south of Hebron. He was born March 23, 1851, and died September 8, 1892, when but forty-one years of age. On April 23, 1884, he was married at Hartland, to Mary Halloran, a daughter of Patrick and Joannah (McGrath) Halloran, natives of County Clare and County Kilkenny, Ireland, and came to Alden in 1853 and 1855 respectively, and were married in 1856, living in Alden Township the rest of their lives, he passing away at the age of sixty-seven, and she at the age of sixty-three, although she survived him. Their old farm is owned by their son, Thomas Halloran. They were devout members of St. Patrick's Catholic Church of Hartland Township.

Mary Halloran was born on her parents' farm, and for six years prior to her marriage was engaged in teaching, being for four years in charge of one school, and for the other two years at the Hartland school. John G. Slavin came to McHenry County in company with his brother Matt and a sister, Anna, now Mrs. E. Vanderharr, and they went into partnership and conducted the farm now owned by Mrs. Slavin. After four years Matt Slavin moved on an adjoining farm, and he died in April, 1893, when less than forty.

There are 210 acres in the farm owned by John G. Slavin, and here he carried on dairying, which is continued by Mrs. Slavin's sons. They have rebuilt and enlarged the house, built a barn and two silos, and have every equipment necessary for dairy farming. Some sixty acres of the farm have been redeemed by the construction of the drainage district, and Mrs. Slavin has kept all of the original acreage. This farm is one of the best on the road between Hebron and Woodstock, and it is operated

with skill and profit. Mrs. Slavin continues her connection with St. Patrick's Catholic church of Hartland Township, some seven miles from her home, where the remains of her father lie buried.

Mr. and Mrs. Slavin were the parents of the following children: Matthew; Mary, who is Mrs. Daniel Shields, lives on their farm in Hebron Township; Howard, who lives on the home farm; John, who also lives on the home farm. Matthew, who owns 200 acres adjoining the homestead, is operating it. He married Mary Moren, of Chicago, and their children are as follows: James, Marian, Ruth, Matthew and Edward. Howard married Agnes Gleason and they have one daughter, Helen. Mary has three sons, John, Edward and Daniel.

JOHN C. SMALL.

John C. Small, formerly one of the successful general farmers and dairymen of Nunda Township, owns his farm of eighty acres of land on section 17, and since April, 1920, has been a resident of Crystal Lake. He was born in Franklin County, Pa., January 18, 1861, a son of Daniel and Catherine (Clingston) Small, natives of Pennsylvania. Daniel Small was a farmer of Pennsylvania, who lived to be seventy-seven years old, and his wife lived to be seventy-eight years old.

John C. Small was reared on his father's farm and attended the common schools of Pennsylvania. When he was sixteen years old he came to Illinois and settled at Sterling, where for twenty years he was engaged in a stock business, shipping from that point and Dixon, Ill. In 1913 he came to McHenry County and bought the Charles Daggert farm in Algonquin Township, but after a year moved to Crystal Lake, and with W. G. Sparawk conducted an auto and implement business for two years. In 1916 he bought his farm in Nunda Township, and carried on general farming and dairying, and his is a very well improved place. This farm is located about three and one-half miles north of Crystal Lake.

John C. Small was married (first) to Perdeda Butler, and they had two children, namely: Forrest and Glenn. After her death, Mr. Small was married (second) to Mrs. Grace (Weygert) Veith, now deceased, a widow with one daughter, Margaret. Mr. Veith came to Illinois when young and became a prosperous farmer of Lee County. Mr. Small married (third) Mrs. Maude Smith, who has one daughter, Verna.

DAVID T. SMILEY.

David T. Smiley, former county judge of McHenry County, is one of the most prominent members of the bench of this part of the state of Illinois, and has served in several capacities. He was born in Ireland, February 10, 1860, one of the ten children of Robert and Mary (Templeton) Smiley, of whom five survive. Robert Smiley was born in Ireland, and came to the United States in April, 1873, locating in McHenry County, and there he resided until 1875, when he returned to Ireland and died in 1881. His wife survived him until 1895, when she too died.

David T. Smiley was reared in McHenry County, and after studying in the public schools, took a course in the university at Valparaiso, Ind., from which he was graduated in 1887. Returning to McHenry County, he entered the office of Charles P. Barnes at Woodstock, and there completed his legal studies, and was admitted to the bar in 1888, following which he entered upon a general practice in that city, forming a partnership with his preceptor, which continued for fifteen months. Upon its dissolution, he began practicing alone, so continuing until his election to the bench as county judge in November, 1906, to which office he declined a renomination in 1918, as he preferred to return to the practice of the law. While on the bench he also discharged the duties of probate judge.

Judge Smiley was married to Miss Elizabeth C. Hendricks, a daughter of John Hendricks. The only son of Judge and Mrs. Smiley, Lionel D., was graduated from the University of Illinois at Urbana, Ill., and in 1917, he enlisted in the United States army, for service during the World War. Judge Smiley belongs to the Masons, Odd Fellows, and the Eastern Star, and has held office in all these fraternities. He and his family belong to the Presbyterian church, in which he is an elder. In addition to the services rendered as a member of the bench, Judge Smiley has distinguished himself as an attorney, and for twenty-two years was counsel for the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad, and for eighteen years held the same office with the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad.

ADOLPH B. SMITH, M. D.

Adolph B. Smith, M. D., formerly of Woodstock, now a resident of Rockford, Ill., was one of the leading physicians of McHenry County.

He was born at Oregon, Wis., February 13, 1879, one of two children of his parents, Eugene A. and Emma C. (Zook) Smith, the former of whom is a prosperous merchant of Brooklyn, Wis.

After graduating at the Oregon High School, and the University of Wisconsin, Dr. Smith matriculated at Rush Medical College, Chicago, from which he was graduated in 1906, following which he was an interne at the Cook County Hospital. He then established himself in practice at Chicago, and remained at that city until 1909, during that period being an assistant of Dr. C. W. Barrett. In 1909 he removed to Woodstock, where he built up a large and valuable practice. He was a member of the McHenry County Medical Society, and is a member of the Illinois State Medical Society, the Tri-State Medical Society, and the American Medical Association. For five years he served the city of Woodstock as city physician, and was always interested in improving the general sanitary conditions of his community. In politics he is a Republican.

In 1909 Doctor Smith was married to Olive B. Alexander, a daughter of John Alexander of Franklin, Ind., and a graduate of the Illinois Training School for Nurses. Doctor and Mrs. Smith have two children, namely: Marjorie and Richard E. Fraternally Doctor Smith belonged to St. Marks Lodge, A. F. and A. M., Woodstock Chapter, R. A. M. and to Calvary Commandery, Knights Templar. He and Mrs. Smith are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

ALFRED C. SMITH.

Alfred C. Smith, cashier of the First National Bank of Marengo, and one of the leading financiers and business men of McHenry County, was born at Hampshire, Ill., January 20, 1883, one of the twelve children born to Vincent and Mary Smith. Vincent Smith was born in Germany, but came to the United States when eighteen years old, and here worked at the trade of blacksmithing he had learned in his own land. In 1861 he enlisted in the Union army in defense of his adopted country, and served throughout the Civil War, or until he was discharged in 1865. His death occurred in 1892.

Alfred C. Smith attended the common and high schools of his locality and then took a pharmaceutical course at the Northwestern University, from which he was graduated. For the subsequent six years he was engaged in the drug business at DeKalb, Ill., and then came to Marengo,

where for two and one-half years he continued his drug business, and then, in 1911, he became identified with the First National Bank of Marengo as teller and bookkeeper, being promoted to be assistant cashier and later cashier. This bank is recognized to be the finest bank in Illinois outside of Chicago, and some of this prestige is due to the efforts of Mr. Smith and the carrying out of his policies.

In 1907 he was married to Miss Melissa Ditch, a daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth Ditch, of Polo, Ill. Mrs. Smith is librarian of the Marengo Free Library. In politics he is a Republican, and is now serving his second term as treasurer of the City of Marengo, and he is also on the school board.

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FRED NEWTON SMITH.

Fred Newton Smith, one of the enterprising farmers of Chemung Township, was born in the house he now occupies, May 27, 1867, a son of Seth P. Smith, and grandson of Shubal and Urania (Monroe) Smith. In the fall of 1844 the grandparents came to Illinois, and entered land from the government in Chemung Township, McHenry County, now owned by his grandson, Fred N. His son, Seth P., took the adjoining tract, and both engaged in farming. Shubal Smith died there August 24, 1858, having been born February 23, 1792, and his wife, born January 23, 1796, survived him and died February 15, 1871. Their children were as follows: Samuel P., who died in New York state in young manhood; Seth P., who was born January 26, 1825, died September 1, 1872; James P., who died in Wisconsin; Sanford Zenus, who also died in Wisconsin; Chester C.; Selby K., who is a resident of Council Bluffs, Iowa; and Bradley Monroe, who was the youngest.

After the death of his father in 1858, Seth P. Smith bought the interest of his mother and the other heirs to the homestead, and she and her sons moved to Wisconsin, where all died. Shubal Smith was a Universalist and he organized a society and services were held at his

home. Chester Smith, one of his sons, was one of the first teachers of the home district, but he was also a farmer. Later he and his brother, Bradley, went overland to California and later to Pike's Peak, and were partners in a grain and lumber business at Avoca, Iowa. Later he and his brother Selby became partners in an extensive farming enterprise in Iowa.

On March 18, 1858, Seth P. Smith was married to Caroline Landon, born in Oneida County, N. Y., April 17, 1833, a daughter of Richard and Sarah (Myers) Landon. In 1857 Mrs. Smith, who was then unmarried, came to McHenry County to visit her aunt, Mrs. Daniel Hutchinson, and it was during this trip that she met and was married to Mr. Smith. Her aunt and her husband had located here in 1844 from Oneida County, N. Y., and continued to live upon their farm until death claimed them, Mr. Hutchinson being at the time of his demise over eighty years old.

Mr. and Mrs. Seth P. Smith began housekeeping in an old log house, in which they lived until the present residence was built during the summer of 1866, and he also erected a part of the barn now standing, his father having built a horse stable of hewed oak timber, which is still in use. Seth P. Smith died September 1, 1871. He was a Republican, but not an office seeker, although he had served on the school board. Although a believer in the efficacy of church work he did not belong to any religious organization, nor did he affiliate with fraternities. He and his wife had the following children: Sarah, who is Mrs. Edson Cash of Chemung Township; Edgar Landon, who is now a resident of Woodstock, is a retired farmer and still owns the farm adjoining the homestead; and Fred Newton, who is the youngest.

He was born not long after the present house was completed, and the old homestead belongs to him. Until 1894 he and his brother were in partnership in their farming operations, but since then have conducted their own farms. Fred N. Smith rebuilt the barn in 1915, making it 42 x 88 feet, and also erected a cement silo. He carries on general farming and dairying, and breeds pure-bred Percheron horses, having a registered stallion, and his horses command high prices. He and his brother also own 160 acres in Seneca Township.

On October 24, 1906, Fred N. Smith was united in marriage with Miss Henriette Person, of Buffalo, N. Y., born February 20, 1876, who had come on a visit with her mother to the family of Jacob Barth in McHenry County. When she returned to Buffalo Mr. Smith followed her home, and they were married at the home of her parents. Mr. and



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Mrs. Smith have no children, but two years ago they adopted a boy of eleven years, and are rearing him in a good home. In addition to all his other holdings, Mr. Smith owns 120 acres of land near Janesville, Wis., on which he has a tenant, and he is also keeping up the improvement on it as he does on his other properties, for he believes there is no better investment than farm land, provided it is kept in good shape.

FRED S. SMITH.

Fred S. Smith, proprietor of the leading general mercantile store of Alden, is one of the substantial men of the county, and one who stands high in public esteem. He was born at Harvard, Ill., August 15, 1871, one of the four children of Ezra and Adeline (Story) Smith. Ezra Smith was born in New York state, but came to Harvard, and there carried on blacksmithing the remainder of his active life, dying in 1911, his wife having died in 1910.

Fred S. Smith attended the common and high schools of Harvard, and his first business venture was as a clerk in a mercantile establishment, owned by his brother, Edgar S., located on its present site at Alden. Edgar S. Smith is a prominent merchant and banker of Harvard, and also owns valuable farm land in McHenry County. In 1893, Fred S. Smith went into business for himself at Alden, and carries a full and varied line of general merchandise, the stock being valued at \$50,000. Employment is afforded two salespersons in the store, and a very extensive trade is enjoyed.

On November 9, 1893, Mr. Smith was united in marriage with Miss Eleanor Gates, a daughter of Frank P. and Perlina (Pierce) Gates. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have one son, Earl G., who was born April 8, 1903. The family belong to the Methodist Episcopal church. A Republican, Mr. Smith was appointed postmaster of Alden June 8, 1907. Fraternally he belongs to the Mystic Workers of the World and also to the Modern Woodmen of America. He is a very energetic man, experienced and alert, and deserves the prosperity which has attended his efforts.

GEORGE C. SMITH.

George C. Smith, D. D. S., one of the successful dental surgeons of McHenry County, is carrying on a general practice at Richmond, and is

recognized as an expert in his profession. He was born in Endeavor, Wis., September 5, 1888, one of the three living children born to Clifford C. and Ida Elizabeth (Bain) Smith. Clifford C. Smith was born at Oxford, Wis., and was a prosperous farmer. He died March 23, 1913.

Doctor Smith attended the public schools of his native place, the academy at Endeavor, Wis., and the dental department of the Northwestern University, from which he was graduated in 1911. Immediately thereafter he located at Richmond, where he has carried on a practice ever since, and his skill and ability have received gratifying recognition.

On September 23, 1911, Doctor Smith was married to Miss Gertrude Vlassalear, formerly of Seymour, Wis., a daughter of Dr. J. F. Vlassalear, a noted Divine Science teacher. Doctor and Mrs. Smith have two children, namely: Clifford V., and Gerald F. They attend the Congregational church. Doctor Smith is a Mason, and he and his wife belong to the Eastern Star.

JOHN J. SMITH.

John J. Smith, one of the substantial men of McHenry County, is now living retired at Cary Station, after many years of fruitful efforts. He was born at Pommersi, Germany, December 27, 1848, a son of John and Frederika (Buhrmann) Smith, both born in the same village as their son. John J. Smith learned the wagon-making trade, and then went into the German army, and was a member of the Empire Guards, participating in the Franco-Prussian War. After peace was signed, he returned to Berlin, and in the spring of 1872 he came to the United States to join an uncle, D. F. Smith, who had located at Crystal Lake, Ill. Mr. Smith worked for C. Pettibone in Nunda Township, and also for Lon Walkup until he and Robert Radke, who had married his sister, formed a partnership and for three years operated the G. S. Frary farm. On June 19, 1878, John J. Smith was married to Barbara Smith, a daughter of John George and Barbara (Lang) Smith, also of German birth, who had come to this country in 1852, locating soon thereafter at Cary Station where Mrs. Smith was born December 16, 1857. Following his marriage Mr. Smith bought his farm of 155 acres, two miles north of Cary, for which he paid \$60 per acre. The land has been developed, but the buildings were poor. Mr. Smith erected new buildings to some extent and remodeled the house. His dairy barn is one of

the best in the township. Where necessary, he put in tiling. Dairying was his principal feature, and he kept from forty to fifty cows of good dairy stock. In 1903 he retired from the farm to Cary Station, and about five years ago, he sold his farm for about double what he paid for it. In order to buy his farm, Mr. Smith went into debt \$5,000, and for years worked untiringly. When he had completed milking thirty-five cows, he used to stack grain until midnight. In the early days the prices for produce were low and he sold hogs for as little as \$2.50 per hundred weight, and other things in proportion. His present residence at Cary Station is a pleasantly located one, and he here enjoys the comforts his long toil entitles him to. A strong Republican, he contents himself with voting the ticket of his party, for he does not desire office. Mr. Smith belongs to Nunda Lodge A. F. & A. M.; Woodstock Chapter, R. A. M. and to Crystal Lodge, I. O. O. F., in which he has passed all the chairs. He has served as representative to the Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows many times. Mrs. Smith belongs to the Eastern Star, the Rebekahs and the Woman's Relief Corps. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have three children: Alvina, Arthur and Laura. Alvina Smith married Herman Menlahn and they have the following children: Vera, Freddie, Elsie, Etta, Margaret, Doris and Robert. Arthur Smith is a fireman on the Illinois Central Railroad and lives at Freeport. He married Edith Smith who died in 1919, leaving three children, Viola, Laverne and Leroy. These children now live with their grandparents. Laura Smith married Louis Johnson, a machinist of Chicago.

JOHN WILDER SMITH.

John Wilder Smith, whose lumber interests are extensive, and his business acumen unsurpassed, is manager of the Hebron Lumber Company. He was born in Hebron Township, February 11, 1879, one of the three children of Charles F. and Sophronia (Alexander) Smith, natives of Hebron Township, and prominent farming people.

John Wilder Smith was reared on his father's farm, and attended the local schools, and the Dixon Business College. Returning to his old home, Mr. Smith entered the lumber house of Mead & Chandler, with which he continued for one year, when, in 1903, the business was bought by N. A. Chandler. Later Mr. Chandler sold to the Hebron Lumber Company, and Mr. Smith was made manager of the Hebron branch, the

headquarters of the company being at Milwaukee, Wis., where the firm operates under the name of the Tibbitts-Cameron Lumber Company. The annual business of the Hebron branch aggregates \$60,000. In connection with the lumber plant, this company operates a large feed warehouse at Hebron, and Mr. Smith was placed in charge of it. A staunch Republican, Mr. Smith has always been active in politics and has served as a member of the school board and township clerk. His long experience in the lumber business has given him a knowledge of it that is thorough and intimate, and he is recognized as an authority on all matters pertaining to it. On December 1, 1919, Mr. Smith became cashier of the Bank of Hebron.

WARREN D. SMITH.

Warren D. Smith, now living retired at Marengo, was formerly one of the enterprising farmers of McHenry County. He was born at Warrenville, DuPage County, Ill., October 10, 1849, a son of Joel and Amy (Bartholomew) Smith, both born in Vermont, where they were married, coming thence immediately thereafter, in 1836, to Illinois, by way of the Erie Canal and overland in wagons to Naperville, where they joined friends. Joel Smith became well-to-do, and was a farmer at Warrenville until the fall of 1865, when he came to McHenry County to secure more land, although he had already acquired an excellent farm in DuPage County. He bought 205 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres, three and one-half miles northwest of Marengo, on the River Road, for \$31 per acre. Here he lived until 1877, and retired to Marengo, leaving it for Elgin, where he lived retired until his death, in 1891, when he was seventy-five years old. His first wife died soon after the birth of his son, Warren D., and he later married (second) Emeline Brown, a teacher of Naperville, who died some five or six years ago. By his first marriage Joel Smith had in addition to his son, Warren D., a daughter, Clara, who married Edwin Bird, a harnessmaker of Woodstock, but both are now deceased. By his second marriage, Joel Smith had the following children: Ernest H., who died at the age of twenty-eight years, was a graduate of Cornell College, and editor of a Republican newspaper in Iowa; and Edith, who was a teacher of McHenry County, is now the widow of Dr. Howard L. Pratt of Elgin, Ill.

Warren D. Smith was fifteen or sixteen years old when he came with his parents to this county, and he attended its district schools and the Marengo High School. He assisted his father as long as he remained on the farm, and then rented the property when the former retired. Subsequently he bought the farm from his father, acquiring possession in 1893. Here he lived until 1903, when he retired and moved to Marengo, but maintains a partnership with his tenant, and keeps up the improvements. He has a barn 32 x 100 feet, fitted for dairying, a silo and other modern buildings. The house, which is the oldest frame one in Marengo Township, was built about 1840, and the sills were hewed from oak, and are 8 x 8 in thickness. It was built to withstand any action of wind or weather, and it has done so with the exception of the roof, which has been replaced. This old landmark was erected by former owner Mr. McLamara. No such work is done today as is to be found in this residence, and Mr. Smith has always been proud of owning it. His farm contains the same acreage as in his father's day. From twelve to thirty cows are kept in the herd for dairy purposes, and at one time Mr. Smith owned stock in two creameries. He prefers Shorthorn cattle for dairy purposes. As a school trustee for District No. 7, he safeguarded the educational interests of his community, and like his honored father, he has always voted the Republican ticket.

On September 5, 1877, Mr. Smith was united in marriage to Ellen M. Adams, a daughter of John and Lucy (Hardy) Adams. She had been reared in McHenry County, but at the time of her marriage she was a resident of Evanston, Ill., whence her parents had moved, after fifteen years' residence at Marengo, where he had carried on a successful business as a contractor and builder. Mr. Adams was assistant postmaster and druggist for Dr. O. S. Janks, and later for W. C. Stewart, spending seven years in these positions. Mr. and Mrs. Smith became the parents of the following children: Lee A., who is connected with the wholesale paper trade of Omaha, Neb.; Gertrude L., who was bookkeeper for the J. H. Patterson Lumber Company, died four years ago when thirty-three years old; and Ralph L., who is connected with the Carpenter Paper Co. of Omaha, Neb. Mrs. Smith is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Smith has long been a member of the Modern Woodmen of America. They are fine people in every sense of the word, and their standing in their community has been honorably earned and is well merited.

CHARLES HAPGOOD SNYDER.

Charles Hapgood Snyder, one of the retired farmers of Woodstock and a highly esteemed resident of McHenry County, was born, June 3, 1859, on the farm he still owns in Bull Valley, four miles east of Woodstock. He is a son of Jacob and Sarah Sophia (Parks) Snyder, the former of whom was born in Northumberland County, Pa., November 4, 1825, and died December 7, 1908. The latter was brought to McHenry County by her parents, Jonathan Hapgood and Sophronia Parks, both of whom died in McHenry County, he at the age of fifty-five years, and she at the age of eighty-eight years. The last survivor of their family, Charles Parks, died at McHenry, in 1918, aged seventy-seven years. Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Snyder were married at McHenry January 1, 1847, and for forty years they lived on the farm now owned by their son, Charles H., which Jacob Snyder acquired when as a young man he came to McHenry County with his widowed mother. He was a Republican and served as road commissioner, and held other offices. A man of high character, he was universally esteemed, and he and his excellent wife brought up their only son, Charles H. Snyder, to be a credit to them and his community.

Growing up on the homestead in Bull Valley, Charles H. Snyder acquired a first-hand knowledge of farming from his father, and when he was twenty-five years old, was married to Rosetta Sherman, a daughter of Jeremiah and Mary (Roane) Sherman. The well known "Sherman Hill," two miles west of McHenry, was named for them, and the homestead of the Shermans is now owned by a cousin of Mrs. Snyder, Clifford Sherman. A sister of Mrs. Snyder, Hattie, widow of Nathan Stephens, lives at Ringwood. Mr. and Mrs. Sherman died on the same day in March, 1913, and are buried in one grave after spending over fifty years together in happy marriage. Until 1915, Charles H. Snyder lived on the homestead of his family, but at that time retired, and moved to Woodstock, but retains the farm of 240 acres of land. On it he has new buildings erected by him, and the property has long been used especially for milk production, the equipment being of the best of its kind for this purpose. Mr. Snyder now has a tenant on his farm. He is a Republican, but has never cared for office, preferring to do his duty to his community as a private citizen. Mr. and Mrs. Snyder have two living children, the second one, Alta, born May 28, 1889, having died at the age of eleven years; Nina, born January 6, 1886, is Mrs. Pearl Haviland, married June 30, 1907, has one daughter, Mildred Marion, Mr. Haviland

being connected with the Woodstock Typewriter Company; and Leona, born December 26, 1902, is at home. During the many years he was connected with agricultural matters, Mr. Snyder displayed his knowledge of his work, and his advice is oftentimes now sought by those who appreciate the value of his practical knowledge.

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WALTER J. SPARAWK.

Walter J. Sparawk, one of the prominent business men of Crystal Lake, is extensively engaged in handling automobiles and a general line of implements. He was born in McHenry County, in December, 1870, a son of Beamon K. and Elizabeth Z. (Hamilton) Sparawk, the former of whom was born in Massachusetts, but came to Illinois at an early day and became one of the leading farmers of McHenry County, where he died in April, 1916. He and his wife had three children.

Walter J. Sparawk was reared on a farm, and attended the local schools. In September, 1896, he entered the business world, establishing his present business, with J. C. Small as a junior member. In January, 1917, he bought out his partner, and has since continued alone. He carries a stock valued at \$12,000, and gives constant employment to two men.

In politics he is a Republican, and has served for four years as a member of the city council of Crystal Lake. His fraternal connections are with the Masonic order. A fine business man, he understands the requirements of his trade, and as agent for the Empire car, renders an appreciated service to his community and the manufacturers of this standard make.

TENNYSON H. SPEAKER.

Tennyson H. Speaker, proprietor of the Richmond Mills, and senior member of the firm of T. H. Speaker & Son, is one of the worthwhile

men of McHenry County, and a man who stands very high in public esteem. He was born in Wisconsin, December 16, 1858, one in a family of twelve children born to Wion M. and Margaret J. (David) Speaker. Wion M. Speaker was born in New York, but came west to Wisconsin in young manhood. He served during the Civil War for four years, enlisting in the Twenty-eighth Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry. His death occurred in 1908.

Tennyson H. Speaker attended the local schools of Wisconsin, and learned the milling trade, and has been engaged in this line of endeavor all his life. In 1895, he came to McHenry County, and bought his present plant which was built in 1844, but later enlarged until it now has a daily capacity of 500 bushels. His son, David S., is associated with him in business.

On May 6, 1885, Mr. Speaker was married to Miss Susan Ledger, a daughter of Thomas Ledger of Wisconsin. Mr. and Mrs. Speaker have seven children, namely: Wion L., Helen L., Edna L., Myra A., David S., Frances M., and Susan I. The family belong to the Congregational church. Mr. Speaker understands every detail of his business and so is able to operate it intelligently and profitably, and to render a valuable service to his patrons.

CALVIN SPENCER.

