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store. Both are well equipped establishments and a liberal patronage is enjoyed in each.

In 1875, in Tonica, Mr. Thompson was united in marriage to Miss Julia Barrass, of Tonica, and they have three children: Roy, who looks after the drug business in Spring Valley; George, who has charge of the drug store in Depue and is a graduate of the Northwestern Pharmacy College; and Edna, at home. Mr. Thompson is a member of the Masonic lodge at Spring Valley and also of the Grand Army of the Republic and in his political views is a republican, active and influential in the ranks of the party. He was appointed postmaster of Spring Valley on the 1st of December, 1887, and has held the office continuously since. He is justly accounted one of the enterprising residents of the town in which he makes his home and his alert and enterprising spirit have been factors in its substantial improvement and political progress.

#### GEORGE D. BAUER.

George D. Bauer was born November 22, 1853, in Clarion township, and within the borders of that township he still lives, his time and energies being devoted to general agricultural pursuits. He owns and occupies a farm of two hundred and eighty acres, which he has brought under a high state of cultivation and the consensus of public opinion classes him with the representative agriculturists of his district. His parents were John H. and Condy (Miller) Bauer, both of whom were natives of Bremen, Germany. In the year of 1848 the father became a resident of Bureau county, Illinois, and here met and married Miss Miller, the wedding being celebrated in 1850. They became the parents of nine children: Thomas, Susan, George, Katie, Mary, Lucy, Barbara, Rosa and Phillip, and the last named died at the age of three years.

George D. Bauer obtained his education in district school No. 6 in Clarion township and in the periods of vacation worked at farm labor, so that he was well qualified by practical experience for the work which he undertook on attaining his majority. He is now the owner of two hundred and eighty acres of land, constituting a valuable farm and in its equipments and accessories it is modern and well improved.

In 1888 Mr. Bauer was married to Miss Marietta Mebergall, a daughter of John and Katie (Trautwein) Mebergall, both of whom were natives of Germany. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Bauer were six children: Louise, Clara, LeRoy, Florence, Howard and Nettie. In his political views Mr. Bauer is a republican and has served as supervisor for two terms, as town clerk for ten years, as road commissioner three years and as school trustee for six years. He belongs to the Modern Woodmen camp, No. 227, at La Moille,

and he and his wife are members of the German Evangelical church. He has led a life of activity and usefulness, his business methods, his public record and his private life alike conforming to the ethics which govern honorable manhood.

#### CHARLES EDWARD SISLER.

Charles Edward Sisler, who owns and operates a farm of eighty acres on section 13, Walnut township, was born in Wyandot township, this county, August 2, 1856. His parents were George W. and Mary (Whitmarsh) Sisler. The father's birth occurred in Lycoming, Pennsylvania, June 9, 1814, while the mother was born in Springfield, Massachusetts, June 15, 1825. George W. Sisler removed from the Keystone state to New York and became a resident of Bureau county, Illinois, in 1839, thus casting in his lot with the early settlers who reclaimed this region and planted the seeds of early civilization and development here. He died in 1890, having for several years survived his wife, who passed away February 1, 1882.

Charles Edward Sisler acquired his education in the district schools of this county, and was reared to manhood under the parental roof, where he was early trained to habits of industry, economy and perseverance, habits which have proved of the utmost value to him in his later business life. He has always been an energetic man, and has labored persistently and earnestly to gain a start and to win success as the years have gone by. He had no especial family or pecuniary advantages at the outset of his career, and he is now the owner of eighty acres of very rich and productive land on section 13, Walnut township, constituting a farm that is well improved.

On the 17th of November, 1881, Mr. Sisler was married to Miss Elizabeth B. Bredt, who was born January 5, 1858, a daughter of Dr. S. P. and Alzina (Powers) Bredt. Her father, who was born February 1, 1819, in Rochester, New York, passed away in this county, March 21, 1902, while his wife, who was born June 3, 1827, in Montpelier, Vermont, is now living in Princeton. Their daughter Elizabeth was educated in the public schools of Princeton and was graduated from the high school in the class of 1875. She remained at home until she gave her hand in marriage to Mr. Sisler. They became the parents of eleven children, of whom three are deceased. Those still living are: George S., born October 23, 1882; Lula P., March 23, 1886; Mark H., July 8, 1889; Guy B., February 27, 1891; Carl P., June 1, 1892; Clyde H., May 1, 1894; Alzina M., January 10, 1898, and Edna F., April 17, 1900.

Mr. Sisler votes with the democracy, but has never been a politician in the sense of office-seeking. He and his family are members of the Methodist Protestant church and are highly esteemed people in the community, the hospitality of their



home being greatly enjoyed by their many friends. Mr. Sisler is connected with the Modern Woodmen camp, No. 11, and also with garrison No. 161, of the Knights of the Globe. His friends and neighbors speak of him in terms of praise and commendation, and have naught to say that is not favorable concerning the family. Following their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Sisler began their domestic life in this county, where they lived upon a farm until 1881, when they removed to Lincoln, Nebraska. There they resided until 1902, when they returned to Bureau county and took up their abode in Walnut township, where they have since lived.

#### JOSEPH McCRAY.

Joseph McCray is now in possession of a beautiful farm which is the visible evidence of a well spent and active business life. He was born in the city of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, July 10, 1836, and his residence in Illinois dates from 1865. He was early left an orphan, being but two years of age at the time of his mother's death and he does not remember anything about his parents. He pursued his education in the schools of Philadelphia and of Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, and remained a resident of the east until after the Civil war. In response to his country's call for troops he enlisted in August, 1861, and served until the close of hostilities and participated in three engagements: Bermuda Hundred, the capture of Fort Steadman on the 25th of March, 1865, and the attack on the works of Petersburg on the 3d of April of the latter year. He had previously been a member of the state militia and assisted in capturing Morgan when he made his raid in Ohio.

Following his discharge from military service Mr. McCray came to Illinois and has since been a resident of Bureau county. Here he has so directed his labors that he is today the owner of a valuable farm property of one hundred and eighty-four acres. This is one of the garden spots of this section of the state. It is improved with excellent buildings and beautiful shade trees, which afford shelter from the hot rays of the summer sun. The fields have been placed under a high state of cultivation and have produced rich and abundant crops which, finding a ready sale upon the market, have made him one of the substantial agriculturists of the community.

On the 28th of March, 1860, Mr. McCray was united in marriage to Miss Hannah J. Baird, the wedding being celebrated in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, where occurred the birth of Mrs. McCray on the 6th of March, 1840. She was educated in the schools of that county and was a daughter of Charles and Martha (Stabler) Baird, who were likewise natives of the Keystone state. Her parents became residents of Illinois in 1865, settling in La Moille township, Bureau county,

where her father died at the advanced age of eighty-six years. Her mother is still living at the ripe old age of eighty-nine years. Mrs. McCray was the eldest of the seven children born unto Mr. and Mrs. Baird and by her marriage she has become the mother of twelve children: Charles B., born March 22, 1861; Hannah M., February 22, 1863; Sarah M., November 25, 1864; James L., September 13, 1866; Melissa J., September 10, 1868; John W., October 21, 1870; Ida M., August 10, 1872; Delsona, September 4, 1874; Frank, November 30, 1876; Albert, November 21, 1878; Scott A., May 17, 1881; and Gertrude L., August 30, 1887.

Mr. McCray belongs to the Grand Army of the Republic and thus maintains pleasant relations with the boys in blue, with whom he served upon the battle-fields of the south. In politics he has always been a staunch and stalwart republican since casting his first presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln in 1860. He voted the second time for the martyred president, at Bermuda Hundred, coming off picket duty for this purpose, and with his musket by his left side he deposited his ballot with his right hand and thus again announced his allegiance to the first republican president. He and his wife have long been members of the Methodist church, work and upbuilding they have taken an active and helpful part. Mr. McCray in his well spent life has ever displayed those traits of character which lead to success in business, to loyalty in citizenship and which win respect from one's friends and neighbors. His life has indeed been a useful and upright one and he has reared a family of which he has every reason to be proud. There are now six sons and four sons-in-law who vote the republican ticket and are ardent advocates of President Roosevelt. The family is indeed a prominent one in this county and well deserves mention in this history.

#### E. GRANT SEARL.

E. Grant Searl is a worthy representative of an old and honored family of Bureau county, his father being John Searl, who was born in Dayton, Ohio, July 28, 1830, and in 1834, when four years of age, was brought to this county by his father, Brown Searl, who located in Selby township, filing up a claim on section 32, which is now owned by John Beck. Upon this farm the grandfather of our subject, who was born May 15, 1797, died January 27, 1867. He was a Mason.


Here John Searl grew to manhood in the usual manner of farmers in a frontier district and continued to make 341 acres through out the remainder of his life, his death occurring August 15, 1899. His only son, John, did not work with excellent success, occupying the farm of a large acreage in Selby township, and he sold out the farms in Iowa. As a prominent and helpful











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citizen of his community he was called upon to fill the offices of assessor, collector and supervisor, and was a man highly respected and esteemed by all who knew him. In early manhood he wedded Miss Amanda Miller, who was also a native of Ohio and came to Illinois with her father during her girlhood. She was born January 29, 1829, and died February 1, 1888. They were the parents of ten children, namely: William W., who died in Iowa some two years ago; Benjamin, a resident of Selby township; Sarah N., deceased; Mrs. Mary Minta Rawson, who makes her home in Missouri; Andrew and Millard, both residents of Princeton; Mrs. Samantha Gross, also of Princeton; Samuel, who died in this county; E. Grant, of this review; and Mrs. Maria Hassler, of Selby township.

E. Grant Searl was born in Selby township on the old home farm, September 27, 1868, and was reared to farm work, his time being divided between work in the fields and attendance at the country schools. Throughout the years of his manhood he has carried on agricultural pursuits and in connection with general farming devotes considerable attention to stock-raising. He now owns and operates a fine farm of one hundred and twenty acres, which is rich and arable and has been placed under a high state of cultivation.

Mr. Searl was married in 1892 to Miss Katie Heitz, who is also a native of Selby township and is a daughter of David Heitz, a well known resident of this community. Three children blessed this union: Lloyd, who died at the age of six months; Vernon, who died at the age of three months, and Ira, who was born in October, 1900, and is now the only survivor. Mr. Searl gives his political support to the men and measures of the republican party and in the spring of 1906 was elected road commissioner, which office he is now acceptably filling. He has also served as school director and takes a commendable interest in advancing the educational and material welfare of his township and county.

#### DR. L. D. HICKMAN.

Dr. L. D. Hickman, an osteopath and X-ray specialist practicing in Princeton with offices on South Main street, has followed his profession here since 1899 and is the only representative of the science of osteopathy in this city. He now enjoys a large and growing patronage and stands as one of the foremost exponents of the new school.

Dr. Hickman was born near Kirksville, Missouri, and is a graduate of the American School of Osteopathy in that city of the class of 1899. He practiced for some time before he took his course and then promoted his efficiency by broad and comprehensive study. From the beginning he has enjoyed a good practice, which has constantly grown as he has demonstrated his ability

to successfully cope with the intricate problems which continually confront the practitioner in his efforts to restore health. He has to some extent been a contributor to medical journals and he also lectures upon the methods of practice which he employs. He has thoroughly acquainted himself with the uses of the X-ray, which he employs successfully in his practice. His patronage comes from all parts of Bureau and neighboring counties. He has never lost a case of pneumonia and has been particularly successful in his treatment of tuberculosis and other diseases which have for long years baffled the skill of many of the expert medical practitioners.

Dr. Hickman was married in Missouri to Miss Myra Hook, of Mexico, that state, and they have one child, Maurine, born March 28, 1906. Dr. Hickman belongs to the Masonic fraternity, in which he has attained the Knight Templar degree, and both he and his wife are affiliated with the Eastern Star, while his membership relations also embrace the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In his political affiliation he is independent, and both he and his wife are members of the Christian church. Their circle of friends is extensive, their many admirable social qualities securing for them the kindly regard and winning for them the hospitality of many of the best homes of the city.

#### HARRY WHITVER.

Harry Whitver is the owner of a valuable farming property of two hundred acres about a mile from the village of Walnut and is serving as postmaster of the village. He is one of Bureau county's native sons, having been born on the 15th of April, 1867. His parents were John and Mary (Carnahan) Whitver, the former a native of Switzerland and the latter of Ohio. They became residents of Illinois in 1851, settling in Bureau county. In their family were fifteen children, of whom four are now deceased.

Harry Whitver, whose name introduces this record, was the fourteenth in order of birth and to the common schools of the county he is indebted for the early educational privileges he enjoyed, which were supplemented by a course in Dixon (Illinois) Normal College. Throughout the greater part of his life he has carried on general agricultural pursuits, having in his youth become familiar with the best methods of tilling the soil and caring for the crops. He now owns two hundred acres of rich and valuable land which he inherited from his father and upon which he makes his home. It is pleasantly located about a mile from the village of Walnut. After leaving school he began farming and has so continued to the present time. From the beginning he has been successful and he now manages his farm in connection with discharging the duties of postmaster. His home is a beautiful residence and upon his



place are many other modern and substantial improvements. The farm which he owns was taken up from the government by his father at a cost of a dollar and a quarter per acre and is today worth from one hundred and seventy-five to two hundred dollars per acre. Everything about the place is kept in excellent condition and the fields, being richly tilled, bring forth bounteous harvests.

Mr. Whitver was married February 17, 1881, to Miss Carrie I. Caton, who was born in Piedmont, West Virginia, September 5, 1861, a daughter of William and Emily (Armour) Caton, who were natives of Pennsylvania and removed to Iowa during the girlhood days of their daughter, since which time they have been residents of that state. They had four children, of whom Mrs. Whitver is the youngest. She was educated in the Walnut public schools and by her marriage has become the mother of seven children: Clarence C., born July 11, 1885; Vera L., April 19, 1887; Abna L., January 31, 1889; Hazel L., February 6, 1891; Ira M., January 28, 1893; Harry Armour, April 19, 1897; and Gertrude M., May 1, 1900.

Mr. Whitver's fellow townsmen, recognizing his worth and ability, have frequently called him to public office or conferred upon him positions of public trust. He has served as township collector and is postmaster of the village of Walnut. He is a member of Walnut lodge, No. 722, A. F. & A. M., and in his political views is a stalwart republican. He and his family belong to the Christian church and are prominent socially in the community. Mr. Whitver has spent his entire life in this locality, so that his life history is as an open book which all may read and upon its pages are found the record of many good deeds and of successful accomplishment in the business world. His genuine worth and many good qualities have won for him the respect and trust of his fellow men and he certainly deserves mention in this volume as a representative citizen.

#### HERMAN E. ABBOTT.

Herman E. Abbott, of Sheffield, manager of a large and valuable estate, and agent for various fire insurance companies, was born May 10, 1865, in the city which is still his home, a son of Clement W. Abbott. He pursued his preliminary education in the public schools of Sheffield and afterward attended the Dixon Normal College, at Dixon, Illinois, and Cornell College, at Mount Vernon, Iowa. He was reared to farm life and devoted his energies to general agricultural pursuits until 1892, when he became connected with commercial interests as a dealer in lumber, agricultural implements, carriages, wagons, etc. The firm was known as Batty & Abbott, and so continued until 1898, when Mr. Abbott disposed of his interest. He then removed to Tiskilwa, where he remained a year, after which he re-

turned to Sheffield to look after his farming interests and his father's estate. He now has a good farming property which yields to him a gratifying income and in the management of the Abbott estate he displays keen business sagacity and understanding. He is also agent for different fire insurance companies.

Mr. Abbott fraternally is connected with Amelodge, No. 142, A. F. & A. M., of Sheffield, and Sheffield lodge, No. 808, I. O. O. F., of the same place, while religiously he is a member of the Unitarian church. He is a young man of enterprise and his good qualities have made him popular with a wide acquaintance.

#### MARTIN BANSCHBACH.

The subject of this sketch was for many years one of the truly representative citizens of Bureau county, well known and universally respected. He was born in Baden, Germany, June 6, 1832, and was the son of Martin and Caroline (Bischofberger) Banschbach, both of whom were natives of the same county, but who came to this country in 1852 or 1853, and here resided during the remainder of their lives, making their home in Selby township, Bureau county, where the father was engaged in farming. In the sketch of William Banschbach, on another page of this work, will be found more concerning this family.

Martin Banschbach, of whom we now write came to this county in 1852, in company with his brother William, who is now residing in the city of Princeton, living a retired life. While yet in the old country he attended the public schools and laid the foundation for that active business career which distinguished him as a man of resources, one calculated to deal righteously and justly with his fellowman.

On coming to this country Mr. Banschbach resided for a time in the city of Pittsburg, but in 1854 came to Bureau county with the rest of the family. Locating in Selby township, he remained there for one year and then removed to Pekin, Tazewell county, Illinois, where he remained until 1860, when he returned to Bureau county and located at Depue, where he engaged in the grain business, buying and shipping to the markets by rail and by canal. Later he engaged also in the lumber business, in both of which lines he was quite successful. From time to time he purchased lands, owning and operating one or two farms. In whatever line of business he engaged he was uniformly successful, exercising good judgment and business sagacity in all things.

Before leaving Pennsylvania he was united in marriage with Miss Mary N. Redlingshafer, a daughter of George and Dorothea Redlingshafer, natives of Germany, who came to this country in 1848, locating in Washington county, Pennsylv-









vania, where they made their home until 1854, when they removed to Pekin, Illinois, where they remained one year, moving thence to Clayton county, Iowa. George Redlingshafer was by occupation a farmer, and in that line of business was quite successful. He continued to reside in Clayton county during the remainder of his life. After his death his widow removed to Lucas county, Iowa, where her death occurred August 14, 1881, at the age of seventy-six years. They were the parents of eight children, of whom four are now living: Elizabeth Ann, wife of William Banschbach, residing in Princeton; John, of Sheridan, Iowa; Lott, residing near Brownsville, Pennsylvania; and Mary N., widow of our subject. Mrs. Banschbach was partly reared and educated in Pennsylvania, being eleven years of age when she accompanied her parents to the United States.

To Mr. and Mrs. Banschbach six children were born, three sons and three daughters: George, a flour dealer residing in Chicago; Charles, a flour agent of Depue, Illinois; William, with the Illinois Central Railroad at Chicago; Emma, Elizabeth and Lillie, at home.

Politically, Mr. Banschbach was a democrat, but never a partisan. He believed the principles advocated by the democratic party were more for the best interests of the people than those advocated by other parties, but he saw and recognized the good in his fellowmen, whether they agreed with him in politics or not. Religiously he was a member of the German Evangelical church, believing in the doctrines taught by that religious body. Fraternally, he was a member of the Masonic order, and in his life exemplified its principles. He tried to do his duty by his fellowmen and aimed to merit their respect. That he succeeded in this is testified by those with whom he was long associated. His death occurred March 4, 1890, when but a few months less than sixty-eight years old. In his death the community lost a worthy citizen.

At his death Mr. Banschbach left a large estate, which has since been admirably managed by Mrs. Banschbach, assisted by her children. She still makes her home in Depue, her daughters being with her. She is a member of the German Evangelical church and endeavors to live as the Master would have her live.

#### GABRIEL GEUTHER.

Gabriel Geuther, engaged in farming in Clarion, his native township, was born March 9, 1870, his parents being Adam and Caroline (Faber) Geuther, both of whom were natives of Germany. Crossing the Atlantic from the fatherland to the new world they became residents of Bureau county in the early '50s and the father followed farming throughout his entire life in order to provide

for his family, spending the greater part of the time in Clarion township. He died on the 22d of November, 1903, and his wife survived until July 8, 1903, when she, too, passed to her final rest.

Gabriel Geuther acquired his education in the schools of Clarion township, and has always followed farming. That he has prospered as the years have gone by is indicated in his excellent farm, comprising one hundred and twenty-four acres of good land. He raises corn and oats and to some extent mixed stock. His home is pleasantly and attractively located on section 24, and the residence was erected by him. There are many good shade trees upon the place, and the latest improved machinery facilitates the work of the fields.

On the 26th of February, 1895, occurred the marriage of Gabriel Geuther and Miss Emma Stamberger, who was born in this county February 8, 1875, and is a daughter of Charles and Barbara (Gross) Stamberger, both natives of Germany. The former came to America when but six years of age, and the latter at the age of thirteen, and they were married in Clarion township February 17, 1867. They have now traveled life's journey together as man and wife for thirty-nine years. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Geuther has been blessed with one daughter, Leola Lillian Bertha, born October 1, 1902. The parents are members of the German Lutheran church, and Mr. Geuther is politically a republican. He is classed with the enterprising young farmers of his native township, and the success which he has already achieved argues well for the future.

#### JAMES WYMAN ADAMS.

James Wyman Adams, a representative of the farming interests of Bureau county, was born near Augusta, Maine, on the 28th of August, 1810, his parents being Rodney M. and Liddie (Stover) Adams. The father was a farmer by occupation and on removing to the middle west in 1842 settled in Chicago, but soon afterward made his way to the Fox river and established his home in Oswego. There he lived for three years, when he removed with his family to Concord township in 1847. He made the journey with wagon and a team of oxen and purchased two hundred and forty acres of land. With characteristic energy he began its cultivation and improvement and throughout his entire life he continued farming, making his home in the same neighborhood until he passed away on the 20th of January, 1860. His widow survived until August, 1863, when she was also called to her final rest.

James W. Adams was only two years of age when brought by his parents to Illinois. His education was acquired in the country schools and he



received practical training at farm labor through the assistance which he rendered in the improvement and cultivation of the home farm. He was only twenty years of age when his father's death occurred, after which he purchased the interest of the other heirs in the old home property, upon which he has since lived. He has here erected a good residence and substantial outbuildings and in fact has added all modern equipments and accessories, making the place a model farm property.

On the 25th of December, 1866, Mr. Adams was nited in marriage to Miss Louisa White, of Webster, Iowa, a sister of Fred E. White, who is a congressman and a member of one of the old and influential families of Iowa. The father, God-fred White, came from Germany to America when Mrs. Adams was only six months old. Unto our subject and his wife have been born six children, who are still living; Frederick E., a resident farmer of Plymouth county, Iowa; Charles E., who follows farming in Concord township, Bureau county; Elmer E., a bridge builder for the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad Company, living at Buda; Percy E., a farmer of Kewanee, Illinois; Ida L., the wife of Alfred Hartsell, of Princeton; and Louis E., living at home.

Mr. Adams gives his political allegiance to the republican party, and is one of the active workers in its local ranks. He is a member of the Wesley Methodist Episcopal church, and his interest centers in those lines of thought and activity which work for honorable manhood and for substantial improvement in the county. Almost his entire life has here been passed, and in an active business career he has at all times been found thoroughly reliable and trustworthy.

#### GEORGE W. McDONALD.

George W. McDonald is operating the old homestead farm near La Moille. He was born in Bureau county, Illinois, February 2, 1872, and is a son of Lester Monroe and Rachel Ann McDonald. The father died in 1898, but the mother is still living with her son George on the old home farm. She was born in 1833, while Mr. McDonald was born in 1851. He was a farmer by occupation and devoted the greater part of his time and energies to agricultural pursuits. In the family of this worthy couple were the following named: George W., Alice M., David J., Frank, Mabel, Lester and Leonard, but the last named is now deceased.

George W. McDonald, whose name introduces this review, acquired his education in the common schools and was reared to the occupation of farming, early becoming familiar with the best methods of tilling the soil and caring for the stock. He now operates the home farm and is one of the enterprising agriculturists of the community. In addition to the tilling of the soil he

is engaged in the raising of Duroc Jersey and black hogs.

On the 1st of January, 1895, Mr. McDonald was united in marriage to Miss Alice Jane Anderson, the wedding being celebrated at her home in Van Orin, Bureau county. She died in 1898, and on the 1st of February, 1905, Mr. McDonald wedded Gertrude Frances Williams, who was born in 1881.

Mr. McDonald is a republican in his political allegiance and votes for the best interests of the town at local elections. He is a member of the United Brethren church and is a Christian gentleman who commands the respect and confidence of those who know him. Fraternally he is connected with the Stars of Equity. He has always resided in this county and his well spent life has made him respected by all with whom business or social relations have brought him in contact.

#### HENRY KRAMER.

Henry Kramer, conducting a merchant tailoring establishment in Ohio and numbered among the representative business men of the village, was born in Germany, September 13, 1871. His residence in Illinois dates from 1883, in which year he was brought from the fatherland to the United States by his parents, Carl and Margaret (Ebling) Kramer, who were likewise natives of Germany. In their family were nine children, of whom Henry was the seventh in order of birth. The family home was established in Mendota, La Salle county, and in March, 1900, they removed to Bureau county, settling in the village of Ohio.

In the public schools of Mendota Henry Kramer completed his education, which was begun in the schools of his native country. He afterward learned the tailor's trade, which he has made his life work, and his persistency of purpose in the line of business activity in which he embarked as a young tradesman is undoubtedly one of the strong features of his success. He now has a well appointed merchant tailoring establishment and the work which he turns out is always first-class, so that he had a liberal patronage, his business having increased year after year until it has now reached extensive and profitable proportions.

On the 20th of February, 1895, Mr. Kramer was married to Miss Louisa Gross, who was born in Mendota, February 25, 1870. There are three children of that marriage: Carl H., born March 31, 1896; Julius J., March 20, 1898, and Christian J., January 4, 1900. Mrs. Kramer's parents are John and Margaret (Hummel) Gross, who were natives of Germany, whence they emigrated to the new world. Their family numbered nine children, of whom Mrs. Kramer was the eighth in order of birth. She, too, was educated in the schools of Mendota and became acquainted



with her future husband in their childhood days.

Fraternally Mr. Kramer is connected with the Old Fellows Lodge, No. 627, of Ohio, and with the Knights of the Globe. His political allegiance is given to the democracy and on the 1st of April, 1906, he was elected school trustee, which office he is now filling. He is also serving as a member of the village board for a second term. He and his family are members of the German Lutheran church. Through his entire business career he has carried on the tailor's trade, and as proprietor of a leading establishment in this line, is now conducting a business that is gratifying and profitable, his success being due to his industry, capability and thoroughly reliable business methods. The family are highly esteemed in the village where they reside, and the hospitality of the best homes is freely accorded them.

#### SEBASTIAN HERBOLSHEIMER.

For over a half century Sebastian Herbolsheimer has made his home in Bureau county, and for many years was actively identified with its farming and stock-raising interests, but is now practically living retired, having, through his own well directed efforts, become the possessor of a fine farm in Selby township, where he resides. Germany is the land of his birth, being born in Bavaria, December 22, 1829, a son of Sebastian Herbolsheimer, who, as was a farmer, spent his entire life in that country, dying there in 1872, at the age of seventy-seven years. Our subject lost his mother when only two years old. In the family were ten children, six sons and four daughters, and he had two brothers who came to America: Leonard, a resident of New York city, and Lucas. The others all remained in the fatherland, where two sisters and one brother are still living.

Sebastian Herbolsheimer, of this review, passed his boyhood and youth in Germany and received a good education in the schools of that country. After putting aside his text-books he followed farming and stock-raising and throughout his active business life continued to devote his attention to those pursuits. It was in 1854 that he bade adieu to friends and native land and sailed for the United States, landing in New York. He proceeded at once to Chicago, where he remained until October of that year, when he came to Bureau county. Soon after his arrival here he suffered with cholera and on account of illness lost much time. He was first employed by the day and month, and, saving his money, was finally enabled to purchase forty acres of land near Depue, in Selby township, in 1856, this being mostly covered with timber. Two years later he sold that place and removed to Peru, where he made his home until October, 1860, when he returned to Selby township, and bought forty acres on sec-

tion 20. As time passed and he prospered in his undertakings he added to his property from time to time until he now has three hundred and seventy-five acres in one body, including considerable timber land. Besides this farm he has other property in Bureau county, mostly in Selby township, aggregating six hundred and twenty-four acres. He continued to carry on farming and stock-raising with marked success until about ten years ago, when he retired and is now enjoying a well earned rest. His prosperity has come to him as the result of untiring labor, persistent energy and perseverance and the property he has gained is well merited.

Mr. Herbolsheimer has been twice married, his first wife being Miss Mary Becht, who died about a year after their marriage. He later wedded Miss Mary Daumer, who was born near Munich, in Bavaria, Germany, in October, 1837, and died in October, 1899, leaving nine children as follows: George, a resident of Denver, Colorado, who is married and has two children: John, a farmer of Selby township, who is married and has three sons: Mary, at home with her father; Charles, also a resident of Denver, who is married and has four children: William, a farmer of Berlin township, who is married and has two sons: Frank, a farmer of Selby township, who is married and has three children: Anna, the wife of John H. Weber, a farmer of Hall township, by whom she has three children: Kate, a resident of Chicago, and G. Leonard, at home. Mr. Herbolsheimer has seventeen grandchildren living and three deceased. Politically he is independent and takes a commendable interest in public affairs and is loyal to the interests of his adopted country. He deserves great credit for the success that he has achieved in life and he merits the esteem and confidence in which he is uniformly held.

#### OTTO GINGRICH.

Otto Gingrich, who owns and operates a valuable farm of two hundred and forty acres in Mineral township, was born July 3, 1833, in Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, and is a son of Herman and Maria (Bachman) Gingrich. He spent the days of his boyhood and youth in the fatherland, and on the 15th of April, 1852, when nineteen years of age, crossed the Atlantic to America, believing that he might enjoy better business opportunities in the new world. He settled in Putnam county, where he worked on a farm for four years, and afterward rented a farm for two years. In 1858 he removed to Bureau county, and with the money he had saved from his earnings he purchased eighty acres of land, constituting the nucleus of his present homestead property. To this he has added from time to time until he now owns two hundred and forty acres and his farm is well improved, owing to the care and cultivation which



is bestowed upon it. His wife also owns thirty acres of land in Mineral township. The fields are now well tilled and he uses the latest improved machinery in carrying on the farm work.

In March, 1858, in Putnam county, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Gingrich and Miss Anna Leidolf. Unto them were born three children: Otto, a farmer residing in Nebraska; Edward C., who follows agricultural pursuits in the same state, and Marguerita, the wife of Fred Harris, a resident farmer of Bloomington, Nebraska. The mother of these children died October 29, 1867, and on the 15th of June, 1870, Mr. Gingrich was married to Miss Elizabeth Wagner, a daughter of Johannes and Wilhelmina (Schunk) Wagner, who came from Germany to America in 1869. In this country the father followed the occupation of farming. By the second marriage of Mr. Gingrich there are four children: Amelia M., the wife of Charles Edwin Humphreys, of Mineral; Elizabeth, the wife of George Alexander, a merchant of Sheffield; John F., a farmer of Mineral township, who wedded Miss Minnie Case, of the village of Mineral; and Herman C., who married Nellie Cecil, of Concord township, and follows farming on the home farm.

Mr. Gingrich has served as school director for twenty years and is interested in the cause of education and its progress. He and his wife are identified with the Unitarian church, to the support of which they are generous contributors. A self-made man, he has through industry and enterprise, advanced from a humble position to one of affluence, acquiring a property which now classes him with the substantial residents of his adopted county.

#### MAJOR SILAS BATTEY.

Major Silas Battey, whose title indicated his service in behalf of the Union in the Civil war, became a leading, prosperous and representative citizen of Bureau county, where for many years he owned and controlled extensive farming interests and also operated largely in the development of the rich coal deposits of this part of the state. The importance of his business connections and the helpful and beneficial influence which he exerted in matters of general moment made him a leading citizen.

A native of Rhode Island, Major Battey was born in Providence county, July 10, 1815, a son of Sampson and Abigail (Phillips) Battey. The father was a native of Warwick, Rhode Island, and a representative of one of the old families of that state. The life record of Major Battey was in many respects a varied and eventful one. He was reared to farm life but soon after starting upon an independent business career he became interested in an iron foundry and learned the molder's trade, which he afterward followed in

Providence, Bristol and Pawtucket, Rhode Island, being connected with that line of business until coming to Bureau county in 1854. Here he purchased a farm, which he cultivated and improved until the fall of 1862, when, having been elected sheriff of the county, he removed to Princeton. After a term of two years as sheriff, he, in the early part of 1865, recruited a company of soldiers for the war and was mustered into service with the rank of captain in February of that year. The company was assigned to the One Hundred and Fifty-first Regiment of Illinois Volunteers, as Company H, and at that time Captain Battey was commissioned major of the regiment. During most of his service the regiment was stationed at different points in Georgia and was mustered out at Columbus, that state, in January, 1866.

Major Battey also had four sons in the army: Frederick A., who enlisted on the 12th of September, 1861, as a private in Company F, Fifty-seventh Regiment of Illinois Infantry, and passing through all the successive grades, save that of lieutenant, became colonel of his regiment, was twice wounded in the battle of Shiloh and was once a prisoner, being captured at Dalton, Georgia. In command of his regiment he was with Sherman on his famous march to the sea. After the close of the war he was commissioned first lieutenant in the regular army and served with that rank until he resigned October 31, 1870. Marshall Battey enlisted with his brother Frederick in the same company and regiment in the fall of 1861, was promoted to a lieutenantcy and afterward to a captaincy in the One Hundred and Eleventh United States Infantry, serving throughout the entire period of hostilities and participating in some of the most hotly contested engagements of the entire conflict. George and Alonzo each served for about six months toward the close of the war, the former as orderly sergeant.

After retiring from the army Major Battey, the father, removed to a farm about a mile west of Sheffield which he purchased and upon which were extensive coal deposits. For a number of years he varied his farm pursuits with coal mining, operating at times quite extensively. His farm was a very valuable property of four hundred acres, well improved. His business affairs were carefully conducted, making him a man of considerable wealth, and the methods which he followed in trade transactions were of a nature that would bear the closest investigation and scrutiny.

On the 3d of November, 1883, Major Battey was united in marriage to Miss Mercy Bennett, who was born November 23, 1814, in the same township in which her husband's birth occurred. She was the daughter of George and Martha (Wilcox) Bennett, natives of Providence county, Rhode Island. Unto Major and Mrs. Battey were born fifteen children: Sanford W., Martha M.





Silas B. Alley,



George, Frederick A., Cyracus, Bernard, Marshall, S. Alonzo, Betsey M., Linnaeus A., Linnaeus A. (2d), Edson T., Jared, Herbert O. and Elmer E. Of these ten are now living. Betsey M., Linnaeus A. (1st) and Edson T. died while young. Jared and Herbert O. died in young manhood.

Major Battey was always interested in community affairs and in the welfare of state and nation and his opinion was often a decisive factor in movements of general moment. While still in his native state he was a participant in the constitutional troubles in Rhode Island and took his stand in favor of the people. He also served as deputy sheriff of Providence county and after his removal to Illinois filled various township offices in addition to serving as county sheriff. In all of these positions he discharged his duties with promptness and fidelity and was a worthy advocate of republican principles. Both he and his wife were active members of the Unitarian church of Sheffield and their aid was freely given to the deserving poor and needy. Major Battey left the impress of his individuality upon general affairs in the county, and was an avowed champion of progress along material, intellectual and moral lines. His death, March 14, 1895, was the occasion of deep and widespread regret. He was survived by his wife to the 23d of September, 1905, who had attained the age of ninety-one years when she died.

#### WILLIAM J. YOUNG.

William J. Young, deceased, was one of the prominent and influential residents of Hall township, Bureau county, who represented the agricultural interests of this section of the state. He was born in Selby township, April 20, 1869, and his death occurred in Hall township, February 20, 1898, at the comparatively early age of thirty-eight years. His parents were William and Margaret (Albrecht) Young, natives of Germany. About 1850 they left their home in the vicinity of Munich, Bavaria, Germany, and crossed the Atlantic to the United States, settling in Selby township, Bureau county, Illinois, where the father engaged in general agricultural pursuits and here they spent the remainder of their lives, the father dying in 1874, while the mother survived for only about three months. They had become the parents of three sons and three daughters, of whom, with the exception of William J., all survive, namely: Mrs. Lizzie Gehringer, a resident of Nebraska; Mrs. Katherine Werner, of Hall township; Henry, residing at Avoca, Nebraska, and Jacob and Mrs. Mary Seamon, also living in that state.

William J. Young, whose name introduces this record, was reared in his native township and there acquired a public school education. He grew to manhood on a farm and when he started out

in life on his own account he continued to follow the pursuit of farming, in which he met with gratifying success, so that at his death he was enabled to leave to his family a good farm property, situated on section 6, Hall township, which is yet owned and operated by his widow.

Mr. Young was married to Miss Kate Erhart, likewise a native of Selby township, born August 4, 1861, a daughter of John and J. Barbara (Moser) Erhart, both of whom are now deceased. The father was born near Munich, Bavaria, Germany, June 9, 1829, and when fifteen years of age he lost his father. When he attained his majority he entered the army, in which he served for six years. After his return from the war he worked for two years as an apprentice to the carpenter's trade, which was his occupation for a few years. However, he had heard favorable reports concerning the United States, and, hoping to enjoy better advantages in this country, in the spring of 1858, in company with the lady whom he afterward married, he started for America, and at once made his way to Illinois, settling in Penn. Miss Moser was also born near Munich, on the 18th of November, 1824, and on the 11th of July, 1858, the year of their arrival in this country, she gave her hand in marriage to John Erhart, the wedding ceremony being performed in the Lutheran church near Hollowayville. They took up their abode on a farm near that place, where they remained for several years, but later removed to a farm on section 6, Hall township, which is now the home of their daughter, Mrs. Young. They were members of the Lutheran church in which they were married, and for about twenty years Mr. Erhart served as one of the deacons of the church. His death occurred February 27, 1905, while his wife passed away the day previous, on the 26th, and their funeral services were held at the same hour on the 1st of March. They were highly respected residents of Hall township and when they passed away they were mourned by many friends as well as their immediate family. They had become the parents of three daughters and one son, namely: Mrs. John Herbolzheimer, a resident of Selby township; Mrs. Katherine Young; John C. Erhart, living in Hall township; and Mrs. David Herline, a resident of Worthington, Minnesota.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Young was blessed with four children; Emma, Katie, William and John, all at home with their mother. In politics Mr. Young was a democrat and socially was identified with the Modern Woodmen of America. He held membership in the Lutheran church, of which his family are also members. He was a man of high principle, always working for the best interests of his home locality, and at the same time he carried on his own private business in a progressive and practical manner, so that at his death he left to his family a good farm property on section 6, Hall township, which continues



to be their home. He was always honest and upright in his business dealings, so that he won many business as well as social friends, who felt deeply his loss. Mrs. Young possesses splendid business ability so that with the assistance of her sons she is continuing the work of the home farm, and she is one of the highly respected women of Bureau county.

#### MALCOLM T. MCINTYRE.

Malcolm T. McIntyre, postmaster of Ladd and one of the leading and influential residents of the village, was born in Middlesex county, Ontario, Canada, November 30, 1836, and is of Scotch lineage. His parents, James and Jane (McIntosh) McIntyre, were both natives of Scotland. The father went to Canada in 1820, during his boyhood days, and his wife in 1818. After attaining his majority he engaged in farming in Middlesex county until 1864, when he removed to Douglas county, Illinois, where he carried on general agricultural pursuits throughout the remainder of his active business life. He died in that county in 1892 at the very venerable age of eighty-seven years.

In the public schools of Ontario Malcolm T. McIntyre acquired his education, and remained a resident of Canada until June, 1859, when he removed to Minnesota, where he remained until he came to Illinois to assist his father in opening up and improving a farm in Douglas county. In 1870 he went to Iowa, where he engaged in farming and also worked at the carpenter's trade. In 1888 he came to Ladd, where he has since resided. The White Breast Fuel Company had just been organized in Illinois, and was establishing its business, and Mr. McIntyre entered its employ and assisted in getting ready for active operations. For three years he remained with that company, after which he entered upon an independent business career as a contractor and builder, becoming a factor in the material improvement of the village.

Mr. McIntyre has not only figured in connection with the business interests of the town, but has also been prominent in public affairs. He was elected and served as police magistrate, and is regarded as one of the leaders in the local ranks of the republican party in this county. He cast his first presidential vote for Lincoln one year after locating in Minnesota, for at that time the declaration of intention of becoming a citizen of the United States constituted the legality of the vote. On the 7th of August, 1897, he was appointed by President McKinley postmaster of Ladd, then a fourth class but now a third class office. He has since filled the position, capably administering the work of the office, and in all places of public trust he is loyal and reliable.

Mr. McIntyre was married in Douglas county on the 9th of March, 1869, to Miss Catherine Snel-

aker, a native of Illinois, and they have become the parents of five children: Laura Alice, the wife of Edward L. Wroten, of Turtle Lake, Wisconsin; James William, cashier for the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company at Ottawa, Illinois; Edith, who died when sixteen months old; Lois E., at home; and Angus Ford, connected with the Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad, residing in Madison, Wisconsin.

In his fraternal relations Mr. McIntyre is a Mason, belonging to Arlington Lodge, A. F. & A. M., and also to the Knights of Pythias lodge. There is no more loyal son of the United States in Bureau county than this adopted son, who was born across the border, but who for many years has lived under the protection of the stars and stripes, believing in the institutions of the country and supporting earnestly and effectively those principles which he believes most conducive to good government.

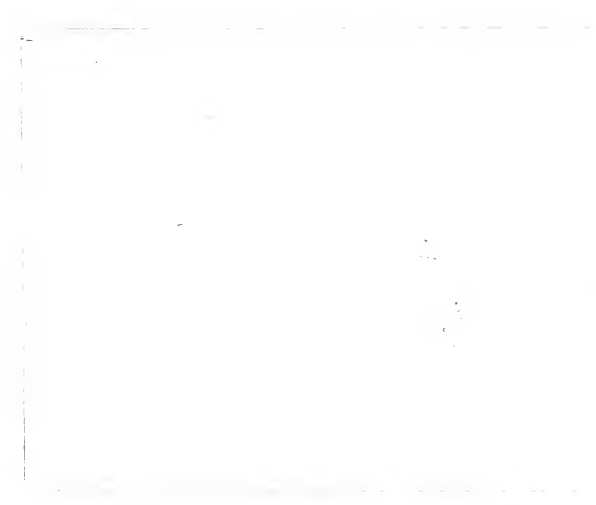
#### GEORGE W. LORD.

George W. Lord, living in Indiantown township, where he is engaged extensively and successfully in the raising, feeding and marketing of stock, as well as in general farming, is one of the native sons of this county, his birth having occurred August 26, 1869, in Milo township, two miles south of his present home. His father, James G. Lord, came to Illinois from England in 1847 and later went to Iowa, but returned to Bureau county in 1849. He was an iron molder by trade, and was employed by King, Hamilton & Company, of Ottawa, Illinois, for several years. He is now living retired, both he and his wife still occupying the old home place in Milo township. He owns two hundred and forty-five acres of Bureau county's rich land, from which he derives a good income. In the family were six children, of whom four are now living: George W., of this review; Lawrence, who is living in Milo township; James, a resident of Pasadena, California; and Mrs. Eliza La Bryn, of Chicago.

To the public school system of this county George W. Lord is indebted for the educational privileges he enjoyed in his youth and which fitted him for life's practical duties. He early became familiar with the labors of the farm, and has always engaged in agricultural pursuits and stock-raising. In connection with his brother-in-law, Mr. Foster, he has also operated a threshing machine and corn-sheller for a number of years, and he is largely engaged in the feeding of cattle, hogs and horses, which he buys, feeds and ships. He annually purchases large amounts of corn for feeding purposes, and as he keeps his stock in good condition he has no trouble in disposing of it at the highest market prices.

In early manhood Mr. Lord was married to Mrs.





MR. AND MRS. M. T. MCINTYRE.





Margaret Cooper, of Indiantown township, a daughter of George and Ann (McElroy) Cooper. Her father was born in England and came to Illinois about 1848, settling near where his daughter now resides. The mother was born in Ireland. They were the parents of six children, all of whom are living; Mrs. Sarah J. Townsley, a resident of Iowa; John, who makes his home near Mr. Lord; George, of Bradford, Illinois; Mrs. Lord; Mrs. Mary Mellor, living in Castleton, Illinois; and Mrs. Mattie Foster, the wife of James Foster, living on the old home farm. The parents are now deceased.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Lord has been blessed with four daughters: Clara, Mattie, Blanche and Mabel. The family have a wide and favorable acquaintance in their part of the country. Mr. Lord is a republican who discharges his duties of citizenship with a sense of conscientious obligation. He belongs to the Modern Woodmen camp at Bradford and through social, business and political relations has made a creditable name.

#### HENRY G. WELLS.

Henry G. Wells is the owner of a beautiful home pleasantly and conveniently located within a half mile of the village of Dover, where everything contributing to happiness and comfort may be found. He is numbered among the representative agriculturists of his county and is, moreover, one of its native sons, having been born August 21, 1848, in a log cabin on the farm where he now resides and which has been the family home through many decades.

He is a son of George Wells, who was born in Chenango county, New York, in 1806 and in 1840 came to Illinois, making the trip in a covered wagon and reaching his destination after six weeks spent upon the road. He found here a pioneer district devoid of many of the evidences of improvement and advancement known to the older east. The settlers were obliged to transport the products of the farm to Chicago with teams and there purchase their supplies. Postage on a letter was twenty-five cents and was always collected at its destination, and the price of a bushel of wheat was only enough to buy a postage stamp. George Wells was united in marriage to Frances Donaldson, whose uncle, Asa Donaldson, her father's brother, was one of the first pastors of the Congregational church at Dover. They had one son, Rev. George H. Wells, who became a distinguished minister of the Congregational church and died in 1897. He was graduated successively from Dover Academy, from Amherst College of Massachusetts and from Chicago Theological Seminary, in which he completed his course in the class of 1867. For three and a half years he was pastor of the Congregational church at Amboy, Illinois, and was pastor of the American Presbyterian church at Montreal,

Canada, for twenty-two years. He was also pastor of the Plymouth Congregational church at Minneapolis, Minnesota, for three and a half years and afterward started upon a tour around the world, but returned from Japan to the United States on account of ill health. He was a distinguished divine, a man of broad scholarly attainments and was recognized as an influential factor in the church. He met an accidental death, being killed by the cars at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in 1897.

Henry G. Wells was reared to manhood in the usual manner of farmer lads, whose time was devoted to the work of the fields and to the duties of the schoolroom. His early education was supplemented by study in Dover Academy and he has made farming his life work, being today the owner of a valuable property comprising two hundred and thirty-five acres of rich and productive land. This is the old homestead farm upon which he was born fifty-eight years ago. His time and energies are devoted to the raising of grain and stock and everything about his place is kept in excellent condition. He uses the latest improved machinery to facilitate the work of the fields, keeps only high grade stock and has added to his farm substantial buildings, having a beautiful residence within a half mile of the village of Dover.

In November, 1870, Mr. Wells was united in marriage to Miss Mary Arnold, who was born near Hartford, Connecticut, in October, 1847. Four children grace this marriage: Mrs. Frances Moody, now living in Northfield, Massachusetts; Mrs. Adeline Anderson, a resident of Chicago; Mrs. Ruth Williams, of Rushford, Minnesota; and Mrs. Miriam Reeves, of Tower City, North Dakota, whose husband is in the employ of the government in the entomological department of agriculture.

In his political views Mr. Wells is independent, considering men and measures rather than party in casting his ballots. He is a member of the Congregational church, with which he has been connected for fifty years, and his labors have been effective in promoting its growth and extending its influence, while to its support he has been a liberal contributor. He has prospered in his business undertakings and his capable management of his interests has made him a substantial citizen. He raises grain and stock, buying and feeding cattle and hogs and is a well known stockman, who has met with success in his chosen field of labor.

#### J. C. SITTERLY.

J. C. Sitterly, who is engaged in the livery business in Spring Valley, is numbered among the native sons of Illinois, having been born in Grundy county on the 19th of August, 1860. His parents were M. H. and Isabelle (Watson) Sitterly, the former a native of the state of New York and the latter of Pennsylvania. In 1856



the father became a resident of Grundy county, Illinois, where he engaged in business as a contractor and builder.

In 1811 the family removed from Grundy to Will county, Illinois, and J. C. Sitterly was educated in the public schools there. On the completion of his education he was employed by the Chicago, Wilmington & Vermillion Coal Company for five years in its stores and on severing his connection with that corporation he took charge of two stores, owned by the Eureka Coal Company, one at Braidwood and the other at Tracy. He remained in that capacity for four years, after which he went to Davenport, Iowa, but when a brief period had passed in that city he came to Spring Valley and in 1888 established a livery barn, which he has since conducted. He has been successful in his business life here and now has a number of horses and a good line of carriages and other vehicles, while his earnest desire to please his patrons as well as his reliable business methods have been a feature in his success.

On the 6th of June, 1895, Mr. Sitterly was married to Miss Lizzie Nelson, a daughter of James Nelson, an old resident of Bureau county, who affiliates with the Congregational church and is a representative resident of this part of the state. His wife bore the maiden name of Mary Barrett and was a native of Ohio. Three sons and a daughter have been born unto Mr. and Mrs. Sitterly: Harry, who was born June 6, 1896, and died December 13, 1896; Glenn, born August 22, 1897; Ada, June 16, 1899; and Lyle, September 11, 1902.

Mr. Sitterly exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party and is now serving for the fifth term as alderman of the fifth ward. He uses his official prerogatives for the best interests of the town and his labors have been effective and far-reaching for its benefit. He affiliates with the Congregational church and is a highly respected man, whose life record will bear close investigation and scrutiny and will show forth many qualities worthy of emulation.

#### HENRY DUNTEMAN.

Among the honored residents of Bureau county that Germany has furnished to the new world is numbered Henry Dunteman, who was for many years actively identified with the agricultural interests of the county but for the past decade has lived retired, though still residing upon his farm on section 15, Selby township. He was born in Hanover, Germany, in 1829, and is a son of Henry Dunteman, Sr., a very successful man, who engaged in farming and also owned and operated a large mill. The father took part in the war against Napoleon on the British side, Hanover then being under English protection. He never

came to America but five of his eight sons became residents of the United States and two of the number are still living, these being Henry, of this review, and Ernest, who is also living retired in Selby township.

Henry Dunteman, Jr., spent the first sixteen years of his life in his native land and from the age of six until fourteen he attended the public school, after which he was bound out for two years to learn the joiner's trade. On coming to the United States, in 1846, he first located in New York state, managing a cooage there for about a year, and in 1847 went to Chicago but soon afterward located at Wilmington, Illinois, where he spent a few weeks. He next worked for some time at Morris, this state, and was later employed on a contract at Depue, having made his home in Bureau county since 1849. He accompanied his employer on the latter's removal to Princeton, where he worked for several months, and subsequently was employed on the farm of Benjamin Newell for two years.

In 1851 Mr. Dunteman was married and began farming on his own account, first purchasing forty acres of land with the money he had saved from his earnings. A year later he sold that tract and bought one hundred and sixty acres on section 15, Selby township, a part of which he still owns. As time has passed he has made many useful and substantial improvements to his place and successfully engaged in its operation until about ten years ago, when he retired from active farming and now rents his land.

Mr. Dunteman was married in 1851 to Miss Almada Long, who was born in Greene county, Ohio, in 1829, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Long, who came to Bureau county in 1842, locating in Selby township, where they made their home until their deaths some years ago. They had a large family but only three are now living, namely: Mrs. Dunteman; Mrs. Piper and Mrs. Andrew Walton, of Selby township. Mr. and Mrs. Dunteman have reared three children, all born in Bureau county: John, now a farmer of Selby township, who married Lizzie Fooney and had one daughter, now deceased; Cherry, who is at home with her parents; and B. N., also a farmer of Selby township, who married Melissa Hozier and has eight children.

During the Civil war Mr. Dunteman was drafted and hired a substitute, paying eight hundred dollars. By his ballot he has supported the republican party since its organization and has taken quite an active interest in local affairs, efficiently serving as justice of the peace for twenty-four years and as road commissioner fifteen years. Fraternally he is connected with the Masonic lodge at Princeton and he attends the Congregational church though reared in the Lutheran faith. He is a man highly respected and esteemed by all who know him and deserves great credit for the



success that he has achieved in life, his prosperity coming as a direct reward for his own unaided efforts.

#### GEORGE R. RICHARDSON, D. D. S.

Dr. George R. Richardson, engaged in the practice of dentistry in Princeton, his native city, was born February 22, 1858, a son of P. T. and Emeline (Wise) Richardson, the former a native of Michigan and the latter of New Jersey. In the early '60s the father came to Princeton and engaged in the hardware business, being for many years an active factor in commercial circles. His establishment was one of the well known landmarks of commercialism in Princeton for almost a third of a century and in 1900 he retired from business life, enjoying well earned rest to the time of his death, which occurred in 1903.

Dr. Richardson, entering the public schools at the usual age, passed through successive grades until he was graduated from the high school of Princeton and his professional training was received in the dental department of the Northwestern University at Chicago, from which he was graduated in the class of 1898. He remained for two years in Chicago and then took up the practice in his native city in 1900, winning success as the years have gone by until he is now accorded a very liberal and gratifying patronage. With broad understanding of the scientific principles of the profession, with the mechanical ingenuity and accuracy which secure the best work, combined with that faculty which is termed commercial sense, he is meeting with well merited success and is worthy the patronage which is accorded him. He belongs to the county and state dental societies and is interested in all that pertains to progress in his profession, readily adapting the new methods and advanced ideas which mark the advancement of the profession.

In 1901 Dr. Richardson was married to Miss Frances Jordan, a native of Maryland and a daughter of William H. Jordan. This marriage has been blessed with two daughters, Frances Mary and Sarah Weise. The Doctor and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church and are well known socially, he having many friends who have known him from his boyhood, for almost his entire life has been passed in Princeton.

#### HARLAN E. CARPENTER.

Harlan E. Carpenter, whose life has been devoted to farming and stock-raising with the result that a gratifying measure of success has crowned his efforts, so that he is now the owner of a good farm property in Neponset township, was born in Macon township, on section 30, his natal day being October 16, 1854. His parents, William

E. and Laura A. (Rose) Carpenter, were both natives of the Empire state. The father was born near Virgil, Tompkins county, New York, October 17, 1814, and married Miss Laura A. Rose, whose birth occurred in Evans, Erie county, New York, March 26, 1813. The wedding was celebrated at Sycamore, De Kalb county, Illinois, January 11, 1839. Mrs. Carpenter was a daughter of Orange and Rebecca (Hurl) Rose. Her father was born in Chautauque county, New York, and died in November, 1844, while his wife, a native of Madison county, New York, passed away in June, 1844. They were married in the Empire state and became residents of De Kalb county, Illinois, in 1846. Mr. Rose was a lawyer by profession and had gained a position of prominence at the De Kalb county bar when, in early manhood, he was called from this life. Mrs. Carpenter was the only child of his marriage. The paternal grandparents of our subject were Henry and Isabella (Sloan) Carpenter, the former born in Tompkins county, New York, and the latter in eastern New York. His death occurred in 1854, and his wife passed away in August, 1888. Unto their marriage were born nine children, six of whom reached adult age. He came west with his family in 1854, settling first in Kane county, Illinois, when, in 1860, he removed to Bureau county, where he spent his remaining days as a farmer.

William E. Carpenter, father of Harlan E. Carpenter, came with his parents to Illinois, was reared to farm life and soon after his marriage he built the house which is now occupied by his widow on section 30, Macon township. This was in 1869, and it has remained the family home continuously since. His entire life was devoted to general farming and stock-raising and he made a specialty of the breeding of shorthorn Durham cattle. He believed it much more profitable to raise high grade stock than those of an inferior grade, and he also bred a high grade of hogs and was a lover of good horses. In community affairs he took an active and helpful interest, serving as a school trustee and as road commissioner. He was also an active member of the Methodist Episcopal church of Neponset for about thirty years, served as class leader for a considerable period and was Sunday-school superintendent for one year. He contributed generously to the support of the church and did everything in his power to promote its growth and development. In his political views he was a staunch republican but never was active as an office seeker. He died June 25, 1891, respected by all who knew him. In the family were two children, Harlan E. and Nellie R. The daughter, born March 28, 1876, was married December 30, 1897, to Louis L. Bennett. There are three children of this union, Leslie H., Stella A. and William E.

In his boyhood days Harlan E. Carpenter worked upon the home farm and during the school sessions pursued his studies in a district school of the neighborhood until nineteen years of age. He



lost his father at that time and has since given undivided attention to the farming and stock-raising interests of the old homestead. He is accounted one of the enterprising and successful agriculturists of his community and the neat and thrifty appearance of his place indicates his careful supervision. In all his business transactions he is straightforward and reliable and he has made for himself an unassailable reputation in business circles. Following in his father's footsteps politically he is an earnest republican and in 1903 was chosen township collector, while in 1905 he was elected assessor, which position he is now filling. His official duties have been discharged with promptness and fidelity and his aid can always be counted upon to further any movement for the general good. He was made a Mason in Neponset lodge, No. 803, A. F. & A. M., on the 16th of July, 1893, and has since been an exemplary representative of the craft.

#### WILLIAM WILLIAMS.

Enterprise, keen foresight and judicious investment constitute the success of William Williams, who is a wealthy citizen of Bureau county, where he owns extensive landed interests, aggregating nine hundred and fifty acres, situated in La Moille township. He is a native of this township, having been born on his present farm on the 8th of July, 1851, a son of James H. and Elizabeth (Shirk) Williams, natives of West Virginia and Pennsylvania respectively. In the year 1848 the father came to Illinois, settling in Canton, Fulton county, where he resided for four years, and on the expiration of that period he removed with his family to La Moille township, Bureau county. In their family were six children, of whom the subject of this review is the third in order of birth.

William Williams, whose name introduces this sketch, received a common-school education in La Moille township and afterward pursued the high-school course at Princeton, Illinois, thus being well qualified to enter business life. He started out in business as a farmer and, though he inherited some property, he has through industry, integrity and good judgment added to his original holdings until he is now one of the extensive landowners of Bureau county, having nine hundred and fifty acres of fine land situated in La Moille township. Here he carries on general agricultural pursuits, raising the cereals best adapted to soil and climate, and using the latest improved farm machinery to facilitate his work, so that he annually gathers rich crops as the result of his well directed labor. He has added many modern improvements to his place, including a beautiful country residence, which is supplied with all modern conveniences and is surrounded by fine shade trees and substantial outbuildings for the shelter of

grain and stock, and altogether his is one of the model farms of this section of the state.

As a companion and helpmate on life's journey Mr. Williams chose Miss Sarah Crossman, to whom he was married November 7, 1877. She was born July 3, 1851, a daughter of John and Elizabeth Crossman, natives of England, whence they came to America in an early day, becoming residents of Bureau county. Here Mrs. Williams was reared and educated, she being the second child in a family of nine children. By her marriage she has become the mother of four sons, namely: Harry C., born October 3, 1878; Charles, October 9, 1882; Mark, October 3, 1881, and Glen, born July 11, 1895.

Mr. Williams is independent in politics, supporting the men whom he thinks best qualified to fill office regardless of party ties. While keeping thoroughly informed on political questions and issues of the day he is not active in party work, preferring to give his time to his private business interests, in which he has met with excellent success. His wife holds membership with the United Brethren church at Van Orin.

Mr. Williams resides on the old homestead, and, having spent his entire life in this county, has aided in the development and progress that has here been made. He possesses excellent business ability and today he is one of the most extensive landholders of Bureau county, having nine hundred and fifty acres of valuable land situated in La Moille township. He is assisted in his farm work by his sons, whom he has trained to habits of industry and economy, so that he is able to rest somewhat from the more arduous tasks of carrying on the work of the property. He has a beautiful country residence, over which Mrs. Williams presides in a hospitable manner. He is quiet and unassuming, one whom it is a pleasure to meet, giving to both friend and stranger a cordial welcome. Mr. and Mrs. Williams are excellent people, enjoying the highest esteem of all who know them, and their acquaintance is extensive.

#### MARION DOTY.

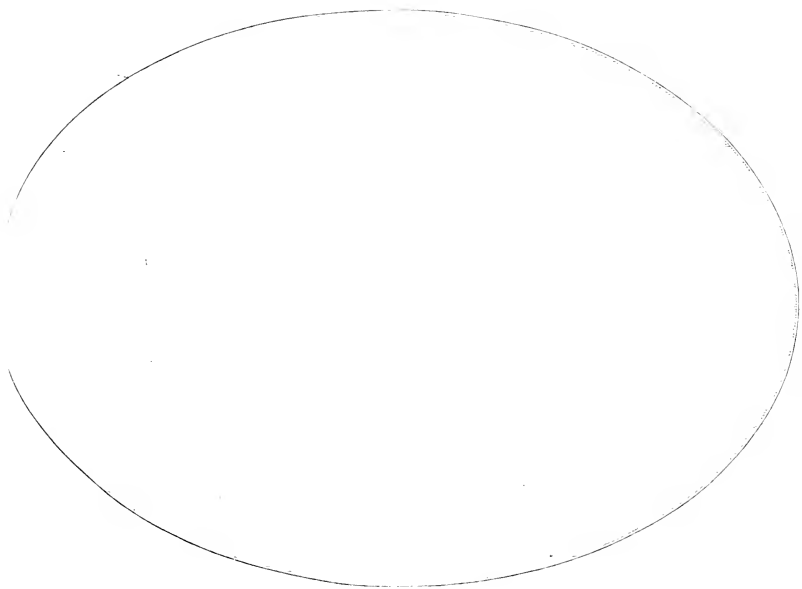
Marion Doty, one of the worthy and representative citizens of Berlin township, always helpful and interested in matters of public progress, while at the same time carefully and successfully conducting his individual business interests, is a native of the neighboring state of Indiana, his birth having occurred in Steuben county on the 15th of August, 1863. He is a son of Henry and Rebecca A. (Hite) Doty, the former a native of the state of New York, while the latter was also born in the east. In their family were seven children, of whom Marion was the fifth in order of birth. Two of the number died in childhood. When their son Marion was thirteen years of age the parents left the beautiful lake regions of Steu-











MR. AND MRS. J. H. WILLIAMS.



ben county, Indiana, and removed to Greene county, Missouri, where they lived for four and a half years. On the expiration of that period they retraced their steps to Steuben county, Indiana, but Marion Doty stopped in Bureau county, Illinois, where he has remained continuously since, a worthy and respected resident of this part of the state.

In consequence of his parents' removals Mr. Doty spent his boyhood days at various intervals in Indiana, Missouri and Illinois and for about twenty-five years has made his home in Bureau county. Here, starting out in life on his own account, he chose as a companion and helpmate for the journey Miss Bettie M. Dancy, to whom he was married on the 18th of November, 1856. She was born September 28, 1861, and her parents both died in this county, but passed away many years ago. When six years of age she went to live with John M. Isaac, who gave her a home until her marriage. Auto Mr. and Mrs. Doty have been born three children: Conway L., Vera M. and Lee E., aged respectively eighteen, sixteen and eight years.

The family residence is upon a farm in Berlin township and Mr. Doty is one of the self-made men of the county, who has forged his way to the front among the representative agriculturists of his community as the result of hard and unremitting toil and honesty which is above question. He is a man of sterling worth, measuring up with the foremost, not because of the acres which he owns but because of a strong and sturdy character which commands unqualified respect and confidence. In his religious views he and his family are Congregationalists, having recently joined the church of that denomination at Dover. They were brought to take this step through the influence of Rev. William Sunday, the noted Evangelist, who held revival services in Princeton in the winter of 1905-6. Mr. Doty is a member of Dauntless lodge, No. 150, K. P., of Malden, Illinois. The cause of education finds in him a warm and stalwart friend and an able helper, who has done effective service in behalf of the public schools through twelve years' service on the school board. He stands for all that is progressive in the community and for all that is just and upright in man's relations with his fellowmen and his many sterling traits have gained him warm friendships. His political allegiance is given to the republican party.

#### ROY L. FAIRBANKS.

Roy L. Fairbanks, who is engaged in the furniture and undertaking business in Buda, was born in that village, June 24, 1882, and is a representative of old pioneer families of this part of the state. His paternal grandparents were Alexander H. and Catherine (Purdue) Fairbanks. The former was born in Lawrenceburg, Indiana, September 8, 1807, and was married on the 24 of Febru-

ary, 1832, to Catherine Purdue, whose birth occurred in New York city, February 2, 1812. He came to Bureau county in 1835 and followed the occupation of carpentering and farming, retaining his residence here until his death, which occurred March 16, 1886. His wife survived him for about ten years, passing away January 22, 1896. In their family were eleven children, of whom four are yet living: Amanda, born December 25, 1832; Thomas, born March 18, 1834; Sewell, September 25, 1841; and James O., March 7, 1853. There were five sons who served in the Union army during the Civil war, but all have now passed away with the exception of the eldest, Thomas, who now resides at Clay Center, Iowa.

Lorenzo D. Fairbanks, father of our subject, was born at Wright Corners, in Indiana, February 2, 1836, was reared in the usual manner of farm lads on the frontier and came with his parents to Illinois in 1855. On the 27th of January, 1858, at Boyd's Grove, in Bureau county, he married Miss Martha Ann Gordon, who was born in Putnam county, Indiana, January 15, 1842, and is a daughter of Granville and Eveline (Sutherland) Gordon, both of whom are now deceased. They came to Illinois in the early '50s and were pioneer settlers of Knox county, whence they afterward came to Bureau county and in 1868 they went to Indiana, where their remaining days were passed. They had five children, of whom three are now living, namely: Mrs. Fairbanks; Margaret; and Priscilla.

Soon after his marriage Lorenzo D. Fairbanks began farming on his own account in Macon township and carried on general agricultural pursuits until 1873, when he removed to Kewanee, where he established a furniture store, which he conducted until 1881. In that year he took up his abode in Buda, where he spent his remaining days in the furniture and undertaking business. He served in the Union army toward its close, enlisting on the 11th of February, 1865, for one year or during the war, as a private of Company K, One Hundred and Forty-eighth Regiment of Illinois Volunteers. He received an honorable discharge at Nashville, Tennessee, as sergeant, on the 5th of September, 1865. He held membership in the Odd Fellows lodge and also with the Good Templars and was a member of the Congregational church. All who knew him respected him, for his life was ever upright and honorable. He died November 25, 1909, and is still survived by his widow, who is now living in Buda. They were the parents of six children: George E., born August 10, 1861; Eddie E., who was born May 10, 1863, and died March 29, 1864; Thomas W., who was born February 4, 1867, and died February 6, 1898, losing his life while acting as engineer, a wreck occurring on the Grand Trunk Railroad at Inlay City, Michigan; James L., who was born April 9, 1869, and is now a music professor in Boston; Nellie J., who was born September 24, 1872, and died in infancy; and Roy L., of this review.



In taking up the personal history of Roy L. Fairbanks we present to our readers the record of a representative of one of the old pioneer families of the county and one who has justly gained for himself a creditable place in business circles in Buda. He pursued his education in the Buda schools, and afterward mastered a course in the art and science of embalming and funeral directing at Boston, Massachusetts, with David Fudge & Son. He also took a post-graduate course under Professor Carl Lewis Barnes of Chicago in 1902, and he at present holds a state license issued by the Illinois state board of health. On the 1st of October, 1903, he engaged in the furniture and undertaking business on his own account as successor to his father and now carries a fine line of furniture and undertaking goods. He is well equipped for the conduct of a successful business in this way and has recently purchased a new funeral car and an ambulance. He carries a large line of furniture and has a liberal patronage owing to his reasonable prices and his earnest desire to please his customers.

In his fraternal relations Mr. Fairbanks is a Mason, belonging to Buda lodge, No. 399, A. F. & A. M., and Princeton chapter, No. 28, R. A. M. He also affiliates with Arena lodge, No. 645, K. P., of Buda, and he is a member of the Illinois State Undertakers' Association.

On the 24th of June, 1903, Mr. Fairbanks was married to Miss Grace C. Aten, who was born at Brinfield, Illinois, July 28, 1853. They now have an interesting little daughter, Luella Vincent, born December 6, 1905. Mrs. Fairbanks is a daughter of Vincent and Mary E. (Snyder) Aten. Her father, a native of New Jersey, is now living in Ransom, La Salle county, Illinois, and is a minister of the Methodist Episcopal church, having charge of three churches. His wife is a native of Booneville, Missouri. In their family were five children, of whom three are now living: Fred S., Grace and Warren B. Mr. and Mrs. Fairbanks are prominent socially in Buda, where their circle of friends is almost co-extensive with the circle of their acquaintances.

#### EDGAR D. LARKIN.

The commercial prosperity and community interests of Arlington are greatly promoted through the activity of Edgar D. Larkin, who for ten years has served as postmaster of the village and is proprietor of its leading general store. He is honored and respected by all because of the success which he has achieved and by reason of the straightforward business methods he has ever followed. He was born July 29, 1853, in Harrisville, Harrison county, Ohio, and his parents, Townsend T. and Julia Anne (Richardson) Larkin, were also natives of the same state. In the year 1855 they removed from Ohio to Bureau

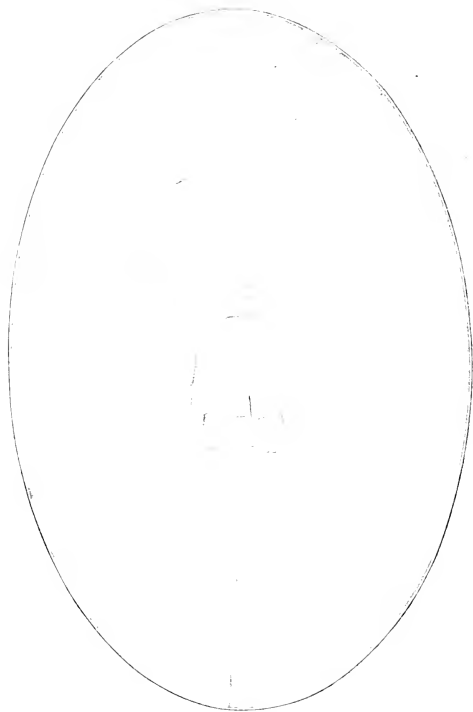
county, Illinois, settling in the village of Arlington, where the father followed the trade of cabinet-making. He thus became closely associated with its industrial interests, and was a representative citizen there for many years, or until the day of his death. He passed away in 1876 at the age of seventy-four years, his birth having occurred in 1802, the year in which Ohio, his native state, was admitted to the Union. His wife passed away at the age of sixty-eight years. On the seventieth anniversary of the birth of Townsend T. Larkin the family held a reunion at the old homestead at Newtown Square, Pennsylvania, the date being May 1, 1872. On this occasion there were present all of his living brothers and sisters, including Mrs. Pennell, Mordecai Larkin, Mrs. Eliza L. Thomas, Mrs. Hannah Sharpless, Mrs. Martha Yost and John Larkin, Jr. The last time a family reunion had been held was on the 5th of May, 1824, forty-eight years previously, at the marriage of one of the sisters. On that occasion all of the children, ten in number, were present, but in the interim death had removed three, so that the living members of the family numbered seven, of whom the youngest was sixty-eight years of age. All are now deceased, and the youngest, who at that gathering was sixty-eight years of age, lived to be ninety years of age, passing away in 1901.