Calvin Spencer, now deceased, belonged to one of the oldest and most important families of McHenry County, and was for many years a forceful factor in the life of Chemung Township. He was born in Cayuga County, N. Y., October 6, 1807, and he died April 17, 1898, when in his ninety-first year. He was a son of Moses and Esther (Albee) Spencer, who came with him to Illinois, and settled at what is now Marengo, November 27, 1835. Mrs. Spencer was ill at that time, and she died November 27, 1835. Pioneer conditions prevailed at that time, and it was necessary to go beyond Belvidere to Big Thunder Mill, some fifteen miles in order to get grain ground into flour. The first summer the Spencers cut hay from their claim, which had been entered in 1834 by Moses Spencer who had made a trip to McHenry County for the purpose of entering his land from the government, going back for his family after doing so.



Mary A. Wright.



Allen Wright.

Calvin Spencer was a foresighted man, and early realized that the land entered by his father was more valuable for building lots than farming, so divided his share of the estate into them, but continued to be a farmer. Until long after he was eighty years old he was active in business, and was well preserved until his death. His wife, born in 1810, died in 1875. Both were very active in the Baptist church and Sunday school, and the first services of that denomination were held for some time at their home. Mr. Spencer served as president of the village board of Marengo for several terms and was on the board for many years. First a Whig and later a Republican, he was one of the strongest adherents of both parties. He cast his first presidential vote in 1828, and never missed an election thereafter. In 1858 he had the privilege of hearing the debate between Lincoln and Douglas, at Chicago, and used to refer to that experience as long as he lived.

Calvin Spencer was married and he and his wife became the parents of the following children: Phoebe, who married George Walkup, died at the age of seventy-seven years; Sally, who married Henry Paynter, died at the age of seventy-five years; LeRoy, who died at the age of seventy-three years, lived at the old home with his sister, Edna S., never married, was a physician, a strong Republican, and held local offices; Edwin, who was a farmer, died at the age of sixty-three, had lived in Iowa, Dakota and Texas, and died in the latter state; Mary, who is the widow of John Lambden, was born February 25, 1841, and lives in the old home; Orson, who lives in Washington County, Ill.; and Edna Sophronia, who was born in the present house, May 27, 1849, and has remained in the home of her parents all her life. Miss Spencer has with her in addition to Mrs. Lambden, a niece, Helen Spencer, whom she has reared. The Spencer family has always been patriotic, from the days of the War of 1812, when Moses Spencer took the place of another man and served during that conflict. The Spencer ladies furnished the clothing for the Marengo company of the Fifteenth Illinois Volunteer Infantry during the Civil War, and during the World War, they were generous in their contributions to that cause.

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CHARLES STANFORD.

Charles Stanford, now deceased, formerly owned the Fair Light Farm, located one mile south of Marengo, and was one of the prosperous farmers of his township. Mr. Stanford was born at Marengo, November 15, 1872, and was there reared, and attended the local schools. On October 18, 1889, he was married to Edna M. Boies, born at Byron, Ogle County, Ill., February 15, 1878. When she was nine years old, she lost her mother and came to live with her uncle, William A. Boies, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work. After they were married, Mr. and Mrs. Stanford lived for eight years on the old Stanford farm, and he also conducted an ice business, supplying a number of patrons. He secured his ice from a fine pond, fed by a spring, which was on his farm, but after he had operated this business for some years, he sold it. In his farming Mr. Stanford made dairying his main feature, and had one of the best herds of Jersey and Guernsey cows in the county. At first he shipped his milk to Chicago, but later delivered it to Borden's milk plant. The name of Fair Light was given to the farm because of the surrounding country. Mr. Stanford died on this farm, January 19, 1907, having been one of the hardest workers in his neighborhood. Probably this devotion to his work shortened his life, for he died when only thirty-five years of age. He was regular in his attendance upon the services of the Presbyterian church, of which he was a member, and very active in its good work. Mr. and Mrs. Stanford had the following family: Elizabeth, who is teaching school at Elmhurst, Ill., having been graduated from the Marengo High School in 1918; Charles Edward, who was graduated from the Marengo High School; and Mary and Ruth Boies, both of whom are at home. Mrs. Stanford is a very capable woman, superintending the operation of the farm, with the assistance of her son. She belongs to the Presbyterian church, and social clubs of the neighborhood, and whatever she undertakes, she carries through in characteristic manner. Mr. Stanford was a charter member in the Mystic Workers of the World, and she is also a member of this fraternity.

GEORGE STANFORD.

George Stanford, now deceased, was one of the most important lay members of the Presbyterian Church in McHenry County, having served

as Sunday-school teacher and superintendent, trustee and elder, and as a representative of the church at presbytery, synod and general assembly. He was a strict observer of church discipline and exacted the same observance from his family. No levity was permitted in his household, especially on Sunday. He was thoroughly posted on religious matters, knew the bible as few men do today, and was a fearless advocate of its truths as he translated them.

George Stanford was born at Uckfield, England, January 2, 1833. On October 14, 1855, he was married at London, England, to Sarah Elphick, and in 1868 they came to the United States, and after spending a couple of years at Chicago, moved to Marengo, after the Chicago fire in October, 1871. Mrs. Stanford died April 14, 1902, aged sixty-five years. Their children were as follows: Susan Maria, who married Frank Rowe of Lee Park, Nebr., is deceased; Frederick, who was a traveling salesman, died at Chicago; Fannie, who was her father's housekeeper, died unmarried; Arthur Henry, who was a tailor of Warsaw, Ind.; Kate Helen, who was in a store for ten years; Jane, who was a teacher for ten years at Marengo, and twelve years at Woodstock, became very well-known as an educator in primary work, and used to be called upon to demonstrate her methods before county institutes, but gave up her calling to return and minister to her father; George, who is a farmer of Naper, Nebr.; Charles, who is deceased, is written of at length elsewhere in this work; Richard V., who lives at home, is an operator of the interurban railroad; and Elizabeth Beatrice, who married F. H. Rehbock of Fort Worth, Tex.

While living at Chicago, George Stanford worked at the tailor trade, and when he came to Marengo, it was with the intention of opening a tailor shop, but was astonished to find already here his wife's people, who had left Chicago on account of the fire, and so he and R. M. Patrick joined forces, and Mr. Stanford established a tailoring department in Mr. Patrick's store. Some years later Mr. Stanford bought a store of his own and conducted it until his health compelled him to dispose of it. In the meanwhile he had bought a farm one mile south of Marengo, and for some time used to walk back and forth to his work. After his retirement, he and Mrs. Stanford returned to England to visit their old home, but he found that his residence in America had made it impossible for him to endure the restrictions abroad, and he returned glad of his citizenship in the New World. He became a Democrat, but never sought official recognition. Although reared in the Church of England, he connected himself, while at Chicago with Rev. Dr. Goodwin's church

and he thenceforward was firm in the creed of the Presbyterian faith. Mr. Stanford and Rev. John Hutchinson were warm friends and earnest in their discussion of the bible, the latter appreciating Mr. Stanford's deep knowledge of religious truths, which was more profound than that of many clergymen. Mr. Stanford died in 1912, and the funeral services were held in the Presbyterian Church.

As a contemporary writing of him said in part: "He was most courteous in manner, dignified and commanding in personal appearance. A noble type of a perfect gentleman. A man of surpassing strength of character and of wide influence in and around our city. A wise, gifted, noble-hearted man. A father worshipped, a wise counsellor, a leader moving toward the right under God's guidance, a wonderful biblical student, knowing the bible from Genesis to Revelations and teaching the very secret of God's truths was his joy and scope of vision. Such a mighty oak has fallen and all his church and city are in mourning for they loved him."

CARL W. STENGER.

Carl W. Stenger, cashier of the West McHenry State Bank, and vice president and director of the Cary State Bank, is one of the leading financiers of McHenry County, and a man widely known and universally respected. He was born at Stevens Point, Wis., April 16, 1883, one of the nine children of George and Margaret (July) Stenger. George Stenger was born in New York state, where he learned the trade of a butcher. He later moved to Stevens Point, Wis., and still later to Green Bay, Wis., where he still resides.

Carl W. Stenger attended the schools of his native place, and after being graduated from its high school, he took a commercial course at the Green Bay (Wis.) Business College. When only seventeen years old he entered the employ of the Citizens National Bank of Green Bay, Wis., as collector, remaining there for five years, during which time he rose to be paying teller. Mr. Stenger was then offered his present position, which he accepted, and has since made West McHenry his place of residence. When the Cary State Bank of Cary, Ill., was organized, Mr. Stenger was one of its promoters, and he has since continued its vice president, and one of its directors. He was state treasurer of the Illinois State Council of the Knights of Columbus, representing 50,000 members for a two-year term from May 10, 1916, to May 10,

1918. During the Liberty Loan drives, Mr. Stenger was county chairman for the first, second, third and fourth ones, and was very active in putting McHenry County "over the top." His politics are Democratic.

September 6, 1905, Mr. Stenger was married to Miss Sadie M. Richards, a daughter of Mrs. Mary Richards of Iron Mountain, Michigan, and they have the following children: Margaret M., Richard Carl, George F., Lucile M., Carl W., Jr., and Grace L. The family all belong to the Catholic Church. In addition to being a Knight of Columbus, Mr. Stenger belongs to the Modern Woodmen, Catholic Order of Foresters, and the Mystic Workers of the World. He is rightly numbered among the leading men of McHenry County, and is very prominent in every respect.

L. CLATES STEPHENS.

L. Clates Stephens, superintendent of Division E, of the Public Service Company of Northern Illinois, is one of the most capable and efficient men in the service of this concern, whose personal popularity is even greater than his position, so that he is able to obtain results through friendship that might otherwise be difficult to secure. He was born at Galesburg, Ill., September 1, 1881, one of the two children of his parents, Lorenzo and May (Cast) Stephens. Lorenzo Stephens was born in Knox County, Ill., and he became a successful building contractor. His death occurred in 1898.

L. Clates Stephens attended the common and high schools and was graduated from both. Deciding upon a business career, he was connected with the mercantile line for a time, and then entered the employ of his present company as a solicitor in the Oak Park district. So capable did he prove himself that he was made superintendent for his company at Park Ridge, and in February, 1910, was sent to Crystal Lake as superintendent of a district covering seventeen towns and one sub-branch office, the latter being at Barrington, Ill. He has forty-five persons under his supervision.

On June 6, 1910, Mr. Stephens was married to Miss Josephine Fricke, a daughter of Dr. G. H. Fricke of Park Ridge, one of the eminent men of his locality. Mr. and Mrs. Stephens have two children, namely: Catherine M. and John W. The family belong to the Congregational church.

BURTON A. STEVENS.

Burton A. Stevens, of Burton Township, was born on part of his present farm in this township, which was named in his honor by his father, who served the township for two years as supervisor, and was one of the influential men of McHenry County and prominent in the early history of this section. The mother of Burton A. Stevens survived her husband and died at Lodi, Wis., aged eighty-six years. Their children were as follows: Oscar, who died in Iowa when eighty-two years of age; Warren, who died in California, was a wealthy wheat grower; Azor, who is now living in California; Clara, who died at Lodi, Wis.; Henry, who is living in Oregon; Marion, who died in Washington; Lafayette, who was a miner and explorer, was married, had a family, and died in the state of Washington; and Harriet Cordelia, who is Mrs. Henry Walter, lives at Murray, Iowa.

Burton A. Stevens owns the homestead comprising 412 acres, a portion of which is over the line in Lake County, but his buildings lie in McHenry County. For fifty years he has lived in his present location, his farm extending in one direction for two and one-quarter miles. An oak tree standing in the yard where he was born was about to be sold some years ago. He entered protest, offering to pay two or three times the offered price, but the owner refused to sell. This old landmark was later struck by lightning and is now destroyed. Mr. Stevens' buildings are nearly one-half a mile from the public road. The barn, 32x96 feet, with 26 feet posts, is well suited to the dairying purposes for which it is used. The full basement is arranged for stabling. This farm is one of the best for all-around general farming in northern Illinois.

On November 24, 1869, Mr. Stevens was married to Frances Stevens, a daughter of Peter Stevens, a sketch of whom is given elsewhere in this work. Mr. and Mrs. Burton A. Stevens have three children, namely: Clara, who for some years was a teacher in McHenry County; Chester, who operates the home farm, located in Burton Township; and Cora, who was a teacher in Wisconsin, died at the end of her first term. She was a remarkably intelligent girl, and her loss was deeply deplored. Chester Stevens married Alice Thompson, born in McHenry County, their children being, Lucy and Burton A. For two years Chester has been operating the farm, and carries on dairying extensively, turning out during 1919, 700 pounds of milk daily from his fine herd of Holstein cattle of high grade. In former years his father handled sheep extensively. Burton A. Stevens is a Republican and a strong temperance

man. For seventeen years he assessed Burton Township. He is one of the oldest members of Richmond Lodge, A. F. & A. M., which he joined over fifty years ago. For a number of years he has also been connected with the local Woodman camp. For three years Mr. Stevens was secretary of the Spring Grove Butter factory. He also taught school, and for one term taught the school at Spring Grove. Mr. Stevens is one of the best-known men in this locality, and his family is one which has done more than its share in the development of the region in and about McHenry County.

FRANK E. STEVENS.

Frank E. Stevens, proprietor of the Steven Acre Farm of Coral Township, resides on his fine property six miles west of Huntley. He was born in Allegheny County, N. Y., April 27, 1852, a son of Chauncey and Esther A. (Crossman) Stevens, both of whom were born in New York, where the father died. His father, grandfather of Frank A. Stevens, was a soldier in the American Revolution. In 1850 Chauncey Stevens came to Illinois, and remained until after the close of the Civil War on a farm in DeKalb County, then going to Bremer County, Iowa, and spent about four years on a farm. In 1870 he located in McHenry County, buying the farm of 181 acres now owned by his son, Frank E., which had been entered from the government by Walter Warner. He conducted it for about eight years and then retired, dying in 1882, aged seventy years. His widow survived him for some years. Their children were as follows: Wells J., who enlisted for service during the Civil War in the Illinois Light Artillery, became a sergeant and was honorably discharged, following which he went to California, and is now living retired in San Benito County, although for years was a ranchman and owned 1,000 acres of land; Lucretia, who is Mrs. William Ward, also resides in San Benito County, Cal.; Emily, who married Alonzo Peak, lives in the vicinity of Coral village; and Frank E.

Frank E. Stevens was reared on the home place, and in 1878 took over the homestead, which he now owns. It now contains 201 acres of land, and on it he has erected a fine barn, 34x168 feet, of which the basement is devoted to stabling, and a wood stave silo. The house has been added to and rebuilt several times, and is comfortable and commodious. Mr. Stevens carries on dairying, milking thirty cows of the Holstein

strain. Some years ago he named his property the Steven Acre Farm. When he first came into possession of this farm there were a number of ponds upon it, but with commendable foresight Mr. Stevens began to drain these waste spaces, and now has redeemed land which hitherto was worthless, the crops from these fields being exceptionally heavy. A Republican, Mr. Stevens has served Coral Township for fifteen years as supervisor, and has been on the school board for years. He belongs to Union Lodge, A. F. & A. M., and Marengo Chapter, R. A. M.

On April 4, 1878, Mr. Stevens was married to Rose Barber of Riley Township, a sister of Amory Barber, former supervisor of that township, who also held that office for fifteen years. Mrs. Stevens was born in New York about 1852, and taught school in McHenry County for several years prior to her marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Stevens have had the following children born to them: Lucia, who is Mrs. Roy J. DeMott of Chicago, her husband being a physician of that city, and she was a graduate of the State University and a teacher of some note; Ernest, who attended the State University, is associated with his father in the conduct of the farm, and is unmarried; Grace, who was graduated from the State University, taught domestic science in the State Agricultural College of Michigan, and later at the University of Illinois, until her father compelled her to retire, and she is now at home, having been very active in the war work of her neighborhood during the World War; and Mary, who is at home.

WILLIAM P. STEVENS.

William P. Stevens, postmaster of Richmond, and one of the representatives of the best interests of McHenry County, is a native son of Lake County, Ill., having been born there May 12, 1847. His father, Peter Stevens, was born in Vermont, but came west to Illinois in 1844, locating first in Lake County, but in 1856, came to McHenry County, where he died in 1881. He married Elizabeth Dar, and she died in 1868, they having had eleven children.

William P. Stevens attended the local schools, and was reared on a farm. When he was twenty-one years old, he began teaching school, and continued in the educational field until 1872. In that year he went west to Seattle, Wash., and spent two years, and upon his return to McHenry County, resumed his farming operations. An active Demo-



Josephine E. Gauder



William E. Gauder

erat all his life, he was appointed postmaster of Richmond by President Wilson, and continues to hold that important office, and under his wise administration, its affairs are in excellent condition.

On April 7, 1881, Mr. Stevens was married to Miss Sarah Richardson, a daughter of Robert Richardson, and they have three children, namely: Viletta M., Mildred R., and Lucy E. Mr. Stevens belongs to Richmond Lodge No. 143, A. F. & A. M. A man of sterling character, he is held in the highest esteem by all who know him.

THOMAS JOHN STEVENSON.

Thomas John Stevenson, who resides in Dunham Township, six and one-half miles southwest of Harvard, has been associated with much of the constructive work of this locality. He was born near Buffalo, N. Y., May 1, 1845, a son of Anchrom and Jane (Lattimer) Stevenson, both natives of County Armagh, Ireland, where they were married. On May 1, 1840, they came to the United States, and spent some time in New York state, coming to Illinois in 1845, by way of the Great Lakes to Chicago. Hugh Marshall, an old friend in Ireland, had located in 1844 near Belvidere, Ill., and Mr. Stevenson joined him. By his advice, Mr. Stevenson secured government land, in the timber, upon which he erected a log house, and began to clear off the trees, and soon was able to put in enough of a crop to enable him to live. In time, he made of it a valuable farm, and he died on it in April, 1897, aged eighty-seven years, having spent fifty-two years on this farm. His wife had died five years before, aged eighty-two years. There were 240 acres in all in his farm, and he was the head of his household as long as he lived. He devoted his life to his own business and never wanted to hold office. His children were as follows: James, who died at the age of seventy-five years, had served during the Civil War in the Ninety-fifth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, one-half of his company having been raised in Chemung Township; David, who lived for many years at Pittsburgh, Pa., where he died, was chief clerk of the Pennsylvania Railroad in that city; Thomas John, whose name heads this review; and Hugh, who is an attorney at Capron, Ill., took a legal course at Chicago.

Thomas John Stevenson has continued to live on the homestead. He attended the Stone School, built about 1850, and still in use. He assisted his father in clearing off the farm, and broke the land with four

or five yoke of oxen, and dug ditches for draining it, in fact more than bore his part in putting it in its present high state of cultivation. By drainage, he has reclaimed forty acres of overflowed land, on which he has since raised sixty bushels of barley per acre. Devoting considerable attention to dairying, he keeps from twenty to twenty-five cows, but he also does general farming. His residence, about three-quarters of a mile off the road, is reached by a private road he built himself. This house was erected in 1854, while the barn was built in 1866, and both are in good condition. Both he and his father found in the Republican party their political ideals.

When Mr. Stevenson was thirty-five years of age he was united in marriage with Christina Bierlein of Chicago, and they became the parents of the following children: Anchrom C.; Lancing C.; Anna B., who lives at Arlington Heights, Ill., is a teacher; and Genevieve, who is a teacher at St. Charles, Ill. Both the daughters attended the DeKalb Normal School, and Anna B. taught for a time in the old Stone School of her home district, where she and her father before her, had attended. Since she was graduated from the normal school, she has been connected with the schools of Arlington Heights. The sons attended the Stone School, and they are both at home. Both were in the first draft, but were so classified that neither saw service. They are unmarried, and in partnership with their father in working the farm. Like him they vote the Republican ticket.

The Stevenson family is closely identified with the history of the Presbyterian church at Harvard, the elder Anchrom Stevenson being one of its founders, and all of the family belong to it. The three generations of Stevenson belong to the Masonic lodge at Harvard. It would be difficult to find a finer or more representative family than this one in McHenry or other counties of this part of the state, and the name has long stood for integrity and uprightness of no mean order.

EDWARD M. STEWART.

Edward M. Stewart, sole proprietor of the Nippersink Garage, and sole agent for the Ford cars at Richmond, also handles farm machinery, and is one of the leading business men of his section of McHenry County. He was born in Hebron Township, October 9, 1870, a son of John

Stewart, a native of New York, who came to McHenry County at an early day, and became a prosperous farmer.

Edward M. Stewart attended the local schools and moving to Richmond Township engaged in farming, being thus engaged for over a quarter of a century. He then moved to Richmond, and started his present business, and later took Mr. Richardson in as partner. Later he bought Mr. Richardson's interest, and has since continued alone. He owns his commodious garage, 48 x 162 feet, built of hollow tile, and carries a stock of \$20,000. He holds the agency of the Ford cars for Richmond and Burton townships, and does a very large business in them and farm machinery, as well as in the repairing of automobiles and the handling of automobile accessories.

In 1895 Mr. Stewart was married to Miss Cora Cotting, a granddaughter of Richmond's pioneer settler, C. G. Cotting. Mr. and Mrs. Stewart have one son, Charles C., who is attending school. Mr. Stewart is a Mason. In politics he is a Republican. Both he and his wife belong to the Congregational church. A man of high principles and excellent business sense, he has been able to make a considerable material advance, and win and hold the confidence and respect of his associates.

JOHN J. STEWART.

John J. Stewart, now living retired at Hebron, belongs to one of the most important families of McHenry County, is himself a distinguished figure in the life of this section, having been associated with extensive agricultural interests, and industries, and was instrumental, with others, in organizing the drainage district of this region which has done so much to reclaim land that would otherwise be still lying useless, instead of yielding up magnificent crops. He is a son of Robert W. and Susan Ann (Ross) Stewart, the former dying in March, 1876, and the latter in 1896. They had the following children: Eunice Jane, who married Prentis Bowman, died in young womanhood; Mary, who married Thomas Charles, also died in young womanhood; Harry E. Stewart, is a farmer of Elmore, Minn., who has just refused \$300 per acre for his land; and John J., whose name heads this review, who lived to maturity; Nellie, who died at the age of sixteen; and Charles and James, who died in infancy.

John J. Stewart owns 320 acres of land, a portion of the 900-acre

tract of his father, which is divided into two farms, now operated by his sons. He was engaged in conducting these farms until 1913 when he retired to Hebron, where he has a very pleasant home. After the death of his father Mr. Stewart succeeded to the former's interest in the Stewart cheese factory, he and William H. Stewart had organized, and he conducted it for several years. There are now about 100 cows on the two farms, of which about fifty are kept for dairy purposes. While he has served on the village and school boards he is not very active in politics, his father having taken much more interest in these affairs than he. Mr. Stewart helped to organize the drainage district and was one of the first commissioners, his associates being Charles Hawthorne and Theodore Hamer. The ditch was built at a cost of \$50,000, thus giving property owners an outlet which enables them to successfully tile their land and cultivate thousands of acres that formerly were covered with swamps. This project at first met with opposition from the reactionaries on account of the initial cost, requiring some effort on the part of the men broad-minded enough to see what the results would be, but they overcame this and their work stands as a monument to their public spirit and sound, common sense.

On September 22, 1880, Mr. Stewart was married to Frances E. Nichols, and they became the parents of the following children: Mary N., who married George Mathison, a farmer of Walworth County, Wis., has four children, Elizabeth Jean, Alice, George Stewart, and Dorothy May; Robert W., who married Beth Fellows, has the following children: Robert John, Fred Fellows, Frances May, Elsie and Charlotte Fellows; and Donald H., who married Dot Fellows, sister of Robert's wife, and their children are: May Elizabeth, who is known as Bettie, Ruth, Edith Georgia and John James. Mr. and Mrs. Stewart are both members of the Presbyterian church.

ROY J. STEWART.

Roy J. Stewart, sheriff of McHenry County, and one of the men who deserves more than passing mention on account of the valuable service he has rendered his community in aiding in the preservation of order, and the detection of criminal practices, is a native of the county, having been born within its confines, January 18, 1881. He is a son of Judson and Mary (Mayo) Stewart, who had nine children, of whom six survive.

Judson Stewart was a farmer of McHenry County, but now resides in San Diego, Cal., and was one of its substantial men.

Roy J. Stewart was reared and educated in this county, and after completing a common and high school course, he learned the trade of a barber, which he followed for three years. He then became identified with the Oliver Typewriter Company, and remained with that concern until his appointment as chief deputy sheriff. So competent did he prove that he was the logical candidate of the Republican party for sheriff in 1918, and was elected to that office on November 4, and is still serving.

Mr. Stewart was married to Miss Beulah E. Halderman, a daughter of Marshall Halderman. Mr. and Mrs. Stewart have one son, LeRoy William. The family belong to the Congregational church. Mr. Stewart is a member of the Odd Fellows, and of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Loyal Order of Moose. An efficient public official and upright man, McHenry County is proud of him and the record he is making for himself and his section of the state.

WILLIAM STILL.

William Still, one of the prosperous farmers of Dorr Township, resides one mile south of Woodstock, and is a man widely and favorably known. He was born in Lincolnshire, England, December 20, 1851, a son of William and Hannah (Briggs) Still. In June, 1852, he was brought to the United States by his parents who joined friends at Ringwood, this county, where the father obtained employment at \$13 a month. Later he bought an undeveloped farm in McHenry Township, and spent about fourteen years upon it. In 1869, he bought the Barber farm east of Woodstock, where he died in 1900. The mother died January 6, 1900.

William Still had scarcely any schooling, but grew up on the homestead where he remained until 1875, at which time he rented a farm across the road from his old home, and remained on it for two years. He then went on another farm and continued as a renter for seven years, and has owned in all four farms, buying his present place of 120 acres, in 1908.

On November 25, 1875, William Still was married to Mary Susan Frame, who died four years later. On January 26, 1890, he was mar-

ried second to Cynthia Frame, a younger sister of his first wife, and a daughter of John and Rachael (Knight) Frame, natives of Virginia, who settled in Dorr Township, where Cynthia Frame was born February 26, 1856. By his first marriage Mr. Still had one daughter: Zella, who is Mrs. Arthur Ellis of Salem, Wis. By his second marriage Mr. Still has the following children: Francis Roy, who married Lillian Coffman, has one son, Kenneth William, and is associated with his father in farming; and belongs to the local school board; Lura Mae, who is at home.

William Still is a Republican, and has served as a tax collector, and for thirty years has been a member of the school board. He is a director of the Dunham-Chemung Farm Mutual Fire Insurance Company, and has been instrumental in building up the volume of business of this company now averaging \$3,000,000. The Methodist Episcopal church has in him a faithful and influential member, and he is serving it as trustee.

Mr. Still is a man who has always taken the stand that it pays to develop land, and use improved and modern methods in operating it. Whenever necessary he has put in tile and otherwise drained his farm, put up the buildings he has needed, and bought and installed machinery and appliances. His premises show that the one in charge not only understands his work, but also takes a pride in keeping everything up to standard. He stands well in his neighborhood, and many times his experiments have resulted in an improvement in neighborhood farming. Such men as he always do constructive work, and aid materially in advancing the standards of their community. He can be counted upon to give active support to all measures looking toward increasing the welfare of Dorr Township and McHenry County.

GEORGE A. STILLING.

George A. Stilling, owner of the garage which bears his name, is one of the substantial business men of McHenry. He was born in McHenry County, May 20, 1892, one of the six children of Benjamin and Margaret (Miller) Stilling. Benjamin Stilling is engaged in handling real estate at McHenry, and is one of the leading men of his community.

George A. Stilling was reared in his native county, and after attending the common and high schools, took a course at Notre Dame University, from which he was graduated in 1912. Immediately thereafter, he

opened his garage, and is sole agent in his locality, for the Studebaker automobile, having been appointed as such in 1916. He has three men in his employ, and renders a most efficient service. His garage was erected at a cost of \$7,000, and is thoroughly equipped for the purposes for which it was intended. He carries a stock valued at \$5,000, and is rightly numbered among the most alert of the city's young business men.

In 1916 he was married to Miss Grace L. Moelmann of Chicago, a daughter of Dr. E. O. Moelmann of Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. Stilling belong to St. Patrick's Catholic church. In politics he is a Republican.

SIMON STOFFEL.

Simon Stoffel, district and special agent of the Fidelity-Phenix Insurance Company, and representative of eleven other very strong companies, is one of the leading business men of West McHenry, as well as vice president of the McHenry State Bank. He was born in Lake County, Ill., January 13, 1856, one of the ten children of John and Elizabeth (Weingart) Stoffel. John Stoffel was born in Germany, but came to the United States at an early day, locating in Lake County, Ill., where he was engaged very profitably in farming until his death, which occurred in 1890. His widow survived him for many years, dying March 29, 1913.

Simon Stoffel attended the common schools of his native county, and remained on his father's farm until he was twenty years old, when he embarked in a general merchandise business, continuing in it until 1902, when he established himself in his present line, and has built up a valuable connection. In addition to handling insurance, Mr. Stoffel deals in real estate and is a leader in both lines in McHenry County. He was one of the chief organizers of the West McHenry State Bank, of which he has continued vice president, his connection with this institution giving it added prestige. A staunch Republican, he was supervisor of his township, a member of the school board, and has been mayor of McHenry, giving to all these offices the same efficient supervision that his business receives. Mr. Stoffel and his family belong to St. Mary's Roman Catholic church, and he belongs to the Knights of Columbus connected with that parish.

On December 18, 1883, Mr. Stoffel was united in marriage with Miss Anna G. Bonslett, a daughter of Leonard Bonslett, and they have

the following children: Dorothy E., who is Mrs. C. C. Westfall of Chicago, Ill.; Helena M., who is employed by the Illinois Telephone Company at Chicago; Clara V., who is bookkeeper for her father; Julia L., who is the wife of C. J. Reibansperger, a hardware merchant of West McHenry; and M. Esther, who is associated with the Fidelity-Phenix Insurance Company in Chicago. Few men stand any higher in public esteem than Mr. Stoffel, and his prosperity is deserved, for it is self-acquired.

HENRY GILBERT STREET.

Henry Gilbert Street is a horticulturist living on the old farm of his family in Hebron Township, one and one-half miles east of Hebron. He was born on this farm May 10, 1865, a son of Selden G. and Mary D. (Sanford) Street, and she was born in Orleans County, N. Y., in 1828. They were married in New York state. Selden G. Street was a son of Chapin Street, who was born in 1797, and in 1855 came to McHenry County and bought a farm in Hebron Township for his son, Selden, who located on it about 1855, and resided upon it until he died. Chapin Street also came to Hebron Township and passed the remainder of his life on the farm. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Dolly Brown, died in 1880.

Selden G. Street and his wife had the following family: Sarah Adelaide, who is Mrs. Porter C. Bliss, lives at Albion, N. Y.; Carrie L., who married Russell Holmes, a farmer of Hebron Township; Ella T., who married Edward P. Greeley of Richmond Township, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work; and Henry G., whose name heads this review.

Henry G. Street has a portion of the original farm, and all of his buildings have been erected since 1900, his house being one of the most modern in the township, and supplied with electric lights and other conveniences. After buying out the other heirs, he disposed of some of his property and now has but twenty-six acres, which is devoted to fruit growing. He has apples, plums, grapes and strawberries, and has made a great success along this line. Mr. Street grows five leading varieties of apples, namely: Delicious, Jonathan, Grimes Golden, McIntosh Red and N. W. Greening. The local difficulty he encountered was mainly in root killing, and the plan he adopted was grafting in hardy crab appletree roots, thus producing strong trees, not likely to winter

kill, that are now in an excellent healthy condition. This plan is followed in other regions, especially Minnesota. He belongs to various organizations in his line, and has been president of the Northern Illinois Horticultural Society, and is oftentimes called upon to deliver addresses on the fruits he raises and on the home marketing of fruit. Mr. Street does his own grafting and grows his own stock, and exhibits his produce at the state and other horticultural exhibits, taking first prize on Delicious apples and second on Jonathans at the first Great Apple Show at Chicago in 1918. He is a frequent contributor to various horticultural papers, and conducts one of the trial stations for the state. Mr. Street's interest is centered in his fruit and his music, and has had no time to give to public office. A musician of more than average ability, he has been conductor of the local band at Hebron.

In 1888 Mr. Street was married to Florence M. Crane, born at Barre, Orleans County, N. Y., a daughter of Judson and Mary S. (Brown) Crane, both of whom died in McHenry County. Mr. and Mrs. Street became the parents of the following children: Hattie J., who married Robert E. Johnson, has four children, Florence M., Helen S., Robert E. and Mary E. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson live at Evanston, Ill. Mrs. Johnson is a highly educated lady, having been graduated from the Hebron High School, and the Kenosha College, in 1908, two years after completing her high school course. The second child of Mr. and Mrs. Street is Miss Lola Belle, who was graduated from the Hebron High School in 1919. Mrs. Street was a grade school teacher prior to her marriage. For eleven years prior to 1919 Mr. Street was secretary of the Alden Farmers Mutual Insurance Company, and its business during that time extended over other townships, and the amount of insurance carried increased from \$490,000 to about \$1,500,000. Adjustment of losses generally were made by the secretary. The liberal policy followed by its board made this company many friends, about ninety per cent of the farmers in its territory being protected by it. Mr. Street is a Mason and he, his wife and daughter, Miss Lola Belle, belong to the Eastern Star.

JAMES M. STRODE.

SULLIVAN BROS.

Sullivan Bros., breeders of Holstein cattle and Poland-China, Duroc-Jersey and Red hogs, are enterprising young farmers located in Seneca Township, six miles west of Woodstock, six miles northeast of Marengo, and six miles north of Union. The firm is composed of William, Charles and Joseph Sullivan, and they are operating the 360 acre homestead of their father, William Sullivan. He was born at Cork, Ireland, May 20, 1846, and he died October 28, 1904. When he was two years old, his parents Patrick and Margaret Sullivan brought him to America, they coming direct to McHenry County and locating in Seneca Township in 1848, on a farm one mile from the one now occupied by their grandsons. Patrick Sullivan died at the age of sixty years, his widow surviving him until she was eighty-four years old, when she passed away at Harvard. William Sullivan then bought his father's homestead of 106 acres, his brother John securing forty acres. This brother served for four years in the Union army during the Civil War, after it, going into railroad work at St. Louis, Missouri, rising until he was superintendent of construction in various states including California, and he spent the last ten years of his life at Los Angeles, Cal., where he died. In addition to these two brothers, there were the following children in the family of Patrick Sullivan: Ellen, who married John Brickley of Durham Township, where both died; Mary, who was a tailoress of Harvard, died unmarried at the age of fifty years; Nora, who married John Kelliher of Rapids City, S. D.; Kittle, who married Alonzo Bennett of Greeley, Col.; and Hannah E., who married Col. E. L. Daws of Chicago.

William Sullivan was reared on his father's farm, and at the age of fifteen years began working out. He spent one year at St. Louis, Mo., as wiper in the roundhouse, and then coming back home was married May 3, 1871, to Catherine Buckley, a daughter of William and Margaret (Crowley) Buckley of Marengo Township. At the time of his marriage, William Sullivan settled on forty acres of what became his homestead, which was then heavily timbered, and he went into debt to secure it. A famous wood chopper, he cleared off his land, and sold his wood for \$1 per cord, averaging two cords per day. For five years he worked at chopping wood during the winter months, and at night he used to burn charcoal. By making every moment count he was soon able to acquire more land, and when he died owned 600 acres. Believing firmly in protective tariff, he supported the Republican party. For many years he was a devout member of St. Mary's Catholic Church at Woodstock.

He and his wife had the following children: Henry, who is a farmer of Marengo Township; Mary, who is Mrs. A. L. Corey of Iowa; John, who has a farm near that of Henry in Marengo Township; Agnes, who is Mrs. John Fitzpatrick, lives at Chicago where her husband is a practicing physician; William; Charles; Eva, who is Mrs. F. J. McAdams of Chicago; Minerva, who is Mrs. S. C. Grafft of Denver, Col.; and her twin brother, Charles, who is an auctioneer of Marengo, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work; Joseph, who is a partner of William E. and his twin, who died in infancy; Harrie, who is engaged in office work at Chicago, a twin of Veronica, who is Mrs. David Padden of Chicago; Bessie, who is a teacher of Chicago; Philip, who is an attorney of Chicago; George, who is also an attorney of Chicago; and Harold, who is an attorney. The three youngest entered the United States service during the Great War, and George received a lieutenant's commission.

In 1918 the present partnership was formed, the brothers buying the interests of the other heirs, including that of their stepmother. She bore the maiden name of Nellie Kelliker. There were no children of the second marriage of William Sullivan. The brothers have bought other farms now owning 620 acres, 360 of which is in the homestead, the balance in two farms, twenty acres being in the village of Marengo. They specialize on dairying, keeping 100 to 300 cows, and have over seventy-five pure bred Holstein in their herd. They buy and sell all the time, shipping to markets which cater to the needs of dairymen. They are not exhibitors. Their residence was built in 1901, and their barn, built in 1894, has a basement, and is 36x100 feet, with an ell 34x72 feet, and a lean-to 16x38 feet, all arranged for dairy purposes.

William Sullivan was married November 22, 1905, to Sarah Havent, and their children are as follows: Velora, William, Donald, George, Marie and Charles.

CHARLES B. SULLIVAN.

Charles B. Sullivan, auctioneer and stockman of Marengo, belongs to one of the old and honored families of McHenry County, and is one of the most aggressive young business men of this region. He was born on a farm in Seneca Township, March 25, 1881, and his boyhood was passed there. He is associated with his brothers in operating the farm of 700 acres in the vicinity of Marengo, but lives in the city. The brothers raise large amounts of stock, milk production being a secondary

feature. They have two sales barns at the stock yards of Marengo, with a capacity for seventy head of cattle, and employment is given to thirty men. It was in 1901 they began holding their annual sales which have increased in importance until at their last one, held in May, 1919, the total of sales ran in excess of \$27,000, some of the cows running as high as \$750, the buyers many of them coming from long distances. It is claimed by some who had attended sales of pure-bred Holstein cattle held in the east, that the animals sold by the Sullivan Brothers, were superior, and represented the best production of Holstein breeding. Charles B. Sullivan has specialized on selling Holstein cattle, and has learned the best methods of handling these sales, as in 1910 he spent a few months at the Stock Yards at Chicago. Mr. Sullivan is sent for to conduct similar sales in Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, Michigan, Wisconsin, Indiana, Ohio and South Dakota. He does not use the title "Colonel" usually adopted by auctioneers, but he is so designated by the United States government in reporting his conduct of camp sales, when upon six occasions he held them at Battle Creek, Mich., disposing very successfully of stock mules and horses. From October 1 to March, he holds sales almost every day, and he receives a very handsome recompense for his work. He is very active in politics, and enjoys a political rally. For eight years he served as assessor of Seneca Township.

On June 24, 1914, Mr. Sullivan was married to Mrs. Catherine (Askins) Riley, widow of John Riley, who had died in 1910, at Marengo, where he was carrying on a real estate business, having retired from his farm. He had lived in McHenry County for twelve years. Mr. and Mrs. Riley had one son, John Riley, who is twelve years old. Charles B. Sullivan is a member of the Church of the Sacred Heart. He belongs to the Knights of Columbus and the Catholic Order of Foresters, and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. A man of genial nature and broad sympathies, Mr. Sullivan makes friends wherever he goes, and is known among stockmen the country over as an expert in his particular line.

JOSEPH D. SULLIVAN.

Joseph D. Sullivan, junior member of the firm of Sullivan Bros., dealers in grain, live stock and feed, and proprietors of extensive feed and sale stables, is one of the prosperous business men of Marengo. He was born in McHenry County, December 11, 1882, one of the seven-

teen children of William and Catherine (Brickley) Sullivan, the former of whom was born in Ireland but came to the United States in 1858, locating in Seneca Township, where he died October 28, 1904, having been a farmer all his life.

Joseph D. Sullivan attended the common and high schools of McHenry County, and the Rockford Business College, from which he was graduated. Immediately thereafter he commenced farming and dealing in stock, and owns 456 acres of land in Seneca Township, and 246 acres in Marengo Township. He built his present sales stables at Marengo at a cost of \$5,000, in 1916, and the building in the rear cost \$2,500. He and his brother do a business of \$200,000 annually.

On April 29, 1914, Mr. Sullivan was married to Miss Gertrude Riley, a daughter of Timothy Riley of Marengo. Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan belong to the Catholic church. In politics he is a Republican, and in 1918 he was candidate in the primaries for nomination for county treasurer. He belongs to the Knights of Columbus, of Harvard and the Elks, of Woodstock. Mr. Sullivan has known how to put his love of the soil to practical use, and has not only been successful in his business, but has also given his hearty support to all big and wholesome movements in his county.

ROBERT JOHN SUTTON.

Robert John Sutton, now deceased, was for many years one of the prosperous farmers of McHenry County, and he is held in esteem by those who knew him. He was born in McHenry Township, March 29, 1848, a son of Michael Sutton, a native of Ireland, who came to the United States, and located in Illinois about seventy-five years ago. He became a farmer of McHenry County, and a successful man of his locality.

Robert John Sutton was married to Bridget Knox, and they had the following children: Mary, Michael, Nellie, Alice, Margaret, Edward, Robert, William, Lucy, John and Joseph. Mrs. Sutton was also a native of Ireland. She died in 1907, aged fifty-eight years. Mr. Sutton died in 1912, aged sixty-four years. During his lifetime he accumulated 314 acres of land and was very successful as a farmer. In politics he was a Democrat, and served as a tax collector.

Michael Sutton, son of Robert John Sutton, was married to Mary A. Logul, and they have two children, namely: Robert and Mary C.

Michael Sutton and his brother William have bought the homestead in Nunda Township which they are operating, it comprising 200 acres of very valuable land on section 4, which they devôte to general farming and dairying, milking eighteen cows. The family is one of the old and highly esteemed ones in McHenry County, and the children of Robert J. and Bridget Sutton are living up to the teachings of their parents, and like them, are consistent members of the Catholic church.

LOTT SWAIN.

Lott Swain, formerly one of the leading farmers and stockmen of McHenry County, is now living in retirement at Marengo, where he is enjoying the fruits of his years of toil. He was born September 15, 1848, in Chemung Township, seven and one-half miles northwest of Marengo, a son of Isaac and Mary Swain, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work.

Lott Swain remained on the old homestead until he was twenty-seven years old, at which time he was united in marriage with Emma Jane Tanner, a sketch of whose family appears elsewhere. Having lost his father when he was fifteen years of age, Lott Swain early learned to be useful, and from the time he was twenty-one was a partner of his brother, Willard Swain, whose sketch appears elsewhere, in operating the homestead, and they made many improvements upon it, erecting new buildings and installing modern machinery and appliances. In 1915 Lott Swain retired to Marengo, buying his present residence at No. 211 W. Prairie Street, close to the business district. The house was an old one, but he remodeled it and it is now one of the most convenient modern homes in the city. His portion of the homestead is now operated by his son, Roy. While Mr. Swain has left the farm, he still gives affairs there a general supervision, and keeps up the repairs and improvements. This farm lies on the county line, along the River road, and is very valuable. Mr. Swain has never held any offices, but has always given a hearty support to the straight Republican ticket.

Mr. and Mrs. Swain have the following children: Earl, who is engaged in farming near his father's homestead, married Emma Torgeson, and they have three children, Myrtle, Fay B., and Lester Earl; Roy J., who is operating the homestead, married Julia Torgeson, and they have four children, Laverne, Glenn, Mildred Lucile and Roy J., Jr.;

Jessie Ella, who married George Woleben of Madison, Wis., has two sons, George, Jr. and Clarence Swain; and Blanche, who formerly was a bookkeeper in an office at Madison, Wis., was a student of the Elgin Academy during 1908-1910. For many years Mr. Swain has been a consistent member and liberal supporter of the Marengo Presbyterian Church. His interest has always been centered in his home and business so he has no time to devote to fraternities. He and his family are held in the highest esteem in the township and county in which the Swains have lived for so many years.

WILLARD SWAIN.

Willard Swain, one of the prominent men and successful agriculturalists of Chemung Township, belongs to an old and honored family. He is a son of Isaac Swain, and grandson of Isaac Swain, who was born at Loyalsock, Pa., May 7, 1797, and died October 26, 1866. The Swain family came to the American colonies from England. In 1835 Isaac Swain was married to Mary Ann Burt, born January 7, 1808 at Lewiston, N. Y., and in 1836 they moved to Youngstown, N. Y., and developed a farm out of heavily timbered land.

Isaac Swain, the younger, when sixteen years old began hauling loads along the Niagara River, and became so expert that he could cross the river from the American to the Canadian side. He served during the War of 1812 as a soldier, and for his services in this war, secured in 1861 a land warrant for a farm in Iowa. This land he sold forty years later for \$16,000. Subsequently Isaac Swain came to McHenry County, and secured land in Chemung Township, on which in 1861 he built the present residence, and in 1876, the barn. His children were as follows: Edward, who died on the homestead twenty-four years of age; Sarah, who married Henry Hovey; Mary A., who died in girlhood; Isaac, who owned the farm adjoining his father's, died at Belvidere in 1918, aged eighty-seven years; William, who lived at Osage, Iowa, for over fifty years, died there when sixty-seven years of age; George W., who operated a foundry at Stillwater, Minn., died there when sixty-seven years old; Eliza, who married L. Watkins, lived in Boone County, Ill., where both died; David, who is mentioned below; Almira, who died in childhood; Willard, whose name heads this review, lives on the old homestead six miles west of Marengo on the River Road; Lott, who is a retired farmer

of Marengo, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work; Emily M. who married Charles Wicks, lived in Nevada, but died at Marengo; and Eva E., who has remained at home with her brother, Willard, is his housekeeper, neither of them having married.

David Swain, late proprietor of the Marine Engine Works at Stillwater, Minn., built 268 steamboats, or the larger number of those plying on the upper Mississippi River. He had many patents on boats and steamboat machinery from the United States and Canadian governments. He adopted the use of the compound condensing engines to boats and saw-mills, etc., and was a natural mechanical genius. At the time of his death, which occurred July 3, 1918, he was a resident of Stillwell, although he passed away at Pittsburgh, Pa. He had taken the steamboat, Vernie Swain off the Illinois River from Peoria to Pittsburgh, and chartered it to other parties at Pittsburgh. David Swain owned three boats on the Illinois River, the Julia Belle Swain, the Vernie Swain and the Kabekona. His sons, Percy Swain of Peoria, Ill., Verne Swain, also of Peoria, Ill., and Fred Swain, of Ohio, Ill., are all captains. Mrs. David Swain survives and makes her home at Stillwater, Minn.

Willard Swain is still living on the old homestead, and has put in fifty-three years of hard work upon it, now having one of the finest rural properties in this part of the county. Although he has never been willing to hold office, he is one of the well-known men here, and is held in the greatest respect by those who have the pleasure of his acquaintance.

WILLIAM S. SWONGUER.

William S. Swonguer of Marengo, is engaged in handling furniture and carrying on an undertaking business, and is numbered among the leaders in both lines. He was born in Ohio, October 18, 1868, a son of Marion S. and Martha L. (Fuson) Swonguer, who had seven children, five of whom are now living. Marion S. Swonguer was born in Ohio, and after being engaged for a number of years as a farmer, he retired to Bellefontaine, Ohio, where he is now residing.

William S. Swonguer was reared in Ohio, and there attended the common and high schools, and the Nelson Business College at Springfield, Ohio. Still later he attended the Whittenburg School, and the Barnes Undertaking School and Sanitarium, being graduated from the latter in June, 1915. He then established himself in business at Marengo,

where he has since continued, winning the confidence and respect of his community. He carries a stock valued at \$8,000, and has a beautifully equipped store for displaying it at the corner of State and Washington streets.

Mr. Swonguer was married to Miss Annis L. Eddy, a daughter of Henry Eddy of New York, and they have two living children, namely: Charlotte H. and Wendell T., the third child, Wilfred E., having died February 23, 1915. Mr. and Mrs. Swonguer are consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Fraternally he belongs to the Chapter Masons, and the Odd Fellows, and he and Mrs. Swonguer belong to the Eastern Star. In politics he is an independent, preferring to choose his own candidates. Thoroughly experienced in his business, his services are called for whenever a dignified funeral is desired.

FRANK A. TANNER.

Frank A. Tanner, former president of the Federal Farm Loan Company, is one of the leading men of this locality, and one who has held the confidence of his fellow citizens since the beginning of his career. In addition to other interests, he has operated quite extensively in land. He is now chairman of the board of appraisers, and resides at Harvard. He was born in Marengo Township, on the line between McHenry and Boone counties, March 14, 1859, a son of Jonas C. and Jane A. (Morris) Tanner, natives of New York and Pennsylvania, respectively. Both were brought to Illinois by their parents in 1836, settling side by side. The paternal grandfather, Joseph Tanner, and the maternal grandparents, Joseph and Betsy Morris, all lived and died in McHenry County at advanced ages. Jonas Tanner was born in 1823, and he died in 1873, and his wife, eight years his junior, died in 1902, aged seventy-one years, at the old homestead, which is still owned by her youngest son, Jonas C. Tanner, of Marengo. The children of Jonas Tanner and his wife were as follows: Ella, who is Mrs. George Pond, of Clifton, Colorado; Emma J., who married Lott Swain, a retired farmer of Marengo, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work; Mary, who is Mrs. Charles Porter, M. D., died in 1910 at the age of fifty-four years, and Doctor Porter moved from Marengo Township to North Dakota; Frank, whose name heads this review; George K., who is in a garage business at St. Charles, Ill.; Fred J., who was a farmer, furniture dealer

and undertaker of Marengo, died in 1918; and Jonas Charles, who is a retired farmer and justice of the peace of Marengo.

Frank A. Tanner assumed his father's duties when the latter died, and each son remained at home until he attained his majority. The mother was an excellent business woman, and was able to give to all of her children a start in life when they married. When he was twenty-one years old, Frank A. Tanner rented a farm near that of his mother. On October 6, 1880, he was married to Miss Nellie McDougall, of Garden Prairie, Boone County, Ill., a daughter of L. S. and Anna (Fox) McDougall, both of whom are now deceased. When he was nine years old, L. S. McDougall came to McHenry County with his parents from Canada, and his wife was born in New York. After his marriage, Mr. Tanner returned to his mother's farm for two years, but then bought land in Boone County, selling it after about a year. In the spring of 1882 he moved to Edmunds County, S. D., homesteaded, and spent three years upon the land to prove it up, but had the misfortune to lose his crops and returned to McHenry County empty of pocket. Mr. Tanner then spent a year on a farm near Garden Prairie, Boone County, but sold it and bought another tract of land comprising 215 acres in Boone County, on which he lived for twenty-two years, going in debt to pay for all of it. Not only did he clear off this debt, but he added to his farm until he now owns 587 acres in one body. He is also a partner of the Rockton Molding Sand Company; has a half interest in eighty acres in Boone County, his son, Lorenzo C., owning the other half; a half interest in 181 acres in Walworth County, Wis., his son-in-law, E. B. Manley, owning the other half, and Mr. Manley is his partner in the Rockton Molding Sand Co., at Rockland, Winnebago County, Ill., with thirty-five acres of sand, of which Mr. Tanner is president, and Mr. Manley manager, and it has been in operation for ten years. This company ships about 600 cars of sand per year, selling it to foundries for molding purposes. About ten men are employed by it.

In 1908 Mr. Tanner left the farm and moved to Harvard, and for about four years conducted a real estate office, dealing in farm lands in several states, but disposed of this business. His homestead has several sets of buildings, although the property is in one body. He has a herd of 130 Hereford cattle, is in the cattle business, and cattle and sheep are fed, grain being raised on the farm for that purpose. This magnificent property is known all over McHenry, Boone and surrounding counties as the Tanner Stock Farm. When Mr. Tanner lived on it the herd was much larger, and he was in the dairy business.