Edgar D. Larkin, reared under the parental roof, completed his education in the Arlington schools and afterward learned the jeweler's trade, which he followed for a number of years in the village which is now his home. In 1880, however, he went to the west, and was identified with mining interests until the succeeding fall, when he returned to Arlington, where he has since engaged in merchandising. He has prospered in his undertakings and is today the owner of the leading general mercantile establishment in the town. He carries an extensive and well selected stock of goods, and his reasonable prices, straightforward dealing and earnest desire to please his customers have secured to him a large patronage, making the business a profitable investment. He likewise owns eleven and a half acres of land in the village, and upon this place his residence stands, being one of the attractive homes of the town.

On the 3d of May, 1877, Mr. Larkin was married to Miss Alferetta Berry, who was born April 1, 1857, and is a daughter of Rufus B. and Julia A. (O'Brien) Berry, the former a native of Maine and the latter of London, England. They became residents of Bureau county in the later '40s, and resided in Clarion township upon a farm up to the time of Mr. Berry's death. His widow still survives and is now living in New York city. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Larkin has been blessed with four children: Justin E., Blanche E., Juliet and Townsend T., who are still under the parental roof.







EDGAR D. LARKIN.



For many years Mr. Larkin has been an exemplary member of the Masonic fraternity, and is affiliated with Levi Lusk lodge, No. 279, A. F. & A. M., of which he has been treasurer for about ten years. He is now venerable counsel of the Modern Woodmen camp, No. 3111, and in his fraternal relations is popular. His father organized the Temple of Honor of Harrisville, Ohio, and afterward assisted in instituting various lodges in that state. He, too, was a prominent Mason. In his political views Edgar D. Larkin is a stalwart republican, and for eight years acted as assistant postmaster of Arlington, while for the past ten years he has served as postmaster. He is also one of the trustees of the village, having been elected for a two years' term. His first presidential ballot was cast for General Grant, and he has since supported each nominee at the head of the ticket, while in local interests of his party he is recognized as a leader, his opinions often proving a decisive factor in republican councils in Bureau county. His intense and well directed activity in business has gained him his present position in commercial circles, while his well known public spirit and devotion to the general good have made him a prominent representative of the citizenship of Arlington.

#### WILLIAM S. MATTESON.

William S. Matteson, one of the leading and representative residents of La Moille township, was born in this county, January 29, 1867. His parents were Theodore B. and Elizabeth (Harris) Matteson, the former a native of Oswego, New York, and the latter of Tuscarawas county, Ohio. They were married in Bureau county, Illinois, in 1860, and unto them have been born two children: William S. and Bertha B.

The son, reared under the parental roof, was educated in the public schools of this county and in Fulton College, of Fulton, Illinois. When not busy with his text-books his time was devoted to the pleasures of the playground or to the work of the fields, for in his youth he assisted in the improvement and operation of the home farm. The occupation to which he was reared he has made his life work, and he is now the owner of one hundred and eighty-one acres of valuable land, the sun shining upon no finer tract in all Bureau county. He raises considerable grain, but the products of his fields are used in feeding cattle and hogs, which he prepares for the market.

Mr. Matteson was married on the 21st of November, 1889, to Miss May Perkins, who was born in Bureau county, Illinois, August 28, 1868. They now have one daughter, Gertrude B. Mr. Matteson belongs to the Masonic fraternity, and exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party. His

religious faith is indicated by his membership in the United Brethren church, with which his family are also identified. Viewed in a personal light, he may well be said to be a successful man, having gained not only a handsome competence, but also the reward and esteem of his fellow citizens. His business affairs have been carefully managed and his laudable ambition and strong purpose have been salient features in his career. He and his family are prominent socially and in the church, and they have a beautiful home which is the abode of warm hearted and attractive hospitality.

#### JOHN J. GINGRICH.

Noting the fact that John G. Gingrich started out in life empty handed, his enterprise and success can be measured when one knows that he is the owner of an excellent and valuable farm of two hundred and forty acres in Macon township. His birth occurred in Putnam county, Illinois, on the 10th of September, 1861, and he comes of German lineage. His father, Jacob Gingrich, was born in Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, and was eighteen years of age when he bade adieu to that country and sailed for the new world in company with his parents, who located at Tonic, La Salle county, Illinois. Soon afterward Jacob Gingrich took up his abode in Woodford county, Illinois, where he began business life for himself, and later he came to Bureau county. Subsequently, however, he was numbered among the pioneer residents of Livingston county, where he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of raw land. This he improved, making his home thereon until the time of his death, which occurred on the 5th of April, 1874, when he was forty-one years of age. He held membership in the Mennonite church, voted with the democracy, and for many years served as a school director. His wife bore the maiden name of Veronica Roggey, and was born in Granville, Putnam county, Illinois, where their marriage was celebrated. She is now living in Bradford, this state, and on the 7th of September, 1906, reached the age of sixty-eight years. By her marriage she became the mother of four children: John J., Lena N., Mary and Peter M.

John J. Gingrich pursued his studies in the public schools and was early trained to habits of industry and economy upon the home farm. Desirous of engaging in farming on his own account, when twenty-two years of age he started out in life for himself, securing eighty acres of land in Macon township. Subsequently he acquired more land, buying first a tract of forty acres, and to this he has since added from time to time, until his present holdings comprise two hundred and forty acres of as fine land as can be found in Bureau county. He has made splendid improvements upon his farm, including the erection of a commodious and attractive residence in 1889.



while in 1902 he built a large barn. His home is surrounded by shade and fruit trees of his own planting, and he has been an extensive breeder of Aberdeen Angus cattle for about fifteen years, but sold his fine cattle in 1905. He has also raised Poland China hogs and Norman horses, and has always fed and shipped his own stock.

Mr. Gingrich was married February 4, 1884, to Miss Katie A. Eigsti, who was born in Tazewell county, Illinois, August 9, 1864, a daughter of Jacob and Veronica (Albrecht) Eigsti, who are mentioned on another page of this volume. Mr. and Mrs. Gingrich have become the parents of eight children: Alvin J., born December 12, 1884; Jessie W., June 17, 1886; Orville C., who was born February 26, 1888, and died May 7, 1901; Albert J., April 24, 1891; Wilfred C., March 6, 1894; Elsie F., November 12, 1895; Irving H., July 22, 1897; and Percy P., April 5, 1901.

Mr. Gingrich has been called upon to serve in several positions of public trust, the duties of which he has discharged with credit to himself and satisfaction to his constituents. At the present writing he is commissioner of highways, and is serving for the third term as school trustee. His political support is given the republican party, and he is in thorough sympathy with its principles as regards governmental policy. He holds membership with the Mennonite church, and is one who in his relations of citizenship and of private life has gained the regard of his fellow-men by his many sterling qualities.

#### SAMUEL P. PRESCOTT.

Samuel P. Prescott is one who has wielded a wide influence in community affairs and is the first republican in thirty-five years to be elected supervisor of Westfield township, which position he is now filling. He has made a creditable record as a lawyer, being recognized as one whose knowledge of the principles of jurisprudence and devotion to his clients' interests well entitles him to the liberal patronage accorded him in the courts. He was born in Rowley, Essex county, Massachusetts, October 14, 1844, and is a representative of one of the old families of New England. The original ancestors in this country were of English birth and came to America at an early period in the colonization of the new world, settling in New Hampshire. Asa Prescott, the grandfather, and S. P. Prescott, the father of our subject, were both natives of New Hampshire and members of the family have figured prominently in the public life of both that state and of Massachusetts, including noted men in the professions, while Hon. B. F. Prescott, governor of New Hampshire, was a cousin of our subject.

Samuel P. Prescott, Sr., was reared to man-

hood in the old Granite state, whence he removed to Essex county, Massachusetts, and was there married to Miss Mary M. Carleton, whose birth occurred in the old Bay state. For many years Mr. Prescott engaged in the manufacture of shoes at Haverhill and was not only a representative business man but also figured in public life as one who wielded a wide and beneficial influence. He held various positions of public trust, including that of alderman.

Samuel P. Prescott, Jr., spending the days of his boyhood and youth at his parents' home in Haverhill, was provided with excellent educational privileges. After attending the public schools he continued his studies in Phillips Exeter Academy and was graduated from Dartmouth College in 1867 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, while in 1874 his alma mater conferred upon him the degree of Master of Arts. Following the completion of his collegiate course he engaged in teaching for a time and for two years was principal of the Francestown Academy of New Hampshire. He regarded this, however, merely as a forward step to other professional labor, as it was his desire and ambition to become a member of the bar and to this end he began reading. The year 1869 witnesses his arrival in Illinois and he took up his abode in Princeton, where the following year he was admitted to the bar and entered into partnership with Judge George W. Stipp, who afterward occupied the bench of the district court. For two years Mr. Prescott remained a member of the Princeton bar, after which he spent a similar period in Chicago and then took up his abode in Arlington, where he opened a law office. He has since remained a practitioner in Bureau county, practicing in all of the courts of this section of the state. He is strong in argument, logical in his deductions and correct in his conclusions and he prepares his cases with mastery, thoroughness and skill, indicating a mind well trained in the severest school of investigation.

On the 8th of October, 1871, in Princeton, Mr. Prescott was united in marriage to Miss Frances A. Van Velzer, who was born in Joliet but was reared and educated in the city where the marriage was celebrated. Her father, Granville Van Velzer, was a pioneer merchant of Princeton. Mr. and Mrs. Prescott became the parents of five children, of whom three survive: Mabel, now the wife of Isaac W. Wright of Chicago, by whom she has two children, their names being Ellis and Beulah; Carl; and Warren. Two children of the family died in early youth.

In his political views Mr. Prescott is an earnest republican, thoroughly in sympathy with the party, its policy and its principles, and he is now a member of the county republican central committee. He has been a delegate to various county, congressional and state conventions and his opinions are frequently a decisive factor in the coun-



els of his party, and yet he is not an office seeker nor does he desire the rewards of office for party fealty. He holds membership in Levi Lusk lodge, No. 270, A. F. & A. M., of Arlington, in which he is now serving as master, and he also belongs to the chapter and commandery at Mendota. At a recent election he was chosen supervisor of Westfield township, the first republican elected to that office in thirty-five years—a fact which indicates his personal popularity and the confidence reposed in him. While he is neglectful of no duty of citizenship his attention is chiefly given to his practice with the result that he has attained an enviable place among the able lawyers of the Bureau county bar with a clientele that is at once extensive and important.

#### BENJAMIN F. DOW.

Benjamin F. Dow, a farmer and stock-raiser living on section 8, Fairfield township, came to Bureau county in 1847 and has since lived in the township which is yet his home. He was born in Freedom, Cattaraugus county, New York, May 26, 1831, and is a son of Whiteber and Eunice (Bunn) Dow, who, arriving in this county in 1817, took up their abode at Yorktown, where the father secured a large tract of land. At one time he operated over four hundred acres and was an extensive farmer and stock-raiser, successfully conducting his business interests. Both he and his wife were natives of Vermont, and the former was of English lineage, while the latter was of Scotch descent. They were married in Cattaraugus county, New York, in February, 1828, and traveled life's journey together for almost a half century. They were separated by the death of Mrs. Dow, November 29, 1877. Mr. Dow survived until June, 1882, and passed away at the age of seventy-seven years. He was the first supervisor of Fairfield township, being chosen to that office in 1849, and serving for several years. In connection with his general agricultural pursuits he was also engaged in the dairy business, made cheese and raised stock. His farm work, therefore, was of a varied nature, but in all departments was carefully conducted and resulted in the acquirement of a handsome competence. His was indeed a busy and useful life and aside from his agricultural interests he found time to assist in the promotion of those matters which affect the general welfare and advance public progress.

In the family were eight children, all of whom were at one time residents of this county. Emily became the wife of O. W. McKenzie, and died at Yorktown, November 5, 1888, while her husband passed away in July, 1892. Emeline became the wife of John McKenzie, and died at Tampico, December 27, 1879, having for six years survived

her husband. Benjamin F. is the third of the family. Thomas, residing in Tampico, where he is engaged in the stevedrafting business, married Miss Willet and has a family of eight children. Edward W. died in Watertown, Illinois, in October, 1905, at the age of sixty-seven years, leaving a family, but his wife, who bore the maiden name of Fannie Greenman, had passed away in 1903. H. H., a resident of Pasadena, California, was married first to a Miss Brown, a sister of the late L. W. Brown, who for many years was supervisor of Fairfield township. His present wife bore the maiden name of Susan Gray. Albina became the wife of J. E. Greenman and died in March, 1903, at Tampico, where her husband still resides. H. Clay, living at West Point, Mississippi, where he follows farming and well drilling, was married first to Mrs. Pitney.

Benjamin F. Dow was reared to the age of sixteen years in Cayuga county, New York, and during that period attended the public schools. As stated, he became a resident of Bureau county in 1847, and in 1859 he left here to continue his education in Whiteside county. While working in Whiteside county at a later date he purchased a part of his present farm of one hundred and eighty acres on section 8, Fairfield township, and he has made this his home since his marriage, which important event in his life was celebrated on the 25th of November, 1856, the lady of his choice being Miss Sarah E. Jones, who was born in McDonough county, Illinois, July 2, 1838, a daughter of Permeas and Anne (Dickinson) Jones. Her father died at Tennessee, Illinois, in 1812, when a comparatively young man, and Mrs. Jones made her home for forty years in McDonough county. Mrs. Dow was the eldest of five children and was the first white child born in Tennessee township, McDonough county. The other members of her father's family were: Martin L., who died in that county about 1858; Nancy A., who became the wife of Earl Durat, and died in Whiteside county in 1871; and twins who died in infancy. After losing her first husband Mrs. Jones became the wife of Patterson Aber, who went to California about 1850 or 1851 and died there. They had one child, John W., who now resides in the Indian Territory. Her third husband was L. Underhill and they resided for a time in Bureau county, but later took up their abode in McDonough county and subsequently removed to the Indian Territory, where both passed away, the death of Mrs. Underhill occurring in 1898, when she had reached the advanced age of eighty years. By her third marriage she had three children: Margaret, who became the wife of William Love, and died in 1903; Charles, who was married in McDonough county, Illinois, to Mary McKenzie, and is now living in Missouri; and Elizabeth, the wife of William Lane, of the Indian Territory.

Mrs. Dow was about fourteen years of age





when she became a resident of Whiteside county, Illinois, there living with her aunt, Mrs. Nancy Foy, until her marriage. By this union there have been born four children, all born on the home farm in Fairfield township. Pleasant L., born in January, 1859, and now living on the old homestead on section 5, Fairfield township, married Miss Louie Scott and has six children. Zillah A., born October 5, 1860, is the wife of William Shear, of Henry county, Illinois, and they have two children. Lauer J., born in 1866, resides in Sacramento, California, and is an electrician and engineer. He married Miss Daisy D. Hogeboom and they have four children. One child of the family, Glee, born in 1879, died in infancy.

Politically, Mr. Dow has always been a republican and attended the first convention of the party at Princeton in 1854 when John H. Bryant was nominated for congress. In 1856 he voted for Fremont and he also attended the convention when he was nominated. He has served in various township offices and has always been found a trustworthy official. The long years of his residence here and his upright life will entitle him to mention with the representative pioneer settlers, and from memory he can relate many interesting incidents of the early days when Bureau county was still a frontier district and when the work of improvement and progress seemed scarcely begun. Great changes have occurred, converting cross-roads villages into thriving towns and cities, wherein are found many commercial and industrial interests, while the broad prairies indicate the splendid labor that has been put forth by the agricultural class, reclaiming the wild land for the uses of civilization.

#### HUGH G. GUNNING.

Hugh G. Gunning is the owner of two hundred acres of rich farming land in Neponset township and operates altogether two hundred and eighty acres, in addition to which he feeds cattle for the market. A life of enterprise and industry has been crowned with success, and he is today accounted one of the leading farmers of his community.

A native of Neponset township, he was born April 8, 1862, and is a son of John and Margaret (Porter) Gunning, who were born near Belfast, in County Down, Ireland, the former February 22, 1828. Their wedding journey was the voyage to America, made in June, 1849. The vessel on which they embarked was wrecked off the banks of Newfoundland, lost three men overboard, was dismantled of her spars, and it was with difficulty that she was kept afloat, but by working the pumps for three weeks she was saved, although she drifted back to the coast of Ireland. There repairs were made and she sailed again, this time

reaching the harbor of New York in safety. On coming to America John Gunning and his young wife located at Troy, New York, and in 1856 arrived in Neponset. Soon afterward he purchased land and to his original tract he added until he had a half section. Upon this he placed many excellent improvements, making it one of the fine farms of the township. He voted with the republican party and served as road commissioner and in other public offices of trust. In Ireland he was a member of the Presbyterian church, while in Neponset he became a member of the Congregational church, to which his wife also belonged. Her death occurred in 1880, when she was sixty years of age, while Mr. Gunning died in 1903, when about seventy-five years of age.

No event of special importance occurred to vary the routine of farm life for Hugh G. Gunning in his boyhood days and when twenty-two years of age he began farming on his own account. He has since followed this occupation, and is now controlling two hundred and eighty acres of rich land, of which he owns two hundred acres. The fields return to him rich crops and he also buys, feeds and fattens for the market about a carload of cattle annually. He raises from one hundred to one hundred and fifty head of hogs annually, and in 1906 shipped three carloads of hogs.

On the 25th of March, 1885, Mr. Gunning was married to Miss Emma E. Pickering, whose birth occurred in Neponset township, May 19, 1866, a daughter of George and Sarah Ann (Stabler) Pickering. Her father, a native of Yorkshire, England, born December 17, 1829, is now living in Neponset, while her mother, whose birth occurred in Yorkshire, March 22, 1837, died August 28, 1895. They were married February 4, 1855, and soon afterward came to America, crossing the Atlantic on a sailing vessel which dropped anchor in the harbor of New York. Making their way to Illinois, they settled in what is now Neponset township, where the father followed the occupation of farming. In 1880 he purchased land in that township and successfully devoted his energies to the cultivation and improvement of the property until 1900, when he purchased a home in the village of Neponset, where he has since lived retired. In politics he is a democrat and has served as a school director, but has not held nor desired other office. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Pickering were born sixteen children, of whom twelve are now living: Betsy, the wife of Henry Burnett; Jennie, the wife of William Hood; Susan, the wife of R. C. Carpenter; Harriet, who married Henry Augustin; David; Mrs. Gunning; George W.; John E.; Isabel, the wife of Oliver Slates; Lottie May, the wife of George Kopp; Charles; and Fred.

Mr. and Mrs. Gunning have become the parents of nine children: Mabel M., who was born June 16, 1886, and is the wife of William Bennett; Stella A., born November 27, 1888; Laura, who



was born March 1, 1890, and died in infancy; George H., born April 23, 1893; Robert M., January 24, 1895; Neitha E., October 31, 1897; John M., in December, 1909; Leslie R., August 9, 1903; and Lottie L., December 13, 1905.

Politically, Mr. Gunning is a republican. He has never sought or desired office as a reward for party fealty and has served only as school director, acting in that capacity for nine years. He is interested, however, in matters of general improvement and upbuilding and can be counted upon for aid in movements of progressive citizenship.

#### DYER EGBERT KIPP.

Dyer Egbert Kipp is a retired farmer residing in Mineral. In former years he was actively associated with agricultural interests, and through his close application and unflinching energy he acquired the capital that now enables him to rest from further labor and enjoy the fruits of his former toil. He was born in Steuben county, New York, January 18, 1846, a son of Dyer Lathrop and Jane Evaline (Parker) Kipp. His education was obtained in the common schools of his native state and he came to Illinois in 1862. He was at that time sixteen years of age and soon afterward he entered Grand Prairie Seminary, where he remained as a student for two years, while for one year he attended the Wesleyan University at Bloomington, Illinois. He was thus provided with good educational privileges which well fitted him for life's practical and responsible duties. When twenty-two years of age he went to Missouri and worked as a farm hand. Following his return to Illinois he resided for six years in La Salle county and then removed to Livingston county, where he followed the vocation of farming, residing there from 1879 until he came to Mineral in 1903. Here he has since lived in the enjoyment of a well earned rest, his competence being sufficient to supply him with all of the necessities and many of the comforts and luxuries of life.

Mr. Kipp was married on the 31st of January, 1870, to Miss Mary Emily Bassett, of La Salle, Illinois, and they became the parents of six children. Julia Hoz, a graduate of Grand Prairie Seminary and of the Northwestern University at Evanston, Illinois, was appointed a missionary to Aligarh, India, whither she went in 1906. Ray Bassett is also engaged in missionary work, having spent the past three years in the mission schools at Quionga, Africa. Cora Irene, a graduate of the Grand Prairie Seminary, has for two years been a student in the Chicago College of Physicians and Surgeons. Karl Parker, also a graduate of Grand Prairie Seminary, has for the past three years engaged in farming in Henry county, Illinois. Orin Lansing Gartell and Marion D. are students in Cornell College at

Mount Vernon, Iowa. On the 1st of June, 1897, Mrs. Mary E. Kipp passed away and Mr. Kipp has since married Miss Emma Denning, a daughter of Valentine H. Denning, of La Salle county, and a cousin of Rev. John O. Denning, of India, who for years was a presiding elder and who now for a long period has been a missionary in India. Another cousin, Lou B. Denning, spent many years as a missionary in South America. Both the Kipp and Denning families have been devoted to church work, many of their number giving their time and energies to labor in the missionary field.

Mr. Kipp, of this review, has filled the office of justice of the peace, and for many years was school director. He was a trustee and steward in the Methodist Episcopal church at Wing, Illinois, which he helped to organize, and is now a steward in the Methodist church of Mineral. His life has been in harmony with his professions, characterized by a consideration for others, by straightforward dealing and by strict conformity to manly principles at all times. He thus merits and enjoys the confidence and goodwill of his fellowmen and wherever known he is held in the highest respect. He holds a St. John medal for being one of the men that voted for St. Joan in 1881, and he has voted the prohibition ticket ever since.

#### E. A. LA DUE.

The commercial interests of Spring Valley find an active factor in E. A. La Due, who is conducting a drug store and who in his business career keeps in touch with modern ideas of progress and development. He was born in New York state, August 21, 1839. His father, Abraham La Due, was likewise a native of the Empire state, as was his wife, who bore the maiden name of Hannah Young. Throughout an active business career he devoted his time and energies to farming, and he died in 1898, at the very venerable age of ninety years.

In his boyhood days E. A. La Due was a public school student in Wadsworth, New York, where he pursued the high school course, and later he continued his studies in Monroe Academy at Elbridge, New York. When sixteen years of age he became interested in a general store, which he conducted successfully in Montezuma, New York, for three years, but thinking that the middle west would offer better business opportunities, he made his way to Illinois in 1860 and located in Yorktown. There he opened a general store, which he conducted for three years, after which he devoted one year to farming. He then again entered commercial life as a merchant of Yorktown. Two years later he removed to Tazewell, when that town was organized, and there engaged in business as a merchant and druggist for fifteen



years. He has continued in the latter line since 1873, and in 1887 he came to Spring Valley. After removing twice he erected the commodious and attractive store building which he now occupies, carrying on a large and growing trade. He has a full line of drugs and sundry goods and a liberal patronage is accorded him. He has also erected two handsome residences in Spring Valley, one of which he occupies.

In 1861 was celebrated the marriage of Mr. La Due and Miss Cecelia M. Lane, a native of Michigan. They have become the parents of two sons and two daughters: Dr. B. La Due, a practicing physician of Ottawa; F. M., who conducts a farm in Whiteside county, which was purchased by his father forty-four years ago; Emma, now the wife of J. C. Pinkley, of Spring Valley; and Mary, the wife of N. H. Smith.

Mr. La Due belongs to S. M. Dalzell lodge, No. 895, A. F. & A. M., of which he is a charter member, and he attends the Congregational church, being a charter member at Yorktown. His political allegiance has always been given to the republican party, but he has never sought or desired office, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs, which, being capably conducted, have led to substantial and gratifying success. He stands among those to whom prosperity has come as the reward of earnest and diligent effort and he has won simultaneously an honored name.

#### LOUIS C. STADLER.

Louis C. Stadler has throughout his entire business career been identified with the mercantile interests of Hollowayville, where he is now proprietor of a good general store and also has charge of the postoffice, his father, Christian Stadler, having served as postmaster since 1869, and also for a term previous to that time. The latter was born in the city of Munchen, Bavaria, Germany, May 20, 1821, and, after the death of his father, came to America with his mother, who died here at the age of eighty-four years. It was in 1846 that Christian Stadler took up his residence in Bureau county, locating on a farm near Hollowayville. The following year he became interested in the store of which his son is now owner, and in 1857 gave it his personal supervision, being actively engaged in mercantile pursuits until he turned the store over to our subject, in 1898. He still owns two good farms near Hollowayville, and, although now eighty-five years of age, he is still well and active. As a prominent and influential citizen of his community he has been called upon to serve in several local offices of honor and trust, having been supervisor, town clerk, school treasurer and road commissioner.

In 1848, in this county, Christian Stadler mar-

ried Elizabeth Lehrer, who was also born in Munchen, Bavaria, March 9, 1829, and came to the new world in 1846. For over half a century they traveled life's journey together, but the wife passed away in April, 1905. To them were born eleven children, of whom four reached years of maturity, namely: Louis C., of this review; Hannah, the wife of Rev. Ernest Nabholz, a minister of the Lutheran church, now located in Lancaster, Wisconsin; Lizzie, the wife of Fred Merkel, of S. J. township, and Christian G., who married Emma Handke, who resides on a farm near Hollowayville, in Selby township.

A native of Bureau county, Louis C. Stadler was born on his father's farm, near Hollowayville, in 1857, and was here reared and educated. When a small boy he entered his father's store, and as the years passed he became thoroughly familiar with the business in all its departments. Since 1898 he has conducted the store under his own name, and as a good and reliable merchant he has built up an excellent trade.

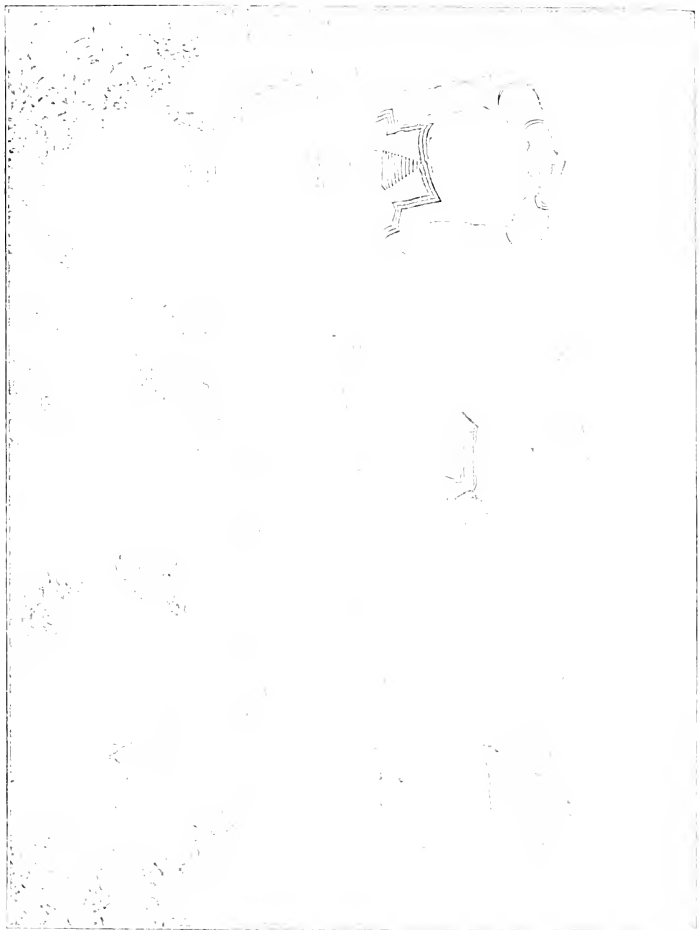
Mr. Stadler was married in 1880 to Miss Mary Merkel, a daughter of Jacob and Anna M. Merkel. Her father, who was a farmer by occupation, is now deceased, but her mother is still living, and resides in Hollowayville. Mrs. Stadler was born in Selby township, where her parents located about 1849, and she is one of a family of seven children, the others being Fred, Louis, Jacob, Mrs. Tillie Golden, Mrs. Christiana Helmer and Miss Kate Merkel, who resides with her mother in Hollowayville. Mr. and Mrs. Stadler have three children: Emma K., Christian L. and Bertha H. The son now assists his father in the store.

Mr. Stadler and his family are members of St. John's German Lutheran church, and socially he is quite prominent, being a member of the bible lodge of Masons at Arlington and the chapter at Princeton, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Hollowayville and the Knights of Pythias at Seatonville. The Democratic party usually receives his endorsement and support, but he is somewhat independent in politics, and is a recognized leader in public affairs, having served as president of the village board for the past twelve years, though he recently resigned. He has also filled the offices of town clerk and school treasurer, and gives his support to any enterprise which he believes will advance the social, moral or material welfare of his town or county.

#### SERING P. SALMON.

Sering P. Salmon, who died at Princeton on the 9th of February, 1903, was a well known and highly esteemed early settler of this part of the state and for many years was closely associated with its agricultural interests, while the qualities of a noble manhood as exemplified in his business career, in his public spirited citizenship and





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his relations with his fellowmen, won for him the sincere and unqualified regard of all with whom he came in contact. He was born in Morris county, New Jersey, January 28, 1830, his parents being John and Caroline (Bartley) Salmon, who came to Illinois in 1853, locating in Princeton. The father was engaged in farming for a considerable period, making his home in the outskirts of the city, and there he and his wife lived until they were called to their final rest.

Sering P. Salmon, reared in the state of his nativity and educated in the common schools, was married in New Jersey, April 3, 1851, to Miss Angeline Salmon, of Morris county, that state, who still resides in Princeton at the age of seventy-five years.

Coming to Illinois at an early period in the development of Bureau county, S. P. Salmon was for many years engaged in farming, placing his land under a high state of cultivation and equipping it with all modern improvements and accessories. Everything about his farm was kept in excellent condition and the fields brought to him rich harvests in return for the care and labor he bestowed upon them. He continued his farming operations until his retirement from active business life, when he took up his abode in Princeton, where he spent his remaining days. In his political views he was a staunch democrat and for several years capably filled the office of supervisor of Selby township, where he also served as assessor and in other local positions. Both he and his wife were members of the Presbyterian church, in the work of which he took an active and helpful part, serving as an elder for many years. He was a man of high ideals, and upright principles characterized his entire life, so that when he passed away on the 9th of February, 1903, he left behind him an untarnished record and a good name.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Sering P. Salmon were born two sons. The elder, J. B. Salmon, born in Ohio in 1853, is still a resident of Princeton. S. J. Salmon, born in this city in 1864, was reared under the parental roof and was educated in the city schools of Princeton. For the past seven years he has been with the J. I. C. Threshing Machine Company as traveling salesman, and is an enterprising, alert business man, who now controls a large patronage and is popular with those with whom he has trade relations. He was first married to Miss Mary Belle Boggs, of Princeton, who died February 8, 1902, at the age of thirty-seven years, leaving three children: Mary Ethel, at home; John J., who died January 24, 1906, at the age of sixteen years; and William B., at home. Mr. Salmon's present wife was formerly Miss Myrtle C. Everett, of Chicago. The family home is at No. 517 South Church street, and the members of the household occupy an enviable position in social circles in Bureau county, where the family has so long been widely

and favorably known, the representatives of the name of earlier generations having come here more than a half century ago.

#### DAVID E. PATTERSON.

David E. Patterson, whose well improved farm of three hundred and twenty acres is the reward of diligence and carefully directed business interests, dates his residence in Bureau county from 1853. He was born in Chester county, Pennsylvania, July 22, 1832, his parents being William and Rachel (Reader) Patterson, who were likewise natives of the Keystone state, where they spent their entire lives, both having now passed away.

David E. Patterson is indebted to the public-school system of Pennsylvania for the educational privileges and opportunities whereby he was fitted for the practical duties of life. Thinking to enjoy better business opportunities in the middle west he came to Bureau county in 1853, when a young man of twenty-one years, and has since been identified with industrial and agricultural pursuits in this part of the state. He first worked at the carpenter's trade in La Salle county and then returned to Bureau county, where he has resided continuously since, giving his attention to farming. Year by year he has labored earnestly and persistently and as his financial resources have increased he has made judicious investments in property and is today the owner of three hundred and twenty acres of finely improved farming land. His fields, which are enclosed with well kept fences, are always highly cultivated and the latest improved machinery facilitates the work of the farm.

On the 4th of December, 1856, Mr. Patterson was married to Miss Mary Davis, who was born January 20, 1836, her parents being Benjamin and Unity (Smith) Davis, both natives of Franklin county, Pennsylvania. They came to Illinois in 1854 and after living for a time in the town of Peru, La Salle county, removed to Bureau county, where they spent their remaining days. The father lived to the very advanced age of eighty-seven years, while his wife was called to her final rest at the age of fifty-five years. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Patterson have been born nine children: Samuel H., Abel E., William R., Mary E., Benjamin Franklin, Melvin E., Harvey W., Alice Lewis and Clarence David. The family circle yet remains unbroken by the hand of death and in his farming operations Mr. Patterson is assisted by his sons, save Melvin E., who holds a government position in Chicago.

The subject of this review is a well preserved man, who has traveled life's journey for seventy-four years and possesses vigor, activity and a spirit of enterprise usually found in men of much younger age. His life has been one of activity. He early came to a realization of the fact that in America labor is king and the years have wit-



nessed a display of energy and determination upon his part that have made him a prosperous resident of Bureau county. In all of his dealings he has been reliable, never being known to take advantage of the necessities of his fellowmen in any trade transaction, and his life is another illustration of the fact that honor and success may go hand in hand.

#### DAVID K. MORRIS.

David K. Morris, who owns and operates a farm in Berlin township, his labors being manifest in the well improved and attractive appearance of the place, was born in Harrisville, Harrison county, Ohio, on the 21th of August, 1835. His father, Edward Morris, a native of Ohio, was born November 22, 1808, and became a carpenter and joiner. He was identified with building operations in Harrisville for many years and there died December 10, 1892. His wife bore the maiden name of Katharine S. Matson, and was born in Virginia, January 11, 1809. Her death occurred in Harrisville in 1869. By that marriage there were born ten children: Mary E., who was born December 28, 1831, and died in March, 1832; Benjamin F., born July 18, 1833, and died in July, 1901; David K., born August 21, 1835; Alice E., who was born January 6, 1838, and died September 8, 1811; Narcissa S., who was born July 28, 1810, and died on the 21th of November of that year; George O., who was born November 28, 1811, and died March 11, 1817; John W., who was born March 4, 1814, and lives at the old homestead in Harrisville; Thomas C., who was born October 19, 1816, and died March 6, 1848; Julia Ann, who was born March 14, 1819, and is deceased; and Sarah L., who was born April 19, 1851, and died March 25, 1854.

In the place of his nativity David K. Morris spent the days of his boyhood and youth and acquired his education. He came to Bureau county, Illinois, on the 7th of April, 1857, and settled in Berlin township. He was then a young man of twenty-two years and as a companion and helpmate for life's journey he chose Miss Phebe A. Rackley, whom he wedded in Princeton on the 17th of November, 1857. She was born in Alden, New York, March 24, 1835, and the following year was brought to Bureau county. Her father, Nathan Rackley, was born in Orange county, Vermont, December 15, 1800, and in 1836 came to Bureau county, settling in Berlin township. He died April 25, 1895, and had he lived to the 15th of December following he would have been ninety-five years of age. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Susan Judd, was born in Orange county, Vermont, March 6, 1801, and passed away June 14, 1892. They were married in their native county, January 28, 1820, and became the parents of four children: George, born November 2, 1821; Louisa, September 15, 1825;

Nathan F., October 13, 1824; and Phebe A., March 21, 1835. The last named was educated in a select school in Princeton, and, as stated, gave her hand in marriage in 1857 to Mr. Morris. The children of this marriage are: Nathan E., born August 22, 1858; George O., September 25, 1860; and David E., December 10, 1866. The last named enlisted for service in the Spanish-American war in April, 1898, and left for the south on the 26th of that month as a member of Company K, Sixth Regiment of Illinois Volunteers. He died August 21, 1898, at Utuave, Porto Rico, from which place his remains were sent home for interment.

Following their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Morris began their domestic life upon the farm, and have since lived in Bureau county, his attention being given to the further improvement and development of his land. He now owns two hundred and thirty acres in Berlin township, and his wife is the owner of a valuable tract of one hundred and ten acres. This land is now worth two hundred dollars per acre. In addition to the cultivation of his fields Mr. Morris raises horses and Jersey cattle. He is a business man of determination and energy, who accomplishes whatever he undertakes, and while looking out for his own welfare is never forgetful of the rights of others.

He is a member of Bureau lodge, No. 112, A. F. & A. M., and his political support has been unflinchingly given to the republican party, since he cast his first presidential ballot for John C. Fremont in 1856. In his religious belief he is a Congregationalist, while his wife is a member of the Freewill Baptist church, her father having assisted in building the college of that denomination in Hillsdale, Michigan. Both have many friends in the community, and are a most highly esteemed couple. They have in a travel'd life's journey together for almost a half century, sharing with each other the joys and sorrows, the adversity and prosperity which come to all. Wherever they have become known they have gained many friends and are held in warm regard by those with whom they have been brought in contact.

#### B. F. SEARL.

B. F. Searl, whose home is on section 16, Selby township, follows farming and also gives considerable attention to the raising and breeding of stock. He was born on what is known as the Ridge in that township, August 20, 1853, his parents being John S. and Amanda (Miller) Searl, who came to Bureau county in the 19's, and were married here. Both were natives of Ohio. Our subject's paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Brown Searl, also came to this county and settled on the farm in Selby township near



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owned by E. G. Searl, where both died. They were laid to rest in the Ridge cemetery, as were the parents of our subject.

For three years the father, John S. Searl, resided on the Ridge, and the following four years he spent on the Jacobs farm on the township line. At the end of that time he removed to section 11, Selby township, where the greater part of his life was passed, though he spent the last eleven years on his father's farm on the Ridge. In business affairs he prospered and became a large land owner, having altogether twenty eighty-acre tracts, mostly in Selby township, and three hundred and twenty acres in Guthrie county, Iowa. He gave to each of his ten children one hundred and sixty acres and all of the land which he owned is still in possession of the family. His son, B. F. Searl, owns four eighty-acre tracts of land, including the home place on section 11. John S. Searl was deeply interested in the improvement and upbuilding of the county, and his fellow-townsmen, recognizing his worth and ability and his devotion to the public good, several times called him to office. He served for a number of terms as supervisor, also as assessor, road commissioner and in other offices, discharging his duties with promptness and fidelity. Unto him and his wife were born ten children: B. F., of this review; Mrs. Mary M. Rawson, now of Holden, Missouri; A. J. and M. F., who are residents of Princeton; Mrs. Samantha Gross, of Princeton; E. C., of Selby township; Mrs. Maria Hassler, of the same township; W. W., of Iowa, who died March 7, 1905; Sarah Ann, who died on the old homestead farm, October 11, 1875; and Samuel, whose death resulted from an accident in Iowa.

Reared under the parental roof, no event of special importance occurred to vary the routine of farm life for B. F. Searl in his boyhood and youth. He was educated in the public schools of Selby township and has always followed farming. He has also handled horses and cattle in large numbers, making a specialty, however, of fine horses, and during the past few years he has raised a number of fast horses. For three years he made his home on another farm in Selby township and since his marriage has resided on his present home farm on section 10, Selby township, where he has three hundred and twenty acres of rich and productive land, all in one body. This is well cultivated and highly improved and is altogether a model farming property, equipped with the accessories which facilitate farm work and render the work of the fields less laborious.

Mr. Searl was married to Miss Mary A. Long, also a native of Selby township, where her girlhood days were passed. She is a daughter of Francis M. and Caroline (Piper) Long, who came to this county in 1812 and were farming people. Her mother died December 16, 1861, during the early girlhood of the daughter, and in 1858 the

father removed from Bureau county to Iowa, where he died about seven years ago. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Searl has been blessed with nine children: John S., of Iowa, who is engaged in farming, drilling wells and operating a three-her and also deals in agricultural implements; Bert, Nancy, Andrew and Cole, all at home; Ada and Sadie, twins, at home; and Caroline and Benjamin F., who are also under the parental roof.

Politically, Mr. Searl is a republican and has been elected to several local offices. He has served as road commissioner and as assessor for several terms, and has also acted as judge of elections. He is quite prominent socially, belonging to the Masonic lodge at Arlington, the Knights of Pythias lodge at Malden and the Odd Fellows lodge at Hollowayville. He is carefully and successfully conducting his business interests and stands as a representative of that progress in agricultural life which has largely revolutionized farming in the last quarter of a century. The name of Searl has long been a prominent and honored one in connection with the tilling of soil and the raising of stock in this county, and B. F. Searl has added luster to the family record by his own business activity and commercial integrity.

#### LOUIS A. WHALEY.

Louis A. Whaley, whose farm of one hundred and fifty acres is pleasantly located in Ohio township, was born in Allen county, Indiana, July 28, 1850, his parents being Isaac and Eliza J. (Johnston) Whaley, whose family numbered three children, of whom Louis A. was the second, and is the only one now living. The father was born in Ohio, whence he removed to Indiana and afterward to Illinois, settling in Marion county. He died during the early boyhood of his son Louis, and his widow, who was also a native of the Buckeye state, is now Mrs. James S. Greox, a resident of Patoka, Marion county. Her husband was formerly from Oneida, Illinois, but is now living in Patoka, and of this marriage six children have been born.

Louis A. Whaley largely acquired his education in the schools of Patoka, and throughout his life followed farming operations. He is a self-made man, having started out on his own account, empty handed. He realized the value of honesty and enterprise, however, and has gradually worked his way upward, overcoming all obstacles in his path by determination and energy. He is to-day the owner of one hundred and fifty acres, constituting an excellent farm in Ohio township, on which he raises grain and stock, his annual sales of each bringing to him a good financial return.

Mr. Whaley completed his arrangements for having a home of his own by his marriage, on the



1st of March, 1883, to Miss Lavina Johnston, who was born in Allen county, Indiana, March 20, 1856. They have become the parents of four children, who are yet living: Guy, born March 25, 1884; Oscar E., March 30, 1887; Roy H., September 30, 1888; and Beulah H., April 3, 1893. They have lost one son, Oscar E., who died May 28, 1887.

The family are pleasantly located upon the home farm, which is one of the attractive features of the landscape. There are splendid buildings, commodious and substantial, and the house is surrounded by fine shade trees, while upon the broad acres that constitute the farm there may be raised the various crops which are usually produced in the temperate zone, for the soil is rich and productive. In all of his farm work Mr. Whaley is practical and if others would follow the same enterprising methods similar success might be attained.

Exercising his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party, Mr. Whaley keeps well informed on the questions of the day, but has never been a seeker for public office. His wife belongs to the Baptist church and he contributes to its support. Viewed in a personal light his life may be said to be a success, and he has made a creditable name in business circles and gained a handsome property as the reward of well directed and earnest labor. He has served as clerk of the district school, and community interests find in him a staunch advocate, if he deems any movement or measure will advance the welfare of the general public.

#### GUY A. BRYANT.

The phrase "a treeless tract" has ever been synonymous with a barren waste of arid land, while the tree has ever stood as a symbol of cultivation, marking the advent of the white settlers and their efforts for development and civilization. It has been said that none have done more for Bureau county in this direction than the Bryant family, Arthur Bryant, grandfather of our subject, being the first to set out upon the broad prairies of Bureau county the trees which have transformed it into one of the most attractive districts of this great commonwealth, and in this connection through his business interests Guy A. Bryant continues to do much for the county, at the same time promoting his individual commercial interests. He is a member of the firm of Arthur Bryant & Son of Princeton, proprietors of the best nursery in this portion of the state. The business was established in 1845 by the grandfather of Guy A. Bryant and is now the only enterprise of this character in Bureau county.

Arthur Bryant, the senior member of the firm and the father of Guy A. Bryant, was born October 15, 1834, on the old Bryant home-stead in

Princeton township, where he was reared. In the vicinity of his home he acquired a public-school education. Environment and inherited tendencies combined to make it the natural thing that the sons of the Bryant family should become interested in the growing of trees. The eldest son, Arthur Bryant, is now the head of the nursery firm of Arthur Bryant & Son, and is widely recognized as a prominent nursery man and horticulturist, known throughout the state in this connection and honored as one of the ablest representatives of the business to which he has given his entire attention. He has filled the offices of president and vice-president of the state and district horticultural societies and was for many years treasurer of the state society, while during the Columbian Exposition he was one of the committee in charge of the Illinois fruit exhibit. In the year 1861 he was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Hughes, a native of Virginia, who was reared in Ohio and was brought to Bureau county, Illinois, in 1855 by her father, George Hughes. Unto this marriage were born eight children: Lucy B., Harry G., Guy A., Henrietta, Cassandra H., Lester P., Ralph C., and Edith W. The parents are both well known in Princeton, where they are held in the highest esteem in recognition of their many sterling traits of character.

Guy A. Bryant was born at the family home, December 12, 1868, and pursued his education in the schools of Princeton, completing the high school course by graduation in the class of 1886. From his youth he was associated with his father in business, becoming his active assistant, and in the year 1890 was admitted to a partnership. This is now the only nursery business in Bureau county and one of the most important enterprises of this character in northern Illinois. The nurseries of the firm are pleasantly situated about a quarter of a mile south of the city limits of Princeton and in point of establishment the business is undoubtedly one of the oldest in the west or northwest, while the volume of trade also gives it precedence in that direction. They are growers of a great variety of fruit, shade and ornamental trees, shrubbery, small fruits and hardy flowering plants, but make a specialty of evergreens, in which they probably have the largest and finest assortment and conduct the most extensive trade of any nursery in the state.

In 1891 Guy A. Bryant was united in marriage to Miss Louisa Miles, who was born in Princeton. Her father, William Miles, was born near Bath, Steuben county, New York, July 26, 1822. His grandfather, Isaac Miles, was a soldier of the Revolutionary war, having served for two years as a member of a regiment from Connecticut, of which state he was a native. William Miles acquired his education in the common schools, and afterward became acquainted with the lumber trade and eventually became an expert in his knowledge of lumber. He was married May 19,



1-11, to Miss Nancy A. Parker, also a native of Sullivan county, New York, where she was reared to womanhood. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Miles were seven children: Harriet M., Lucius P., George, William, Edward, Louisa and James. Following his marriage Mr. Miles embarked in the lumber business and throughout his entire life was connected with that trade. He owned considerable land in Iowa and Illinois and was very successful in all his undertakings. His political allegiance was given to the republican party, of whose principles he was a strict adherent. He died February 22, 1896, and his wife survived him until January 1, 1899.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Bryant have been born five children: Arthur Guy, who died in infancy; Miles William, born February 10, 1894; Louis Ralph, born November 26, 1895; Elizabeth Parker, born November 13, 1898; and Robert Beach, born March 4, 1900. The parents are members of the Presbyterian church. Mr. Bryant belongs to the Masonic fraternity, in which he has taken the degrees of chapter and commandery. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and he has served for six years, from 1900, as a member of the city council from the first ward. He is a young man of business acumen and enterprise, a worthy representative of a family long distinguished in Bureau county for loyalty in citizenship, activity and progressiveness in business and reliability in all life's relations.

#### HENRY THACKABERRY.

Henry Thackaberry dates his residence in this county from 1852. Therefore events which to many others are matters of history are to him matters of personal experience or observation. He has watched many changes and noted with interest the progress that has occurred during the long years of his connection with the county. He has now advanced far on life's journey, but appears to be a man of much younger age and in spirit and interests seems yet in his prime.

He was born in the city of Queens, Ireland, on the 18th of August, 1824, and is a son of William and Elizabeth (Christian) Thackaberry. The father's birth occurred in 1784 and the mother was born in 1800. They were reared and married on the Emerald isle, and about 1831, when their son Henry was a youth of ten years, they removed from Ireland to England. It was largely in the latter country that Henry Thackaberry acquired his education, and he remained a resident of England until the latter part of the year 1851, when he determined to seek a home in the new world, and made arrangements for leaving the "emerald isle."

He sailed on the 5th of November and landed at New York on Christmas day of that year. He first went to Chesterville, Pennsylvania, where he

lived with his brother, who had previously come to this country, until the 5th of April, 1852. He then left the Keystone state and on the 5th of May following arrived in Princeton. He has since been a resident of this county, and for three years made his home upon a farm north of Princeton. Subsequently he took up his abode in Fairfield township, and for twenty-one years has resided in New Bedford. He was for a long period one of the active, energetic and capable farmers of the county, carefully operating his land and deriving therefrom a good income as the reward for the labor which he bestowed upon the fields. While now living retired, he is still the owner of two hundred and forty acres of good land on sections 29 and 31, Fairfield township, worth from one hundred to one hundred and twenty-five dollars per acre.

Mr. Thackaberry was married in August, 1851, in St. George's Episcopal church, Hanover Square, London, to Miss Jane Mearns, of Montrose, Scotland, and it was only a few months later that he started with his bride for the new world. Unto them have been born three children, of whom one is now deceased. The others are: Elizabeth, who was born May 9, 1855, and is now the wife of W. E. Booth, a merchant of New Bedford, Illinois; and Alexander, whose birth occurred November 18, 1857, who is a traveling salesman living in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Mr. Thackaberry is a member of the Episcopal church, and of Yorktown lodge, No. 655, A. F. & A. M., exemplifying in his life the beneficent spirit of the craft. His political allegiance is given to the democracy, which party he has continuously supported since casting his first presidential ballot after becoming a naturalized American citizen. Although he inherited a little property he is largely a self-made man, his success resulting mostly from his own labor and careful management. A laudable ambition led him to seek his home in America and he has not been disappointed in the hope that caused him to cross the Atlantic, for here he has found good opportunities and has steadily worked his way upward, until now in the evening of life he can enjoy a well earned rest, his former toil having brought to him a competence sufficient to surround him now with many of life's comforts.

#### C. W. ABBOTT.

Clement W. Abbott, a retired farmer living in Sheffield, but still owning good farm property in Bureau county, was born in Ogden, Monroe county, New York, December 13, 1825, his parents being Calvin and Charlotte (Clement) Abbott, both natives of Vermont. At the present age Clement W. Abbott began his education in the country school at Ogden, New York, but his advantages were



largely limited to instruction in the "Three R's." After leaving school he worked at the carpenter's trade for ten years in the east and in September, 1851, came to the middle west, settling in Henry, Illinois, where he spent the winter working in a wagon shop. In the spring of 1855 he removed to Mineral town-ship, Bureau county, and took up his abode upon a farm, continuing actively in agricultural life for forty years or until 1894, when he removed to Sheffield, where he now resides. In 1851 he purchased his farm, becoming owner at that time of one-half section, to which he afterwards added one hundred and fifty-five acres about twenty years later. He made stock-raising and feeding the principal features of his business and became well known as an enterprising and successful stockman, readily and correctly estimating the value of stock so that he was enabled to make judicious purchases and profitable sales. Thus he prospered year by year and rose from a humble financial position to one of affluence, so that now, with a handsome competence, he is enabled to live retired in the enjoyment of the fruits of his former toil.

On the 6th of May, 1857, Mr. Abbott was married to Miss Martha M. Battey, at Sheffield, who is represented elsewhere in this work, a daughter of Major Silas Battey, and their children are: Fred W., who was born May 23, 1859, and died January 26, 1886; Calvin B., who was born August 1, 1863, and died April 28, 1882; Herman E., born May 10, 1865; and Hattie C., who was born December 19, 1870, and died February 5, 1888.

Mr. Abbott is a member of the Unitarian church at Sheffield and was first identified with the whig party, later becoming one of the founders of the republican party. He was assessor for the town of Mineral for five years and was elected and served on the county board of supervisors for six years, his capability and fidelity indicating his keen interest in the welfare and progress of the county as conserved by its public officials, while in other ways he has given his support to those matters which constitute civic virtue and civic pride. He is a self-made man and still takes an active interest in business affairs.

#### ROLLA LEE RUSSELL.

It is a usual thing to speak of a man who in mercantile and the industrial circles has worked his way upward from obscurity to prominence as a self-made man, but the term is equally applicable in the professions, where advancement depends even more entirely upon individual effort, owing to the fact that not through gift or inheritance can one secure the qualities which are requisite to success in any professional line. Mr. Russell has indeed been the architect of his own fortunes and has builded wisely and well. Today he bears an excellent reputation as a strong and

able lawyer, with comprehensive knowledge of the principles of jurisprudence, in the application of which to questions in litigation he is seldom at error.

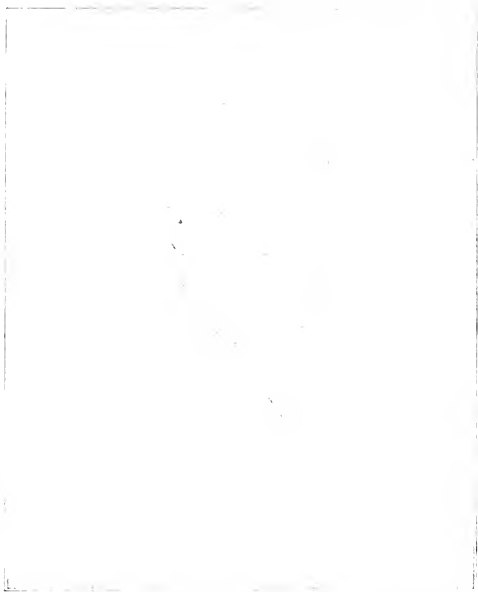
Born in Shelby county, Illinois, November 21, 1864, upon a farm, he is a son of Daniel Eckert Russell, a native of Loudoun county, Virginia, and of Isabelle (Albert) Russell, of Buckingham county, Virginia. The father was only a year old when taken by his parents to Ohio and in 1859 he went to Shelby county, Illinois, where he engaged in farming and stock-raising. During the later years of his life he was an invalid and then retired from active business cares, passing away in 1888 at the age of fifty-five years. His son were thus left to face the world alone with the possibilities of success or failure before them as they should recognize and improve or neglect opportunities.

Rolla L. Russell acquired some education in the country school and then, ambitious for more advanced education, worked his way through the high school by acting as assistant janitor. When he had completed his course there he became imbued, as do so many young men, with the desire to seek a fortune in the west, and with one or two companions made his way to Colorado and afterward to Texas. His experience in those states was one of hard struggle and is of interest as showing what determination and indefatigable energy will accomplish. He arrived in Texas with only a few cents in his pocket but almost immediately found work with a farmer, in whose employ he remained for two years and who at the end of that time leased to Mr. Russell a farm, which he planted to cotton. Unfortunately, however the cotton crop was a failure that year owing to the excessive drought and Mr. Russell was again left without capital. He started to work once more at farm labor for seventeen dollars per month, being transferred to the dairy department at the end of two months, and so satisfactory was his service that his wages were raised to twenty dollars, afterward to thirty dollars and later to thirty-five dollars per month. That he was most faithful and capable and that his service was appreciated is indicated by the fact that after a year and a half, when settling up with his employer, he was paid for the entire term at the rate of thirty-five dollars per month. During all of this time, as a dutiful son, Mr. Russell was assisting his mother and the family, who had been left in straitened circumstances through the long illness and death of the father.

Returning to Illinois, Mr. Russell engaged in teaching school in Lee county and took up the study of law in the College of Law in Dixon. He was admitted to the bar by examination on the 17th of May, 1892, and the same year accepted the position of principal of the schools of Ohio, Illinois, where he remained for two years. He then entered upon the active practice of his pro-







R. L. RUSSELL.



profession in connection with E. U. Overman in Henderson county, under the firm style of Overman & Russell. In March, 1895, he returned to Ohio, Illinois, and took charge of the Ohio Herald, which he published for two years. He then sold out and came to Princeton, where he has since continued in the practice of law. His reputation has been won through earnest, honest labor and his creditable standing at the bar is a merited tribute to his ability. The predominant characteristic of his life is strength and the aim of his eloquence is to convince. He has won many notable cases while a practitioner in Bureau county and now has a large and distinctively representative clientele.

Mr. Russell was married November 24, 1895, to Miss Helen McLean, a native of New Jersey, and they have three sons, William McLean, Robert Lee and Paul. Mr. Russell is a member of the board of trustees of the Methodist Protestant church and is interested in the moral and intellectual progress of his city to the extent of giving active and hearty co-operation to many movements for advancement along those lines. He belongs to Princeton lodge, A. F. & A. M., and in an active career he has achieved both character and success, advancing as he has done from a humble position in the business world to a place of considerable prominence in the legal profession.

#### MARTIN ZEARING.

Martin Zearing, cashier of the Farmers & Miners Bank at Ladd, the success and growth of the institution being attributable in no small degree to his efforts, was born in Westfield township, Bureau county, April 26, 1866, and is a representative of one of the distinguished families of this part of the state. His father, the Hon. Louis Zearing, was a native of Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, and came to Bureau county in 1835, when this was a frontier district in which the work of civilization and improvement had been scarcely begun. The homes of the settlers were widely scattered and much of the land was still uncultivated. He secured a farm which he developed into a highly improved property and as the years passed by he prospered in his undertakings and became one of the leading and prosperous agriculturists of the community. He also took a prominent and influential part in public affairs and filled many local offices of trust, while for a number of years he represented his district in the state senate and left the impress of his individuality upon many legislative enactments which he fostered. His wife bore the maiden name of Jean Cochran and was a native of Scotland.

Martin Zearing supplemented his preliminary education, acquired in the public schools, by a course in a business college and through the period

of his boyhood and youth remained upon his father's farm, rendering active assistance in its cultivation when not busied with his text-books. He left home in 1890, when about twenty-four years of age, and accepted the position of bookkeeper in the Farmers & Miners Bank. Later he was made assistant cashier and has occupied his present position since 1894. The bank was established in 1890 and has been a very prosperous institution from the beginning. Its success is largely due to the efforts of Mr. Zearing, who is a very efficient and popular cashier, and during his connection with the institution the deposits have increased from thirteen thousand to two hundred and twenty thousand dollars. He is thoroughly conversant with the banking business and is an attentive, obliging official, of good business qualifications.

On the 11th of September, 1895, Mr. Zearing was united in marriage to Miss Alva Harvey, a daughter of Leroy Harvey, of Galesburg, Illinois, and they have three daughters: Dorothy A., born August 20, 1896; Helen M., June 30, 1898; and Jean, June 8, 1901. The parents are members of the Presbyterian church and Mr. Zearing is a Mason, belonging to Levi Lusk lodge, No. 270, A. F. & A. M., and Peru chapter, No. 69, R. A. M., of Peru. His political views accord with the principles of the republican party and while not a politician in the sense of office seeking he is interested in the success of his party and keeps well informed on the questions upon which the two great political organizations differ. In this country, where position in the business, political and social world, largely depend upon the individual, aside from environment or influence, Mr. Zearing has gained a creditable place in his home community as a representative of financial circles, and as one who in his relations with his fellowmen has gained warm personal regard.

#### JOHN E. RILEY.

John E. Riley, who has recently sent in his resignation as postmaster of Mineral, where he is also conducting a restaurant and confectionery store, was born in Mineral township and is a representative of one of the old and prominent pioneer families of this part of the state. He is a son of William Riley, who came with his parents to Bureau county at an early epoch in the development of this part of the state. Extended mention is made of him on another page of this work in connection with the sketch of Wilson Riley, a brother of our subject.

John E. Riley acquired his education in the schools of Mineral and spent his younger years upon the home farm, where he was trained to habits of industry, economy and efficiency. After attaining his majority he spent seven years as a farmer at Aurora, Nebraska, but subsequently turned his attention to commercial pursuits, in



which he has since been engaged. For several years, from 1889 until 1896, he conducted a general mercantile store in Mineral and on selling out that business became proprietor of a restaurant, which he still conducts, also carrying a line of confectionery. He has a well appointed, neat and tasteful store and restaurant and is receiving a liberal share of the public patronage. He has also acted as postmaster at Mineral, having been appointed January 28, 1904, by President Roosevelt. He lives upon the old homestead farm and owns one hundred and thirty acres of land which is rich and arable and which yields bounteous harvests as a reward for the care and labor bestowed upon the fields.

Mr. Riley has always been a stalwart republican in his political views and is recognized as one of the active and influential workers in the local ranks of the party, doing all in his power to promote its growth and insure its success. He has many times been appointed a delegate to the county and congressional conventions and his opinions carry weight in party councils. He has been honored with some local offices, serving as commissioner for nine years and as school director for fifteen years, and he was formerly a member of the town board.

In December, 1878, Mr. Riley was united in marriage to Miss Minnie Morton, a daughter of J. Morton, of Princeton. She died four years later, in 1882, leaving two children, Arthur W. and Bertha B. The former is now engaged in business with his father in Mineral. On the 30th of October, 1883, Mr. Riley was again married, his second union being with Miss Mary Harrison, a daughter of James Harrison, a farmer living at Neponset. They have three children: Glen E., with father on the farm; Ada M., the wife of Frank Humphrey, a farmer of Mineral township; and Lottie E., at home.

Mr. Riley is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, but has never figured very prominently in fraternal circles, his attention being given more largely to his business affairs and the political interests of the county. He is one of the representative men of Mineral and in all that he does, whether of a public or private nature, has manifested a spirit of commendable enterprise.

#### ARTHUR BRYANT.

Arthur Bryant, senior member of the firm of Arthur Bryant & Sons, nurserymen, has for years been treasurer of the State Horticultural Society, which position is indicative of the foremost place which he occupies in horticultural circles in Illinois. He was born October 15, 1831, in Princeton township, and the years of his residence in Bureau county are therefore many, antedating that of most of its well known and prominent men. His father was Arthur Bryant, Sr., a native of

Cummington, Massachusetts, born November 8, 1803, and a son of Dr. Peter and Sarah (Smith) Bryant, whose second son was the celebrated poet, William Cullen Bryant. Arthur Bryant, Sr., was reared in Hampshire county, Massachusetts, acquiring his early education in the common school of the locality, while later he became a student in Williams College. He was admitted as a cadet to the West Point Military Academy, but at the end of a year was obliged to discontinue his studies on account of an attack of inflammatory rheumatism. For a time he engaged in teaching at Round Hill, near Boston, and was later with his brother, William Cullen Bryant, in New York. His health being such that he was obliged to give up all hope of a military or medical career, he turned his attention to the west, hoping that the new and rapidly developing country would offer him good opportunities. He therefore made his way to Illinois, arriving in Jacksonville in 1830. Two years later he returned to Massachusetts, where he married Miss Henrietta R. Plummer, a native of Berkshire county, Massachusetts, and a daughter of Edward Plummer. With his bride he again made his way to Jacksonville the same year, but in 1833 removed to Bureau county and secured a claim on section 29, Princeton township, being the first settler within the borders of that township. There he made a permanent home, and in true pioneer style began life in a little log cabin. He at once undertook the task of clearing the land, which was partially covered with timber, and soon transformed it into a highly cultivated tract. He was one of the first in this section to engage in the nursery business. He it was who, assisted by his younger brother, planted sugar maples along the roadside in his native town—the first trees that adorned the streets of Cummington, Massachusetts. Princeton's beauty, which is largely the result of its fine old trees, comes from the efforts of Arthur Bryant, Sr. It is said that example is stronger than precept and it was he who set the example of planting trees and adorning the streets of the city and the road-sides by the farms. Amid the hardships incident to frontier life with its multiplicity of varied duties, he found time within two or three years after his arrival here to procure and plant sugar maples along the highway, and to the number of trees which he set out the first year he added from time to time until Maple avenue, or Bryant avenue, as it has been variously called, became a landmark and now remains one of the monuments to his memory. As soon as the trees could be secured he commenced to plant an apple orchard and in 1845 established a nursery business, which has been continued in the Bryant name to the present time. A thorough botanist, a lover of nature, especially of trees and plants, he was always looking out for something new or rare, and on the old homestead may now be found between eighty and ninety varieties of trees, many









of them not common in the state, and most of them, except some of the native varieties, planted and cared for by him. He was one of the organizers of the Northwestern Fruit Growers' Association and a prominent and influential member of the State Horticultural Society of northern Illinois, which societies he served as president and in various other official capacities. He was also vice-president of the American Pomological Society and his opinions regarding questions relative to the nursery business were largely received as authority. His wife was one of those vigorous pioneer women to whom, as much as to the men, Illinois owes its progress. Of a kind, sympathetic temperament, she had a keen love for nature and, surviving her husband for several years, she passed her declining days amid the shelter of the friendly trees which she had watched over from their early planting. It was in the year 1882 that Arthur Bryant, Sr., passed away, while his wife survived until 1894.

Environment and inherited tendencies combined to make it the natural thing that the sons of the Bryant family should become interested in the growing of trees. The eldest son, Arthur Bryant, is now the head of the nursery firm of Arthur Bryant & Son and is widely recognized as a prominent nurseryman and horticulturist, known throughout the state in this connection and honored as one of the ablest representatives of the business to which he has given his entire attention.

Arthur Bryant, whose name introduces this record, acquired his early education in the public schools and continued his study under the direction of Rev. A. B. Church and James Smith of Princeton. He remained at home until his marriage in 1864 to Miss Elizabeth Hughes, a native of Virginia and a daughter of George Hughes. In 1875 Mr. Bryant located on his present place, comprising one hundred and sixty acres of rich and productive land, most of which is devoted to the growing of nursery stock. The work of improvement has been carried forward here until it is one of the best nurseries in the state. It is pleasantly and conveniently situated a mile and a quarter south of Princeton and about sixty acres is devoted to nursery stock, fruits, shrubs, ornamental trees, etc. He also has, south of his homestead, ninety-five acres in nursery and orchard, and, west of town, has two hundred acres which are largely used for the growing of trees. Mr. Bryant has introduced the Salome apple, of which he is making a specialty and which because of its size, quality and favor is finding a ready sale, thirty men being upon the road as representatives of the firm in the sale of this product and of the nursery stock. The farm is equipped with fine buildings and offices, having every modern convenience and accessory necessary to the successful conduct of the business along scientific lines. Mr. Bryant is both progressive and prosperous and is continually

broadening his knowledge concerning horticulture in its various phases. Few men are better informed concerning the best methods of growing fruit, and while interested in all new theories his sound judgment readily recognizes adaptability and usefulness in these. He has for years been treasurer of the State Horticultural Society; has also been its president and vice-president and a member of its executive board. He has likewise been president and vice-president of the Northern Horticultural Society and was one of the three members of the commission having in charge the horticultural exhibit at the World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago in 1893. He has been and is a prolific writer on horticultural subjects and has thus become widely known throughout the country.

Mr. Bryant takes a deep interest in the cause of education. He has been a member of the school board and has also been supervisor of his township. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Presbyterian church and his various relations are with such organizations and interests as stand for material, intellectual and moral progress. Bored to the business with which he is now connected, he has steadily advanced until he is recognized as one of the most prominent horticulturists of Illinois and is also widely known beyond the borders of the state.

#### ALFRED LUNGRÉN.

Alfred Langren, a fruit-grower residing on section 6, Leepertown township, where he has a well improved farm of eighty-four acres, was born in Bureau county, March 12, 1859, his parents being Charles and Mary (Rapp) Langren. The mother now resides in Des Moines, Iowa, with her daughter, Mrs. Mary Allmart, but the father passed away in 1862, at the age of forty-five years. He was born in the western part of Sweden, near Stockholm, and came to Bureau county, Illinois, about fifty-five years ago, at which time he purchased land in Princeton township, where he engaged in farming. Into him and his wife were born four children: Mrs. Anna Norden, who died at the age of thirty-six years; Selma, the wife of Rev. Pierson, who died at the age of thirty years; Alfred, of this review, and Mrs. Mary Allmart, of Des Moines, Iowa.

Alfred Langren was reared in Princeton township, where he resided practically all of the time until he purchased his present farm twenty-two years ago. He pursued a public-school education and in early manhood was connected with farm labor. He spent about a year in Oregon but the middle west was a more congenial place of residence to him and he returned here. He now has a finely improved farm and is making a study of horticultural pursuits. His attention is devoted mainly to fruit, including peaches and apples,



which he produces in large quantities and of the finest varieties, having from thirteen to fourteen hundred peach trees upon his place.

Mr. Langren was married in 1883 to Miss Amanda Westering, who was born November 1, 1861, in Sweden, and when an infant of eight months was brought to America by her parents, August and Anna (Hansen) Westering. After twelve years spent in New York state and one in Michigan they came to Bureau county, Illinois, and the father, in response to the country's need, enlisted at Princeton in defense of the Union cause and was mustered in as a member of Company A, One Hundred and Forty-eighth Illinois Volunteer Infantry at Quincy, on the 31st of January, 1865. Following the close of hostilities he was mustered out at Nashville, Tennessee, September 5, 1865, and continued his residence in Bureau county throughout his remaining days, passing away in Princeton, December 12, 1903, when seventy-one years of age. His wife died July 12, 1900, at the age of sixty-three. Mrs. Langren has two sisters in Princeton, Mrs. Frank Reed and Mrs. William Ellis. She also has a sister and brother in Chicago, Mrs. Archie McDonald and Albert Westering. Mr. and Mrs. Langren have one daughter, Leah May, born May 10, 1901.

Politically Mr. Langren is independent, voting for men and measures rather than for party. He served for one term as road commissioner but has never been a politician in the sense of office seeking. He belongs to the Lutheran church and is interested in all that pertains to general improvement and progress along material, social and intellectual lines. He has done much to further the fruit-raising interests of the county and is numbered among the leading agriculturists of Leeper-town township.