Many Illinois settlers who went to Dakota had a similar experience to Mr. Tanner, but not all of them have been able to recover from the disaster as he has. When he returned he not only had no money, but he was \$1,000 in debt, but he was not discouraged, and, as his credit was good, increased his obligations by going into debt to buy land, and made it pay for itself. In 1887 Mr. Tanner organized a drainage district in Boone County, and a large territory is now redeemed by means of a five-mile dredged ditch, beginning with his farm, which was lowland. So successful was he with the operation of this first district, that he organized a second one in Dunham Township, this ditch being three miles long, beginning at the McHenry County line, and thousands of acres have been redeemed. At first he had difficulty in making people realize how important it was for this land to be drained, but after he had convinced them he made many warm friends by his public spirit. He has put in some twenty-five miles of tile on his own farm, a portion of which is in McHenry County, and the buildings on this side of the county line are a credit to the community. His present residence, which is finely located on Division street, Harvard, is a comfortable modern one.

Mr. and Mrs. Tanner have had three children born to them, namely: May, who married E. B. Manley, of Rockton, Ill.; Lorenzo C., who is on the old homestead, married Ila Lambert, who is active in the work of the Methodist Episcopal Church; and Jennie, who married C. M. Palmer. Mr. Palmer is operating that portion of the big farm which is in Dunham Township. While Mr. Tanner has always taken an active part in politics, he has never cared for office. A Mason, Mr. Tanner belongs to the Blue Lodge and Chapter of Harvard, the Commandery of Woodstock, and the Shrine of Rockford, Ill. He served as chairman of the building committee of the Harvard Masonic Temple, and is now its financial manager. In every respect Mr. Tanner measures up as one of the most representative men of the county, and his fellow citizens are proud of the record he has made.

FRANKLIN E. THAYER.

Franklin E. Thayer, who is living on the old farm on the township line, in Hebron Township, four miles south of the village of Hebron, and eight miles north of Woodstock, was born in his present house, May 21, 1869, a son of Crandall H. and Mary Ann (Howley) Thayer,

both born at Rochester, N. Y., she August 12, 1836. The two families were related. When she was two years old, her father, Roswell Howley came to Illinois, and after first stopping at Bloomington for a year, came on to McHenry County and located on Hebron Prairie, two miles southwest of the village of Hebron, where both he and his wife died in old age.

Crandall Thayer was twenty-one years old when he came to McHenry County. A carpenter by trade, he worked at his calling all his life, but also engaged in farming on eighty acres of land he secured in Hebron Township, on the Nippersink, within two miles of the Howley farm, and later he bought eighty acres of his son's present farm, increasing it subsequently to 100 acres. It was covered with timber, and he began the hard work of clearing his land, putting about seventy acres of it into cultivation, and erected the present buildings. About fifteen years prior to his death he retired, but continued to live on the farm where he died in 1896. His widow moved to Hebron soon afterwards, and has continued to reside there ever since. In politics he was a Republican, and the Methodist Episcopal church held his membership, and during his later life he was active in church affairs. He and his wife had three children, namely: Elmer Ellsworth; Philena C., who married Robert J. Beatty and lives at Woodstock, where Mr. Beatty is engaged in handling stock and land; and Franklin Ellery, whose name heads this review.

Franklin Ellery spent his boyhood on the farm and attended the local and Hebron high schools. When he was nineteen years old he began teaching in Alden Township, and had other schools in the county, remaining in the educational field for twelve years. On February 11, 1891, he was married to Catherine Smith, a daughter of Dwight and Mary (Cowdreg) Smith, born in Greenwood Township. Mr. Smith died January 24, 1901, and she May 25, 1884. For the first three years following his marriage, Mr. Thayer was on the Smith farm, and then resumed his teaching. In 1902 he took charge of the home farm, which had been rented, and later bought out the interests of the other heirs. He rebuilt and enlarged the barn, erected a silo and other outbuildings, and generally improved the place. Dairying is his main feature, and he has about twenty cows of the Holstein strain. He also bred Chester-White hogs for four or five years, and used to exhibit at the county fairs. His product was in demand for breeding purposes, and he was very successful until his drove was wiped out by hog cholera from which he lost several very valuable brood sows. While he has not desired office, he has been township committeeman, and a delegate to conventions of his party. Believing in the county fair he has served as super-

intendent of different departments and borne his part in making these exhibitions a success, and he belongs to the Soil Improvement Association and the Milk Producers Association. Mr. and Mrs. Thayer have two children, namely: John Hoffman, who is on an adjoining farm; and Harold Smith, who is at home. Mr. Thayer is a leader in the Greenwood Methodist Episcopal church, which he serves as trustee and class leader, and he is superintendent of the Sunday School. The Masonic lodge at Hebron holds his membership.

DR. FRANK J. THEOBOLD.

Dr. Frank J. Theobold, one of the leading physicians and surgeons of Cary Station, is conveniently located on Main street. He was born July 30, 1882, one of the fourteen children of John and Mary (Emmerich) Theobold. John Theobold was born in Germany, but after he came to the United States, he became one of its citizens, and from 1850, when he received his naturalization papers, until his death November 5, 1912, he was a loyal American. His wife died October 22, 1912.

Doctor Theobold attended St. Joseph's College, from which he was graduated in 1902. He then took a course in the medical department of the University of Illinois, from which he was graduated in 1906, and after two years spent in extensive travel and hospital work, he entered upon a general practice at Cary Station in 1908. He belongs to the McHenry County Medical Society, and the Illinois State Medical Society. Fraternaly he belongs to the Woodmen of the World. He is a Republican.

Doctor Theobold was married to Miss Erene Hoffman, a daughter of Jacob Hoffman, and they have two children, namely: Francis L., who was born January 2, 1910; and John C., who was born January 2, 1911. Dr. and Mrs. Theobold are members of the Catholic church. A public-spirited man, Doctor Theobold takes a live and effective interest in local matters, and he is a well known man not only in Cary and its vicinity, but throughout a wide territory, where his services are in demand, for his skill and knowledge are generally recognized.

CHARLES ALBERTUS THOMPSON.

Charles Albertus Thompson, one of the best known men of McHenry County, is one of the extensive farmers of Coral Township. He was

born in his present house, December 1, 1850, a son of Ahira Thompson, whose death occurred at Marengo, where he had been a resident since 1883, on March 12, 1907. Ahira Thompson came to Illinois at the age of nineteen years, in company with other members of his family. In addition to him, there were the following children in the family of his parents: Fanny, who married a Mr. Brown, and moved to Knox County, Ill.; Sarah, who married a Mr. Warner, and after he was lost on a trip overland to California, she went with the rest to Knox County, and died at Mendota, Ill.; Mary, who married Walter Warner, died in McHenry County as did her husband; Lucy, who married a Mr. Vanyleet, moved to Union, this county, at an early day; Lemar, who went to Kansas after the close of the Civil War, and died in that state; Clark, who served in the Ninety-fifth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and died in the service. The parents of these children lived to an advanced age, he passing away when eighty-three years of age.

In 1844 Ahira Thompson bought the farm now owned by his son, and settled upon it. He was married in Coral Township, to Charlotte Morris, a daughter of S. R. and Sallie (Bowley) Morris, who had come to McHenry County from Bureau County, Ill., where they had lived for a short period. They both spent the remainder of their lives in this county and died after reaching the age of eighty years. Mr. Morris was a great Methodist and donated the land for the Harmony church and cemetery of that denomination, and was class leader of the church as well as its main supporter. His old home is still in the family, now being owned by the widow of his son, Edwin Morris. Ahira Thompson and his wife had the following children: William M., who served in the same company as his father during the Civil War, after the termination of hostilities, was married to Phebe Nutting, and later to Anna Schultz, his death occurring in Coral Township, July 10, 1889; Esther N., who died at the age of thirty-five years, unmarried, was one of the teachers of the county, whose record shows that she taught thirty-six terms; Charles Albertus, whose name appears at the head of this review; Laura M., who married Lewis S. Brown a teacher, moved to Centerville, S. Dak., where both died, she also having been a teacher in her youth; and Herbert R., who also went to South Dakota, where he died on July 22, 1883. The present house was built in 1856 or 1857, but included in it is the original house, erected in 1841. Ahira Thompson also built the first barn, which has since been rebuilt by his son. On his 200 acres of land Ahira Thompson bred Durham cattle, and was so successful with them that he exhibited them at the county fairs. He was also interested

in the first milk and cheese factories in the county, and was noted for his excellent butter, to the making of which he gave his personal attention. After he had retired from the farm and gone to Marengo to live, he dealt in feed and manufactured butter until his death.

Charles Albertus Thompson remained at home and attended the Marengo schools. About 1880 he took charge of the farm, and the following year, on May 24, 1881, he was married to Ruth Teeple, a daughter of Pelham C. and Mary A. (Gleason) Teeple, born at Woodstock, Ontario, Canada, November 29, 1852. As a child she was brought to Woodstock, McHenry County, Ill., where her father worked as a carpenter and had a farm near Woodstock, but when he retired he went to Marengo to live. Mrs. Thompson attended school at Woodstock, Aurora and the Elgin Academy. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson spent two years not long after their marriage at Marengo, conducting a small farm, and then returned to their present farm, which he bought from the other heirs, adding to it until he now has 240 acres in his home farm and also owns 120 acres on the north, having separate buildings for each farm. Dairying is his specialty, and he milks from twenty to thirty cows, all of them being of a high-grade Holstein strain. He has a silo and his buildings have all been rebuilt and modernized. Several windmills draw an ample supply of water for all purposes. Mr. Thompson has concentrated his interests on his farm, and has never wanted an office, but votes for the Republican candidates. The Harmony Methodist church holds his membership, and receives his generous support.

Mr. and Mrs. Thompson became the parents of the following children: Mabel, who is a dressmaker and milliner, who lives at home; Gleason M., who married Pearl Dorr, has two children, Lester Clement and Ina Lucille, operates his father's second farm; Emory Ahira, who lives at Marengo, married Rosanna Knapp, and they have no children; Venelle A., who is at home, registered under the Selective Draft, but was not called into the service; and Grace, who is Mrs. John W. Boyer of Marengo, has no children.

FRANK O. THOMPSON.

Frank O. Thompson, mayor of Harvard, and one of the prominent business men of McHenry County, is manager of the implement depart-

ment of Marshall Brothers. He was born in McHenry County, July 2, 1865, a son of Orlando H. and Elizabeth (Marwell) Thompson, who had nine children, four of whom survive. Orlando H. Thompson was born in Madison County, Ohio, but came to McHenry County in 1841, locating at Cold Springs, from whence he moved to Harvard in 1873, and lived there until his death, in 1906, all of his active years being engaged in farming. His wife died in 1906.

Frank O. Thompson attended the common and high schools of his native county, and his first business experience was gained in the electric light plant at Harvard, where he proved himself so efficient that three years later Marshall Brothers placed him in charge of the implement department of their large establishment, and here he has since remained. A staunch Republican, Mr. Thompson has often been called upon to hold office, having been town clerk and collector from 1897 to 1898, and alderman of Harvard for sixteen years. He was appointed mayor of Harvard to fill out the unexpired term of the late C. J. Hendricks.

Mr. Thompson was married to Miss Marietta Blanchard Dexter, of Wisconsin, and they have the following children: Elmer B., who was born in September, 1891; Ralph M., who was born in April, 1894; and two daughters, Claretta S. and Emily E., both of whom served as nurses in the United States hospital service. The family belong to the Methodist Episcopal and Presbyterian churches. Mr. Thompson is a Mason. His business experience, combined with his public spirit, especially fit him for the office of mayor, and under his wise and able conduct of affairs Harvard will no doubt prosper exceedingly.

HERBERT N. THOMPSON.

Herbert N. Thompson, one of the leading farmers and stockmen of McHenry County, owns a large farm in Greenwood Township. He was born in McHenry County, December 15, 1849, a son of A. C. Thompson, a native of Vermont, and grandson of Paul Thompson, also a native of Vermont. A. C. Thompson was married to Mary G. Neeley, born in Massachusetts, coming of one of the Colonial families of the country. A. C. Thompson was reared in Ohio, and came to Illinois at an early day, and was married in this state. For thirty years after locating in McHenry County, he served as a justice of the peace. His children were as follows: Edwin H., who lives at Woodstock; Dr. Merritt

Thompson, who was a prominent physician of Chicago; Frank G., who lives in California; George and Eugene, who are ice cream manufacturers of Chicago; Mary M., who is Mrs. Carr, of Idaho; and Herbert N.

Herbert N. Thompson attended the country schools of McHenry County. On December 17, 1874, he was married to Cora B. Carr, born in McHenry County, April 18, 1856, a daughter of Thomas Carr, a native of England. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson have five living children: Clifford, who lives in Wisconsin; Lester H., who lives in Montana; Fred E., who lives in Nebraska; Susie, who is the wife of Fred Charles, of Greenwood Township; and George L., who lives on the homestead. Another, Clyde, is deceased. Mr. Thompson's farm contains 240 acres, and he owns another farm east of his homestead that contains 103 acres. He raises full-blooded Hereford cattle and other fine stock, and carries on general farming. In politics he is a Republican. All of his life has been spent in McHenry County, and he naturally takes a deep interest in its progress, and not only is a successful man, but one who is highly respected as well.

HARRY C. THON, M. D.

Harry C. Thon, M. D., is one of the leading physicians and surgeons of McHenry County, and is engaged in a general medical and surgical practice at Woodstock, where his abilities receive the appreciation due to a man of his skill and experience. He was born at Chicago, January 8, 1878, one of the three children born to Henry L. and Louisa (Glos) Thon. Henry L. Thon was born in Germany, but was brought to the United States at the age of three years. He was reared in this country, and after living in various places where he worked at his trade of cabinet-maker, he died at Lake Geneva, Wis., August 30, 1916.

Doctor Thon attended the public schools of Chicago, and completed the high school course. Resolving upon a medical career, he obtained his professional education at Bennett Medical College, from which he was graduated in 1899. Immediately thereafter he located at Woodstock, and here he has become very prominent. A strong Republican, he was elected city physician on his party ticket in 1916, and served for one year in that office, or until May, 1917. Professionally he maintains membership with the McHenry Medical Society, and the Illinois State Medical Society. Fraternally he belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Both as a man and physician Doctor Thon is very popular,

and he deserves all the more credit in that he has won his way in life through his own efforts.

WILLIAM I. TORBOSS.

William I. Torboss, dealer in shelf and heavy hardware, automobiles, automobile supplies, gasoline engines, pumps, buggies, wagons, farm machinery, stoves and furnaces, carries a stock of about \$5,000, and has the leading hardware store at Hebron. He was born at Milwaukee, Wis., March 28, 1859, a son of Isaac W. and Jane (Slocum) Torboss. Isaac W. Torboss was born in New York, but later came to Freeport, Ill., where he died in 1864, having been a manufacturer all his life. His widow survived him many years, dying in 1912. She bore him two children, but by a former marriage he had three children.

William I. Torboss was reared at Milwaukee, Wis., where he learned the trade of a tinner, and worked at it from the age of seventeen years until 1900, when he founded his present business. In addition to conducting his hardware business, Mr. Torboss acts as superintendent of the South Wisconsin electric plant.

On August 20, 1881, Mr. Torboss was married to Miss Elma V. Gould, a daughter of Dudley R. Gould and they have two children, namely: Jennie M., who is the wife of Edgar B. Troudy of Kenosha, Wis.; and William E., who also lives at Kenosha, Wis. In addition to owning his store, Mr. Torboss has a beautiful home at Lake Geneva. The family belong to the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Torboss is a Mason. Politically he is a Republican. Aggressive, hard-working and thrifty, Mr. Torboss has steadily advanced, and deserves the success which has attended his efforts.

FRANK N. TORRANCE.

Frank N. Torrance, secretary and treasurer of The Farmers' New Era Telephone Company of Hebron, is one of the aggressive business men of McHenry County. He was born at Avon, Lake County, Ill., June 18, 1865, a son of A. J. and Agnes (Thomson) Torrance. She was born in Ohio but in 1838 when but three years old, was brought west by her parents, George and Nancy Thomson, who settled in Lake

County, where he died at the age of seventy-seven years, and she at the age of sixty-five years. A. J. Torrance was born at Watkins, N. Y., and came to Illinois about 1852, after spending a year in California where he was engaged in mining. He brought with him \$5,000, and bought a farm at Volo, Lake County, but about 1866 came to McHenry County, and continued a resident of this region.

Frank N. Torrance was reared in McHenry County, and attended its schools, and when sixteen years of age began learning the tinner's trade, at which he worked for sixteen years, eight in McHenry County, and eight years at Genoa Jet., Wis., in connection with a hardware store. In 1897, he, G. W. Conn and G. W. Conn, Jr., organized the Bank of Hebron as a private institution, of which Frank N. Torrance was vice president. For the subsequent eleven years he devoted himself to this bank, having charge of it for five years, or until its re-organization. In 1908 he sold his interest, and became secretary and treasurer of The Farmers' New Era Telephone Company, organized in 1904, which now has 1,100 subscribers and four exchanges. Mr. Torrance has been on the board of directors since its organization, and he has been instrumental in securing its present prosperity. In conjunction with others, Mr. Torrance is interested in a syndicate farm at Roektown, Ill., and owns a farm near Crookston, Minn., which is a grain and dairy property. He owns a comfortable residence at Hebron.

On September 20, 1885, Mr. Torrance was married to Frances Conn, a daughter of G. W. Conn, and they have two children, namely: Hugh C., who is connected with the Moore Auto Company at Grand Forks, N. Dak.; and Bernice E., who married Alfred Gill of Lake Geneva, Wis. The service rendered by Mr. Torrance and his associates in giving the people of his region adequate telephone service can scarcely be over-estimated, and he holds the respect and confidence of all who know him.

GEORGE L. TORRANCE.

George L. Torrance, one of the prosperous farmers located five miles southwest of Woodstock in Seneca Township, was born at Volo, Lake County, Ill., July 19, 1849, a son of Gabriel D. and Samantha M. (Huson) Torrance, natives of New York state. George L. Torrance was reared on his father's farm, remaining at home until he was about

twenty years of age, at which time he came to the vicinity of Crystal Lake with his parents, and purchase was then made of a large tract of land on which he lived for fourteen years. Later removal was made to Ogle County, Ill. In the meanwhile George L. Torrance clerked for a year in a general store at Crystal Lake, and when his father bought 200 acres of land in Seneca Township, he went with him and spent a year on the farm. The father then retired and lived at Woodstock for five years, when he went into a drug business at Rochelle, Ill., with his son-in-law, and remained for three years. In the spring of 1891, he returned to Woodstock, and his health failing, lived with his son, George L., until his death, in August, 1899, when he was seventy-six years old. His widow survived him until February, 1918, when she died at the age of eighty-eight years. He had been assessor of Seneca Township, and held other township offices. His children were as follows: Frances S., who married J. H. Payne, M. D., of Volo, Lake County, Ill., they went to Kansas in 1871 and she died there in 1913, and he retired from active practice; George L., whose name heads this review; Floyd D., who is deceased; and Genevive L., who is Mrs. Edwin Allaben of Rochelle, Ill.

George L. Torrance changed about considerably during his younger days, and was in Kansas, at Woodstock, Crystal Lake, and on the farm. On January 20, 1891, he was married to Hettie D. Cox of Lawrence, Kan., who was born in Indiana in 1877, but losing her parents in childhood she was reared in an American family, and later went to Kansas where for several years she was a teacher in an Indian school at the Osage Agency in Indian Territory, now Pokesha, Okla. Since his marriage, Mr. Torrance has principally occupied himself with farming, a portion of the time living on other farms which he owned, but returning each time to his present one of 199 acres. His present residence has been rebuilt and is very comfortable, and in 1902 he built an addition to it. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Torrance are as follows: Frank C. and Lizzie S., both of whom are at home, the son being a partner with his father in the farming operations. The family is one of the most highly respected ones in Seneca Township, and Mr. Torrance deserves the success which has attended him.

HERMAN H. TREBES.

Herman H. Trebes, one of the leading farmers and stockmen of Union, is a man well and favorably known throughout McHenry County.

He was born in Germany, June 5, 1875, one of the five children of Godfrey Trebes. He was only a baby, when his parents came to the United States, and settled in Coral Township, where they became farmers upon an extensive scale. The father survives, but the mother died August 28, 1915.

Herman H. Trebes was reared in Coral Township, and attended its schools, and became a farmer from choice. His fine farm contains 120 acres of valuable land and is located in Seneca Township, and he also owns forty acres in Coral Township. In 1903 he branched out and began dealing in stock, and now does a business aggregating \$100,000 annually.

On June 26, 1907, Mr. Trebes was married to Miss Minnie Karsten, born December 11, 1885, a daughter of Frederick and Mary (Laatzi) Karsten of Seneca Township. Mr. and Mrs. Trebes have the following children: Harry E., who was born August 20, 1908; Esther A., who was born August 2, 1912; Wayne H., who was born August 18, 1916; and Bernice H., who was born August 6, 1918. Mr. Trebes is a Republican, he has been on the village board of Union since 1916, and a member of the school board since May, 1918, and since 1916 he has been township assessor. He and his wife are consistent members of the Lutheran church. Both as a private citizen and public official, Mr. Trebes has proven his worth as a man and he is held in the highest esteem by all who know him.

CAPT. CHARLES H. TRYON.

Capt. Charles H. Tryon, now deceased, was formerly one of the best known men in McHenry County, and for twenty years was county surveyor. His family is a pioneer one of this region. His death occurred in May, 1916, at Woodstock, where he had lived for several years. He was survived by his widow, Mrs. Elizabeth Tryon, and his two children, Jessie and Bela, the latter being now deceased, having passed away at the age of twenty-six years. Mrs. Tryon is a daughter of Daniel and Clarissa Downs of Lake Geneva, Wis., both of whom are now deceased.

Jessie Tryon was born on the old farm at Tryon Grove, March 13, 1849, and lived at home until her marriage, at the age of eighteen years, to George Trow, who was born at Bloomfield, near Lake Geneva, Wis., September 2, 1842, a son of Benjamin and Amelia Trow of Massachusetts, both of whom were graduated from Dartmouth College, and went on a

farm after their marriage. George Trow was employed on railroad work until his marriage, after which he devoted himself to farming. He was a very capable man and might have taken an active part in affairs had he so desired, but he preferred to use his strength and energy for his farm. He died on the old Downs farm about 1905, and his widow now lives at Hebron.

Mr. and Mrs. Trow had the following family: Maud, who is Mrs. Arthur Marrell, of Solon Mills; Nellie, who is the widow of Albert Evans, of Hebron; Wilnah, who is Mrs. Lewis Schroeder, of Ringwood; Clyde C., who operates a bakery at Hebron, owns the 160-acre farm inherited from his grandfather, Captain Tryon; Pearl, who is engaged in farming near Ringwood; Paul, who lives at Ringwood; Kirk Alfred, who died at the age of sixteen years; Edith Mabel, who married Louis Burger, died at the age of twenty-two and her husband when twenty-five; and six who died in infancy. Mrs. Trow has been a resident of Hebron since 1915, and is enjoying her ease, being entitled to it after many years of hard work. Having been so active for many years it is difficult for her to relinquish a hold on affairs, and she is taking part in the aggressive policy of the Congregational church, of which she is an efficient member.

The Tryon family is one of the best known ones in McHenry County, and its representatives are to be found in many walks of life, not only here but elsewhere in the state and country. The sound principles of life advocated and upheld by Captain Tryon are perpetuated by his descendants and connections, and his name is held in veneration by those who recognize that to him and those associated with him and influenced by him is due so much of the present prestige of McHenry County. He was influential also in raising a high standard of morality, and was a friend of the public schools and other improvements looking toward the advancement of the locality in which he had centered his interests. He was a county surveyor for twenty years.

CHARLES L. TRYON.

Charles L. Tryon, county superintendent of highways for McHenry County, affords in his person a striking example that public honors are not confined to one member of a family, for not only is he the efficient incumbent of one of the county offices, but his brother, George L. Tryon, is equally valuable to the county as county surveyor, and the paternal

greatuncle of these brothers, Captain Tryon, held the latter office for many years, doing some of the most important work in this line for McHenry County and its cities and villages. Charles L. Tryon was born in Elba, Neb., November 30, 1885, one of the five children born to Ira B. and Electra L. (Begun) Tryon, the former of whom for some years was a valued employe of the Western Union Telegraph Company, but is now associated with the Oliver Typewriter Company.

After attending the grammar and high schools of his native county, Charles L. Tryon also studied civil engineering at the University of Illinois, as did his brother, George L., and he followed his profession until he was appointed to his present office in September, 1913.

In 1913 Mr. Tryon was married to Miss Charlotte M. Blank, and they have one daughter, Charlotte T. Mr. and Mrs. Tryon belong to the Presbyterian Church. They reside at No. 511 Benton Street. In politics Mr. Tryon is a Republican. A conscientious and efficient man, he is giving universal satisfaction in his office, and his work stands as a monument to his skill and public spirit.

GEORGE L. TRYON.

George L. Tryon, county surveyor of McHenry County, is one of the rising young men of Woodstock, and belongs to an old and honored family of this locality. He was born in McHenry County, March 1, 1891, one of five children born to his parents, Ira B. and Electra L. (Begun) Tryon. When he was a young man Ira B. Tryon learned the trade of a telegrapher and followed it for some years, but he is now in the employ of the Oliver Typewriter Company.

George L. Tryon attended the grammar and high schools of McHenry County and studied civil engineering and surveying, and after completing his course and secured his degree, has followed his profession ever since. In December, 1916, he was elected county surveyor of McHenry County, following in the footsteps of his paternal greatuncle, Captain Tryon, who for many years served McHenry County in the same office, surveying and laying out many of the cities and villages of this locality.

In 1916 Mr. Tryon was married to Miss Vivian D. Howell, a daughter of Hiram Howell, and they have one daughter, Vivian M. Mr. and Mrs. Tryon belong to the Methodist Episcopal Church. They reside at No. 201 Fremont Street, Woodstock. In politics he is a Republican.

EDWARD G. TURNER.

Edward G. Turner, proprietor of the Hazel Ridge Farm of Richmond Township, is located one mile north of Spring Grove on a very valuable property. He was born on his farm in a house that stood on the site of his present residence, April 1, 1862, a son of George E. and Janette (Adams) Turner, and grandson of William Turner, who died at Detroit, Mich. The children of William Turner were as follows: George E., Robert, John, William and Leighton who all came to Illinois, and for some time conducted a livery stable. Later William, Robert and George E. Turner came to McHenry County, and all located in Richmond Township, where they died. Another brother, Charles, remained at Detroit, Mich., while the only sister, Mary, who is Mrs. Collins, lives at Chicago, where Leighton Turner also continued to reside.

After 1840, George E. Turner continued to reside on his farm which is now occupied by his son, Edward G. He built a portion of the present house, that part of brick, about 1857 or 1858. George E. Turner was married to Sarah A. Reed of Richmond Township, who died leaving five children, namely: Sarah, who is the widow of James A. Robbins, lives at Elgin, Ill.; John, who died in middle life in Kansas where he had gone after attaining his majority; Mary, who married Thomas Wright, died in Kansas; Libbie, who is a Mrs. Smith, a widow, lives at Elgin, Ill.; and Isadora, who is Mrs. D. W. Lichty of Woodstock. About 1860, Mr. Turner was married (second) to Janette Adams, a daughter of Andrew Adams of Chicago, and she died February 12, 1904, in Burton Township, having spent her last years with her children, who are: James H., who is a retired farmer of Hebron; Clara E., who is the widow of R. Johomott of Antioch, Ill.; Edward G., whose name heads this review; Cora B. who married J. B. Richardson of Richmond, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work; and Ida J., who married Robert Wallace, died when about thirty.

Edward G. Turner remained at home until his marriage, having had charge of the farm from the time he was seventeen. On January 6, 1887, he was united in marriage with Edith Moore, a daughter of William and Eliza (Gawne) Moore, who died, March 1, 1910 and July 24, 1910, respectively. Mrs. Turner was born at Solon Mills and was twenty-four years old at the time of her marriage. Four years after his marriage Edward G. Turner bought the homestead, later adding eighty acres, so that he now has 240 acres. Since owning it he has rebuilt the house, erected a barn in 1911, which is a model one, 38x11 feet,

the finest in the county, and two silos. He has made dairying a specialty and keeps twenty-five cows of thoroughbred Holstein strain, which he has handled for the past fourteen years, breeding them himself. During his mother's lifetime he bred full-blooded Merino sheep which were exhibited at the county fairs, but of late years has confined himself to cattle. Politically he is a Republican, and does not seek any office. He and his wife have one daughter, Hazel May, who after being graduated from the Richmond High School, is now taking a course at the University of Illinois. Mr. Turner is a Woodman. The family belong to the Methodist church, and Mrs. Turner is active in the clubs connected with her church and community. There are few people in this region who are held in higher respect than Mr. and Mrs. Turner and they deserve this appreciation from their community, for they have earned it.

HENRY M. TURNER.

Henry M. Turner, supervisor of Hebron Township, and one of the leading farmers of McHenry County, owns and operates a very valuable farm in this township. He was born in Hebron Township, September 8, 1857, one of the three children of George and Helen (Ehle) Turner. George Turner was born at Buffalo, N. Y., in 1823, and came to Geneva, Wis., in 1842, and in 1851, to Hebron Township, becoming, in time, a farmer. He died here in March, 1910. The mother was born in New York, and came to McHenry County in 1829. She died April 13, 1896.

Henry M. Turner followed his father's footsteps and became a farmer, and has found this calling so profitable that he has always followed it. He now owns 143 acres of choice farm land in Hebron Township, and forty acres of land in Wisconsin. In 1882 Mr. Turner was united in marriage with Miss Marie Ledger of Wisconsin, who died in 1886. Mr. Turner was married (second) to Miss Molly Rodawig, a daughter of William Rodawig of Saybrook, Ill. Mr. and Mrs. Turner have two children: Jessie R. and Ruth Marie. Politically a strong Republican, Mr. Turner has been very active in local matters, and for nine years served as road commissioner. In 1898 he was elected supervisor of Hebron Township, and is now chairman of the county board. During the many years he has served on this board, he has seen some of the best improvements put in, and the county owes much to his untiring industry and public spirit in inaugurating and carrying them

to a successful completion. Mr. Turner and his family belong to the Presbyterian church. A Mason, Mr. Turner belongs to Hebron Lodge, A. F. & A. M., No. 604. Mr. and Mrs. Turner are both members of the Eastern Star. Measured by the standards of good citizenship, Mr. Turner has proved to be a valuable man to his community.

JAMES HENRY TURNER.

James Henry Turner, proprietor of the Florentine Farm, is now living retired at Hebron, after years of usefulness as an agriculturalist. He was born on a farm in Richmond Township, March 16, 1857, eldest son of his father's family by his second marriage. His father, George E. Turner, was married (second) to Jeanette Adams, who induced him to add a middle name in order to distinguish him from another George Turner. A sketch of the Turner family is found elsewhere in this work.

James Henry Turner remained on the farm, and attended the local schools. On April 26, 1881, he was married to Eva Ann Peacock, of Burton Township, a neighbor and schoolmate, a daughter of William and Mary Ann (Richardson) Peacock, both of whom are now deceased. They were pioneers of Burton Township, and he served his country as a soldier during the Civil War.

At the time of his marriage James Henry Turner rented land near his father's farm for five years, and then, in 1886, bought 260 acres four miles southeast of Hebron, in Hebron Township, which was a part of the Robert Stewart farm of 900 acres, on which were buildings that he enlarged. In 1903 he sold that farm and bought 120 acres one and one-half miles west of Hebron, which he still owns and which is operated by his son-in-law, as the Florentine Farm. Mr. Turner retired to Hebron in 1917. This is a dairy farm and has a modern barn 44 x 110 feet, with 22 foot posts, all the stabling being done in the basement.

Mr. Turner belongs to the Odd Fellows and has represented the local lodge at the Grand Lodge, and he is also a member of Hebron Camp, M. W. A. His daughters belong to the Daughters of Rebecca. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Turner are as follows: Ethel May Turner, is the wife of Arthur D. Cornue, an extensive breeder of Holstein cattle. Their son, James H. Cornue, although only eleven years old, is also interested in cattle and has begun to invest in this line of business. Clara Louise Turner, the second child in the Turner family, married G.

A. Larson, who is with the Oliver Typewriter Company at Woodstock. Evelyn Isabel Turner married Frank Rehorst of Hebron Township, and lives on her father's farm. George Alvin Turner is with the Woodstock Typewriter Company. Florence Irene Turner is at home. Mr. Turner is well acquainted over Illinois and Wisconsin, and has traveled extensively in these two states in behalf of the State and McHenry County Farmers Associations. He took the short course in animal husbandry in the University of Wisconsin, and he keeps himself well posted on such matters. He has served on the executive committee of the county fair and as superintendent of the horse and cattle departments and also of the horticultural display, having missed scarcely any of the exhibitions, to which he was an exhibitor along horticultural lines, and his wife of her culinary skill. Mr. Turner has been very active in promoting the Farm Bureau or Soil Improvement Association in the county, and has been on its executive committee. In the absence of the farm advisor he has been called upon to handle the affairs of the organization at the county seat, and would be in the office for weeks at a time. Mr. Turner and George Hunt have gathered together a collection of 102 samples of the woods of McHenry County, together with hundreds of other samples of the county's products, which they have exhibited at various fairs. This movement now has the support of the board of supervisors, as it should have, as it is a wonderful collection and demonstrates the remarkable resources of McHenry County. Mr. Turner, with H. B. Begun, established the Hebron Tribune in 1890 and was so associated for two years, when he sold his interest to Mr. Begun. Mr. Turner is unquestionably one of the representative men of the county.

GEORGE L. TUTTLE.

George L. Tuttle, manager of the Borden Dairy Company at Woodstock, has long been recognized as one of the leading business men of this part of McHenry County. He was born in Wisconsin, January 8, 1877, one of the three children of his parents, Chester L. and Susan L. (Reser) Tuttle. Chester L. Tuttle was born in Wisconsin, where he still resides, both he and his wife surviving. They were farming people, but are now retired and live at Clinton Junction, Wis.

George L. Tuttle attended the local common and high schools, and was engaged in school teaching in both Wisconsin and Illinois until 1899,

when he went into business for himself at Clinton, Wis., selling his interests in 1905 to enter upon the duties of his present position. The Woodstock plant has a capacity of 60,000 pounds of milk daily, and its affairs are in a prosperous condition.

In 1900 Mr. Tuttle was married to Miss Eunice N. Ellsworth, daughter of Jerome Ellsworth, of Boone County, Ill. Mr. and Mrs. Tuttle have three children, namely: Kenneth B., Winifield J. and Catherine B. The family are Christian Scientists. Fraternally Mr. Tuttle belongs to Hebron Lodge No. 604, A. F. & A. M., and he also belongs to the Mystic Workers of the World. A man of unusual ability, he has devoted himself to the expansion of his business and has fairly earned his present prosperity.

ROBERT C. UECKE.

Robert C. Uecke, proprietor of the Harvard Evergreen Nursery, and one of the highly esteemed men of McHenry County, has won his place in his community through his own efforts. He is a man of unusual capabilities, and deserves the credit for building up so excellent a reputation for service and reliability. He was born at Lake Mills, Wis., February 19, 1860, his parents having come to the United States from Germany, and settled in Wisconsin about 1846.

In young manhood, Robert C. Uecke worked for his brother, a nurseryman, and learned the growing of evergreens. He established a business of growing evergreens at Seymour, Wis., and then, in 1892, came to Harvard and bought twelve acres of land. Beginning his business in a small way, he has built it up to large proportions, and markets his product all over the United States, selling at wholesale to other nurseries and at retail through the mail. He is a specialist at starting plants and developing them into hardy specimens almost certain to flourish. His reputation is well established with landscape architects, with whom he does a large wholesale business. Growing about twenty-five distinct varieties of evergreens, almost all of his stock comes from imported seeds, gathered principally in Switzerland. Mr. Uecke devotes his attention solely to the growing of evergreens, and is perhaps the best known man in his line in the country. For some years he has been a trustee of the Delos F. Diggins Library Board of Harvard, and is now its president. For five years he was superintendent of the Sunday School

of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Harvard, the largest Sunday school in McHenry County. While always exercising his right as a citizen, and giving his vote and support to the candidates of the Republican party, Mr. Uecke is in no sense a politician.

In 1897 Mr. Uecke was married to Mrs. Kate Thompson of Durham Township. She died May 10, 1908.

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LEON W. VIALL.

Leon W. Viall, D. D. S., one of the best-known and most skilled dental surgeons of McHenry County, is carrying on a general practice in his profession at Crystal Lake, with offices over the United States Bank of that city. He was born in Wisconsin, December 10, 1878, a son of William H. and Marie (Silvernail) Viall. William H. Viall, was born in New York state, where he learned the trade of a painter. He is still living, but his wife died in 1900. They had two children.

Doctor Viall attended the common and high schools of Chicago, and then was graduated from the Chicago Dental College in 1905, immediately afterwards locating at Stevens, Ill., where he remained until 1912, when he came to Crystal Lake. Here he has built up a very desirable practice, and his offices are fitted with every modern appliance for his work.

In 1907 Doctor Viall was married to Miss Mabel L. Wedge, a daughter of Charles Wedge, and a member of a prominent Wisconsin family. Doctor Viall belongs to the Masons, Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias and Woodmen of the World. Although loyally giving his support to the candidates and policies of the Republican party, he has never cared to go upon the ticket, preferring to confine his activities to his profession. The family belong to the Methodist church. A skilled man in his profession, Doctor Viall naturally has firmly established himself in the confidence of the people of this section, but he has done more, for whenever occasion demands, he has proven himself a very desirable citizen in every respect.

ESBON VANDERKARR.

Esbon Vanderkarr, one of the best farmers in McHenry County, owns and operates a fine farm nine miles north of Woodstock, and four miles south of Hebron, in Hebron Township. He was born near Newark, in Wayne County, N. Y., July 22, 1850, a son of C. S. and Harriet Melissa Vanderkarr. C. S. Vanderkarr was born in the Mohawk Valley, N. Y., and traced his family back to Holland ancestry. In the spring of 1865, he came to McHenry County, and located on the farm now owned by his son, securing 560 acres of land originally covered with timber, and some low land, since drained and made very productive. It was formerly owned by the Stewart family, and had on it the present barn and another one used for sheep. At that time the Stewarts owned 2,000 acres of land, so this was but a portion of their holdings. C. S. Vanderkarr began dairying. His wife was a famous buttermaker and they shipped to Chicago and points in Wisconsin. At the time of the Chicago fire in 1871, they lost a large quantity of their butter which was held by Chicago commission men. Until 1875, when he died, C. S. Vanderkarr continued actively on the farm. He took a carload of hogs to Chicago in March of that year. There he took cold, complications set in, and he passed away on April 4, when about fifty-five years of age. His widow survived him for ten years, being over sixty when she died. They had only two children, namely: Esbon, whose name heads this review; and Nettie, who married James E. Stewart, son of John Stewart, formerly a farmer of McHenry County. James E. Stewart died at Hebron, having lost his wife in 1880, while she was still a young woman.

Esbon Vanderkarr has continued to reside on the farm since he was brought to it in boyhood. His house was built twenty years ago in a grove of beautiful maple trees, and his premises show that the owner takes great pride in them. The improvements are many, including a silo, and he keeps fifty cows, and has had more in his herd in former years. For some time he has been breeding imported Clydesdales and Percheron horses and also a few fine driving horses. In politics he is a Republican, and has served on the school board.

When he was forty years old, Mr. Vanderkarr was married to Anna C. Slavin, a daughter of Mathew Slavin, and a sister of Frank Slavin of Hebron, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work. Mr. and Mrs. Vanderkarr became the parents of the following children: Nettie, who is Mrs. Irvin Burger of Woodstock; Lyle, who is manager of the Syndicate Farm at Rockton, Ill.; William, who is at home; Nell, who is at home;

and Alice, who is attending high school. The children are well educated, the older ones, after having graduated from high school, became students at college. Mr. Vanderkarr has been active in securing the organization of the drainage district which has an open ditch with large tile extensions, his own assessment being over \$4,000, in addition to the large expense incurred by him in putting in many earloads of tile.

CHRIS F. VICK.

Chris F. Vick, junior member of the well-known hardware and plumbing firm of Fardy & Vick, is one of the progressive young men of Hebron, and its vicinity. He was born in Wisconsin, December 7, 1875, one of the eight children of John and Stamma (Price) Vick. John Vick was born in Germany, but came to the United States when a lad of twelve years, and located in Wisconsin where he still resides.

Chris F. Vick attended the common and high schools of his neighborhood, and then learned the trade of a carpenter, which he followed until 1916, when he and E. J. Fardy formed their present partnership. The firm carries on a general hardware and plumbing business, and their stock averages \$6,000. Mr. Fardy is a practical hardware and tin man, and the work of the repair department of this concern is excellent.

On October 6, 1903, Mr. Vick was united in marriage with Miss Jessie Schultz, a daughter of William Schultz. Mrs. Vick belongs to the Congregational church. He is a Republican, but has never had the leisure to take much part in politics. Fraternally he belongs to the Odd Fellows and Modern Woodmen of America. A live business man, Mr. Vick has made a success of his undertakings, and is justly held in high esteem by his associates.

HENRY VOGEL.

Henry Vogel, one of the prosperous farmers of Richmond Township, lives five miles southwest of Richmond, and was born on a part of his present farm, then in Hebron Township, August 24, 1872, a son of Henry and Marie (Hohenstein) Vogel. She was born in Hesse Darm-

stadt, Germany, and he at Frankfort, Germany, but they were married in this country, she being his second wife. His first wife was Mary Vanderhelt, whom he married in 1851. After his first marriage Henry Vogel, the elder, worked at Forksville, Lake County, Ill., near the present site of Volo, and then came to Richmond Township, and worked by the month until he bought the Barnard farm at Barnards Mills. There his wife died, and he was married in 1866 or 1867 to the mother of Henry Vogel, then the widow of George Hohenstein, who had six children, five of whom grew to maturity, namely: William, who lives in Hebron Township; Fred, who lives at Elgin, Ill.; George, who is at Woodstock; and Mrs. William Small and Betty, who are of New York city. Mr. and Mrs. Vogel had one son, Henry.

Henry Vogel remained on the farm until his father's death, although for some years prior to that, he had conducted it. In 1894 he was married to Sylvia Rehorst, a daughter of Henry and Mary (Kasken) Rehorst, born and reared two miles east of Richmond. Her father is deceased, but her mother survives and lives at Richmond. A sketch of Henry Rehorst appears elsewhere in this work. Since acquiring his farm Mr. Vogel has added 170 acres to it, forty acres of it lying in Hebron Township. He has erected his present buildings, and is constantly making improvements, his house being a cement veneer, which is conceded to be the most modern type of rural residence, and it is supplied with electric lights and all improvements of a city home. Several wells provided with motor pumps furnish the house and barns with an ample water supply. While he is quite extensively engaged in dairying, Mr. Vogel also keeps a flock of sheep and a drove of swine, and breeds from thoroughbred sires. His farm is well equipped with silos, and other modern appliances, and is a model one of the county.

A staunch Republican, Mr. Vogel has always given his party an earnest support, and has contributed toward the betterment of the roads of his township by serving as commissioner of them. Mr. and Mrs. Vogel became the parents of the following children: Evelyn M., who was graduated from the Richmond High School, is a student of the DeKalb Normal School; Howard, who was also graduated from the Richmond High School in 1919, was in the same class as his sister; Nellie V., who is attending the Richmond High School; Henry R.; Harold A.; Edith I. and William L., all of whom are at home. Mr. Vogel is a Mason, and his wife and daughter belong to the Eastern Star, Mrs. Vogel having belonged to it prior to her marriage, being eligible to membership because of her father's Masonic connections.

The Vogel farm, one of the really valuable properties in McHenry County, is well improved and conducted with skill and ability.

JOHN A. WAITE.

John A. Waite, now deceased, was one of the pioneer figures in the early days of Chemung Township, and a man of unusual high character and public spirit. He was born at Ellisburg, Jefferson County, N. Y., September 10, 1819, and died May 26, 1914. He was married to Mary Fitzgerald, born at Jay, N. Y., September 6, 1833, but reared in Pennsylvania. She was brought to Illinois in 1844, by her parents who located in Chemung Township, living there until claimed by death. Her father, William Fitzgerald, lived to be eighty years of age, but the mother, Harriet (Leach) Fitzgerald died of cholera about 1847. Mary Fitzgerald, who was next to the youngest in her father's family, and the last to die, passed away April 6, 1916. She and John A. Waite were married November 11, 1854, and they lived together sixty years. Both the Waites and Fitzgeralds came from Massachusetts, and representatives of these families were active in the American Revolution. The Waites are of English stock. John A. Waite and his brother came to Illinois in 1845, and carried between them as they walked twenty miles to the nearest station, a trunk containing their earthly possessions, which is still cherished in the Waite family, as is a cedar chest made by William Fitzgerald, who was a skilled cabinetmaker.

Some members of the Waite family have attained to distinction, there having been one of the name on the Supreme Court Bench of the United States. John A. Waite's brother William H., spent his life with him, and died at the age of eighty-eight years. He was the elder, having been born in 1812.

Soon after coming to McHenry County, the brothers formed a partnership with Warren Kizer and kept a general store, two miles from Sharon, before that place was founded. With the building of the railroad, business was drawn from the store and in 1860 John A. Waite came to the farm, comprising 205 acres of land, now occupied by Charles E. Waite. From then on John A. Waite devoted himself to developing his farm, clearing off the land, doing some ditching and building, and he carried on general farming and dairying, keeping from twenty to twenty-five cows, and making his own butter which he sold to customers in

Chicago, whom he retained for years. During the latter part of his life he was retired, as an accident disabled him. A strong Republican he was a leader in his party and held the office of a justice of the peace. While he did not belong to any religious organization, he used to attend service with his wife, who was a member of the Free Will Baptist church of Roscoe, Ill. These most excellent people lie side by side in the cemetery at Sharon. It would be difficult to find better people than they, earnest, upright and honorable, bringing up their children to be a credit to them and their community, and rendering aid to their neighbors when sickness or other misfortune came among them. So kindly and self-sacrificing a life did they lead that their names are held in loving remembrance by those who had the real honor of their friendship, and their descendants are proud of the fact that they can claim the distinction of springing from such worthy stock.

John A. Waite and his wife became the parents of the following children: Lora O., who lives on the homestead; Wilmoth, who is a grain dealer of Springfield, Ill.; Lucian J., who went to Colorado Springs, Colo., in search of health, returned home and died here when forty-two years old; Judge Edwin H., who lives at Woodstock; Elmer N., who is a buttermaker of Bangor, Wis.; Arthur G., who is an attorney at Big Sandy, Mont., was engaged in a legal practice at Elgin, Ill., for several years; Charles E., who is mentioned below; and Franklin S., who is a dental surgeon of Cumberland, Wis.

Charles E. Waite was born in the house he now occupies, November 23, 1868. For some years, like the other members of his family he attended the schools of Marengo and Elkhorn. In 1899 he took charge of the homestead, and since then has remodeled the buildings, put in other improvements, and carries on a general cattle and stock business, breeding and raising horses, hogs and Holstein cattle. Mr. Waite has never married, his sister keeping house for him. Like his father he is a Republican, and served as road commissioner for twelve years.

MIL0 M. WAKELEY.

Milo M. Wakeley, one of the retired residents of Harvard, was born in Chemung Township, two miles north of Harvard, January 1, 1858, a son of William and Johanna (Hunt) Wakeley, he born in Albany, N. Y. and she born in Erie County, N. Y., January 6, 1824, a daughter of

George A. and Elizabeth (Denning) Hunt, born September 8, 1791, and October 15, 1809, respectively.

Milo M. Wakeley's boyhood was spent at home, but when he was twenty-two years old he went to South Dakota and bought a tree claim in Brookings County, where he spent a year. He then returned to the old homestead, but three years later returned to his 320 acres in South Dakota, and remained seven years, building on his property a fine house, and one of the first of his three good barns, making it one of the best farms in the county. Once more he returned to McHenry County, and bought 145 acres of land in Hartland Township, two miles southeast of Harvard, and soon improved it into one of the best in the region, and here he carried on dairying, having a herd of twelve pure-bred Holstein cattle, all of which were registered. He used to hold annual sales and received for some of his cows over \$500. In 1919 he sold fifty head of calves which averaged over \$200 per head. Mr. Wakeley has exhibited at all of the county fairs, and his son, Leslie M., formerly his partner, is now continuing the business, Mr. Wakeley having retired to Harvard in October, 1918, where he owns a very pleasant home. He is a staunch Republican, and has been committeeman of his party.

On March 9, 1881, Mr. Wakeley was married to Lottie Smith, a daughter of Amos and Emily (Hames) Smith, born in Kenosha County, Wis., November 2, 1859. Her father, Amos Smith, was born in Madison County, N. Y., but moved in young manhood to Wheatland, Wis., and later to Kenosha County. His wife was the first white child born in Warren, Lake County, Ill., she coming into the world March 30, 1839. She was a daughter of Gleason and Laura Hames, natives of Haverhill, N. Y., who came to Lake County, Ill., when young, and were there married. Mrs. Wakeley's parents lived for years in Wisconsin, but died in Lake County, Ill. In 1861 the Smith family went overland with four horses as a part of a train to protect them from the Indians, and reached Sacramento, Cal., but returned to Illinois in 1865, and located on a farm one-half mile east of Harvard. Still later they went to Harvard, where she died in 1900, he surviving her until October 7, 1911. Mr. and Mrs. Smith had the following children: Lottie E.; Fred C., who is a well known retired business man of Harvard, and a member of the city council; Nettie L., who married Alexander E. Harper of Chicago; and Laura M., who is Mrs. E. G. Diggins, lives near Harvard. Mr. and Mrs. Wakeley have a son and daughter. The son, Leslie M., was born August 22, 1891, and was graduated from the Harvard High School, after which he attended the Illinois State University, and for

three years worked in the dairy and farm economics departments. Returning to the homestead, he went into partnership with his father and put to practical use the knowledge he had gained. He is a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and his parents also belong to this body. Fraternally the father belongs to the Modern Woodmen and his wife is a member of the Royal Neighbors.

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LOWELL A. WALKUP.

Lowell A. Walkup, one of the substantial agriculturalists of McHenry County, resides on his farm one mile west of Ridgefield, and he was born December 4, 1849, a son of William P. Walkup, and grandson of Christopher Walkup, the latter of whom was born in Greenbrier County, W. Va., in 1794, coming of an old Virginia family of Irish descent. William P. Walkup was born in the same county as his father, May 25, 1817, and accompanied his parents to McHenry County in 1835. On November 23, 1848, he was married to Miss Esther Louisa White, a daughter of Robert G. and Esther (Ormond) White, and they had the following children: Lowell A., Adda and Dora, deceased. William P. Walkup died January 28, 1906 and his wife died October 5, 1907, both being buried in the Ridgefield Cemetery.

Lowell A. Walkup attended the common schools, Dodd's Academy at Woodstock, and then for a year was a student at Beloit College, Wis. After his marriage, Mr. Walkup located on the Walkup homestead of 200 acres, which is devoted to grain and stock growing, special attention being paid to the production of milk. Mr. Walkup has one of the most valuable farms in this section. His residence was built in 1869 by his father, but has been all remodeled. The barn has a full basement arranged for dairying, and a silo is attached to it. In 1906 Lowell A. Walkup succeeded his father as township trustee and has held that office ever since, and he also succeeded his father as an elder of the Presbyterian church at Ridgefield, but formerly located on the Walkup farm.

On December 25, 1889, Mr. Walkup was married to Annie L. Morse, born at Painted Post, Steuben County, N. Y., May 23, 1856, a daughter of Dr. Floyd and Mary A. (Pierce) Morse. Doctor Morse was born in Yates County, N. Y., coming of an old Connecticut family, and after being very thoroughly trained in medicine, practiced at Bradford, and later Painted Post, N. Y., dying at the latter place when only thirty-three years old. His children were as follows: Emma, Benjamin R., Floyd H. and Annie L. Mr. and Mrs. Walkup became the parents of the following children: William Ralph, who was born January 28, 1891, married Ella Malahan, has a son, Lowell E.; Harold Morse, who was born July 28, 1893, married Helen Cretehen, and they have a daughter, Margaret J.; and Lowell Alfred, who was born August 31, 1895, died July 10, 1901.