#### HENRY STABLER.

Henry Stabler owns and operates a valuable farm of one hundred and seventy-seven acres in Neponset township. He is one of the native sons of this township, having been born March 31, 1859, upon the farm of his father, Robert Joseph Stabler. His mother bore the maiden name of Martha Brambles and they were well known farming people of this portion of the county, represented elsewhere in this work. The son was educated in the public schools and when not busy with his text-books aided in the work of the fields. When twenty-five years of age he started out in life on his own account and the occupation to which he was reared he has made his life work. He at first had sixty acres of land and later he purchased one hundred and seventeen acres, constituting a valuable farming property, for the soil is rich and productive and responds readily to the care and cultivation which is bestowed upon it. He has greatly improved his residence, mak-

ing it one of the model farm properties. ~~He~~ has recently completed a fine barn with concrete foundation and every modern convenience. He has also built a good corn crib and everything about his place is in keeping with modern plans of progressive farming. He raises good grades of stock, including cattle, horses and hogs, and he has now one hundred and eighty-five hogs upon his place.

Mr. Stabler was married, February 13, 1881, to Miss Alice J. Bumphery, who was born in Henry county, Illinois, July 1, 1863, a daughter of J. P. Bumphery, who is mentioned elsewhere in this work. There are three children of this marriage; Glenn, born November 25, 1881; Laura E., July 26, 1887; and Ruby L., January 5, 1896.

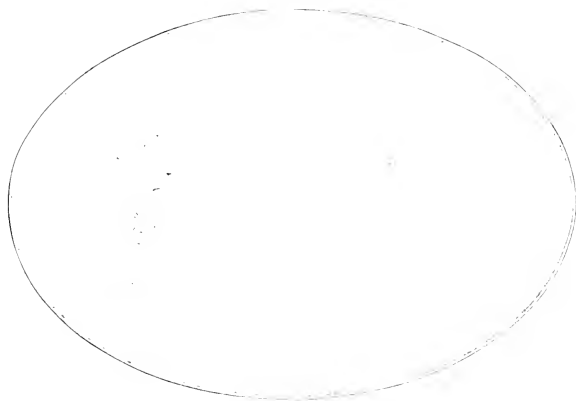
Mr. Stabler and his wife attend the services of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which she is a member and to the support of which he contributes. He has never cared for public office or sought to figure prominently in any public light, preferring to concentrate his time and attention upon his business affairs, and as the years have gone by he has met with a gratifying measure of success. His entire life has been passed in this county and that he has lived honorably at all times is indicated by the fact that many of his staunchest friends are those who have known him from his boyhood and are familiar with his life history.

#### WILLIAM MAY.

William May is engaged in general farming and stock-raising on section 16, Selby township, where he owns and operates a finely improved farm of two hundred and thirteen acres that he purchased in 1902. He has been closely identified with agricultural interests in his locality for many years and is one of the native sons of the township, his birth having occurred about a mile and a half south of Hollowayville, on the 18th of March, 1848, his parents being Mr. and Mrs. John George May. The mother died during the early boyhood of her son William and the father passed away a number of years later. Both were natives of Germany and came to Bureau county at an early day, casting in their lot with the pioneer settlers who were aiding in reclaiming this region for the uses of the white race. For a time they resided in Peru, La Salle county, and subsequently took up their abode on a farm in Selby township, Bureau county. In the family were four sons and two daughters; Leonard, a resident of Peru; William; Henry, living in Selby township; Jacob, whose home is in Berlin township; Mrs. Bertha Lang, of Berlin township; and Mrs. Annie Levey, of Hall township.

In the township where his birth occurred William May was reared and his education was acquired in the schools of Hollowayville. He started out in life on his own account in 1870, when about





MR. AND MRS. HENRY STABLER.



twenty-two years of age and has always been engaged in agricultural pursuits, depending upon the soil for his living and bringing to bear in its cultivation practical knowledge and keen discernment. He purchased his present farm in 1902 and year by year the fields bring forth bounteous harvest, for he uses modern scientific methods of farming, the practical value of which he has proven in the actual work of the fields.

Mr. May was married in this county to Miss Philopena Halde, who was born in Selby township, a daughter of George and Lena Halde. Unto Mr. and Mrs. May have been born five children, all natives of this county: George, who is married and resides in Selby township; Mrs. Annie Fiste, of Selby township; William, who is married and follows farming in Berlin township; Joseph and Phillip, who assist in the operation of the home farm.

The parents are members of the German Lutheran church and in politics Mr. May is a democrat, but while he is never remiss in the duties of citizenship, he does not seek or desire office. Pursuing the even tenor of his way, watchful of the interests of his farm, making the best use of his advantages, he is conducting his business interests in a manner productive of good financial results.

#### THOMAS BURDEN.

Thomas Burden is now living retired, but still resides upon his farm in Fairfield township. He is one of the most extensive landowners of the county, his holdings embracing eighteen hundred acres, which he leases to various parties. He first came to Bureau county in 1850 and, being pleased with the country and its prospects, he decided to make his home here and located on his present farm on section 10 in 1852. Here for more than a half a century he has continuously lived and throughout this entire time has maintained a most unassailable reputation as an honorable business man. He was born in Queens county, Ireland, in 1830, and was seventeen years of age when he crossed the Atlantic to the new world, settling first in New York. While there he worked on the railroad between Syracuse and Rochester and laid the first T rail in that state, such rails being used to replace the old strap rails of the first roads.

In the fall of 1848 he proceeded westward to Chicago and thence to Elgin, Illinois, where he was employed on the construction of the old Chicago & Galena Railroad, while at a later date he also worked on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, the Rock Island and other railroads. He had come alone to this country, his father having died in Ireland. At a later date his mother and other members of the family crossed the Atlantic and lived in Oswego, New York, but from the time when he made the voyage to the new world Mr.

Burden has depended entirely upon his own resources. As stated, he arrived first in Bureau county in 1850 and two years later purchased his present home farm on section 10, Fairfield township, on which he erected a log house about ten by twelve feet in dimensions. His railroad work brought him the capital that enabled him to become the owner of land. He carefully saved his earnings and pre-empted his homestead, which covers the northwest quarter of the section. He has added to this at different times and he is now the most extensive landowner in Fairfield township, while his realty holdings are among the largest in the county. He has followed farming since securing his pre-emption claim about 1851 and he has been largely interested in stock-raising, making a specialty of full blooded Durham cattle. For a great many years he hauled his grain to Sterling, a distance of eighteen miles. He has brought his land under a high state of cultivation and has four residences and sets of farm buildings upon his large acreage. At the present writing he is practically living retired save for the supervision which he gives to the management of his property, but for many years he did much manual toil and he has borne a very helpful and important part in reclaiming the prairies from their wild condition and converting them into fine farms.

Mr. Burden was married in La Salle, Illinois, to Miss Eleanor Fitzgerald, of Bureau county, who was a native of Queens county, Ireland, and who as a young girl went to Canada, whence she accompanied her parents on their removal to this state. Subsequently her parents came to Fairfield township, Bureau county, where they spent their remaining days. Her father died more than thirty-five years ago, while her mother passed away in 1886. Mr. and Mrs. Burden long traveled life's journey happily together, but were separated by the death of the wife on the 15th of April, 1901, when she had reached the age of seventy-one years.

Mr. Burden has eight living children: George, a resident farmer of Fairfield township, who married Rosanna Wisley, who died four years ago, leaving ten children; Charles, a partner of the firm of Burden Brothers, of Tampico, who married Kate Corroy and has seven children; John, who manages the home place; Mary, who is the widow of Joseph Cline and lives upon the home farm; Emma, the wife of William McCabe, supervisor of Gold township, by whom she has three children; William, who is also a member of the firm of Burden Brothers, of Tampico, and was married to Margaret Hart; Elizabeth, the wife of William Graham, of Sterling, Illinois; and Nellie, the wife of Richard Kelley, a farmer of Fairfield township, by whom she has two sons. There were also two children who died in infancy, Katie and one who died unnamed.

Politically Mr. Burden is a democrat and has served as commissioner and in some other local





offices, although he has never sought or desired political preferment, his business interests having made close claim upon his time and attention. In addition to acquiring extensive property interests in this county he also is the owner of four hundred and thirty acres of land in Whiteside county. He has a fine residence in the village of Tampico and he holds membership in the Catholic church there. The life record of Mr. Burden may well serve as a source of inspiration and encouragement to others, for when he came to the United States he was empty handed, possessing only a strong heart and unflinching determination. He was ambitious to succeed, however, and scorned no honest work that would yield him a living. On railroad construction he made his start and as the years passed he invested largely and judiciously in land until his present holdings make him one of the wealthy residents of Fairfield township.

#### ENOS M. HAYES.

Enos M. Hayes, living in New Bedford, was born in Putnam, Illinois, August 7, 1853, and has been a resident of Fairfield township since 1857, when he accompanied his parents on their removal to Bureau county. He is a son of Andrew J. and Nancy (Brown) Hayes. His father was born in Indiana, July 29, 1820, and his mother's birth occurred in the same state, February 28, 1830. They arrived in Illinois in the '30s and, as stated, became residents of Bureau county in 1857.

Enos M. Hayes acquired his education in the district schools of Fairfield township and in that locality was reared to farm labor and was connected with agricultural interests there until 1894, when he came to New Bedford, where he has since lived, his attention being given to various business enterprises.

On the 13th of March, 1872, Mr. Hayes was married to Miss Nettie Failing, who was born in Iroquois, Illinois, September 10, 1855. She, too, was brought to Bureau county in her childhood days and her early education was acquired in the public schools of Wyanet, while later she became a high-school student in Princeton. Eight children have been born of this marriage, of whom one is now deceased. Those still living are: Laura M., born October 30, 1874; Percy J., May 25, 1880; Lena M., November 30, 1884; Rowena E., August 1, 1886; Irvin A., May 13, 1889; Melva M., May 15, 1893; and Barnal C., October 2, 1899.

Mr. Hayes exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party and is interested in its success and keeps well informed on the issues of the day. His family are all members of the Church of Christ. He is now living in comfortable circumstances in New Bedford. For five years he served as constable of Greenville township and is interested in public

progress and improvement, withholding his aid and co-operation from no movement that he believes will prove of general good. He has resided continuously in this county for almost half a century and has therefore been a witness of much of its growth.

#### LEWIS JAMES HOLMES.

Lewis James Holmes operates a valuable farm of two hundred and fifty-five acres, of which he owns one hundred and sixty-five acres. This is situated in Macon township and in its well improved condition there is indication of the careful supervision of the owner.

Mr. Holmes was born in Macon township, August 7, 1860. His parents were Lewis and Sarah (Coate) Holmes. The father was born in Windham county, Connecticut, August 10, 1814, and was the only child of Thomas and Jeru-ha Holmes. He was reared upon a farm, acquired a common school education and remained with his parents until he attained his majority, assisting in the cultivation of the farm, subsequent to which time he worked in the woolen and cotton manufactories of Rhode Island and Massachusetts until 1838. He then went to Onida county, New York, and spent a year working on the Erie canal, after which he was again connected with woolen manufacturing interests in Madison county, where he remained until 1848. He then came to Illinois, settling on the present site of the village of Providence, having purchased a quarter section of land there before leaving the east. He did not like the location, however, as he desired to live where there was some timber, and he purchased a quarter section of land from the government in Macon township at a dollar and a quarter per acre. There were no improvements upon it and his first dwelling was a log cabin. By industry and thrift he not only added much to his original tract of land but also had a comfortable residence and good buildings with modern improvements. The journey westward was made by way of the lakes to Chicago, thence by canal to La Salle and on to Macon township. In 1850 he bought eighty acres and as his financial resources increased he added to his property until at one time he had six hundred and fifty acres of land. He was one of the pioneer settlers and broke the wild prairie and did other arduous work connected with the development of a new farm. His entire life was devoted to farming and stock-raising and his capable business management is indicated by the excellent results which followed his efforts.

Lewis Holmes was twice married, his first union being with Miss Hannah Lee, whom he wedded in Connecticut in 1837. Unto this marriage were born six children: Mary, the wife of I. W. Eaton, a resident of Buda; William H., who is married and resides in South Dakota; Emma L., the wife



of Henry White; Galusha L., who was born February 21, 1817, and is living in this county; Lewis B., who was born May 1, 1849, and died March 21, 1859; and Ellen J., who was born December 5, 1853, and died February 18, 1858. Having lost his first wife, Lewis Holmes, Sr., married Miss Sarah Coate, of England, on the 25th of September, 1860, and they had three children, of whom George W. and Lewis James are living, while a daughter, Dell, who was the second child, was born November 3, 1861, and died November 10, 1881. The death of the wife and mother occurred November 29, 1898, eight weeks prior to the demise of her husband. He passed away at his home in Macon township January 21, 1899, at the age of eighty-four years, five months and eleven days. In politics he was a republican and served as assessor for forty years. He was also school director and trustee and was a firm friend of the public schools. He lived an upright life and had the respect and esteem of all who knew him. His wife, who was born in Essex county, England, August 25, 1821, came to America in the fall of 1854, landing in Sheffield, after a voyage of six weeks and three days. She was formerly a member of the Church of England. Mrs. Holmes had a kind word for every one and was always ready to lend a helping hand to those in need. In the community she was mourned as a true friend and in the family circle is greatly missed. It can truly be said of her that those who knew her best loved her most.

Lewis James Holmes pursued his education in the public schools and was reared upon his father's farm in Macon township, early becoming familiar with the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. He began farming on his own account when twenty-eight years of age and his time and energies are now given to the further development and improvement of two hundred and fifty-five acres of land, of which he at present owns one hundred and sixty-five acres. In all of his work he is energetic and determined, carrying forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes.

On the 5th of April, 1888, Mr. Holmes was united in marriage to Miss Henrietta Sandtoben, who was born in Germany, May 7, 1865, and is a daughter of Henry and Chrisfana (Dahl) Sandtoben, who were likewise natives of that country and came to the United States in 1868. They located near Neponset, Illinois, and the father worked out as a farm hand. Later he bought ninety-two and a half acres of land and subsequently purchased one hundred and sixty acres north of Kewanee. In 1901 he purchased a residence in Neponset, where he and his wife are now living, having put aside the more active cares of a business career. Mr. Sandtoben is a democrat, having given his allegiance to the party since becoming a naturalized American citizen. Unto him and his wife have been born four chil-

dren: Louisa, Charles, Mrs. Holmes and Henry.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Holmes has been blessed with nine children: Lewis H., Eva B., Sarah C., Lizzie H., Grace M., Ruby M., Bessie M., George W. and Cecil E. Mr. Holmes votes with the republican party and has served as school director for the past seven years. His interest in everything pertaining to the welfare of the community is indicated by his efforts to promote public progress and advance the material development of the county. His entire life has been passed in Macon township and the consensus of public opinion regarding him is altogether favorable.

#### FRANK GEBECK.

Frank Gebeck is a representative of the farming interests of Concord township. His parents, Conrad and Christina (Duswald) Gebeck, came to Buda, Illinois, in July, 1857, from Brunschwick, Germany. They were farming people and spent their remaining days in Bureau county, identified with its agricultural interests. The father's death occurred in June, 1894, while his wife passed away February 27, 1883.

Frank Gebeck acquired his preliminary education in the district schools and afterward continued his studies in Sheffield. He spent his youth upon the home farm, working with his father through the period of his boyhood and after completing his education until the time of the father's death. He still resides on the old home place but has added many acres to the farm, making purchase from time to time until within the boundaries of the old homestead are now comprised one hundred acres. He has been very energetic and capable in his farm work and the fields have been brought under a high state of cultivation and return to him golden harvests for the care and labor he bestows upon them. There are good buildings and modern equipments on the farm and none of the accessories of a model place of the twentieth century are lacking. On the contrary everything indicates the spirit of enterprise which dominates the owner and has made him a successful agriculturist.

As a companion and helpmate for life's journey Mr. Gebeck chose Miss Melissa Winslow, of Buda, to whom he was married on the 1st of June, 1892. She is a daughter of Gardner and Christina Winslow, who were farming people of this county. The young couple now have three children: Charles Raymond, born January 5, 1894; Fred Bryan, born November 22, 1895; and Hazel Bertha, September 19, 1897.

In his political affiliation Mr. Gebeck is a democrat, always giving staunch allegiance to the party and its principles. He holds membership in the German Lutheran church and the cause of education has found in him a warm and stalwart friend during his twenty-one years' service as a school



director, in which time he has labored effectively and earnestly to uphold the standard of the schools and promote their efficiency. Spending his entire life in this locality, he is well known as a representative of its farming interests and his success is largely attributable to his earnest labors.

#### EDWARD TINLEY.

For nearly a half century Edward Tinley, now deceased, was a well known business man of Bureau county. He was a native of Southwall, England, born September 22, 1833, and was a son of Samuel and Sarah Tinley, both of whom were natives of the same country.

Samuel Tinley was engaged in the grocery and bakery business in his native country for many years. Wishing to better his condition, and knowing of the possibilities in the United States for one in limited circumstances, he resolved to make this country his future home. Accordingly, in 1818, he came with his family and first located near Frankfort, Illinois, where he bought a farm and engaged in its cultivation for five years. He then moved to what is now known as Tinley Park, which was named in his honor, and he was made station agent of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad, which position he filled for twenty-four years, when he resigned and for two years lived a retired life in that village, or until his death at the age of seventy-four years. In the same village the death of his wife occurred many years ago. Of their children, but two are now living: Samuel, who lives in Nebraska; and Charles, residing in Chicago, who is a passenger conductor on the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad.

Edward Tinley was but fifteen years of age when he came with his parents to the United States. In his native country he attended the public schools and received in them the foundation of an education that was supplemented in the school of experience in after life, he being what might well be termed a self-educated as well as self-made man. He was a close observer of men and events and put the knowledge thus obtained to a practical use.

On his arrival in this country, Edward Tinley assisted his father in farm work for a time, after which he went to Tinley Park, where, on March 29, 1851, he entered the employ of the railroad company, first pumping water at their tank in that place, and then as switchman, baggageman and assistant to his father as station agent. In 1856 he went to DePue, where he served as station agent.

While still living in Tinley Park he was married, September 22, 1855, to Miss Dorcas A. Kittell, at Mendota, Illinois. She is a daughter of Rev. Ephraim and Hannah Kittell. Her father

was one of the pioneers of Du Page county, Illinois, where he engaged in farming and also in preaching the gospel as a minister in the Baptist church. He was well and favorably known to the people of Du Page and adjoining counties and was respected for his sterling worth and his labors of love in the gospel ministry. He made De Page county his home until his death. His wife also died in that county.

There were no children born to Mr. and Mrs. Tinley, but they partially reared several, including Sarah Bausor, who was Mr. Tinley's cousin; and Gardner L. and Loretta H. Kittell, children of Warren Kittell, who was a brother of Mrs. Tinley and died at Memphis, Tennessee, June 17, 1864, while in the Union service. Mr. and Mrs. Tinley also reared Jessie Stephens, a daughter of Sarah Bausor Stephens, and she became the wife of Frederick A. Tyng, a contractor of South Ottawa, Illinois, where his death occurred in the summer of 1906 by drowning, a son also losing his life at the same time and in the same way. Mr. Tyng was born and reared in Providence, Bureau county. His widow still resides in South Ottawa.

After marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Tinley moved to Trenton, now De Puc, Bureau county, where he became station agent for the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad, which position he held for many years to the satisfaction of the patrons of the station and the traveling public. The duties of that position did not require his entire time, so he engaged in other lines of business from time to time, and was quite successful as a business man. In 1860 he engaged in buying and shipping grain. He also, about the same time, entered into partnership with Jacob Berdian & Hassler in the general mercantile trade and continued in that line for several years, adding materially to his bank account. For some years afterward he engaged in the lumber and coal business in connection with merchandising, being always a very busy man.

While residing in De Puc, Mr. Tinley served as postmaster, notary public, justice of the peace, school director and a member of the town board. In every position filled, he served with entire satisfaction to his constituents, and with credit to himself. In politics he was always a staunch republican, attaining his majority and rights as an American citizen about the time the republican party came into existence. He conscientiously voted that ticket until 1892, when he voted for Grover Cleveland, who then was for the second time elected to the presidency. Unlike many others he did not leave his party, but as a free American citizen exercised his right to vote as he thought best. Socially he was a member of De Puc lodge, I. O. O. F., and Princeton lodge, A. F. & A. M. In early life he united with the Methodist Protestant church and was identified with



Edward Tenley





Douglas A. Finley



that body until the church broke up, after which he and his wife attended the churches which they found most convenient.

For more than twenty years before his death Mr. Tinley was in poor health and in 1895 sold his business interests in De Pue and decided to travel for both pleasure and health. He and his wife visited many points of interest both in America and abroad. In 1876 they visited Niagara Falls, Buffalo, New York city, Washington, Philadelphia and the Centennial Exposition. In 1878 they crossed the Atlantic and traveled through England, going to Liverpool and Manchester, the birthplace of Mr. Tinley. They also visited Southwall and the cathedral where he was christened in the Episcopal church; Newark, where his parents were living when they started for America; Nottingham, Lincoln, London, Exeter and beautiful Torquay were also visited. In France they attended the Paris exposition and went to places of interest surrounding. They afterward traveled to Brussels and in Germany took a trip down the Rhine to Cologne, seeing Bingen; Rheinstein Castle, two hundred and sixty feet above the river; Mayence and Strauburg, where they saw the famous clock; also Heidelberg, with its university at L castle; and Baden Baden, where they enjoyed the famous baths. Continuing on their way they traveled through Switzerland to Lucerne and went up the cog railroad on Mount Rigi, where the fog obscured the view, which should have extended for one hundred miles. They also visited Zurich and Geneva, with the sky above, the blue water beneath and the snow capped mountains, making a scene of beauty almost indescribable. From Geneva they proceeded by coach to Chamouny, a distance of about sixty miles, and then on mules made their way up Mount Blanc to Montanvert, a height of five thousand three hundred and sixty-six feet. Leaving the mules there, they walked down the mountain to Mer-de-Glace (sea of ice), which resembles gentle waves frozen. At one place they crossed a strip of ice well hacked to prevent slipping. The strip was about six feet wide with large crevasses on each side four or five feet wide and of great depth, so that when a stone was thrown into one, several seconds would elapse before it reached the bottom. On one side towered Mount Aiguille du Dru to a height of twelve thousand five hundred and seventeen feet; on the other side Aig du Moine, eleven thousand two hundred and fourteen feet—a sublime scene. After walking some distance the party proceeded down Mauvais Pas. For a short distance the path is made of steps hewn in the rock, of various widths and depths, and an iron rod is attached to the rocks to which one may cling for safety, as the glacier is a hundred or more feet down and the rock is nearly perpendicular. The face of the rock also extends upwards several hundred feet, as the steps are cut on the side of the mountain, and at intervals

water from melting snow above dashes across the steps. At the bottom, the party may again mount the mules, which make their way over a narrow path, turning very sharp corners. Mr. Tinley and others of the party walked down, but Mrs. Tinley rode. They afterward visited Berne and the bear pits and several other points of interest and later returned to Paris and England. In 1889 they again crossed the Atlantic, visiting relatives in various towns in England and also going to the English lakes and to Scotland, visiting Edinburgh, Glasgow and the birthplace of Robert Burns near Alloway Kirk. The house is still standing and has a roof of thatch two feet thick. The bed stood in a recess of the living room and there was one pane of glass at the head of the bed and on the other side four small lights. A large fireplace was on the side of the room opposite the bed and on one side of it some shelves contained a few pieces of the crockery once in possession of the poet's mother. Mr. and Mrs. Tinley also went to Melrose Abbey and Abbotsford, the home of Sir Walter Scott, and after visiting London and Paris again returned home. In the fall of 1894 they went to California and Oregon and in 1895 visited the City of Mexico, returning by way of New Orleans and down the gulf to Florida. In 1896 they visited Nassau, Bahama Islands. About 1898 they went to Canada, going through the Lachine rapids in the St. Lawrence river, to Montreal and Quebec, and after returning to the United States went up Mount Washington and to Portland, Maine, and to Boston. On visiting Canada again they went from Quebec to the Chiotoutte Falls, then down the Saguenay river into the St. Lawrence and up that river to Quebec and to Montreal by rail. This was the last extended trip Mr. Tinley made, and in all their travels they said they never saw anything as grand as Niagara Falls.

Mr. Tinley returned to Chicago to live a retired life, making his home in various hotels, including the Southern, Saratoga, Morrison and Plaza. In 1903, while residing in the last named hotel, he was taken seriously ill, and there died June 2, 1903. By his request his body was cremated at the crematory near Graceland cemetery, on the Saturday following. The ashes were placed in a small receptacle that had been prepared under his direction. The receptacle was sealed and sent to the relatives. On Thursday, June 11, the ashes were conveyed to Princeton, and on arrival at the depot the funeral party was met by representatives of the Masonic order, who acted as an escort. Princeton and Bureau Masonic lodges and Royal Arch Masons accompanied the funeral cortege to the cemetery, and arriving there the beautiful Masonic burial service was read over the remains, after which they were placed in the larger receptacle prepared for them. The ceremony was witnessed by many people from the



county at large who had gathered to pay tribute to the memory of a good man.

In the life of such a man as Edward Tinley there is much that should be an encouragement and incentive to those who come after him. With but limited education, with no advantages of wealth or influential friends, he pursued the even tenor of his way, doing the work that came to his hand, and doing it well. That success should crown his efforts is not to be wondered at, and that same success will crown the efforts of any one who will work as he worked, being guided at all times by the divine principle of honor and integrity and following the teachings of the golden rule.

Since the death of her husband, Mrs. Tinley has traveled extensively all over this country, and still spends much of her time in that way. In 1905, however, she determined to make Princeton her future home, and there purchased a large and handsome brick residence on South Main street, where with her nephew and niece, and the latter's children, she now resides. Her house is always open to friends and relatives, many of whom partake of her hospitality from time to time, and who delight to be in her presence. She traveled life's journey with her husband for many years, partaking with him of its joys and sorrows, much more of the former than of the latter, however, and in death her ashes will doubtless be mingled with his, and in the resurrection she will rise with him to enjoy the bliss of an eternal life where sorrow and death shall never come.

#### CAPTAIN ERASTUS DENNISON BILL.

Captain Erastus Dennison Bill, deceased, was a representative of a picture-que maritime experience when viewed in the light of the present improvements in navigation, for he was one of the very last of the old-time seamen who circumnavigated the globe under canvas. He passed away at Sheffield, December 23, 1905, honored and respected by all who knew him, and it is meet that his history be given a place in this volume, for during many years he was widely and favorably known in Bureau county. His birth occurred at Groton, Connecticut, May 13, 1826. He came of an ancestry distinguished for loyalty, his father having served as a soldier in the war of 1812, while his grand-father was a soldier of the Revolutionary war. His mother was a daughter of Colonel Benjamin Adam Gallup, who also won distinction by his valor as a defender of the colonial cause in the war for independence, joining the army when he was only sixteen years of age.

Believing that he would find a seafaring life congenial, Captain Bill made his first voyage on the whaling ship, Citizen, sailing from Sag Harbor, Long Island. He was a seaman for fourteen

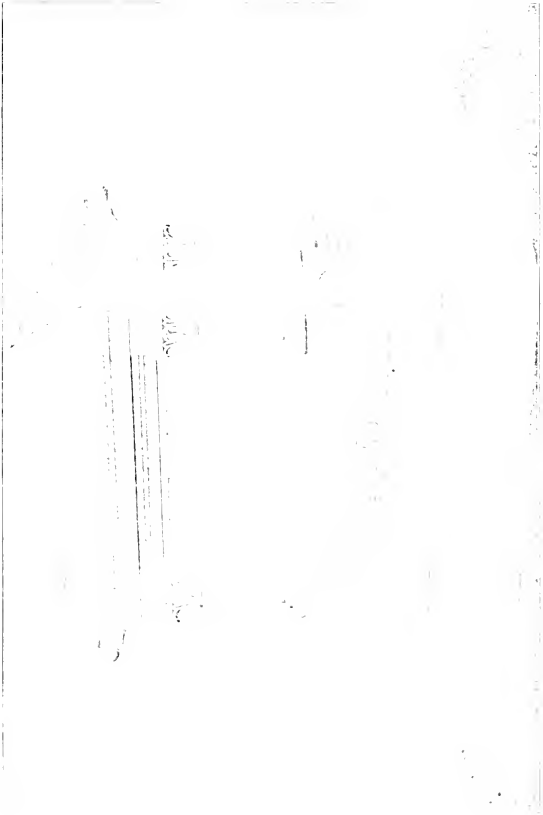
years and won promotion from time to time until he became first officer on one of the fine clipper ships sailing from New York. After a two-years' cruise on one occasion they brought home thirty-seven hundred casks of oil.

On leaving the sea Captain Bill became a resident of the middle west and was identified with mercantile interests in Ottawa, Illinois, prior to the establishment of his home in Sheffield. Later he removed to Plymouth, Indiana, but finally returned to Bureau county and lived in retirement upon a farm near Sheffield until his death. In his business career he won the success which comes through close application and persistent, earnest effort. He did not engage in speculation or place his trust in any fortunate combination of circumstances but labored diligently and perseveringly for what he acquired and enjoyed. In addition to his farming interests in Bureau county he was also agent for an insurance company.

Captain Bill was married twice. On the 1st of September, 1857, he wedded Ada Mary West, of Plymouth, Indiana, a daughter of Dr. Charles and Ada Mary (Messenger) West, who were originally from Massachusetts and became residents of Indiana about 1815. They are still living at about seventy years of age. Captain Bill had a family of nine children. Emma Frances became the wife of Frank M. Littlefield, of Dorchester, Nebraska, February 20, 1881. Charles Dennison married Theresa Kesse, of Green Mountain, Iowa, September 28, 1892. Henry Avery was married October 16, 1896, to Bessie McCarroll, of Green Mountain, Iowa. Albert Edward wedded Lena Octavia Cummings, of Sheffield, March 7, 1901. Bertha Curtis became the wife of James Mitchell, of Utica, Illinois, May 4, 1898. Fred Arthur now operates the home place and rents one hundred and twenty acres adjoining, making his home with his mother. He is a veteran of the Spanish-American war, having enlisted in the navy, May 24, 1898, as ordinary seaman on the steamship Uncus, a dispatch boat. He was in the Havana blockade and was discharged in August, 1898, and retired on account of illness. Fannie Louise was married November 8, 1899, to Allen O. Spurgeon, of Sheffield. Laura Eva became the wife of B. C. Norris, of Tiskilwa, April 1, 1901. Hattie Ada, who was the second in order of birth, and who died September 6, 1890, was the wife of James Thomas, to whom she was married November 8, 1883.

In his political views Captain Bill was an independent and always kept informed on questions and issues of the day, so that he was able to support his position by intelligent argument. He never sought office but was school director for many years. He was naturally a fluent speaker and one of the best posted men in his community on matters of current interest. He held membership in the Congregational church, in which he





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acted as deacon, and his life was in harmony with his professions. His was in many respects an eventful and interesting career. Long before the Spanish-American war or before Commodore Dewey had captured Manila Captain Bill had walked the streets of that island city and for a few months he was in California among the miners who sought gold on the Pacific coast following its discovery in 1848. He visited Japan and China before their ports were open to foreign trade and was also at the Sandwich islands before the influence of civilization had scarcely taken root there. He visited many other parts of the globe and retained to the last many interesting recollections of those early days and the varied experiences which they brought to him. At all times he manifested the good qualities of a considerate neighbor, a faithful friend, a devoted husband and father and an upright, conscientious citizen. Thus, when he passed away, in the seventy-ninth year of his age, he left behind him a name which is honored and respected, and he well deserved a place upon the pages of the history of his adopted county. He left a valuable and well-improved farm of eighty acres, whereon his widow and son make their home, but he cared not to accumulate wealth. He was kind-hearted and lost considerable by being too easy with those indebted to him.

#### ULYSSES G. HAYDEN.

Ulysses G. Hayden, a representative member of the Bureau county bar and a leader in republican circles, is practicing in Princeton where, in recognition of his skill and broad professional learning, a liberal clientele is accorded him. He was born in Kentucky, on the 28th of February, 1868. His father, Robert W. Hayden, was also a native of that state and a representative of an old Kentucky family. The mother, who bore the maiden name of Jennie Reeves, was likewise born in Kentucky. Robert W. Hayden was a farmer by occupation, following that pursuit throughout his entire life save for the period of the Civil war, when he joined the Union army and served throughout the entire period of hostilities as a defender of the national government. He died February 20, 1906, at the age of seventy-seven years.

Ulysses G. Hayden, whose name forms the caption of this review, pursued his education in Kentucky. His elder brother, Elijah, was engaged in farming in Bureau county, Illinois, and because of this Ulysses C. Hayden came to this state about 1886 and continued his education in Princeton high school. On completing his course there he engaged in teaching school for several years in Bureau county and was a capable educator, who imparted clearly and concisely to others the knowledge that he had acquired. At length he entered a law office in Chicago, having in the

meantime devoted his leisure hours to the study of law while connected with the system of public instruction. He afterward attended the Chicago Law School and the law school of the Northwestern University, from both of which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Law. He then pursued a special law course in Illinois College of Law and was admitted to practice before the Supreme court of Illinois, also the United States district court and the United States circuit court. He entered upon the active work of the profession in Chicago and at the same time practiced considerably in Princeton and in other states, including Indiana, Alabama, Louisiana and Kentucky. He located in Princeton in 1901 and has since been a leading member of the bar with a large and distinctively representative clientele. He throws himself easily and natural into the argument in the trial of a case. There is no straining after effect, but on the contrary a precision and clearness in his statement and an acuteness and strength in his argument which speaks a mind trained in the severest school of investigation and to which close reasoning is habitual and easy.

Mr. Hayden is recognized as a leader in republican circles, doing active and effective work for the party, in the success of which he is deeply interested. He is now serving as an alderman of the fourth ward.

On the 7th of June, 1894, Mr. Hayden was united in marriage to Miss Cora M. Riley, a daughter of Joseph Riley, of Princeton, and they have two children, Leta M. and Glenn R. Mr. Hayden is a member of the Princeton Masonic lodge and of Peace Lodge, I. O. O. F. He is likewise affiliated with other societies, is a member of the Chicago Law Institute and of the Methodist Protestant church, in the work of which he takes an active and helpful interest, serving at the present writing as superintendent of the Sunday school. He occupies a beautiful home on North Main street, which he erected in 1905. His nature is kindly, his temperament genial and his ideals high. In political thought and action he has always been independent, carrying out his honest views without fear or favor and his life has been one of continuous activity, in which has been accorded due recognition of labor.

#### HANS SANDBERG.

Hans Sandberg is one of the extensive land-owners of Bureau county and is a self-made man whose prosperity has come as the direct and legitimate outcome of his own labors and perseverance. He was born in Sweden, June 9, 1857, a son of Hans and Matilda (Johnson) Sandberg. The father was born in Sweden in August, 1823, while the mother's birth occurred in that country in June, 1824. She is still living but the father



passed away in 1903, at the age of eighty years.

Hans Sandberg, whose name introduces this review, spent the first twenty-four years of his life in the land of his nativity and there acquired his education, but thinking to improve his financial condition in the new world, he crossed the Atlantic in 1881, locating in Putnam, Illinois, where he lived for three years. On the expiration of that period he went to Bureau Junction in Bureau county, where he also spent three years, after which he removed to Walnut, where he has since resided. That his life has been one of untiring activity and enterprise is indicated by the fact that he is today the owner of six hundred acres of land worth one hundred dollars per acre, of which three hundred and twenty acres lies on sections 18 and 19, Walnut town-ship, while two hundred and seventy-three and one-half acres is on section 30, Greenville town-ship. He had about eight hundred dollars when he came to America and that he is now one of the substantial residents of Bureau county is due to his hard work and his frugality. His industry and enterprise have won him the admiration and respect of all who know him and his business record is such as any man might be proud to possess, for he has always been prompt in meeting his financial obligations, in keeping his engagements and in performing any task that has devolved upon him.

On the 24th of April, 1889, Mr. Sandberg was married to Miss Soghia Johnson, who was born April 25, 1861. By a former marriage he had one daughter, Mary, whose birth occurred September 25, 1886. Mr. and Mrs. Sandberg are members of the Swedish Lutheran church and his political allegiance is given to the republican party. He has never had time for secret societies nor for active search for office, preferring always to leave political service to others, while he has devoted his time and energies to the management of a business which in the course of years has brought him an excellent financial return, making him one of the prosperous, prominent and respected residents of Walnut and Bureau county.

#### ANDREW F. B. OLSON.

Andrew F. B. Olson, deceased, was a self-made man, whose life record in its persistency of purpose and honorable effort, is well worthy of emulation. He was born in the south part of Sweden, at Christmestad, February 6, 1832, and was reared upon a farm. His parents, however, were very poor, and he had to earn his own living. When only seven or eight years of age he attended geese and sheep, and as soon as he was old enough he drove a team on farm, receiving only his board in compensation for his services. Feeling that he had little opportunity for advancement in his native land he borrowed the money from his oldest brother to come to America and arrived in

Princeton on the 11th of July, 1857. He then remained a resident of Bureau county up to the time of his death. Here he was first employed by S. S. Newton at fourteen dollars per month, and later was an employe of Amos Bacon. Desirous to engage in farming on his own account, he incurred an indebtedness in order to purchase eighty acres of land, which he bought in 1861. He worked hard, and when his unremitting labor and perseverance enabled him soon to discharge his financial obligation, and as the years passed, his financial resources increasing, he added to his property from time to time until he was the owner of six hundred and forty acres of valuable and productive land. He started out empty-handed, and as the years passed, won a most gratifying measure of success. He overcame all the difficulties and obstacles in his path by determination and energy and his business integrity was ever unassailable.

On the 30th of January, 1862, Mr. Olson was united in marriage to Miss Mary Christine Johnson, who was born in Svedland, Sweden, January 3, 1844, and came to Princeton in 1853, with her parents, Nels and Inga Johnson, also natives of Sweden. Her father, who was a watchmaker and farmer by occupation, died at the age of ninety-six and a half years, and her mother at the age of eighty-four. Mrs. Olson was reared and educated in this county and still lives upon the old homestead left to her by her husband. They became the parents of eleven children, namely: Elia H., who was born November 5, 1862, was married June 16, 1885, to Arthur C. Larrison, a merchant residing in Rock Island, Illinois. Nels G., a farmer, who was born May 20, 1861, was married March 12, 1896, to Miss Mary Fletcher, of Concord, who died leaving three children, and he subsequently was married June 30, 1904, to Miss Helen Pottorf, by whom he has one child. Albert O., born June 28, 1867, in Wyandot township, was married March 12, 1896, to Miss Emma Nelson, and has two children. Edward C., born January 20, 1870, was married October 20, 1892, to Miss Minnie Oloffson, of Manlius township, and they have four children. Nettie E., born April 21, 1872, became the wife of Henry Owens Miles, of Concord township, November 14, 1891, and died in January, 1901, leaving two children. Esther B. V., born October 8, 1875, was married January 24, 1905, to John C. Pettee, a resident farmer of Wyandot township. Fredolph R., born March 15, 1877, is farming on the old homestead, which property he owns. Jennie A., born March 6, 1879, is at home. Julia J., born March 28, 1882, was married February 7, 1906, to William R. Wessell, of West Bureau, a farmer by occupation. Mabel R., born February 26, 1885, and Nellie W., born June 29, 1887, are both at home.

The death of Mr. Olson occurred June 28, 1896. He was a member of the Swedish Lutheran



church at Wyonet, to which his widow also belongs, and he served as a deacon of the church while at Princeton. During the long years of his residence in Bureau county he gained the unqualified regard and confidence of his fellowmen by reason of an upright life, by well directed industry, by deference for the opinions of others and by a kindly and genial spirit. He was a very successful farmer and stock-raiser, and his property is still owned by his heirs, to whom he left not only a goodly estate, but also the priceless heritage of an unfurnished name.

#### THOMAS JEFFERSON FIFIELD.

Thomas Jefferson Fifield, actively connected with general farming at intervals throughout his entire life and continuously since 1870 and also conducting a life and fire insurance agency for many years, makes his home in Concord township. It was in this township, on the 13th of July, 1811, that he began his life record, his parents being Samuel and Laura G. (Stevens) Fifield. The father came to Bureau county in 1810 and took up the occupation of farming here. The mother arrived in this county in 1836 and belonged to a family of farmers who came from New Hampshire. Thus in both the paternal and maternal lines Mr. Fifield is descended from an agricultural ancestry. His father continued in active connection with the farming interests of this community up to the time of his death, which occurred March 23, 1869. He was a prominent man in his community and his fellow townsmen, recognizing his worth and ability, called him to public office. He served as assessor, collector, postmaster and school director and in the midst of an active and useful life passed away at the age of fifty-two years. His wife long survived him and died on the 20th of March, 1902. In their family were nine children, all of whom were born in the old family residence upon a farm in Concord township, and all are now living with the exception of three.

Thomas J. Fifield was educated in the schools of Buda and in Lombard College at Galesburg, Illinois, where he completed his more specifically literary course. He then prepared for the responsibilities of a business career by a course of study in Eastman's Business College of Chicago, from which he was graduated in the year 1870. In early manhood he engaged in teaching for four years and then entered mercantile circles at Buda, where he conducted a store for two years. Later he devoted three years to general agricultural pursuits, when he again entered commercial life at Buda as a lumber merchant, conducting a yard for three years. Since 1890, however, he has resided continuously upon his farm, which he has successfully conducted and he now has a good tract of land which he has brought under a high state of cultivation, the fields being well tilled, while

the buildings are all kept in good repair. He likewise maintains an insurance agency, writing both life and fire insurance, and for many years he has represented a number of the old substantial companies.

On the 10th of December, 1874, occurred the marriage of Mr. Fifield and Miss Mary Augusta Mosher, of Buda, a daughter of Elijah Mosher, a merchant of that place. The children born of this marriage are: May Victoria, a graduate of the schools of Buda and now a student in Lombard College at Galesburg, Illinois; and Chester Mosher, who was born January 9, 1882, and, having graduated from the Buda schools, is now assisting his father on the farm.

The home property comprises three hundred and sixty acres, constituting one of the large and valuable farms of Concord township, whereon the owner is successfully engaged in the raising of grain and stock. He and his family are members of the Union church and are prominent in the community, the members of the household occupying an enviable position in social circles. Mr. Fifield was equipped by good educational training for a business career and, making the best possible use of his opportunities, he has advanced along substantial lines until he is accounted one of the men of affluence in Concord township with a record which is as creditable for its honesty as for its success.

#### JOHN J. SWEENEY.

John J. Sweeney, filling the office of justice of the peace and notary public in Spring Valley, where he is engaged in the fire insurance and real estate business, claims Ireland as the land of his birth, his natal day being June 24, 1853. When two years of age he came to the United States with his parents, who settled in Illinois. The early education of the son was obtained in the public schools of this state and he afterwards attended Niagara University in New York, where he completed his college course.

On leaving school he returned to La Salle county, where he was living at the time he went east to continue his studies, and following his return, was elected to the office of town clerk of Dimmick township, and subsequently township collector. He taught school in Bureau and La Salle counties for about fifteen years and proved an able educator, imparting with clearness and conscientiousness to others the knowledge he had acquired. He was also for several years identified with journalistic interests, acting for two years as city editor of the *Ottawa Free Trader*. He was also reporter and editor for several years of the *La Salle Democrat* and the *La Salle Democrat-Press*. For a few years he resided in the northern peninsula of Michigan, where he also engaged in the daily newspaper business, and in the spring of 1892



he came to Spring Valley as editor of the *Spring Valley Sentinel*, which he edited for two years, while later he was connected with newspaper work here in different capacities. In 1909 he was elected justice of the peace for Hall township and has since presided over the justice court in Spring Valley, being re-elected in 1905. His decisions are based upon the equity and the law in the case and are strictly fair and impartial, few of his opinions having ever been reversed. His course therefore has "won golden opinions from all sorts of people." He also acts as special correspondent for metropolitan papers, including leading journals of New York, Chicago and St. Louis, and as above stated, is engaged in the real estate and insurance business, having a goodcentage in these lines.

Mr. Sweeney is recognized as one of the prominent representatives of democracy in the eastern part of Bureau county, and has taken a very active and prominent part in promoting this party's interests. He has served as a member of the Democratic County Central Committee a long time and at this writing is the nominee of his party for the office of county judge of Bureau county.

On the 17th of April, 1892, Mr. Sweeney was married to Miss Kit Cronyn and their children are: Lucille, born March 8, 1894; Gerald, July 29, 1895; Helen, January 2, 1899; Cyril, June 10, 1900; Mildred, January 5, 1905, and James Allan, August 7, 1906. The parents are communicants of the Catholic church and occupy a prominent social position in Spring Valley. Mr. Sweeney has a very wide acquaintance and his leading personal qualities are such as make him popular wherever known.

#### ALBERT W. BOYDEN.

Albert W. Boyden belongs to the little group of distinctively representative business men who have been the pioneers in inaugurating and building up the chief business enterprises of this section of the country. He early had the sagacity to appreciate the eminence which the future had in store for this great and growing western country and, acting in accordance with the dictates of his faith and judgment, he has garnered, in the fullness of time, the generous harvest which is the just recompense of energy, integrity and enterprise. He is now connected with many extensive and important business interests and he makes his home in Sheffield, where his operations as a banker, general merchant, lumberman and grain dealer extend to many of the thriving towns of this part of the state.

A son of Dr. Wyatt and Elizabeth (Woodbury) Boyden, he was born in Beverly, Massachusetts, May 24, 1833. His father was a practicing physician of Beverly and, intending that his son

should be a farmer when he was old enough, Albert W. Boyden was consequently placed upon a farm, where he was employed during the summer seasons. He also acted as clerk in a bank for some time and received there business lessons which have been of value to him in his later career. In September, 1853, attracted by the broader opportunities of the new and rapidly developing west, he came to Illinois, clerking for a time in Chicago and later for the Stevens firm in Tiskilwa. He then secured a farm north of Sheffield, on which he took up his abode, but he did not find agricultural life congenial to him and determined to concentrate his energies along other lines of business activity. Accordingly he removed to Sheffield in the fall of 1858, and entered into business life, where he was destined to achieve success—the success which comes through close application, unremitting diligence and a keen insight into business possibilities and conditions. After clerking for three years for the firm of Scott & Porter, engaged in general merchandising, he purchased the interest of the junior partner and the firm style, Scott & Boyden, was then assumed. In 1870 Mr. Boyden sold out to the firm of Scott & Company and joined H. C. Porter in a general merchandising and banking business. This was continued by the firm until October, 1875, when the death of Mr. Porter occurred and on the 1st of January, 1876, through the formation of a new partnership, the firm name was changed to Boyden & Dewey. These gentlemen remained in active business connection until 1889, when the partnership was dissolved, Mr. Dewey retaining the general mercantile establishment as his share of the business, while Mr. Boyden took charge of the bank with his son, George W. Boyden, as his partner and assistant under the style of A. W. Boyden & Son.

Our subject is a man of resourceful business ability and his far-sighted sagacity and wise counsel have proven important elements in the successful control of many business undertakings. Following the death of his former partner, Mr. Porter, he was for many years secretary and treasurer of the Sheffield Mining Company. He has also become closely connected with mercantile, lumber, grain and banking interests in the town of Mineral under the style of E. J. Ely & Company. He was for many years a partner of the firm of F. D. White & Company, of Sioux Rapids, Iowa, and as a partner in the firm of Limber & Boyden he is associated with banking, the grain trade and elevator interests at Bucla. He operates in Tiskilwa as a lumber merchant under the style of H. E. Curtis & Company, and as a grain dealer at Annawan, Illinois, with J. C. Dewey & Company, and is also interested in the Bank of Annawan. He is pre-eminently one of the successful, capable and enterprising business men of Bureau county.

Mr. Boyden was married on the 2d of April,





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1856, to Ellen R. Webb, who was born in Skowhegan, Maine, April 18, 1837, a daughter of Joseph B. and Martha (Weston) Webb, who came to this county in 1831. Mrs. Boyden died July 25, 1892. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Boyden: George W., born January 3, 1858, is a partner of his father in all his enterprises and resides at Sheffield; William C. Boyden, born April 6, 1861, is a graduate of Harvard College and now a member of the law firm of Matz, Fisher & Boyden, of Chicago; Martha F., born July 21, 1866, is the wife of John H. Finley, formerly president of Knox College, Galesburg, Illinois, and now president of the College of the City of New York. Charles W., born July 31, 1872, and educated at Harvard College, is in business with his father at Sheffield. Albert A. Boyden, born April 10, 1875, is a graduate of Harvard College and one of the editors of the American Magazine, New York city.

In politics a prominent and pronounced republican, Mr. Boyden has labored effectively for the interests of his party in this section of the state. In 1884 he was nominated by the republican convention of the twenty-fifth district as candidate for the state legislature and was elected in November of that year. He is an active member of the Congregational church, generous in its support and manifesting a spirit of benevolence in his relations to the poor and needy. To him there has come the attainment of a distinguished position in connection with the business interests of this portion of Illinois and his efforts have been so discerningly directed that he seems to have realized the full measure of success. A man of distinct and forceful individuality, of broad mentality and mature judgment, he has left and is leaving his impress upon the business world. For years he has been an important factor in the up-building of various towns of Bureau county and in the promotion of enterprises which add not alone to his individual prosperity but also advance the general welfare and prosperity of the city in which he makes his home and of the various towns in which he has business connections.

#### JOHN C. WHITE, M. D.

Dr. John C. White, president of the Bureau County Medical Society and a successful practitioner at Seatonville, was born in Collieston, Scotland, May 18, 1816, a son of John and Frances C. (Waite) White. Dr. White was educated in the schools of Edinburgh and of London, England. He graduated from the Royal College of Surgeons with the class of 1867 and from the Royal College of Physicians in the class of 1868, and equipped by splendid training for the onerous and important duties of his profession he entered upon the active work as a physician and surgeon, since which time he has filled many important

places of trust in the line of his profession. He was at one time house surgeon at Westminster Hospital, also house physician in the same institution and junior house surgeon. He was assistant medical officer in the Stockwell Smallpox Hospital and was surgeon to her majesty's Emigration Commissioners for India and resident medical officer of the Royal Kent Dispensary. As surgeon for the emigration commissioners Dr. White traveled extensively in the East and West Indies and to various other parts of the world.

Coming to the United States in 1882, he remained in New York city until 1884, after which he spent two years in Chicago. He then removed to Bureau county, settling in Spring Valley, where he remained until Seatonville was incorporated in 1889. Since that time he has practiced continuously in the latter place and for twenty years has been a resident of Hall township. He is at this writing, in 1906, president of the Bureau County Medical Society—a position which indicates the place which he holds in the regard of his fellow members of the fraternity. He is likewise a member of the American Medical Association, the Illinois State Medical Association and the Northern Central Medical Society. An earnest and discriminating student, he has carried his investigations far and wide into the realms of medical and surgical science, continually promoting his skill and efficiency through reading and study, and that he is one of the most able members of the medical fraternity in Bureau county is indicated by his liberal patronage and the honors which have been conferred upon him by his professional brethren. He is medical examiner for the Illinois Life Insurance Company, and in addition has a large private practice, which is making constant demands upon his time and attention, yet leaves him opportunity for active co-operation in those interests which tend to benefit his fellowmen and promote the welfare of town and county.

In 1872 Dr. White was married to Miss Hannah Merriek, and they have one daughter, Mary Frances, who is married and resides in England. Dr. White takes a very deep and helpful interest in church and religious work and is a member of the First Congregational church of Seatonville, in which he is serving as deacon. He is also one of the board of directors of the Illinois Home Missionary Society. A republican in politics he keeps informed on the questions and issues of the day and gives hearty co-operation to those legitimate movements for promoting the growth and insuring the success of his party. He is, however, opposed to anything like misrule in municipal affairs and stands at all times for good government. He has served as justice of the peace for twelve years and notary public for sixteen years.

A prominent Mason, he became a member of Dalhousie lodge, No. 869, A. F. & A. M., in London, England, and on the 11th of May, 1875, in London, he was presented with a testimonial by a



committee of the Royal Masonic Institute for Girls in recognition of his services as steward at the eighty-seventh anniversary festival, at which seven thousand two hundred and sixty-nine pounds sterling were raised for the institute. The lord mayor, Rt. Hon. David Henry Stone, occupied the chair on the occasion of the presentation and the Doctor prizes highly the beautiful illuminated address which he then received. He joined the Odd Fellows society in London in 1874, and became a member of Sheridan lodge, No. 198, K. P., in Spring Valley. He was the first chancellor commander of the lodge and served for two terms. He afterward assisted in founding the Knights of Pythias lodge at Ladd and also Harrison lodge, No. 403, K. P., at Seatonville, and is serving for his fourteenth term as keeper of the records and seals. He has been for seventeen years surgeon and assistant surgeon for the Third Regiment of the uniformed rank of the Knights of Pythias of Illinois. It will be seen that Dr. White is a man of well grounded character, not so abnormally developed in any one direction as to become a genius, but with his native talents and energies exercised to their full strength, with the result that his life has been of benefit to his fellowmen, his activities touching many lines of general interest and at the same time proving a source of individual profit. He has done effective work in fraternal and church circles and is the loved family physician in many a household in Hall township.

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#### M. J. GREENER.

M. J. Greener is the owner of one of the model farms of Bureau county and a prominent representative of stock-raising interests. He has, moreover, been a leader in those lines of activity affecting the general interests of society, and has co-operated in many movements for political, intellectual and moral progress. He lives near Seatonville, and is numbered among the native sons of Bureau county, his birth having occurred in Selby township, December 20, 1848. His father, J. G. Greener, was born in Byron, Germany, and when twenty-five years of age came to the United States, attracted by the broader business opportunities of the new world. He arrived in this county in 1836 and cast in his lot with the early pioneer settlers. For many years thereafter he engaged in farming, which pursuit he made his life work. In politics he was a republican, and was a man most highly respected by all who knew him. His life was so upright and honorable that he was known to all his neighbors as "honest John." He died in the year 1893, leaving a comfortable competence and an untarnished name as the result of a life of activity and business integrity. His wife bore the maiden name of Marilla Jane Savage, and was born in Putnam county, Illinois.

M. J. Greener pursued his education in the schools of Bureau county, and when he put aside his text-books became connected with the saddlery business in Hollowayville, where he remained in active trade for eighteen years. In 1893 he purchased a farm on section 18, Hall township, consisting of eighty acres of land, to which he afterward added eighty acres on section 7. He has made it a model farm, on which he has a fine residence and other buildings. It is supplied with all modern equipments and is indeed a valuable property, constituting one of the attractive features of the landscape. In addition to the cultivation of the fields he is likewise raising fine stock, making a specialty of Durham cattle and Poland China hogs. He is a member of a stock company owning a very valuable imported French stallion. He is also well known as a raiser of fine poultry, and he has much fruit upon his place. In fact, there is no better improved farm in the county, and its improvements are all in keeping with the most progressive spirit of the age.

In 1875 Mr. Greener was united in marriage to Miss Emma Hassler, a daughter of Charles Hassler, an old resident of Bureau county. In the family were nine children, but two of the number are now deceased—Emma, who died at the age of nine years, and a son who died in infancy. The seven still living are Charles, Frederick, Harry, Lena, Clark, M. J., Jr., and Hattie.

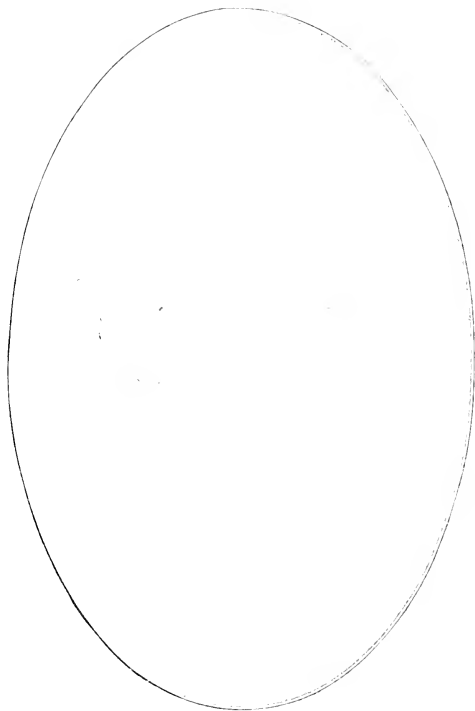
Mr. Greener is a member of Bureau County lodge, No. 112, A. F. & A. M., and Princeton chapter, R. A. M., and is thoroughly in sympathy with the teachings and tenets of the craft. In politics he has been a life-long republican, and has taken a deep interest in the welfare of the county, to the extent of giving hearty co-operation to every movement which he deems will prove of public benefit. He has been a delegate to many county conventions and is an earnest champion of republican principles, although not an office-seeker. He holds membership in the Congregational church, in the work of which he takes an active and helpful part. He has served as deacon and has always devoted much of his time and energy to church and Sunday-school work. He is thus interested in the material, political, social and moral progress of his community, and his influence is ever on the side of right, improvement and progress.

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#### SINO E. WINSER.

Sino E. Winsor, a representative agriculturist of Hall township, whose farm of four hundred and sixty acres is a model property, was born in this township, June 19, 1849. His father, John Winsor, was a native of Hawkehurst, Kent county, England, born August 24, 1816. The paternal





MR. AND MRS. M. J. GREENER.





grandfather, Edward Winsor, was also a native of the same locality and at one time was a resident of Bureau county, Illinois, but spent his last days in Henry county, this state. James Winsor left England on the 18th of September, 1811, and made his way direct to Bureau county. He worked for Robert Scott and others for several years and then removed to Livingston county, Illinois, where lived his brother-in-law. There Mr. Winsor located a claim but afterward returned to Bureau county and purchased land on section 30, Hall township, on which he took up his abode in 1850. As the years passed he became a successful and prosperous farmer and stock-raiser and the home farm of four hundred and sixty acres was a model one, equipped with modern conveniences and producing fine crops as a result of the care and labor bestowed upon the fields. In 1872 James Winsor returned to his native country, making the trip in twelve days, although when he first crossed the Atlantic it required six weeks to complete the voyage. On the 12th of August, 1818, he was married to Miss Serena Munson, who was born on the 19th of September, 1832, in Warren county, Indiana, a daughter of Sino and Sarah (Fenton) Munson, the former a native of New York, and the latter of Ohio. Unto Mr. and Mrs. James Winsor were born four children: Sino E., William B., Mrs. Nancy I. Campbell and Mrs. Isabel S. Miller.

Sino E. Winsor, born in Hall township, spent his boyhood and youth in his parents' home and pursued his education in the public schools. He early became familiar with the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist and has always carried on general farming, having now a good tract of land in Hall township, which he has brought under a high state of cultivation. His political allegiance is given to the democratic party, of which his father was also a stalwart advocate.

#### ANDREW CARPER.

Andrew Carper is the owner of an excellent farm property comprising three hundred and eleven acres of well improved land in Macon township, and his success in his business career is attributable entirely to his own labors. Moreover he is entitled to representation in this volume as one of the veterans of the Civil war, for he defended his country in the darkest hour of her history. His birth occurred in Bedford county, Pennsylvania, October 17, 1812, and his education was afforded by the public schools. His parents were Philip and Elizabeth (Bassler) Carper, the former a native of Lebanon county, Pennsylvania, born December 4, 1814, while the latter was born in Bedford county, Pennsylvania, September 17, 1821. The father was a son of Samuel Carper, who was of German parentage and was born in Virginia. He died, however, in Bedford county, Pennsylvania, August 3, 1861, at the age of

eighty-three years, two months and twenty-seven days. His wife, Mrs. Christina Carper, who was born in Lebanon county, Pennsylvania, died in 1861 at the age of eighty years, ten months and twenty-three days.

Philip Carper was reared to the occupation of farming and always followed that pursuit as a life work. He was married in Bedford county, Pennsylvania, to Miss Elizabeth Bassler, who died September 25, 1815, leaving three children: Eliza, who was born November 8, 1810, and became the wife of John Burke, while on the 6th of May, 1901, her death occurred; Andrew, of this review; and Samuel B., who is living in Macon township. After losing his first wife the father married Hannah Emerson, who was born in Bedford county, Pennsylvania, February 4, 1808, and died April 2, 1900. For a number of years after attaining his majority Philip Carper continued to reside in the Keystone state and in the spring of 1852 emigrated westward to Fulton county, Illinois, where he resided until the spring of 1853. He then removed to Concord township, Bureau county and in 1854 removed to Macon township, where he followed farming, and in 1855 he purchased one hundred and thirty-seven acres of land on which was a log cabin. Subsequently he erected thereon a frame residence which now stands as the handiwork of one of the pioneer settlers of the county. He first bought military land and he had at one time two hundred and ninety-seven acres. His life was devoted to general agricultural pursuits and through his intense and well directed activity he gained a goodly measure of success. His early political allegiance was given to the whig party and after its dissolution he became a staunch republican. He was a member of the Brethren church and also assisted in supporting the Church of God. He passed away in Macon township, February 23, 1894, after a long residence in this county, during which time he won a place among the leading, substantial and honored pioneer residents.

Andrew Carper, whose name introduces this review, was a lad of ten years when he came with his parents to Illinois and he remained with them until twenty-one years of age, assisting in the arduous task of developing a new farm. He then began farming on his own account, first buying eighty acres of land, while later he added a tract of forty acres. Eventually, however, he sold that property and bought one hundred and sixty acres, which he cultivated and improved for some time. At length he sold his second farm and bought one hundred and ninety-nine acres where he now resides. He has added to his land as opportunity has offered and as his financial resources have permitted until he is now the owner of three hundred and eleven acres, constituting a well improved and valuable farm. He is engaged in general farming and stock-raising. Practically the only interruption to his business career was during the period of the Civil war, when in response



to the country's call he enlisted on the 8th of September, 1861, as a member of Company H, One Hundred and Forty-sixth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, at Punker Hill, Illinois. He was mustered in at Peoria, thence went to Springfield and was afterward ordered to Quincy, where he did provost duty until the time of President Lincoln's assassination, when he was ordered to Springfield, the regiment being in line at Lincoln's funeral. He was mustered out in the capital city, July 8, 1865.

In 1876 Mr. Carper was married to Miss Sarah Wilds, who was born March 27, 1855, and died March 23, 1896. They were the parents of seven children: William A., born October 22, 1877; Charles A., who was born August 29, 1879, and died March 22, 1883; Philip Thompson, born November 30, 1881; Mabel A., January 24, 1884; Benjamin F., July 22, 1886; Edward, December 29, 1888; and Forrest, June 20, 1892. For his second wife Mr. Carper chose Sarah H. Stratton, who first married Archie Mead and following his death she became the wife of Mr. Carper on the 3d of June, 1896. She was born October 20, 1862, a daughter of Edward and Caroline (Robins) Stratton. Her father was born in Ohio and died in 1904, at the age of seventy-five years, while his wife, a native of New Jersey, is now living in Buda at the age of seventy-three years. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Carper were born three children: Frederick P., born July 7, 1897; John L., April 17, 1898; and Muriel E., July 20, 1900.

Politically Mr. Carper is a stalwart republican, thoroughly in sympathy with the principles of the party, yet not an office seeker. Fraternally he is connected with the Modern Woodmen of America. In his boyhood Mr. Carper was very fond of hunting and had ample opportunity to indulge his love of that sport, for there was much wild game in the county, including deer, prairie chickens and wild turkeys. In the spring his father would send him out with a gun to drive off wild brant and geese which were feeding on the fields of grain. He has for many years witnessed the changes that have occurred here, the transformation that has taken place and the substantial growth and improvement of the county and as the years have passed he has borne his full share in the work of substantial improvement and development, especially along agricultural lines.

#### HARRY U. BAILEY.

Harry U. Bailey, editor and owner of the Bureau County Republican, was born February 1, 1869, in Princeton, his parents being Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bailey. He attended the public schools and the high school in Princeton and also took a course in a commercial school in Quincy. Mr. Bailey has always given his time to newspaper work and has never been otherwise engaged. Upon leaving school he commenced work in the office of

the Republican, then owned by his father and Charles P. Bascom, under the firm name of Bailey & Bascom. He commenced at the bottom of the mechanical department and in a few years was in charge of that department. With a desire to further prepare himself for the work of editing, a newspaper he went to Iowa and purchased a county-seat newspaper and a few years later sold the paper and went to Chicago for experience in the editorial department of a daily newspaper and there for nearly two years he was employed by the city editor of the Chicago Tribune. It was on the 7th of October, 1889, that Mr. Bailey went to Iowa, and at that time he purchased a half interest in the Cerro Gordo County Republican, published at Mason City, and three months later his brother William J. Bailey, then publishing the Gazette at Spring Valley, Illinois, sold his paper at the latter place and purchased the other half interest of the Cerro Gordo County Republican. In March, 1890, they commenced the business of publishing ready prints for country weekly papers under the name of the Mason City Newspaper Company and in this venture they were very successful. In January, 1893, they sold the business of the newspaper company to the Western Union Newspaper Company, which company purchased the business in behalf of the other companies interested in the ready print business.

While residing at Mason City Mr. Bailey was married on the 19th of November, 1891, to Miss Jennie E. Colver, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Colver, of Ladd, Illinois. In November, 1892, Mr. Bailey and his brother sold the Cerro Gordo County Republican and the following year removed to Chicago, where he commenced his work with the Chicago Tribune. In May, 1894, Mr. Bailey came to Princeton and established a bureau for reporting current news for several counties for the Chicago daily papers. On July 22, 1896, occurred the death of Charles P. Bascom, and on the 5th of September following Mr. Bailey purchased from his estate his interest in the Bureau County Republican, and engaged in the publication of the paper in partnership with his father, under the name of Bailey & Son. This partnership continued until the death of his father on May 22, 1903, and shortly after he purchased from the estate his father's interest in the paper and since that time has been conducting the business himself. His father published the paper for a period of forty years and previous to that time was in the newspaper business in Ohio. Both his father and his grandfather made their life's work the publishing of newspapers and were never engaged in any other business. Mr. Bailey is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, a director of the Citizens' National bank and a member of the Princeton city council. The standing of the Republican is well known in Princeton and Bureau county and the long experience of Mr. Bailey in the newspaper field qualifies him for the inter-



ests which now claim his attention. The paper is well worthy the liberal patronage which it receives in both the circulating and advertising departments.

#### WILSON W. DRAPER.

Wilson W. Draper is engaged in the conduct of a livery business in Walnut, where he has made his home since 1903. He was born in Greenville township, this county, August 12, 1880, and, having spent his entire life in this part of the state, is therefore well known to a large number of its citizens. His parents were Dennis D. and Viola T. (Wilson) Draper. The father was born July 24, 1850, in Greenville township, which fact indicates that the Drapers are among the pioneer families of the county. His wife's birth occurred September 19, 1852.

Wilson W. Draper at the usual age began his education in the district schools near his father's home and therein mastered the branches of learning which qualified him for life's practical and responsible duties. He was reared to farm life and no event of special importance occurred during the days of his boyhood and youth to vary for him the routine of a rural existence. His time was divided between the duties of the schoolroom, the pleasures of the playground and the work of the fields. After attaining man's estate, however, he determined to follow some other pursuit than that of agriculture and, removing to Walnut in 1903 when twenty-three years of age, he established a livery barn, which he is now conducting. He has a first class stable, in which he keeps a number of good horses and some fine vehicles, and his earnest desire to please his patrons has been one of the salient features in the very gratifying success which has attended him in his business affairs.

On the 30th of March, 1904, occurred the marriage of Mr. Draper and Miss Verna B. Johnson, who was born May 7, 1883, in this county. They are both members of the Mystic Workers of the World and of the Royal Neighbors of America, the latter being the ladies' auxiliary of the Modern Woodmen, with which Mr. Draper is identified, his membership being in camp No. 17. His political allegiance is given to the republican party. A young man, energetic and enterprising, his close application to his business, combined with his industry, has resulted in a gratifying success.

#### A. L. STEELE.

A. L. Steele, now living retired from active business, his home being at No. 226 West South street in Princeton, was born in Erie county, New York, near Buffalo, on the 8th of March, 1827. His parents, Danford and Lydia (Abel) Steele, were natives of Williamstown, Vermont, and went to the state of New York in 1826, settling in Erie

county. The father was a carpenter by trade and died when only thirty-three years of age. The mother afterward came to Illinois, where she resided until her death, which occurred in 1861, when she was sixty years of age. Both the Steeles and Abels were old families of New England and were of Scotch-Irish descent. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Danford Steele were born three children: Henry D., who is now residing in Denver, Colorado; A. L., of this review; and Leonore, who died in Dover, this county, in 1851.

A. L. Steele was reared in the state of his nativity and was a young man of twenty-one years when he came to Illinois in 1848, settling at Dover, Bureau county, where he worked at farm labor until 1850. Then on account of poor health he entered a store in Dover, where he was employed until 1859. He afterward engaged in business on his own account in connection with C. D. Hubbard, proprietor of a general store at Dover, which they conducted under the firm name of Steele & Hubbard. Each partner invested five hundred dollars and they incurred an indebtedness of six thousand dollars in order to stock their store, but this was entirely discharged within four years. During his long business career Mr. Steele never sued a man nor sent a statement if within a day's ride of a debtor. He was always, however, a good collector and was equally prompt in discharging every financial obligation. Men who had business relations with him trusted him and on no occasion did he ever betray in the slightest degree the trust reposed in him. After a partnership of four years Mr. Steele purchased Mr. Hubbard's interest and continued the business until 1892, when he sold his property and disposed of his stock. He then purchased land in southwestern Minnesota and also erected his present comfortable residence in Princeton. The years have brought him success as a reward of his earnest, persistent labor, careful management and keen business discrimination and with a handsome competence he retired to private life to enjoy in well earned rest the fruits of his former toil.