Politically Mr. Walkup is a staunch Republican, inheriting his faith from his father who espoused the principles of that party when it was founded, having formerly been a Whig. Mrs. Walkup belongs to the Corning, N. Y. Chapter of the D. A. R., being eligible through her mother's two grandfathers, Stephen Corbin and Benjamin Pierce, the former of whom was present at the execution of Major Andre, the English spy, who was hung during the American Revolution. It would be difficult to find any family more representative of the best class of McHenry County people than the Walkup one, and its members individually stand very high in public esteem.

L. W. WALKUP.

L. W. Walkup, one of the widely-known and prominent farmers of McHenry County, belongs to a pioneer family of this region, and has lived on his present farm, section 32, Nunda Township, all of his life. He was born on this farm, which is just north of Crystal Lake, May 16, 1842, a son of John B. Walkup, who was born in Virginia in 1811, and a grandson of Christopher Walkup, also born in Virginia, of Scotch-Irish ancestry. Owing to the fact that he was not in sympathy with slavery, John B. Walkup left Virginia, and came to Illinois in 1835, settling in Dorr Township. He took up other lands and later gave them to his father. John B. Walkup was married to Mary White, who was born in North Carolina, a daughter of Robert White, and they had three children, namely: L. W., whose name heads this review; Emeline, who resides

with her brother; and Alfred, who was a missionary of the Congregational church, lost his life from exposure occasioned by shipwreck. He and several companions managed to escape in one of the ship's boats, but were adrift for twenty-one days without food and without water other than what they could catch when rain fell. He died soon after the party reached land. The grandfathers on both sides of the house served as justices of the peace.

L. W. Walkup has always been engaged in farming and has been very successful, his 240 acres of land showing the result of his care. He has always voted the Prohibition ticket, and several times has acted as chairman of his local committee. A man of high principles, he has always given his aid and support to uplift measures, and is much interested in the prospect of the ideals of his party being attained. Miss Walkup is a member of the Congregational church.

JAMES WALSH.

James Walsh, now living retired from active participation in farm work, is one of the substantial men and property owners of Hartland Township. He was born in County Kilkenny, Ireland, in March, 1832, and was there married to Ellen Weston, of the same county. As young people, in the fall of 1865, they came to the United States to join a brother at Chicago, three of the Walsh family having already come to this country, one of whom had served in the Confederate Army. For the first two years James Walsh worked as a laborer at Chicago, and then came to McHenry County and after working for farmers, rented land for some years. He then bought his present farm of 200 acres, three and one-half miles west of Woodstock, going heavily into debt to do so, but, with the help of his sons, he has cleared off all obligations. There was a house and barn upon it, but he has added to its improvements, making it a first-class property. He has built a silo, done some open ditching so that it is well drained. Indeed, the entire premises show that one who takes an interest in the place has charge of it. Dairying and hog raising are carried on, the herd averaging from twenty-four to thirty cows, and the milk is sold to the Hartland branch of the Bowman Creamery Company.

Mr. and Mrs. Walsh have the following children: John, Thomas, James, William, Edward; Ellen, who is Mrs. William Fleming, of Dorr

Township; and Mary, who is Mrs. Fred Ware, of Greenwood Township. Three of the sons, Thomas, William and Edward, operate the farm, and James owns a farm in the same vicinity. This is a great family to work as one. The family are all Democrats, and Thomas has been a member of the school board for six or seven years, and they are all members of St. Patrick's Catholic church at Hartland, which is three miles from their farm. Neither Mr. or Mrs. Walsh had any special opportunities for obtaining an education, but, being very intelligent, they have kept themselves well informed and are delightful people to meet. Mrs. Walsh is a remarkable woman. She has made so comfortable and happy a home for her family that her sons are loath to leave it, and she has ever proven herself a kind and helpful neighbor. In their upright lives her children reflect her teaching and example, and surely she is one whose offspring "rise up and call her blessed." There are not many families as united as this one, the sons working hard to clear off the indebtedness their father had to incur when he secured the farm of which they are all now so proud. Hard work, honest living up to all obligations, a conscientious carrying out of an exacting religious faith, these are some of the characteristics which mark the Walsh family, father and mother, sons and daughters, and their influence in their neighborhood can scarcely be overestimated.

MICHAEL F. WALSH.

Michael F. Walsh, editor of the Harvard Herald, and one of the leading men of McHenry County, was born in Hartland Township, McHenry County, January 17, 1867. He attended the common schools of his native county, and before he attained his majority he established the Harvard Herald, the first issue bearing the date of December 23, 1887. For the succeeding thirty-four years he has owned and edited the journal and its circulation is 2,200.

For sixteen years Mr. Walsh was postmaster at Harvard, and through that office and his paper has become known to probably every man, woman and child in McHenry County. Since May, 1917, he has been a member of the Illinois State Civil Service Commission, and during 1899 and 1900 he was president of the Illinois Press Association. For over thirty years he has been a member of the Illinois Press Association.

The Herald is a live, newsy journal, edited and conducted in the

interests of the people of McHenry County, and during the World War its stand on public matters was sound and intensely loyal, and it gave the administration's policies a generous support. In all of the drives the Harvard Herald did its full share in arousing the people to their duty in subscribing to their limit.

THOMAS J. WALSH.

Thomas J. Walsh, postmaster of McHenry, is one of the best-known men in McHenry County, and during the late war his patriotism was variously and effectively demonstrated. He was born in McHenry County, February 5, 1855, a son of William and Amelia (Payne) Walsh. William Walsh was born in Ireland, and learned the trade of harness-making. He came to the United States in 1851, landing in New York City, from whence he came to Chicago, and thence to McHenry County, where he died in 1892. He and his wife had seven children, of whom three survive.

Thomas J. Walsh attended the common and high schools of McHenry County, and his first efforts towards self-support were at milling. Later he was in an implement and carriage business, which he sold in 1904, and then, until August, 1915, he was in a life insurance business. At that time he was appointed postmaster of McHenry by President Wilson, and his selection met with universal satisfaction. Prior to that he had served as alderman and member of the school board, being elected on the Democratic ticket.

On September 10, 1877, Mr. Walsh was married to Miss Lola D. Bishop, a daughter of Richard Bishop, of McHenry County. Richard B. Walsh is their only child.

The Walsh family are Universalists. During the Liberty Loan drives Mr. Walsh and his son took an active part, and they and Mrs. Walsh have been influential in promulgating all kinds of war work.

ELMER D. WALTER.

Elmer D. Walter, one of the enterprising farmers and public-spirited residents of Chemung Township, is located four miles northwest of Har-

ward. He was born in Boone County, Ill., two miles south of Capron, January 17, 1865, a son of David and Jane (Eggleston) Walter, both natives of Erie County, N. Y., where they were married, and located on a farm near Lancaster. In 1863 they came direct to Boone County, Ill., and in the spring of 1865 located on the present farm of Elmer Walter. A brother, of David Walter, Jacob, had settled in McHenry County about five years previously, on a tract of land south of the one David later bought. Jacob Walter retired twenty-two years before his death, moved to Chemung, and there lived until he passed away in 1913, aged eighty-three years. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Refina Drudge, was also born in Erie County, and she survives now, being eighty-seven years old, although looking to be in the early sixties. She and her husband had a daughter, Sarah, who died in young womanhood.

Upon coming to McHenry County, David Walter bought twenty acres of land, all in the timber, and developed it into a farm, later adding forty acres. He was compelled to begin in a small way owing to the loss he sustained on the trip to McHenry County, which was made by boat. The boiler exploded, and the boat sank, bearing with it the household possessions and horses, so that they arrived in the county with but little. At first David Walter worked out by the day so as to earn sufficient money to get started. During the season he was with a threshing outfit, and when he bought a team, he engaged in hauling. On his farm he erected buildings and put in improvements, and had a fine little farm when he died in the village of Chemung, June 21, 1909, aged seventy-five years. His widow survived him only three weeks. They had been married fifty years, and she could not sustain his loss. David Walter was a member of the school, and highway commissioner for a time, and during the time he held that office he had promoted a movement to secure a road across the flat section between his birthplace and the village of Lawrence, which is now a completed highway, well built. He also inaugurated the grading of the roads in his township, and was a very public spirited man. Politically he was a Democrat.

Elmer Walter bought his uncle's farm of 165 acres, on which he keeps a tenant, he living on his father's homestead, carrying on dairying on both properties. He has erected a fine modern residence on the site of his father's original home, and a big barn, 32x70 feet, adapted for cows and horses. Of late years he has reduced his herd from thirty to twelve cows. He is not a breeder, only a feeder of cattle. His whole life has been spent on his farm, and he is very much interested in agricultural progress.

On February 17, 1897, Mr. Walter was married to Mabel Alderman,

a daughter of Albert James and Sarah Elizabeth (Barrows) Alderman, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work, who occupy the farm on the east of the Walter property. Mr. Alderman came to McHenry County in young manhood. Mr. and Mrs. Walter have the following children: Gladys Elizabeth, who is Mrs. Benjamin Nash, lives in the same neighborhood as her father; Harold Alderman, who is attending the Harvard High School; and Russell David, who is attending the local schools. Interested in the public schools, Mr. Walter has served on the school board, but otherwise has not entered public life. He is justly regarded as one of the leading farmers of his region, and his prosperity is well merited.

CHARLES WANDRACK.

Charles Wandrack, ex-sheriff of McHenry County, and one of the leading men of his locality, has given the people of this section a fearless and efficient administration that resulted in the cleaning up of undesirable conditions and the protection of the law abiding element. He was born at Chicago, November 6, 1856, a son of Joseph and Mary (Devort) Wandrack, who had four children. Joseph Wandrack was born in Austria, but came to the United States in 1855, and after a stay in Chicago, came to McHenry County in 1866, where he continued to reside until his death which occurred in 1878. His wife survived him many years, dying in 1914.

Charles Wandrack attended common school in Chicago and McHenry County, and has been a resident of this county since he was nine years old. As soon as old enough, he learned the trade of harness making from his father, who was engaged in that line of business, and worked at it until he was appointed deputy sheriff in 1902, under Sheriff M. W. Lake, and succeeded him as sheriff. In 1914, Mr. Wandrack was again elected to the office of sheriff, on the Republican ticket. On December 2, 1918, Roy Stewart was elected sheriff and Mr. Wandrack is now a deputy. He also served as food inspector, and was constable for sixteen years, and on the village board of Algonquin for many years, being its president for four terms.

In 1883 Mr. Wandrack was married to Miss Alba T. Argard of Eau Claire, Wis., a daughter of Martin Argard, and they have two children, namely: Laura M., who is librarian of the public library of Woodstock; and Martin J. The family all belong to the Congregational

church. Mr. Wandrack is a Mason and a member of the Woodmen of the World. A conscientious official, he is a terror to evil doers, for they know that he will enforce the law to the very letter, and yet no man can accuse him of injustice. During the many years he has been before the public, Mr. Wandrack has proven his worth, and the confidence that is felt in him is well founded.

SAMUEL READ WARD, M. D.

Samuel Read Ward, M. D., who is probably the most prominent, and certainly the most beloved of the older physicians of McHenry County, is living retired from active practice at Richmond. Doctor Ward was born in Jaffna, Ceylon, August 7, 1842, one of the three children of Dr. Nathan W. and Hannah Woodward (Clark) Ward. Dr. Nathan W. Ward was born in New Hampshire, November 21, 1801. After he entered upon his career as a physician, he went to India on a mission, and upon his return to the United States he located in Vermont, and continued in practice there for many years, but finally retired. His death occurred in 1860.

Dr. Samuel Read Ward attended the local schools of his native place, and was graduated from the University of Vermont in 1864, and in Medical Department of Georgetown University, Washington, D. C., in 1868, and visited for six months or more. In 1869 he went to Chicago, remaining there until 1874, when he came to McHenry County, and continued in active practice until 1916. He served as president of the village board of Richmond for three years; was on the school board for a period of twenty-two years, and was president of the board for several years. He has always been staunch in his support of the doctrines of the Republican party.

In 1871 Doctor Ward was married to Miss Anna Fisher, a daughter of Lucius G. Fisher, prominent in business circles of Chicago, but formerly of Beloit, Wis. Dr. and Mrs. Ward had six children, three of whom survive, namely: Caroline F., who is Mrs. Thane M. Blackman, of Whitewater, Wis.; Elizabeth C., who is at home; and Catherine, who is the wife of F. H. Stowell, of Glencoe, Ill. The family are all affiliated with the Congregational church. Doctor Ward belongs to Richmond Lodge No. 143, A. F. & A. M., and is connected with the county, state and national societies of his profession. During the many years he

ministered to the people of McHenry County, he endeared himself to them through his fidelity and skill, and no man is held in higher esteem than he.

WILLIAM H. WARD.

William H. Ward, one of the most extensive contractors of McHenry County, and supervisor of Chemung Township, is numbered among the representative residents of Harvard. He was born in Bradford County, Pa., in January, 1854, one of seven children of his parents, Daniel and Dimis M. (Allen) Ward. Daniel Ward was born in Massachusetts, later going to Pennsylvania, where he was engaged in farming and charcoal manufacture. On March 17, 1864, he came to McHenry County, and was engaged in farming from then on until his death, which occurred in April, 1882.

William H. Ward was reared principally in McHenry County, and attended its schools. In 1876 he began learning the trade of a carpenter, and gradually developed into a contractor. Among other important contracts he has executed are the Diggins library building of Harvard, and numerous city and country residences and the greater number of the business blocks of Harvard, to the number in all of thirty-five.

Mr. Ward was married to Miss Christine Wienke, a daughter of William Wienke, of McHenry County. They have two children, namely: Frank B., who was born March 20, 1882; and Allen D., who was born April 10, 1898. The family belong to the Presbyterian church. Mr. Ward belongs to Harvard Lodge No. 309, A. F. & A. M.; Harvard Chapter No. 91, R. A. M.; and Cavalry Commandery, K. T. He is also a member of the Modern Woodmen of America. Politically he is a staunch Republican, and has been supervisor of Chemung Township since 1907, and he served as alderman of Harvard from 1891 to 1898. An able business man, he has brought his knowledge of men and affairs to bear upon his conduct of public matters, and that he has given a wise administration is proven by his repeated re-elections to the same office.

ROY J. WARNER.

Roy J. Warner, who is engaged in a furniture and undertaking business at Crystal Lake, is one of the leading and most experienced

men in his line in McHenry County. He was born in McHenry County, May 11, 1869, one of the five children of Loring and Flora (Nicholson) Warner. After the death of his first wife, Loring Warner was married (second) to Emma Mueller. Loring Warner was also a native son of McHenry County, the family being one of the pioneer ones in this locality.

Roy J. Warner was reared in his native county, attending its schools, and in 1898 he was graduated from the Barnes Embalming School of Chicago. In 1903, he took the required examination and passed the requirements of the State Board of Health. In 1881, he had bought his present business from J. L. Conover, and since then has branched out, now having a fine establishment, and conducting funerals with proper dignity and ceremony.

Mr. Warner was married to Miss Anna M. Berkley, and they have two children, namely: Lottie R. and Leor C. The family belong to the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Warner is a Shriner Mason. In politics he is a Republican.

FRANK H. WATTLES.

Frank H. Wattles, one of the most extensive shippers of stock in McHenry County, has long been one of the leading business men of West McHenry, and a director of The West McHenry State Bank. He was born in McHenry County, June 6, 1862, a son of Homer and Elizabeth (Sherman) Wattles, who had two children, but Frank H. is the only survivor.

After attending the common and high schools of his native county, Frank H. Wattles became a farmer and still owns 800 acres of choice land in McHenry County. Gradually he developed into a shipper of stock, and for some years has devoted himself to this line of business. Since 1908 he has been associated with the West McHenry State Bank as a member of its board of directors.

On February 27, 1889, Mr. Wattles was united in marriage with Miss Etta Thomas, a daughter of Jules Thomas, and they have three children, namely: Myrtle, Howard and Glenn. A staunch Republican, Mr. Wattles has served West McHenry as mayor two terms, and his record in that office is a fine one. He and his family belong to the Presbyterian Church. As is but natural, Mr. Wattles is very well known throughout

the county, and his name stands for sterling business principles and fairness of dealing in every particular.

CARLTON WEBSTER.

Carlton Webster, a well-to-do farmer and prominent resident of Greenwood Township, owns and operates his farm on Section 10, as well as other farm land in the township. He was born in Winnebago County, Ill., in October, 1849, a son of Charles and Hannah (Austin) Webster, natives of Vermont. They came to Illinois and located in Winnebago County, where they were engaged in farming. Charles Webster died at Rockford, Ill., at the age of sixty-five years. He and his wife had children as follows: Hiram, who served as a soldier in the Union army during the Civil War; Isaac, who was also a Union soldier; Carlton; Porter; Delia; Ellen and Edna.

Carlton Webster was reared on his father's farm, and has always, himself, followed farming. After five years spent in the Dakotas and one year in Lake County, Ill., he located in McHenry County, and for a year lived in Richmond Township. He then bought his farm in Greenwood Township and has lived on it ever since.

On January 13, 1876, he was married to Emma O. Comstock, born in New York state, January 5, 1849. They have the following children: Austin; Gordon; Everett, who enlisted for service in the World's War; Paul; and Floy, who is the wife of J. B. Ellis of Roscoe, Wis. The homestead contains sixty-two acres, and Mr. Webster owns eighty acres additional, which he rents. He has always carried on general farming and has prospered at it. In politics he is a Republican. A man of wide experience, he knows how to do his work thoroughly and profitably, and his example is followed by many who seek to make their land yield the best there is in it.

HARRY WELBON.

Harry Welbon, manager of the Harry Welbon garage, and agent for the Ford cars, is one of the enterprising business men of Hebron, and one of the best known men in McHenry County. He was born September 10, 1874, one of the four children of Peter J. and Lottie

(Householder) Welbon. Peter J. Welbon was born in the state of New York, but later came to McHenry County, where he died in February, 1917, having been a farmer all of his mature years.

Harry Welbon attended the common and high schools of McHenry County, and was reared on his father's farm, himself engaging in farming until he embarked in his present business, when eighteen years old, although he still resides on the homestead farm of 145 acres of choice land in Hebron Township. Since 1913 he has been sole agent for the Ford cars in this neighborhood, and he also handles the Ford tractors. In 1917 he built the present garage at a cost of \$5,000, and his annual business aggregates about \$20,000.

On May 12, 1897, Mr. Welbon was married to Miss Katherine Hackett, a daughter of Abraham Hackett of Wisconsin, and they became the parents of six children, five of whom survive, namely: Verna, Leslie, deceased; Leona, Florence, Edna and John. The family all belong to the Methodist Episcopal church. In politics he is a Republican. His fraternal connections are with Hebron Lodge No. 604, A. F. & A. M., the Woodmen of the World, and Eastern Star, and Mrs. Welbon and the elder daughter also belong to the latter order. An excellent business man, Mr. Welbon has risen through his own efforts, and is justly regarded as one of the most representative men of this section.

WILLIAM J. WELCH.

William J. Welch, who has been serving as a justice of the peace, has been a member of the board of education and a director of the Fox River Valley State Bank of McHenry. He was born at McHenry in February, 1860, a son of John and Ellen (Quinn) Welch, both natives of County Kilkenny, Ireland, who came to the United States in 1856, and settled at McHenry. A farmer, John Welch obtained work as a farm hand for several years, and then bought a farm near Griswold Lake, in Nunda Township, five or six miles southeast of McHenry, where he lived and died. His farm comprised 160 acres of land, covered with stumps, and the house was an old and poor one. For some years much attention was devoted to getting out the stumps so that the land could be suitably cultivated, and in time a new house replaced the old one. John Welch died in 1884 at the age of sixty-eight years, his widow surviving him until 1900, when she died at the age of eighty-five years. Soon after

coming to this country, John Welch took out his naturalization papers, and thereafter supported the Democratic party. When St. Patrick's Catholic church was established, Mr. Welch was one of the original members and he continued a faithful member of it until his death. Distance made little difference to him when attending church was in question. If the weather permitted he went on foot, if not, he used his oxen.

William J. Welch remained at the old home until his father's death, at which time he bought out the other heirs. He enlarged the buildings, put up a silo, and made it a fine farm, exclusively a dairy one, and kept a herd of from thirty to thirty-five cows. Adding to his acreage, in 1912 he sold the old home farm on Griswold Lake. Later he bought the old Cleary homestead of 120 acres, on which he made his home until he sold it in 1918 for \$250 per acre, although he had only paid \$112 per acre for it, the increase being on account of the improvements he had made, including a silo and fine modern barn. This was one of the best farms in the neighborhood, and very valuable.

On June 24, 1885, Mr. Welch was married to Ella G. Powers, a daughter of Thomas and Mary (Foley) Powers, the former of whom was born in Kilkenny, Ireland, but came to the United States, and was married in Ohio soon after the close of the Civil War. Mr. Powers volunteered and served four years, or to the close of the war. For many years Mr. Powers was a resident of Richmond Township, but he and his wife both died in Nunda. Mr. and Mrs. Welch became the parents of the following children: May E., who married C. E. Martin, lives in Montana; Harriet, who is Mrs. William Dewey, of Newark, N. J.; Florence, who is Mrs. Glenn Robison of Crystal Lake; Frances, who married Dr. A. I. Froehlich, of McHenry; Mildred, who was graduated from the McHenry High School, attended Beloit College, and at present is attending Athens Ohio College; and Helen C., who is attending the McHenry High School. The family belong to St. Patrick's Catholic church, and Mildred is one of the members of the choir.

FRED A. WELTZIEN.

Fred A. Weltzien, one of the prominent business men of Huntley, is proprietor of a fine garage and repair and supply shop, and sole agent for the Ford automobile in his neighborhood. He was born in McHenry

County, July 9, 1869, one of four children born to John and Mary (Vogine) Weltzien. John Weltzien was born in Germany, but came to the United States and located in McHenry County, where he died.

Fred A. Weltzien attended the local schools and worked on his father's farm until 1898, when he engaged in the creamery business. In 1900 he went to Huntley and embarked in his present business, expanding it to meet the requirements of his trade. At present he carries a stock valued at \$2,500, and his garage building is worth \$8,000. In the conduct of his business he employs two men.

In September, 1905, Mr. Weltzien was married to Miss Elizabeth Garry, a daughter of Patrick Garry, and a member of a prominent family of McHenry County. Mrs. Weltzien is a member of the Catholic church. In politics he is a Republican, and for one term he served as alderman of Huntley. He is a Chapter Mason, and belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America. A first-class workman, he has known how to give a satisfactory service, and his garage is popular with automobilists who appreciate expert attention.

JOHN WELTZIEN.

John Weltzien, now deceased, was formerly one of the leading business men of Huntley, and one of the substantial residents of McHenry County. He was born in Mecklenburg, Germany, December 4, 1847, a son of Charles and Frederica (Schroeder) Weltzien. Charles Weltzien was born in Mecklenburg, Germany, November 21, 1819, and his father was a Russian soldier, who deserting from the army, located there. The marriage of Charles Weltzien occurred at Mecklenburg, and he and his wife continued to reside there until 1851, during which period he was overseer of a large farm, but in that year he, with his wife and son, John, came to the United States, and first settled at Barrington, Ill., Mr. Weltzien engaging in farm labor near Dundee. In 1860 he came to McHenry County, renting land near Huntley, but in 1867, he bought 160 acres of land northeast of the village, living on it until late in life, when he rented his farm, moved to Huntley, where he died on August 19, 1901, being then eighty-two years of age. The German Lutheran church of Huntley had his membership and generous support. In politics he was a Democrat. The children of Charles Weltzien were as follows: John, Mary, Charles, Fred, Sophia, Mina, Carrie and Frank.

John Weltzien was not ten years old when his parents brought him to the United States, and he completed his educational training, begun in Germany, in the American schools. He alternated attendance at the district schools with farm work until he was eighteen years old, and then engaged with a creamery owned by D. E. Wood of Huntley, two years later becoming a partner in the business, which he conducted very successfully for twenty-one years. In 1881 Mr. Weltzien bought 194 acres of land adjoining Huntley, which he later sold for city lots, when the limits of the municipality were extended to include his property. After selling his creamery in 1897, Mr. Weltzien erected a feed-mill and also dealt extensively in brick, tile, wood and coal, and he was very successful in all lines he entered. Mr. Weltzien died at his residence, November 1, 1913.

On August 1, 1869, Mr. Weltzien was married (first) to Alice E. Bowen, and they had the following children: Minnie, who is Mrs. Ed Keating of Huntley; Lottie, who died in 1912; Myrtle, who is the widow of Dr. William Markley of Belvidere, who died in 1918; Frank D., who resides at Elgin, Ill.; Grace, who married Lee Templeton, a painter of Woodstock; and Harriet, who is a court stenographer, lives at San Francisco, Cal. Mr. Weltzien was a Republican, and he served Grafton Township as supervisor for sixteen years, was on the village board for many years, for six of them being its president. The first Mrs. Weltzien was removed by death in 1902. On April 3, 1911, Mr. Weltzien was married (second) to Amelia Schaffner, a daughter of Philip and Louisa Schaffner, natives of Berlin, Germany, and England, who were married at London, England. Both were highly connected with families of importance. In 1857, soon after their marriage, they came to the United States, and after a year spent in New York City, came west to Chicago, where he conducted a bakery until the Chicago Fire in 1871, in which he lost about \$75,000. Soon afterwards Mr. Schaffner went on a farm near Elgin, Ill., and in 1871 bought a mill at Huntley. This mill was destroyed through an explosion of the engine that killed the engineer, William Benedict, and so shocked Mr. Schaffner that he never really recovered. He rebuilt the mill, later adding a planing mill, and while operating the latter suffered an injury which crippled his hand to the extent that he lost the use of it. He had always retained a love for his native land, making in all seven trips back to it prior to his last one, which he undertook in order to visit his aged father, then eighty years of age. While there he was taken so seriously ill, that death resulted in 1887, when he was only fifty-nine years old. His father

survived him although so many years his senior. Mr. Schaffner was a very well-educated man, special attention having been paid to his musical training, and his wife was also a musician. Fraternally he was a Mason. Mrs. Schaffner died October 10, 1910, when eighty years of age. They had two children, namely: Amelia, who is Mrs. Weltzien; and Anna, who is the widow of William F. Mead of Marengo.

SPENCER C. WERNHAM.

Spencer C. Wernham, M. D., one of the leading physicians and surgeons of McHenry County, is engaged in a general practice at Marengo. He was born in New York City September 21, 1846, one of the five children of James and Marguerite (McKenzie) Wernham. James Wernham was born in New York, and died in 1878.

Doctor Wernham attended the common and high schools and Cooper Institute of New York City, and then took a course at Rush Medical College, Chicago, from which he was graduated in the spring of 1874. Immediately thereafter, he located at Marengo, where he has since remained, building up a large and lucrative practice. He belongs to the county, state and national medical societies, and also to the American Association of Railroad Surgeons. At one time he was coroner of McHenry County, and he is now local surgeon for the Northwestern Railroad, and the Elgin and Belvidere Electric Railroad, having been with the former for twenty years, and the latter since its organization.

In 1872 Doctor Wernham was married to Miss Emma L. Titus, a daughter of William Titus, a pioneer of McHenry County, and they have the following children: Dr. James L., who is practicing in Wyoming; George, who is a traveling salesman, lives in Wisconsin; Emma W., who is the wife of Frank McCarthy, a lawyer of Elgin, Ill., and Spencer C., who lives at Marengo. Doctor Wernham and his family belong to the Presbyterian church. In politics he is a Republican. Fraternally he belongs to the Masons and Modern Woodmen of America. For some years he has been on the school board and has also served in the city council. A public-spirited man, he has given his community valuable service, and is justly numbered among the most representative men of this section.

HYDE WEST, M. D.

Hyde West, M. D., F. A. C. S., is numbered among the leading physicians and surgeons of McHenry County, and is now engaged in an active practice at Woodstock, his offices being in the State Bank Building. Doctor West was born at Louisville, Ky., May 16, 1885, one of the two children of his parents, Isaac and Bella (Marsh) West, natives of Pennsylvania and Mississippi.

Doctor West was reared in Virginia, and attended school, and was graduated from the Richmond College at Richmond, Va. Going to Iowa, he took up the study of medicine at the University of Iowa, and later became a student of Hahnemann Medical College of Chicago, from which he was graduated in 1911. Following his graduation he did hospital work in several of the Chicago hospitals, and having thus carefully prepared himself, he entered upon the practice of his profession, spending a year in general practice at Taylorville, Ill., and then settled at Woodstock, buying the practice of Dr. J. E. Guy, and also the Woodstock Hospital, which he operated until 1914 when he sold it to the Woodstock Public Hospital Association. Doctor West filled out the unexpired term of Doctor Guy as city health official. Professionally he belongs to the McHenry County Medical Society, the Illinois State Medical Society, the American Medical Association, the Illinois State Homeopathic Society, the American Institute of Homeopathy; and was secretary of the McHenry County Medical Society in 1917 and 1918, and its president in 1919. Doctor West was made a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons in October, 1921. At the sixty-third annual session of the Illinois Homeopathic Medical Association, held during the week of May 8-14, 1921, Dr. Hyde West of Woodstock was elected second vice president of the organization. Fraternally he maintains membership with St. Mark's Lodge No. 63, A. F. & A. M., Woodstock Chapter No. 36, R. A. M.; Calvary Commandery No. 25, K. T.; Woodstock Chapter No. 63, O. E. S.; and Woodstock Lodge No. 1043, B. P. O. E.

On September 9, 1912, Doctor West was married to Miss Ida May Wobig, of Clinton, Wis. Doctor and Mrs. West reside at No. 329 Dean Street, Woodstock. They belong to the First Baptist Church of Woodstock. Politically he is a Democrat. Thoroughly abreast of the times, Doctor West is generally recognized as an honor to his profession and community, and one of the most representative men of McHenry County.

MAHLON E. WETER.

Mahlon E. Weter, one of the highly respected citizens and retired farmers of Hebron, has long been recognized as being one of the representative men of McHenry County. He was born in New York state, January 14, 1837, one of five children born to his parents, Palmer and Jane (Palmer) Weter, natives of New York state, where the father was born in 1811. He died in 1901, having been a farmer all of his active life.

Mahlon E. Weter was reared on his father's farm in New York state, and attended the common schools of his neighborhood. In 1846 he came west to Wisconsin, and located in Hebron Township, on the line between Wisconsin and Illinois, where until 1901, he was engaged in farming. For fifteen years, he was also engaged in manufacturing butter, his plant being located on his farm. In 1901, he retired, moved to Hebron, and has since made it his place of residence.

On March 30, 1859, Mr. Weter was married to Miss Cordelia Mickle, a daughter of John and Polly (Nutt) Mickle. Mr. and Mrs. Weter became the parents of three sons and three daughters, namely: Emma, who married Howard Carneau; David, who married Minnie Brandow; Eva, who married Edward Ledger; Albert, who married Lottie Clawson; Palmer, who married Esther Swingle; and Alice, who is at home. The family all belong to the Presbyterian church. In politics Mr. Weter is a Republican, but he has not cared to enter public life. While engaged in farming, he was recognized as an expert in his line, and since living in retirement, he has proven his worth as a citizen by the interest he has taken in local affairs.

HENRY F. WHARTON.

Henry F. Wharton, cashier of the Bank of Ringwood, is also interested in the firm of Bradley & Wharton, proprietors of the Ringwood Garage and sole agents for the Crowelkart car. He was born at Edgewood, Ill., January 8, 1881, one of the eight children of Richard G. and Anna (Durre) Wharton, the former of whom is a practical engineer, and a resident of Woodstock, where he and his wife are held in high esteem.

Henry F. Wharton attended the common and high schools of Edgewood, and when he was seventeen years old, he began clerking for a merchant of his home town. After two years, he found employment

in the counting room of the Bank of Ringwood, where he remained for five years, going thence to Decatur, Ill., as assistant cashier of the Railway Exchange Bank. His next connection was with the Kleyemer Lumber Company of Bridgeport, Ill., as manager, and he continued there for three years, when he went to Gary, Ind., and spent three years as superintendent of the Illinois Lumber Company, leaving it to become manager of the Watson Lumber Company. Mr. Wharton left the last named concern to accept his present position in 1916. As before stated, he is in the automobile business as well, and also acts as secretary of the local Milk Association of Ringwood so that his time is pretty well occupied, but he finds opportunity to take an interest in politics as a loyal Democrat, serves the school board as clerk, and has been active in securing a new school building. He is a Mason and Modern Woodman.

Mr. Wharton was married to Miss Myrtle T. Berry, a daughter of Charles Berry, and they have one daughter, Doris, who was born May 9, 1909. Mr. and Mrs. Wharton belong to the Methodist Episcopal Church. They are very popular socially, and have many friends all over the county.

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HARRY E. WHISTON.

Harry E. Whiston, proprietor of the modern garage and machine shop at No. 126 Washington street, Woodstock, is recognized as one of the responsible young business men of McHenry County. He was born at Crystal Lake, Ill., August 7, 1889, a son of Frank E. and Lizzie M. (Wheeler) Whiston, who had three children, Charley P. and Harry E., of this county, and Myrtle A., of Dinuba, Cal. Frank E. Whiston for many years was engaged in farming in McHenry County, Ill., and on their ranch in Nottoway County, Va. Returning to McHenry County the latter part of 1905, he passed away here on January 31, 1916. His wife, Mrs. Lizzie M. Whiston, passed away at Dinuba, Cal., on May 31, 1919.

Harry E. Whiston attended the public schools at Ridgefield, Ill., and Blackstone, Va., and returned to McHenry County with his parents in 1905. He learned the trade of a mechanic and followed it until he

became an expert. For the past fourteen years he has been connected with his line of endeavor at Woodstock, and embarked in his present undertaking in 1915, enlarging his business in response to the demands of his patronage. He carries a large stock of supplies and tools, and gives employment to two men.

On June 26, 1912, Mr. Whiston was married to Miss Ida M. Giertz, a daughter of Fred Giertz. Mr. and Mrs. Whiston attend the Methodist Episcopal Church. His political convictions make him a Democrat, but aside from voting for the candidates of his party, he has not taken any part in public affairs. He belongs to the Loyal Order of Moose and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

FRANK WHITE.

Frank White, one of the best-known and most successful Holstein-cattle breeders of the country, is proprietor of the Groveland Stock Farm of Dorr Township, located two miles southeast of Woodstock. He was born in LaSalle County, Ill., August 11, 1863, a son of John White of Virginia, who came to Illinois by way of the Ohio and Illinois rivers as far as Varney, and then settled on a farm in Marshall County, on which there was a log cabin. Later he went to LaSalle County, where he died at the age of eighty-eight years.

Frank White was reared on the farm and attended the country schools. He naturally engaged in farming, having been brought up to that work, and after experimenting with other strains concluded that he obtained better results from the Holstein cattle, and buying his herd, he continued to breed and exhibited at the state fairs of Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri, Illinois, Ohio, Indiana, Tennessee, Kentucky, and the National Stock Shows at Chicago, and followed this business, taking many first class honors, and having over 750 ribbons in the four years of showing, besides two silver cups. His exhibits usually consisted of eighteen to twenty head. Although he disposed of his magnificent herd recently, he still owns the old show cow, Lady Ona Hildred, now nineteen years old, that was with every herd he showed. Her son, Groveland Inka Hildred is another famous Holstein, and with a sister, were first in thirty-two shows. The bull was finally sold in 1914, to Dickinson of Lake Geneva. In 1913 Mr. White exhibited at North Randall, Ohio, and the State Fair at Columbus, Ohio; the Indianapolis State Fair; the State Fair at Louisville, Ky.; the one at Memphis, Tenn.; the Illinois State Fair; the one at Waterloo, Iowa;

the Dairy Cattle Congress Show, and the National Dairy Show at Chicago, winning honors at each exhibit. In the four year old he took cash prizes amounting to \$15,000, and one of his cows passed through all these shows. Since 1913, he has continued his breeding and held annual sales, the last one having been held January 28, 1919, when he disposed of forty head, and this closed a partnership with his only son, which had continued for eight years.

The Groveland Stock Farm, comprising 306 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres was named for Groveland Township, LaSalle County, Ill. On it Mr. White erected a new house on another portion of the farm in addition to the original one. In addition to breeding his famous herd, Mr. White has also been interested in the breeding of Poland-China hogs.

Mr. White was married to Dora E. Yohe, and they have one child, Roy L. While Mr. White was occupied with showing his cattle, Mrs. White managed the farm and raised cattle. Roy L. White was in partnership with his father, but after the latter's retirement from the breeding of cattle, the young man went with the model farm known as the Orange Judd farm, owned by the Prairie Farmer, operating its dairy department. Still later he moved to Waterloo, Iowa, and is now in the employ of the Lowden Company. He married Detha Wade, and they have two children, Madeline and Robert L.

For three years Frank White served as a township supervisor while living in Iowa, but aside from that office, has not entered public life, preferring to work for his community as a private citizen. He holds membership in the Christian church. Woodstock Camp, M. W. A., with which he is affiliated, gives him fraternal association. His reputation as a breeder of Holstein cattle is national, and although he now purposes to lead a less active life, it is doubtful if he will ever lose interest in the exhibitions of stock, at which in the past his product received so many honors.

DELBERT A. WHITING.

Delbert A. Whiting, one of the prosperous agriculturalists of McHenry County, owns a finely developed farm in McHenry Township, two and one-half miles west of McHenry, and one and one-fourth miles south of Ringwood. He was born on the old Whiting farm, one-half mile west of his present property, October 30, 1850, a son of Freeman and Lucy (Smith) Whiting. Freeman Whiting was born January 8, 1822, and he died September 13, 1915, while his wife died September 26, 1912. Their children were as follows: Delbert A., whose name heads this review;

Laura L., who married Richard Thompson, lives in Nunda Township; Lillian C., who married C. W. Harrison, lives at North Crystal Lake; and Abbie, who is Mrs. Frank E. Martin, lives on the Oak Wood Farm of McHenry Township.

Delbert A. Whiting was reared on the homestead, and sent to the district schools. When he was twenty-four years old, he was married to Ellen Sutton, a daughter of Philip Sutton, also a native of McHenry County. For thirty years after his marriage, Mr. Whiting operated 360 acres of his father's original farm, and then purchased his present property, his sons assuming the operation of the Whiting place. When Freeman Whiting died, Delbert A. Whiting bought 160 acres of the old Smith farm at Smith's Corners, which is one of the finest in the county, and was originally prairie land. There is still a nice body of timber on the place. The home farm of Delbert A. Whiting comprises twenty acres, and its buildings were erected by a Mr. Bishop to whom the land was given by Freeman Whiting. All of them are large, modernized and adapted for their several purposes. Mr. Whiting has added a silo, and has everything in splendid condition. Since moving on this property he has taken things easier, leaving the management of his large farm to his son, Clarence. Mr. and Mrs. Whiting became the parents of the following children: William, who is at home; Edwin, who rents another portion of the old Smith farm that originally comprised 700 acres, but is now cut up into three farms, two of which are at Smith's Corners, three-quarters of a mile from Ringwood; Louis, who is a farmer of Colorado; Edith, who is Mrs. Edwin Hayes of Aberdeen, S. D.; Clarence, who is operating his father's large farm; Harold, who is connected with the Bowman Dairy Company at Ringwood; Annetta, who married P. N. Musser, an insurance agent at Elgin, Ill.; Raymond, who lives at Lake Geneva, Wis.; and Earl, who as a member of the infantry department of the National Army, was prepared for active service at Camp Gordon, but did not reach France on account of the signing of the Armistice; Mariam and Eleanor, both of whom are at home. A Republican in his political views, Delbert A. Whiting has never cared for public preferment, but has exerted his influence as a private citizen. Mrs. Whiting and the children are members of the Catholic church.

THOMAS WHITSON.

Thomas Whitson, who for a number of years was associated with the business life of Woodstock, is remembered as one of the leading

merchants of McHenry County, and a man who always took a prominent part in civic affairs. He was born on Long Island, N. Y., in 1831, and died at Woodstock, in October, 1881. He came of old American stock, his ancestors having settled in New Amsterdam, N. Y. long prior to the American Revolution, upon their arrival in this country to which they had fled from the Old World to escape religious persecution. The parents of Thomas Whitson, Joseph and Hannah (Smith) Whitson, had eight children.

In 1833 Thomas Whitson was married at Boston, Mass. to Hannah P. Boutelle, who died in January, 1882, leaving six children, namely: Mrs. Julia Thompson, Edwin, Emily, William H., Ida and George. Coming West in 1844, Mr. Whitson first located at Waukegan, but ten years later came to Woodstock, and established himself as a hardware merchant. This store was later conducted by his son Edwin, and became one of the most reliable in the county. Mr. Whitson owned a fine farm of eighty acres, and a beautiful home near the fair grounds. For several years he served as a member of the Woodstock City Council, and never lost his interest in local affairs.

WILLIAM H. WHITSON.

William H. Whitson, one of the oldest merchants of Woodstock, handles a full and complete line of hardware, and controls a trade that is very satisfactory. He was born at Woodstock, August 28, 1850, and is one of fourteen children born to Thomas and Hannah P. (Bonyten) Whitson. Thomas Whitson was born in the state of New York, and there he was reared and learned the trade of a tinsmith. In 1850 he came to McHenry County, locating at Woodstock, where he lived until his death in 1887. His wife died in 1882.

William H. Whitson was reared at Woodstock, and attended its excellent schools, being graduated from its high school. He learned the trade of a tinsmith from his father, and worked at it until he established his present business, which has been expanded until he carries a stock valued at \$8,000.

Mr. Whitson was married to Miss Mabel M. Richards, a daughter of Rudolph Richards of Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Whitson have two children, namely: Inez G., who is the wife of Edward Klam; and Edwin H., who has been connected for many years with the lithograph company of Murray & Co., although during the World War, he was in the service of

the United States government. A Republican, Mr. Whitson cast his first presidential vote for U. S. Grant in 1872. He served in the city council of Woodstock for six years, and has also been its fire marshal. For forty years he has been a Mason. A man of the highest personal integrity, Mr. Whitson is justly accounted one of the leading men of his community and county.

JOHN P. WICKHAM.

John P. Wickham, for many years one of the leading farmers of McHenry County and Wisconsin, is now living retired at Hebron. He was born August 2, 1856, a son of George Stephen and Fanny Wickham, the former of whom died in February, 1884, and the latter, March 18, 1919, at Rockford, Ill., where she had resided for twenty years. George Stephen Wickham entered a farm from the government in the extreme northeastern part of Alden Township, which has been sold. He and his wife were very active in the Methodist Episcopal church at Hebron, he being a class leader, and much interested in the progress of his church. It was his custom to take his family to church each Sunday and keep them within the range of his eye and sometimes his hand, for he did not tolerate any levity during religious services. His children were as follows: Hiram, who died at Seattle, Wash., in June, 1915, having been a resident of that city for several years; George Stephen, who is living retired at Walworth, Wis.; John P., whose name heads this review; Royal S., who is also living at Walworth, Wis.; Homer, who left McHenry County many years ago, died in New York City; Addie, who is the widow of F. B. Everett, lives at Columbus, Ohio; Charles A., who for ten years has lived at Rockford, Ill.; Fanny, who married R. W. Pool of Rockford, Ill., died in March, 1918; Joseph, who died at Walworth, Wis., in June, 1916; and Clinton, who died at Woodstock, in September, 1911.

John P. Wickham was married to Emma Ayers of Hebron, who died in April, 1882, leaving two children, namely: Flora A., who married Raymond F. Crane of Hebron, has one daughter, Cecil; and George, who died at the age of eleven years. On September 1, 1886, Mr. Wickham was married (second) to Hattie Pierce, a daughter of Lyman Pierce, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work. Mr. and Mrs. Wickham became the parents of one son and two daughters, namely: Clarence L., who died in 1918, aged twenty-nine years at Hebron, where he was a dealer in farm machinery, leaving a widow, Viola (Woods)

Wickham; and Marie, who is the wife of Howard Billings of Woodstock, an employe of the Oliver Typewriter Company; and Lulu A., who was a teacher in Hebron Township and village prior to her marriage to Thomas R. Silvius, in the city auditor's office at Los Angeles, Cal. Mr. Wickham's son Clarence was a Mason, and was buried by the Hebron Lodge with due ceremonies. John P. Wickham has followed farming for many years, but has maintained his home in the village. For several years he has been retired from the strenuous duties pertaining to agricultural life. He is a man who holds the confidence and respect of his associates. Fraternally he is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America.

ALBERT WILBRANDT.

Albert Wilbrandt, director of the Algonquin State Bank, and one of the most extensive shippers of live stock in McHenry County, owns 200 acres of choice land in Algonquin Township. He was born at Algonquin, February 22, 1867, a son of Christ and Mary (Gister) Wilbrandt. Christ Wilbrandt was born in Germany, but upon coming to the United States, he became naturalized, receiving his papers in 1865, and from then on, gave his adopted country a loyal service until his death which occurred at Algonquin in 1894. His wife passed away in 1890.

Albert Wilbrandt was reared on his father's farm, and attended the local schools. He learned the trade of a butcher, and followed it for many years, branching out into a stock dealer in later years. He does an annual business of \$50,000. Since 1915, he has been a director of the State Bank of Algonquin.

In 1892 Mr. Wilbrandt was married to Miss Mary Calbow, a daughter of John Calbow, prominent in the history of Algonquin, and they have the following children: Arthur, Bennie, Albert, Louis, Anna and Louisa. They belong to the Lutheran Church. In politics Mr. Wilbrandt is a Republican and he served seven terms as alderman of Algonquin. His lifelong residence in Algonquin Township makes him fully aware of the standing of its people, and he is able to serve his bank and his community very effectively because of this knowledge, and his own excellent business judgment.

WALTER H. WILBUR.

Walter H. Wilbur, president of the United State Bank of Crystal Lake, is one of the very prominent financiers of McHenry County, and a man who deserves the success which has been accorded him. He was born at Rockford, Iowa, July 25, 1876, one of the six children born to Dr. E. W. and Sarah D. (Hoy) Wilbur. Doctor Wilbur was a leading physician and surgeon of Rockford, Iowa, and continued in practice until his removal to the Southwest in 1892. His death occurred March 6, 1917, but his wife survives.

Walter H. Wilbur attended the schools of Rockford, Iowa, and went from the high school to the state normal school of Arizona, from which he was graduated. He then entered the financial field, and from the time he was twenty years old to the present date, has been connected with banks in an official capacity. In 1915, when the Citizens State Bank of Crystal Lake was re-organized, he became its cashier, and the year following, he was made vice president of United State Bank of Crystal Lake. In January, 1919, he was elected its president. His connection with this institution gives it added prominence and stability, for his ability as a financier is well known and appreciated.

In 1915 Mr. Wilbur was married to Miss Kate (Griswold) Irish. Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur belong to the Congregational church. Taking as he does an intelligent interest in public matters, Mr. Wilbur prefers to give his support to the men he deems best fitted for office, rather than be influenced by party affiliations.

JOHN QUINCY WILCOX.

John Quincy Wilcox, one of the highly esteemed farmers of Seneca Township, is now living on his homestead, retired from active participation in agricultural work. His farm, six miles west of Woodstock, is one of the finest in the township, comprising 216 acres of fertile land, and on it he has erected a new residence and a barn adapted for dairy purposes, there being thirty cows in his herd. The farm is now being operated by his sons, who follow the same line of work as their father. In addition to his homestead Mr. Wilcox owns another farm of small proportions, in Seneca Township, eighty acres of land in Wisconsin, ten acres in Florida, a city lot at Palatka, Fla., and 160 acres near

Langdon, N. D. His sons Arthur and Earl own 200 acres on sections 9 and 16, and they work this in connection with his homestead. He served as road commissioner for his township at a time when several bridges were built, remaining in this office for two terms. With the organization of the Progressive party, Mr. Wilcox supported its principles, and was a delegate to the convention of that party at Chicago. For the last quarter of a century he has affiliated with the Marengo Lodge, I. O. O. F.

The children born to John Quincy Wilcox and his wife are as follows: Jennie Arvilla, who is Mrs. Ira Adams of Belvidere, Ill., has had nine children, Bernice, Ernest, Floyd, Glenn, Aurilla, Alonzo, Wilson, and two who died in infancy; Charles Elston, who died at the age of twenty-three years and seventeen days; May Mertie, who died at the age of twenty years, eleven months and twenty-three days, was engaged in teaching school in Illinois; Mary Jeanette, who died in childhood; Emma Ann, who is the wife of William Redpath, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work; Arthur John, who is engaged in operating his father's homestead, married Mary Meyer, has no children; William, who is a minister of the Baptist church, has a charge at Jackson, Tenn., married Nellie Markee and their children are: Alta, Gladys, Erbie, John William, and Boise; Earl Warren, who is in partnership with his brother, Arthur John, in operating the homestead, married Mabel Riley, and their children are, Eleanor, Robert, and Eldridge; Alice Aurilla, who is Mrs. Orvis Markey of Seneca Township, has the following children, Lawrence, May, Melvin, Ivan, Lyle, Marian and Irwin; Lulman Arlow, who is conducting a small farm owned by his father in Seneca Township, married Abie Bebe, and they have three children, Harold, Dorothy and Floyd; and John Leslie, who died in infancy. Mrs. Wilcox died November 6, 1917, after over fifty years of married life. She was a devoted wife and mother, a kind neighbor and good, Christian woman, and her loss was felt by her community. Mr. and Mrs. Wilcox brought up their children to be very desirable citizens, and the name stands for integrity, uprightness and public-spirited action.

MAXWELL C. WILCOX.

Maxwell C. Wilcox, one of the most progressive farmers of Coral Township, owns 280 acres of finely improved land, a portion of which

was entered from the government by his grandfather, Chapin A. Wilcox, formerly of Coral Township. Chapin A. Wilcox was one of the pioneers of McHenry County, and a man of considerable importance in his day. He lived far into old age, dying January 16, 1904. His son, Emmett S. Wilcox, father of Maxwell C. Wilcox, was born August 27, 1858, and died March 15, 1902, having been a farmer of Coral Township and a substantial man.

Maxwell C. Wilcox was born in his present house, May 30, 1881, and has spent his entire life upon the farm he now owns, and after taking the country school courses, he became a student of the Marengo High School; and still later went through the Metropolitan Business College of Chicago. When his father died, Mr. Wilcox took charge of the farm, and buying out the other heirs, became its owner. This farm of 280 acres is one of the best in the township, 160 acres of it being his grandfather's original homestead. Since becoming its owner, Mr. Wilcox has put in a large amount of tile, thus reclaiming 100 acres originally low land and ponds. He has also cleared off the brush and grubbed out the stumps, and has every reason to be proud of his property. The house was built in 1882, and the barn in the seventies. About the house he has put a fine porch, with nine concrete posts, and has two driveways. The basement of the barn is all fitted up for stabling, and he has erected two silos. Mr. Wilcox keeps about fifty cows in his herd, all of a high-grade Holstein strain, and he also raises considerable grain.

CHARLES M. WILLARD.

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JOHN E. WILLIAMS.

John E. Williams, vice president of the Dairy State Bank of Marengo, is extensively interested in an insurance business at Huntley, and is also owner of a choice farm in Coral Township. He was born February 14, 1865, one of eight children born to William and Mary (Evans) Williams. William Williams was born September 30, 1833, and died January 30, 1890, his widow surviving him until August 1, 1916.

John E. Williams attended the common and high schools of his com-

munity, and completed his studies in an Aurora Business College. Having been reared on a farm, he understands farming thoroughly and his farm of 170 acres shows the results of his care and attention. For six years he was supervisor of his township, having been elected on the Republican ticket. In 1902, Mr. Williams was elected vice president of the Dairy State Bank of Marengo. For a number of years he has conducted an insurance business, representing four of the leading fire and tornado companies.