On the 28th of November, 1852, was celebrated the marriage of A. L. Steele and Miss Susan Zearing, the wedding ceremony being performed in Dover. She was born in Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, April 2, 1829, a daughter of Martin and Sarah (Shafer) Zearing, who were natives of Pennsylvania and were of German and Swiss descent. They became pioneer residents of Bureau county in 1836 and soon afterward located on a farm in Berlin, which is now the property of David S. Zearing. They continued to reside in Berlin until called from this life, the father dying in July, 1855, at the age of sixty-one years, while his wife survived until 1869 and passed away at the age of seventy-three years. Mrs. Steele was the sixth child in a family of twelve children, of whom two daughters and four sons are living, namely: Martin R., a resident of Princeton; Louis, who



lives in Ladd, this county; David S., of Princeton; John M., of De Kalb county, Missouri; and Mrs. Sarah Foster, of Chicago.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Steele has been blessed with six sons: Charles D., who is at the head of the collection department of Swift & Company, in Chicago; George, a resident farmer of Dover township; John A., who is engaged in the hardware and grocery business in Gunnison, Colorado; Dick, who is in the office of the secretary of state in Springfield, Illinois; Louis L., who is engaged in the hardware business in Galesburg; and Dr. H. D. Steele, of Princeton, who is mentioned elsewhere in this volume. There were also three daughters in the family but two died in infancy, while Lottie L., who became the wife of William J. Binley, of Chicago, died August 13, 1896, at the age of twenty-three years. Mr. and Mrs. Steele celebrated their golden wedding anniversary four years ago—a most delightful occasion, which was participated in by many friends.

Politically Mr. Steele is a republican and although never an office holder or an aspirant for political honors he has always taken an active interest in politics, realizing the obligations as well as the privileges of citizenship and doing all in his power to secure the adoption of the principles which he deems most conducive to good government. In 1855 he became a member of the Odd Fellows society and was secretary of the local lodge for many years, but withdrew from the order about six years ago. Mrs. Steele has been a member of the Baptist church for the past fifty-five years and they are a most highly esteemed couple of Princeton, their circle of friends being almost co-extensive with the circle of their acquaintance, while in many incidents they have gained the warmest personal regard of those with whom they have been associated by reason of their possession of sterling traits of character. Mr. Steele figured for many years as a prominent, leading and successful business man of Bureau county and although he started out in life in a very humble capacity he worked his way steadily upward and his history is another illustration of that fact that labor finds its sure reward and that the record which the American people hold in highest regard is that of the self-made man.

#### WILLIAM HASSLER.

William Hassler, who is engaged in general farming in Berlin township, was born in Bureau county, April 11, 1867, and is the eldest son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Lintz) Hassler. The father was also a native of this country, while the mother's birth occurred in Germany and from that country she came to America when a little maiden of seven summers. Establishing their home in Bureau county, their son, William Hassler, was reared upon the old homestead farm and early

became familiar with the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. He worked in the fields through the summer months and in the winter seasons attended the public schools. Having arrived at years of maturity he chose for a companion and helpmate for life's journey Miss Maggie Piper, whom he wedded on the 4th of September, 1894. She was born January 13, 1861, a daughter of Hiram H. Piper. Under this marriage two children were born but are now deceased.

Mr. Hassler is a democrat in his political views and staunchly advocates the principles of the party, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the German Lutheran church. He manages one hundred and sixty acres of choice land and promises to be one of the leading farmers of the county. He also owns eighty acres on section 6, Hall township, inherited from his father. If honesty, thrift and push will accomplish results Mr. Hassler, with the start that he has already made, will make a success. He has already made a creditable record, owing his success entirely to his perseverance and energy and his life thus far illustrates what may be accomplished through the exercise of those qualities which have long been recognized as essential factors to prosperity.

#### EDWIN CHAPMAN STUDLEY.

Edwin Chapman Studley, who is engaged in general farming in Mineral township, where he owns and operates three hundred and forty-four acres of rich land, annually gathering therefrom good crops, is a native son of the township in which he still resides, having there first opened his eyes to the light of day on the 24th of March, 1861. He is a son of Christopher C. Studley, a retired farmer residing in Neponset, who owns in this county a valuable farming property. He represents one of the pioneer families of Illinois, his grandparents, William and Ann (Chapman) Studley, having located in that part of Morgan county which is now included in Scott county, Illinois, at a very early day, while Christopher C. Studley became one of the first settlers of Neponset township. Extended mention is made of the father on another page of this work.

To the common school system of the county Edwin Chapman Studley is indebted for the educational advantages he received. He was reared upon the home farm and in his youth remained with his father, afterward renting part of his father's land for a number of years. He has always followed the occupation of farming and his early practical experience in the fields well qualified him to take up agricultural work on his own account after he had attained his majority. He continued to rent land from his father for some time and carefully saving his earnings was at length enabled to purchase property for himself.













and to his original holdings he has added from time to time until he is now the owner of three hundred and forty-four acres of good land in Mineral township, constituting an excellent farm because of the many improvements which have been placed upon it and the highly cultivated condition of the fields. He also owns one hundred and sixty acres of land in South Dakota.

Mr. Studley was united in marriage to Miss Etta Elizabeth Riley, the wedding being celebrated on the 1st of January, 1883. She is a daughter of Oliver Perry Riley, a farmer and a representative of an old family of Mineral township. Mr. and Mrs. Studley have become the parents of four children: Abbie Blanche, Grace, Ethel Oliver and Christopher Edwin, the last named born November 21, 1898.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Studley have the warm regard of many friends in their locality, being held in high esteem by all who know them. He has served as school director for the past nineteen years and his labors have been far-reaching and beneficial in behalf of public education. He has also been road commissioner for five years and believes in good highways and in progress along various lines resulting in benefit to the general community. In his business life he has displayed unflinching perseverance and diligence and, moreover, is found thoroughly reliable in all trade transactions, so that his success is worthily won and justly merited.

#### GEORGE RACKLEY.

George Rackley, of Malden, was born in Orange county, Vermont, in 1821, and came to Bureau county, Illinois, with his parents in 1836, where he lived until his death on November 3, 1906. George Rackley was a man who would give character and stability to any community. In his active years he took part in all the public enterprises of the county, was for many years supervisor of Berlin township and for six years chairman of the board. He made no display of his talents, but when the time came to act he was found ready to sustain his honest convictions, both by his voice and his vote. Deceit and intrigue were foreign to his nature. He had an opinion upon the question of public policy and was ready to express it at the proper time and place. The writer has known him for more than thirty years and during that time has seen him called to decide upon many questions of controversy and never did he know him to hesitate or hold back his opinion for the sake of policy, but like a strong and just man he decided for the right as he saw it. It brings a pang of sorrow to us to know that his useful life is ended. One after another of the noble men and women who have helped to make this county and state what it is are passing away and all that is mortal is

laid away under the cold cloth of the valley and hillside. Yes, they rest from their labors, but their works follow them. For nearly seventy years Mr. Rackley was a citizen of this county and now in this year, 1906, just as the blighting frosts of autumn are covering the ground with nature's decay the summons come and that familiar form that has stood like the giant oak for so many years yields to the common lot of all the generations and now sleeps in the silent city of the dead.

#### LAWSON CURTIS HOUGHTON.

Lawson Curtis Houghton, giving his time and attention to his farming interests and the raising of horses, makes his home in Sheffield and is classed with the men whose industry and keen discrimination form the basic element in their success. Born in Windham county, Vermont, on the 22d of October, 1861, he is a son of Rufus Henry and Martha (Wilcox) Houghton, the former a farmer by occupation. The Houghton family in Bureau county has also been represented by Horatio Nelson Houghton, who came to Illinois from Vermont in 1865 and here engaged in business extensively and successfully. He loaned money to the farmers of Bureau county and in his dealings was always just and reliable. He often assisted them in such a way as to enable them to secure a clear title to their farm by the timely assistance which he gave them in making loans which were repaid upon easy terms. His advice and counsel often proved a beneficial element, for he was sound in his judgments and was always willing to assist others in this way. While conducting his business interests he also availed himself of the opportunities offered for judicious investment and became the owner of more than one thousand acres of valuable land. He also had many other business interests and at one time—prior to the Civil war—was extensively engaged in the ice business in Memphis, Tennessee. At his old home in Halifax, Vermont, he served as a selectman during the period of the war. He died January 31, 1896.

Lawson C. Houghton acquired his education in the public schools of his native county and engaged in farming with his father, gaining practical experience in agricultural pursuits through the active assistance which he rendered on the home farm. He came to Sheffield in 1890 and opened an implement and lumber business which he conducted until 1893, since which time he has devoted his attention to his farm, wherein he raises horses, cattle, hogs and sheep, being one of the leading stock-raisers of his part of the county. He is also engaged in making investments in lands, which is proving an important and profitable branch of his business, and he has large landed interests in Illinois, also sixteen hundred acres in Kansas, one hundred and sixty acres in Minnesota, and a similar amount in Nebraska.



Mr. Houghton was united in marriage to Miss Mary E. Vaughn, a daughter of John and Frances Vaughn, of Windham county, Vermont, the wedding being celebrated in June, 1836. They now have three children: Nelson Vaughn, Lowell Curtis and William Kenneth.

In his political views Mr. Houghton is a republican and has served as councilman of Sheffield, while in all community affairs he is deeply interested. The extent of his business interests makes him a leading resident of Sheffield and his keen discrimination and unflinching enterprise constitute the foundation upon which he has builded his success.

#### CLEMENT HARRINGTON.

The agricultural interests of Bureau county in former years found a worthy representative in Clement Harrington, who engaged in farming in Bureau township, where he now, in the enjoyment of the fruits of his former toil, is living retired in a pleasant home at No. 224 South Church street, Princeton. His birth occurred in Bureau township, September 8, 1858, and he represents one of the old families of this county.

His paternal grandparents were Jonathan and Lydia (Anderson) Harrington, both natives of Kent county, Delaware, the former born in November, 1794, and the latter in November, 1807. In their family were four sons and four daughters, including Nathan A. Harrington, now of Wyandot, Illinois, who was born in Farmington, Kent county, Delaware, October 19, 1831. He was reared to farm life and for many years devoted his time and energies to the tilling of the soil. The year 1855 witnessed his arrival in Bureau county and he worked out by the month on a farm in the summer seasons while in the winter he taught school for several years, being one of the capable early educators of the county. In 1860 he made investment in eighty acres of land and began life for himself on a farm, where he carried on general agricultural pursuits and stock-raising and also fed stock to a considerable extent. He has added to the eighty acres he first purchased until he now owns eight hundred and fifty-three acres of good land in Bureau township, becoming one of the extensive landowners of this county. His life should serve as a source of emulation and inspiration to others, showing what may be accomplished through determined purpose and unflinching energy when guided by sound judgment. He lived upon his farm until 1894, when he entered upon a well earned rest and removed to Wyandot, where he owns a beautiful home on Main street, his farm, which he rents, bringing to him an excellent income. His political allegiance is given to the men and measures of the republican party and he has served in nearly all of the township offices, having been supervisor for three

years, township clerk, assessor, road commissioner and justice of the peace. In all of these positions he has discharged his duties with promptness and fidelity and no trust reposed in him, whether of a public or private nature, has ever been betrayed.

Nathan A. Harrington was married in this county, November 22, 1857, to Miss Margaret E. Sapp, a daughter of Hezekiah and Mary Jane (Bochet) Sapp, early settlers of Bureau county from Delaware. Mrs. Harrington was born in the latter state, June 8, 1837, and by her marriage became the mother of six children, five of whom are living, while Ora, the second child, born October 27, 1860, died September 17, 1863. The others in order of birth are as follows: Clement, of this review; Adellbert, who was born July 20, 1864, and is living in Valparaiso, Indiana; Luella, who was born April 3, 1867, and is the wife of Albert Wilson, of Bureau township; Lydia M., who was born December 26, 1869, and is the wife of Willard Harrington, of Wyandot township; and Ada, who was born August 28, 1872, and is the wife of Mr. Tonkinson of Bureau township. The mother passed away July 23, 1892, and on the 6th of January, 1895, Nathan A. Harrington was again married, his second union being with Mrs. Susan Carter, of Delaware. He attends the Methodist Episcopal church and is a man of many good traits of character, being thoroughly reliable, kind-hearted and considerate to all who appeal to him in times of distress. His standing in the community is most excellent and he well deserves mention in this volume as a representative citizen of Bureau county.

Clement Harrington was educated in the common schools of Bureau county and was reared to the work of the farm, early becoming familiar with the duties and labors that fell to the lot of the agriculturist. He chose farming as a life work and continued actively in the tilling of the soil until 1906, when he removed to Princeton. He now owns two hundred and forty acres of fine land in Bureau township, which is devoted to general farming and stock-raising, polled Durham and shorthorn cattle being chiefly raised.

Mr. Harrington was united in marriage in 1877 to Miss Hattie M. Lysinger, who was born on the farm which her husband now owns in Bureau township, her father being Isaac Lysinger, who came from Bedford county, Pennsylvania, and settled in this county in pioneer times. Both he and his wife are now deceased. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Harrington have been born six children: Mollie, the wife of B. J. Moyers, a resident of De Kalb county, Illinois; N. Earl, who married Blanche Spratt and lives upon his father's farm; Verma, who married Virgil White and resides in Mahoning township, this county; Cliff, deceased; Rut and Mildred E., both at home.

Mr. Harrington votes with the republican party. His fellow townsmen, recognizing his worth and ability, have frequently called him to public office.







CLEMENT HARRINGTON.



He has served as school director, as trustee, as supervisor, as township treasurer three terms and for some time as justice of the peace and in the discharge of his official duties has always been found prompt, accurate and reliable. Because of his wife's ill health he left the farm, removing to Princeton. He rents his land to his son, but still gives personal supervision to its improvement. He has in Princeton a beautiful two-story residence at No. 224 South Church street, where he and his family are now pleasantly located.

#### JOHN HERBERT FRANKLIN, M. D.

Dr. John Herbert Franklin, who has studied under the most eminent surgeons of the country and is a learned and able representative of the medical profession in Bureau county, now practicing in Spring Valley, was born in Lexington, Illinois, October 25, 1868. His father, James Nelson Franklin, was a banker of Lexington and also a farmer of that section of the state. His birth occurred in Indiana and in 1837 he came to Illinois, settling in McLean county, where he still resides. He married Miss Sarah P. Chase, a native of this state and a daughter of Rev. Samuel P. Chase, a prominent minister of the Methodist church. Her father was a native of New Orleans and before the war was an extensive slave owner, but becoming convinced of the unrighteousness of this practice, he removed to the north to make his home in a state where the influences of slavery were unknown. He therefore established his home in Illinois and he became a leading member of the Methodist clergy.

Dr. Franklin, educated in the country schools of McLean county, afterward became a student in a high school at Lexington and subsequently attended the Illinois Wesleyan University of Bloomington and the University of Chicago, from which he was graduated in 1888. With broad general knowledge to serve as the foundation upon which to rear the superstructure of professional learning, he matriculated in Rush Medical College and after a thorough course was graduated in the class of 1892. He then added to theoretical training the broad practical experience gained by a year's service in the Presbyterian Hospital of Chicago, where he came under the direct instruction of Dr. Nicholas Senn, one of the most renowned surgeons of America. In 1894 he removed to Wichita, Kansas, where he engaged in practice for two years and while there acted as surgeon for the Santa Fe Railroad Company. He afterward located for practice at Peoria, Illinois, where he remained until 1899, when he came to Spring Valley. He makes a specialty of surgery in his practice and operates in all the neighboring hospitals, his ability in this line being widely recognized by the profession as well as the general public.

Dr. Franklin was married to Miss Florence Eya

Pitzer, of Pratt, Kansas, who died in 1898, and the following year he wedded Florence Edna Cameron, of Farmington, Illinois, by whom he has two children, Donald and Ruth. Socially he is connected with the Masonic fraternity and the Elks, and his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Congregational church. Everything that tends to bring to man the key to that complex mystery which we call life is of interest to him and his reading and investigation along the line of his profession have been constant and varied, bringing him broad and comprehensive knowledge. He is furthermore a member of the American Medical Association, the Illinois State Medical Association, the North Central, the Tri-State, the Mississippi Valley and the Bureau County Medical Societies. He has received the benefit of instruction from some of the most eminent surgeons of America and, ambitious for advancement, he combines a true love of scientific research with broad humanitarian principles and in his chosen field of labor has gained more than local distinction.

#### JOHN A. GUSTAVSON.

John A. Gustavson, of Princeton, who since 1904 has been interested in coal lands in Williamson county, Illinois, the mines being now operated extensively and successfully, is a native of Sweden, in which country his birth occurred in the year 1863. The days of his boyhood and youth were there passed and in 1884, when a young man of twenty-one years, he came to America, making his way at once to Princeton. For some time he engaged in farming and in 1899 made his first purchase of land, comprising one hundred and forty-eight acres. He devoted his energies to general agricultural pursuits until 1904, when he sold the farm and removed to Princeton, building a beautiful home on South First street, which he now occupies, it being one of the finest residences of the city. He also owns an other dwelling adjoining his home place and since 1904 he has been interested in the development of coal lands in Williamson county, being one of a company, formed of six men. They own four hundred and fifteen acres of coal lands. The mines are being profitably worked, turning out one thousand tons of coal per day, and Mr. Gustavson handles such anthracite and bituminous coal at the depot in Princeton. He is a man of good business ability, sagacious and far-sighted, who has turned his opportunities to the best account and has worked his way steadily upward from a humble financial position to one of affluence.

Mr. Gustavson was united in marriage to Miss Josephine Spake, a native of Bureau county, and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Spake, early settlers of this county, who arrived here in 1851, but both are now deceased. In his political affiliation



Mr. Gustavson is a republican and fraternally is connected with the blue lodge of Masons, while religiously he is identified with the Swedish Lutheran church. He came to America with limited capital and for years devoted his entire time and concentrated all his energies toward the supervision of the active details of his business, having the heart to resolve, the understanding to direct and the hand to execute all of its various transactions. A man of keen perception, of business sagacity and unbounded enterprise, he has become a factor in agricultural and industrial circles in his adopted county and is today enjoying the fruits of well directed labor.

#### WILLIAM C. BROKAW.

William C. Brokaw, conducting a grain business at Kasbeer, Bureau county, where he is also interested in a general store, besides having landed possessions in South Dakota, is a native son of this county, his birth having occurred on the 5th of February, 1852. His parents are George D. and Diana (Smith) Brokaw, the former born in Belmont county, Ohio, the latter in Deerfield, Massachusetts. The father removed from Ohio to Bureau county, Illinois, settling near Princeton, the year of his arrival being 1849, while the mother had come to this county from her native state with her parents in 1833. In their family were ten children, of whom our subject is the second in order of birth.

William C. Brokaw was reared in Bureau county and received his education in the district schools of Ohio township. After putting aside his textbooks he started out in life on his own account by following the occupation of farming. He continued in farming pursuits until about seventeen years ago, when he engaged in the business of buying and selling grain at Kasbeer. He has been very successful in this venture, and by the careful management of his business interests, his straightforward dealing and practical methods has built up a large and lucrative trade, until he is now numbered among the substantial merchants of his village. Year by year he has prospered and he is not only adding to his individual prosperity but is aiding in the development of his community by furnishing a market for the farmers who have products for sale, for he always pays the highest market price for the grain which he buys. He confines his attention not alone to the grain trade, for he is also interested in the live-stock business and sells gasoline engines, in which line he has been very successful. He is interested in a general store at Kasbeer, which, however, is managed by his sons, and they also own the building in which the business is carried on. Beside his mercantile interests in Kasbeer Mr. Brokaw also owns four hundred and eighty acres of land situated in South Dakota.

On the 12th of September, 1877, Mr. Brokaw was united in marriage to Miss Mary M. Nelf, who was born in Schuyler county, Illinois, November 12, 1857, a daughter of John J. and Savannah (Binum) Nelf, the former born in Pennsylvania, and the latter in Indiana. In their family were ten children, of whom Mrs. Brokaw is the third in order of birth. She received her education in the schools of Bureau county. Unto our subject and his wife have been born three children: Edgar L., born May 28, 1878; Charles D., October 4, 1883; and Eugene N., December 19, 1889, and the last named was the first child born in the village of Kasbeer.

Mr. Brokaw gives his political allegiance to the republican party, and in his religious faith is liberal, being identified with no particular denomination. He has taken an active interest in local affairs and has been called by his fellow townsmen to a number of offices, serving as township collector for one year and as school director for six years, while for eight years he acted as postmaster at Kasbeer, and in all these positions he has proven himself loyal and trustworthy, filling each position in a very creditable manner. He is truly a self-made man, having attained to his present financial position through his own well directed efforts. Though starting out on his own account with little or no capital he has through his industry and determination accumulated extensive interests. He has through his own personal efforts as well as his mercantile interests helped to make the village what it is today and is numbered among its most substantial and influential citizens. He and his wife are prominent socially and have a host of warm friends both in Kasbeer and Bureau county.

#### THOMAS J. LOCKWOOD.

Thomas J. Lockwood, deceased, whose well spent life made his example worthy of emulation, was born in Olean, Cattaraugus county, New York, April 16, 1827. In early life he engaged in lumbering, and the year 1855 witnessed his arrival in Bureau county, Illinois, where he resided until the outbreak of the Civil war. He watched with interest the progress of events in the south, and feeling that his first duty was to his country he enlisted in 1862 and served as second lieutenant of Company C, Ninety-third Illinois Volunteer Infantry. He was wounded at the battle of Champion Hills, Mississippi, and lost the sight of both eyes, which occasioned his discharge in 1864. He received a pension of seventy-two dollars per month, which, however, was only a slight compensation for the great loss which he sustained. Though totally blind he was very successful in his business affairs and he erected one of the best business blocks in Buda. He always had the interest of his town uppermost and it was largely owing to



his determination, progressive spirit and unflinching perseverance that Buda now has its excellent waterworks and electric light plants. In his death, which occurred September 18, 1900, the city and Bureau county lost one of its most progressive and valuable residents.

Mr. Lockwood was married at New Bedford, Illinois, on the 3d of January, 1873, to Mrs. Ann Eliza Gibson, a daughter of E. H. and Mary Ann Baxter. She is still living in Buda and is an active member of the First Baptist church, in the work of which she takes an active and helpful part, serving as president of the Ladies' Aid Society. She has also been president of the Woman's Club at Buda and takes an active interest in all that pertains to the good of the town. She still owns a clothing store in Buda and hires a man to run it.

In his religious faith Mr. Lockwood was a Unitarian. His life was actuated by honorable principles and characterized by manly conduct. He was always loyal and progressive in his citizenship, manifesting the same spirit of fidelity which he displayed, when on southern battle-fields he followed the old flag. In his relations with his fellowmen he was straightforward and in all life's relations he made a record which won for him the unqualified esteem and confidence of his fellowmen. His death was the occasion of deep and wide-spread regret to all with whom he had come in contact and his memory is yet cherished by those who know him.

#### EPHRAIM ATKINSON.

No history of Walnut would be complete without mention of Ephraim Atkinson, who for many years figured prominently in business circles here. He was for more than two decades a leading merchant of the town but is now practically living retired. Throughout his long connection with the business interests he gained the respect and retained the confidence of all with whom he was associated and it would be difficult to find in Walnut one who is held in more genuine regard than he whose name introduces this review.

A native of Ohio, his birth occurred near the city of Chillicothe on the 16th of December, 1839, his parents being John M. and Olive (Palmer) Atkinson, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of Maine. Their son Ephraim was a lad of thirteen years when he accompanied his parents on their removal from the Buckeye state to Illinois, the family home being established in Limerick. A year later they removed to the Andrew Ross farm and subsequently took up their abode at Dad Joe Grove. When four years had passed Ephraim Atkinson became a resident of Red Oak, where he lived for several years and then removed to Walnut, where he has since resided. His education was largely acquired in the district schools and for many years his was an active busi-

ness career, in which he contributed to the commercial prosperity and upbuilding of Walnut as well as to his individual success. Establishing a store in the town, he was there engaged in merchandising for twenty-two years and his business was one of the well known features in the commercial life of the village. He always carried a large and carefully selected line of goods, his prices were reasonable and in his dealings he was strictly fair and honest, basing his business principles upon the rules which govern industry, economy and strict and unswerving integrity. Thus he made an unassailable reputation in business circles. On account of ill health he has retired from merchandising and is now enjoying a well-earned rest and the fruits of his former toil.

On the 2d of February, 1862, Mr. Atkinson was united in marriage to Miss Mary Whitver, who was born June 20, 1834. They traveled life's journey together for more than forty years and were then separated by the death of the wife, who passed away on the 29th of May, 1903. She was a lady of many good traits of heart and mind and was held in the highest esteem by all who knew her, the circle of her friends being co-extensive with the circle of her acquaintances. The four children born of this marriage are also deceased.

In his political affiliation Mr. Atkinson is a stalwart republican, thoroughly in sympathy with the principles of the party. He has served as township collector for sixteen years and has filled other positions of public trust, the duties of which have been promptly and faithfully discharged. He belongs to the Church of Christ in Walnut and is also a member of Walnut lodge, No. 722, A. F. & A. M., exemplifying in his life the teachings of the former and the tenets of the latter. He has helped to make the history of Walnut, leaving the impress of his individuality upon its commercial activity, its material progress and its moral advancement. He has always stood in support of those interests which are a matter of civic virtue and of civic pride, has given his influence on the side of right, justice and truth, and in all life's relations has manifested a fidelity to high principles which have made him worthy the esteem which is uniformly accorded him.

#### WILLIAM ZENE GRAY.

William Zene Gray, who owns and operates a farm of seventy-five acres in Mineral township, has been a resident of this county for more than a half century, coming from Peoria, Illinois, in 1854. He had gone to Peoria in 1850 from Harrison county, Ohio, in company with his parents, William Henry and Susanna (Van Bibber) Gray. The father was a farmer by occupation and followed that pursuit both in the Buckeye state and in Illinois. The son, W. Z. Gray, was born in Harrison county, Ohio, February 24, 1813, and was therefore only





about seven years of age at the time of the removal of the family to this state, and was a youth of eleven years when they came to Bureau county. He acquired a common-school education and through the summer months worked at farm labor, assisting his father in the improvement of the old home property. He came to Mineral township in 1866, when a young man of about twenty-three years, and started out life on his own account by renting land, which he cultivated until his labors had brought him sufficient capital to justify his purchase of a farm on Green river about twenty-two years ago. There he carried on general agricultural pursuits for some time, but subsequently sold that property and bought his present farm of seventy-five acres in Mineral township. Here he has since resided and has placed his land under a high state of cultivation, also adding many modern equipments in the way of good buildings and the latest improved farm machinery to facilitate the work of the fields.

Mr. Gray was married on the 1st of January, 1865, to Miss Susan Martin, of Mineral, Illinois, a daughter of Rev. William E. and Susan Martin, the father a minister of the Methodist church. Mr. and Mrs. Gray lost one child in infancy. A daughter, Nellie, survives and is the wife of Thomas E. Truelson, a farmer residing at Gold township. The wife and mother passed away April 28, 1904, and her death was deeply regretted by many friends as well as by her immediate family, for she possessed many good traits of character and her kindly spirit, generous disposition and innate culture won her the esteem of all with whom she was brought in contact.

Mr. Gray is a republican in his political views and keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day, so that he is able to support his position by intelligent argument. He has served as township road commissioner and proved a capable officer, but has never been active in the sense of office seeking, his business affairs making full demand upon his time and energies. He has for a long period been an interested witness of the growth and development of the county as modern civilization has wrought its changes, replacing the conditions of pioneer life with all of the evidences of progress and improvement known in agricultural and commercial circles at the present day.

#### KING J. AND J. H. DALE.

King J. and J. H. Dale, constituting the firm of Dale Brothers, are well known farmers and stockmen of Fairfield township, making a specialty of the breeding of shorthorn cattle. They also raise good horses, favoring Englishshire. These brothers operate three hundred and seventy-four acres of rich and productive land, of which three hundred acres constituted the home place

of their father, Thomas Dale, and they also have other land which they have purchased.

King J. Dale was born in Whiteside county, Illinois, in 1862, and is a son of Thomas and Eliza (Spargo) Dale. The mother still resides upon the old homestead in Fairfield township, but the father passed away in 1899 in his seventy-seventh year. A native of East Kent, England, he came to America in 1850 and spent some time in New York. He also traveled in the central west before choosing a permanent location. He was one of the early residents of the county and for a long period a successful farmer and stockman. He came to Princeton in 1854 and assisted in getting out the ties for the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad. Later he located on section 36, Fairfield township, where he carried on farming until his death. In his farming operations he prospered, being watchful of his business opportunities, careful in management and displaying keen sagacity in the control of his interests. In all of his business affairs he was straightforward and reliable and he was classed with the representative agriculturists of his community. His wife was born in Cornwall, England, and in her maidenhood came to Bureau county, giving her hand in marriage to Mr. Dale in Princeton. They lived on a farm near Princeton a few years, and then in 1861 removed to Whiteside county, where they lived for seven years, their home being near Tampico, and on the expiration of that period they located on what is now the old home property in Fairfield township. Mr. Dale owned about seven hundred acres of land in Manlius and Fairfield townships. Mrs. Dale favors the Methodist Episcopal church. She was one of the fifteen children of Stephen and Elizabeth (Richards) Spargo. To her husband she was a faithful companion and helpmate on life's journey and since his death she has lived upon the old homestead, being highly esteemed throughout the entire community.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Dale were born the following named: Elizabeth, the wife of James A. Nicholas, a resident of Manlius township; Thomas H. and John B., who are living in the same township; William C., of Fairfield township; King J., of the firm of Dale Brothers; Emma, the wife of Newton Cole, a resident of Princeton; James H., of the firm of Dale Brothers; Jennie L., the wife of Charles McCullough, of Manlius township; Carrie L., the wife of E. A. Fisher of Manlius township; Mary K., at home; and Priscilla S., the wife of G. F. Hartz, of Manlius township.

The Dale Brothers are men of excellent business capacity and enterprise. They were educated in the district schools and reared to farm work and now have charge of the estate left by their father, comprising three hundred and seventy-four acres of valuable and productive land in Fairfield township. They till the soil, which brings forth good crops, and they are prominently known as bread-







ers and raisers of stock, especially shorthorn cattle, while their horses are largely of the English-shire breed. Their business has reached extensive proportions and the intense and well directed efforts of the brothers are bringing to them a very gratifying measure of success.

#### SAMUEL B. CARPER.

The name of Carper has long figured conspicuously and honorably in connection with farming interests in Macon township, and he whose name introduces this review is one of the leading agriculturists of this community, where he has lived from boyhood days. He was born in Bedford county, Pennsylvania, August 21, 1844, and is a son of Philip and Elizabeth (Bassler) Carper, mention of whom is made on another page of this work in connection with the sketch of Andrew Carper, a brother of our subject.

Samuel B. Carper attended the public schools of Pennsylvania and of Illinois, and was also a student in Iron City College at Pittsburg. He was a young man of only twenty years when on the 5th of September, 1864, he responded to his country's call for aid and joined Company H of the One Hundred and Forty-sixth Illinois Volunteers at Bunker Hill. He was mustered in at Peoria and thence went to Springfield and afterward to Quincy, Illinois, where he was engaged in provost duty until the assassination of President Lincoln, when the regiment was ordered to Springfield for military duty at the time of the funeral. He was then mustered out at Springfield, July 8, 1865.

Mr. Carper returned to his home and aided in the work upon his father's farm, being thus engaged up to the time of his marriage, which was celebrated on the 1st of February, 1870, Miss Catherine Zink becoming his wife. She was born in Princeton, July 10, 1845, a daughter of Henry and Jane (Chaney) Zink. Her father, a native of Stonerstown, Bedford county, Pennsylvania, died in October, 1848, at the early age of thirty-three years. His widow, who was born in the same county near Huntington, in the year 1822, was of German descent and died at the ripe old age of seventy-nine years. They were married in Pennsylvania in 1844, and had two children, the elder being William D. Zink, who was born June 11, 1846, and died January 24, 1880. He was married to Elizabeth Wooding, of Kansas, and they had three children, two sons and a daughter, but the parents are both now deceased. Their children are: Buritt H., who is living in Idaho; Frances, a stenographer in St. Louis, Missouri; and William L., who is living in Kansas. Mrs. Zink, the father of Mrs. Carper, was of Scotch lineage and was a wagonmaker by trade. His political allegiance was given to the whig party. In 1845 he came with his family to Illinois,

settling in Fulton county, and in 1846 they removed to Princeton, where the death of Mr. Zink occurred. His wife was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. After living in Princeton for fourteen years she married Abraham Clark, and they became the parents of two children, Elinore and Arthur. Mr. Clark was a farmer by occupation, and on selling his land removed to Buda, where he conducted a meat market for about three years. He then went to Adel, Iowa, in 1867, and there carried on farming throughout his remaining days. Both he and his wife died in Iowa. His political endorsement was given to the men and measures of the republican party.

The year 1853 witnessed the arrival of Samuel B. Carper in Illinois, and soon after his marriage he began farming for himself on eighty acres of land. In 1877 he erected the residence which he now occupies and he has made all of the improvements upon his farm, including the erection of substantial buildings and the planting of fine shade and fruit trees. He is now cultivating one hundred and sixty acres of land, which he owns, and he is also a breeder of high grade cattle, hogs and horses, feeding his own stock and making shipments to the city markets. His business interests are to him a gratifying source of income, for he is watchful of opportunities pointing to success and utilizes his advantages to the best of his ability.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Carper have been born six children, namely: Leora A., who was born October 31, 1870, and died March 21, 1895; Ida J., born February 26, 1873; Samuel A., who was born February 7, 1875, and died April 9, 1895; Anna May, born May 17, 1878; Mary Edith, born June 22, 1882; and William Howard, July 5, 1885. Mr. Carper is a republican and keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day, yet has never cared for public office. He served, however, as justice of the peace of his township for one term. Fraternally he is connected with French Grove camp, No. 196, M. W. A., at Buda; with the Yeoman of America; and with Emory post, G. A. R., at Buda; and in these organizations has the esteem of his brethren, who recognize in him many sterling traits of character. His residence in the county covers a long period, entitling him to mention with its early settlers.

#### AUGUST HASENYAGER.

August Hasenyager is a partner in the firm of Fisher & Hasenyager, proprietors of a meat market in Walnut. He is one of the enterprising young business men of this town and is one of its native citizens, having been born here April 15, 1874. His parents were Fred and Anna (Barman) Hasenyager. The father was born in Germany in 1829 and died on the 1st of January,



1904, at the age of seventy-five years, while his wife, also a native of Germany, is still living. They crossed the briny deep to the new world in the early '50s, and after residing for a short time at St. Louis, Missouri, came to Princeton, after which they established a permanent home in this county. The father was a farmer by occupation.

In the district schools of Walnut township August Hasenyager acquired his education. His boyhood and youth were passed uneventfully, but after attaining his majority he entered business life, and is today a wide-awake, alert and representative merchant of the village of Walnut, where as a member of the firm of Fisher & Hasenyager he is conducting a well appointed meat market. They have a fine trade and their patronage is annually increasing. It is their aim to carry a large line of first-class meats, and by reason of their fair prices and straightforward dealing they have secured a business which is already profitable and which is steadily growing.

On the 16th of January, 1895, Mr. Hasenyager was married to Miss Lizzie Fordham, who was born November 12, 1875, in Walnut township. Like her husband, she, too, was educated in the district schools, and she has become the mother of two children: Arthur W., born January 30, 1897; and Ethel F., born October 12, 1899.

Mr. Hasenyager is an independent voter, casting his ballot for men and measures rather than for party. He belongs to the Mystic Workers of America, and is well known in his village and township as a wide-awake, energetic business man of genial disposition and cordial manner—qualities which have rendered him popular with a large circle of friends and acquaintances.

### JOHN ZINK.

John Zink, for almost half a century a resident of Bureau county, where as a progressive and enterprising farmer he was widely and favorably known, was born in Bedford county, Pennsylvania, August 23, 1813. The family was established in Pennsylvania at an early epoch in its development, the grandparents being John and Elizabeth (Howe) Zink, both of whom were natives of that state. The father of our subject, Samuel Zink, was a native of the Keystone state, born August 11, 1788. At an advanced age he went to Ohio, settling in that state in 1811, and in 1814 he came to Bureau county, Illinois, where he joined his son George, who had arrived a year previous to that date. He then remained a resident of Bureau county until his death, which occurred February 15, 1866. His political allegiance was given to the republican party. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Catherine Hannawalt, was born in Huntingdon county, Pennsylvania, August 26, 1783, and died February 10, 1886. She was of German extraction, and both she and

her husband were members of the Methodist church.

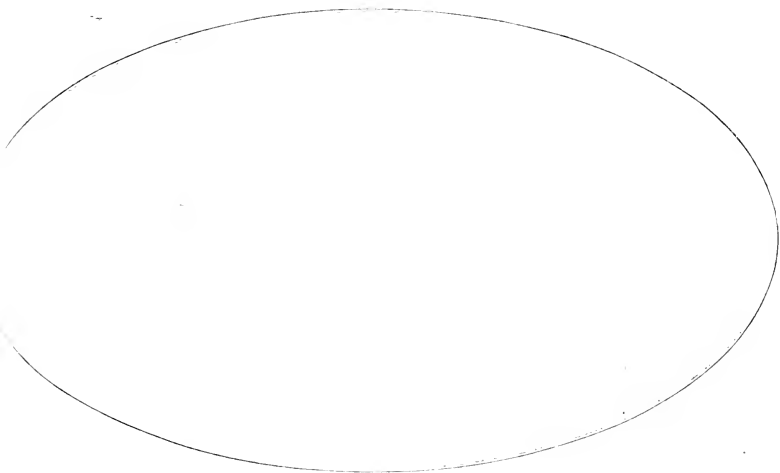
No event of special importance occurred to vary the routine of farm life for John Zink in his boyhood days. He was one of a family of eleven children, which fact brought with it some advantages and some disadvantages. He shared with the others in the labors of the farm and acquired a district school education. There are always many pleasant recollections associated with a childhood where the family is a numerous one, the spirit of cheer and joy abounding in such a household. Mr. Zink was still single when in 1844 he came with his parents and the family to Bureau county. Soon afterward he purchased a farm near Buda, in Macon township. Few roads had been laid out, and there were still tracts of broad prairie that was uncultivated and covered with the native grasses. All grain was hauled to Chicago as the nearest market, as there was no railroad facility for shipment at a near point. As time passed by and invention brought improved machinery Mr. Zink kept abreast with the progress of the times and cultivated his farm according to more modern methods than were in vogue in pioneer days. His first purchase of land comprised eighty acres, to which he added from time to time as his financial resources increased, until he owned over two hundred acres of valuable land, which he operated until his life's labors were ended in death. He was a man of strong, rugged constitution, enjoying good health until his last illness, and thus he resolutely carried forward the work of the farm and brought it under a high state of cultivation.

On the 5th of September, 1841, Mr. Zink was married to Miss Elizabeth Thompson, who was born in Huntingdon county, Pennsylvania, November 2, 1816, and who came to this county with her parents in 1845, settling near Buda, where she died November 27, 1859. Four children had been born of this marriage; Mary, the wife of Reuben Smith, of Buda; John A., who is a retired farmer, living in Ramona, South Dakota; Harriet, who died at the age of three years, and Christian Winfield Scott, a farmer of Elliott, North Dakota.

After losing his first wife Mr. Zink was again married, in Ohio, on the 7th of March, 1865, his second union being with Miss Elizabeth Sinsel, who was born in Knox county, that state, August 22, 1835. Her girlhood days were spent in that state. In the paternal line she is of English lineage and in the maternal line of French descent. Her parents were John and Catherine (Schubley) Sinsel, both natives of Hagerstown, Maryland, where they were reared and married. They became residents of Knox county, Ohio, when it was still a new and undeveloped region, settling there during its pioneer epoch. There the father followed farming up to the time of his death, which occurred when he was sixty-six years of age, while his wife passed away at the age of seventy-four. They were both consistent and devoted members







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of the Lutheran church, and were highly esteemed residents of their community. Mr. Sensel was a son of Peter Sensel, who came from Germany to America and served for seven years in the Revolutionary war.

Unto John and Elizabeth Zink were born six children: James L., who died in infancy; George E., who is mentioned elsewhere in this volume; Catherine E., the wife of W. A. Ruff, a resident of St. Paul, Minnesota; Samuel H., a farmer of Macon township, Bureau county; Margaret Jane, who died at the age of four years; and Abnera M., the wife of C. E. Blaine, of Tower City, North Dakota.

Mr. and Mrs. Zink were members of the Methodist church, in which the latter is still active. He continued his farming operations here until his death, which occurred April 2, 1892, when he was seventy-eight years of age. He was a strong, robust man, never ill until the illness which terminated his life. On the contrary, he was ever active, energetic and enterprising, and what he acquired came to him as the reward of his earnest labor and perseverance. His name was a synonym for business integrity, and his life was characterized by high principles, so that those who knew him instinctively paid deference to him as a man of uprightness and honor. Mrs. Zink is still enjoying good health at the age of seventy-one years, and now makes her home with her children.

#### JESSE EMERSON.

Jesse Emerson was one of the early settlers of this county, having come here with his father in 1836 at the age of twelve. He spent his early years upon the farm, attending the country schools and afterwards a private school in Princeton. He spent some time in teaching and while thus engaged he commenced the study of law. He also acted as clerk in one of the stores at Buda and finally opened a store of his own. During all these changes he found time to continue the study of his chosen profession and in 1858 was admitted to the bar and from 1860 spent most of the time in his law practice. In 1873 he was elected county judge and filled that office for four years, when he again resumed his practice. Judge Emerson was a plain, unassuming man, a man who possessed more than average ability in many ways. He was a safe counselor and would lead a client out of a law suit rather than into one. He was one of the old residents and was respected for his honest and obliging ways. He lived to see great changes in all his surroundings. When he came here this was a part of Putnam county and was sparsely settled. The deep, rich soil of most of the county had never been disturbed by the white man, and he lived to see these barren prairies covered with the products of civilization. He lived to see the deer and the wolf sup-

planted by the flocks and herds of the modern farmer. The change was great, yet he had strength of character sufficient to enable him to step into the stream of progress and move grandly on, looking for and fully believing that there were great things in store for this country and this people.

#### CHARLES HENRY FABER.

Charles Henry Faber was born December 18, 1862, on what is now the old homestead farm in Clarion township, where he still resides. He is descended from German ancestry, his parents, Peter and Margaret (Mueller) Faber, having both been born in Germany. The year 1850 witnessed their arrival in Bureau county, Illinois, and they cast in their lot with the early settlers. Mr. Faber provided a livelihood for himself and family by following the occupation of farming, to which he devoted his energies until his death, which occurred in Mendota, Illinois, September 13, 1885. His widow still survives at the age of seventy-seven years and makes her home in Mendota with her youngest daughter, Mrs. V. C. Schaller.

Charles H. Faber of this review had seven brothers and two sisters: George, who is now a butcher in Paw Paw, Illinois; Henry, who was principal of schools in California, Oregon and McHenry county, Illinois, and died in 1900; Gilbert, assistant cashier of the First National Bank at Mendota; John C., who was a merchant in Walnut township, Bureau county, and is now deceased; Bertha, the wife of Rev. George Hueter, of Rocky Ridge, Ohio; Christian, a cattle buyer of Paw Paw, also associated with his brother George in the meat business; William C., a breeder of fine racing stock at Paw Paw; Fred G., also of Paw Paw; and Emily, the wife of V. C. Schaller, who is engaged in the carriage business in Mendota.

Charles Henry Faber supplemented his preliminary education, acquired in the common schools, by study in Mendota College, completing his course in 1877. He then returned to the old homestead to engage in farming and has remained here continuously since. He today owns and operates two hundred and thirty-five acres of land which is valued at the highest market price, and his well improved farm is indicative of the care and supervision which he bestows upon his place.

On the 17th of February, 1887, Mr. Faber was married to Miss Margaret Truckenbrod, who was born June 30, 1861, and is a daughter of Henry and Catherine (Billhorn) Truckenbrod, both natives of Germany. They came to Bureau county with the early settlers and through the explosion of a lamp Mrs. Truckenbrod was burned to death in 1868. Mr. Truckenbrod is still living and is now retired in Mendota.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Faber has been blessed with four children: Ella E., Agnes E., Florence M. and Clement F. The parents are members



of the Lutheran church and in his political views Mr. Faber is somewhat liberal, voting for candidates rather than party at local elections, while at national elections he usually supports the democratic party. He has, however, voted the republican ticket when he believed that its candidates were better qualified for office than those of the opposition. He has been township collector for two years and justice of the peace for eight years and in the discharge of his official duties has been most conscientious and zealous. Fidelity in public affairs, reliability in business life and friendship and geniality in social relations have made Mr. Faber a man respected by all who have the pleasure of his acquaintance.

#### THEOBALD J. HEITZ.

Theobald J. Heitz, a resident of Selby township, where excellent farming interests return him a gratifying financial reward for his labors, lives on section 10. He owns three hundred and thirty-four and a half acres of fine farming land, all in Selby township, but not all in one tract. He was born upon the farm which is now his home, his natal day being September 22, 1818.

His parents were Gottlieb and Eva (Foute) Heitz. The father, a native of Baden, Germany, was born in 1809, and was there reared to the age of eighteen years, when he removed to Byron, Germany. For six years he was a soldier of the German army. While living in Baden he served for one year in the war with the French, and afterward was with the army for five years. He resided in Byron until 1817, and was married there, subsequent to which time he engaged in farming and the raising of cattle. Attracted by the opportunities of the new world and hoping to enjoy better advantages for the acquirement of a comfortable living for his family, he crossed the Atlantic in 1817, accompanied by his wife and their seven daughters, settling on section 10, Selby township, where he purchased land from John Bushon. Here he carried on general agricultural pursuits until his retirement, and became known as one of the enterprising, leading and prosperous agriculturists of his community. During the last forty-five years of his life he lived retired, and died at the age of eighty-eight. In community affairs he was deeply interested, and assisted in building the Evangelical Lutheran church of Selby township, of which he was a most active and helpful member. His life was honorable, his actions manly and sincere, and his upright life gained him an enviable position in public regard. His wife was born in Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, in 1805, and remained a resident of Bureau county from 1817 until her death in 1888. She passed away about four months prior to her husband's demise. In their family were eleven children, of whom three died in early life, while

eight reached years of maturity. Catherine became the wife of Conrad Weissenburger, and died in Nevada City, California, in 1899, leaving seven children, four sons and three daughters. Christina became the wife of Joseph Gesspele, and resided in Selby township until her death about twenty years ago. She had four children by her first marriage, and later she became the wife of Ferdinand Werling, by whom she had six children, three sons and three daughters. Magdalena Heitz became the wife of Casper Hage, and removed to Peru, Illinois. Following the death of her first husband she married Peter Smith, who passed away some years ago. She still makes her home in Peru, and has two daughters and a son living and has lost one daughter. Barbara is the wife of Samuel Heitz, residing at Depue, this county, and they have eight children, four sons and four daughters, who are yet living, and have lost two. Mary became the wife of John Balzer, who died at their home in Peoria, Illinois, leaving two sons and three daughters, and Mrs. Balzer now resides in Chicago. Caroline is the wife of Jacob Sossler, of southern Illinois, and they have seven children.

Theobald J. Heitz, the other member of the family, was reared on the home farm in Selby township, where he has spent his entire life. He started out on his own account, practically empty-handed, and has been very successful. In early manhood he began operating a corn sheller and soon afterward a thresher, and he has continued in the latter business for the past forty years, being probably the oldest thresher in this part of the state. He first operated the home farm of sixty-seven acres on shares, and finally through his industry and economy secured a sufficient capital to make purchase of the property. Since that time he has added various tracts until he now has an extensive acreage and is accounted one of the prosperous agriculturists of the community. He has made all of the present fine improvements on the home farm on section 10 and also on his farm on section 4, Selby township, and all who know aught of his history recognize that he is a man of sterling purpose, whose indefatigable energy and honorable dealing have been strong features in his business career.

Mr. Heitz was married in Princeton to Miss Christina Irich, who was born in Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, in 1817, and came to America with two brothers and a sister in 1861. She is a daughter of Conrad and Christina (Hoppe) Irich. Her father died in Germany and the mother afterward came to the United States and for fifteen years lived with Mr. and Mrs. Heitz, passing away in their home about 1886 or 1887, when seventy-seven years of age. Mrs. Heitz was one of eight children, six sons and two daughters, but three, however, were born of the father's first marriage. Those who came to America were Adam, Louis, John, William, Catherine and Mrs. Heitz. Of



these William died at the home of his sister Christina, and the others are all yet living.

Mr. and Mrs. Heitz are the parents of seven children. Mary, the eldest, became the wife of Charles Lange, and died at her home in Selby township in 1904, at the age of thirty-five years, leaving three children, David, John and Harry, while a son and daughter had passed away. Christina is the wife of John Erhart, a farmer residing near Seatonville, in Hall township, and they have three sons and a daughter, John, Edward, William and Tina, while two sons and a daughter are deceased. Catherine is the wife of E. Grant Searl, of Selby township, and they had three children, but only one, Ira, is now living. Emma is the wife of William Hoppe, of Peru, Illinois, and they have one son, Adolph. Lena, at home, is the widow of John Bohn, and they resided in Selby and Dover townships. They had one child, John. Jacob married Miss Lizzie Dedrich, by whom he has a daughter, Pearl, and their home is upon a farm in Selby township.

Politically, Mr. Heitz is a democrat, and is now serving for the fifth year as road commissioner. He has also been school director for thirty-three years and was pathmaster. His official duties have ever been discharged with promptness and fidelity and he stands for progressive citizenship at all times. Both he and his wife are members of the German Evangelical church of Selby township and are most worthy residents of the community. Mr. Heitz has spent his entire life upon the old homestead farm and his has been a most creditable record, for, starting out on his own account empty-handed, he has worked his way steadily upward to success through the persistency of purpose and energy which never fail to win a desirable financial reward.

#### WILLIAM RUCK.

William Ruck is one of the citizens of worth in Fairfield township, where for the past eleven years he has served as assessor, and the fair and impartial as well as prompt manner in which he has discharged his duties is manifest in his long continuance in the office. His business interests are those of a farmer and stock-raiser, and his farm is on sections 9 and 16, Fairfield township, where he owns one hundred and sixty acres of land. This has been well improved, largely by Mr. Ruck, who has resided upon this place since March, 1899. He had formerly made his home near Thomas, in Fairfield township, and his residence in this township altogether covers a period of twenty-six years.

Mr. Ruck is a native of Dover township, born in 1853, his father being George Ruck, who died in April, 1902, at the age of seventy-nine years. He came to Bureau county in 1852, and after working for a year in Dover township at farm

labor he removed to Fairfield township and purchased eighty acres of land near the village of Thomas. To this he added as his financial resources increased, until he owned three hundred and sixty acres in Fairfield township and one hundred and sixty acres in Tampico township, Whiteside county. His life furnishes an excellent example of business activity and integrity. He served for many years as highway commissioner, and gave his political allegiance to the democracy. As a man and citizen he enjoyed to the fullest extent the confidence, good will and respect of all who knew him. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Elizabeth Stallard, was born in Gloucestershire, England, which was also the birthplace of Mr. Ruck. They were married in that country, and one child had been born unto them ere their emigration to the new world. For a brief period they tarried in New York, but soon afterward came to this county. Mrs. Ruck survived her husband for about four years and died in January, 1906, at the age of seventy-eight. This worthy couple were the parents of nine children, seven of whom are yet living, and all were reared upon the old home farm in Fairfield township. These are: Mrs. Annie Goemdel, of Prophetstown, Illinois; William, of this review; Fred, now a retired farmer, living in Tampico; Mrs. Alice Kopp, of Audubon county, Iowa; John, of Bailey, Michigan; Joseph, of Kenton, Michigan, and Lottie, who is living in Peoria. Charles and Mrs. Bessie Howlett, also, of this family, both passed away several years ago.

William Ruck was reared in Fairfield township, where he has spent the greater part of his life, and the work of the farm early became familiar to him and has been to him a source of livelihood since he attained man's estate. He was married in Ke-wanee, Illinois, to Miss Elizabeth Moon, of Henry county, Illinois, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Moon, early residents of this state. Her father died in 1832, but her mother is still living. In their family were six children: Seth, who resides in Annawan, Illinois; Thomas, whose home is in Henry county; Mrs. Ellen Booth, also of Henry county; Hannah, at home; and Mary, the wife of Fred Ruck, of Tampico, a brother of our subject. Unto Mr. and Mrs. William Ruck have been born two sons: Eugene W., who at the age of twenty-two years is an electrician in Rock Island, Illinois, and George Stephen, who was eighteen years of age on the 5th of October, 1906, and is attending Brown's Business College at Moline, Illinois.

Politically Mr. Ruck is an independent prohibitionist, who believes firmly in the principles of the party, but knowing how impossible it is to elect its candidates, he frequently votes for the best candidates of other parties. He has served for eight years as highway commissioner of Fairfield township, and has for years been a school trustee. Matters relating to the public welfare and those





interests which are of general moment elicit his attention and receive his indorsement. Socially he is connected with the Modern Woodmen camp at Yorktown, and the family are all members of the Christian church there. They are prominent, too, socially, and have many warm friends in this part of the state.

#### LORENZO J. KENDALL.

Lorenzo J. Kendall, to whose intense and well circles in Bureau county, was born in St. Johnsbury, Vermont, May 15, 1857, and in 1861, when a little lad of four summers, was brought to Bureau county, Illinois, by his mother, his father having died when the son was but six months old. His parents were Lorenzo and Rosamond (Langmaid) Kendall, likewise natives of the Green Mountain state. The mother still survives and is living with a daughter in Kansas City, Missouri. She has a third interest in the estate left by her husband, who went to California in 1849 and spent some time in the gold fields of that state, buying land in this county with his earnings on the Pacific coast. There were three children of that marriage, one of whom is deceased, while Emma A. is the wife of L. A. Laughlin, a lawyer of Kansas City.

Lorenzo J. Kendall, residing in Bureau county from the age of four years, acquired his early education in the district schools and it was supplemented by study in Princeton high school, from which he was graduated in the class of 1878. After completing his own education he engaged in teaching school for ten years, acting for six years as principal of the La Moille schools and for one year as principal in the Ohio schools. At length, putting aside the duties of the profession, he turned his attention to merchandising and became a dealer in lumber and coal at Tampico, Illinois, where he remained actively in business for nine years. On the expiration of that period he came to La Moille and accepted the position of cashier in the Norris & Woods bank, where he remained until 1901. In July of that year he formed a partnership with W. C. Norris, becoming one of the successors of the firm of Norris & Woods, and is now cashier of the bank. This is one of the strong and reliable financial institutions of this part of the county and its business policy is such as neither seeks nor requires disguise but will bear the closest investigation and scrutiny. Mr. Kendall took a most active interest in the erection of the new bank building. He is a man of good business enterprise and capacity, who has been watchful of opportunities, pointing to success and has steadily worked his way upward. In addition to his banking interests he has one hundred and sixty acres of choice land, the original

cost of which was five dollars per acre, but which is today worth one hundred and fifty dollars per acre.

Mr. Kendall was married in 1888 to Miss Harriet J. Burnett, who was born in Bureau county, Illinois, June 7, 1862. She was educated in the public schools of this county, supplemented by a course in Knox College in Galesburg, Illinois. Her parents were Jeremiah Y. and Olive (Smith) Burnett, who were natives of Scholiarie county, New York, and in 1860 became residents of La Moille, Bureau county, Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Kendall have one of the handsome homes of La Moille. Both hold membership in the Congregational church, in the work of which Mrs. Kendall takes a most active and helpful part. She is serving as one of the trustees and as treasurer of the church and her father was at one time deacon therein.

Mr. Kendall belongs to La Moille lodge, No. 383, A. F. & A. M., to the Royal Arch chapter, and to Tampico Garrison, No. 102, Knights of the Globe. His views upon the temperance question are indicated by his active and earnest support of the prohibition party. He is now chairman of the county central committee of that party and is the nominee on that ticket for state senator. He has given the support of the ballot to that party for twenty-four years and does all in his power to promote temperance principles and secure the abolition of the liquor traffic, believing this to be one of the most dominant issues before the people of the country today. He is a man of strong purpose, firm in support of his honest convictions and unflinching in his allegiance to whatever he believes to be right. He has served as mayor of La Moille and is now the only original member of the Allen school fund left. He today occupies an enviable position in financial circles, to which he has attained by his energy and enterprise. After years of honest and successful effort he occupies the present position of trust in which he is now found, being accorded a place among the leading and prominent business men of La Moille. Both he and his wife occupy an enviable social position and their many good traits of character have made them loved and esteemed by all with whom they have come in contact.

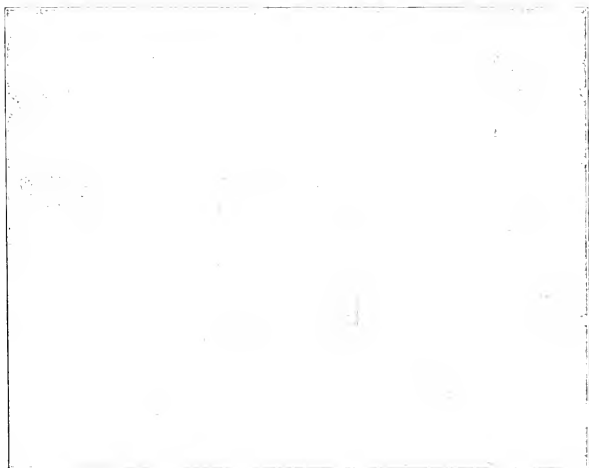
#### JOHN H. LUTHER.

John H. Luther, purchasing agent for the Spring Valley Coal Company, and also agent for the Town Site Company, virtually controlling the real estate market at Spring Valley, is a man of keen business discrimination and enterprise, who has won a creditable place as a representative of the business interests of his adopted city. He was born in Somerset, Massachusetts, October 12, 1863, his parents being John H. and Josephine A. (Brown) Luther, the former a native of Mass.



L. J. Kendall





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sachusetts and the latter of Rhode Island. Removing to the middle west in 1870, the father established his home in Sycamore, Illinois, where he engaged in the manufacture of flax. He died in 1905, at the advanced age of seventy-eight years.

John H. Luther, a youth of seven summers at the time of the arrival of the family in Illinois, pursued his education in the successive grades of the Sycamore public schools, and after completing the high school course became a telegraph operator and employe of the Northwestern Railroad Company, with which he was connected for thirteen successive years. In 1893 he became connected with the Spring Valley Coal Company, and, removing to this town, he entered upon a clerkship and has been advanced from time to time, until he is now purchasing agent for the company. He is also agent for the Town Site Company, the original owners of the town lots, controlling virtually all of the property on the market.

In 1884 Mr. Luther was married to Miss Mary E. Waterman, a daughter of William Waterman, a pioneer of De Kalb county. His wife bore the maiden name of Mary A. Scott, and both were natives of Herkimer county, New York. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Luther were born three children: William A., born September 17, 1886, in Sycamore; Evelyn, born in Carrollton, Illinois, in November, 1888; and Lorenzo, born in Troy Grove, Illinois, December 14, 1891.

Mr. Luther is a member of the Congregational church, in which he is serving as trustee, and in the work of which he is actively and helpfully interested. He is a man of good business capacity, who has steadily progressed through the exercise of his native talents. Each promotion has come to him in recognition of his able service and large responsibilities now devolve upon him in connection with the positions he is filling.

#### JOHN H. WEISSENBURGER.

John H. Weissenburger, an enterprising farmer and stock-raiser, owning a well improved tract of eighty acres, situated on section 4, Hall township, is a native son of Illinois, having been born in Putnam county, June 16, 1850, a son of George and Eva (Hahn) Weissenburger, both natives of Bavaria, Germany, where they were reared and married. In 1847 the father emigrated with his family from Germany to the United States, hoping he might enjoy better business opportunities here than were afforded in his native land. He first settled in Bureau county, where he remained for a short time, but later removed to Putnam county. In 1857, however, he again returned to Bureau county, locating in Westfield township, where he engaged in general agricultural pursuits for a time, and then removed to Hall township, where

he purchased the farm on which our subject now resides. Here the mother passed away in 1862, when about fifty-two years of age. The father afterward removed to La Salle county, about 1891, and died there two years later, at the venerable age of eighty-eight years. Both he and his wife held membership in the Evangelical Lutheran church of Selby township. In their family were five sons and two daughters, namely: Conrad, born April 5, 1836, is now a retired farmer, living in Marshall county, Iowa. Catherine, born September 19, 1837, became the wife of Oliver Reginald, and resided in Putnam county, Illinois, but is now deceased, having passed away in 1889. Eva, born April 19, 1838, is the wife of William Keutzer, and resides in Dimmick township, La Salle county. George, born July 30, 1810, resides in Hall township, Bureau county. Valentine, born October 30, 1841, is a resident of Ladd. Louis, born May 12, 1846, is a resident of Peru, Illinois. John H. completes the family.

John H. Weissenburger, the youngest member of his father's family, was practically reared in Hall township, being but seven years of age when brought by his parents from Putnam county. He was reared in the usual manner of farm lads, assisting in the work of the home farm and during the winter months pursuing a common school education. He has always followed the occupation to which he was reared, working on the home farm until his marriage, when he removed to a farm in Westfield township, where he remained for three years, subsequent to which time he purchased the home farm on section 15, Hall township, to which he removed and which has since continued to be his home. Here he has added many modern improvements, and is engaged in general agricultural pursuits, in which he is meeting with desirable success. In addition to the cultivation of the fields he is also engaged in raising stock of the best grades, and this branch of his business is also proving remunerative.

Mr. Weissenburger has been twice married, his first union being with Miss Catherine Dorn, whom he wedded on the 14th of March, 1871. She became the mother of two children: Jennie E., born May 29, 1873, and John H., Jr., born March 14, 1877. The latter married Miss Justina Hassler, and resides in Westfield township, while the sister is engaged in teaching. The wife and mother passed away September 30, 1883, at the age of thirty-one years and three months.

For his second marriage Mr. Weissenburger chose Miss Elizabeth Werner, whom he wedded on the 4th of February, 1886. She was born in Bavaria, Germany, October 22, 1863, a daughter of Charles and Catherina (Kohler) Werner, who emigrated from Germany to the United States in 1865, locating in Perry county, Indiana, where the father purchased a farm and engaged in general agricultural pursuits. This continued to be his home until 1876, when he removed with his family





to Selby township, Bureau county, Illinois, where he remained for four years, and then removed to Westfield township, and later to Hall township, where his death occurred in 1899, when he had reached the advanced age of seventy-seven years. His wife survived until December 24, 1904, when she was called to her final rest, having also reached the age of almost seventy-seven years. In their family were thirteen children, of whom two died in infancy, the others being: Charles, a resident of White county, Illinois; Philip, a resident of Bureau county; Christian, a resident of the Indian Territory; Jacob, of Canada; Louis, residing in Westfield township, Bureau county; Catherine, who became the wife of William Geringer, but is now deceased, having passed away in August, 1894, at the age of thirty-six years; Adam, of the Indian Territory; Elizabeth, now Mrs. Weissenburger; Louisa, who became the wife of William Geringer, but is now deceased, having met her death in a railroad accident at Chicago; Johanna, the wife of Henry Weissenburger, residing in Marshall county, Iowa; and Henry, also of Iowa. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Weissenburger has been blessed with a daughter and son: Lillian, born January 11, 1887, and Alfred, born May 25, 1892, both at home.

In politics Mr. Weissenburger is a democrat where national questions are involved, but at local elections votes an independent ballot, supporting the men whom he regards as best qualified for office, without considering party affiliation. He has been called to a number of township offices, having served as assistant supervisor of Hall township for six years. He has also served as school director, and for the past thirteen years has been highway commissioner, doing effective work in the improvement of the highways. Fraternally he is an Odd Fellow, being identified with lodge No. 803, at Ladd, and he and his wife are members of the Evangelical Lutheran church.

Having spent almost his entire life in this county, covering a period of nearly a half century, Mr. Weissenburger is familiar with the progress that has here been made, having given substantial aid to many movements for the betterment of this section of the state. He has been successful in his business affairs, as is evidenced by his well improved farm, and he is today numbered among the enterprising and progressive farmers of Hall township, where he has a wide and favorable acquaintance.

#### GEORGE P. PETTEE, SR.

George P. Pettee, Sr., a retired farmer, residing on East Peru street in Princeton, was born in Rutland county, Vermont, February 25, 1832, and is a son of George W. and Eleanor (Wrisley) Pettee, both of whom were natives of the Green Mountain state. The parents never came to Illinois, always remaining in the east. George P.

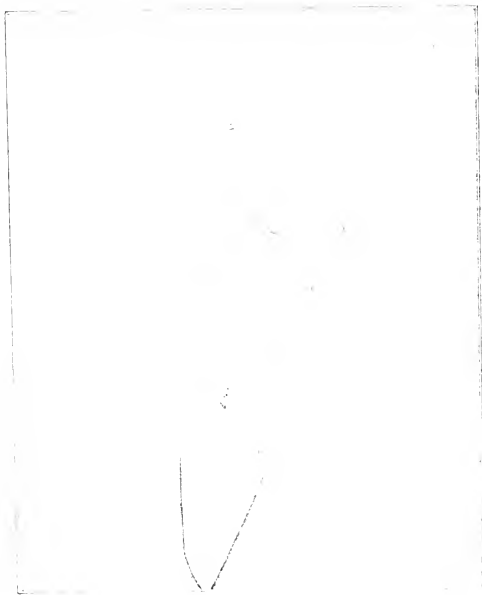
Pettee was reared in the Green Mountain state, and being a farmer's son became familiar with the work of field and meadow. He acquired his education in the common schools, and in 1855, at the age of twenty-three years, came to Bureau county, Illinois. The Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad had just been completed through the county.

On his arrival here he rented a tract of land near Princeton, upon which he lived for a year and a half, and then bought eighty acres on section 10, Concord township. With resolute purpose and unflinching diligence he carried on the work of the farm and as the years passed he added to his property until he now owns three hundred and sixty acres of fine land in Concord township and also three hundred and twenty acres in Nebraska. He put all of the improvements upon his farm and there are some fine maple trees which have grown from the seed that he planted. His place is supplied with excellent farm buildings and the land is highly cultivated. He erected the residence on his farm and altogether has one of the best farming properties of the county. While actively engaged in the care of the farm he also carried on live stock business, raising cattle, hogs and horses for the market. Thus year by year he prospered and at length with a handsome competence he retired in 1900, removing to Princeton, where he purchased a fine home on East Peru street. He now rents his land, which brings him a good income.

On the 8th of July, 1856, Mr. Pettee was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Sinnott, also a native of Vermont, in which state they became acquainted. She came to Illinois about 1854 with her parents, Michael and Johanna (Bryant) Sinnott. By the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Pettee were born five children: Mamie, living at home; George P., who is cashier of the bank at Seatonville and resides in Princeton; John C., who is living on a farm near Wyand; Allie A., who died in 1890; William J., who is residing in Chicago, where he conducts a shoe store and is also engaged in the insurance business.

The parents are members of the Congregational church, and on the 8th of July, 1906, they celebrated their golden wedding, about one hundred of their friends being present, on which occasion they received many substantial tokens of the esteem in which they are uniformly held and altogether the occasion was a most enjoyable one to all who participated therein. In his political affiliation Mr. Pettee was a stalwart democrat, casting his first presidential ballot for James Buchanan in 1856, but he is now independent in politics. He served as school director for many years and the cause of education finds in him a warm and stalwart friend but he has never sought or desired other offices. When he came to Illinois he had no capital but resolutely set to work to achieve a competence and has been very success-





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ful. In business he possesses excellent judgment and his enterprising spirit has made him a prosperous citizen, while his genuine personal worth and devotion to the public good have caused him to be numbered among the useful and desirable residents of his adopted county.

#### HARVEY M. TRIMBLE.

Harvey Marion Trimble, who resides at Princeton, Illinois, was born near Wilmington, in Clinton county, Ohio, January 27, 1812. His father's name was Mathew Trimble, and his mother's maiden name was Lydia Thatcher. The family home was removed from Ohio to Illinois, and located on a farm near Princeton, in Bureau county, Illinois October 25, 1843, and remained there until 1867, when it was changed to Princeton.

The subject of this sketch was the sixth son. He has two sisters and one brother younger than himself. His education was obtained in the common schools, supplemented by a partial course at Eureka College, Illinois. He quit college to enter the army. He enlisted as a private of Company K, Ninety-third Illinois Infantry, August 21, 1862, was promoted to sergeant major of the regiment on the 8th of September of the same year and became adjutant of the regiment April 13, 1864. He served as acting assistant adjutant general of the First Brigade, Third Division, Fifteenth Army Corps, from March 28, 1865, until the 26th of April following and of the Second Brigade, Fourth Division, Fifteenth Army Corps, from April 26, 1865, to May 31, 1865. He was mustered out near Louisville, Kentucky, June 23, 1865, and was finally discharged at Chicago on the 6th of July of the same year.

While executing orders received from his commanding officer on January 13, 1863, while on a scout, he was captured by the enemy, near Ridgeview, Tennessee, and remained a prisoner fourteen days, being released on January 27, 1863, which was the twenty-first anniversary of his birth. He rejoined the regiment January 30, 1863, near Memphis, Tennessee. During the entire period of his service, he was on every march (except about ten miles, when he was a prisoner), and in every battle and skirmish in which the command participated. In August, 1863, Colonel Putnam recommended him to the governor of Illinois, for promotion to a captaincy. He had no intimation of the recommendation until several days had elapsed after it was made. When he learned of it, he promptly declined the promotion, and so wrote to Governor Yates, and the commission was not issued.

On January 27, 1864, Lieutenant Colonel Buswell gave him a military album, inscribed as follows:

"Headquarters 93rd Ill. Inf'ty. Vols.,  
"Huntsville, Ala., January 27th, 1864.

"HARVEY M. TRIMBLE, Sergeant Major 93rd Ill. Inf'ty.

"Allow me to present to you, on this, your 22nd birthday, this album, as a slight token of respect for your manly courage at the battles of Jackson, May 14th; Champion Hill, May 16th; Siege of Vicksburg, from May 19th to July 4th, and Tunnel Hill, November 25th, 1863. Also for your gentlemanly and soldierly bearing and strict attention to duty, whether in Camp, on the March or Field of Battle.

"N. C. BUSWELL,  
"Lt. Col., Comd'g Regt."

On being relieved from duty as acting assistant adjutant general of the brigade, the brigade commander issued and presented to him the following complimentary order:

"Head Quarters 2nd Brig., 4th Div., 15th A. C.,  
"Near Washington, D. C., May 31st, 1865.

"General Orders No. 11.

"Lieut. H. M. Trimble, having, at his own request, been relieved from duty as A. A. General of this brigade, the general commanding desires to express his pleasure at the manner in which he has performed his duties and his high appreciation of him as an efficient officer, in office, camp and field.

"By order of

"BRIG. GEN. WM. T. CLARK,

"I. B. STANFORD, Capt. and A. A. Gen.

"To Lieut. H. M. Trimble, Adj't. 93d Ill. Vol. Inf'ty."

On his return home, in the employ of the clerk of the circuit court, he arranged and indexed all the cases previously disposed of in that court. On December 4, 1865, he was appointed deputy clerk of the circuit court of Bureau county, Illinois, and served in that capacity until November 20, 1867, when he resigned.

On October 9, 1866, he was married to Miss Margaret S. Dakin. They have five sons, namely: Winfred K., Cairo A., Robert C., Harvey D. and Perry D., and six grandchildren, as follows: Winfred E., Clara E., Margaret V., Cairo D., Cairo W. and Robert C., Jr., children of the three oldest sons, respectively.

Immediately after the close of the war, he resumed the study of law, and was admitted to the bar, licensed as an attorney and counselor at law, on November 20, 1867, and has been in regular practice continuously ever since, at Princeton, Illinois.

He was master in chancery of the circuit court of Bureau county, by successive appointments, made by Judge Edwin S. Leland, from April 1, 1868, until December 26, 1877, at which latter date his resignation of the office, dated December 3, 1877, was accepted.

He was elected as a member of the board of education of school district No. 1, in Princeton town-



ship, April 6, 1878, for one year, to fill a vacancy, and was re-elected, for terms of three years each, successively, April 5, 1879, April 1, 1882, April 4, 1885, April 7, 1888, April 18, 1891, and April 21, 1894, and served continuously until April 17, 1897. And he served as secretary of that board of education from April 12, 1880, until April 17, 1897, being elected each year by the board.

He was elected as a member of the board of education of the Princeton high school district, June 7, 1881, for two years, to fill a vacancy, and was re-elected, for three years, June 5, 1883, and served until June 1, 1886.

On February 27, 1886 he was appointed by the mayor and confirmed by the city council, as one of the first board of directors of the public library and reading room of Princeton, Illinois (the Matson library), and served until July 1, 1888, assisting in the organization of the library.

He was four times elected county judge of Bureau county, Illinois, to wit, November 6, 1877, November 7, 1882, November 2, 1886, and November 6, 1894. He was commissioned as county judge, December 1, 1877, to date from December 3, 1877, and December 1, 1882, to date from December 4, 1882, and December 6, 1886, to date from then, and November 21, 1894, to date from December 3, 1894. He served continuously as county judge from December 3, 1877, until December 4, 1890, and again from December 3, 1894, until June 18, 1897. He resigned the office June 8, 1897, and the resignation became effective June 18, 1897, when he was commissioned as circuit judge.

He was elected president of the Bureau County Soldiers' Association at the date of its organization on July 8, 1896, and re-elected, at the first annual reunion, October 15, 1896, for the term of one year. He was elected commander of Ferris post, No. 309, Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Illinois, located at Princeton, Illinois, December 9, 1896, and was installed January 13, 1897 (just thirty-four years after he was captured by the Confederates), for the term of one year.

On June 7, 1897, he was elected circuit judge, in the Thirteenth judicial circuit of Illinois, composed of the counties of Bureau, La Salle and Grundy. He was commissioned as circuit judge June 18, 1897, for the term of six years, and took the oath of office on that day. Since the expiration of his term June 18, 1903, he has practiced law in Princeton.

#### SAMUEL MILES KNOX.

Samuel Miles Knox, ex-judge of the county court of Bureau county, is as widely known as any man in the county, his business interests for a period of twenty-five years bringing him in contact with thousands of people. He is a native of

Juniata county, Pennsylvania, born November 11, 1826, and is the son of John and Eunice Knox, the former of whom was born in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and a son of Hugh Knox, a native of Scotland. The latter was also a native of Pennsylvania, daughter of Samuel Pauling, who was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, serving in the regiment known as "Congress Own" and commanded by Colonel Moses Hazen. He enlisted December 11, 1776, and served until 1781. Samuel Pauling's ancestors came from England to Philadelphia with the Penn colony. Both are now deceased.

The boyhood and youth of our subject were spent upon his father's farm in his native county, and his literary education was completed in Tuscarora Academy, teaching during the winter months in order to be able to attend school in the summer. Having a desire to enter the medical profession, he studied for two years, still teaching during the winter months, but on account of a lack of means to complete his course he temporarily abandoned it. Seeking employment, with a view of replenishing his purse, he was for three years engaged in different localities in selling the German history of the United States. As a book agent he was quite successful, and as fast as he accumulated a little money he would loan it to some responsible farmer in Bureau county. When he desired to resume his medical studies he was persuaded to take payment in corn at twenty-five cents per bushel. When ready to ship his corn a difficulty arose in the way of securing cars for that purpose. Cars were very scarce, and he concluded the quickest way out of the difficulty would be to go to Chicago, purchase a couple of car-loads of lumber for the Pond Creek station on the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway, and unloading fill with grain for shipment back. This he did, and, making a fair profit on both lumber and corn, concluded to embark in the lumber and grain business at Pond Creek.

Mr. Knox remained at that place but a short time and then removed to Wyanet, where he continued in the same business and also in general merchandising. He also received the appointment of postmaster of the place, being the first to fill that position. In 1857 he commenced reading law with Charles Barry, having given up the notion of becoming a physician. A year or two later he sold out his business in Wyanet, and in 1861 removed to Princeton and read law with Milton T. Peters until he was admitted to the bar in the fall of the same year. In 1861 he was elected county judge of Bureau county, and served the term of four years in a very acceptable manner. The year previous he was the democratic candidate for the legislature but was defeated. Mr. Knox, in company with J. I. Taylor, made an extended tour in Europe, sailing in 1867 and returning in 1868.

Judge Knox continued in the practice of law







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until 1876, but for about four years previous gave little attention to it, having in 1870 commenced dealing in real estate in connection with the land department of various railroads. For a time he was with the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railroad, and later with the Leavenworth, Lawrence & Galveston Railroad. In 1873 he became connected with the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy and the Burlington & Missouri River land department, operating principally in Illinois and Indiana, selling lands owned by these companies in Iowa and Nebraska. In the settlement of these respective states Judge Knox was instrumental in locating many thousands of permanent settlers. The plan pursued was by getting up excursions and showing the lands, selling them at a reasonable price on long time with low interest and crediting the amount of the railroad fare on the purchase made. It is said that he disposed of more land in Iowa and Nebraska for these roads than other of the twenty agencies. From 1875 until 1880 the sales of his office averaged about twenty thousand acres per month, some months running up to fifty thousand acres. Some land in Iowa, which he sold from five to ten dollars per acre, is now worth from one hundred to one hundred and fifty dollars per acre.

In 1880 Mr. Knox took the agency for the Union Pacific lands, and did much effective work for that road, his operations extending up the Platte river. His sales for this road were also quite extensive, especially during the years 1882, 1883 and 1884. The excursions under his supervision were always popular, the judge taking special pains to make everyone comfortable. Familiarizing himself with the lands by personal visits to each locality, spending days in driving over them, he was always prepared to give the intended settler such advice and suggestions as were desired. No one was deceived by him and made to purchase that which did not suit his taste or not suitable for the purpose intended.

During all these years the judge had an eye to his own interests, and from time to time made investments in lands in Kansas and Nebraska, some of which have proven quite profitable. In Allen county, Kansas, he has about five thousand acres divided into farms, which he has rented. He also owned in Nebraska about fifteen thousand acres, most of which has been sold to actual settlers on long time. In 1895 he dissolved his connection with the Union Pacific, and again accepted a position with the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad. The country is now pretty well settled along the lines of the road, for which he has been employed, therefore as great a volume of business may not be transacted in the future as in the past, yet the energy and familiarity of our subject with the business will develop all there is in it to the profit of the road and the perfect satisfaction of those with whom he deals.

Judge Knox and Miss Hannah H. Weaver were

united in marriage December 31, 1851, at Wyanet. She is a native of Pennsylvania and a daughter of Obadiah and Elizabeth (Heimbach) Weaver, who came from Allentown in that state to Bureau county with her parents in 1814. By this union five children were born: Anson H., a farmer in Bureau county; Mary, wife of Justus M. Stevens, of Princeton; Emma L., deceased; Ada L., deceased; and Samuel F., an attorney of Chicago, living at Highland Park. Both daughters were well educated, having finished their course in Europe, Ada L. spending five years in Dresden and Paris.

The life of Judge Knox affords an example of what can be accomplished by one having the determination to do. Coming to Bureau county a poor medical student, without means to finish his course, he commenced work in a calling despised by some, but as honorable as any, one which some of the greatest heroes and statesmen for a time followed, and with the means thus obtained laid the foundation for the success in life which he has attained. In social circles, as well as in business affairs, the judge stands well in the estimation of all. Fraternally he is a Mason and has taken all of the degrees including the thirty-second. In politics he is a democrat.

#### ALBERT R. UMHOLZ.

Albert R. Umholz, editor of the Bureau County Record, published at Princeton, was born in Monticello, Illinois, February 14, 1880. His father, August Umholz, was a native of Zurich, Switzerland, and a son of Archibald Umholz. August Umholz erected the first building ever put on the grounds of the Illinois University. He married Miss Caroline Salheim, a native of Germany, and died in the year 1898.

Albert R. Umholz was educated in the public schools and entered the newspaper field at eight years of age by working after school hours and in the periods of vacation as errand boy in a newspaper office. In 1892 he left school, being then but twelve years of age, and secured a position in the printing office of the Piatt County Bulletin, where he remained for two years. When only fourteen years of age he began the publication of the Ivesdale News at Ivesdale, Illinois, and after a year he sold the paper, accepting the position of foreman on the Piatt County Republican, acting in that capacity for four years. A year later he established a job printing business on his own account, which he conducted continuously and successfully until the 10th of February, 1901, when he formed a partnership with his brother, F. E. Umholz, and purchased the Bureau County Record from S. E. Rode. In 1903 the business was incorporated under the state laws. The brother afterward went to California, and Mr. Umholz, of this review, purchased the controlling interest and has since continued the pub-



lication of the Record. The paper was not in a prosperous condition when he took charge, but under his management it has become a leading journal of the county, with a large circulation and good advertising patronage. It is devoted to the dissemination of general and local news, and is a stalwart champion of many progressive measures which have had a direct bearing upon municipal progress and improvement.

On the 29th of July, 1900, Mr. Unholz was married to Miss Hattie Eshelman, a daughter of Wendell Eshelman, of Monticello. They started in school together, went through the primaries together, and the acquaintance of early childhood continued until they had attained adult age and were married. They now have two children: one son, Daryl, and a daughter, Arva Ruth.

Mr. Unholz belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Ben Hur and several other societies. He has never been an aspirant for public office or public notoriety of any kind, and believes that a man may be a good citizen without being an active politician. He stands for all that is progressive in citizenship, and is a champion of those measures which are matters of civic virtue and civic pride. He is yet a young man and has attained creditable success for one of his years. Dependent upon his own resources from practically the age of eight years, his life has been marked by consecutive advancement and his native ability and unflinching perseverance have brought him to the creditable position which he now occupies as a representative of the business life of his adopted county.

#### J. P. McWILLIAMS.

J. F. McWilliams, who for nineteen years has resided at his present home on section 5, Leepertown township, where he owns and operates a fine farm of ninety-two acres, is serving for the ninth year and fourth term as supervisor of the township and because of his activity, in public life and agricultural circles is numbered among the leading residents of this part of the county. He was born in Morgan county, Ohio, April 2, 1843, a son of William F. and Mary (Van Wy) McWilliams, who came to Illinois in April, 1837, settling at Malden, Bureau county, where they resided until called to their final rest. The father engaged in farming and secured a tract of land and good home there. Both he and his wife were natives of Ohio, having been born in Belmont county. The father died in 1883, at the age of seventy-two years, while his wife passed away in March, 1887. They were the parents of four children: Mary A., the deceased wife of H. H. Piper, of Berlin township, this county; S. A. and W. H., both residents of Shenandoah, Iowa; and J. P., of this review.

The last named is now the only one of the family living in Bureau county. He was in his fif-

teenth year when he came from Ohio to Illinois, and for three years he was a student in Dover Academy, acquiring a good education whereby he was qualified for teaching, which profession he followed for twenty-eight years, while for the past nineteen years he has engaged in farming. He began teaching in 1865 in Bureau county and within the period of twenty-eight years devoted to that profession he taught for five winter terms in Montgomery county, Kansas, where he also owned and operated a farm. He was a capable educator, imparting clearly and readily the knowledge that he had acquired and the public-school interests of the county were promoted through his effective labors. For nineteen years, however, his attention has been given to general agricultural pursuits and he is now the owner of ninety-two acres of rich and productive land on section 5, Leepertown township, where he has carried on general farming, having placed his fields under a high state of cultivation, so that he annually harvests good crops.

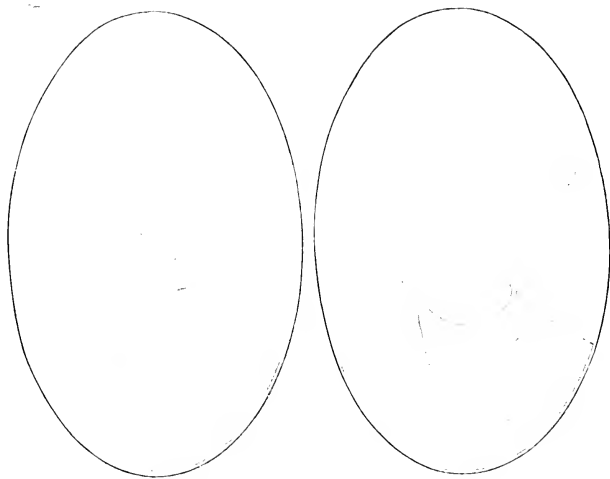
Mr. McWilliams was married in this county to Miss Mary E. Miller, who was born at Springfield, Ohio, in 1845, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dayton Miller, both of whom died in the Buckeye state. They had a family of twelve children, of whom four came to the west, three being residents of Bureau county and one of Kansas. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. McWilliams has been blessed with three children: Charles D., who resides in Leepertown; Bertha A., of Chicago, who is a stenographer by profession and has traveled extensively for the past few years; and William F., at home. They also lost two children: Lulu B., who died at the age of thirteen months; and Ada B., who died at the age of twelve years.

In politics Mr. McWilliams has always been a democrat. He has served as assessor and collector and in fact has filled all of the offices of the township save that of justice of the peace. His duties have been discharged with promptness and fidelity and with a sense of conscientious obligation. He belongs to Princeton lodge, No. 587, A. F. & A. M., and he is well known in the city and throughout the surrounding country, his business interests having brought him a wide acquaintance while favorable regard has ripened into warm friendship and he is one of the most highly esteemed residents of this community.

#### JOHN G. PRENDERGAST.

John G. Prendergast resides in Berlin township, where he operates a farm of two hundred and forty-nine acres, and in its control he displays thorough familiarity with the best methods of tilling the soil. A native of New York city, he was born July 5, 1827, and dates his residence in Illinois from the 28th of August, 1851. His parents were Thomas and Bridget (Stanley)





MR. AND MRS. J. F. McWILLIAMS.





Prendergast, natives of Ireland. The father came to the United States in 1869 and the mother a few years later. In their family were six children, of whom the subject of this review was the first born. At the usual age he entered the common schools, and therein mastered the branches of learning that fitted him for the duties which come with a business career. After leaving school he began farming, and has continued in that occupation to the present time, bringing to bear in his work the practical experience and knowledge which he gained in his boyhood while assisting his father at farm labor. He now operates two hundred and forty-nine acres of excellent land and annually harvests good crops. Each year he adds to his capital, and he expects soon to invest his money so that he can engage in the cultivation of a farm of his own.

As a companion and helpmate for life's journey Mr. Prendergast chose Miss Helen Thielen, to whom he was married in Kewanee, Illinois, February 11, 1903. She was born in Chicago, November 26, 1875, and their union has been blessed with one child, Helen M., born December 6, 1903. Mrs. Prendergast is a daughter of Paul and Mary (Gillett) Thielen, the former a native of Germany and the latter of Illinois. They had nine children, of whom Mrs. Prendergast was the third. She completed her education in the high school at Kansas City, from which she was graduated, and for five years she was a successful teacher of Bureau county.

Mr. Prendergast belongs to Arlington lodge, No. 3111, M. W. A., and in his political views is a democrat, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Roman Catholic church. He is a self-made man, and his diligence and business integrity are qualities which have brought him a good start in life and which will win for him still greater successes in the future. He and his wife live in one of the best neighborhoods in Berlin township, and their excellent qualities have gained for them the friendly regard of neighbors and of all by whom they are known.

#### ADAM CARPER.

Adam Carper is the owner of Pleasant View farm in Macon township, a valuable property which in its excellent appearance indicates the careful supervision and practical methods of an enterprising owner. Long years have passed since he came to the county, for during more than a half century he has resided within its borders. His birth occurred in Bedford county, Pennsylvania, on the 19th of January, 1838, his parents being John and Catherine (Smith) Carper. The father, also a native of the Keystone state, was born June 11, 1807. His entire life was spent upon a farm and his educational advantages were very limited. In 1854 he came to Bureau county and purchased

eighty acres of land in Macon township, whereon he made his home until his death. His wife, also a native of the Keystone state, died in Illinois at the age of about forty-five years. Both were faithful members of the Church of God, and Mr. Carper gave his political support to the whig party until the organization of the new republican party, when he joined its ranks and continued to follow its banners until his demise. In the family of this worthy couple were nine children, of whom six are yet living: Jacob S., a resident farmer of Bureau county; Henry, who follows farming in Clay county, Nebraska; Adam and Frederick, who are prosperous agriculturists of Macon township; Christina, the wife of John Hanley, of Buda; and John, a merchant of Buda. One daughter, Elizabeth, became the wife of David Yount, of Macon township, and died May 22, 1901, while Christopher, who was a farmer of Macon township, died April 16, 1902.

Adam Carper was reared in Pennsylvania to the age of sixteen years and acquired a common school education. Although his privileges in youth were somewhat meager, he has kept in touch with the progress of the times through reading and observation, and is now a well informed man. He was early trained to the work of the farm, and lessons of industry and integrity were instilled into his mind, and in later years have borne rich fruit. He came with his parents to Bureau county when a young lad and assisted in the cultivation and improvement of the home farm until thirty-two years of age, also spending about twelve years of that time as a thresher in Macon and surrounding townships. The first tract of land which he purchased comprised eighty acres on section 28, Macon township, which constitutes a part of his present farm. He was able to make only a partial payment, but he worked persistently and energetically and soon was able to discharge his financial obligations. He also made good improvements and eventually extended the boundaries of his place by an additional purchase of eighty acres. He now has an excellent tract of land, covering a quarter section in Macon township, and the place is well named Pleasant View farm. It is equipped with good buildings, including a very pleasant residence, which he erected, together with all the other accessories of a model farm of the twentieth century.

On the 18th of November, 1869, was celebrated the marriage of Adam Carper and Miss Mary Kegarice, a native of Huntingdon county, Pennsylvania, born March 18, 1846, and the sixth in a family of eleven children, whose parents were John and Margaret (Insho) Kegarice. Of this family seven are now living. Jacob, who was a retired farmer of Seranton, Iowa, died August 15, 1906. The others are: Philip, a mason by trade, who resides at Payton, Iowa; Barbara, widow of Robert Spencer, of Poria; Mrs. Carper, wife of our subject; Sallie, wife of Ezra Osborne, a



farmer of Creston, Iowa; Margaret, wife of William Suter, of West Virginia; Susan, wife of George Emie, a farmer of Belwood, Pennsylvania; Nancy, wife of I. M. Roberts, a grain dealer of Douglas, Nebraska. John Kegarice was a native of Pennsylvania, born December 10, 1811, and died August 30, 1878. He was a blacksmith by trade, and although receiving but a common school education, engaged in teaching. He was a member of the Seventh Day Adventists, and politically was a staunch republican, but originally was an old-line whig. Mrs. Kegarice was a native of New Jersey, born June 20, 1813, and died October 16, 1882. She was reared in Pennsylvania, and was also a member of the Seventh Day Adventists. After the death of her husband she came west and made her home with her daughter, Mrs. Carper.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Carper were born seven children, of whom four survive. Myrtle is now the wife of Richard W. Robinson, a prosperous farmer of Macon township, and their children are Harry J., Mary Rose, Mildred and Myrtle Dell. Mr. Robinson is a native of Illinois, was educated in the common schools of Macon township and also pursued a business course in Davenport, Iowa. Politically he is a democrat, and is a member of the Church of God. John Irving is a graduate of Barkeyville Academy, of Pennsylvania, of the class of 1893, and of Findlay College, Ohio, of the class of 1896. In one year he completed a course in Barkeyville Academy, which usually requires two years, and in two years at Findlay College he completed the work that usually required three years. He is now engaged in the real estate business in Des Moines, Iowa, and was married August 10, 1898, to Alma Markee, and they have two children, Gerald and Dorothy. Josie, born September 27, 1876, was married November 30, 1899, to Bert Bartlett, and they have two children: Clarence Adam and Mary Deline. The other members of the Carper family were Margaret, Ira, Jacob Elmer and one who died in infancy.

Age conferred upon Mr. Carper the right of franchise at the time when Abraham Lincoln was a candidate for the presidency, and to him Mr. Carper gave his support. He has always been a stalwart republican, and has been a delegate to various county conventions, where his opinions have frequently been a decisive factor in party councils. His wife adheres to the faith of the Church of God, her membership being in what is known as the Bunker Hill church. In various church activities she is deeply interested, is a member of the Ladies' Foreign Missionary Society and for some years was an earnest worker in the Sunday school. The family home is an attractive and hospitable residence, situated in the midst of a fine farm, which is the visible evidence of Mr. Carper's life of intense and well directed activity. He started out for himself empty-handed, but has steadily and persistently worked

his way upward, overcoming all obstacles and difficulties in his path. Determination and honorable purpose will always win success, and Mr. Carper has made for himself an honorable name as well as a comfortable competence as the years have gone by.

#### THOMPSON A. ZINK.

Thompson A. Zink, who for more than two decades conducted a meat market in Buda, and is numbered among the reliable and enterprising business men of that town, was born September 12, 1850, his parents being George and Catherine (Thompson) Zink, natives of Pennsylvania. On leaving the Keystone state the father removed to Ohio and thence came to Illinois in 1843, and the mother in 1845. They were farming people, and were among the early pioneer residents of this part of the state, which they aided in reclaiming for the purposes of civilization.

Thompson A. Zink was reared under the parental roof, amid frontier conditions, and at the usual age began his education, passing through successive grades until he was graduated from the high school of Buda. His training at farm work was not meager, for he early took his place behind the plow and assisted in other labor in connection with the development and improvement of the fields. He continued farming with his father for five years after completing his education, and then started out in life for himself. Subsequently he established a meat market, opening a store at Buda in 1881 and conducting it with constantly growing success until December, 1905. He had a very liberal patronage, and derived therefrom a gratifying income. He is the owner of a good farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Macon township, which he rents, and in his home place in Buda has about twelve acres, whereon he is engaged in the raising of poultry.

Mr. Zink was married to Miss Maggie Russell, of Buda, a daughter of Arnold and Mary (Stone) Russell, farming people, who removed from Pennsylvania to Illinois in 1861. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Zink was celebrated March 15, 1877, and has been blessed with three children: Mary H., who is a graduate of the Buda high school; Estelle M., at home; and Gail R., who was born April 24, 1880, and died April 20, 1886.

Mr. Zink is a man who always has the courage of his convictions, and his position upon any matter of public moment is never an equivocal one. In politics he is a stalwart republican, and for three terms has served as alderman of Buda, exercising his official prerogatives in support of those measures which work for general improvement and permanent good. Fraternally he is a Mason, and has served as past master and as junior warden in Buda lodge, No. 399, A., F. and A. M. His residence in this county covers a long period,



during which time he has witnessed many of the changes that have occurred and the transformation that has taken place as business interests have been introduced and as the work of improvement has been carried forward, winning for Bureau county a foremost position among the leading counties of this great commonwealth.

#### JACOB HANLEY.

Jacob Hanley owns and operates a farm of two hundred and seventy-six acres in Macon township and is engaged in the raising of black Galloway cattle. A native of Pennsylvania, he was born in Blair county, July 25, 1814, and acquired a public-school education in that state. His parents, Christian C. and Barbara (Snowbarger) Hanley, were both natives of Blair county, Pennsylvania, where their marriage was celebrated on the 1st of September, 1836. For fifty-nine years they traveled life's journey happily together as man and wife. The father was born May 5, 1811, and the mother was born in June, 1822. His life was devoted to agricultural pursuits and for many years he served as supervisor of roads, doing much to improve the public highways in his locality. Both he and his wife were members of the Dunkard church and died in that faith, Mr. Hanley passing away in Taylor township, Blair county, September 1, 1885, while his wife survived until October 7, 1904. They had become the parents of eleven children, of whom seven are now living: Christina, the wife of Christ Markey, of Blair county, Pennsylvania; Susan, who is the widow of Peter Kurtz and lives in the same county; Margaret, the wife of Peter Hite, of Blair county; John S., of Buda, Illinois; Jacob; David C., living in Blair county, Pennsylvania; and Andrew S., whose home is in Blair county.

No event of special importance occurred to vary the routine of farm life for Jacob Hanley in the days of his boyhood and youth. He worked in the fields when not occupied with the duties of the schoolroom and early became familiar with the methods then in vogue of carrying on the task of plowing, planting and harvesting. In 1866 he came to Bureau county, Illinois, and 1871 he began farming on his own account. In the fall of 1874 he purchased eighty acres of land, to which he has since added until he is today the owner of two hundred and seventy-six acres of valuable land in Macon township, of which twenty-three acres is covered with timber. In 1899 he built the greater part of the residence which he now occupies, having in that year erected all of the newer portion. He has modern equipments upon his place that facilitate the work of the fields and everything about his farm is in keeping with ideas of progressive agriculture. He makes a specialty of the raising of black Galloway cattle.

In early manhood Mr. Hanley responded to the country's call for military aid and on the 15th of February, 1865, joined Company B of the One Hundred and Ninety-second Regiment of Pennsylvania Volunteers, to serve for a year or during the war. He was at the front until August 24, 1865, when he received an honorable discharge.

On Christmas day of 1873 he was married to Miss Catharine Horton, who was born in Bedford county, Pennsylvania, August 31, 1817, a daughter of Eli and Mary (Hamilton) Horton, who were likewise natives of the same county, the former born April 11, 1824, and the latter December 23, 1823. On the 4th of November, 1854, Mr. Horton came to Illinois, settling in Macon township, where he first farmed forty acres of land, living in a log cabin. He was one of the earliest settlers of Macon township and aided in reclaiming the wild land for the uses of civilization. Later he bought more land from time to time and built a frame house, in which he and his wife spent their remaining days, his attention being successfully given to general farming. He served as a school director for a number of years and he stood for general progress and improvement along many lines. He held membership in Buda lodge, A. F. & A. M., and he also belonged to the Methodist Episcopal church, of which his wife was a member. He voted with the whig party until its dissolution and then joined the ranks of the republican party, on whose ticket he was elected road commissioner, while for a considerable period he served as school director. He passed away April 24, 1894, and was survived by his wife until the 15th of February, 1898. They had a family of eight children, of whom five are yet living: Mrs. Hanley, Allen, of Princeton; Thomas, of Wyanet township; Lavica, the wife of Jefferson Osborn, of Clay county, Nebraska; and Charity B., the wife of Het Couch, of Keith county, Nebraska.

By their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Hanley have become the parents of five children, of whom four still survive: Eva May, born in April, 1876; William E., February 8, 1878; Chester G., March 4, 1880; and Lena E., born March 3, 1884.

In connection with his other business interests Mr. Hanley is one of the directors of the Neponset and Macon townships Farmers' Insurance Company, with which he has thus been associated for the past twenty years. He has served as school director for the past eighteen years and for six years has been road commissioner, filling the position at the present time. No public trust reposed in him has ever been betrayed in the slightest degree. On the contrary he is true to all his duties and obligations of citizenship as well as of private life. He belongs to Buda lodge, No. 355, I. O. O. F., and to Emory post, No. 198, G. A. R., of Buda, and through the latter he maintains pleasant relations with his old army comrades. Such is the life history of Jacob Hanley, a man secure



in the esteem of his fellowmen by reason of the many excellent traits which he has displayed and by his devotion to a high standard of principles.

#### BENJAMIN LORD SMITH.

Benjamin Lord Smith, deceased, was one of the first settlers of Princeton, locating here in 1835 when there were but seven houses in the town. He was one of the first merchants and he also held county offices. From that time to the present the family has figured prominently in the public life of the county and the son, Selby L. Smith, is now president of the largest bank in Princeton. The name in this locality has become synonymous with commercial integrity and progress, and no history of the community would be complete without mention of him whose name introduces this review and who in pioneer days aided in laying broad and deep the foundation for the present upbuilding and prosperity of the county. He was born on a farm near Utica, New York, September 15, 1806. His father, Benjamin Smith, first wedded Abigail Platt, who died in the state of New York on the 20th of June, 1805. He afterward wedded Abigail Cooper Lord, likewise a native of the Empire state. Benjamin Smith was born in that state, July 18, 1769, and throughout his business career carried on farming, continuing in that occupation up to the time of his death, which occurred July 11, 1816, while his second wife survived until May 1, 1833.

Benjamin L. Smith, a son of the second marriage, was reared to general agricultural pursuits, assisting in the work of the home farm when not occupied with the duties of the schoolroom. He pursued his education in the country schools near Utica and the fact that he was in poor health in his boyhood days induced him to come to the west. He remained at home, however, until after his marriage, which was celebrated on the 15th of September, 1836, Miss Catherine Seeley becoming his wife. She, too, was a native of New York, born March 26, 1816. Her parents were also farming people and both died in the east. Four children were born unto Mr. and Mrs. Smith. Caroline L., who was born April 7, 1839, died August 13, 1813. Laura Ann, born February 25, 1842, remained at home with her parents and cared for them in their old age. She still resides in Princeton and owns one of the fine residences of the city, which she recently erected at No. 30 East Peru street. Nathan, born August 5, 1843, died February 26, 1844. Selby L., born December 15, 1847, is president of the State Bank of Princeton and is represented elsewhere in this work.

On account of the condition of his health Mr. Smith, on the day succeeding his marriage, started westward, covering the broad expanse of country between New York and the Mississippi valley in a wagon. They were four weeks upon the road,

after which Mr. Smith visited several of the central states and finally chose Princeton, Illinois, as a favorable location, taking up his abode here in the fall of 1835. Soon afterward he established a dry-goods store, which he conducted for a few years, and then purchased a farm a short distance east of Princeton. He gave his time and energies to general agricultural pursuits for several years but he found the arduous duties of farm life too great a drain upon his health and energy and again took up his abode in the city. Soon afterward he was elected county clerk of Bureau county and held that office for eight years, discharging his duties in a most prompt and capable manner. He then retired from active business life, spending his remaining days in Princeton, his death occurring August 23, 1900, when he had reached the venerable age of ninety-four years and eleven months. His wife passed away July 10, 1904, at the age of eighty-eight years. They had traveled life's journey together for the remarkable period of sixty-five years, sharing with each other in the joys and sorrows, the adversity and prosperity which checker the careers of all.

In politics Mr. Smith was a staunch democrat, thoroughly in sympathy with the principles and policy of the party. By investing his money in town and country property in the early days when prices were low he became very well-to-do owing to the appreciation of land and real-estate values. He possessed broad business judgment and keen discrimination, as was indicated by the judicious placing of his investments, which in course of years made him one of the most substantial residents of Princeton and Bureau county. He was, moreover, a man of high ideals as exemplified in his straightforward business career as well as in his relations with his fellowmen, and wherever known he was held in the highest esteem. As a pioneer resident and representative citizen he was widely and favorably known in the county and his name should be inscribed among those who were the founders and promoters of her best interests in an early day.

#### MELCHERT D. GARTEN.

Melchert D. Garten, an enterprising farmer of Ohio township, where he owns thirty-two and seventeen hundredths acres of land, situated on section 25, was born in that township, March 15, 1864. He is a son of Azariah D. and Emily F. (Browning) Garten, the former born in 1830, and the latter in 1833, both natives of Indiana, whence they removed to Illinois in the early '50s, being among the first settlers of Bureau county. In their family were born seven children, of whom the subject of this review is the fifth in order of birth.

Melchert D. Garten received a common-school education, and after putting aside his text-books,





Benjamin L. Smith



And C. Smith



started out in life on his own account. He now owns and operates thirty-two and seventeen hundredths acres of land, situated on section 25, Ohio township, which is a valuable tract, being today worth from one hundred and fifty to two hundred dollars per acre. He inherited some of this property, but by hard work and good management has added to and improved his property until he has made it an excellent piece of land, on which he is carrying on general agricultural pursuits, annually harvesting crops, for he is thoroughly familiar with the best methods of cultivating the soil and caring for the crops. His wife also inherited a tract of forty acres, situated on section 2, Ohio township, so that together they have a good farm property.

On the 1st of February, 1894, Mr. Garten was united in marriage to Miss Emma S. Compton, who was born in October, 1873, a daughter of David and Sophia Compton, both natives of Ohio, whence they removed to Illinois, settling in Bureau county at an early day. Mrs. Garten was reared and educated in this county and is the youngest of the five children born unto Mr. and Mrs. David Compton. Mrs. Garten is an excellent lady, possessing many sterling traits of character, and by the careful management of the household affairs has proved to her husband an able assistant.

In his political views Mr. Garten is a republican, but is not active in the work of the party, although he is conversant with the political issues of the day. He and his wife hold membership in the Methodist Protestant church at Ohio. Although they have come into possession of some of their property through inheritance, they have displayed marked ability in the management of their business affairs so that they have been enabled to add to their interests from time to time and are thus meeting with gratifying and merited success. They are highly respected young people and the hospitality of the best homes in the county is cordially extended to them.

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#### JAMES J. MORAN, M. D.

Dr. James J. Moran, one of the younger and more successful members of the medical fraternity practicing in Spring Valley, was born in Scotland, July 2, 1855. His father, Patrick Moran, was also a native of that country, but was born of Irish parentage. He wedded Miss Mary McManus, likewise a native of Scotland, and in the year 1881 he brought his family to the United States, settling first in Braidwood, Illinois. He was a minor and followed that pursuit in his new location. In 1886 he left Braidwood and came to Spring Valley, then a recently founded town, and again he engaged in mining. He still resides in Spring Valley.

Dr. Moran was only about six years of age at the time of the emigration of the family to the new world, and his education, begun in the school-

of Braidwood, was continued in the high school of Spring Valley, from which he was graduated in the class of 1891. For several years thereafter he engaged in teaching school in this county, at Spring Valley and Marquette, but regarded this merely as an initial step to other professional labor, for it was his desire to become a member of the medical fraternity and while teaching he devoted much time, outside of the schoolroom, to the study of medicine. In 1900 he entered the Northwestern University at Chicago, as a student in the medical department, from which he was graduated with the class of 1905. He then located for practice in Spring Valley, where he has already met with very flattering success, having a practice that many an older physician might well envy.

In 1899 Dr. Moran was united in marriage to Miss Aura H. Barrowman, a daughter of Thomas Barrowman, of Will county, Illinois. They now have two sons: Thomas L., born March 13, 1900; and James H., born March 10, 1903. Dr. Moran belongs to the Modern Woodmen camp and other societies and is a member of the Roman Catholic church. He has a bright future for he is attentive to the duties of his profession, has comprehensive knowledge of the principles which underlie active practice and is unusually correct in the diagnosis of a case. Moreover, he is personally popular and has many warm friends in Spring Valley, where the greater part of his life has been passed.

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#### HARRY C. BOOTH.

Harry C. Booth, superintendent and treasurer of the Illinois Third Vein Coal Company, operating at Ladd, has for a number of years been connected with the development of the coal fields of Bureau county—one of its leading sources of wealth. He was born in Newark, New Jersey, April 10, 1864. His paternal grandfather, George Booth, still lives in New Jersey, at the advanced age of ninety-four years, and is a representative of an old family of English descent that was founded in America in 1697. His son, George C. Booth, also a native of New Jersey, married Charlotte Curtis, a native of New York. Both are at present living.

In the public schools of his native city Harry C. Booth began his education, and later continued his studies in Bryant & Stratton Business College, in Newark. He entered upon his business career in connection with clerical and office work in New York city, and at the age of eighteen years went upon the road as a traveling salesman, being thus engaged for a number of years. Each change which he made was a step in advance, bringing him a broader outlook in the business world and greater opportunities. At length he became connected with the Spring Valley Coal Company, and he worked his way steadily upward beginning with the very humble wage of a dollar and forty cents



per day. Gradually he was advanced from one position to another until he became sales agent for the company, one of the most important positions to be filled in connection with the conduct of its business. When the Illinois Third Vein Coal Company was organized, August 20, 1901, he came to Ladd as superintendent and treasurer, which constitutes his present connection therewith, and in the performance of his duties in this capacity he has contributed in no small measure to the success of the enterprise.

In November, 1894, Mr. Booth was united in marriage to Miss Jennie L. Davies, a native of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, and they have one son, Harold, born February 8, 1897. Mr. Booth is a member of the Masonic lodge at Spring Valley and the chapter at Peru. He is a member of the Congregational church, and has taken a most active and helpful interest in the cause of education, serving now as president of the board of education of Ladd, while his efforts have been potent elements for advancement along material, political and moral lines in Ladd.

#### HENRY W. IMMKE.

Henry W. Immke is one of the oldest photographers of Bureau county, located on North Main street in Princeton, where he has a large and splendidly equipped studio, scarcely surpassed in its appointments in the state. He has been in business in Princeton since 1866 and has been located in the northern part of the city since 1867. His capability as well as the years of his continuous connection with the photographic interests place him foremost among the representatives of the art and he today enjoys much more than local reputation.

Mr. Immke was born in the province of Hessen, Germany, in the village of Wendershausen, March 9, 1839, his parents being John and K. Christina (Apel) Immke. The paternal grandparents were John Henry and Anna K. (Yaeger) Immke. The father was an expert weaver of damask linen, possessing skill of such superior order that he was employed only by wealthy people. He was born January 7, 1811, and died in 1818, at the comparatively early age of thirty-six years. Both he and his wife were members of the German Reformed church. Mrs. Immke was born January 28, 1818, and died in Waake in the province of Hanover, near Gottingen, Germany, March 31, 1896, at the age of seventy-eight years. Henry W. Immke is the eldest of their five children, the others being as follows: Maggie, the wife of William Blume, who resides near Worthington, Minnesota; Henry, who is living near Pontiac, Livingston county, Illinois; Mary, the widow of Fred Wisluff, who followed farming near Chatsworth, Livingston county; and M. Elizabeth, who

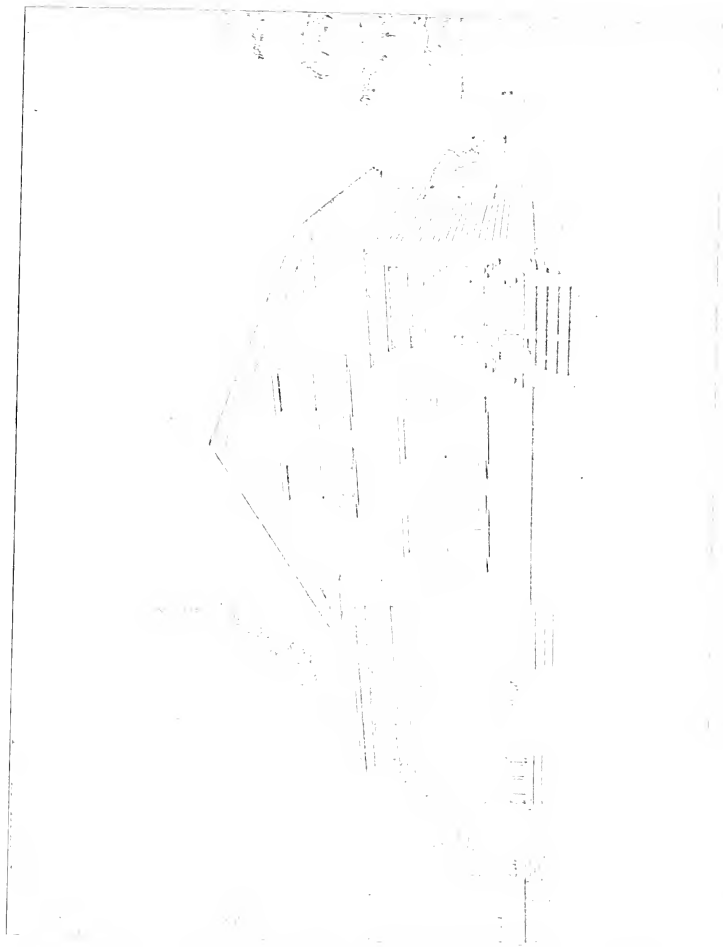
died at Odell, Livingston county, in 1873, at the age of twenty-four years.

In the schools of his native land Henry W. Immke acquired a good education and in 1855, at the age of sixteen years, he crossed the Atlantic to America, making his way direct to Peru, Illinois, where for eight years he was employed as a farm hand. Feeling that he might enjoy better business opportunities in other fields of labor he took up the study of photography under the late S. M. Fassett, of Chicago, who had one of the largest and best equipped galleries in the United States during the period of the Civil war. Under his direction Mr. Immke learned the business and in September, 1866, he located in Princeton, where he purchased an interest in the gallery of W. H. Masters and has since been identified with photography in this city. The partnership continued for about five and a half months, when it was dissolved, Mr. Immke establishing his studio in the north end of Princeton, while Mr. Masters remained in the south end. Mr. Immke has since been successfully engaged in business, doing all kinds of work along his line. He is an artist of more than ordinary ability, of which fact incontrovertible proof is given in his pictures. A few years ago he photographed a group of old settlers in which are over four hundred faces in a frame forty-four by fifty-six inches. As a work of art this is an interesting study, being a faithful likeness of those honored pioneers who came to Bureau county when it was little more than wilderness. The picture, too, plainly indicates that it was executed by a master hand and Mr. Immke deserves great commendation, not only for the excellence of this work, but more for the enterprise and generous public spirit with which he performed this difficult undertaking. He keeps informed concerning the latest processes which have improved and revolutionized the methods of photography and is not only thoroughly versed in the technical side of his art, but also has the keenest appreciation for effects of light, shade and color as well as pose. His work is certainly of a most artistic nature and has gained for him a liberal patronage, which places him among the leading photographers of this part of the state.

On the 29th of May, 1864, Mr. Immke was united in marriage to Miss Mary R. Steinbrook, who was born in Muskingum county, Ohio, July 13, 1813. Her father, Henry Steinbrook, was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, October 1, 1796, but in his youth was taken by his parents to Muskingum county, Ohio, where he afterward engaged in farming and later gave his attention to the manufacturing of salt and to coal mining. He was, however, a wheelwright by trade. In 1821 he married Sarah Löffler, who was born January 28, 1806, and died in April, 1892, while his death occurred May 4, 1873. Fourteen children were born to them, of whom three died in infancy. The others were: Samuel, Henry, Sarah,







RESIDENCE OF THE LATE R. L. SMITH.



Catherine, Peter, Car-line, Margaret, Anna, Elizabeth, Mary R., George and Matilda. Mr. and Mrs. Immke became the parents of four children, of whom two are living. Henry William Immke, Jr., born March 20, 1865, married Martha S. Slavens, of Kansas City, Missouri, a daughter of Judge L. C. Slavens. They had two children: William Luther; and Martha, who died at the age of four months. Henry W. Immke, Jr., is connected with the firm of Haskins & Sells, of New York city, as public accountant. R. Minetta Immke, born January 24, 1867, is now the wife of Fred H. Bacon, of Canton, South Dakota, by whom she had four children: Neva, Amelia, Freda and Alberta, but the last named is now deceased. Pansy M. Immke, born January 13, 1875, became the wife of Walter A. Williamson, who is in the employ of the large grocery house of Reid, Murdock & Co., of Chicago. She died February 18, 1902, leaving one daughter, Mary Immke. LeRoy S., born April 2, 1881, died March 6, 1892.

Mr. Immke has always been deeply interested in educational affairs and has done effective service in behalf of public instruction while serving as a member of the school board. Both he and his wife are earnest members of the Presbyterian church, contribute generously to its support and take an active and helpful interest in its work. Mr. Immke has never had occasion to regret his determination to seek a home in the United States, for in the new world he has found the business opportunities he has sought and has won success, by his thorough understanding of the business which claims his attention, by his close application and reliable methods. He has also made steady advancement in his art and his position is not only that of financial success, but of artistic prominence as well.

#### THEODORE J. BERGE.

Theodore J. Berge, a farmer and stock-raiser, living on section 17, Fairfield township, was born in Tazewell county, Illinois, in 1862, and is a son of Andrew Berge, who now owns and occupies a farm in Fairfield township. The father was born in Hoesen Cassel, Germany, and came to America in 1861. He made his way westward to Peoria by boat and located in Tazewell county, Illinois, where he resided continuously until his removal to Bureau county. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Mary Muensterman, was also born in Hoesen Cassel, Germany, and they have now reached the ages of sixty-eight and sixty-four years, respectively. In their family were nine children of whom Theodore J. Berge is the eldest. Three brothers now reside in Lincoln, Nebraska, two of whom are lawyers, while one is engaged in the real estate business. G. W. Berge, who is a member of the bar there, was a candidate for governor of the state

on an independent ticket in 1904. Another brother is living in Kansas City, Missouri, and two sisters are residents of Minnesota, the family thus being widely scattered.

Theodore J. Berge was largely reared in this county, whither he accompanied his parents on their removal from Tazewell county in his boyhood days. The public schools afforded him his educational privileges, and he early became familiar with the occupation of farming, which he has followed to the present time, now owning and operating a well improved tract of land of two hundred and eighty acres on sections 16 and 17, Fairfield township, and also owns property in Minnesota and Kansas. He carries on general farm work and stock-raising, and his close application and unremitting diligence constitute the salient features in his success.

Mr. Berge was married in this county to Miss Sabine E. Salzman, a native of Germany, and they now have four children, all of whom were born in Fairfield township, namely: Olga, Emma, Regina and Rudolph. In his political views Mr. Berge is independent, keeping well informed on the questions and issues of the day, and not considering himself bound by party ties. He has served for sixteen years as a collector, and is now school treasurer, and the public duties thus devolving upon him have been discharged with promptness and fidelity. Fraternally he is connected with the Modern Woodmen of America at Yorktown, and his religious views are indicated by his membership in the Lutheran church.

#### JOHN G. ANDERSON.

Among the citizens of foreign birth living in Bureau county is numbered John G. Anderson, a native of Sweden. He first opened his eyes to the light of day on the 17th of March, 1863, and is a son of Swan and Sarah (Johnson) Anderson, both of whom were natives of Sweden, in which country they were married in October, 1858. The year 1866 witnessed their arrival in Illinois, at which time they took up their abode in Princeton. Mr. Anderson worked at farming and railroading, continuing a resident of the county up to the time of his death, which occurred February 13, 1867, at the age of thirty-three years. The mother of our subject is now living in Buda in her sixty-seventh year, having been born May 3, 1822. By her first marriage she had five children, but only two are now living, the elder being Matilda J., who was born March 25, 1860, and is the wife of Herman Lundgren. Having lost her first husband, Mrs. Anderson was married to Samuel A. Johnson, who was born in Sweden and died February 26, 1900, at the age of sixty-five years. There were six children by that marriage, of whom four survive, namely: Hilma, Nellie, Ida and Minnie. The parents were members of the Congregational



church, and for thirty-two years Mr. Johnson was in the employ of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company, acting as section boss for twenty-two years.

John G. Anderson was only three years old when brought by his parents to Bureau county, Illinois, and he attended the public schools until ten years of age, when he began earning his own living by working in a grist and planing mill at Galva, where he remained for about three years. He then secured employment as a farm hand during the summer and attended school during the winter months, being thus engaged until twenty years of age, with the exception of a period of a year and a half, which was passed in the Hoxton steam-heating works at Kewanee. He began farming on his own account about the time he attained his majority, and when his labor and economy had brought him sufficient capital he bought seventy-five acres of land in Macon township. He is now cultivating one hundred and fifty acres of excellent farming land near Buda, and derives therefrom a desirable income.

On Christmas day of 1889 Mr. Anderson was married to Miss Annie E. Crisman, who was born in Macon township, July 22, 1865, a daughter of William and Elizabeth Crisman. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson now have two children: Ruth E., born April 22, 1893, and William C., April 23, 1902. The parents are members of the Baptist church, and politically Mr. Anderson is a republican. Almost his entire life has been passed in this county, and the success he has achieved has come as the direct reward of his own labors. Starting out for himself when only ten years of age, he has been the architect and builder of his own fortunes, and deserves much credit for what he has accomplished.

#### MICHAEL RYAN.

Michael Ryan, to whom has been vouchsafed a well earned retirement from active business life, is now living in Shelld, where he has remained for a number of years, having put aside the more arduous duties of a business career. He was born in the village of Gloucester, King's county, Ireland, on the 15th of August, 1819, and was reared to farm life, remaining at home with his parents until thirty-two years of age. On crossing the Atlantic to America in 1851 he joined his brother, then living in Schoetecady, New York, and he first earned his living in the new world by working in a brickyard at nine shillings per day. He managed to save a little money, but his first wages were sent home to his mother, and he later paid the passage of a niece from Ireland to New York. For a year he was employed in an engine manufactory at a wage of a dollar per day, and the succeeding two years were devoted to railroad work in Ohio, after which he returned to Schoenectady, New York, where he was employed at general labor for twenty

dollars per month by a firm engaged in the coal, coal and hardware business. For several years he remained in that employ—a fact which indicates that he was faithful to the duties intrusted to him and was thoroughly reliable at all times.

On the 22d of February, 1856, Mr. Ryan wedded Miss Catherine O'Hare, a native of County Down, Ireland, who was brought to the United States when ten years of age. They have one son, William. In 1860 Mr. Ryan came to Illinois, making his way to Princeton, where resided his wife's sister. To provide for the support of his family he worked at farm labor until 1862, and then, putting aside all business and personal consideration, he joined the army in defense of the Union cause, enlisting on the 2d of August of that year as a member of Company I, Ninety-third Illinois Volunteer Infantry, under Colonel Putnam of Freeport, Illinois. He remained in the service until honorably mustered out, August 26, 1865. With his company he took part in the battles of Vicksburg, Fort Gibson, Raymond, Jackson and Champion Hill. During the siege of Vicksburg, which lasted six weeks, every day or two he was in the rifle pits, and on the 22d of May was in the charge, after which he was on patrol duty. After a thirty days' furlough he rejoined his regiment and took part in the battle of Missionary Ridge, where Colonel Putnam was killed, and after that engagement only thirteen men of his company were fit for duty. The division then went with McPherson to Huntsville, Alabama, to guard railroads, but was ordered back to Chattanooga to guard a train on its way to join Sherman. In an engagement at Datten, Georgia, in July 1864, his knee and back were severely injured from a ball, and he was sent to the field hospital at Chattanooga. As soon as able for service he was placed in the Veteran Reserver Corps and did guard duty at the hospital until his discharge. He now receives a pension, as he has never recovered from the injuries sustained at the last active engagement in which he participated.

Following his military service Mr. Ryan at once made his way to Princeton, and the succeeding year took up his abode on a small farm in Manlius township, where he still owns one hundred and sixty acres of rich and productive land. He also has eighty acres in Concord township, and his farming property is the visible evidence of his life of thrift and enterprise. For twenty-seven years he made his home upon his first purchase, but for a long period before leaving the farm he left the active work to others, on account of his health. He, however, gave personal supervision to its management, and his business affairs were so capably conducted that he gained a goodly measure of success, and is now in possession of a comfortable competence. He resided upon his farm until about 1892, and erected there a fine residence. In the year mentioned, however, he moved to Ottawa, when he purchased property which he sold



owns. Then he removed from Ottawa to Sheffield, where he and his estimable wife still reside. They are devout members of St. Patrick's Catholic church, and have been generous contributors to its support. Politically Mr. Ryan is a republican, and while never an office seeker he has always been interested in those questions which affect the welfare of county, state and nation. He has now passed the eighty-seventh milestone on life's journey, being thus one of the venerable citizens of the county, and in a review of his record it will be found that throughout the entire period of his manhood he has displayed most commendable traits of character—honesty in business, fidelity in citizenship and trustworthiness in friendship. He can therefore look back over the past without regret, and he receives the veneration and respect which should ever be accorded to one of his years, whose life has been worthily passed. His son William, who manages the property, and is at home, is also a republican, and a member of the Catholic church.

#### MACCLAREY WEEKS, M. D.

Dr. MacClarey Weeks, a representative of the medical fraternity in Ladd, practicing along modern scientific lines, was born in Chicago, March 29, 1871, and is a son of Charles B. and Irene (Rice) Weeks, both of whom were natives of Illinois. The father was born in Lockport, and is a lawyer by profession. He is now residing in the Indian Territory, but his wife passed away in 1891.

Dr. Weeks pursued a public school education in Kansas, to which state he removed with the family in 1878 when a youth of but seven years. After completing a public school course he pursued the study of stenography, and for a number of years was employed as a stenographer in offices in the west. Later he took up the study of medicine, and was graduated from the Northwestern University of Chicago, completing the medical course with the class of 1902. He then located for practice in Spring Valley. He had previously gone to that place in 1893, at which time he entered the employ of the Spring Valley Coal Company as a stenographer, retaining his connection therewith until he went to Chicago to enter upon preparation for the profession in which he is now engaged. Following his graduation he was associated in practice with Dr. Franklin, of Spring Valley, for two years, and in 1905 he removed to Ladd, where he has since remained. Here he has built up a good patronage and has demonstrated his ability to successfully cope with the intricate problems which continually confront the physician in his efforts to check the ravages of disease and restore health.

Dr. Weeks was married in 1896 to Miss Martha Nelson, a daughter of James Nelson, one of the early residents of Bureau county. Two children grace this union: Herbert Nelson, born March

12, 1902, and Dorothy, born February 1, 1904. Dr. and Mrs. Weeks are well known and prominent socially, and their own home is the scene of many delightful social functions. The Doctor is a member of Dubell lodge, No. 805, A. F. and A. M., at Spring Valley, and is in hearty sympathy with the principles and tenets of the craft. His time and attention, however, are given most largely to his professional duties, which he performs with a sense of conscientious obligation, and in his administration of remedial agencies he has shown himself thoroughly familiar with modern methods of practice.

#### CHARLES W. FORDHAM.

Charles W. Fordham, who for forty-one years has been a resident of Walnut township, and has spent his entire life in this county, was born in Wyandot township on the 20th of November, 1857. His parents were Charles and Elizabeth (Morgan) Fordham. The father's birth occurred in Cambridgeshire, England, in December 1825, and the mother was born there on the 13th of November, 1829. They became residents of Illinois in 1856, settling in Wyandot township, and the father remained a resident of Bureau county until called to his final rest, his death occurring in September, 1902. His widow still survives.

Charles W. Fordham was a youth of eight years at the time of the removal of the family from Wyandot to Walnut township. Through the summer months he aided in the work of the fields on the home farm, and in the winter seasons pursued his education in the public schools. He has always carried on general agricultural pursuits, finding in that line of life ample opportunity for the exercise of his native talents and energies. He is now the owner of two hundred acres of choice land which would command the highest market price. It is situated on sections 21 and 28, Walnut township, and constitutes a very valuable farm, which Mr. Fordham has acquired through hard work and good management.

On the 25th of February, 1877, Mr. Fordham was united in marriage to Miss Florence Ferris, who was born February 27, 1859. They have become the parents of two children: Della B., born March 5, 1878, and Sylvia B., born February 11, 1880. Mr. Fordham exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party, and is thoroughly in sympathy with its principles and policy. He keeps well informed on the important issues which divide the two great parties, and is thus able to support his political position by intelligent argument. In religious belief the family are orthodox. Mr. Fordham is a member of the Masonic lodge, No. 722, and also holds membership relations with the Modern Woodmen of America. He has been school director for a number of years and a assessor for





several years, and matters relating to the general welfare and the upbuilding of the county receive his indorsement and co-operation. His life has been characterized by unflinching diligence, which is always one of the essential concomitants of success, and it has been through this means that he has become one of the substantial farmers of Walnut township.

#### ANTHONY MORRASAY.

The life record of few men better illustrates the value and sure rewards of character than does that of Anthony Morrasay, who for many years was a prominent and honored resident of Sheffield. Deprived in his youth of many of the advantages which most people regard as essential to success in life, he nevertheless developed his native talents and energies, made the best use of his opportunities and by determined purpose, unflinching perseverance and real strength of character he worked his way steadily upward, gaining simultaneously success and an honored name.

A native of Ireland, Mr. Morrasay was born in the County of Cork on the 25th of November, 1825, and when but eighteen months old was brought to the United States by his parents, who settled upon a farm near Baltimore, Maryland. After a few years they removed to Washington county, that state, and the father died when his son Anthony was but twelve years of age. There were six children in the family, and, being in humble financial circumstances, the young boy found it necessary to seek employment, which he soon obtained with a distant relative of the family. After two years he accompanied his employer to Ohio, and when a year had passed in that state they started for Missouri. After traveling nearly all summer they found themselves, in August, 1840, at Peru, Illinois. In 1841 Mr. Morrasay, not being able to make a definite contract as to wages with his employer, tied up all of his earthly possessions in a handkerchief and left the place which to him had become a home to seek employment. After two days of lonely wandering the fifteen year old boy came at nightfall to a little log cabin, where he obtained food and lodging. During the evening and the succeeding morning he made himself so useful in doing chores that the gentleman of the house became interested in him and proposed to employ him for six months at a wage of six dollars per month, and the succeeding six months he was to work nights and mornings and Saturdays for his board while he attended school. In the following spring Mr. Morrasay secured employment on the south side of the Illinois river at a town opposite La Salle and thus he worked altogether nine months for six dollars per month. From the first year's wages he was enabled to buy a young colt worth twenty-four dollars. The second

year he saved enough to purchase another colt, and trading these for three yokes of oxen he thus drove across the country to California in 1850. In the meantime, covering a period of six or seven years, he had saved enough money to purchase ten acres of timber land and to make a third payment on eighty acres of prairie land, yet up to this date he had at no time received more than fifteen dollars per month.

Starting for the Pacific coast, he made the long and arduous journey across the prairies of the middle west, over the hot stretches of sand and through the mountain passes, until he gained the Golden state. He was fairly successful in his operations on the coast and in the year 1852 he returned to Illinois, where he purchased two hundred acres of land in Gold township, constituting the present farm of his son, Frank W. Morrasay.

In the year 1853 Mr. Morrasay made a second overland trip to California, driving a herd of cattle, from the sale of which he received a good profit. After working in the gold mines for a short time he returned to his farm in Gold township in the year 1854, and for nearly a half century was identified with the agricultural development of Bureau county. Of the privations and hardships of those pioneer times, the long days of toil, the nights devoid of ease, the endurance of storms, cold and heat, the fording of unbridged streams, the breaking of the prairies, these and a hundred other obstacles which Mr. Morrasay met and overcame, only those who are left of his early associates in Gold township can fully tell. In the making of roads, the building of bridges and schoolhouses, the draining of the swamp lands, Mr. Morrasay bore his full share of the burdens, and in many of those enterprises he was an able leader. In a public way Mr. Morrasay served his town as supervisor for upward of twenty years and represented this district for two terms, 1887 and 1889, in the house of representatives of the Illinois legislature. In positions of trust he was ever found to be a man of absolute integrity, faithful in his duties and unyielding in his devotion to the cause of truth and justice.

Mr. Morrasay was married to Miss Esther A. Alexander at Randolph, Portage county, Ohio, April 19, 1858. She was born at that place in 1837, and is still living, enjoying good health. To them three children were born: Robert D. Morrasay, who now lives at Dorchester, Nebraska; Frank W. Morrasay, ex-supervisor of Gold township; and Mary Irene, deceased.

Mr. Morrasay held membership in the Sheffield Unitarian church and was a constant attendant upon its services until prevented by the infirmities of old age. He was always an eager listener and was interested in all those things which promote the refinements and nobler aspirations. In 1852 he joined the Masonic lodge, No. 13, of Nevada;



Yours very truly  
Anthony Mappasy



City, California, and in 1851 admitted to Ames lodge, No. 142, A. F. & A. M., of Sheffield, of which at the time of his death he was the oldest member. He held all of the chairs in the order, and at all times was an exemplary representative of the craft. Retiring from his farm in 1887, he became a resident of Sheffield and practically spent his remaining days in the enjoyment of a well merited rest, the supervision of his property interests being largely left to his son Frank.

The Bureau County Tribune, speaking of his political associations, said: "In the passing of Anthony Morrasy, democracy lost one of its staunchest friends, advocates and defenders; and one who was never at a loss to give reasons for the faith that was in him. He was a democrat because he believed the common people are the salt of the earth, and the only foundation on which a republic can endure. Thrifty and prosperous himself, he had no toleration for the slothful and improvident, but he believed in a free field and fair opportunities for all. He was most radically opposed to special privileges for the rich, and therefore to the so-called 'economic system' with a high sounding name, but which instead of protection for the American workman, is but a subterfuge and a method of dicker, barter and sale between politicians and wealth, and by which the politicians secure the support of wealth in return for license to plunder the entire people. Mr. Morrasy was a thinker and a man of action, and prompt and determined in the execution of his purpose. He was a Jacksonian democrat. Party was much more than a mere sentiment to him—not the party name or the party organization, but the old democratic creed, as familiar to him as his own name, was to him a living principle, pointing along the only pathway by which the common people had ever obtained liberty and relief from the insolent exactions of wealth and the oppressions of 'rule by divine right.' He thoroughly believed that 'Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty,' and that strict construction and rigid adherence to the principles of democracy as taught by the fathers of the republic is the only safe course for the common people and the only bulwark against the greed of wealth and the secret plottings of a purse proud aristocracy which disowns its country to dwell among titles and kneel at the foot of a throne. And he would tolerate no heresies in even his own well loved party. In the old days Mr. Eckels used to say of Mr. Morrasy, 'that he was one of the most meaty talkers he had ever known.' Mr. Morrasy was quite an able speaker, and in conversation he had a remarkable faculty of saying a great deal in a few words—of stating a proposition or expressing an opinion tersely, directly and to the point and with a peculiar originality all his own. With more favorable opportunities and under more benign conditions during his youth, he would have been a man of mark beyond the bounds of his

county. Personally, his methods were, yes and no. He would or he wouldn't, and you knew which as soon as he decided. Between man and man the golden rule was the line he bowed to, and he was therefore a good citizen, neighbor, husband and father. As well as he loved democracy Mr. Morrasy lived the last seven years of his life and died a man without a party. After a long life spent in active participation in all the efforts of democracy he positively refused to countenance the free silver movement, and withdrawing from the party, mourned as a father over a wayward child while warmly resenting any intimation that he was not a democrat."

Although men differed from Mr. Morrasy in opinion, all who knew him respected him because of his fidelity to his honest convictions. He had the unqualified confidence of those with whom he was associated in his business relations and his life was actuated by high principles and manly purpose. He certainly deserved much credit for what he accomplished. He started out on his own account penniless and each forward step in his career was the result of careful thought and study concerning the situation and of able use of his opportunities. Such a life record should serve as a source of inspiration and encouragement to all who read it. He passed away October 24, 1903, when almost seventy-eight years of age, leaving behind him a valuable estate as the visible evidence of a life of thrift and enterprise and also the untarnished name which is rather to be chosen than great riches, and today upon the roll of Bureau county's honored dead is engraved the name of Anthony Morrasy.

#### CHARLES L. PENDLETON.

Charles L. Pendleton, a farmer, residing on section 29, Princeton township, was born in this county, September 23, 1839, his parents being A. B. and H. X. (Loomis) Pendleton, who were natives of Connecticut. The father was born December 29, 1807, and the mother May 7, 1815. They were married October 5, 1835, and in 1838 came to Bureau county, Illinois, from Tolland county, Connecticut. By trade the father was a carpenter, but during the greater part of his residence in Bureau county devoted his energies to farming, and made substantial progress financially in that undertaking. He died June 21, 1879, and for a long period was survived by his wife, who passed away May 30, 1898. They were the parents of four children, of whom Mary and Erastus died when young, while a son and daughter reached years of maturity. The latter, Harriet, born March 26, 1851, was married December 28, 1871 to W. W. Powell, of Putnam county, and died February 25, 1888, at the age of thirty-seven years.

Charles L. Pendleton, the only surviving member of the family, was reared and educated in



his native county, where he has always resided, and his training at farm labor in his youth well qualified him to take up the same line of business when he reached man's estate. He was associated with his father in general agricultural pursuits, and he is now the owner of one hundred and sixty-six acres of land in his home farm, besides other farming property. In connection with the tilling of the soil and the production of the crops to which it is best adapted, he has always been engaged in the stock business, breeding, feeding and shipping, and he still handles some stock, both horses and cattle. He is watchful of every opportunity pointing to success, and manifests keen discrimination in business affairs, combined with excellent executive ability.

In 1889 was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Pendleton and Mrs. Sarah Bennett (née Vaill), who was born in Wethersfield, Illinois, a daughter of the Rev. William F. Vaill, deceased, who continued in the ministry until his death, which occurred when he was about eighty-two years of age. Thus was ended a long life of usefulness crowned with the honor and respect of his fellow-men because of his devotion to the welfare and moral advancement of his race. Mr. and Mrs. Pendleton have two children: Porter, living in Peoria, Illinois, and H. Grace, at home, and by her former marriage Mrs. Pendleton had a son, William D. Bennett, now living in Los Angeles, California.

Mr. Pendleton is a republican, and the family are members of the Congregational church. Their home is pleasantly located about two miles south of the courthouse in Princeton, and here Mr. Pendleton is carrying on farming and stock-raising with good success, his ability and energy having gained him place with the representative agriculturists of this part of the state.

#### CLARENCE H. DELANO.

Clarence H. Delano, conducting one of the oldest established mercantile enterprises of Princeton, but with a record which fully sustains the reputation that has always been attached to the family name, was born in Pittsfield, Massachusetts, and is a son of John H. Delano, pioneer merchant of Princeton, represented elsewhere in this work. He was an only son, and was educated in the public schools of Princeton, to which city his parents removed in 1855. On the completion of his education he joined his father in business as a salesman in the store, and in 1876 was admitted to a partnership under the firm style of Delano & Son. Under the able management of Clarence H. Delano the business has grown and developed until he now carries one of the most select and extensive lines of goods in this section of the state. His store is a credit to the city, and is a commercial enterprise which contributes to general prosperity

as well as to individual success. He is also a director of the First National Bank.

In 1886 Mr. Delano was married to Miss Lizzie McConihe, a daughter of L. H. McConihe, of Princeton. Four children have been born unto them: Martha I., John H., Robert C. and Isabella M. The parents are members of the Methodist church and are advocates of all that tends to advance material, intellectual and moral progress. Mr. Delano is president of the school board and a man of many admirable qualities, being genial and public spirited as well as progressive, alert and enterprising in his business life. He is spoken of as "a worthy son of a worthy sire," and his name stands not only as a synonym for business success here, but also for business integrity.

#### JAMES GRAHAM

James Graham is now practically living retired, but still resides upon his farm of two hundred and eighty acres, lying on section 2, Fairfield township. For many years he was identified with farming and stock-raising. He came to Bureau county about 1850. His birth occurred in Quee county, Ireland, eighty-three years ago, and when a young man he crossed the Atlantic to the new world, establishing his home in New York, living for some years in Ithaca. In his native country he had learned the business of sorting wool and he was thus engaged in Ithaca, working in a factory there for a number of years. Consideration of the business outlook and the opportunities which he thought were before him in the west led him to the determination to seek his fortune in the west and accordingly he came to Illinois, settling in Bureau county. He bought a farm of forty acres in Fairfield township, to which he has added until it has reached its present acreage. For a long period he was active in the work of the fields and also successfully engaged in stock-raising and thus as the years passed by his financial resources gradually increased and now with a comfortable competence he is living retired, the fruits of his former toil supplying him with all of the comforts and many of the luxuries which go to make life worth living.

Mr. Graham was married in the state of New York to Miss Mary Ann Sterling, who died in 1901, at the age of about seventy-seven years. She was a native of northern Ireland, born in County Antrim. Mr. and Mrs. Graham became the parents of three children, two daughters and a son: Mrs. Caroline Adams, who is residing in Fairfield township; Elizabeth, who became the wife of Peter Burke, a resident of Whiteside county, and died a number of years ago, leaving three daughters and two sons; and Alfred J., who operates the home farm. He married Miss Mary J. Wisely, who died in 1905, leaving one son, Alfred Leo, now eleven years of age. They had also lost a





C. H. DELANO.



daughter, Ellen, who died when only nine months old.

Politically Mr. Graham has always voted the democratic ticket since he became a naturalized American citizen. He has served as school director and in other town-ship offices. He was reared in the Church of England but joined the Catholic church about five years ago. He has now traveled far on life's journey and can look back over the past without regret, for he has always been a man of strong purpose and of high principles, endeavoring to do to others as he would have them do to him, and finding that while following straightforward business methods he could at the same time achieve a measure of success such as is desired by all who enter business life. He now receives the veneration and respect which should ever be accorded to one of his years and it is with pleasure that we present to our readers this record of his career.