In 1890 Mr. Williams was married to Miss Elva Rugh, a daughter of Jesse Rugh of Coral Township. Mr. and Mrs. Williams have the following children: Roger W.; Ruth M., who is the wife of Harry Hilbert of Huntley; Ethel G., who has attained the degree of Master of Arts at the Northwestern University; Harold R., who is at home; Jennie E., who is engaged in teaching school; May M., who is attending the Huntley High School; and Roy C., Lucille, James E. and Philius, all of whom are at home. Mr. Williams and his family belong to the Congregational Church. They are deservedly popular and are numbered among the leading representatives of the best interests of McHenry County.

In January, 1920, Mr. Williams, together with his son and son-in-law, incorporated "The William Works, Inc." of Huntley, Ill.

CHARLES NEWCOMB WILLIS.

Charles Newcomb Willis, who was formerly one of the aggressive agriculturalists of McHenry County, is now living in retirement on his farm in Bull Valley, four and one-half miles east of Woodstock. He was born on the site of his present residence, October 25, 1846, a son of William N. and Mary (Hinard) Willis, the former of whom was born in Massachusetts, and was a school-teacher in the east. In 1845, accompanied by his widowed mother, he came to Illinois, and in the spring of 1846, was married in Ohio, bringing his bride to the farm he had bought in Greenwood Township. In this same township were located his sister, Eliza, wife of Orsamus Wilbur, their farm being two miles north of the Willis property. William N. Willis taught the first school of his vicinity, and his son, Charles N. received the greater part of his early education under his tuition. He also became deputy surveyor

of McHenry County, always continuing to reside on his farm in Bull Valley. This region derived its name from the fact that a Mr. McCollins here broke to the yoke five or six pairs of bulls, and used them as oxen. Becoming one of the best-known men in this part of the county, William N. Willis was made assessor and held that office for thirty years, and he was also a member of the school board, always giving the Republican party his hearty support. While not a member of any religious organization, he was a liberal supporter of several churches. Well-known in Masonry, he belonged to the Blue Lodge and Chapter, and was past master of the former when he died in 1896, aged seventy-five years, having been born November 18, 1819. His widow survived him for a few years.

Charles N. Willis is the only one of the children of William N. Willis left in McHenry County, and he has spent his entire life on his present farm of ninety-seven acres. There were eight children in the family of his parents, two dying in infancy, the others being: Mary A., who married Alamon Miller; Eliza A., who married Dr. H. McDiamond; Alice E., who married B. F. Ellsworth; Ehmer J.; Frankie G., who married L. E. Meger; Eva and Foneta, who are deceased; and Charles N., of whom we write. Charles N. Willis has in addition to his portion of the homestead, a small farm of thirty-four acres, and all of his property is devoted to general farming. He has also made numerous surveys, served as tax collector, been a promoter of improvements in the township, and is a Republican. The house on the old homestead was built by his father many years ago. Mr. Willis cherishes an old bible which his father brought with him in 1845, but lost in an accident on the Ohio River, in which the household goods were overturned and held in the ice all winter, but in the spring some of them were recovered, the bible among them.

In 1882 Mr. Willis was married to Hester Dufield, a daughter of James G. Dufield, and she died in February, 1916, leaving one son, Charles William, an employe of the Oliver Typewriter Company of Woodstock.

During the years he was occupied with farming Mr. Willis gained a knowledge of agricultural matters that is very valuable and those who appreciate the extent of his knowledge come to him for expert advice. Having always been connected with Greenwood Township he has had its interests at heart, and can be depended upon to give an effective support to all measures calculated to prove beneficial to it.

PROF. SANFORD WILSON.

Prof. Sanford Wilson, superintendent of the public schools of Hebron, and one of the leaders in the educational fields of this part of the state, is a man whose scholarly attainments have won him appreciation that is widespread. He was born in Wisconsin, November 13, 1885, one of the three children of his parents, George M. and Alice (Vangtress) Wilson. George M. Wilson was early in life an educator, and later became a farmer of Wisconsin.

Professor Wilson attended the common and high schools of his native place, and then took a four years' course at the Oshkosh State Normal of Wisconsin, and one year at the University of Wisconsin. In 1910 he began teaching school, and has been eminently successful, both in Wisconsin and Illinois, he coming to this state in 1911. In 1917 he was offered the superintendency of the Hebron schools, and accepting, has brought them up to a high standard of excellence, and his labors have met with deserved recognition.

In 1914 Professor Wilson was united in marriage with Miss Ethel Angus, a daughter of J. D. Angus, and a member of a prominent family of Wisconsin. Professor Wilson and his wife belong to the Presbyterian church. In politics he is a Democrat. His fraternal affiliations are with the Masonic order.

JAMES W. WINGATE.

James W. Wingate, vice president of the Home State Bank of Crystal Lake, owns a very fine farm of 550 acres in Nunda Township, McHenry County. He was born in New York, May 2, 1860, a son of Robert J. and Caroline (McDonald) Wingate, who had eight children, five of whom survive. Robert J. Wingate was born in New York, and in 1839, he came to McHenry County, locating in what was then Nunda but is now Crystal Lake, where he died on November 29, 1914. He was a farmer. His wife died on May 7, 1881.

James W. Wingate attended the public schools of New York and of McHenry County, and has always been interested in farming and dairying, but for some years has lived at Crystal Lake. Since 1916 he has been connected with the Home State Bank of Crystal Lake.

In 1880 Mr. Wingate was married to Miss Lillian A. Colby, who was born April 27, 1858 and died April 6, 1919. She was a daughter of Albert Colby of McHenry County. Mr. and Mrs. Wingate have five children, namely: Clyde A., Bertha L., Clifton V., Bermi O., and Ralph A. Mr. Wingate and his family belong to the Methodist Episcopal Church. In politics he is a Republican. Both as a farmer and banker Mr. Wingate has made his mark, and he is recognized as one of the most influential men and desirable citizens in this part of the state.

WILLIAM E. WIRE.

William E. Wire, cashier of the Bank of Hebron, belongs to one of the pioneer families of McHenry County, and is well known throughout this section both as a man and financier. He was born in McHenry County, March 27, 1858, one of the eight children of John and Bedelia (Brady) Wire. John Wire was associated with railroad work in the east. He died April 5, 1858, but his widow survived him many years, passing away February 9, 1907.

William E. Wire was reared in his native county and attended its common and high schools. For a number of years he was a teacher in the public schools, and in 1890 he was elected superintendent of the schools of McHenry County, being re-elected to that office until 1902, when he was made cashier of the Hebron Bank. This bank, established in 1897, has a capital stock of \$25,000, a surplus of \$50,000, and undivided profits of \$12,500.

In 1885 Mr. Wire was united in marriage with Miss Josephine Craine, a daughter of John M. Craine. Mr. and Mrs. Wire have one daughter, Winifred B. Mr. Wire is very prominent politically, and is now chairman of the Republican Central County Committee, was a member of the council for sixteen years, was city treasurer, and has been on the school board for many years. Fraternally he belongs to Hebron Lodge, A. F. & A. M., Harvard Chapter, R. A. M., Woodstock Commandery, K. T., Hebron Lodge, I. O. O. F., and is a member of the Woodmen and Mystic Workers of the World. His long connection with the bank has given him an insight into financial matters, and he is recognized as one of the leading men in his line in the county.

PLATT WINNE.

Platt Winne, now deceased, a representative of one of the pioneer families of Grafton Township, and one of its successful farmers, was born on the farm he subsequently owned, on section 34, about one mile southeast of Huntley, March 14, 1859. He was a son of James Winne, who has born in Montgomery County, N. Y., January 23, 1839, a son of James Winne, also a native of New York state. The Winne family is of Holland descent. James Winne, the younger, was married to Jane Conover, born in New York state. They had four children, namely: James, who lives at Lyons, Wis.; Jacob, who is deceased; Platt; and Arnold, who lives at Elgin, Ill. In 1843, James Winne came to McHenry County, and located in Grafton Township on 343 acres of land. For many years he was one of the leading farmers of his township. The Congregational Church had in him an earnest member.

Platt Winne attended the public schools of Grafton Township, and those of Huntley, and grew up on the farm. He was married to Elizabeth McNeeney, who was born at Huntley, a daughter of Patrick McNeeney. Mr. and Mrs. Winne became the parents of twelve children, namely: Jane, Florence, Marie, Irving, Ada, Harry, Mabel, Clarence and Platt, who are living, and Margaret who died at the age of seven years; and two, who died in infancy. Mr. Winne spent his life in Grafton Township, and was much interested in its development. He carried on general farming and dairying, milking seventy-five cows. In politics he was a Republican. The Congregational church had in him a member. A man of natural ability, he showed what he could do in the conduct of his fine property and his devotion to his community was unquestioned. His demise, which occurred at Waukegan, Ill., August 12, 1921, removed from his community one of its best citizens, and his passing was deeply deplored.

CHARLES F. WOODBURY.

Charles F. Woodbury, now deceased, was long recognized as one of the leading citizens of Hebron, and a director of the Bank of Hebron, was extensively interested in agricultural pursuits, and left behind him several choice farms in McHenry County. He was born in McHenry County, November 30, 1861, and died at Hebron, December 20, 1912. He was one of four children born to William H. and Allury (Barnes)

Woodbury, and the family is an old and honored one in this part of the state, where its members have done much to develop the farming interests. William H. Woodbury was a farmer for many years, and he died at Hebron.

Charles F. Woodbury was reared on his father's farm, and attended the local schools. As soon as he attained his majority, he began farming on his own account, and in time became the owner of 160 acres of land in Hebron Township, on which he lived for many years, and another farm of 100 acres in the same township, forty acres of land in Alden Township, and also 190 acres in Hebron Township.

On December 25, 1883, Mr. Woodbury was married to Miss Ella L. Fink, a daughter of Louis Fink, and one of the most prominent families of Alden Township. Mr. and Mrs. Woodbury became the parents of three children, namely: Walter H., who is operating the homestead, married Loulla Paul, and their children are, Charles, Clarence, Leona, Morris and Lurella; Nina M., who is Mrs. Frank C. Jones of St. Paul, Minn., has two children, Elaine and Herbert; and Edward, who died at the age of nine years. Mrs. Woodbury was made a director of the Bank of Hebron upon the death of Mr. Woodbury, succeeding him in that body. Mr. Woodbury was active in the Republican party in Hebron Township, but he never sought or would accept of office, preferring to work in its behalf, as a private citizen. Although some years have passed since his demise, Mr. Woodbury is still remembered as an upright, honorable gentleman and good citizen, and his community could ill spare one of his character.

WILLIAM CHAPIN WOODARD.

William Chapin Woodard, mayor of Marengo, is one of the substantial business men of his part of the county. Not only does he control The L. Woodard Pickle Company of Marengo, of which an extended mention is made in the chapter entitled Railroads and Industrial Enterprises, but he is a director of the Dairyman's State Bank of Marengo, and owns an 800-acre ranch at Sedgewick, Alberta, Canada, which is managed by his son, Allen B. Woodard.

Mr. Woodard was born at Marengo, April 30, 1867, a son of John S., and Julia S. Woodard, and grandson of E. G. Wood, who came to McHenry County at an early day and pre-empted the farm now owned

by George Bates. An uncle of Mayor Woodard, Loren Woodard, established the pickle business now owned by the Mayor, over forty years ago, and for twenty-two years the latter has been in this line of business, now having six pickle factories in Michigan and Illinois. In this connection he is chairman of the Growers' and Salters' Committee of the National Pickle Packers' Association, and is closely connected with the research work of Professor Doolittle, government plant pathologist.

During the first sixteen years of his life Mayor Woodard continued to reside at Marengo, where his father worked at his trade of a stone and brick mason. At the time he was sixteen, his uncle took him to Grand Traverse, Mich., and for two years he worked on a farm. Finding that he did not make enough at farming, the determined lad went into a lumber camp and worked there for two and one-half years for \$26 per month, and out of it saved enough to discharge the mortgage on the home farm. He then came back to Illinois and for a period of several years held a managerial position at Elgin. In March, 1899, he returned to Marengo and entered upon what was to be his life work, and since then has been connected with the pickle industry. He, his wife and son, Allen B., own the large business which has been principally developed by them from the initial factory established by Loren Woodard.

In September, 1892, Mayor Woodard was married at Elgin, Ill., to Mary Roden, of Elgin, Ill. Mayor and Mrs. Woodard have one son, Allen B. Woodard, who was born September 10, 1894. They own their handsome residence at 405 Prairie Street, Marengo, and other vacant property in the city.

Always a strong Republican, Mayor Woodard has long been one of the party leaders in city and county affairs, and was elected mayor of Marengo in 1921 by a gratifying majority. He is a member of the Community Club of Marengo. He has now served as president of the club five years. The Methodist Episcopal church has had him on its membership rolls, since 1903, and he belongs to its official board. High in Masonry, he was made a Mason at Elgin in 1882, and passed through the Blue Lodge, Chapter and Commandery in that same year, and he also belongs to the Eastern Star, of which he has been worthy patron. He has served the Blue Lodge as worshipful master, and the Chapter as high priest, and is very active in the Masonic bodies at Marengo. A practical man of large affairs, Mayor Woodard is capable of managing those of his home city efficiently and satisfactorily, while his deep sense

of civic responsibility urges him to secure for it further improvements and advantages. It is such men as Mayor Woodard who give prestige to their communities and act as a spur to others for whole-souled endeavor along all lines of progress.

DELOS M. WRIGHT.

Delos M. Wright, supervisor of Marengo Township, is one of the leading agriculturalists of his township, owning and operating a valuable farm of 163 acres. He was born in Jo Davies County, Ill., in March, 1866, a son of Columbus P. and Mary (Lyons) Wright. Columbus P. Wright was born at Columbus, Ohio, and in young manhood moved to Jo Davies County, Ill., and from thence in 1886 to McHenry County. He bought the Rogers farm of 323 acres, later the Burke farm of 120 acres, and still later another Rogers farm of 120 acres, and finally bought seventy-three acres known as the Vicker farm. Since 1914, he has lived with his son.

Delos M. Wright attended the common and high schools of his locality, and Valparaiso University. After some years spent in farming, he went to Elgin, and for three years was engaged in handling pianos, but then returned to his farm.

On September 22, 1897, Mr. Wright was married to Miss Melvina E. Anderson, a daughter of Edward Anderson. In politics Mr. Wright is a Republican, and he has served as supervisor of his township since 1907, and for thirteen years he has been on the school board, and during that period has been its chairman a portion of the time. For three years he was superintendent of the poor farm of the county. Mr. Wright is a Knight Templar Mason, and he also belongs to the Knights of Pythias. Mr. and Mrs. Wright are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. They are very well and favorably known throughout McHenry County, and deserve the popularity they enjoy.

GLENN E. WRIGHT, M. D.

Glenn E. Wright, M. D., one of the leading physicians and surgeons of Woodstock, is conveniently located in the Murphy Block. He was

born at Chicago, one of three children of James L. and Clara (Field) Wright. James L. Wright was a successful real-estate operator of Chicago.

Doctor Wright attended the grammar and high schools of Chicago. He then took a medical course at the Loyola University from which he was graduated in 1910. Following this, he studied medicine for two and one-half years in New York City hospitals, and returned to Chicago in 1913 where he became physician to the City of Chicago Contagious Disease Hospital and engaged in the practice of his profession there until 1917, when he came to Woodstock, where he has already won his place among the distinguished men of his calling in McHenry County. Professionally, he belongs to the McHenry County Medical Society, the Illinois State Medical Society, and the American Medical Association. His fraternal connections are with the Elks, Moose and Woodmen.

In 1912 Doctor Wright was married to Miss Anna V. Kelly, a daughter of William C. Kelly of New York City. Doctor and Mrs. Wright have two children, namely: Gilbert L. and Laura E. Doctor Wright is a Republican. A scholarly man, he has always increased his store of knowledge by reading and study, and is very well informed, not only on matters pertaining to his profession, but those relating to outside affairs, and his advice is often sought by those who appreciate his good judgment and range of information.

OMAR CLEMENT WRIGHT.

Omar Clement Wright, one of the aggressive and successful farmers of McHenry County, owns and operates a fine farm of well-cultivated land in Chemung Township, five miles west of Marengo. He was born at Morseville, Jo Davies County, Ill., January 4, 1874, the youngest son born in his father's family. He is a son of C. P. Wright, one of the pioneers of Marengo, and one of the best-known men of that region.

Omar C. Wright was reared on his father's homestead, and as soon as he was old enough to do so, he took charge of it, his father removing to another farm, and later going to Marengo, where he still lives. Omar C. Wright has been closely associated with his father in a number of agricultural ventures, and for a time lived on another of his father's farms, but in 1911 returned to the original one, that had been owned by the Poyer family. Here he owns and operates 315 acres, which

extends from the south side of the Kiswaukee River for a mile and a half to north of the River Road, eighty rods fronting on the River Road. In addition to farming, Mr. Wright buys and ships stock for the Chicago market, succeeding his father in this line of business. He feeds 150 hogs and keeps 100 head, and generally about 100 steers. The territory covered by him in his stock operations is a wide one, but he buys through Marengo, which is his principal shipping point. It is a practice of his to buy a large number of feeders at St. Paul, Minn., bring them to his farm, where he keeps them until they are thoroughly rested, and then ships them to Chicago. For the past eight years Mr. Wright has served on the school board.

On April 5, 1899, Mr. Wright was married to Agnes Anderson, a daughter of Edward and Florence (Olcott) Anderson. Mrs. Wright was reared in Chemung Township. Mr. and Mrs. Wright have four children, namely: Clark, June, DeLos and Florence. The family belong to the Presbyterian church at Marengo. Mr. Wright does not belong to any fraternities. His farm is a model one, and he keeps on making improvements. In addition to his own set of buildings, which were erected by the former owner, he has a nice tenant house and buildings, and keeps two tenants. As a farmer and citizen Mr. Wright measures up to the best standards and is doing his part to maintain the prestige of McHenry County as an agricultural center.

WILLIAM WRIGHT.

William Wright, one of the self-made men of McHenry County, has succeeded in accumulating some valuable acreage in Nunda Township, and also in firmly establishing himself in the confidence and respect of his neighborhood. He was born in Sheffield, England, July 30, 1868, a son of John and Mary (Green) Wright, natives of Yorkshire, England. John Wright, a brickmaker by trade, came to the United States in 1872, and lived at Lake View, Chicago, until 1877, during that period following his profession. Then he moved to McHenry County, and engaged in farming in Nunda Township, later buying a farm there. He and his wife had the following children: Thomas, John, William, George, Anna E., Eliza, Minnie, deceased and Mary E. The father of this family lived to be seventy-eight years old, but the mother died at the age of sixty years.

William Wright attended the schools of Chicago, and those of Nunda Township for a short period after coming to McHenry County. Early cast upon his own resources, he learned to be self-reliant, and has earned all he now possesses. After spending nine months in Nebraska, in 1892 and 1893, Mr. Wright returned to Nunda Township, and bought his present farm of ninety acres of land in 1909. Here he carries on general farming, and has made his property a very valuable one.

On June 23, 1897, Mr. Wright was married to Mary A. Neil, born in Indiana, August 25, 1870. They have four children, namely: William R., Marie E., George E. and Edwin C., who lives in Elgin. In politics Mr. Wright is a Republican. He belongs to the Odd Fellows and Mystic Workers of the World. A man of kindly impulses, he has always been a good neighbor, and his interest in the betterment of his community, makes him a desirable citizen.

WILLIAM C. ZANDER.

William C. Zander, one of the younger farmers of Nunda Township, owns his farm of forty acres, and is conducting it according to approved scientific methods. He was born at Elgin, Ill., August 1, 1878, and has always resided in Northern Illinois. He is a son of Charles and Minnie (Ernst) Zander, both of whom were born in Germany, but came to the United States when young, and became loyal Americans. Charles Zander is now deceased, but his widow still resides at the family home, No. 456 Addison street, Elgin, Ill. For many years he was connected with the Haiger Brick Company of Elgin. He and his wife had six children, three of whom survive, namely: Minnie, William C., and Mary.

William C. Zander attended the Elgin schools and worked in the Elgin National Watch factory until 1912, when he bought his present farm of forty acres, which was part of the M. V. Miller farm in Nunda Township. Since coming here, Mr. Zander has made many improvements, and is very successful in his work. He milks thirteen cows in his dairy.

Mr. Zander was married June 23, 1904, to Josephine Hunt, born at Ridgefield, Ill., January 24, 1884, a daughter of Riley Hunt, a farmer of McHenry County. In politics he is a Republican. Mr. and Mrs. Zander are both members of the English Lutheran church at Elgin, Ill.

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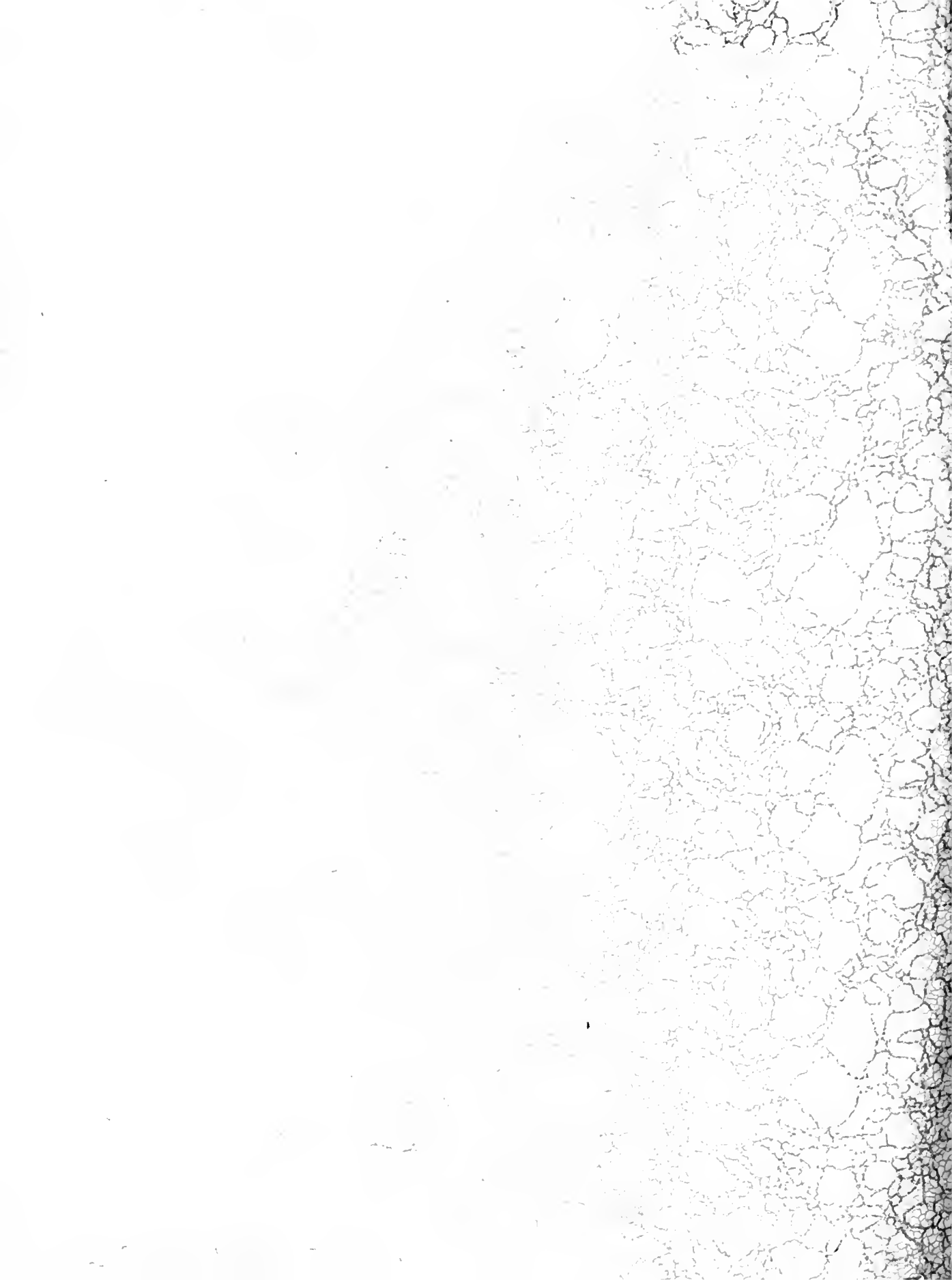
Antonio J. Zoia, senior member of the firm of Antonio J. Zoia and Sons, dealers in Scotch and American granite and Italian and American marble, is a well known artist in monuments and headstones, his work being ranked among the best in the country. He was born in Italy, July 18, 1857, one of the seven children, three of whom survive, born to his parents, Dominick and Mary (Barre) Zoia. Dominick Zoia was born in Switzerland, but went to Italy when a young man. He was a building contractor, and a prosperous man, who died in 1898, aged eighty-five years, and his wife died in 1895.

Antonio J. Zoia attended the public schools of his native land and learned the trade of a stone cutter prior to coming to the United States. After landing in New York City, he came west to La Crosse, Wis., and thence to Delavan Lake, where he remained for seven and one-half years. In 1897, he came to Woodstock, and the following year he embarked in business with J. J. Stafford, soon thereafter buying his interest, and continuing alone until he took his sons into the firm. This firm does a business ranging from \$15,000.00 to \$20,000.00 annually. On March 23, 1909, the people of McHenry County dedicated a monument to its soldiers and sailors, erected in the courthouse square at Woodstock, which was designed, and made by Mr. Zoia, and it is one of the best examples of his art and skill.

In 1892 Mr. Zoia was married to Miss Mary Spezia, a daughter of Antonio Spezia, also of Italy, who came to the United States some years after Mr. Zoia's arrival. Mr. and Mrs. Zoia have the following children: Charles D., who is associated with his father in business, is a veteran of the World War; Clyde J., who is in the law department of Notre Dame University; Eugene P., who is associated with his father in business; and Mary I., who is at home. Mr. Zoia belongs to the Knights of Columbus, Elks and Woodmen of the World. In politics he is a Republican. He and his family belong to St. Mary's Catholic church of Woodstock.



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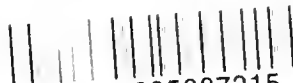
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