#### DENNIS BRADY.

Dennis Brady, living in Macon township, came to Illinois in 1850 and to Bureau county in 1851. Although his residence here has not been continuous through the intervening period, he has resided upon his present farm since 1868. He was born in County Anagh, Ireland, September 10, 1825, and is a son of Francis and Nancy (O'Neil) Brady, who were likewise natives of the Emerald Isle. They were married in that country, and on a sailing vessel went from Belfast to New York city in 1828, arriving at the Atlantic port after eight weeks spent upon the water. They then proceeded up the Hudson river to Albany and by canal and team to Rochester, New York, where the father worked as a brickmason and stonemason, having mastered the trade in his native country. Later, when his capital was sufficient to enable him to purchase a farm, he invested in land at the mouth of the Genesee river, where he lived for a long period. He was a member of the Roman Catholic church, and gave his political support to the democracy. Unto him and his wife were born four children, three of whom survive, namely: Dennis, Mrs. Nancy Lynch, and Francis, who is living in California. Having lost her first husband, the mother became the wife of Thomas McManus, now deceased, and unto them were born four children, of whom two sons and a daughter are yet living.

Dennis Brady was only three years old when brought to the United States by his parents, and his education was acquired in the public schools of New York. He remained a resident of the east until twenty-five years of age, when, in the fall of 1850, he journeyed westward to Illinois, eventually reaching La Salle. He was both a brickmason and plasterer by trade, and worked in La Salle through the summer of 1851. He

then removed to Indiantown, now Tiskilwa, Bureau county, and subsequently went to Henry, Marshall county. In the spring of 1852 he made his way to St. Louis, Missouri, afterward to Vicksburg, and on to New Orleans, where he was employed on the government custom house, then in course of construction. He afterward engaged in steamboating, and made a trip up the Cumberland river to Nashville. Subsequently he returned to New Orleans and afterward proceeded up the Mississippi and Ohio rivers to Cincinnati. He was then again at St. Louis, and worked on the grading of the Illinois Central Railroad at a time when the dirt was conveyed in wheelbarrows, for the modern machinery of the present time was then unknown. Mr. Brady, however, was the first man to use a scraper for grading purposes. In the fall of 1853 he returned to New York, where he remained until the spring of 1854. He next made his way to Iowa City, Iowa, and at a later date returned to Indiantown, where he was engaged at his trade. He afterward again went to the Empire state, and, following his marriage he returned to Indiantown. Since 1868 he has lived upon his present farm, comprising three hundred and twenty acres of rich and productive land. He has now a well improved property, and in 1891 he erected thereon a fine residence. He breeds shorthorn Durham cattle and also Poland China hogs and Norman horses, shipping his cattle and hogs to the Chicago market.

On the 22d of December, 1854, Mr. Brady was married to Miss Emily Moxon, who was born in Doylestown, Bucks county, Pennsylvania, January 24, 1826, the wedding being celebrated in Charlotte, New York. Mrs. Brady was a daughter of John and Martha (Aldous) Moxon, both of whom were born in England, where their marriage was celebrated July 3, 1813. They had six children, all born in England with the exception of Mrs. Brady. The father, whose birth occurred June 28, 1786, died July 20, 1858, while his wife, who was born May 27, 1787, died August 21, 1829. They came to this country in 1823 by sailing vessel and took up their abode in Doylestown, Pennsylvania, removing thence to the state of New York. The father purchased a farm, which was partially improved, in Monroe county, New York, and at one time was the owner of two good farm properties. He held the office of school director for a number of years and was supervisor of the county poor for a considerable period. His interest in public affairs was deep and sincere, and was manifest by tangible support given to many movements that proted of public good. His political allegiance supported the democracy, while both he and his wife were baptized in the Church of England. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Moxon were born six children, of whom three still survive. Charlotte, the eldest, is the widow of Captain E. S. Church, and resides in St. Louis. Alfred wedded Mary Lloyd and is now living in Kansas.



Unto Mr. and Mrs. Brady have been born eight children, of whom five still survive, as follows: Edward B., Frederick C., John D., Martha E. and Arthur B. The family are well known in the community as prominent, influential and respected citizens. Mr. Brady is a democrat, and has served as school director for eight or twelve years, but has not been active as a politician in the sense of office seeking. He has now passed the eighty-first milestone on life's journey, and his has been an honorable and upright career, characterized by diligence, by perseverance and by unwavering integrity. While working at his trade he visited many sections of this country, but in more recent years he has resided upon his farm, and although now in the evening of life he yet gives personal supervision to his place and its improvements, seeming in spirit and interests yet in his prime. Although born across the water, he has ever been loyal to the stars and stripes, and has deep attachment for the institutions of the country.

#### ROYAL VICTOR CASS.

Royal Victor Cass, who follows farming and stock-raising in Concord township, annually feeding and handling a large number of hogs, cattle and horses, was born at Arlington, Bureau county, June 17, 1857, his parents being Isaac Hill and Hannah W. (Beecham) Cass, who came to Illinois the former about 1850 and the latter in 1853. The father was a grain buyer, who engaged in business at Wyandot for some years and later turned his attention to the hardware and grocery trade.

Royal V. Cass spent the days of his boyhood and youth under the parental roof, and was educated in the schools of Wyandot and Princeton. When twenty-two years of age he went to Harper county, Kansas, where he remained for a year, and then worked for one year on a cattle ranch for the T5 Kansas City Cattle Company. He afterward went to Cawley county, Kansas, where his father owned large interests, and there engaged in farming for seven years. In 1890 he returned to Concord township, where he bought his present home. He has a good farm, on which he has a modern residence and all conveniences that render rural life pleasant and facilitate the work of the fields. There are good barns and other substantial out-buildings, and the farm is divided into fields of convenient size by well kept fences. He raises stock and feeds and markets large numbers of hogs, cattle and horses annually, this branch of his business proving very profitable. He has become well known as a stock-raiser and dealer, and in his business is meeting with very gratifying success.

As a companion and helpmate for life's journey Mr. Cass chose Miss Emma M. Darling, whom he wedded on the 11th of October, 1883, at Akron,

Kansas. She is a daughter of Willard Darling, a farmer, and they have become the parents of six children: Asa F., Mamie M., Isaac H., Mattie Hannah, Mary and Edith Victor, all at home. In his political views Mr. Cass is a stalwart republican, but without aspiration for office. He belongs to the Congregational church, and is a school director, the cause of education finding in him a warm and stalwart friend. He withholds his support from no movement calculated to prove of general good, and as a citizen and in social and business relations has made a creditable record.

#### MARSHAL E. PRUTSMAN.

Marshal E. Pratsman is the owner of one hundred and fifty-seven acres of choice land adjoining the village of Kasbeer. He purchased this property in 1899, and has made his home thereon since 1901. It is equipped with modern accessories and improvements, and indicates in its present fine appearance his careful supervision and progressive methods. A native of Bureau county, Mr. Pratsman was born April 14, 1859, and is a son of W. R. and Mary (Adams) Pratsman, likewise natives of this county. In their family were three children, of whom Marshal E. is the eldest. He is indebted to the public school system of the county for the educational privileges which he enjoyed and which prepared him for life's practical and responsible duties. He was reared to farm life, early becoming familiar with the work that falls to the lot of the agriculturist; as he plows and plants his fields and harvests his crops.

Having arrived at years of maturity, Mr. Pratsman was married on Christmas day of 1883 to Miss Nora Adams, who was born in Illinois, December 9, 1865, a daughter of Robert and Amanda (Sill) Adams, the former a native of the state of Ohio and the latter of Pennsylvania. They came to Bureau county with their respective parents in their childhood days and were married here. Eight children were born unto them, and Mrs. Pratsman is the eldest of the family. She, too, acquired a common school education, and remained under the parental roof until her marriage. Four children have been born of this union: Ray O., who was born September 23, 1886, and died August 13, 1905; Harold C., born July 29, 1895; Winifred B., who was born August 18, 1899, and died April 1, 1904, and Orletha M., born June 5, 1906.

The family are members of the Methodist Protestant church, and in politics Mr. Pratsman is a prohibitionist—associations which indicate much of the character of the man and his devotion to high and honorable principles. Throughout his business career he has carried on farming, and now owns one hundred and fifty-seven acres of choice land adjoining the village of Kasbeer, valued at from one hundred and seventy-five to two hundred dollars per acre. He is entirely a



self-made man, starting out in life empty handed, without assistance from any source. In 1899 he purchased his present farm, and two years later took up his abode thereon. He now rents his land and practically lives retired, leaving the active work of the fields to others. There are excellent buildings upon the place and fine shade trees, and the farm is splendidly located. This excellent family enjoys life to the fullest extent, and are numbered among Bureau county's best citizens. The life record of Mr. Prutsman should serve as a source of encouragement and inspiration to others, showing what may be accomplished when one has the will to dare and the courage to do, for it has been in this way that he has attained a gratifying measure of prosperity.

#### DAVID L. MILLER.

David L. Miller has been a most active and prominent factor in the promotion of the interests of the town of Manlius, and at the same time has successfully conducted outside business affairs, the extent and importance of which have made him a representative resident of the community. He was born March 21, 1861, in Manlius township, upon the present site of the village, and is a son of David Addison Miller, who came to Bureau county, Illinois, in 1850 from Clark county, Ohio. It was in the latter county that he was born May 2, 1827. He had no special advantages nor privileges in his youth, and started out in life on his own account empty-handed. He chopped wood and worked at farm labor for some time in order to gain money sufficient to enable him to purchase land, but as the years passed he eventually amassed a comfortable fortune, having at one time about six hundred acres of valuable land. He was also an extensive breeder of horses, cattle and hogs, and for years engaged in stock buying. He likewise did business as an auctioneer, conducting stock sales, in which connection he became very widely known. He possessed the unflinching purpose and keen business discernment that enabled him to carry forward to successful completion whatever he undertook, and he made a splendid record, not only by reason of his prosperity, but also on account of his business probity and straightforward dealing.

David A. Miller was married in Bureau county to Miss Ovauda Williams, and unto them was born one son, William W. Miller, who is now residing in Wyandot. After the death of the wife and mother David A. Miller was married to her sister, Amanda M. Williams, and they became the parents of six children, who are still living, as follows: Mary Ann, the wife of Joseph Kulp, of Princeton; Julia Delphe, the wife of Lyle P. Smith, of Manlius; David L.; Owen Alonzo; Maud May, the wife of Ralph Follett; and Bertha D., who is at home. They also lost two children. Mr. Miller,

coming to this county in limited financial circumstances, steadily worked his way upward. Each year he made advancement toward the goal of prosperity, and the methods which he followed were such as would bear the closest investigation and scrutiny, so that his name became an honored one in business circles and all acknowledged that his success was the fitting reward of his labor.

David L. Miller, reared in his parents' home, entered the public schools at the usual age, and when he had mastered the branches of learning therein taught he took up the business of farming and stock-breeding, thus taking his place in agricultural circles as one who recognizes the obligations that devolve upon the individual as he attains manhood. In connection with the tilling of the soil he engaged in business as a stock buyer, and has also bred stock, keeping fine registered and pedigreed horses and cattle. In July, 1905, when the town of Manlius was incorporated, he divided forty acres from the farm, and on that land the railroad built its property and laid out the town. He likewise became manager of the Northwestern Elevator Company from the time its elevator was constructed, and thus successfully controlled the grain trade until his son, wishing to enter business life, became his successor in the management of the elevator.

While his private business interests have claimed much of his time and attention, he has yet found opportunity to devote to matters of public moment, and has always stood for advancement and progress. In 1903, upon the formation of the drainage commission, he was made one of the commissioners, in which capacity he has since served, being elected at each succeeding election. He has also served as school director for twelve years and has filled the office of alderman in Manlius, being chosen to the position upon the democratic ticket. He believes it to be the duty as well as the privilege of every American citizen to exercise his right of franchise and to stand in support of those measures and principles which careful consideration and sound judgment indicate to be a correct policy.

Mr. Miller was married December 28, 1882, to Miss Lizzie Bowen, of Walnut, Illinois, a daughter of Burton and Julia Bowen, farming people of this part of the state. The marriage has been blessed with eight children, seven of whom are living: Burton B., born December 31, 1883, who is now manager of the Northwestern Elevator Company at Manlius, and who married Lulu Jones, of Manlius, on the 10th of June, 1906; Bertha L., at home; Julian Stewart; Perry David; Harold Foster; Dorothy Elizabeth; Arminia Dora, who was born April 23, 1898, and died February 2, 1899; and Donald Leslie, born September 12, 1903.

In every community are found men of enterprise and worth who recognize possibilities and are the leaders in those movements which bring about





material prosperity and substantial growth along agricultural and commercial lines. Such a one in Manlius is D. L. Miller, and while promoting his individual success he also advances the general welfare.

#### FRANK M. SKEFFINGTON.

Frank M. Skellington, the owner of valuable property interests and a man of considerable ability as a financier, was born in Westfield township, May 12, 1855. His home is now on section 27 of the same township, where he has lived continuously since 1896. His parents were Patrick and Nora (Stackpole) Skellington, both natives of Canada, whence they came to Illinois. Locating in Bureau county, their son, Frank M., was here born and reared and he completed his education in the schools of Arlington. Throughout his entire life he has followed farming and he is today the owner of two hundred and twelve and a half acres of valuable land on section 27, Westfield township. This constitutes the old homestead farm and is a well improved property, the fields having been brought under a high state of cultivation, while excellent improvements have been added in the way of substantial buildings. He was formerly the owner of eighty acres of land on which the Rochelle & Northern Railway Coal Company has located the town of Cherry, having a population of about eight hundred.

Mr. Skellington started out in life largely empty handed. At the time of his marriage he rented land from W. H. Neil, upon which he lived for a year, after which he removed to the Milner farm east of Arlington. There he resided for five years, during which time he purchased one hundred and thirty-two and a half acres of land known as the old Grundy farm. He made the purchase in 1892 and took up his abode thereon in 1896. In 1904 he sold eighty acres to the Rochelle Railroad Company for two hundred and thirty-one dollars per acre and the same year he bought of Hermas Gray one hundred and sixty acres for which he paid one hundred and seventy-five dollars per acre. He gave seventy-five dollars per acre for the old Grundy farm in 1892. His business capacity is shown in his judicious investments as well as in the care which he bestows upon his property.

On the 9th of February, 1888, Mr. Skellington was united in marriage to Miss Teresa Coakley, who was born April 1, 1856, a daughter of Cornelius and Mary Ann Coakley, both natives of Ireland. They came to this country in the early '50s and always lived in Hall township, Bureau of farming up to the time of his death. Mr. and county, where the father followed the occupation Mrs. Skellington have become the parents of three children, Joseph, Francis and Anna, and the family are communicants of the Catholic church of Arlington.

Mr. Skellington belongs to Woodmen lodge, No. 3111, of Arlington, and in politics is a democrat. He is now serving as postmaster of the village of Cherry and he has held the office of school director in Westfield township for nine years, being the incumbent at the present time. His good qualities have been manifest in his progressive citizenship as well as in his private business interests, and he deserves much credit for what he has accomplished as a farmer, his success being attributable entirely to his own labors and the assistance of his estimable wife, who has indeed been a faithful companion and helpmate to him on life's journey. The fact that many of his warmest friends are those who have known him from his boyhood days to the present is an indication that he has always so lived as to win uniform confidence and respect and he deserves the admiration of his fellowmen by reason of what he has accomplished in the business world.

#### CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION.

For a number of years previous to the formation of the present parish of Ohio the priests of Amboy and Dixon attended to the spiritual wants of the many Catholics living in the northern part of Bureau and the southern part of Lee counties. Mass was celebrated and the sacraments were administered at intervals in the Gugerty and O'Neil school houses and in the town hall. But in the year 1874 it was decided to build a church in the town of Ohio, and the work was undertaken by Father McDermott, who was at that time the pastor of Dixon. The exterior of the building was finished under Father McDermott's supervision.

On March 1, 1875, the Rev. P. J. Gornley assumed charge of the parish as its first pastor and took up the work of completing the church. He placed the stained glass memorial windows in the structure and also put in the handsome oak pews. The church was dedicated on November 14, 1875, by Bishop Foley, of Chicago, in whose diocese it then was. Father Gornley continued as pastor of the church till 1882, when he was succeeded by Rev. M. C. O'Brien. Father O'Brien labored zealously for the interests of his flock, and to him is due the credit for organizing the Father Mathew Society, which has done so much good, and which still flourishes as a parish society.

The first parochial residence was purchased by Father O'Brien, and continued to serve the various pastors who succeeded him till its destruction by fire in 1894. Father O'Brien's pastorate lasted till 1884, when Rev. J. A. Fanning assumed charge. Father Fanning made many improvements in the church during the four years of his pastorate. The church bell, the gift of a number of the parishioners, was placed in the tower by his



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time. In 1888 the Rev. James O'Rourke was appointed to succeed Father Fanning. Father O'Rourke was a man of frail constitution, and in December of the year of his appointment he was called to his reward.

Rev. B. H. Corley came to the parish in 1889 and remained its pastor till 1892. The beautiful main altar which adorns the church was purchased by Father Corley. Rev. H. W. Finch succeeded Father Corley in 1892, and was pastor of the church till 1899, when he died. Father Finch was the last pastor to occupy the old parochial residence.

On March 12, 1899, Rev. R. F. Flynn, the present pastor, was appointed to the parish. During his pastorate he has erected the parochial residence, a beautiful brick structure, which was built in 1899. St. Joseph's Academy, also a brick building, erected in 1903, and used by the children of the parish as a free graded and high school, taught by Sisters of Mercy of Ottawa, Illinois, and also in 1901 established a Home for the Aged, which is likewise conducted by the Sisters of Mercy. The parish as at present constituted comprises about ninety families.

#### IGNATIUS J. JAGODZINSKI.

Ignatius J. Jagodzinski, a popular, respected and leading citizen of Spring valley, who has been called to several positions of public trust, serving for three terms as city treasurer, is also a leading merchant of the town, and is today owner of a most extensive mercantile enterprise here. He was born in Poland, a son of Francis and Catherine (Sinent) Jagodzinski, who were likewise natives of Poland. The father came to the new world when his son Ignatius was but six years of age, and established his home in La Salle county, Illinois.

Ignatius J. Jagodzinski was educated in the public schools of La Salle county and in St. Francis Seminary, at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and also in St. Viateur College. His education completed, he engaged in the drug business for a short time, after which he was employed in the office of the county clerk and of the probate clerk in Ottawa for two years. On the expiration of that period he came to Spring Valley in 1888 and embarked in general merchandising, establishing a store, which has grown to be the most extensive in this place. He carries a large and carefully selected line of goods, and has a constantly growing trade, which is accorded him in recognition of his conformity to a high standard of commercial ethics as well as his reasonable prices. Mr. Jagodzinski is also a director and vice president of the Spring Valley City Bank, and has the agency for steamships and for foreign banking and exchange. He is likewise agent for various fire insurance com-

panies, and his business interests are thus extensive and varied. They are likewise profitable, owing to his capable control and keen discernment.

Mr. Jagodzinski has also figured prominently in political circles in Bureau county, and has done everything in his power to promote the advancement and prosperity of his city and section of the state. For three terms he has served as city treasurer, and has filled other offices of public trust. He is a popular man, respected by all and his good qualities are many.

#### FRANKLIN S. ROGERS.

Franklin S. Rogers is one of the self-made men of Bureau county, who at an early age started out in life on his own account and through unremitting toil and business integrity has worked his way steadily upward, gaining the respect of his fellowmen by his honorable methods and at the same time winning a comfortable competence. He resides in La Moille township and is today the owner of six hundred and seventy-five acres. He was born in Morgan county, Ohio, February 27, 1836, while his residence in Bureau county dates from 1866. His parents were John and Susan (Antrim) Rogers, natives of Burlington, New Jersey. On leaving that state they located in Ohio and afterward came to Illinois, where their remaining days were passed. In their family were eight children: J. Antrim, Sarah W., Franklin S., Hannah, William, Edwin, Mary and Charles.

Rearing in the state of his nativity, Franklin S. Rogers acquired his education in the public schools there, and when he put aside his text-books became a factor in business life in connection with the hardware trade. He was married in Ohio in 1857 to Miss Rebecca J. Yocum, who was born in Belmont county, that state, in 1829. She, too, was educated in the public schools there, and was a daughter of Thomas and Sarah Yocum, who were natives of Belmont county, where they spent their entire lives, dying at the place of their birth at a good old age.

In the year 1866 Mr. Rogers brought his family to Illinois, settling in Bureau county. Unto him and his wife were born two daughters: Mrs. Susan W. Grisell and Mrs. Mary C. Grisell. After coming to this state he turned his attention to farming, settling upon the place where he now lives. He first had eighty acres, but he owns altogether six hundred and seventy-five acres of choice land, of which three hundred and twenty acres is in Iowa. In 1866 he purchased land at fifty dollars per acre, which is now valued at from one hundred and seventy-five to two hundred dollars per acre. The place is improved with good buildings and all modern equipments, and he is today one of the most substantial farmers of the community.



Mr. Rogers was formerly a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, but his business interests have occupied so much of his attention that he has had no time for active identification with fraternal interests. In politics he is a prohibitionist, having given his support for eighteen years to the party which embodies his ideas on the temperance question. He was reared in the faith of the Society of Friends or Quakers, to which he still adheres, but is not a member of any church. His life has been honorable, his actions manly and sincere and his principles worthy of emulation. The years have brought him successes as the result of his perseverance and industry, and in all of his business transactions he has been found thoroughly trustworthy and reliable. As a neighbor and friend he is held in high esteem, and he well deserves mention in this volume as one of the representative agriculturists of the county.

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#### HOWARD G. GIBBS.

Honored and respected by all, there is no resident of Princeton who occupies a more enviable position in mercantile and financial circles than Howard G. Gibbs, member of the hardware firm of H. D. Gibbs & Sons. It is true that he entered upon a business already established, but many a man of less resolute spirit would have failed in enlarging the scope and activities of the concern. His position in public regard is due not only to the success he has achieved but also to the straightforward, honorable methods that he has ever followed and which place him in the front ranks of those men who while gaining prosperity also help to hold firm the public faith in business integrity.

He was born in Princeton, November 25, 1863, a son of Henry D. Gibbs, who is too well known in Bureau county to need introduction to the readers of this volume, having for many years been closely associated with industrial and commercial life here. He is a native of Chenango county, New York, and came to Princeton in 1857. He accepted the position of manager of a tanning factory, which was then one of the leading industries of the city and later he engaged in the cooperative business, which he carried on until 1879, when he turned his attention to the hardware trade, establishing the store which has since been conducted as one of the leading mercantile enterprises of the city. In 1890 he admitted his sons, Howard G. and Harry A., to a partnership, under the firm style of H. D. Gibbs & Sons. The father is still active and takes an interest in the business which he established and which he has seen grow and prosper until it is now one of the most extensive in this section of the state. In early manhood he was married to Miss Nancy Windsor, a native of Chenango county, New York, in which state the wedding was celebrated prior to their removal to Illinois.

Howard G. Gibbs was educated in the grammar and high schools of Princeton and on putting aside his text-books joined his father in business. He mastered the trade in principle and detail and in 1890 was admitted to a partnership. He brought to the concern the enterprise, energy and ambition of a young man, which, added to the broad experience of the father, has made this one of the strong commercial combinations of Princeton.

Howard G. Gibbs has also been active in municipal affairs, wielding a wide influence on public thought and action. He has served for two terms as alderman of the second ward and for four years was supervisor of Princeton township. In April, 1906, he was elected chairman of the board of supervisors and is the present incumbent in the office. With a sense of conscientious obligation, he discharges his official duties, and brings to bear in their performance the executive force and keen discrimination of a practical business man.

In 1887, Mr. Gibbs was united in marriage to Miss Mary K. Waldron, a daughter of Z. K. Waldron, of Chicago, formerly a respected resident of Bureau county, of which he was a pioneer. He served at one time as sheriff of the county and has long been a respected and influential resident here. He is a native of New York, as is his wife, who bore the maiden name of Margaret Archbald. Mr. and Mrs. Gibbs are prominent socially and Mr. Gibbs has attained high rank in Masonic circles. He belongs to Bureau Lodge F. & A. M.; to Princeton chapter, No. 28, R. A. M.; to Orion council, R. & S. M.; to Temple commandery, No. 20, K. T.; and to the Order of the Eastern Star. He has held many offices in Masonry, was worshipful master of Bureau lodge for six years and eminent commander of the commandery for two years. He holds membership in the Congregational church and is president of the Congregational Church Club. His interest extends to those various movements which work for civic virtue, for progressive development in the city and for intellectual and moral advancement. The business policy he has ever followed has been that of straightforward dealing. His life typifies the spirit of the age—the spirit of American progress. Prosperity has come to him as a natural sequence of industry and application and his success bears testimony to his rare judgment in business affairs.

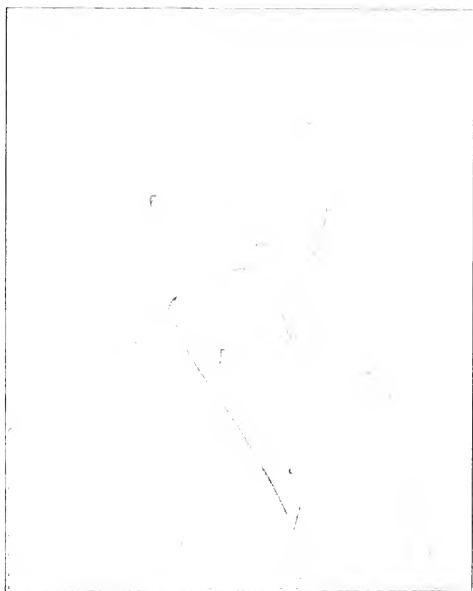
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#### HARRY F. COREY.

Harry F. Corey is the owner of a valuable farm property of three hundred and twenty acres in Dover township, and is therefore numbered among the prosperous young business men of Bureau county. Though he inherited a portion of his property, he has added to it, and has made many modern improvements, being today accounted one of the progressive and highly respected farmers







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of the community. His birth occurred in this county, September 20, 1876. He was the only child born to Hamilton F. and Rachel (Martin) Corey, the latter a native of Ohio. The father, however, had been previously married to Esther Mead, and unto them were born five children. The father was born in Cayuga county, New York, July 17, 1811, and in 1835 emigrated to Morgan county, Illinois, whence he came to Bureau county in 1850, locating in Ohio township.

At the usual age Harry F. Corey entered the common schools of the county, wherein he mastered the elementary branches of learning. His training at farm labor was not meager, and he early became familiar with the best methods of tilling the soil and caring for the crops. In early manhood he wedded Miss Frons Huffaker, the wedding being celebrated on the 19th of July, 1899. She was born in Bureau county, December 31, 1874, and is a daughter of Cyrus and Anna E. (Sabin) Huffaker, also natives of Bureau county. In their family were fourteen children, of whom Mrs. Corey was the third in order of birth, and she supplemented her early educational privileges by study in Dover Academy. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Corey has been blessed with one child, Hazel E., born January 2, 1900.

The family home is an attractive residence, situated in the midst of a beautiful grove of shade trees and surrounded by three hundred and twenty acres of choice land, which responds readily to the care and labor bestowed upon it. Mr. Corey inherited a large share of his property from his father, but has added to it in many ways, and is thoroughly in touch with the progressive spirit of the times. He keeps a fine automobile, and his farm in all its equipments is modern in every respect. While he leads a busy and active life, he is relieved of the necessity for strenuous, unremitting labor, and has time for the cultivation of those social and refining influences which develop character and add to the aesthetic and moral tone of the community. Both he and his wife are members of the Methodist Protestant church, and in politics he is a republican, but the honors and emoluments of office have no attraction for him, although in a private capacity he is never neglectful of his duties of citizenship, and has given his aid and co-operation to many movements for the general good. Both he and his wife are representatives of prominent old families of Bureau county, and with pleasure we present to our readers this record.

#### CHARLES C. CONLEY.

Charles C. Conley, who is engaged in farming two hundred and forty acres of land in Mason township, where he is also breeding Norman and Percheron horses, was born in this township, December 3, 1865. His parents were George W. and

Tryphena (Sturtevant) Conley. His maternal grandfather, Church Sturtevant, was born at Center Harbor, New Hampshire, June 30, 1807, was a son of Hosaiah and Sally (Paine) Sturtevant, and was of Welsh lineage. Family tradition has it that a widow and her five sons came from Wales to America at an early day in the colonization of the new world and settled at Belfast, Massachusetts. Hosaiah Sturtevant was a Revolutionary soldier throughout the war for national independence, and, being captured at Stony Point, was imprisoned for a year in the old sugar refinery in New York city, but was finally exchanged and returned to his home in Halifax. He subsequently removed to New Hampshire, settling there in the midst of an unbroken wilderness. He took up his abode on an island of about three hundred acres in Squawm Lake and began the cultivation of the land with the assistance of his son, Church Sturtevant, who remained at Center Harbor until he was twenty-one years of age, during which time he attended the common schools and worked on the farm. He was married in March, 1827, to Hannah, daughter of Jerry Brown, of Center Harbor, and in 1831 removed to Pesham, Vermont, where he carried on agricultural pursuits. After about thirteen years he traded his farm in Vermont for some wild prairie land in Illinois and started westward in June, 1844, settling in Oseola township, Stark county. For five years he lived in a rented cabin and then built a barn, in which he lived for one winter and two summers. He bought the first lumber that was shipped on the Illinois canal, and built a part of his residence, to which, however, he made additions from time to time in later years. His home farm consisted of one hundred and sixty acres of land, inclosed with an osage orange hedge, and in addition to cultivating the fields he set out a fine apple orchard, and also had many cherry trees upon his place. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Sturtevant were born eight children, including Tryphena, who became Mrs. Conley.

George W. Conley, father of Charles C. Conley, was born in Cayuga county, New York, June 2, 1829, and died at his home in Pada, April 21, 1901, in his seventy-second year. He was a son of Robert Conley, and was one of a family of eighteen children. In the spring of 1850, at the age of twenty-one, he left his native hearth and came to Illinois, settling in Oseola township, Stark county. This state was then the "far west," and many hardships and privations were to be borne in the country, which at that time was sparsely settled. The virgin soil was to be subdued, the cabin was to be built, the clearing made and roads and bridges had to be constructed. There were a multitude of hardships to be endured if the settler would enjoy the advantages known to the older east, and Mr. Conley resolutely undertook the task before him. He was married June 2, 1853, on his twenty-fourth birthday, to Tryphena A. Sturtevant, who was born at Center



Harbor, New Hampshire, March 11, 1828, and was the eldest of seven children. With her parents she emigrated from the old Granite state to Illinois in 1844, it requiring weeks to make the trip from New England. The fall following their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Conley removed to Henry, Illinois, settling on what is known as Crow Meadow, where they resided for three years, when in 1856 they bought a farm in Bureau county, south of Walnut Grove, in Macon township. For twenty-five years they resided there and then removed to Buda, where, with the exception of five years spent in Nebraska, they resided until called to their final rest. With these advantages they managed, through their economy and thrift, to gather a competence for their declining years and to leave a comfortable legacy to their children. Both Mr. and Mrs. Conley became members of the Methodist Episcopal church on the 8th of March, 1873, and remained faithful to its teachings and to their professions, taking an active and helpful interest in church work and contributing generously to its support. Mrs. Conley passed away on the 10th of February, 1901, at the age of seventy-two years, ten months and twenty-nine days, her husband surviving her for only a brief period, as his death occurred on the 21st of April following. They were a most highly esteemed couple, worthy the regard of all who knew them and the respect which was so freely accorded them. They were the parents of nine children: Abbie, of Buda; Frank, of Princeton; Charles C.; Bert, of Waco, Nebraska; Mrs. Nettie Zink, of Buda; and Isabella, Jerome, Edward and Ida, who have passed away. Of this number Edward died July 9, 1885, in Waco, Nebraska. He had been married in the previous spring and removed to the west with his bride. His remains were brought back to Bureau county for interment. The daughter Isabella died April 8, 1896, at the age of forty-two years. She was born in Henry, Illinois, and was a resident of Bureau county from 1856, while of the Methodist Episcopal church she was a consistent member from 1873 until her death.

Charles C. Conley, whose name introduces this record, attended the public schools in the winter months and worked on the home farm during the summer seasons. His time was thus passed until he reached adult age, when he began farming for himself on one hundred and twenty acres of land. At the present time he is farming two hundred and forty acres of land, and is accounted one of the enterprising agriculturists of the community, owing to his capable and progressive methods. He breeds some Norman Percheron horses, but his attention is chiefly given to the development and cultivation of the fields, although he is also engaged in the raising of Poland China hogs.

On the 11th of January, 1889, was celebrated the marriage of Charles C. Conley and Miss Grace Smith, a native of Buda and a daughter of Henry Smith. She died on her second wedding anniversary,

leaving one son, Charles S. Conley. On the 30th of January, 1891, Mr. Conley was again married, his second union being with Lizzie F. Sowers, who was born in Perry county, Pennsylvania, August 26, 1865, a daughter of Emanuel and Catherine (Fleisher) Sowers, likewise natives of Perry county, where they were married. The father was born September 1, 1810, and the mother October 17, 1837. He is a carpenter by trade, and was for many years engaged in business as a contractor and builder, but at present is engaged in the insurance business. He has served as school director, is an advocate of political principles as expounded by the democratic party, and is a member of the Lutheran church. Of his seven children six are now living: Mrs. Conley, Silas, Elsie J., Emma T., Carrie E. and Harry O. Three children have been born unto Mr. Conley and his second wife: Harold S., born March 11, 1896; Marion E., May 11, 1901, and Edna May, November 27, 1905.

Mr. Conley votes with the republican party, and is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. His life has been honorable and upright, his actions manly and sincere, and as a life-long resident of Macon township he has become widely known, while his many good qualities and sterling traits of character have gained him the confidence and good will of all with whom he has been associated.

#### EDWARD GUITHER.

Edward Guither, who owns, occupies and operates a valuable farm of two hundred and sixty-seven acres in Walnut township, is one of Illinois' native sons, having been born in La Salle county, July 25, 1850. His parents were Henry and Barbara (Pope) Guither, both of whom were natives of Germany. They became residents of La Salle county in 1848 and the father followed farming as a life work, thus providing for his family. A number of years prior to his death he removed to Walnut, where he retired from active business life, spending his remaining days in the enjoyment of the fruits of his former labor. He died June 18, 1905, while his wife passed away September 15, 1888.

Edward Guither, whose name introduces this record, completed his education in Naperville College after having studied in the district schools of Walnut township. He pursued his college course during the years 1872 and 1873 and after putting aside his text-books began farming in Walnut township on section 1, where he has since resided. As a companion and helmsman for life's journey he chose Miss Caroline Rapp, to whom he was married on the 20th of September, 1876. She was born June 16, 1853, in this county, a daughter of John and Barbara (Fauble) Rapp, both of whom were natives of Germany. They became early residents of this part of the state.





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where they arrived prior to 1850. They were farming people and lived near La Moille, Illinois, in Lee county, where they remained until called to their final rest, the father passing away February 5, 1861, and the mother, who was born June 19, 1823, died in 1884. Mr. and Mrs. Guither have a family of four children: Samuel W., George H., Ezra P. and Florence A. M., all yet under the parental roof. The parents and children are members of the Evangelical church of Red Oak. The two sons, George and Ezra, have been attending college at Naperville, Illinois, and Mr. Guither is providing all of his children with excellent educational privileges. The family is prominent socially and the hospitality of their own home is greatly enjoyed by their many friends.

Mr. Guither has always followed farming and now has a valuable property of two hundred and sixty-seven acres on section 1, Walnut township, where he raises the cereals best adapted to soil and climate and also some stock. His horses are of the Norman breeds, his hogs Poland China, and he also raises pure blooded shorthorn cattle. He likewise owns an interest in a fine Belgian horse and he is one of the stockholders in the Walnut bank. He is accounted a man of sound business judgment, carefully controlling his interests and making safe and judicious investments. He has served as school director for a number of terms and the cause of education has profited by his efforts in its behalf. His home is a beautiful and commodious residence standing in the midst of great pine trees, and there are other large and substantial buildings on the farm. He is regarded as one of the most enterprising agriculturists of this part of the county and is respected and esteemed by his neighbors and friends.

#### WILLIAM A. CRISMAN.

William A. Crisman, of Macon township, dates his residence in Bureau county from 1854, covering a period of more than a half century. For many years he has been engaged in general agricultural pursuits and the raising of stock, and his success has come as the legitimate reward of persistent labor. He was born in Bedford county, Pennsylvania, February 13, 1851, and is a son of William and Elizabeth (Bowser) Crisman. The father's birth occurred at Denon's creek, in Pennsylvania, June 26, 1825. He was the sixth in a family of fifteen children, whose parents were William and Margaret Crisman, of Bedford county, Pennsylvania, and his life history covered a period of almost eighty years, for he passed away on the 9th of February, 1905. He was a self-made and self-educated man. He had limited opportunities for schooling, and at the age of seventeen he left home to learn the millwright's trade. After serving an apprenticeship of four years he worked at his trade for two years in Waterside,

Pennsylvania. On the 29th of April, 1848, he wedded Margaret Bowser, and they made their home in the east until April, 1855, when Mr. Crisman brought his wife and three children to Buda, having in the meantime made a prospecting tour through Illinois and Iowa. For three years he worked at the carpenter's trade in Buda, and then rented land for two years. Finally he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of prairie land, on which he was able to make a small payment of one hundred dollars. He had a friend who aided him at this opportune moment, which enabled him to make the required improvements upon the place. By hard labor and strict economy he became one of the well-to-do farmers of Macon township, and as he was always dependent upon his own resources, the success he achieved was justly earned. His political allegiance was given to the democracy in early life, his first presidential vote being cast for James K. Polk. He voted with that party until the organization of the republican party in 1856, after which he remained an earnest advocate of its principles until his death. He served as commissioner of his township for a number of years, and in him the public schools always found an earnest friend. He did effective service in behalf of public education, as a member of the school board and as school trustee for a period of fourteen years, and he always believed in employing competent teachers. He was frequently a delegate to the county and state conventions of his party, and was recognized as one of the stalwart and leading republicans of Macon township. At the time of his death he was a director in the Neponset and Macon Insurance Company. He held membership in the Buda Baptist church, and from the first manifested an active interest in every phase of church work, an interest that was intensified with the passing years. He was a member of the first building committee, and served two succeeding times when extensive repairs were made. He held the office of deacon with but slight interruption from 1858 until the time of his death. In his material interests he prospered, and became the owner of four hundred acres, constituting a fine farm, pleasantly situated three and a half miles southwest of Buda. In 1885 Mr. Crisman was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, who died on the 10th of October of that year. She was born March 3, 1828, in Bedford county, Pennsylvania, a daughter of John and Margaret (Hising) Bowser. She was an excellent mother and a faithful and loving wife, ever ready to make sacrifices for the welfare of her family. She, too, was a devout member of the Baptist church, and in her life displayed many sterling traits of character. Mr. Crisman survived until February 9, 1905, and then, in the eightieth year of his age, was laid to rest in Hopland cemetery. In the family were eight children: Calvin, who is married and follows farming in Macon township; William A., who is married and is a farmer of the



same township; Viola, the wife of John Ober, residing on the old homestead; Mattie L. and Arthur V., twins; Carrie, the wife of Lewis Akin, and Anna, the wife of John G. Anderson, a resident farmer of Macon township.

William A. Crisman was only about three years of age when brought by his parents to Illinois, at which time the town of Buda contained only a few houses scattered along the line of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, which had but just been completed. The father, a carpenter by trade, built one of the first frame houses in Buda, where he followed carpentering until his removal to Macon township. In his boyhood days William Crisman attended the public schools through the winter months and in the summer season worked upon the home farm with his father, being thus engaged until 1870, when he began farming on his own account. He started with only sixty acres of land, but he has added to this, and at the present time is farming a quarter section, on which he has made splendid improvements, having all the equipments of a model farm of the twentieth century. In 1903 he built a fine barn. He is a breeder of Poland China hogs, keeping on hand from fifty to one hundred head, and he also raises some shorthorn Durham cattle.

On the 10th of February, 1876, Mr. Crisman was married to Miss Alice K. Horton, who was born in Macon township, January 4, 1855, a daughter of Allen and Margaret (Zink) Horton. Her father, the second son of Septimus and Wealthy (Foster) Horton, was born near the village of Stonerstown, in Bedford county, Pennsylvania, December 31, 1819, and died at his home, southwest of Buda, January 5, 1900, at the age of eighty years and five days. He was one of seven children, six sons and a daughter. The father, Septimus Horton, was born in Bedford county, Pennsylvania, November 11, 1795, and died May 20, 1831, while his wife, who was born April 9, 1794, long survived him and died March 31, 1881. Septimus Horton learned the blacksmith's trade in early life, but made farming his chief occupation. He was a democrat in politics, and cast his last vote for Andrew Jackson. In October, 1832, he emigrated to Highland county, Ohio, where he remained until his death.

Allen Horton, father of Mrs. Crisman, was only two years of age at the time of his parents' removal to the Buckeye state, the trip being made overland by wagon and requiring four weeks. When he was nineteen years of age he returned to his birthplace in Pennsylvania, where he remained for a little more than a year, during which period he began learning the trade of a carpenter and joiner. He followed that occupation after his return to Ohio, and in 1840 he again went to Pennsylvania, but after a brief period once more took up his abode in the Buckeye state. He had had but limited educational privileges. The log schoolhouse in which he obtained his primary education was

but sixteen feet square and was built of round logs, the chinks being daubed with mud. It was heated by an old-fashioned fireplace, and the chimney was made of mud and sticks. Greased paper took the place of window glass, and all of the furnishings were very primitive, but in later years Mr. Horton had the opportunity of attending a much better school. He was married December 22, 1842, in Licking county, Ohio, to Miss Margaret Zink, also a native of Bedford county, Pennsylvania. She was born January 13, 1820, and removed to Ohio with her parents in 1842. They became the parents of eight children: Alice C., now Mrs. Crisman; Addie, the widow of John W. McClain, who now resides in Buda. These are the only ones living. Septimus I. Horton, of this family died at his home at Santa Cruz, California, where at the time of his death he was serving for the third year as a member of the police force. Almost his entire life, however, was spent in railroading. For one year he served as a soldier in the Civil war, and acted as one of the guards assigned to watch over the body of the lamented Lincoln after his assassination. He married Miss Anna Dolan, and they had four children. Septimus Horton was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of the Grand Army of the Republic and the Macabees, and was spoken of by the Santa Cruz paper as one of the best officers the town ever had. Other members of the family of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Horton were Mrs. Catherine Carper, Mrs. Mary Carper, Lola, Harvey and Samuel, all of whom are now deceased.

In the spring of 1844 Allen Horton came to Bureau county, where he arrived after a three weeks' trip in company with John and George Zink. After prospecting for a time he finally decided to settle in Fulton county, where he resided until 1847, when he came to Macon township, Bureau county, where he made his home until his death. He had the honor of naming this township, was its first supervisor and represented it on the county board. He was also several times elected and served as township collector, and was school director of his district. His duties were ever promptly and faithfully performed, and he was a public-spirited man, aiding in the advancement of various interests in his town and neighborhood. It was about 1851 that he purchased a farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 5, Macon township, for which he paid a dollar and a quarter per acre. The land was entirely unimproved, and the first house built thereon was a log cabin. When the first survey of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad was made the line went through a corner of the house, which was afterward moved to the present site, on the northeast quarter of section 8, Macon township, and converted into a barn. Mr. Horton was unusually successful in his business affairs, and became one of the substantial farmers of Macon township. His political support was given to the whig party, and he cast his



first presidential vote for Henry Clay. He became a staunch champion of the cause of abolition, and when the republican party was formed to prevent the further extension of slavery he joined its ranks, and continued one of its advocates until his death. He held membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, as did his wife, and their Christianity was evidenced in their every-day life. As a citizen Mr. Horton was patriotic and law-abiding; as a Christian was conscientious, devout and pious; as a neighbor obliging and considerate; as a husband loving, faithful and true; and as a father kind, indulgent and firm. He had no enemies, as he was every person's friend, and wherever known he was uniformly loved. He survived his wife for only a few months, her death having occurred April 10, 1899. Mrs. Horton was a lady of gentle disposition, and her cheerful ways, her kindness of heart, her clarity and benevolence and her real goodness won for her the love and respect of a wide circle of friends and neighbors. Only two of the children of the family yet survive: Mrs. Crisman and Mrs. Addie McClain. The latter was born December 15, 1858, and on the 15th of February, 1885, she gave her hand in marriage to John W. McClain, who was born in Trough creek valley, Huntington county, Pennsylvania, March 16, 1859. He came to Illinois about 1881, and with the exception of eight years spent in Kansas, resided continuously in the vicinity of Buda. In his boyhood he became a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and lived a consistent Christian life. After an illness of about four years he passed away, July 17, 1898, leaving a widow who now resides in Buda.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Crisman was blessed with a family of six children: Tracey E., who was born December 12, 1877, and is now living in New Mexico; Howard W., born March 30, 1880; Merton A., who was born May 22, 1882, and died March 19, 1886; Myrle, who was born May 23, 1884; Ada, who was born December 21, 1889, and died June 27, 1906, and Clarence W., born November 16, 1893. The family have a pleasant home in Macon township, in the midst of a well developed farm, and in addition to this property Mr. Crisman owns a half section of land in Barnes county, North Dakota, near Litchville, which he purchased in 1901.

He exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party, and is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America. For twenty years or more he has been a school director, and has done effective work in behalf of the cause of public instruction here, believing in the employment of competent teachers and in upholding a high standard of education. He has long been a witness of the changes that have occurred in Bureau county, for when he came here Buda was but a tiny hamlet, and much of the land throughout the county was still undeveloped and unimproved. Now all has been converted into rich

and productive farms, dotted here and there with attractive and substantial homes; and all of the evidences of culture, learning and refinement, as well as of business activity known to the older east are here to be found. The Crisman family has long figured prominently as upholders of the legal and political status of the county and promoters of its intellectual and moral improvement, and in this connection William A. Crisman bears an honorable record.

#### EDMUND L. ANSTETH.

Edmund L. Ansteth is classified with the prominent farmers of Clarion township, where he owns and operates one hundred and eighty-nine acres of valuable land. He was born in this township, January 28, 1866, his parents being Jacob and Lucy (Dayton) Ansteth, the former a native of Germany and the latter of Clarion township, Bureau county. The father is now living retired in Mendota, but the mother passed away June 15, 1898. He became a resident of Bureau county in the early '50s, and at the age of twenty-six years he offered his services to the government in defense of the Union in the Civil war, becoming a member of the Fifty-second Illinois Regiment, under Captain Bowen. He followed the fortunes of his company throughout the period of hostilities, and was ever a brave and loyal soldier. He enlisted one night together with seven or other young men in the little German church in Perkins Grove, Clarion township, and was engaged in many decisive battles. After his return from the war he took up the occupation of farming, which he continuously followed until recent years, when he put aside the more active work of the fields and is now living retired.

Edmund L. Ansteth completed his education in the district schools of Bureau county, but has greatly broadened his knowledge through reading, experience and observation in later years. He has always been a great reader, and is deeply interested in educational work. He was reared to the occupation of the farm, and is today the owner of one hundred and eighty-nine acres of fine land, constituting one of the excellent farms of Clarion township. This he has secured entirely through his own efforts, his close application, and his ability to plan and perform, combined with keen discernment in everything relating to agricultural interests, have made him a prosperous farmer, and he is now classed with the leading representatives of agricultural life in Bureau county. He raises the cereals best adapted to soil and climate, and also some cattle of mixed breeds.

On the 24th of June, 1888, Mr. Ansteth was married to Miss Emma Shambaugh, who was born October 11, 1869, a daughter of Peter and Elmira (Bash) Shambaugh, both of whom were natives of Ohio. They came to Bureau county in the





early '30s, and the father began farming here in order to provide for his family. He is now living retired, however, although he and his wife still occupy the old home farm. He, too, is a veteran of the Civil war, having served with an Ohio company for three years during the period of hostilities for the preservation of the Union. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Ansteth has been blessed with six children: Roy, Arthur, Walter, Harvey, Pearl and Edith. Mr. Ansteth is a member of the Modern Woodmen camp at La Moille and of the Methodist church, associations which indicate much of the character of the man in his upright life and consideration for others.

#### SAMUEL OBERG.

Samuel Oberg, a retired farmer, residing near Princeton, still owns his farm of one hundred acres in Selby township, which is operated by his son, Selby Oberg, and also owns ten acres in Princetown township, located near the city of Princeton, on which he makes his home. He is a native of Sweden, born on the 29th of June, 1832, a son of Johannes (John) Andreas and Christina (Larson) Oberg, who were farming people in that country and died there more than twenty years ago. In their family were seven children, four sons and three daughters, of whom John and Claus Oberg, and one daughter, Mrs. Gusta Nelson, the wife of Captain Nelson, all reside in Princeton. Claus Oberg is engaged in the meat business, while John is a farmer, of Arispie township. One daughter, Mrs. Annie Fair, still makes her home in Sweden. One son, Andrew Johnson, also makes his home in Sweden and is now eighty years of age. Otto and Sarah are deceased.

Samuel Oberg was reared in his native country, where he received but limited educational advantages. In 1861 he emigrated to America, locating in Selby township, Bureau county, Illinois, where he purchased fifty acres of land which was covered with hazel brush. As his financial resources increased he added to this tract until at one time he was the owner of four hundred and ten acres, but he has since sold three hundred and ten acres, so that he now has but one hundred acres. He has always engaged in general farming, and for ten years conducted a dairy, selling milk in Princeton.

Mr. Oberg was married forty-seven years ago in Sweden to Miss Johanna Earn. Her father was a soldier in the Swedish army, and died in that country a number of years ago. Mrs. Oberg is now seventy years of age. Mr. and Mrs. Oberg are the parents of the following named: Albert, born in Sweden, has resided in Minnesota for the past twenty years, where he is engaged in general farming. He is married and has four sons and one daughter. Lavinia, born in Sweden, is a farmer, of Princetown township. He has been mar-

ried twice, and by the first marriage has one son, and by the second marriage has a son and daughter. Esther, born in Bureau county, is the wife of Alvin Johnson, a farmer, residing near La Moille, Bureau county. They have a son and daughter living. Selby, who is operating his father's farm in Selby township, was married in this county to Miss Amanda Axelson, who was born in Sweden and came to America in the fall of 1889. She is a daughter of Axel and Johanna Axelson, and the former died in Sweden in 1891, while her mother now makes her home with Mr. and Mrs. Selby Oberg. They are the parents of two daughters, Grace and Hazel, both at home. William Oberg is now in Cuba, being in the employ of the government, engaged in railroad building. He is married and has one daughter. He resided for several years in Princeton previous to going to Cuba. Ida Oberg is at home.

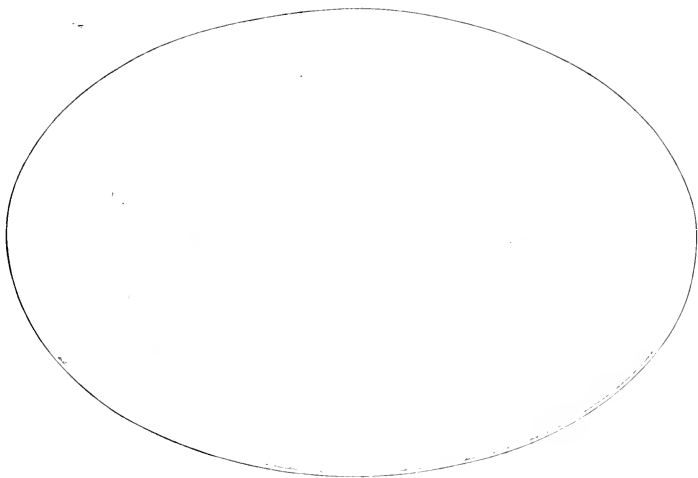
Mr. Oberg gives his political allegiance to the republican party, and holds membership with the Swedish Mission church, of which he was one of the organizers, and is one of the few surviving members of that organization. Mr. Oberg has resided in this county for forty-two years, and has helped to make it what it is today. He was for many years an active agriculturist, but since 1903 has made his home in Princetown township, where he is now enjoying a well earned rest, being one of the well known and highly respected citizens not only of that township but also of Bureau county.

#### GLENNI S. PHILLIPS.

Glenni S. Phillips is a self-made man, who, starting out in life on his own account empty handed, has accumulated a very desirable competence and is now the owner of an excellent farming property in Walnut township. He was born in this township, September 3, 1866, and is a son of Alonzo J. and Alzina Phillips. The father, a native of Warren county, Pennsylvania, was born August 28, 1833, and died October 10, 1897, at the age of sixty-four years. His wife was a native of Ohio. They became residents of Illinois in 1857, settling in Walnut township, where for many years the father successfully carried on general agricultural pursuits, there residing until 1895, when he retired from active business cares and removed to the city of Princeton, where he made his home until he was called to his final rest, and where his widow yet resides.

Glenni S. Phillips was reared on the old homestead farm, under the parental roof, amid the refining influences of a good home. His education was acquired in the Bunker Hill district school, and his training at farm labor was not meager, for at an early age he took his place in the fields and followed the plow or the harrow and later aided in the task of cultivating and of harvesting the crops.





MR. AND MRS. SAMUEL OBERG.



Throughout his entire life he has carried on general agricultural pursuits, and is now the owner of a valuable property of two hundred and twenty-two and a half acres of land on sections 28, 21 and 22, Walnut township, worth from one hundred and twenty-five to one hundred and fifty dollars per acre. This is one of the best farms of the locality, being improved according to modern ideas of agricultural progress and development. Mr. Phillips also owns one of the best threshing and corn-sheller outfits in the county, and, in fact, is regarded as one of the most prosperous and progressive farmers of his township. All modern facilities and conveniences are found upon his place, which is altogether attractive in its appearance because of the air of neatness and thrift which pervades it.

On the 31st of May, 1893, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Phillips and Miss Anna L. Dunn, who was born May 21, 1873. They have become the parents of three children: Hazel S., born September 27, 1894; Inez E., February 21, 1901, and Eva G., January 16, 1905.

Mr. Phillips gives his political allegiance to the republican party, and has served as school director for four years, but has not been active in politics in the sense of office seeking. He is, however, interested in all that pertains to national progress and local advancement, and in community affairs has taken a helpful interest. He belongs to Garrison No. 81 of the Knights of the Globe, and his wife holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal church in Walnut. They are both well known in the county where their entire lives have been passed and where they have so lived as to win and merit the good will and trust of those with whom they have been associated.

#### CHARLES W. GUNKEL.

The name of Gunkel is inseparably interwoven with the commercial history of Sheffield, and as represented by grandfather, father and son, it has always stood for business integrity and enterprise. For many years a general store was here conducted by the succeeding generations of the family, continuing from 1855 until 1900, when Charles W. Gunkel sold out, and is now living retired.

His grandfather, George Gunkel was born in Butler county, Ohio, October 16, 1814, and was a son of John and Catherine (Beakles) Gunkel, who were natives of Pennsylvania and were of German descent. George Gunkel was reared upon a farm in Ohio to the age of seventeen years, when he began learning the wheelwright's trade, which he afterward followed for nine years. He then took up carpentering, and was identified with building interests until after he came to this county. For two years after leaving Ohio he was a resident of Carroll county, Indiana, and subsequently he resided in Tippecanoe county Indiana,

until his removal to Bureau county in 1856. The following year he erected a business house for himself in Sheffield and established a general mercantile store, which he conducted until his death, making him the oldest business man of Sheffield in years of continuous connection with commercial interests. He also conducted a lumber business for a number of years, and was thus an active factor in the trade circles of the town, while his reputation in business circles placed him among the foremost of those who have the unqualified confidence of the trading public. Moreover he was both the architect and builder of his own fortunes, for he started out in life empty-handed, placing his dependence upon his energy, firm resolution and willingness to work.

George Gunkel was married in Indiana, February 24, 1837, to Miss Sarah Isley, who was born near Dayton, Ohio, while her parents were natives of Virginia and of German descent. They had two children: Daniel A. and Catherine, the latter the widow of Charles H. Boyden and a resident of Sheffield. The mother died May 14, 1885, and the father's death occurred in November of the same year.

Daniel A. Gunkel, who became his father's successor in business, was born in Indiana, July 24, 1840, and was educated in the public schools of that state and of Sheffield. He then joined his father in business, and after the latter's death conducted the store until his death, maintaining his place as a leading and representative merchant of the city. He built a two-story brick block in 1888, twenty-six by one hundred feet, upon the site of his father's store, and he kept in touch with the trend of modern progress along commercial lines. He was a valued and prominent member of Amos lodge, No. 142, A, F. and A. M., in which he filled all the chairs, and he also held membership with the Modern Woodmen of America.

Daniel A. Gunkel was married January 1, 1865, to Annie A. Blake, of Concord, New Hampshire, who was born December 11, 1845, a daughter of Charles W. Blake, a merchant of Boston, Massachusetts, and of Concord, New Hampshire. Mr. Gunkel departed his life February 23, 1895, and his wife died March 5, 1906.

Charles W. Gunkel, their only son, born September 25, 1867, was educated in the Sheffield schools and a business college at Davenport, Iowa, and thus qualified for the responsibilities of a business career he joined his father in the store, which they conducted together until the death of Daniel A. Gunkel. He was afterward with a partner for two years, at the end of which time the stock was divided and Mr. Gunkel carried on general merchandising alone until 1900, when he retired from the trade, his attention now being devoted to the supervision of his invested interests.

On the 2d of September, 1899, was celebrated the marriage of C. W. Gunkel and Miss Ada



Sophia Wood, of Sheffield, who was born July 21, 1869, a daughter of Jasper Wood, mentioned elsewhere in this work. Mr. and Mrs. Gunkel now have one child, Woodwar! William, born April 15, 1891. Mr. Gunkel is a Mason, belonging to Ames lodge, No. 112, at Sheffield, and to the chapter No. 28 and commandery No. 20, at Princeton. He is now treasurer of the lodge, having succeeded his father, who had filled the position for years. Unlike in detail and environment, owing to the changing conditions of the times, there has nevertheless been much that is similar in the lives of the three Gunkels who have been so prominently identified with the commercial activity and the growth and prosperity of Sheffield. All have been reliable, enterprising business men, interested in the development of the city to the extent of giving hearty co-operation to many movements for the public good, and they have wrought along lines worthy of emulation.

#### JOSEPH A. BRIGHAM.

Joseph A. Brigham, now living in Princeton, is a retired farmer and a representative of a pioneer family of 1832. His birth occurred in Dover township, Bureau county, in 1861, his parents being Joseph H. and Jane Elizabeth (Mercer) Brigham, the former a native of New Hampshire, and the latter of Ohio. In 1832 Joseph H. Brigham with one of his brothers and their father, Joseph Brigham, came to Putnam county, Illinois, where they lived until after the Black Hawk war. In 1833 they removed to Bureau county, where Joseph Brigham, Sr., secured a farm of one hundred and sixty acres from the government. This land is still in possession of the family, being now owned by Joseph Brigham of this review. The journey to Illinois from New Hampshire had been made by team and canal, and they were eleven weeks upon the way. Joseph H. Brigham was then a youth of ten years. The country was at that time a vast prairie and wilderness and only here and there had the seeds of civilization been planted, as some venturesome settler or pioneer had made his way through the borders of civilization in the older east and taken up his abode upon the frontier to aid in reclaiming it for the uses of the white race. Joseph Brigham, Sr., was at one time a member of the legislature in New Hampshire and was a prominent and influential citizen well fitted for leadership. He left the impress of his individuality upon the early development of this section of the state and through his farming interests contributed to its material progress. Joseph H. Brigham, reared upon the frontier amid pioneer environments, was educated in the common schools, enjoying such advantages as were to be had at that time. He spent his entire life from the age of ten years upon what is known as the old Brigham homestead and there his death

occurred October 11, 1898, when he was seventy-six years of age, for 1823 was his natal year. He became the owner of the old home farm, where his father settled, and he lived upon that place from 1835, when the house was built there, until his death. He erected the residence which is now standing and also a large brick dwelling, which is one of the finest country homes in the county. The farm is well improved and its boundaries have been extended until it now comprises three hundred acres of very rich and productive land, being considered one of the best farms of the county. It lies on sections 22, 27 and 26, Dover township, and no equipment of a model farm is there lacking. In his political allegiance Joseph H. Brigham was always a republican, unfaltering in his advocacy of the principles of the party, and he held all of the township offices, including that of supervisor. In early manhood he wedded Miss Jane Elizabeth Mercer, who came to Illinois from Ohio during the pioneer epoch in the history of this state. This union was blessed with seven children, four of whom survive, namely: Sylvester, who is retired and lives in Princeton; Mrs. Sarah Kissick, whose home is north of Princeton; Joseph A.; and Mrs. Eliza Bartley, of southern Kansas. The mother of these children died in 1851 and Mr. Brigham afterward married Carrie Dunbar, of Bureau county, Illinois. They became the parents of two children: Charles, now of Iowa; and Curtis, of Kansas.

Joseph A. Brigham, whose name introduces this record, was reared upon the home farm, completed his education in the Princeton high school and throughout his entire life has followed farming and stock-raising, with the exception of a year or two spent in Chicago, where he was engaged in the real estate business. He is a breeder of fine Hereford cattle, Jersey red hogs and fine draft horses. He employs a man upon the farm, which is located four and a half miles from Princeton, but he gives to the work his personal supervision, and is an active, energetic agriculturist of sound business judgment and progressive spirit.

In January, 1896, Mr. Brigham was married to Miss Martha Virden, a daughter of Edward Roe and Anna (Thompson) Virden. The father was born in Norwich, Muskingum county, Ohio, March 23, 1836, and is a son of Jerome and Sarah (Flaming) Virden, both of whom were natives of Ohio. The father was for years engaged in the shoe business in his native state but later became a contractor on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, doing work along the hills of the Ohio river. Upon the completion of the contract he removed with his family to Mount Pleasant, Iowa, making the journey by team, and there he and his wife died many years ago. Edward Roe Virden spent his boyhood and youth in Ohio, and in 1854 accompanied his parents on their removal to Mount Pleasant, Iowa. After a year, however, he came to Princeton on a visit to his uncle, B. Laird, a









druggist of that city, and decided to remain. He secured a situation as clerk in the hardware store of A. S. & E. C. Chapman and continued in their employ for six years. Later he purchased an interest in the store and afterward became sole proprietor, conducting the business successfully until he sold out in 1876. In 1862 he enlisted in the army for one hundred days' service as a member of Company A, Sixty-ninth Regiment of Illinois Volunteers, and was commissioned lieutenant. On the expiration of that period he returned home but in 1864 he raised a company at Princeton, which became Company A, One Hundred and Thirty-ninth Regiment of Illinois Volunteers. He was commissioned captain of this company and with the regiment was mustered into service at Peoria in June, 1864. He was actively engaged in duty in Missouri and Kentucky, following General Price, who was making a raid through those states. He served out his term of enlistment and returned home, having been mustered out in November, 1864. In 1876 Captain Virden and Captain Clark Grey purchased the controlling interest in the Farmers National Bank at Princeton, which had been organized a year or two before. Mr. Virden became president and Captain Grey cashier. The dividends of the bank had about paid for the original stock and Captain Virden surrendered his presidency in 1891. He also dealt in real estate quite largely and was the owner of between five and six thousand acres of land in Kansas and Nebraska, together with about three hundred acres in Bureau county, Illinois. Politically he was a staunch republican and was a member of the Masonic fraternity.

On the 26th of April, 1860, Mr. Virden was married to Miss Anna Thompson, of Cambridge, Ohio, and the marriage was blessed with four children, but their only son, E. L., died at the age of seventeen years. The daughters are: Nellie R., the wife of Charles Sapp, of Wyanet township, Bureau county; and Martha and Mary, twins, the former the wife of Mr. Brigham. Mr. Virden died July 29, 1901, and his widow is still living with her daughter Mary in Princeton. He was a man of excellent business capacity, reliable and straightforward in all his dealings, and in citizenship in days of peace he manifested the same loyalty which he displayed when upon the battlefields of the south.

Mr. and Mrs. Brigham have one daughter, Dorothy May, born March 18, 1898. They hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he is acting as an usher, as a member of the church board, as assistant superintendent of the Sunday school and as president of the Epworth League. He is an untiring and zealous worker in the church, doing much for its advancement, growth and influence, and his labors are effective and far reaching. In politics he is a republican and is now serving as alderman of the fourth ward in Princeton. He is a man of broad mind

and liberal thought, who recognizes that man's activities should touch the various interests of society, and he has thus become a factor in the material, political and moral progress of his community. He resides at No. 226 Elm street, in Princeton, where he owns one of the beautiful homes of the city.

#### ALBERT BONNELL.

Among the representatives of the farming interests of Bureau county is Albert Bonnell, who was born in La Moille, August 1, 1856. His parents were Silas and Mary Ann (Smith) Bonnell. The father, whose birth occurred in Bedford county, Pennsylvania, came to Bureau county in 1851, bringing with him his family. He had been married in 1842 to Miss Mary Ann Smith, also a native of Bedford county, and as the years passed ten children were born unto them, of whom Albert is the seventh in order of birth. The father and three of the sons served in the Civil war, and only one returned, the others giving their lives in defense of the Union cause upon the altar of their country.

Albert Bonnell, reared in the county of his nativity, is indebted to its public school system for the educational privileges he enjoyed in his boyhood and youth. He was early left fatherless, and in his minority his portion was largely that of hard and unremitting labor. After he attained man's estate he sought a companion and helpmate for life's journey, and was married to Miss Julia A. Craft, who was born in Stark county, Illinois, February 15, 1858, and died on the 10th of May, 1881. They became the parents of two children, of whom one died in infancy, while Mrs. Ida Ross still survives.

In order to provide for his family Mr. Bonnell followed farming, and is now the owner of one hundred and fifty and a half acres of choice land, upon which are substantial buildings, standing in the midst of fine shade trees, which add to the value and beauty of the place. His farm comprises one of the fine locations of the county, and is attractive in its neat and thrifty appearance. Mr. Bonnell is now engaged in raising Poland China hogs, and also buys and feeds cattle, using the products of his fields in this way.

He votes with the republican party, and in religious faith is a Methodist, belonging to the church of that denomination in La Moille. Truly a self-made man, he gained his start in the business world by working by the month as a farm hand, and after making purchase of land he labored diligently and persistently, allowing no obstacle to bar his path if it could be overthrown by industry and determination. He is today one of the leading and prosperous farmers of the county, and is a man trusted and esteemed by friends and neighbors. He is assessor of his township at



the present writing and has been school director for a number of years. The cause of education finds in him a warm and stalwart friend, and he withholds his support from no movement for the general good. He has ably fought life's battles and has come off victor in the strife, and to-day he possesses not only a good farming property, but also an honorable name, his record being in harmony with his professions as a member of the church.

#### JAMES WAUGH.

James Waugh is now living retired in Princeton. For many years he was one of the best known stockmen, not only of Bureau county but of central Illinois as well, and the extent and importance of his business interests in this connection gained him a place among the substantial residents of the county, bringing to him a measure of prosperity that now enables him to leave the more arduous duties of an active business career to others, while he enjoys a well earned rest.

His natal day was November 19, 1833, and the place of his birth Somerset county, Pennsylvania. His parents, James and Elizabeth Jane (Parks) Waugh, removed from West Virginia to Pennsylvania at an early day and the father served as a soldier in the war of 1812, while both the paternal and maternal grandfathers of our subject were soldiers of the Revolutionary war. On going to the Keystone state James Waugh, Sr., became interested in stage lines there in early days before the era of railroad transportation and was one of the stockholders in the old stage line operating between Philadelphia and Pittsburg. He was connected with that business there for several years and on coming to the west he brought with him some of the old stages that had been used in that section of the country. Locating in Springfield, Illinois, he operated a stage line between that city and Chicago for several years and on selling out he removed to Peru, La Salle county, Illinois, where he purchased the old National Hotel, which he began conducting. At the same time he also operated quite extensively in land, which he bought and sold. He was very successful in both lines of business for several years or until he made a large loan of twenty-two thousand dollars to an old friend, who swindled him out of this amount, so that he lost most of his earnings of former years. He still retained large landed interests but, this being unimproved property, he derived no income therefrom. He left Peru and went to Lost Grove in La Salle county, twelve miles from Peru, purchasing all of the land at that grove, where he owned an entire section. His house and another dwelling were the only ones in that vicinity and at one time Daniel Webster was entertained at the Waugh home. With characteristic energy Mr. Waugh set to work to retrieve his lost possessions, cleared his land and began

farming. He also became interested in the old plank road between Peru and Dixon and, making his home at Lost Grove, he carried on general farming and stock-raising there until his death, which occurred in 1862, while his wife survived until 1863. There were fourteen children in their family, nine of whom are now deceased. Most of them died in California save one son, who was murdered in this state. Of the five living members of the family three daughters reside in Los Angeles, California, while Rankin is engaged in the live-stock commission business in Chicago.

James Waugh, whose name introduces this record, attended the public schools of Peru, where he acquired a liberal education. After removing to Lost Grove he assisted his father on the farm and when only a boy he began dealing in stock himself, buying and trading and making shipments to the Chicago markets. As the years passed by he increased his operations in that line and engaged in business in the vicinity of his old home until 1857, when he went west to California, locating in the southern part of that state, where he was engaged in the stock business and in mining for five years. In 1862 he returned to Illinois and settled in Princeton, where he began to buy and ship stock. Also noting a good opening for a meat market in Princeton, he established a business of that character and at one time owned and conducted two markets here, employing several men in the conduct of the business. He traveled all over Bureau county and this part of the state for many years, buying cattle and other stock, and at one time was regarded as the best judge of stock in Bureau county. During this period he also owned two meat markets in Elnwood, Peoria county, Illinois, which he conducted for a few years, carrying on an extensive business in all of his retail establishments.

Mr. Waugh was married in Chicago to Miss Elizabeth Wood, a native of Wyoming county, New York, and a daughter of Lewis and Sophronia Wood, who were natives of the Empire state and in 1815 removed to Illinois. For a short time they lived in Chicago and then became residents of Dupage county, Illinois, making the overland trip with ox teams. For four years they resided upon a farm in that county and then came to Bureau county, where Mr. Wood purchased a farm in Dover township, carrying on general agricultural pursuits there until his death in 1863, at the age of forty-seven years. Mrs. Wood died in Malden at the advanced age of eighty years. She had two sons in the army, one of whom was injured at the front and died while in the hospital at Covington, Kentucky. Mrs. Wood went south to care for him, remaining across the river from Covington at Cincinnati, and while there she boarded in General Grant's home.

Mr. and Mrs. Waugh became the parents of six children, of whom two are now living. Fred, who married Ida Burns of Kankakee, Illinois, now



JAMES WAUGH.





lives in Davenport, Iowa, where he is manager of the T. A. Wood creamery. Gertrude is the wife of Henry A. Mead, manager for the International Salt Company in Chicago. Those deceased are: Grace, who died at the age of eighteen years and six months; one who died unnamed in infancy; Bertha, who passed away when eight months old; and Katie when four months old.

Mr. Waugh continued to engage in the stock business in this county until 1900, when he determined to put aside the arduous duties and labors of an active business career and live retired, but indolence and idleness are utterly foreign to his nature and he cannot content himself without some business interests. He therefore travels to some extent over the county and does a little buying and selling. He has never cared for public office nor has he held positions of political preference. He votes with the democracy where national questions are involved, but at local elections casts an independent ballot. This work would be incomplete without the record of the Waugh family, one of the most prominent of Bureau county, for during many years Mr. Waugh has been a most successful business man and a recognized leader in live-stock interests. He owns a nice home at No. 404 South Pleasant street, where he and his wife reside, and the labors of his former years make it possible for him to enjoy all of life's comforts and many of its luxuries, while his career demonstrates the possibilities of the simultaneous attainment of success and an honored name.

#### HARMON E. CURTIS.

Conducting business interests in harmony with modern ideas of commercial progress, watchful of every opportunity pointing to success, and utilizing every honorable means at hand for the development of his trade interests, Harmon E. Curtis is now meeting with merited prosperity as a dealer in lumber, building materials and coal in Tiskilwa. He has thus been identified with the commercial interests of the town since December, 1899, and is the only lumber dealer here.

One of Bureau county's native sons, his birth occurred in Sheffield in 1851, his father being James M. Curtis, now deceased. He was born at Schaghticoke, Rensselaer county, New York, August 2, 1822, a son of Daniel and Mehitabel (Masters) Curtis, also natives of the Empire state. They removed to Otsego county, New York, about 1823, but in 1837 returned to the vicinity of their old home in Rensselaer county. A farmer by occupation, Daniel Curtis followed that pursuit in order to provide a livelihood for his family, continuously carrying on the work of the fields save for the period of his service as a soldier of the war of 1812. He died in New York, while his wife passed away in Davenport, Iowa, when nearly eighty-seven years of age. In their family were

nine children: Erastus, Abraham, James M., Mark D., Harmon H., Phineas, Robert C., Maria and Cynthia C.

James M. Curtis was reared upon a farm in the Empire state, and at the age of sixteen years began working for others at a salary of seven dollars per month, which was given for the support of the family. He afterward returned to the home place and assisted in the cultivation of his father's farm until he reached the age of twenty years. His education was acquired in the public schools of New York and in the academy at West Poughkeepsie, Vermont, so that he was well fitted for teaching, which occupation he began following when nineteen years of age. The year 1818 witnessed his arrival in Illinois, at which time he located in Adams county, where he had two uncles living. For three winter seasons and one summer he was engaged in teaching school there, and in the fall of 1819 joined his brother Mark on a prospecting tour for land. They proceeded by steambout from Quincy to St. Louis and thence to Peoria, where they started on foot for a trip through Bureau county, and after choosing a location they walked to Dixon, where the government land office was located. They made their entries and thence proceeded in the same manner of travel to Quincy. Their selection was a section of land in Concord township, the claim of James Curtis covering the southeast quarter of section 18 and the southwest quarter of section 17, while his brother secured the northeast and northwest quarters of the same sections. In the spring of 1819 they had taken a trip into Iowa to see the country, walking from Quincy to Nauvoo, where they crossed the river and thence proceeded on foot to Mascoutin, where they embarked on a steamer for Quincy.

On the 15th of December, 1859, James Curtis was married to Miss Helen Maria Stevenson, who lived in Adams county, about ten miles east of Quincy. She was born in Carroll county, Maryland, February 7, 1831, a daughter of Basil D. and Henrietta (Wells) Stevenson, who came with their family to Illinois in 1837. unto Mr. and Mrs. Curtis were born six children: Alifton, now of Davenport, Iowa; Harmon E.; Jessie May, the wife of Clayton C. Pervier, of Bureau county; Charles Edgar, living on the home farm; Helen Maria, who died at the age of nineteen years, and Carrie Belle, the widow of Bradford Reid Battey, of Tiskilwa. The mother passed away November 7, 1871, and on the 9th of January, 1878, James M. Curtis married Miss Maria C. Rice, of Hannibal, Oswego county, New York. There was one son of this union, Robert Rice Curtis. In the spring of 1851 the father located upon his land, bringing with him to the county a capital of two hundred and fifty dollars. He built a small house of lumber, most of which was sawed at Stephens mill, and he occupied his first dwelling until during the period of the Civil war, when he erected the residence now standing on the place. There



he engaged in general farming and feeding stock, and his farm today is one of the best cultivated properties of Concord township. He resided continuously in that township from 1851, and became one of the extensive landholders, owning one thousand acres of fine land in Concord township and seven hundred acres in Gold township. He rose from a humble financial position until he was one of the wealthy citizens of the county, and the most envious could not grudge him his success, so honorably was it won. A republican in his political views, he served for nine years as supervisor of Concord township, and was actively and helpfully interested in many progressive public movements. He was a member of the Unitarian church of Sheffield and a man who merited and enjoyed the highest respect of all with whom he came in contact, so that his death, which occurred in July, 1902, was the occasion of deep and widespread regret. His record, however, compassed almost four score years, and his life was one of usefulness, activity and honor.

Harmon E. Curtis, educated in the schools of Sheffield, remained at home until 1886, his time and energies being devoted to farming. He then went to Union county, Iowa, where he remained for two years, after which he was engaged in the lumber business for five years at Arcadia, Nebraska. The succeeding two and a half years were passed as a lumber merchant at North Platte, Nebraska, and, returning to Arcadia, he was engaged in the banking business there for a year. In 1895 he again took up his abode at Sheffield, where he remained until his removal to Tiskilwa in 1899, when he purchased the lumber yard of B. R. Battey and has since been accounted one of the leading business men of this town. He deals in lumber, lath, doors, windows, shingles, lime and cement, as well as hard and soft coal, and is conducting an extensive and profitable business, having now a liberal patronage. He also owns two hundred and twenty acres of land in Concord township and personally gives his supervision to the operation of the farm.

Mr. Curtis was married in 1878 to Miss Jennie Moore, of Sheffield, a daughter of D. G. Moore, an old settler of Bureau county, now living with Mr. Curtis. They have two children: Mark D., twenty-six years of age, who married Clara Booth, of Sheffield, and lives in Tiskilwa with his father, and Claudia, twenty-four years of age, the wife of Claude I. Ring, a mail carrier of Tiskilwa.

Mr. Curtis is a stalwart advocate of republican principles, but has never consented to hold office. He belongs to Ames lodge, No. 155, A. F. & A. M., of Tiskilwa, also the Odd Fellows society and the Modern Woodmen camp of Sheffield, while in Tiskilwa he is identified with the Domestic Guild and the Eastern Star, and both he and his wife have taken the Rebekah degree in Odd Fellowship. They have a very wide and favorable

acquaintance, not only in Tiskilwa, but in other parts of the county, and are valued representatives of the community. In an analysis of his character it will be seen that enterprise is perhaps Mr. Curtis' dominant trait, and he is a prominent business man who has found that success is ambition's answer.

#### THOMAS E. WOOD.

Thomas E. Wood, a manufacturer of ice cream, with a factory in Princeton and one at Earlville, La Salle county, Illinois, is numbered among the native sons of this state, his birth having occurred in Boone county on the 15th of March, 1844. His father, Jacob A. Wood, was born in Canada, and became a citizen of the United States through the constitutional amendment of 1848. He was a blacksmith by trade, and for many years followed that pursuit in McHenry county, Illinois.

Thomas E. Wood lived in his native county until March, 1892, when he came to Princeton, where he has since resided. His education was acquired in the public schools, and in his youth he learned the blacksmith's trade, which he followed to the age of twenty-six years, after which he devoted fifteen years to general farming. He met with fair success in that undertaking, and on selling his farm he turned his attention to the creamery business as representative of the Elgin Creamery Company. Seeking a still broader field of labor, and one that he believed would prove more advantageous to him, he came to Princeton in the fall of 1891 and built an ice cream plant. In March, 1892, he removed to this city, and has been operating his plant since that time. In the spring of 1905 he further extended the scope of his labors by the establishment of a plant in Earlville, Illinois, and he is now conducting an extensive and profitable trade. He makes shipments to various parts of the county, and his output covers a large territory. His extensive trade is indicative of the excellent quality of his product, and he justly merits the success which is attending his efforts in this direction.

On November 10, 1869, Mr. Wood was married to Miss Isabelle Sinton, of McHenry county, Illinois, who was born in 1844. Her parents were of Irish descent, and members of the Society of Friends. In 1832 they located in McHenry county, where they took up government land and continued to make their home throughout the remainder of their lives, dying in 1892. Mr. and Mrs. Wood now have one son, Frank E., who is a painter and contractor in Grinnell, Iowa. He married Miss Nellie Morris, of Grinnell, and they have one child, Wilbur.

Mr. Wood is well known in political circles as an advocate of republican principles, and in 1899 and 1900 he represented the third ward of Princeton on the board of aldermen. He belongs to Peace lodge, No. 428, I. O. O. F., in which he has passed



all of the chairs and in the work of which he takes a very active and helpful part. He is also a leading member in the encampment, and is past grand patriarch. He has assisted in initiating more members into the lodge than any other man in Bureau county, and his identification with Odd Fellowship dates from 1886, when he joined Big Thunder lodge, No. 28, of Belvidere, Boone county, Illinois. He also joined the encampment, the canyon of Kewanee and the Rebekah lodge at Belvidere, and he is deeply interested in this fraternity and its growth and the accomplishment of its purposes. He is popular with its representatives in this part of the state, and in business circles he has made for himself an enviable name.

#### MAX PAUL SEIBEL.

Among the citizens of Bureau county whose labors have directly and largely benefited the village of Manlius is numbered Max Paul Seibel, cashier of the First State Bank of Manlius and treasurer of the New Bedford Creamery Company. He also laid out an addition to the village, whereon are found the best business houses and finest residence section, and while promoting his individual interests he has also contributed largely to general progress and prosperity.

Born in Manlius township, April 8, 1869, he is a son of J. Jacob Seibel, deceased, who was born in Freidenstein in the archduchy of Hesse, Germany, November 23, 1816. He attended school the required number of years and then assisted his father on the farm. However, after the day's work was done he would walk to the adjoining village and attend the drawing school. While yet a young man he learned engineering and for some time followed that business in his native country. In 1850 he came to the United States, but being unable to speak English he found it impossible to secure a situation as an engineer in this country and for some time was employed as a carpenter in Ohio and later in St. Louis. He then went to California, attracted by the discovery of gold on the Pacific coast, and after a successful year in the mines returned to "the states" by way of the isthmus route. He remained in Pennsylvania for a short time and was there married to Miss Priscilla P. Follet, who was born in Susquehanna county, Pennsylvania, March 4, 1828. The wedding was celebrated February 9, 1852, after which they came immediately to Bureau county, where Mr. Seibel first purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land in Manlius township, which he began to improve. Few men possessed more energy or stronger determination to win success in life, and hands and brain were constantly at work. During the war, when it was difficult to employ labor, he began inventing and experimenting on labor-saving machines and was the first to begin building harvesters to carry binders. He made them work successfully on his farm,

but it was hard to introduce new machines and before this could be accomplished others had patented after him and reaped the benefit of his genius, so that in the enterprise, instead of making money, he lost between thirty and forty thousand dollars and finally the engine and machinery were put into the plant of the Buda Manufacturing Company and after the failure of that company the machinery was sold and Mr. Seibel's estate received nothing. He was, however, successful as a farmer and stock-raiser and at the time of his death owned sixteen hundred acres of land in Bureau county. He and his son Frank were both killed in a railroad collision at Englewood, when on their way to Chicago with stock, March 11, 1880.

In the family were twelve children: Celia K., who was born February 17, 1853, and married George W. Boggs, of Glidden, Iowa; George E., who was born November 5, 1854, and married Eva McNaughton; Chloe F., born November 15, 1856; Charles H., born October 25, 1858; Fred, who was born August 6, 1860, and died at the age of six months; Frank L., born November 21, 1861; Mark B., born November 27, 1863; Clark J., born October 8, 1865; Herman M., who was born August 30, 1867, and died in August, 1868; Max P.; Jilly M., who was born November 16, 1871, and died April 8, 1875; and Karl B., born April 30, 1875.

Max P. Seibel was educated in the common schools and in Elliott's Business College, at Burlington, Iowa, which he attended until 1888. He then returned to the home farm and managed the estate until the spring of 1899, when he was appointed deputy county treasurer, entering upon the duties of the office on the 1st of July and serving until February, 1902, when he resigned and organized the First State Bank of Manlius, of which he was elected cashier on the 21st of March, 1902, the bank opening for business on the 14th of June of the same year, with William C. Dale as president. The directors are William C. Dale, Max P. Seibel, F. J. Anderson, R. A. Lathrop and W. S. Rudiger. The records of the bank present a most creditable showing, for the institution has been attended with success from the beginning, under the able management of Mr. Seibel. In other lines of business he has also been active and other enterprises have felt the stimulus of his co-operation and energy. He was secretary of the New Bedford Creamery Company until 1899, when he resigned on becoming deputy county treasurer. At the present writing he is treasurer of the creamery company. The town of Manlius owes much to his efforts for its improvement, as he has laid out a fine addition, containing seventy-seven lots, on which are four of the best brick business houses in the town as well as the finest residence portion.

Mr. Seibel was married, December 1, 1892, to Miss Emma E. Nelson, a daughter of Peter and



Ellen Nelson, farming people of Manlius township. Three children were born to them, but Pearl James and another died in infancy and the mother died March 1, 1899, leaving a son, Glee Page, born September 11, 1893.

In politics Mr. Seibel is a republican and takes an active interest in party work, desiring the success and adoption of its principles. He filled the office of town clerk for eight years and all public trusts in him have been faithfully discharged. Fraternally he is connected with the Odd Fellows lodge at New Bedford, of which he is noble grand. His entire life has been passed in this county and his enterprise and energy have proven potent factors in the progress and up-building of this community and at the same time a source of gratifying revenue to himself. All who know him esteem him and those who come within the closer circle of friendship have for him the warmest personal regard.

#### RUBERT EUGENE WEBB.

Rubert Eugene Webb, a representative of the farming interests of Bureau county, is still living in Concord, his native township, where he was born April 12, 1852. He is a son of Frank D. and Augusta M. Webb. The father, a farmer by occupation, came to Illinois in 1851, arriving at Buda on the 12th of October. He journeyed westward from his former home at Skowhegan, Maine, and here devoted his energies to general farming and stock-buying, becoming one of the leading business men of the community.

Rubert E. Webb acquired his education in the schools of Buda and has devoted his entire life to general agricultural pursuits, having received ample training in the work of the fields through the period of his boyhood and youth when not busy with his text books. The practical experience which he thus gained has proved of immense value to him as he has managed his individual business interests. He now lives in Concord township, where he operates one hundred and seventy-five acres of land, constituting a well improved and valuable property. He is a breeder of Hereford cattle and Poland China hogs.

Mr. Webb was united in marriage to Miss Grace Curtis Mosher, a daughter of B. H. and Julia Mosher, of Buda, where the father is successfully engaged in merchandising. The wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Webb was celebrated on the 4th of March, 1896, and has been blessed with one son, Frank Daniel Webb, born March 12, 1900.

In his political views Mr. Webb is a stalwart republican, taking an active interest in the work of the party in both county and state, and his efforts have been an active factor in its local successes, while his opinions have carried weight in its councils. He has acted as school director for

nine years and township director for one year. He is a prominent member of Buda lodge, No. 339, A. F. & A. M., at Buda, in which he has served as both junior and senior deacon and a junior warden. He is thoroughly in sympathy with the teachings and tenets of the craft and is recognized as one of the prominent representatives of its local lodge.

#### BENJAMIN F. WILLIAMS.

Benjamin F. Williams, deceased, was well known in trade circles in Sheffield and Bureau county as an extensive dealer in grain. He was a self-made man who met with excellent success in his undertakings, being far-sighted and possessing good business judgment. His life record began in New Jersey on the 29th of June, 1827, and in his youth he accompanied his parents on their removal to Ohio, being engaged in merchandising at McDonaldsville, that state, for a time. There he was married at the age of twenty-three years to Miss Margaret C. Palmer, the wedding being celebrated November 12, 1850. Mrs. Williams was born in Hagerstown, Maryland, September 7, 1832, but was only two years old when she accompanied her parents on their removal to Ohio, where she was reared. At the age of seventy-four years she is still hale and hearty and is an active member of the Unitarian church.

In 1852 Mr. Williams removed to the Hoosier state and for four years was engaged in merchandising at Lakesville, Indiana. At the end of that period, thinking to enjoy better business opportunities west of the Mississippi, he made his way by wagon to Iowa, and passing through Sheffield, Illinois, while en route for that state, he noted with interest the prospects of the little town. After two years spent in Iowa he returned to Sheffield and for several years dealt extensively in furs, which he bought of the Indians throughout the state. He also engaged in the boot and shoe business for a few years and then entered the grain trade, which he conducted continuously and successfully up to the time of his demise, which occurred on the 22d of December, 1894. Through his operations in grain he furnished a good market for the producers in this section of the state and he made large shipments, so that his commercial interests brought him a good financial income.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Williams were born four children: Leora A., the wife of Henry W. Booth, a merchant of Sheffield; May Arabella, the wife of William W. Dewey, a merchant of Henry; Lila, who resides at home with her mother; and Benjamin S., a grain merchant of Sheffield, who succeeded his father in business.

On the 10th of August, 1865, Benjamin F. Williams was made a Mason in Ames lodge, No. 142, of Sheffield, and became one of the most valued





B. F. Williams



members of the fraternity in this community. He took a deep interest in the work of the craft and was in thorough sympathy with its principles and teachings. In all of his business relations he was found reliable and trustworthy, never taking advantage of the necessities of his fellowmen in any business transaction. He stood, too, for good citizenship and for public progress in community affairs and his co-operation could always be counted upon for the furtherance of any movement that promised to prove of value to Sheffield and Bureau county. In his social relations he also manifested commendable traits of character, so that his death was the occasion of wide spread and uniform regret.

#### WILLIAM H. MEYER.

William H. Meyer is one of the progressive and prominent farmers of Clarion township, owning a valuable tract of land splendidly equipped with all modern improvements. His residence stands in the midst of a beautiful grove of shade trees which he planted. There is a natural gas well on the place which supplies the house with heat and light, and with telephone connection and free mail delivery there are none of the advantages of city life which are lacking, while those of a rural existence are likewise enjoyed.

Mr. Meyer was born in Clarion township, December 2, 1851, his parents being John F. and Barbara (Geuther) Meyer, both of whom were natives of Germany. The father's birth occurred at Hilla in Westphalia, Germany, October 25, 1819. In the year 1844 he became a resident of Charleston, South Carolina, and in 1847 removed to La Moille, Illinois, where he engaged in farming. In 1849 he purchased what is now known as the old homestead on which his daughter, Mrs. Kroton, with her family, now resides. There were four sons and one daughter: William H.; John C., now in Spring Hill, Whiteside county, Illinois; Henry A., of Erie, Illinois; Herman, a resident farmer of Clarion township; and Mrs. H. Kroton, who occupies the old homestead. The father died October 3, 1903, while the mother's death occurred June 24, 1866. He had continued actively in farm life up to the time of his demise.

William H. Meyer acquired his education in the public schools of his native township and in the village school of La Moille. He was reared to the occupation of the farm and has always followed general agricultural pursuits with the exception of a period of three years spent in a store in La Moille, from 1877 until 1880, and about three months passed as a clerk in a store in Juniata, Nebraska. He afterward engaged in farming for three seasons in Nebraska and later returned to Clarion township, settling on section 21, where he yet makes his home. He is actively engaged in farming and that his life

is one of industry and enterprise is indicated by the splendid appearance of his place. He is now the owner of one hundred and forty-one acres of fine land in the home farm, in addition to which he has three hundred and eighty-four acres in Nebraska and three hundred and twenty acres in Texas. He has here a beautiful residence which he built himself and the well kept lawn is adorned by many fine shade trees that were planted with his own hands. All of the buildings upon the place are model and substantial structures and there is a twenty-six pound pressure gas well which supplies heat and light to the house. There is likewise telephone connection with the surrounding towns and a daily mail delivery. The mode of living of the farmer today is in marked contrast to that of fifty years ago, when he who lived upon a farm was cut off from many of the advantages enjoyed by residents of the cities. There was also much hard manual labor in connection with the development of the fields, for nearly all of the work was done by hand. The improved machinery has revolutionized all this and every equipment and convenience of city life may now be enjoyed by the farmer. Mr. Meyer, as a progressive citizen, has secured all of these advantages for his family and has now one of the model places of the county.

Happily married December 11, 1884, the year of his return to Illinois, Mr. Meyer chose as a companion and helpmate for life's journey Miss Mary C. Krooss, who was born in La Moille township, June 14, 1867, and is a daughter of Henry and Sophia (Weigmann) Krooss, both of whom were natives of Germany, the former born in Bederkesa and the latter in Hanover. The paternal grandfather was born in the same country October 30, 1795, and lived to be nearly ninety-seven years of age, dying on the 19th of July, 1892, in La Moille, while making his home with his son. He lived with a son in New York city from 1867 until 1872, but preferring country life he came to La Moille. When a youth of seventeen years he served as a soldier of the war of 1812 and throughout his entire life his soldierly bearing and carriage were manifest in marked degree. To the end he remained as erect as when he was in military training. Henry Krooss, father of Mrs. Meyer, came to the United States in 1861, landing in New York city, where for one year he engaged in clerking in his brother's store. He then came to the middle west and settled in Bureau county and engaged in farming. The following year he was joined by his wife and they lived with their family upon the farm for about three years. On the expiration of that period they removed to Mendota, Illinois, where they remained for a year and subsequently they took up their abode in La Moille, where Mr. Krooss purchased the brickyard which he owned and conducted up to the time of his death, passing away November 5, 1886. His wife continued



the business until her demise on the 1st of October, 1901. In their family were two sons and two daughters: Mrs. Meyer; Ferdinand C. Krooss, now in Triumph, Minnesota; Mrs. Henrietta P. Brown, living at Maple Park, Illinois; and Henry H., who occupies the old home at La Moille and is engaged in the conduct of the brickyard at one time owned by his father.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Meyer have been born four daughters: Alma Henrietta, born December 6, 1885; Eda Justina, July 4, 1887; Leola Catharina, April 14, 1890; and Renetta Marie, November 16, 1891. The family circle yet remains unbroken, the daughters being still under the parental roof. Mr. Meyer and his family are all members of the German Lutheran church and they are people of social prominence, occupying an enviable position in the community where they reside.

Politically Mr. Meyer is a stalwart republican and is entirely satisfied with the administration of the party. He has held the office of tax assessor for three years and for fifteen years was school director in Clarion township. His official duties have been discharged with promptness and fidelity and in all life's relations he is recognized as a man of genuine personal worth, meriting the esteem which is so uniformly extended him. He represents one of the old and prominent families of the county and well deserves mention in this volume.

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#### NATHAN RACKLEY.

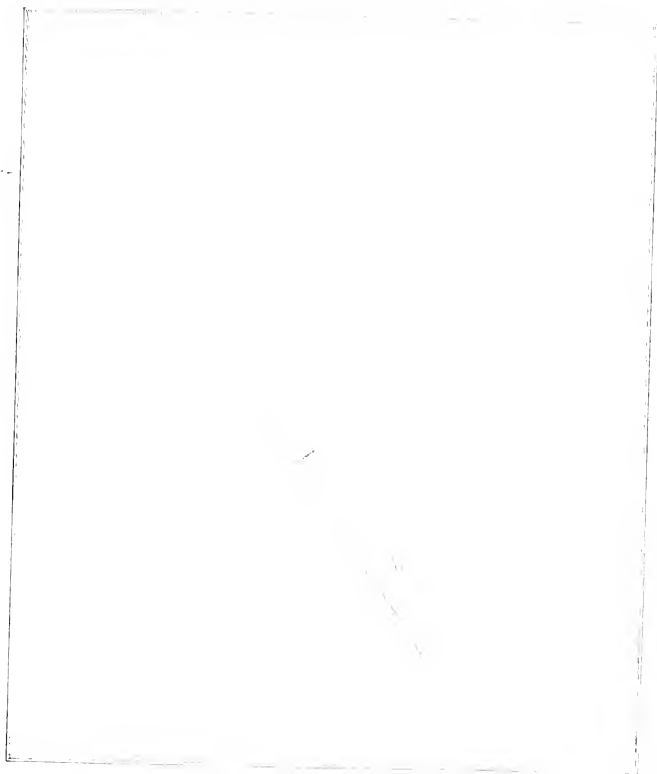
Nathan Rackley, deceased, was a valued and prominent factor in pioneer life in this county, and the history would be incomplete without mention of him. Born in Orange county, Vermont, on the 15th of December, 1800, he was reared in New England, and while still living in the place of his nativity was married to Miss Susan Judd, who was also born in Orange county, March 6, 1801. The wedding was celebrated on the 25th of January, 1820, and after living for a number of years in the Green Mountain state they came to Illinois in the spring of 1836. A few Indians still lingered in this part of the state, although the greater number of the red men had left after the Black Hawk war. Much of the land, however, was still unclaimed and uncultivated, and was covered with its native prairie grasses. Mr. Rackley secured a tract of land in Berlin township and remained upon the farm, which he there developed and cultivated, until called to his final rest. He and his wife were among the earlier pioneers, and experienced the hardships incident to the establishment of a home on the frontier. There were many hardships to be met, difficulties to be overcome and obstacles to be borne. The Indians would frequently visit the neighborhood and demand food of the white settlers. There were many

wild prairie wolves, and on more than one occasion Mrs. Rackley, who was renowned as one of the bravest women of this part of the country, stood with an axe to protect herself from the wild animals. It is said that she could light a prairie fire with any man in the county, and it was necessary to do so at times, for the fires would break out in the dry prairie grasses in the late fall and hazard the safety of the homes and settlers. In 1837 it became necessary for Mr. Rackley to return to New York to settle up an estate which he left there. He was gone so long that his wife became alarmed and the supply of provisions ran low. Starvation seemed to stare the family in the face, but Mrs. Rackley with resolute spirit faced the situation and fanned out a bushel of wheat by hand, after which she took it to the old red mill that then stood on the bank of Bureau creek, but is now no more. The miller told her that he could not grind her wheat that day. That was more than she could stand, and the resolute woman broke down in tears. Seeing her necessity, the miller then ground her wheat the next hour, so home she went with the flour that meant so much to the family, for they had had nothing to eat for several days. In those pioneer times Phebe Rackley on many an occasion would go a mile for coals in order to light the fire. There were no matches, and if the fire would go out they would have to borrow a little fire from a neighbor in order to again start the flame in their own fireplace. They used for light at that time a piece of rag in a dish of grease. All of the farm work was done by hand, and there were many hardships and privations to be borne, but the family resolutely set to work to overcome these, and in course of time prospered.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Rackley were born four children, two sons and two daughters: George, Louisa, Nathan F. and Phebe A. Of these only two are now living: Mrs. D. K. Morris and George.

The father was a prosperous farmer, and at the time of his death owned a good tract of land of one hundred and twenty acres, which had been cultivated and improved through his own labor. He kept in touch with the spirit of modern progress as manifest in agricultural development. In his later years, when he became enfeebled, both he and his wife went to live in the home of their daughter, Mrs. Morris, and from there were laid to rest, the latter passing away on the 14th of June, 1892, while the death of Mr. Rackley occurred on the 25th of April, 1894, when he was ninety-four years of age. He was one of the most venerable citizens as well as one of the earliest settlers of the county, and as such was everywhere respected and honored. The strong traits of his character had won for him the confidence and good will of all, and wherever he was known he was highly esteemed. His political allegiance was given to the republican party. The home ever

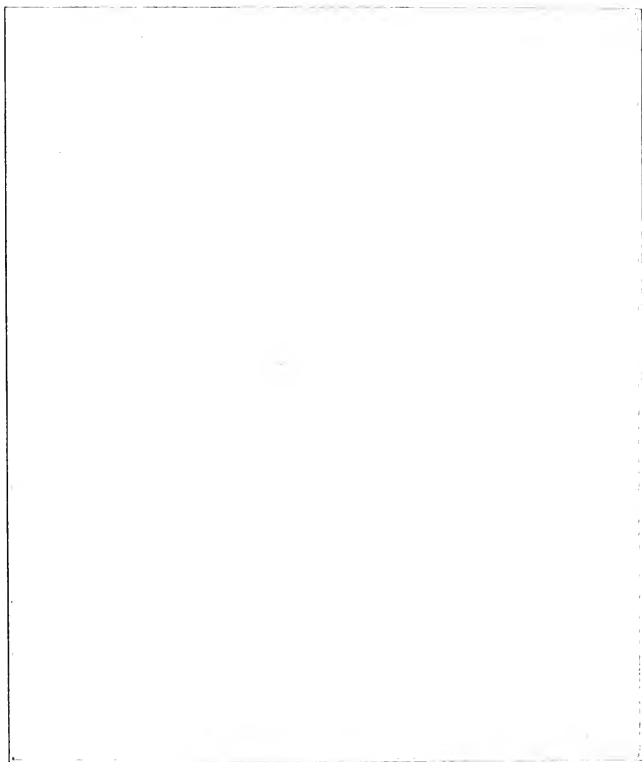




NATHAN RACKLEY.







MRS. NATHAN ROCKLEY.



abounded with the old-time spirit of frontier hospitality, and was ever open for the reception of the ministers of different denominations who visited the county, and who always received a warm welcome there. Mr. Rackley was not only a witness of, but was actively associated with, many events which have left their impress upon the history of the county in its development and up-building, and he was especially helpful in reclaiming the wild land for the uses of civilization when the county was converted from a frontier district into a region of rich fertility, constituting one of the leading counties of the commonwealth.

#### ZOPHER PHILEMON HUMPHREYS.

Zopher Philemon Humphreys, deceased, was born in St. Joseph, Michigan, October 13, 1831, and came to Sheffield, Illinois, about 1848 ere the town was organized. He was then a young man of seventeen years and for about three years he engaged in farming. When the railroad was extended as far as Sheffield he became a fireman on the engine and was thus employed until about 1855, when he invested his earnings in a farm of eighty acres near Sheffield. He also bought teams and began the development and improvement of that property, which he cultivated until the early '60s, when he sold out and bought three hundred acres of land in Mineral township. Upon the latter farm he continued to reside until 1894, when he disposed of that place and invested in three hundred and forty acres in Mineral township, whereon he resided until 1905, when he rented that place and bought an eighty acre tract adjoining Mineral, ten acres being within the corporation limits. Here he built a residence and made it his home until his death. He was a wide-awake and energetic agriculturist, keeping in touch with modern methods of farm work, and his well tilled fields brought forth generous harvests, his indefatigable energy constituting the basis of his success.

On the 13th of December, 1861, Mr. Humphreys was married to Miss Mary Marrilla Case, a daughter of Gilbert and Martha (Wright) Case, who came from Ohio to Bureau county in 1850, establishing their home in Sheffield. Unto Mr and Mrs. Humphreys were born the following children: William Walter, who was born January 5, 1863, is a carpenter and farmer living in Montana. Charles Edwin, born January 25, 1867, and now following farming, was married January 6, 1896, to Miss Amelia Gingrich, a daughter of Otto Gingrich, a farmer. Dora May, born August 1, 1870, was married October 30, 1893, to William B. Carr, of Sheffield. Effie Emeline, born January 5, 1873, became the wife of Owen Meeks, a farmer of Sheffield, on the 11th of September, 1891. Frederick Lee, born June 26, 1878, is engaged in general agricultural pursuits. Hiram

Franklin, born January 15, 1884, is a farmer and was married April 4, 1905, to Ada, daughter of John Riley, of Mineral township, and they have one child, Wilber. Opal Blanch, born October 13, 1887, died on the 15th of February, 1888.

The death of the husband and father occurred July 11, 1906, and was the occasion of deep and widespread regret among his many friends as well as to his immediate family. He served as school director and was also road commissioner and he gave not only approbation but heart co-operation to many progressive public movements. He stood as a leader in agricultural progress and was one of the foremost farmers of the county. He brought the first traction engine and thrasher into his township and carried on his business interests so carefully and ably that he soon ceased to be a renter and as the years passed added to his holdings until he had a very valuable and well improved farm. Mr. Humphreys was a self-made man and the first forty acres of land which he purchased he gave to his father in order to prevent him from moving farther west in order to get cheap land. He then went to work to make a new start and at length prosperity came to him. He always abided by the golden rule and was highly respected by all who knew him. His wife is still living and continues to enjoy good health.

#### C. F. OLSON.

It is ever a matter of wonder the progress made by foreign-born citizens in America who, coming to this country without knowledge of the language, customs or habits of the people, readily adapt themselves to altered conditions, improve their opportunities and work their way steadily and rapidly upward until they occupy foremost positions in the various communities in which they live. To this class of citizens belongs C. F. Olson, now numbered among the representative residents of Arispie township, Bureau county.

Born in Sweden in 1817, he is a son of Olaf and Christine Erison, who were born and died in Sweden. The son acquired his education in the public schools of his native country, and, realizing that the chances for advancement were comparatively few in his native land, he resolved to enjoy the broader opportunities furnished by the new world, and in 1867, when twenty years of age, came to the United States, making his way direct to Princeton. For two years he was employed as a farm hand and afterward occupied a position in the plow factory in Princeton for eight years. In the meantime he had become owner of a house in Princeton, which he traded for forty acres of land in Arispie township. He afterward traded his farm for a tract of eighty acres, which he later sold and then bought a one hundred acre farm upon which he now resides, in 1896. He has pro-



tically made all of the improvements here and has equipped his place with the modern accessories and conveniences which go to facilitate farm work and render rural life pleasant.

In 1869 Mr. Olson chose a companion and helpmate for life's journey, being married in that year to Miss Anna Matilda Johnson, who was born in Sweden. They became the parents of seven children, of whom Simon, the eldest, was killed in Kansas City, Missouri, while engaged on the construction of an elevator. The others are Oscar, Selma, Henry, Jennie, Hulda and Joseph.

In his political views Mr. Olson is independent, and although he is not neglectful of the duties of citizenship he has never sought or desired office, preferring to aid in the advancement of public progress as a private citizen. He belongs to the Swedish Baptist church and is interested in all that pertains to the material and moral improvement of the community. His is a notable and creditable record. He landed in New York without capital or friends, ignorant of the language and customs of the people. In his need, however, he met a fellow countryman who was coming to Princeton and they journeyed together, reaching their destination five days after leaving New York. In the early years Mr. Olson had a hard struggle, but he has conquered and is today one of the substantial representatives of farming interests in the county. His industry, native intelligence and unflinching honesty have been strong elements in his success and he has worked his way steadily upward from a humble position to one of affluence, and his fine farm is the visible evidence of his life of thrift and industry. He has seen many changes in the county during the years of his residence here and no native son is more loyal to its interests or takes more genuine delight in its growth and development than does C. F. Olson.

#### MICHAEL F. COFFEY.

Michael F. Coffey, owning an interest in a valuable farm of one hundred and seventy-three acres, situated in Berlin township, Bureau county, was born December 3, 1814, in the county which is still his home. His parents are Michael and Ellen (Campon) Coffey, both natives of Ireland, whence they emigrated to America in early life and were married in Illinois. In their family were six children, of whom two daughters and the subject of this review still survive, while three have passed away, and the father is also deceased.

Michael F. Coffey, the only surviving son of the father's family, was educated in the common schools of Bureau county, and on putting aside his text-books engaged in farming, the occupation to which he had been reared. He is making his home with his mother and sisters on a farm of one hundred and seventy-three acres of val-

able farming land situated in Berlin township, in which estate he has an interest. Here he engages on general agricultural pursuits, raising the products best adapted to soil and climate. On the place are found many modern improvements, and he keeps everything in excellent condition, so that the farm is one of the best in Berlin township. He displays splendid ability in the management of his business affairs, so that he not only derives individual benefit but also adds to the financial resources of his mother and sisters, to whom he gives every care and attention.

Mr. Coffey gives his political support to the democracy, and socially is connected with the Knights of Columbus, while in religious faith he is a communicant of the Roman Catholic church. He has ever been honest and straightforward in his business dealings, and by careful management of his farming interests has made this place one of the best properties of Berlin township. He is a noble young man, devoted to the comfort and welfare of his mother and sisters, and he is one of the most respected citizens in Bureau county, where his entire life has been passed, and where he has numerous friends and acquaintances.

#### GEORGE T. NELSON.

George T. Nelson, deceased, in whose death the community lost a representative and valued citizen, was a native of England, having been born in Manchester, September 27, 1811. He was a son of James Nelson, who died in that country. In the year 1844 the subject of this review came to America with his uncle and in 1855 became a resident of Illinois, locating on a farm of two hundred acres on section 7, Indiantown township, Bureau county, where he spent his remaining days and where his widow now makes her home, having lived here since 1863.

Mr. Nelson married Miss Sarah M. Kohn, who was born in Wayne county, Ohio, a daughter of Dr. Joseph S. Kohn, a native of Pennsylvania, who came with his family to Illinois in 1851 and located in Tiskilwa. He practiced his profession in Tiskilwa for several years and then removed to Stark county, where he spent his remaining days, passing away there in 1886. His wife survived him for ten years and departed this life in 1896.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson was blessed with ten children, five sons and five daughters, all of whom are yet living, namely: William J., who married Lila Evans and resides in Texas; Lizzie B., the wife of W. A. Caldwell, a resident of Tennessee; Minnie J., the wife of Willis Marshall, living in Sioux City, Iowa; Frank G., who is a traveling sub-man from Chicago; Nellie B., the wife of Warren Grange, of Wheatland township, Bureau county; Clifton H., at home; Fred



*George F. Wilson*





I. who makes his home in Chicago and is the inventor of the scenic aerial tramway used in parks, etc.; Sarah B., at home; Thomas K., who is now in business with his brother Fred in Chicago; and Grace M., who is the wife of George Putnam, chief electrician of the Hotel Belmont, New York city.

Throughout his active business career Mr. Nelson carried on general agricultural pursuits and brought his farm under a high state of cultivation. He was one of the early residents of Bureau county and aided in its substantial improvement, continuing an active supporter of those measures and movements which he deemed of public good up to the time of his death. For many years he served as school director and took great interest in educational matters pertaining to the public schools. He passed away January 22, 1896, in the faith of the Congregational church of Providence, of which he was an officer. His wife is also a member of that church. He was deeply interested in the moral development of his community and ever stood for all that is just, true and right. Mrs. Nelson is a most pleasant woman and has reared a family of which she has every reason to be proud. Her son, Clifton H., remains upon the home farm, which he operates for his mother, and they have a beautiful country property with good buildings and well tilled fields, the residence being supplied with all the comforts and many of the luxuries of life.

#### FRANK C. THACKABERRY.

Frank C. Thackaberry is a prominent farmer and breeder of thoroughbred Poland China hogs, shorthorn cattle and Oxford Down sheep. He resides on his well equipped and finely improved farm on section 9, Fairfield township, and has thus been engaged in business here since 1885, with the exception of three years spent in California. A native of Pennsylvania, he was born in Chester county in 1859, and is a son of Israel and Ruth Anna (Stanley) Thackaberry, who were natives of Pennsylvania, where they spent their entire lives. The father was a contractor and builder, and for many years was identified with building operations in Chester county. He was a son of Henry Thackaberry, whose grandfather was a soldier in the Napoleonic wars and who came to America from Ireland. Taking up his abode in Pennsylvania, he there followed the occupation of farming and reared his family. Unto Israel and Ruth Anna Thackaberry were born twelve children, of whom the following are living: Milton, Mrs. Lizzie Albright, Mrs. Florence Adams, Mrs. Lou Davis and Mrs. Lorena Morris, all of Coatesville, Pennsylvania; Norman G., who is living in Philadelphia; Harry C., a resident of Grants Pass, Oregon, and J. W., of Princeton.

The other surviving member of the family is

Frank C. Thackaberry, of this review, who was reared and educated in Pennsylvania, and, after completing the common school course, he learned and followed the milling business for four years. He then came to the middle west, for a consideration of the business outlook led him to believe that he might have better opportunities in this section of the country. For some time after his arrival in Bureau county he was engaged in mechanical pursuits, devoting four years to such work in this county and in California. For twenty years, however, his attention has been largely given to general farming and stock-raising, and he is now one of the prominent agriculturists and breeders of thoroughbred stock in Fairfield township. His home is pleasantly and conveniently located on section 9, and there he tills the soil, bringing forth good crops, while at the same time he is extensively engaged in breeding and raising thoroughbred Poland China hogs, shorthorn cattle and Oxford Down sheep. At the fair held in this county in 1906 he made five entries and carried off five ribbons, all being first premiums on the sheep which he exhibited. His flock is headed by an undefeated buck that carried all first honors in Michigan from the time that he was placed on exhibition. Mr. Thackaberry also keeps about two hundred head of Poland China hogs and about fifty head of sheep, keeping only the highest grade stock. His farm is thoroughly equipped with all modern accessories and conveniences, his buildings being specially arranged for the care of his fine stock, and throughout the county it is regarded as one of the model farms.

Mr. Thackaberry was married in 1882, before going to California, the lady of his choice being Miss Alvaretta Thackaberry, a daughter of Marcus Thackaberry, who is mentioned elsewhere in this volume. She was born in Fairfield township, and by her marriage has become the mother of five children, of whom two were born in California. Frank is now preparing for the ministry at Eureka (Illinois) College, and has been engaged in teaching, and filled a professorship at Big Rock, Illinois. Wayne died in 1893, at the age of eight years. Mamie V. is attending college in De Kalb, Illinois. Harold, who was born in California, died in 1893, when sixteen months old. Forrest G., who was born in Fairfield township, is at home. The family has resided continuously in Fairfield township since 1892, and in the intervening years Mr. Thackaberry has given undivided attention to his stock-breeding and raising interests, which he has very successfully controlled, being recognized now as one of the leading stockmen of this part of the state. He has a new residence upon his farm, and it is a most splendidly improved place. He has served in various local offices, and was a candidate of the prohibition party for state legislature, at which time he made a good run. Socially he is connected with the Modern Woodmen of America and with the Mystic Workers. They are also mem-



bers of the Christian church. Mr. Thackberry is public-spirited and recognizes the duties and obligations of citizenship and at the same time finds pleasure in aiding in support of the measures and movements which he deems of benefit to the county. His life is illustrative of the fact that prosperity and an honored name may be won simultaneously, for while gaining success in an active business career he has at the same time so directed his affairs that naught is said against his integrity and the methods which he pursues in conducting his business interests.

#### SIDNEY W. SCOTT.

Sidney W. Scott, engaged in general farming and stock-raising in Neponset township, was born in Henry county, Illinois, August 29, 1857. His parents were Robert and Deborah (Dunfee) Scott. The father, a native of Jefferson county, Ohio, was born January 10, 1825, and is now living in Neponset. His parents were John and Nancy (Crouch) Scott, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of Maryland. They died, however, in Jefferson county, Ohio. The great-grandfather of our subject was James Scott.

Robert Scott had but meager educational privileges, spending only six months in a schoolroom, but his desire for knowledge has been satisfied by constant reading and he has become a well informed man. He was reared in his native county and at the age of twenty-two years enlisted in the American army, serving for six months in the Mexican war. He then returned to Ohio and lived for five and a half years in Washington county. On the 31st of October, 1852, he married Deborah A. Dunfee, who was born at Torch, Athens county, Ohio, March 21, 1835, a daughter of Thomas and Sarah (Stiles) Dunfee. They became residents of Illinois in October, 1851, making the journey from Ohio by wagon and settling near Kewanee. There Mr. Scott followed farming for about three years, after which he removed to Neponset township, where he purchased one hundred and twenty acres which he afterward sold and then purchased three hundred and sixty acres of land, carrying on general farming and stock-raising. He continued actively in the business until 1880, when he retired with a handsome competence, gleaned from his labors as the years passed by. He has since enjoyed a well earned rest at his home in Neponset, where he is widely and favorably known. His political support was given the republican party until Grant's second term, since which time he has voted with the democracy. His life illustrates the fact that success may be achieved by determined and unflinching diligence, for in that way Mr. Scott overcame all the difficulties and obstacles in his path and steadily worked his way upward until prosperity rewarded him. The family numbers two sons and two daughters: Melvin O.;

Sidney W.; Laura A., the wife of T. N. Bennett, and Josephine R., the wife of Edward F. Norton.

Sidney W. Scott pursued his education in the public schools of Neponset and was reared to the work of the fields, early becoming familiar with all the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. At the age of twenty-one years he started in life on his own account as a farmer and in 1882 he bought one hundred and twenty acres of land. In 1888 he purchased one hundred and sixty acres and in 1897 made purchase of one hundred and twenty acres, while on the 28th of August, 1906, he became owner of three hundred and twenty acres of land in Manitoba, thirty-nine miles from Winnipeg, Canada. He has always carried on general farming and stock-raising and has been well known as a stock-buyer and feeder of cattle, feeding from eighty to one hundred head of cattle annually and sometimes as high as one hundred and fifty head per year. He also feeds about three carloads of hogs each year and in former years he engaged in raising sheep, keeping at one time from two hundred to two hundred and twenty-five head upon his place. His business interests have been carefully conducted and he has become known as one of the leading stock-dealers of the county.

On the 23d of February, 1882, Mr. Scott was married of Miss Elizabeth Batdorff, who was born in Neponset township, January 26, 1861, a daughter of Michael and Sarah (Norton) Batdorff. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Scott have been born the following named children: Lucy, born March 6, 1884; Robert A., June 4, 1886; Albert E., January 23, 1893; Nellie M., September 28, 1894; Blanche, September 28, 1896; and Velma, August 10, 1898. They also lost one child in infancy.

In politics Mr. Scott is independent, voting for men and measures rather than party, but he has little time or opportunity for political work, preferring to give his attention to his business interests. He is justly regarded as one of the foremost farmers and stock-raisers of Neponset township, for his business has now reached extensive proportions and in its control he shows keen discernment and marked enterprise.

#### EDWARD H. MARRIOTT.

Edward H. Marriott is proprietor of a meat market in La Moille, his native village. He was born February 28, 1869, and is of English lineage. He was one of two children whose parents were Henry and Jane (Perry) Marriott, natives of England, who came to the United States in 1857 and settled in La Moille township, Bureau county, Illinois. The other child of the family died at the age of six years. The father is living at Kearney, Nebraska, but the mother passed away November 25, 1878.



The boyhood days of Edward H. Marriott were quietly passed, unmarked by any event of special importance. The duties of the schoolroom and the pleasures of the playground occupied his attention, his education being acquired in La Moille. After leaving school he entered into the meat market business and has since continued in this line, being now proprietor of a good establishment of this character. It is well equipped in its various appointments for the care and preservation of meat and his shop is at all times neat and well conducted, so that he has a liberal patronage. His business methods are so strictly honorable and straightforward that he enjoys the confidence of the entire public and his trade is in consequence continually growing.

On the 17th of September, 1881, Mr. Marriott was married to Miss Sarah E. Lingel, of Sterling, Illinois, who was born in Pennsylvania, June 10, 1862, and was brought to Illinois when only two years of age by her parents, John and Frances (Finafrock) Lingel, who were likewise natives of the Keystone state, born in Franklin county. In their family were six children, of whom Mrs. Marriott was the youngest. Her girlhood days were passed in this state and her education was acquired in the schools of Sterling. Three children have graced this marriage, Perc, Ned and Beth. The second son is now in the state of Washington, while the elder son and the daughter yet remain at home.

Mr. Marriott in his fraternal relations is connected with the Mystic Workers Lodge, No. 227, at La Moille, and since casting his first presidential ballot for Rutherford B. Hayes, of Ohio, he has been a stalwart republican in his political association. He owns in La Moille an attractive home and six acres of land, also a brick business block, in which he conducts his market, and other property. He had no special advantages at the outset of his career, but he stands today among the leading business men of La Moille, having a good patronage, while in his township he is known as a man of kindly and genial disposition, whose deference for the opinions of others and whose genuine personal worth have gained him the confidence and goodwill of a large circle of friends and acquaintances.

#### JAMES S. FULLER.

James S. Fuller, engaged in general agricultural pursuits, who in former years gained more than local reputation as a school teacher and is now making a creditable record in farming circles, resides in Ohio township. His birth occurred in Geneseo, Illinois, on the 27th of January, 1861, his parents being Charles and Catharine (Brady) Fuller. The father was born in Ithica, New York, and came to Illinois in 1829 when all the northern section of this state was an almost uninhabited

district, giving little promise of its present development and progress. He married Miss Brady, a native of Pennsylvania, and of their family of nine children James S. was the sixth in order of birth.

No event of special importance occurred to vary the routine of farm life for James S. Fuller in his early boyhood days. He pursued his preliminary education in the public schools of Henry county and afterward enjoyed the advantage of instruction in the Northwestern Normal school at Geneseo, Illinois. When his student life was ended he became a teacher and for ten years followed that profession with excellent success, proving an able representative of the system of public instruction in this part of the state. He was an excellent disciplinarian and, moreover, had the ability to impart clearly and concisely to others the knowledge that he had acquired. His entire attention is now given to general agricultural pursuits and he owns eighty acres of land which was the old homestead property of Mrs. Fuller. The farm is now well improved, the fields being richly cultivated and divided into tracts of convenient size by well kept fences. The buildings are in good repair and everything about the place is indicative of the careful supervision and practical methods of the owner.

On the 3d of April, 1889, James S. Fuller was married to Miss Ella Haines, who was born in Bureau county, July 3, 1868. She, too, completed her education in Northwestern Normal at Geneseo, Illinois. Her parents were A. J. and Julia (Williams) Haines, natives of Maine and of Pennsylvania respectively. They became early pioneer residents of Bureau county, settling here in 1835, at which time they cast in their lot with the citizens of Ohio township. Both, however, are now deceased. In their family were four children, of whom Mrs. Haines is the third in order of birth. The marriage of our subject and his wife has been blessed with a son and daughter: Albert A., born May 14, 1894; and Mildred G., born March 30, 1900.

Regarding it the duty as well as the privilege of every American citizen to support the political principles which he believes are most conducive to general good and the best government, he gives a loyal support to the republican party. Fraternally he is connected with lodge No. 61, Knights of the Globe, and he and his family are members of the Methodist church, in the work of which he is interested, while to its support he contributes liberally. The family are now comfortably situated in life and Mr. Fuller is deserving of credit for what he has accomplished in the business world. He had little assistance when he started out on his own account, but he realized that the essential qualities of success are close application, unflinching perseverance and trustworthiness, and upon that foundation he has built the superstructure of his present prosperity. He is an ad-



vocate, too, of education and of all those things which promote esthetic, intellectual and moral culture and his influence is ever on the side of the right, the true and the beautiful.

#### LE ROY HUDSON REED.

Le Roy Hudson Reed, whose name is now on the roll of Bureau county's honored dead, was born in Perry county, Ohio, July 13, 1841, and belonged to that class of citizens who are true and loyal to public interests and who in private life manifest many sterling traits of character. His father, the Rev. John Reed, was a native of Massachusetts and a minister of the Methodist Episcopal church. With his family he removed to Grant county, Wisconsin, in 1851, and there lived for ten years, coming thence to Bureau county, Illinois, in 1861, where he spent his remaining days. His political views were in accord with republican principles.

Le Roy Hudson Reed was educated in the common schools and was reared amid the refining influences of a good Christian home, so that the seeds of honorable manhood were early planted in his mind through the training and teaching which he received under the parental roof. On the 7th of August, 1866, he wedded Miss Sarah F. Britton, who was born in Mason county, Illinois, May 20, 1846. She was one of the eleven children of Deacon Andrew and Eunice (Benjamin) Britton. Her mother was from Allegany county, New York, and her father came to Bureau county from Mason county, Illinois, in 1850, accompanied by his family. He lived upon his farm until 1872, when he retired from active business life and took up his abode in Bradford. Both he and his wife have now passed away. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Reed were born eight children, six daughters and two sons, all of whom are yet living. Adda E. married John M. Christman, a farmer and stockman living in Nevada, Iowa, and has one daughter. Stella is the wife of Baxter Sharp, a dentist of Mendota, Illinois, and has three sons. Cora Etta is the wife of George Smith, a farmer of Marshall county, Illinois, and they have one son and one daughter. Sarah Grace, Dorlesque J., M. Viola and Frank B. are all at home; and Clark L., the youngest of the family, is attending college at Ames, Iowa. There is also an adopted son, Christopher King, who studied law in Chicago and has now practiced his profession for seven or eight years with offices in the New York Life Building in Chicago. Before taking up the profession of the law he taught school for several years and he is a young man of strong intellectual force and ability. He married Lottie Dutton, of Chicago, September 15, 1906.

During an active life Le Roy H. Reed became the owner of the land upon which his father first settled on coming to Bureau county and always

lived upon the old home place. He had altogether three hundred and twenty acres in Milo town ship, where he now resides, and he improved the farm, making it a nice property equipped with all modern conveniences and accessories. It is located on section 31 and about three miles east of Bradford. The farm work is now conducted by their son Frank, who is extensively engaged in the raising and feeding of cattle, horses and hogs and also buys and sells stock.

Politically Mr. Reed was an earnest republican, believing firmly in the principles of the party. He served as school director and road commissioner and was an active member of the Methodist Episcopal church at Bradford, of which he served as trustee for many years. He was deeply interested in the material, intellectual and moral progress of his community and he stood for all that is right and just in man's relations with his fellowmen and for all that tends to ameliorate the hard conditions of life for the more unfortunate ones of the world. His good qualities were so many and his friendships so sincere that he was well liked by all and his death, which occurred April 29, 1906, was the occasion of deep and widespread regret. His widow still resides upon the old homestead and has many friends in the community.

#### THOMAS EARL VAUGHN.

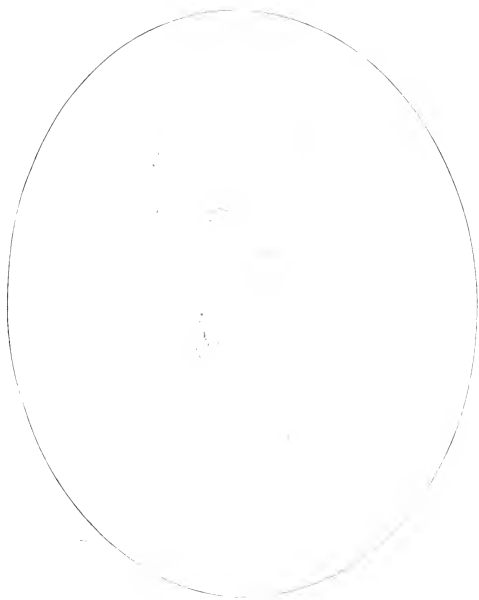
Thomas Earl Vaughn, deceased, was a man whom to know was to respect and honor, and in Bureau township, where he had very wide acquaintance, his memory is cherished by many friends. He was born at New Bedford, Massachusetts, in July, 1832, a son of Sullman and Lucinda (Washburn) Vaughn, both of whom were natives of the old Bay state. On leaving New England they located in Zanesville, Ohio, and removed thence to Bureau county, Illinois, where they arrived when their son, Thomas E., was a young man of eighteen years. This was about 1850 and through almost a half century he remained a resident of the county, identified with its agricultural interests.

On the 6th of November, 1855, Mr. Vaughn was united in marriage to Miss Lydia J. Hollingshead, a daughter of Thomas and Sarah Hollingshead. Her father's death occurred in this county and her mother passed away in the spring of 1891. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn was blessed with a family of twelve children: Lewis, John A., Nathan F., Julia A., Lillian M., Thomas C., Emma J., Fannie E., Maggie S., Earl S., Verna V. and Nellie L. The daughters Lillian and Maggie, are now deceased.

As the years passed by Mr. Vaughn became the owner of a valuable farm property comprising one hundred and sixty acres of land, in addition to which he owned fifty acres of timber land. This, however, did not comprise the extent of his







THOMAS E. VAUGHN.



acreage, for as his financial resources increased he made judicious investments in property and during his life time owned five hundred and thirty acres, being one of the large landholders of this part of the county. He also engaged in merchandising in the town of Wyanet for a number of years, dealing in hardware and clothing and afterward in groceries. He secured a liberal patronage in his store, owing to his earnest efforts to please his customers, his reasonable prices and his straightforward dealings. He was a man of good business capacity and of executive force and his labors resulted in the acquirement of a very handsome competence. He was always interested in matters relating to the general welfare and though he never sought or desired public office he kept well informed on issues of the day and generally gave his support to the republican party. He did not consider himself bound by party ties, however, and frequently cast an independent ballot. His religious faith was indicated by his membership in the Methodist church and was, moreover, evidenced by his daily life, his consideration for the rights of others and his honesty and integrity under all conditions. He passed away February 9, 1899 in his sixty-sixth year and the community thereby lost one of its valued citizens, his neighbors a faithful friend and his family a devoted husband and father.

Mrs. Vaughn is also a devoted and zealous member of the Methodist Episcopal church. She still lives upon the old homestead and her son Lewis and daughter Emma J. are still living with her.

#### DARIUS MILLER.

Darius Miller, first vice-president of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railway, with office in Chicago, was born in Princeton, Illinois, April 3, 1859. Almost his entire life has been devoted to railroad service, in which he has made steady progress, his ability gaining recognition in promotion which has made him consecutively stenographer in the general freight office of the Michigan Central railroad from November, 1877, until June, 1880; clerk in the general freight office of the St. Louis, Iron Mountain & Southern railway from June, 1880, until February, 1881; chief clerk to the general manager of the Memphis & Little Rock Railroad from February, 1881, until October, 1883; general freight and ticket agent of the same road from October 8, 1883, until June 1, 1887; general freight and passenger agent of the St. Louis, Arkansas & Texas railroad from June, 1887, until July, 1889; traffic manager of the same road from July 1, 1889, until December 15, 1890; traffic manager of the Queen & Crescent route from December 15, 1890, until May 20, 1893; traffic manager of the Missouri, Kansas & Texas railway from May 20, 1893, to September 1, 1896; vice president of the same road from Sep-

tember 1, 1896, until November 15, 1898; and vice president of the Great Northern railway, from November 15, 1898, to December 31, 1901; and on the 1st of January, 1902, he became first vice president of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railway. His rise has thus been rapid to a position of prominence, making him one of the well known factors in railroad circles in the country.

#### JONATHAN N. PETTIGREW.

Jonathan N. Pettigrew is a retired farmer living on section 16, Milo township. He has followed the natural course of events in a busy life, for nature seems to have intended that man should enjoy a period of rest in his later years. In youth he is full of energy and hope and these later are tempered by sound judgment and business experience and when industry is well applied and when perseverance is unceasing he eventually earns a competence which in the evening of life permits him to enjoy a well earned rest. Such has been the record of Mr. Pettigrew, a most respected citizen of Milo township. He was born in Dearborn county, Indiana, December 19, 1831, a son of Nathan Pettigrew, who spent his later years in this county and here passed away. In the family were nine children, of whom there were seven sons, Jonathan N. being the youngest. He now has one sister living, Mary Frances, of Martinsville, Indiana.

Mr. Pettigrew of this review was educated in the common schools of his native state and also attended school for two winters after arriving in Illinois. He came to Bureau county in 1849 when a youth of sixteen years, arriving here with only fifteen cents in his pocket. His financial condition rendered immediate employment a necessity. He had driven across the country with one horse, an old buggy and a saddle horse, and after reaching his destination he worked at anything that he could get to do that would yield him an honest living. Thus he made his start, carefully saving his earnings until in 1851 he had a sum sufficient to enable him to purchase three eighty-acre tracts of land, for which he paid three hundred dollars. He has since lived upon the farm which at that time came into his possession. He now owns eighty acres where he resides, together with fifteen acres of timber land, and has a well developed farm property, his home being pleasantly and conveniently situated about five miles from Bradford. He has seen the country grow from a rough prairie into one of the rich agricultural counties of the state and has done much toward making it what it is today.

Mr. Pettigrew was married to Mrs. Deana E. Blaisdell, of Peoria county, Illinois, who was born in Mercer county, this state. They had four children: Jay, who married Mrs. Towilliger, by whom he has a son and a daughter, and lives in Brad-



ford, Illinois; Lou, who died in 1904, leaving a wife and two children; Laura, the wife of Asa Lake of Stark county, Illinois; and Benjamin, who married a Miss Webster and lives upon his father's farm. He has one child.

Politically Mr. Pettigrew is a republican but has never had aspiration for office nor has he ever identified himself with fraternal organizations. He and his wife are yet very active and he is a self-made man, deserving much credit for what he has accomplished. He has been both the architect and builder of his own fortunes and the result of his labors has been gratifying.

#### OLIVER WELLS MCKENZIE.

Oliver Wells McKenzie, who died on the 23d of July, 1892, was a citizen of sterling worth who for many years had resided upon his farm just south of Yorktown in Fairfield township and who was honored and respected throughout the community and wherever he was known. Coming to this country at an early day, he demonstrated in his life record that success and an honorable name may be won simultaneously, for he started out in life empty handed and worked his way steadily upward until he was numbered among the prosperous residents of the county. Moreover, he was closely associated with many early events which have left their impress upon the development and upbuilding of the community.

A native of New York, Mr. McKenzie was born in Port Henry, March 8, 1825, his parents being John and Betsy (Havens) McKenzie, who were likewise natives of that place. They came to the west accompanied by their family of nine children, including Hiram, Eliza, John, Oliver W., De Lafayette, Lyman, Louisa, Robert and Chauncey. Of these Lyman, Robert and Chauncey are still living and the last two are residents of this county, while Lyman makes his home in Woodruff, Kansas. The father purchased a farm near Yorktown in Fairfield township, constituting a part of the property now owned by his son Robert. He devoted his remaining days to the arduous task of developing and improving a new farm on the frontier and here passed away July 3, 1857, at the age of sixty-three years, while his wife died on the 5th of March, 1851, at the age of fifty-eight years.

Oliver W. McKenzie, whose name introduces this record, accompanied the family on their removal westward to Bureau county in the spring of 1846. His education had been acquired in the schools of his native state and there he had learned the blacksmith's trade, which he followed prior to his marriage. He was the first blacksmith and storekeeper in Yorktown and thus became closely associated with the early growth and improvement of the community and with the work of establishing its industrial and commercial

status. Following his marriage he turned his attention to farming, settling on section 7, Fairfield township. He was a prosperous agriculturist and in addition to the tilling of the soil he was extensively engaged in raising cattle, horses and hogs. Whatever he undertook he carried forward to completion and his unflinching perseverance and his diligence, which enabled him to overcome all the difficulties and obstacles in his path, at length gained him a place among the prosperous men of the county. He added to his original holdings until at one time he owned nearly seven hundred acres of land, of which one hundred and sixty acres was in Whiteside county, while the remainder was in Bureau county. He continued actively in business until about sixteen months prior to his demise and therefore his was a most useful, active life, while his business integrity also stood as one of the salient features in his career.

Mr. McKenzie was married in Princeton to Miss Emily Dow on the 20th of March, 1850. She was a sister of Benjamin F. Dow, who is mentioned elsewhere in this work, and for thirty-eight years she proved a faithful companion and helpmate to her husband on life's journey, at the end of which time she was called to her final rest on the 5th of November, 1888, when fifty-eight years of age. Unto Mr. and Mrs. McKenzie were born six children, Eliza E., the eldest, born February 3, 1851, was married on the 13th of February, 1868, to William M. Brooks, who was born August 27, 1846, near Cato, New York, and in 1859, when a youth of thirteen, accompanied his parents on their removal to Galesburg, Illinois. The family, however, was soon afterward established in Fairfield township, Bureau county, where the parents made their home until death. William M. Brooks was a son of Earl S. and Margaret (Jewell) Brooks, the former passing away February 27, 1883, at the age of seventy-six years, while the latter died on the 21st of April, 1901, at the advanced age of eighty-four. Mr. and Mrs. William M. Brooks now have three children, Clinton A., who was born March 12, 1872, and is now residing near Center Chapel in Fairfield township, was married March 25, 1894, to Miss Nettie Bentley and has three children: Eva Dell, born September 6, 1895; De Wayne, born February 5, 1901; and Clara W., who was born February 12, 1904. Glenn E. Brooks, born February 16, 1881, and now engaged in farming in Fairfield township, married Miss Lena Bowe on the 19th of March, 1902, and has one son, Gordon. Blandie M. Brooks, born June 23, 1884, became the wife of Le Roy Darnell on the 27th of August, 1903. They reside just south of Yorktown and they have two children: Evelyn and Kohna. Julius Albert McKenzie, born July 11, 1853, died September 22, 1895. Raymond H., born November 30, 1854, and now living retired at Tappan, was married to Lovina



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West and they have three children: Le Roy, Fern and Clyde. William E., born October 20, 1856, died November 25, 1858. Oliver Wilson, born July 5, 1859, died July 3, 1863; and one child, born September 27, 1861, died when only three weeks old.

Oliver W. McKenzie was always a stalwart democrat in his political faith but frequently cast an independent ballot at local elections. He was the first constable and also the first assessor in Fairfield township and was closely identified with public progress whether in office or out of it. He lived in the county in early days when its homes were largely pioneer cabins and when much of its land was uncleared and uncultivated. His memory compassed the time when the houses were heated with fireplaces and lighted by candles and when the farm work was done with very crude machinery as compared to the improved agricultural implements of this day. However, he kept in touch with the trend of modern progress and at all times he stood for every interest that tended to benefit the county along material, intellectual and moral lines. He was always straightforward in his business transactions, considerate of his friends, kindly in manner and of unquestioned integrity of purpose, and thus he left behind him a record which is indeed worthy of emulation.

#### GEORGE WASHINGTON HEWITT.

George Washington Hewitt is proprietor of the Hickory Grove farm, situated just at the corporate limits of the village of Manlius. It comprises one hundred and eighty acres of land which is well improved and in the further development and cultivation of this place Mr. Hewitt spends his time and energies with the result that his labors are attended with good success. He was born in Orange, Ohio, October 9, 1840, a son of William and Roxena (Metcalf) Hewitt, who were originally from Massachusetts. The father was a farmer by occupation and, emigrating westward in 1849, he passed through Bureau county. Later he returned to Cleveland, Ohio, but in 1852 he made a permanent settlement in this county. Here he engaged in farming up to the time of his death, which occurred in 1903. He had for a number of years survived his wife.

George W. Hewitt was educated in the common schools of Bureau county and farmed with his father until after the outbreak of the Civil war, when he enlisted in defense of the Union, becoming a member of the Sixty-fourth Illinois Volunteer Infantry in 1862. The regiment was mustered in at Springfield, and he participated in the battles of Franklin, Lookout Mountain, Dalton, Resaca, Aekworth, New Hope Church, Konesaw Mountain and Marietta. He was also in the siege of Atlanta and in the battle of Peach Tree Creek. Subsequent to the capitulation of Atlanta the

regiment to which Mr. Hewitt belonged marched to Jonesboro and on to Savannah, then through South Carolina to Goldsboro, North Carolina, and to Raleigh. Later they proceeded to Washington, D. C., where he participated in the grand review on the 23d of May, 1865, this being the most celebrated military pageant ever seen on the western hemisphere. The regiment was mustered out at Louisville, Kentucky, in June, 1865, and with a creditable military record Mr. Hewitt returned home.

He resumed farming in Bureau county and was thus engaged up to the time of his marriage, which was celebrated on the 17th of February, 1866, Miss Mary Martin, a daughter of James and Permelia Martin, becoming his wife. They have lost two children and have six living children: Nora, the wife of William Caskey, a resident farmer of Manlius township; Eva M., the wife of Fred A. Plumley, who follows farming in Manlius township; Elsa P., the wife of Franklin Dabler, an agriculturist of the same township; Allen D., who follows farming; Frank S., who married Gertrude Plumley, a farmer of Manlius township, and Stacy H., who is on the home farm and is attending school at Princeton.

The family have an attractive and pleasant home, for the Hickory Grove farm is conveniently situated on the eastern edge of the town of Manlius. The fields are highly cultivated and nearly the entire tract of one hundred and eighty acres is devoted to the cultivation of grain. Everything about the place is neat and thrifty in appearance and indicates the careful supervision of the owner. For thirty years Mr. Hewitt has been a school director and fraternally he is connected with the Grand Army of the Republic, while politically he is a republican. The family attend the Wesleyan Methodist church and are widely and favorably known in the community where they reside.

#### J. P. BUTLER, M. D.

Dr. J. P. Butler, who in addition to faithfully performing the duties connected with a large and growing medical and surgical practice is serving for the second term as mayor of Ladd, belongs to that class of representative men whose business interests, though extensive and important, do not exclude active participation in those interests affecting the general welfare or in those movements which promote public progress, and as mayor of Ladd Dr. Butler is giving tangible evidence of his devotion to the public good.

A native of New York, Dr. Butler was born in Onondaga county September 10, 1854, and is of Irish lineage. His father, Patrick Butler, was a native of Ireland, and when twenty-five years of age came to the United States, settling in the Empire state. He married Catherine Bannon, also



a native of the Emerald isle, and they reared their family in New York.

Dr. Butler acquired his more specifically literary education in the public schools of Chittanooga, New York, and on putting aside his text-books engaged in farm work, and in other labor of various kinds, until 1883, when, ambitious to direct his energies into other channels demanding greater mentality, he took up the study of medicine and was graduated from Hahnemann Medical College, of Chicago, in the class of 1890. After one year spent in practice in Michigan he came to Illinois and entered upon the active work of the profession in Ladd, where he has since remained. He is careful and accurate in the diagnosis of a case and seldom, if ever, at error in the administration of remedial agencies, and he keeps in touch with the most advanced thought of the profession through reading and investigation, so that he is continually broadening his knowledge and promoting his efficiency.

In public affairs Dr. Butler has manifested a most commendable and public-spirited interest, and his re-election to the office of mayor is indicative of faithful, prompt and capable service during his first term. Fraternally he is connected with the Modern Woodmen, Knights of Pythias and Foresters. Happy in his home life, he was married in 1893, to Miss Catherine Lehman, a native of Putnam county, Illinois, and they now have two daughters: Mildred, born in October, 1894, and Florence, in November, 1895.

Dr. Butler, without special advantages in his youth, has gained a position of prominence in the community where he makes his home and in the profession to which he devotes his energies, and the innate strength of his character, his laudable ambition and strong determination are the concomitants which have led to this result. He has a wide acquaintance and his friends are many.

#### COLONEL JOHN DUNNE.

Colonel John Dunne, engaged in general farming and stock-raising, is also well known in other business connections, especially as an auctioneer and as general manager of the Empire Telephone Company, of which he is likewise one of the directors. He is a native of Kings county, Ireland, although in his infancy he was brought to the new world. His birth occurred May 10, 1857, his parents being Michael and Julia (Ryan) Dunne, both of whom were natives of the Emerald isle, the former born in Kings county and the latter in West Meath. It was in the year 1858 that Michael Dunne crossed the Atlantic in a sailing vessel, which was six weeks and two days in making the voyage from Dublin to Quebec. He remained in Canada for a short time and then removed to Pierpont, a town situated on the Erie canal in New York. There he was employed for

some time, after which he made his way to Buffalo by canal and on to Chicago by rail and thence to Peoria by the Illinois and Michigan canal and the Illinois river. When they were upon the Illinois river his son, Matthew, then a youth of sixteen years, fell overboard and was drowned. Mr. Dunne worked for the Peoria & Oquawka Railroad, being with the company for about one year, after which he was employed by the Bureau Valley Railroad, which is today a part of the Chicago & Rock Island Railroad system. When that line was graded he began working for Peter W. Dunne as foreman of track-laying, and subsequently he was employed at Oak Hill and at Edwards Station by that company. In 1858, withdrawing from the railroad service, he turned his attention to farming near Edwards Station, in Peoria county, Illinois, where he remained until 1865, when he came to Macon township, Bureau county, and purchased a farm upon which he resided until his death on the 8th of August, 1890, when he was eighty years of age. His wife also passed away in Macon township, her death occurring November 21, 1890, when she was seventy-five years of age. He and his family were communicants of the Roman Catholic church, and in politics he was a Jackson democrat, who strongly advocated the war, and was a stalwart champion of the Union cause. Unto him and his wife were born six children, of whom two died in infancy in Ireland, while four came with them to this country. Three of the number are now living. James, the eldest, was a volunteer of Company G, One Hundred and Eighth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and served for three years and four months. He is now living in Quincy, in the Soldiers' Home, but for a number of years was a farmer of Macon township and sold his property to his brother John. Joseph, who was a member of the Eleventh Illinois Cavalry for nearly four years, is also living at the Soldiers' Home in Quincy.

Colonel Dunne was brought to the United States by his parents during his infancy and acquired a public school education. When twenty-two years of age he began farming on his own account in Macon township and is today carrying on general agricultural pursuits and stock-raising, having a few full-blooded Hereford cattle, known as the Daniel Webster stock. He is likewise general manager of the Empire Telephone Company, extending over Macon, Neponset, Concord, Wyanet, Milo and Wheatland townships, and also to Saratoga, Marshall county; Penn, Osahn and Elmira, Stark county. The company owns all of the above lines and also has connecting lines whereby they can do business with Chicago and in fact have unlimited long distance service. At the present time Mr. Dunne, as general manager, is rebuilding the Neponset exchange. The officers of this company are Cyrus Boock, president; James A. Briggs, vice-president; John H. Draw-



yer, secretary; Sidney W. Scott, treasurer, and John Dunne, general manager; and in connection with the officers, George A. Carper and John McClane are serving on the board of directors. Mr. Dunne is also a stockholder in the Bradford Driving Park Association, of which he was formerly a director, and he has done railroad and other contracting and for a number of years has been well known as a leading auctioneer of this part of the state, crying many sales, in which connection he is popular as well as efficient.

On the 9th of December, 1811, Colonel Dunne was married to Miss Mary O'Connor, at Champaign, Illinois. She was born in Greenfield, Massachusetts, July 7, 1851, and is a daughter of Patrick and Katherine (Kane) O'Connor. Her father died in Champaign county, Illinois, December 30, 1892, at the age of seventy-two years, while his wife passed away March 31, 1891, at the age of sixty-five years. He was born in Ireland and came to this country in 1818 on a sailing vessel, which was six weeks in completing the voyage between Limerick and Quebec. He proceeded thence to Greenfield, Massachusetts, where he followed farming for four years and then removed to Virginia, where he lived for about a year. On the expiration of that period he came to Illinois, settling at Brimfield, where he carried on farming on a tract of land of one hundred and sixty acres. He spent his last five years as a retired farmer on the old homestead, leaving the active work of the fields to others, while he enjoyed a period of well earned rest. His political allegiance was given the democracy as advocated by Jackson and he held membership in the Roman Catholic church. He and his wife were married at Limerick, Ireland, May 3, 1848, and unto them were born seven children, three sons and four daughters, of whom three are now living, namely: Mrs. Dunne; Patrick, who resides in Champaign county, Illinois, and Johanna, the wife of Michael Hurley, a resident of Chicago.

Unto Colonel and Mrs. Dunne have been born eight children, seven of whom survive: Katherine J., who was born December 16, 1875, and is the wife of Joseph P. O'Brien, a resident of St. Joseph, Missouri; Ida G., born May 21, 1877; Josephine, who was born May 1, 1879, and died in infancy; Mary A., born March 31, 1881; Alice J., May 21, 1883; Michael J., April 14, 1885; Anna C., who was born February 27, 1888, and is a school teacher in her home district; and Nellie T., who was born March 15, 1891.

The family are communicants of the Roman Catholic church. Mr. Dunne casts an independent ballot, and does not seek nor desire political preferment. He is well and popularly known throughout the county as Colonel Dunne and is a man of genial disposition, cordial manner and undoubted sincerity. He is now closely associated with varied business interests and his labors are largely of a

character which prove not only a source of individual income, but also contribute to the business activity and enterprise of the community at large.

#### JOHN FREDERICK HOBERTZ.

John Frederick Hobertz, now a prosperous farmer of Clarion township, is a self-made man, who came empty handed to America from Germany and has worked his way steadily upward by reason of his business capability and laudable ambition. He was born in Prize, Poland, his father being Godfried Hobertz. The mother died when her son was only a year and a half old and he knows therefore nothing of her. The father died in Germany.

Mr. Hobertz of this review spent the first twenty years of his life in the old world, acquiring his education and performing such labor as fell to his lot. In 1860, when a young man of twenty years, he determined to try his fortune in the United States, having heard favorable reports concerning the opportunities afforded in the new world. Accordingly he made his way across the Atlantic and took up his abode in Clarion township, Bureau county, Illinois, where he worked by the month as a farm hand for five years. He was for the years in the employ of George Hatzler and one year with George Charlie and later he spent two years in the employ of Christian Betz in the village of La Moille.

On the 4th of February, 1866, Mr. Hobertz was united in marriage to Miss Hannah Knauer, who was born July 21, 1845, and was an adopted daughter of John Knauer, who lived in La Moille township. This marriage has been blessed with six children: Samuel J., John F., Amiel F., Willie A., Mrs. Molly Keller and Mrs. Rosie Rapp. The daughters are now living in La Moille.

In the years in which he was employed by others Mr. Hobertz carefully saved his earnings and when he had secured sufficient capital he made investment in land and began farming on his own account. As his financial resources were further increased he added to his original holdings and now owns one hundred and seventy-five acres of good land in Clarion township, constituting a valuable farm, which he has brought under a high state of cultivation. He now has a beautiful home and the shade trees which adorn the place were planted by his own hand. He and his two sons work the farm together and this property is the visible evidence of his life of industry and thrift. He certainly deserves much credit for what he has accomplished, for he arrived in America with practically nothing and worked most diligently and industriously in order to gain a start. Now he is enabled to enjoy the comforts and some of the luxuries of life, his farm bringing to him a good annual income. In his political views he is an earnest republican and is thoroughly in sympathy



with the principles of the party. For two years he served as road commissioner, but has never been active as a politician in the sense of office seeking. Both he and his wife are members of the Lutheran church.

John F. Hohertz, son of Frederick and Hannah (Knauer) Hohertz, acquired his education in the district schools of Clarion township. He was born April 7, 1869, and is living upon his father's farm. His brother, William A. Hohertz, was born in 1873 and likewise obtained his education in the public schools. Putting aside their text-books, they became associated with their father in his farming operations and are now his active assistants in carrying on the home place, both being recognized as young men of good business ability and marked enterprise.

#### GEORGE W. HENSEL

George W. Hensel now owns and occupies what is known as the old Hensel farm in Dover township. His father, James Hensel, was born in Pennsylvania, June 24, 1807, and came to Bureau county in 1853, reaching his destination on the 2d of October. He traveled by rail to La Salle county and then walked across the country to this county. He was married twice, his first wife being Lydia Fockler, who was born in 1805. His second wife, who bore the maiden name of Mary Frase, was born in Pennsylvania, July 11, 1823. By the first marriage there were six children: Philip, Simon, Henry, Enoch, Sarah and Elias. The seven children born of the second marriage are John, Madison, George, Cyrus, Harvey E., Eliza and Elsie.

George W. Hensel acquired his education in the district schools of the county. He can remember the trip to Illinois, which was made by wagon from Ohio. The father came ahead of his wife and children and paid for the farm. Several families made the trip together, there being ten in the party. George W. Hensel, who was then a little lad, was reared to farm life, early becoming familiar with the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist, and from his early youth was his father's assistant on the home place. The father prospered in his business affairs and became the owner of nine hundred and seventy-six acres of land. He moved to Princeton in 1886 and died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Sarah Rensburg, May 17, 1899. In 1900, when the property was divided, George W. Hensel came into possession of the old homestead, comprising two hundred and seventeen and a half acres, which was originally the Sylvester Brigham farm, taken up by him in 1828.

Religiously Mr. Hensel belongs to the Congregational church and, an independent voter, he is a warm admirer of President Roosevelt. He represents one of the old and prominent pioneer

families of the county and has resided in that part of the state from pioneer times, so that he has witnessed its development from a frontier district into one of the best farming sections of this great commonwealth.

#### TIMOTHY RHYNE.

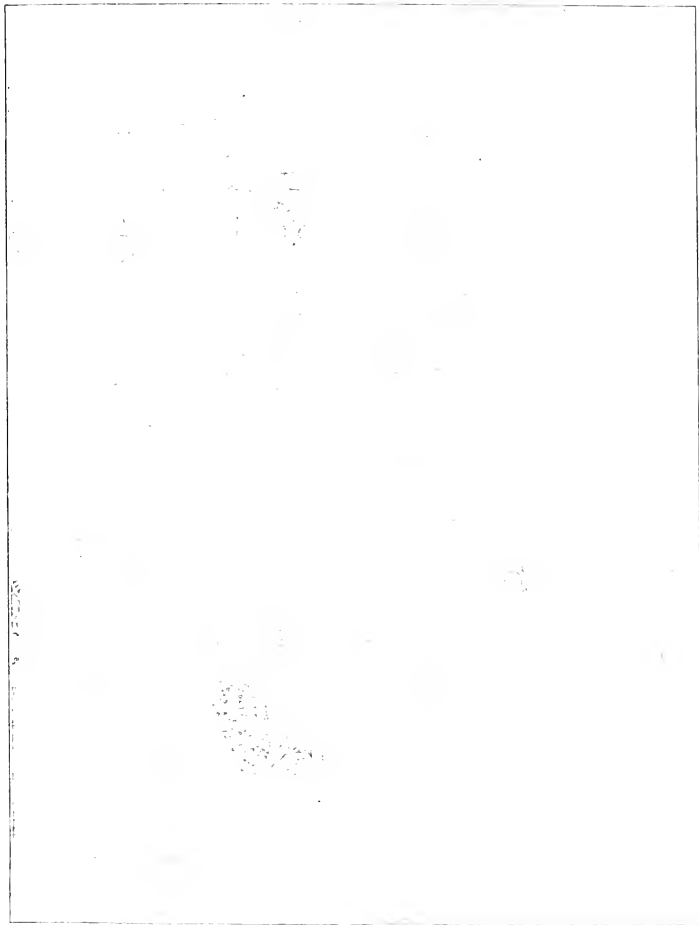
Timothy Rhyme, a farmer and stock-raiser residing on section 32, Selby township, Bureau county, where he owns a well improved farm of three hundred and twenty-seven acres, was born in this county, June 13, 1857, and is a son of John C. and Russena (Searl) Rhyme. The father was born in Zanesville, Ohio, where he was reared to the age of nine years, and then left home and went south, following the river for a number of years. When about twenty or twenty-one years of age he went to Hennepin, Illinois, locating in Leepertown township, where he made his home for many years. About 1870 he removed to Selby township, Bureau county, which continued to be his home until he was called to his final rest in August, 1881, when he had reached the age of fifty years. He was a democrat in his political views, and served as supervisor of Leepertown township before removing to this county, for several years. He was a member of the Christian church. His wife, Russena (Searl) Rhyme, was a native of Ohio, and when a child accompanied her parents on their removal to Bureau county. They located on a farm in Selby township, a part of which is now owned by the subject of this review. Her death occurred in July, 1891, when she had reached the age of about fifty-seven years. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Rhyme were five children, of whom one daughter died in infancy, the others being Mrs. Alvarotta E. Ring, a resident of Tiskilwa; Timothy, the subject of this review; Mrs. Mary A. Ireland, residing on a farm in Leepertown township; and John A., who is married and carries on farming near Tiskilwa.

Timothy Rhyme was reared in much the usual manner of farm lads, and received his education in the Ridge school of Selby township. After putting aside his text-books he engaged in farming on his own account in Selby township, where he is now the owner of three hundred and twenty-seven acres of well improved land, on which are found all modern improvements and accessories. He is also engaged in stock-raising, and finds this a very profitable business.

Mr. Rhyme was married in 1879 to Miss Lillie B. Smith, a native of Bureau county and a daughter of W. R. and Susanna (Hartell) Smith, residents of Selby township. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Rhyme have been born eight children, one of whom, Lillian, the fourth in order of birth, died August 18, 1902, at the age of fifteen years. Those surviving are: Myrtle, at home; Gertrude, the wife of Kelly Richardson, residing in Nebraska, who







TIMOTHY RHYNE AND FAMILY.



is the mother of one child, Wabnita; Clyde, Charles, Hazel, Joseph and Darlene, all at home with their parents.

In his political views Mr. Rhyne is a democrat, and for twelve years served as road commissioner, on the expiration of which period he resigned the office. In his religious faith he is a Congregationalist, attending services at Bureau and at Ridge. A native of Bureau county, Mr. Rhyne has spent his entire life here, and has, by the careful supervision of his business interests, become one of the prosperous and influential residents of his township, where he is held in high regard, not only in his own vicinity, but throughout the entire county.

#### LOUIS H. H. OBERSCHLEP.

Louis H. H. Oberschlepp is identified with the industrial interests of Greenville township as a manufacturer of tile and brick and is an enterprising business man, watchful of opportunities and energetic in all that he undertakes. He was born in St. Louis, Missouri, October 6, 1853, a son of Herman H. and Hannah (Niederleiman) Oberschlepp, in whose family were three children, but the youngest died in infancy. Gottlieb H. is a brick and tile manufacturer of Princeton. Both parents were natives of Prussia, Germany, and the mother died when our subject was quite young. The father was born August 20, 1820, and came to the United States in 1848, landing in New Orleans. Two years later he removed to St. Louis, where he was first married, and in 1856 came to Bureau county, taking up his residence in Princeton. He was again married April 29, 1859, his second union being with Katherine Dremann, by whom he had seven children, namely: Herman and Mina, who died young; Annie, now the wife of John Harrison, a brick and tile manufacturer of Mineral; William, also a resident of Mineral; John, who was killed on the railroad at Marysville, Kansas; Mary, wife of Fred Uthoff, of Princeton; and Henry, a brick and tile manufacturer of Ohio, Illinois.

Louis H. H. Oberschlepp acquired his education in the public schools of Princeton, where he resided until 1880, when at the age of twenty-seven years he took up his abode in New Bedford. Here he established a brick and tile factory and has since conducted the business, having a well equipped plant supplied with the latest improved machinery for carrying on work of this kind. He owns thirty-six acres of choice land on section 32, Greenville township, whereon stands his brick and tile factory. In addition to this he also has four hundred and eighty acres in Tunica county, Mississippi, valued at twenty-five dollars per acre.

On the 21th of October, 1878, Mr. Oberschlepp was united in marriage to Miss Annie M. Bringer, who was born in Burlington, Iowa, March 15,

1855, and they became the parents of two children: Edward H., born November 6, 1881; and Maud L., September 3, 1883. Mr. Oberschlepp and his family are members of the Evangelical Lutheran church and his political allegiance is given to the democracy, while fraternally he is connected with the Modern Woodmen camp, No. 166. He has served as school trustee for six years and is now acting as supervisor of Greenville township for fifteen years consecutively, his long continuance in office being unmistakable proof of his fidelity, capability and the trust reposed in him by his fellow townsmen. He is numbered among the prominent and influential residents of Greenville township, who is deeply interested in the work of improvements and upbuilding here and withholds his support from no movement which he believes will prove beneficial to the county. At the same time he is carefully conducting his business interests. He had only a small inheritance when he started out in life, but he has worked hard and by good management has become one of the men of affluence in his community. His is one of the largest tile factories in the county and the output is unsurpassed in quality, so that the product finds a ready sale on the market. His chief attention is given to his manufacturing interests and in this connection he has met with well merited success.

#### WILLIAM LOUIS GOLDING.

William Louis Golding, a well known farmer and stock-raiser of Wyandot township, who has also been active and influential in community affairs, having been honored through election to various local offices, was born September 13, 1869, about two miles south of Wyandot. The parents were Edward and Sarah Golding, who were born in England, living near Cambridge. Emigrating to America, Edward Golding landed in New York city July 6, 1851, and took up his abode in Bureau county upon the farm which he now owns on section 28, Wyandot township, the same month. The first few years after his arrival were spent in working by the month as a farm hand and in the winter of 1854-5 he was employed at farm labor at thirteen dollars per month. He is still living, being now in his eighty-second year. In the family were seven children, six of whom yet survive.

W. L. Golding of this review attended the Sunny Knoll school located a mile and a half south of the village of Wyandot. There his education was acquired entirely save for one term spent as a student in the high school in Wyandot. He lived the active, free life of a farmer boy and laid the foundation for his future career upon his father's home-land through the actual experience which he had in the work of the fields. His education completed, he turned his attention to farming



and stock-raising. He now resides in the south-east part of the village of Wyandot on the T. Clark Hays farm on section 21, Wyandot township, and in the year 1901 he purchased the farm known as the Manrose place on sections 21 and 22 of the same township. He follows diversified farming, raising corn, oats, timothy, clover and alfalfa, and he also engages to some extent in the live stock business, raising horses, cattle and hogs. He, however, makes a specialty of hogs, annually raising from three to five hundred for the market.

On the 2d of March, 1893, Mr. Golding was married to Miss Mable Hays, a daughter of T. Clark Hays, and in 1902 he was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, who passed away on the 29th of August of that year, after a happy married life of about nine years. She left two daughters, Hazel and Mable Alice, aged respectively twelve and three years.

Mr. Golding has been called to fill various positions of public trust. He has served as town clerk and assessor and has also been a school director, and at intervals for nine years has been clerk and president of the school board. In politics he has always been a republican, never faltering in his allegiance to the party because he believes its principles are most conducive to good government. In his business interests he is now prospering and is the owner of one hundred and fifty-six acres of good land near Wyandot in addition to which he is farming the quarter section belonging to his father-in-law, which adjoins the village.

#### GEORGE G. McMANIS.

George G. McManis, who became a resident of Bureau county in the fall of 1813 and is therefore numbered among its pioneer residents, since which time he has been an interested witness of the changes which have occurred as the work of development has been carried forward, is now engaged in bridge contracting and building, to which enterprise he has directed his labors since 1870. His birth occurred in Clinton county, Ohio, in 1831. He is a son of George and Louisa (McIlwane) McManis, the former a native of Kentucky, being born in that state in 1804, and the latter of Ohio. Coming to Bureau county at an early epoch in its development, the father established his home some distance southeast of Princeton in the fall of 1843. He had previously, however, visited the county and had entered a claim in Arispie township in 1836, to which he brought the family seven years later. There he carried on general farming, placing a wild and unimproved tract of land under a high state of cultivation and thus transforming it into a valuable farm. In connection with the work of tilling the soil he was also active in the ministry of the Christian church and preached for many years in this county. He also figured in political service, filling the

office of county judge for one term. In later years he removed to Kansas and finally to Texas, where he died in 1888 at the age of eighty-four years. His wife, who was born in 1804, passed away in Kansas in 1873. They were people of the highest respectability, enjoying in large measure the friendship and goodwill of those with whom they were associated. The father gave his early political allegiance to the whig party and upon its dissolution joined the ranks of the new republican party. In the family were five sons and one daughter who came to Bureau county, while two had died in Ohio. All are now deceased with the exception of George G. McManis and his brother William, who resides in Texas. The latter, after active military service, returned from the army as major in the Ninth Illinois Cavalry.

George G. McManis received rather meager educational privileges but had the benefit of one term's instruction in Smith's private school at Princeton. He resided upon the home farm until about twenty-five years of age and was an able assistant in the work of field and meadow, early becoming familiar with all the duties and labors consequent upon the development and cultivation of a farm. He spent three years in Livingston county and since that time has resided in Princeton and in Bureau county. Prior to 1870 he followed both farming and blacksmithing, but since that year he has been engaged in contracting for the building of bridges. He has built many bridges, mostly on public highways, and at the present time is associated with his son, C. J. McManis, the firm being known as McManis & Son. He has handled a great many bridge contracts in the past thirty-five or thirty-six years and altogether his business has been an extensive, important and profitable one. He does excellent work in this connection and in this line of building activity is well known.

Mr. McManis was married in Livingston county, Illinois, in 1858, and by this union had three children: Clark, who is now postmaster of Princeton; William, who is filling the office of deputy circuit clerk; and Harry, who is assistant postmaster. The three sons are representative young business men and have been successful in their chosen fields of labor.

In his political views Mr. McManis is a stalwart republican. He cast his first presidential ballot for Fillmore in 1852 and in 1856 supported John C. Fremont, since which time he has never failed to give his political allegiance to the candidates at the head of the republican ticket. Reading and investigation have kept him thoroughly informed concerning the political questions of the day and his citizenship is characterized by the utmost devotion to the general good. Fraternally he is a member of the Masonic order and has attained the Knight Templar degree in Temple commandery of Princeton, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Christian church. His



residence in the county covers a period of almost two-thirds of a century, as in boyhood days he arrived here and since that time has been a factor in its progress, and has wrought for the present prosperity and advanced conditions which today exist in this part of the state.

#### JAMES E. PORTERFIELD.

James E. Porterfield, president of the Miller-Devlin Lumber Company, of Spring Valley, and of the Toluca Lumber & Hardware Company, of Toluca, was born near Dover, in Bureau county, October 9, 1819. His parents were James and Eliza (Brigham) Porterfield, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of New Hampshire. The father came to this county in 1836, casting in his lot with the pioneer settlers and was engaged in farming in the vicinity of Dover until 1883, when he removed to Greenwood county, Kansas, where he resided until his death, which occurred in 1895, when he was eighty-one years of age. He had long survived his wife, who died in this county at the age of forty-three years. Mr. Porterfield figured prominently in connection with the early history of the county, leaving the impress of his individuality upon many events of historic importance. He was a friend of Owen Lovejoy, and was active in taking care of the slaves who, prior to the war, fled from their hard taskmasters of the south and sought freedom in Canada. He was a zealous and enthusiastic anti-slavery man, doing everything in his power to further opposition to the cause of slavery, his home being a station on the famous underground railroad.

James E. Porterfield, whose name introduces this record, enjoyed the benefits of the educational privileges afforded in Dover Academy, and after completing his own studies taught for four years in the schools of Bureau county. He afterward engaged in farming near Spring Valley, but in 1889 withdrew from agricultural pursuits and turned his attention to merchandising in the town. He carried on that business for two years, after which he became a lumber dealer in 1891 and has continued in this line of trade to the present time. He is now president of the Toluca Lumber & Hardware Company, of Toluca, and also of the Miller-Devlin Lumber Company, of Spring Valley, and is secretary of the Devlin Coal Company at Toluca. His business interests are thus extensive and important and in their control he displays keen discernment, marked sagacity and unflinching diligence and perseverance—qualities which are essential factors in the honorable acquirement of success.

In 1872 Mr. Porterfield was united in marriage to Miss Isadora Miller, a daughter of Henry J. Miller, one of the most prominent and respected citizens of Bureau county. They have two daughters: Edna M., who was born November 14, 1873,

and is the wife of C. A. Brown, of Toluca; and Ada Lois, who was born September 13, 1881, and is the wife of Harry E. Trevillo, of Topeka, Kansas.

Mr. and Mrs. Porterfield hold membership in the Congregational church, taking an active part in its work and doing all in their power to promote its growth and extend its influence. Mr. Porterfield is acting as one of the trustees and deacons of the church and gives his political support to the republican party. He has made steady advancement in his business career and each step which he has taken has been a forward one, bringing him a broader outlook and wider opportunities. He has utilized his advantages and as the years have gone by has gained for himself a place among the substantial, enterprising and successful business men of his native county.

#### WILLIAM BOHM.

William Bohm, a lifelong farmer, who now owns and cultivates three hundred and fifteen acres on sections 13 and 23, Walnut township, Bureau county, has made nearly all of the improvements upon this place. He built his own home, has added other commodious and substantial buildings and set out nearly all of the trees, which add so much to the value and attractive appearance of the place. That he started out in life empty-handed and is now a prosperous citizen makes him worthy of the proud American title of a "self-made man."

Born in Germany, December 1, 1856, Mr. Bohm is a son of John and Mary (Wolf) Bohm, who were likewise natives of that country. They came to America with their three children, Joe, Minnie and William, and after living in Chicago for two years the wife and mother died. The father afterward removed to Depeu, Illinois, and his last years were spent in Mardius township, Bureau county, where his death occurred in 1886.

William Bohm was educated in the schools of his native country and has always followed farming as a source of livelihood. He was married at the age of twenty-six years, to Christina Edlefson, who was born in Germany, April 11, 1861, and at the age of seven years was brought to America by her parents, who settled in Princeton, where they still reside. The father was a laborer by trade but is now living retired. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Bohm were born eleven children, three of whom died in infancy, of these, Minnie, being but four months old at the time of her demise. Those living are Edward, John, William, Emma, Arthur, Carl, Jennie and Lester.

When Mr. Bohm was married and began farming on his own account he borrowed fifty dollars. The end of the second year found him with but to the extent of seven hundred dollars, owing to his purchase of horses, tools and other needed supplies.





for the farm work. That he lived frugally and was industrious in the earlier years is indicated by the fact that he is now the owner of three hundred and fifteen acres of valuable land on sections 13 and 23, Walnut township, and though the necessity for continued arduous labor is no more, he is still a diligent man, personally superintending his farming interests. He raises corn and hay and feeds some hogs, and the products of the farm bring him a good financial return annually. He now has fine buildings upon his place, which is one of the best farms of the township. He paid thirty dollars per acre for one quarter section of his land and eight years ago he gave fifty-five dollars per acre for a quarter section on section 23—today worth more than double that price. Mr. Helm affiliates with the Princeton lodge of Odd Fellows, but has given his attention mostly to his farming interests and his perseverance and persistency is indicative of his life of thrift, enterprise and carefully directed labor.

#### WILLIAM MARTIN JOHNSON.

William Martin Johnson, a veteran of the Civil war, now engaged in general farming and stock-raising, was born in Licking county, Ohio, October 22, 1813. His parents were Lemuel and Sarah (Robinson) Johnson. The father was a farmer and carpenter. Born in Virginia, he afterward became a resident of Licking county, Ohio, where he resided until his son William was about two and a half years of age, when he brought the family to Illinois, establishing his home in Bureau county in 1816.

Mr. Johnson of this review has therefore spent almost his entire life in Bureau county. He was here reared, while his education was acquired in the country schools, and during the periods of vacation his time and energies were devoted to farm labor. After putting aside his text-books he continued to assist in the operation of the home farm until 1861, when he enlisted as a member of Company K, Fifty-seventh Illinois Regiment, in defense of the Union cause. He was then only twenty years of age. At Chicago he was mustered in and was sent first to Louisville, Kentucky. He took part in a number of important military movements and engagements, participating in the battles of Athens, Alabama, Resaca and Rome, Georgia, Chattanooga, the siege of Atlanta, and the engagements at Altoona Pass and Peach Tree Creek. With his regiment he then went to Rome, where he remained until the evacuation of Atlanta and later he proceeded to Jonesboro and on to Savannah, Georgia. He went with his regiment through South Carolina, northward to Goldsboro and to Raleigh, North Carolina, thence to Petersburg, Virginia, and on to Washington, where the close of the war was fittingly celebrated in a splendid military pageant known as the grand

review, in which he participated on the 23d of May, 1865. The regiment afterward proceeded to Louisville, Kentucky, where he was mustered out on the 27th of June and on the 24th of July he was honorably discharged at Chicago. Thus ended his military service in defense of the Union, during which he made a creditable record by his valor and loyalty.

When the war was over Mr. Johnson returned to Bureau county, where he has since been engaged in farming and stock-raising and he is today a leading representative of the agricultural interests of this locality. He has a good tract of land which he has brought under a high state of cultivation and has placed thereon many modern and substantial improvements.

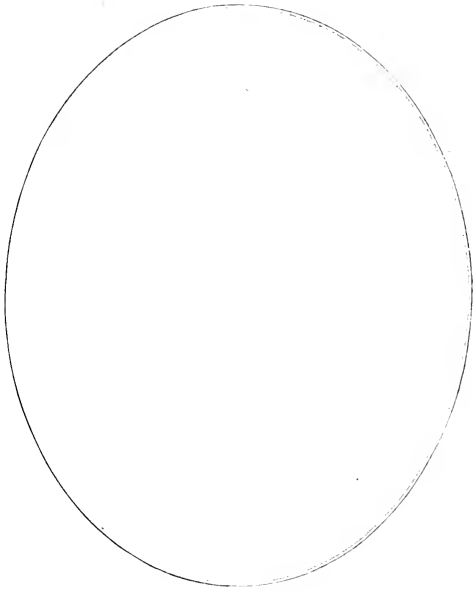
On the 15th of November, 1866, Mr. Johnson was united in marriage to Miss Minnie Keutz, a daughter of Henry Keutz, whose father was a farmer and lived in Concord township, Bureau county. They had three sons and a daughter: Henry Oscar, who was born September 9, 1871, and is now engaged in farming in this county; Lemuel Andrews, who was born August 2, 1876, and is a railroad contractor in Wyoming; Frank Bennett, who was born February 27, 1880, and was killed at a railroad crossing March 28, 1905; and Lula Belle, who was educated in the country schools and in Buda and is still at home with her parents.

In his political views Mr. Johnson is a stalwart republican and has many times been a delegate to the county and senatorial conventions of his party, in the work and success of which he is deeply interested because he believes its principles are most conducive to good government. He has been honored with various local offices by his fellow townsmen, who recognize his worth and ability and who thus manifest their confidence in him. He has been school director for twenty years and at the present writing, in 1906, is holding the office of road commissioner, in which capacity he has served for three terms or a total of nine years. He was also overseer of the roads for about twenty years and officially and as a private citizen has done much to improve the public highways. He holds membership in the First Baptist church of Buda and is a member of Emery post, No. 198, G. A. R. of Buda, of which he has been officer of the day for many years. In matters of citizenship he is always as loyal in days of peace as he was in times of war and has a deep rooted attachment for the stars and stripes.

#### NICHOLAS HEINZ.

Nicholas Heinz, who in matters of citizenship as well as in his business career has demonstrated his right to the confidence and esteem which are uniformly accorded him by his fellow townsmen, is now living in Ohio township, having for twenty-





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two years made his home upon his present farm, which comprises eighty acres. He was born in Lee county, Illinois, December 17, 1870, and his parents, Andrew and Margaret (Eichorn) Heinze, were natives of Germany. In a family of four children he is the youngest. The mother was twice married, her first husband being John Sheller, who died leaving a daughter, Anna Sheller.

In the Bureau county public schools Nicholas Heinze obtained his education and after putting aside his text-books he began farming on his own account, and has since followed that pursuit. He not only raises grain and hay, but also cattle and hogs for the market. His father died nine years ago, on the 30th of June, 1897, since which time Mr. Heinze of this review has had charge of the home farm, caring for his mother and sister. The place comprises eighty acres of land and it has been his home for twenty-two years. The fields are now under a high state of cultivation and return good crops. The equipments are all modern and everything about the place is indicative of the care and supervision of a practical, progressive owner. His political views find evidence in the support which he gives to the republican party. The family belong to the German Lutheran church and are highly esteemed socially. Friends and neighbors speak of Mr. Heinze in terms of high praise and warm regard by reason of his genuine personal worth and the excellent traits of character which he has displayed in assuming the care of the home property, thus providing for his mother and sister. He deserves all the success that has come to him and will undoubtedly win a still larger measure of prosperity in the future, for he possesses those traits which ever lead to advancement and enable the individual to pass upon life's highway others who perhaps started out more advantageously than himself.

#### HENRY FAHS.

Henry Fahs, numbered among the wide-awake and enterprising young farmers of Ohio township, is now engaged in operating and managing a place of one hundred and twenty acres. He is numbered among Bureau county's native sons, his birth having occurred within its borders on the 24 of August, 1880. His parents were Fred and Mary Fahs, natives of Germany, who came to America at an early day and established their home in this county. As the years passed their marriage was blessed with a family of eight children.

Henry Fahs, the sixth in order of birth, was reared in the usual manner of farmer lads and his education was largely acquired in the public schools of Lee county, although in the school of experience he has learned many practical and valuable lessons. He was early trained to farm work and came to a realization of the value of

thrift and industry as factors in the achievement of success. He is now manager of an excellent farm of one hundred and twenty acres in Ohio township and his early training in the fields has stood him in good stead as the years have gone by.

Mr. Fahs was united in marriage to Miss Lena Spohn, who was born in Lee county, Illinois, November 11, 1880. The wedding was celebrated December 12, 1899, and has been blessed with two children: Fred W., born November 18, 1902; and Louis F., born May 27, 1905. Mrs. Fahs' parents were John and Mary (Houck) Spohn, the former a native of Germany and the latter of Buffalo, New York. In the family were twelve children, the father having been married twice, and five were born of the first marriage and seven by the second marriage.

Mr. Fahs in his religious faith is connected with the German Lutheran church, while his wife is a communicant of the Roman Catholic church. His political support is given the republican party, but he has neither time nor inclination for public office, finding that his business affairs make continuous demands upon his energies. He is steadily progressing and it will probably not be long before he is in possession of a farm of his own. He is a good citizen, worthy of the confidence of friends and neighbors, and has made a creditable record for one of his years.

#### WILBUR H. FATE.

Wilbur H. Fate, who follows farming on section 30, Milo township, was born in this township September 21, 1859. His father, Johnson M. Fate, now deceased, was born near Deavertown, Ohio, in 1835 and came to Illinois in 1846, settling in Milo township about a mile and a half east of the farm on which our subject now resides. He wedded Mary Jane Reed from Ohio, a sister of L. H. Reed, of Milo township, and the three children born of this union are: Wilbur H.; John R., who is living in Bradford; and Francis A., who is a Congregational minister and resides in Middlefield, Massachusetts. The death of the father occurred March 16, 1900, while his wife passed away in 1901.

Wilbur H. Fate is indebted to the common-school system of Milo township for the early educational privileges which he enjoyed and which were supplemented by study in Wesleyan University at Abingdon, Illinois. Later he was graduated from Evergreen City Business College at Bloomington, this state, in 1889. His training for the work of the fields was received under his father's direction, for at an early age he took his place behind the plow and did other work connected with the development of the fields. He has always carried on farming and stock-raising and now feeds many cattle and hogs annually. His landed possessions comprise one hundred and fifty



acres of fine land where he now lives, and he also owns another tract of one hundred and twenty acres. He has one of the best and finest homes to be found in Milo township and it is surrounded by beautiful shade trees, every one of which has been planted by him, together with the shrubs and flowers about the farm, rendering this one of the most attractive and pleasing features in the landscape. There are also good barns upon the place and everything is in excellent shape, the farm being well improved and the fields carefully cultivated.

Mr. Fate was married to Miss Anna J. Foster, of Bradford, a daughter of Charles Foster, and they now have four children, Mamie, who is a graduate of the Bradford high school and is continuing her education in Evanston; Lena, Ivan and Grace, all yet at home. The parents and children are members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Bradford and occupy an enviable position in social circles where true worth and intelligence are received as the passports into good society. Politically Mr. Fate is a republican and has served as school director for fourteen years, while for many years he was road commissioner. He belongs to the Modern Woodmen camp and in all life's relations is found true to every trust and upholds a high standard of conduct by a life which is indicative of manly principles which permeate it.

#### CLAYTON C. PERVIER.

Clayton C. Pervier, whose influence has been far-reaching and his labors beneficial in the lines of agricultural and political activity in Bureau county, stands at all times for advancement. His position is never an equivocal one and he is not a theorist nor an idealist, but utilizes practical methods that produce results, so that his opinions carry weight and his ideas are carefully considered, whether expressed upon some subject bearing upon the farming interests or the great political questions which affect the state at large.

Mr. Pervier is one of Bureau county's native sons, his birth having occurred in Mineral township, March 4, 1857. He is a son of the Rev. Sylvester Lane Pervier, whose history is found on another page. His boyhood days were spent at home and he attended the public schools until sixteen years of age, when he continued his studies under Professor George B. Harrington, at Annawan. He also began teaching about the same time, following the profession in Kewanee township, Henry county. He taught in the winter months, attended school in the spring and fall and worked on the farm in the summer, so that the year was a busy one, with few idle hours. He continued to engage in teaching through the winter seasons for sixteen years and he followed farming on the old homestead until 1887, when

he came to his present home. In the meantime, in 1875, he had entered the University of Illinois, at Urbana, where he remained as a student for two years, and then when his funds were exhausted he returned to the farm. His education was thus acquired under some difficulty, but he has embraced every opportunity for extending his knowledge and has been a broad reader. He is a practical farmer and is prominently identified with the agricultural interests of the state, keeping in close touch with the work of the experiment station and the United States department of agriculture. He has been three times chosen president of the Bureau County Farmers Institute and is now secretary of that organization. He is also a state farmers' institute lecturer, in which connection he is widely known throughout Illinois, and that he is a popular speaker on the themes which he handles is indicated by the fact that he is frequently recalled to the places where he has once lectured. A practical demonstration of his theories and proof of his opinions is found on his own farm, which is a splendidly improved property, on which the work is carried forward along modern scientific lines with results that are most admirable and desirable. He received from the governor of Illinois appointment as delegate to the Farmers' National congress in October, 1906, held in Rock Island. He had received similar appointments twice before but the long distance of the convention city from his home prevented his attending.

On the 16th of March, 1881, Mr. Pervier was married to Miss Jessie M. Curtis, who was born in Concord township and is a daughter of James M. Curtis, whose sketch appears on another page of this volume. She is a graduate of the Sheffield high school. Unto them have been born five children: Raymond C., Edgar M., Mabel Inez, Carrie May and Helen P., all at home. The parents are members of the Unitarian church and Mr. Pervier belongs to Ames lodge, No. 142, A. F. & A. M.; Princeton chapter, No. 28, R. A. M.; and Princeton commandery, No. 20, K. T.

Mr. Pervier has been a factor in republican politics in this county for more than a quarter of a century and has ever stood firm in support of those principles which seem best to conserve the public good. He has ever been opposed to misrule in political office or corruption of any sort in the political field and his political integrity is unquestioned. He has been a delegate to every county convention, with one exception, since he attained his majority and has been three times honored with the chairmanship. He has also been a delegate to district and state conventions and has been a member of the county central committee for twenty years. Various local offices have been conferred upon him. He has been school trustee, assessor and collector and for six years represented Concord township on the board of supervisors, being first chosen to the office in





1894. He acted as chairman during the last year of his service, 1900, and then declined reelection as supervisor. On the 14th of August, 1906, at Galva he was nominated as the republican candidate for the general assembly, and his past record is an indication of what his service will be if he is elected to the office. He stands in support of the well known principles of the party, believes in meeting the issues squarely and fairly and in working for the interests of the state at large. His patriotism and public spirit are undeniably strong features in his life record, and aside from his political service he is a man of acknowledged worth in state and county, whose labors have been of direct and permanent benefit in agricultural circles.

#### REV. S. L. PERVIER.

Sylvester L. Pervier was brought up in the hill country of New Hampshire and enjoyed the educational advantages of rural life amid rugged mountains, lonely valleys, flowing streams and green fields and forests. Born at Andover, in 1816, the common schools, whose sessions were from six weeks' to three months' duration each year, furnished him with the rudiments of learning. At the age of sixteen he bought his time of his father and went into business for himself. Though meeting with encouraging success he soon returned home to help the family through a financial struggle.

As he came to know himself he found hungers that business did not satisfy. Life to him had larger meaning than bread alone. Soul wants pressed him. He heard the call of religion to come up higher. Knowledge, virtue, truth, urged their demands upon him. Penetrated with such sentiments he looked around for a fitting field of activity. It was but natural that he should find it in the ministry, though painfully aware of lack of adequate preparation. Still he spoke to edification, inspired enthusiasm, and his hearers, regarding such qualities as ample proof of his being called to God to preach, gave him their entire approval. His father rejoiced that his first born was willing to dedicate himself to the Lord.

At the age of twenty-two Mr. Pervier went to western New York to begin his active labors as a minister, at the same time taking up a course of reading and study to better fit him for his chosen work. In Shelby, Orleans county, he planted a church to which he ministered some years and which still preserves its identity.

There, on the 17th of February, 1843, Rev. Pervier was united in marriage with Philena Covell, of Ogdon, Monroe county, New York, who was born May 30, 1820, and is a daughter of Edward and Polly (Gilman) Covell, both natives of Vermont. Mrs. Pervier still survives her husband at the advanced age of eighty-six years. Later he

became a missionary at Janeville, Wisconsin, enduring not only the hardships and privations incident to a new county, but much, from lack of funds being furnished by the missionary board. Thence he moved to Henry, Illinois, taking charge of a church for which he preached four years, meantime superintending the building of its chapel. Leaving Henry he located in Prophetstown, Illinois, again taking up missionary work, depending entirely upon voluntary contributions for support.

With much misgiving he finally retired from active service in the field, devoting himself thereafter to the maintenance of a home. Though his farm life continued forty years he never quite lost sight of his calling as a minister. He ever bore about with him some gospel of good news. His was no stereotyped message. It changed as wants change, as light came, as truth was revealed. He was familiar with nature, with actual things, with common facts. He thought much, observing the trend of things. He was a doubter, but all the more a believer. When in the progress of his thought the faith and methods of the popular church seemed no longer true and useful, they were displaced by others responding more to his reason. The verities as represented by the sermon on the mount he accepted ever; built his character upon them, taught them at home and abroad. But the draperies of religion—its forms, philosophies, methods—he believed must charge with the ever changing world. February 7, 1892, the forty-ninth anniversary of his marriage, pneumonia claimed him for its victim. Quietly, peacefully and with full assurance of a future life he passed away, leaving his wife and four children to venerate his memory. Mr. and Mrs. Pervier became the parents of five children, but lost one child in infancy who was born May 25, 1860, and died May 27, 1860. The surviving members of the family are: Melvin E., who was born in New York, May 28, 1845; Myron C., who was born in Janesville, Wisconsin, December 31, 1841; Donna I., who was born in this county, January 20, 1855, and is engaged in teaching school; and Clayton C., who was born March 4, 1857, and is a farmer. His sketch appears elsewhere in this work.

Melvin E. Pervier, the eldest of the family, was educated at Henry, Illinois, and in the country schools. He has devoted his entire time to farming and stock-raising and he now resides and carries on the old family homestead in Mineral township. In 1870 he went to Kansas, settling near Greenleaf, where he carried on general agricultural pursuits, and while there he served as school director. In 1879 he sold his interests in Kansas and removed to California, where he engaged in fruit raising for seven years, remaining on the Pacific coast until 1891, when he returned to Mineral township, where he has lived continuously since, being now a counted one of the leading and successful agriculturists of this part of



the state, his land being well developed and under a high state of cultivation.

Melvin E. Pervier was married to Miss C. Anna Morgan, of Kansas, a daughter of Joel Morgan. The wedding was celebrated in 1868 and the death of the wife occurred in 1879, many friends, beside her family mourning her loss.

In his fraternal relations Mr. Pervier is a Mason, holding membership in the Blue lodge, and he held the office of junior warden while in California. He has served as assessor for three years and is now highway commissioner of Mineral township. His interest in community affairs is deep and sincere and is manifest through tangible co-operation in those measures and movements which are of benefit to the community.

#### ELI R. MATHIS.

Eli R. Mathis, numbered among the pioneer residents of Princeton, located there in 1810, when the city was a mere village, and was identified with its growth and development throughout his remaining days. He figured in business circles as a dealer in groceries and dry goods and he also worked at the carpenter's trade. He was widely recognized as a man of enterprise and unflinching determination, whose business methods would ever bear the closest investigation and scrutiny.

A native of Ohio, Mr. Mathis was born in Urbana, Champaign county, on the 14th of January, 1823. His parents were Jeremiah and Esther (Moss) Mathis, the former a native of New Jersey and the latter of the Buckeye state. Jeremiah Mathis removed to Urbana, Ohio, at an early period in its development and there worked at the carpenter's trade until he came to the west. His wife died in Urbana when their son Eli was but eight years of age and father and sons afterward came to Illinois together in 1840, settling in Princeton, where the former worked at the carpenter's trade until his death on the 30th of April, 1863.

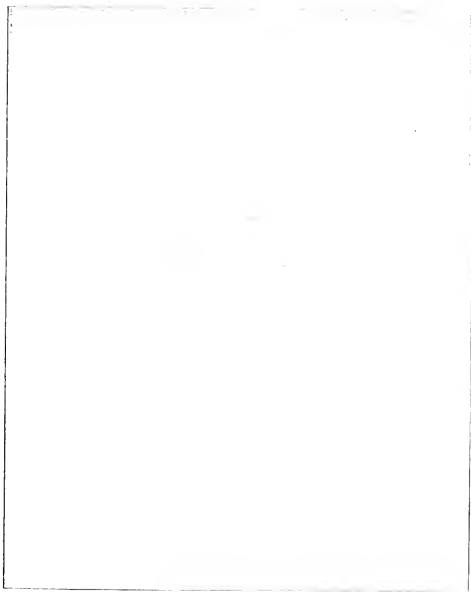
At the time of his mother's demise Eli R. Mathis started out in life on his own account. He learned the carpenter's trade under the direction of his father and as opportunity afforded he pursued his education, continuing as a pupil in the old log schoolhouse in West Bureau during the early period of his residence here. He afterward began work at his trade, being first employed on what is known as the old William Charablain home. In 1855 he helped to finish the residence which his widow now occupies. All through his life he was active and energetic, constantly watchful of opportunities, which he improved, making them resultant factors in the acquirement of a gratifying measure of success. He continued to work at the carpenter's trade for several years and he assisted in building some of the first business blocks of Princeton. He then turned his atten-

tion to the grocery and dry-goods business, opening a store in the old Templeton building, where he remained for several years. He afterward resumed building operations for a few years, but eventually gave up all business cares and retired to private life. Mr. Mathis was twice married. He first wedded Miss Matilda Green, of Bureau township, Bureau county, who died in Princeton. Subsequently he married Miss Esther Phillips, also of Bureau township and a daughter of John and Betty (Templin) Phillips, both of whom were natives of Urbana, Ohio, whence in 1833 they came to Illinois, casting in their lot among the pioneer residents of Bureau county. They first lived in what was known here by the pioneers as the Squatters' log cabin in West Bureau, Bureau township, and there Mr. Phillips improved a farm and carried on general agricultural pursuits until 1856, when he removed to Livingston county, Illinois, and was engaged in farming until his death. His wife also passed away there. In their family were five children, namely: Mrs. Mathis; Mrs. E. J. Lemon, of Princeton; Levi T., a resident farmer of Princeton township; James E., who is living in St. Joseph, Missouri; and Mrs. Sarah Leonard of Livingston county, Illinois. There were four children born unto Mr. and Mrs. Mathis; Alice M., the wife of A. C. Best, of Princeton, who is engaged in the conduct of a monument business here; Leslie Ely, city salesman for the White Lead Company, of Kansas City, Missouri, who married Alice Foster and after her death wedded Janina S. Scroggins; Leonard Templin, who resides in Chicago, where for five years he has occupied the position of clerk in the Victoria Hotel; and Guy Roy, who married Grace D. Boyd, of Springfield, Illinois, where he is engaged in the real-estate and automobile business.

Eli R. Mathis served as school treasurer in Princeton for over thirty years and was a warm champion of the cause of education. He took an active interest in politics and always voted the republican ticket and his efforts extended to many measures and movements which he deemed would prove of value to the community in promoting its material, intellectual, social and moral progress. He was a charter member of the Odd Fellows lodge at Princeton, which he assisted in organizing in July, 1851. He always took much interest in temperance work and was an earnest Christian man, who gave liberally to the poor and needy and was widely known for his charitable work which, however, always was done in an unostentatious manner. In his business interests he prospered, becoming well-to-do as the years passed by and in his later life he lived retired, enjoying a well earned rest until he was called to the home beyond on the 10th of September, 1905.

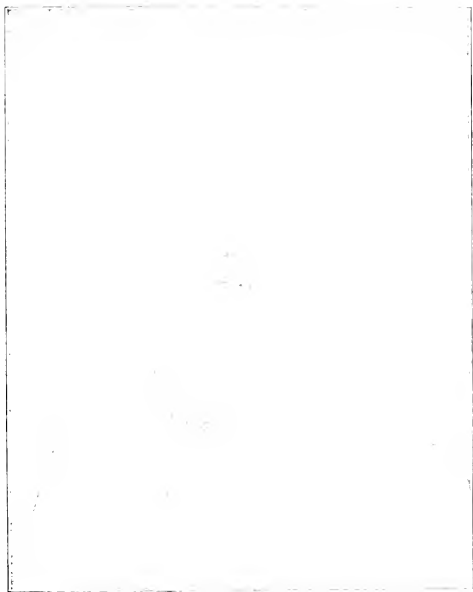
Mrs. Mathis is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and is identified with various fraternal and social organizations. She has been a





MRS. E. R. MATHIS.





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member of the Woman's Club here since it was established and in fact assisted in organizing it. She is also connected with the Daughters of Rebekah, the Sons of Temperance, the Good Templars and the Women's Christian Temperance Union, all of Princeton—affiliations which indicate her deep interest in the temperance cause and her efforts for its promulgation and adoption. She now owns and occupies a nice home at No. 419 South Main street and she also has much other property here, including several store buildings on Main street, which return to her a good rental. The name of Mathis has for about two-thirds of a century been associated with Princeton and its interests and Eli R. Mathis is justly numbered among the honored pioneers.

#### OSCAR M. LYLE.

Oscar M. Lyle, who is living on a farm in Neponset township, was born in this township, December 8, 1867. His parents were Stephen D. and Eliza W. (Hatch) Lyle. The father was born in Vermont, February 4, 1833, a son of William and Atlanta (Darling) Lyle, the former a native of Scotland and the latter of Vermont. William Lyle was one of the pioneer residents of Stark county, Illinois, where he died at the age of fifty-five years, while his wife passed away at the age of seventy-seven years. In their family were fifteen children, of whom fourteen reached years of maturity, while nine are still living. Stephen D. Lyle of this family pursued his education in the public schools of Illinois, having been brought by his parents to this state when four years of age. He was reared amid the wild scenes of frontier life, sharing with the family in the hardships and trials incident to a pioneer existence. On the 19th of February, 1854, he married Miss Eliza W. Hatch, who was born in Vermont, April 15, 1832, and was a daughter of Moses and Jane (Gates) Hatch, who were likewise natives of the Green Mountain State. In their family were five children, all of whom have passed away, with the exception of Mrs. Lyle. The father died at the age of sixty-five years, while the mother departed this life at the age of thirty-six, and both spent their entire lives in Vermont.

Stephen D. Lyle began farming on his own account in Stark county, and in 1857 removed to Bureau county, locating first on eighty acres of land in Neponset township. This was wild prairie, for which he paid six dollars and a quarter per acre. That he prospered in his undertakings is indicated by the fact that he added to his property from time to time until his landed possessions aggregated four hundred and twenty-five acres, of which one hundred and sixty acres was in Iowa. He first built a house sixteen by twenty-four feet, and subsequently erected a fine residence at a cost of about five thousand dollars. He carried on gen-

eral farming until 1890, when he bought the home in the village of Neponset, and in 1907 he erected a residence there which he has since occupied. He has served as school director for nine years and as road commissioner for three or four terms, and the various duties that have devolved upon him have ever been discharged with promptness and fidelity. His political allegiance is given to the republican party. He is accounted one of the foremost residents of Bureau county, having figured for many years as a prominent agriculturist, while his success indicates him to be a man of more than ordinary ability. In the family there were three sons: Charles, who was born December 7, 1854; Herbert, who is represented elsewhere in this work; and Oscar M.

The last named is now living upon the old homestead farm, where his entire life has been passed. He attended the public schools in his boyhood days, and after putting aside his text-books devoted his entire attention to general agricultural pursuits. He is now successfully farming one hundred and sixty acres of land, and he annually ships about a carload of hogs of his own raising. He also buys and ships about twenty carloads of hogs and cattle each year, dealing more extensively, however, in cattle. He is also a breeder of Morgan horses, and has a fine stallion, half Morgan and half standard bred on the dam side. He is well known as a representative of the farming and stock-raising interests of Neponset township and his native county, and in business affairs is alert, enterprising and progressive, allowing no obstacle to brook him in his path to success if it can be overcome by determined purpose and honorable effort.

On the 9th of January, 1889, was celebrated the marriage of Oscar M. Lyle and Miss Uluxia V. Phillips, who was born in Neponset, August 15, 1867, a daughter of John H. and Sarah E. (Aushman) Phillips. Her parents were married October 13, 1866. Her father was born in Redwood, Jefferson county, New York, November 16, 1846, and was educated in the public schools. Her mother was born in Clermont county, Ohio, September 17, 1846. In their family were three daughters: Mrs. Lyle; Carrie L., born August 29, 1874; and Effie June, born June 12, 1879.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Lyle were born eight children, but they have lost four. Those still living are: Wenona P., born May 12, 1899; Roscoe M., August 14, 1891; Floy M., February 23, 1904; and Stephen H., January 15, 1902. The parents are prominent socially, having the warm regard of a large circle of friends, while the hospitality of many of the best homes of this section of the county is cordially extended them. Mr. Lyle is a school director and believes in providing excellent educational privileges, for he regards the system of our public schools as one of the bulwarks of the nation. He votes with the republican party and fraternally is connected with the Modern Wood-



men of America. As a business man he is alert, enterprising and progressive, and these qualities are the substantial and salient features of his success.

#### JESSIE PIERCE GARWOOD, M. D.

Although it is only in comparatively recent years that woman has entered the field of medical practice she has demonstrated her right to be ranked with the ablest members of the profession, and among those who are successfully engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery in Princeton is Dr. Jessie Pierce Garwood, who for thirteen years has been thus engaged in this city. She was born in Bureau county, a daughter of James A. Pierce, a native of New York, who came to this county when a young man. His father had taken up land from the government and Dr. Garwood's brother still owns the property. The death of Mr. Pierce occurred in the year 1892, while his wife survived until 1905. In their family were eleven children, six sons and five daughters, all of whom are yet living—a remarkable family record.

Dr. Garwood spent her girlhood days in her parents' home and after acquiring a good education in the public schools determined upon the practice of medicine as a life work and entered the Iowa Medical College at Iowa City, from which she was graduated in the class of 1888. Although she is a general practitioner she to a large extent makes a specialty of diseases of women and children. She makes occasional contributions to medical journals and is a member of the county and state medical societies and of the North Central Illinois Medical Association. She now has a good practice which is constantly increasing and numbers among her patrons many of the best families of the city.

In 1892 Jessie Pierce gave her hand in marriage to Louis A. Garwood, who was born in Princeton and is a son of William Garwood, one of the old settlers of Bureau county. The father died in 1905 but the mother is still living at the age of seventy years and resides upon the old homestead which her father, Abel Hunt, entered from the government. At the time of the Civil war William Garwood enlisted for service in the army as a member of Company C, Ninety-third Regiment of Illinois Volunteers, with which he remained for three years. He held the rank of first lieutenant and was injured in a railroad wreck and also sustained two gun-shot wounds. In the family were two children: Louis A. and Ida, the latter the wife of William Welsh, a resident of Minnesota.

Louis A. Garwood was educated in Princeton and engaged in farming until about 1890. He devoted the succeeding year to the machinist's business and for ten years conducted a nursery,

but for the past four years has been engaged in the sale of pianos, having a store in Princeton wherein he handles the Kimball pianos, his subsiding among the largest of any house of the kind in the county. Mr. Garwood is a republican and in 1906 was elected alderman of the third ward of Princeton. He is likewise a member of Tonoluka lodge, No. 89, I. O. O. F. Both Mr. and Dr. Garwood are members of the Congregational church and they are pleasantly located in an attractive home at No. 139 North Main street in Princeton. Mr. Garwood possesses a fine voice and for years was leader of the choir of the Methodist Protestant church. He has also been a great campaign singer, having sung in almost every county in the state during the time when political rallies have been held. Both he and his wife are highly esteemed socially and their circle of friends in Princeton is an extensive one.

#### JOHN A. MCGANN.

All parts of the country have sent their representatives to Bureau county to be one factor in its citizenship, and among those New England has contributed is numbered John A. McGann, who was born in Boston, Massachusetts, on the 4th of June, 1854, and became a resident of Illinois in 1856. His parents, Arthur and Bridget (O'Hare) McGann, were natives of Ireland and, crossing the Atlantic to the new world in 1850, settled in Massachusetts. They became parents of two sons and a daughter, of whom Owen McGann was born in 1852. The daughter died in infancy.

John A. McGann was but two years old when brought by his mother from Massachusetts to Bureau county, Illinois, and was therefore reared in this locality. Lessons of industry and economy were early impressed upon his mind and have borne rich fruit in later years. His early life was a period of earnest toil and he has always been an energetic, enterprising man, dependent upon his own resources for all that he has achieved and enjoyed. He now has charge of three hundred and twenty acres of land in Ohio township and is engaged extensively in the raising of grain and stock. For eight years he has lived upon this farm and both branches of his business are proving profitable, returning to him a gratifying annual income. His methods are entirely practical and his success may be readily attributed to his ind-fatigable industry. He now owns a house and lot in the village of Ohio and his savings would permit of his investment in a farm of his own.

It was on the 25th of November, 1890, that Mr. McGann was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Enright, who was born in Bureau county, February 18, 1861. Her parents were Daniel and Bridget (Doran) Enright, natives of Ireland.



whence they came to the United States in May, 1855. Mrs. McGann is the eldest of their family of twelve children and by her marriage she has become the mother of six children, as follows: Bridget Ethel, born January 21, 1892; Arthur C., born September 29, 1894; Mary, July 21, 1896; Bernadetta, August 19, 1899; Patrick Leo, April 17, 1903; and Margaret Annetta, June 9, 1905.

The family are communicants of the Roman Catholic church and Mr. McGann is a member of Father Mathew's total abstinence society and is also identified with Modern Woodmen camp, No. 17. His political endorsement is given the republican party and while he never seeks nor desires office as a reward for party fealty he is always quick to respond to any demand for public service or for co-operation in movements for the general good. His residence in the county covers a period of a half century and he is therefore largely familiar with its history, as he has been a witness of its development from an early day and has seen the introduction of those lines of business activity which have led to its substantial improvement.

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#### EDWARD SCOTT.

Edward Scott, who owns and occupies a farm in Berlin township, comprising eighty acres of land which is very productive and highly cultivated, dates his residence in Bureau county from April, 1855, and has therefore been identified with its interests for more than a half century, during which time he has witnessed much of its growth and development as pioneer conditions have given place to the evidences of a modern civilization. He was born in Hackettstown, New Jersey, August 26, 1853, and is one of a family of nine children, whose parents were Henry and Nancy (Grundyke) Scott, both of whom were natives of Warren county, New Jersey, the former born in 1820 and the latter in 1827. In the year 1855 they left the east and came with their family to Illinois, settling in Bureau county in April of that year. Their children were: Johanna W., John, Sarah C. and George, all now deceased; Woodhull, who died in Tennessee while in the army; Edward; Isaac; William Elmer; and Charles A. The father has now departed this life, his death having occurred July 3, 1898, when he had reached the venerable age of seventy-eight years. His widow still survives.

Edward Scott pursued his education in the schools of Bureau county, which he entered at the usual age of six years, mastering therein the common branches of English learning. He has followed farming all his days, for at an early age he began assisting his father upon the home farm and has since given his time and energies to general agricultural pursuits. Twenty years ago he

purchased his present farm for sixty-five dollars per acre. It comprises eighty acres of valuable land, responding readily to the care and labor bestowed upon it, so that golden harvests are annually gathered. It is today worth one hundred and seventy-five dollars per acre and upon the place Mr. Scott has made many modern improvements, so that he now has an excellent property. He raises Norman horses and Poland-China hogs in addition to tilling the fields and his business affairs are capably and successfully conducted.

As a companion and helpmate for life's journey Mr. Scott chose Miss Mary E. Wolfersberger, to whom he was married December 31, 1874. She was born September 7, 1852, on the farm which is still their home. Her father, Charles Wolfersberger, was a native of Pennsylvania, born July 13, 1827, and his wife, who bore the maiden name of Susanna Fahnentock, was likewise born in Pennsylvania, February 17, 1830. In their family were nine children, of whom two are deceased. The others are: John F., Mary E., Ida A., Sarah Matilda, Charles E., George S. and Maud S. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Scott have been born two children: Elsie May, who was born December 12, 1875; and Nancy Lulu, born May 12, 1879. They have been given liberal educational privileges, having been students in Valparaiso Normal School.

Mr. Scott holds a membership in Dauntless lodge, No. 150, K. P., which he joined on its organization. For twenty years he has been a school director and the cause of education finds in him a stalwart champion, who does all in his power to uphold the standard of public instruction. His political allegiance has always been given to the republican party and he was reared in the faith of the Methodist church, to which the family all belong. He stands for progress and improvement in material, intellectual and moral lines and wherever there is a movement for civic virtue or for opposition to misrule in public affairs he is found working in support of such and during the long years of his residence in Bureau county has been numbered among its valued citizens.

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#### JOHN BUTLER PITTMAN.

John Butler Pittman, who carries on general agricultural pursuits on sections 14 and 23, Manlius township, where he owns one hundred acres of land, was born in this township, September 10, 1861, his parents being Henry S. and Sarah (Sayers) Pittman, who were farming people. The father came to Illinois about 1854 and was here married. He gave his attention to general agricultural pursuits and continued actively in farming until his death, which occurred on the 11th of March, 1902. He had for a year and a half survived his wife, who died on the 17th of October, 1900.



John B. Pittman is indebted to the public-school system of the county for the educational privileges he enjoyed in his youth. He pursued his studies in a little country schoolhouse two miles north of Manlius and has devoted his entire life to farming, having been reared to that occupation. He early became familiar with the duties and labors of the agriculturist and as he worked at plowing, planting and harvesting he became familiar with the best methods of cultivating the fields, so that he brought to his work broad practical experience when he started out in life on his own account. At an early age he began operating rented land and in 1888, when his labors had brought him sufficient capital, he bought his first farm, it being his present home. It comprises one hundred acres of land on sections 14 and 23, Manlius township, and is now a well cultivated and well improved property, being equipped with the latest improved machinery and many facilities for carrying on the farm work. In connection with farming he is engaged in buying cattle.

On the 12th of February, 1890, Mr. Pittman married Miss Pauline Schultz, of Bureau township, who was born in Germany and is a daughter of Frederick A. Schultz. They now have three children: Ernest, born November 10, 1891; Walter, June 4, 1892; and Arvilla Emerly, April 11, 1897. The family are members of the English Lutheran church and Mr. Pittman is independent in his political views. At the present writing he is serving as one of the councilmen of Manlius and he has also been school director. Fraternally he is connected with the Odd Fellows lodge at New Bedford. A casual glance at his life history seems to indicate that he has always lived a quiet and uneventful career and yet investigation into his record will bring forth the fact that his has been an honorable manhood and at all times he has been faithful and loyal in his duties of citizenship.

#### DAVIS H. VAN ORMER.

Davis H. Van Ormer, one of the well known and representative agriculturists of Manlius township, has found in his business career ample opportunity for the exercise of his latent energies, and through his well directed labor has gained a place among the successful farmers of the community. A native of Pennsylvania, he was born in Juniata county on the 24th of September, 1853, and is a son of William and Sarah (Shellenbarger) Van Ormer, who were likewise natives of that county, where the father followed farming for a number of years. About 1858 he came to Illinois, but while en route tarried for a time in Miami county, Ohio, where he aided in the erection of a barn and remained for about sixteen months. In 1859 he arrived with his family in Bureau county,

Illinois, having in the meantime purchased the farm upon which his son Davis H. now resides. It was then all wild prairie land, which he at once began to develop and improve until his farm had had transformed it into rich fields. To some extent he likewise followed the carpenter's trade, and thus he lived a life of activity and enterprise. He continued to make his home in this county until March, 1889, when he was called to his final rest. His wife had died a number of years before, passing away in 1866. In their family were six children: Elizabeth, now the wife of John Spielman, living in Colfax county, Kansas; John, a resident farmer of Greenfield, Adair county, Iowa; Malissa, the deceased wife of Samuel Kiskaddon; David H.; Lucien, who died when about nineteen years of age, and Oliver M., who is married and lives upon a farm in South Dakota. After losing his first wife William Van Ormer was again married, and by that union there was one daughter, Angie M., now residing in Plymouth county, Iowa.

The father was one of the prominent and influential republicans of Manlius township, where he filled nearly all the local offices, including those of supervisor and justice of the peace. He acted in the latter capacity for about twenty years, and his decisions were strictly fair and impartial. He was an active and faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he served as class-leader for several years, and in all the various relations of life his straightforward, honorable course won him friendship and regard.

Davis H. Van Ormer was a youth of five summers when his parents left the Keystone state, and he had reached the age of six years ere the journey was completed to Illinois. The father then invested in eighty acres of land, to which additions have been made until the farm now comprises one hundred and sixty acres, and it is upon the old family homestead that the subject of this review yet resides. In the common schools he pursued his education, mastering the branches of learning usually taught in such institutions. When he was twenty-three years of age he and his brother John rented the old homestead, which they operated together for four years, and on the expiration of that period Davis H. Van Ormer purchased the interest John had in the eighty-acre tract. After the father's death and when the estate was settled he bought the interest of the other heirs in the other eighty-acre tract, so that he is now the owner of a fine farm of one hundred and sixty acres, which he has placed under a high state of cultivation. He has added many modern accessories and equipments, and uses the latest improved machinery to facilitate the work of the fields. Everything about his farm is carefully done, and he now has valuable property which is largely a monument to the enterprise, thrift and business activity of the owner.

On the 6th of February, 1881, Mr. Van Ormer was married to Miss Emma Carney, who was then





residing in Bureau township. Her birth, however, occurred in Putnam county, Illinois, and her parents were John and Angelina (Farney) Carney. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Van Ormer have been born five children: Leona May, born January 5, 1882; Orpha Angelina, August 19, 1884; Erville Davis, July 24, 1889; Percy McKinley, April 10, 1894, and Lloyd Freedom, April 26, 1896.

Mr. Van Ormer has several times been called to public office by his fellow-townsmen, who recognize his worth and ability. For twenty-five years he has served as school director, and after the building of the new school house of Manlius he resigned. He has likewise been road commissioner and assessor, while for twelve years he served as justice of the peace, making a record equally creditable with that of his father through the control and faithful discharge of his duties and his unbiased opinions, which were ever based upon the equity and the law in the case. His political allegiance has ever been given to the republican party, which he has staunchly supported since age conferred upon him the right of franchise, and he cast his first presidential vote for Hayes in 1876. He has not been a politician in the sense of office seeking, and it is only when urged to accept office by his fellow-townsmen that he has consented to do so. He and his wife are earnest religious workers, but are not connected with any denomination. They have always stood right for progress, improvement and reform, and their influence is a potent element along lines which work for the welfare of the community.

#### JOHN M. TELLKAMP.

John M. Tellkamp is an enterprising business man of La Moille, connected with its industrial and commercial interests. He belongs to that class of representative American men who while promoting individual success also contribute to the general prosperity and thus he has become a valued and representative resident of his native village. He was born October 16, 1863, and is one of the ten children of Martin and Katherine (Eggers) Tellkamp, who were natives of Germany and on coming to this country in 1858 settled in La Moille, Illinois. They had four sons and six daughters, of whom John M. was the fourth in order of birth.

John M. Tellkamp was educated in the public schools of La Moille township and when he put aside his text-books he took up the trade of his father and became a proficient painter. He has since followed that occupation, having a liberal share of the public patronage in this line. As the years have gone by and his trade has increased, bringing him a good financial return, he has invested in town property and is the owner of three houses and lots in La Moille. He is also conducting a prosperous business as proprietor of a res-

taurant and is thus well known in trade circles in his native town.

In 1886 Mr. Tellkamp was married to Miss Carrie Drummer, who was born in Buffalo, New York, January 25, 1868. Her parents were Andrew and Elizabeth (Cook) Drummer. The father, who was born in Germany, came to America and located at Buffalo, New York, fifty-six years ago. He was there married to Miss Elizabeth Cook, a native of that city, and on leaving the Empire state they took up their abode in La Moille about thirty-seven years ago. In their family were ten children, Mrs. Tellkamp being the fifth in order of birth. By her marriage she has become the mother of two sons: Fay A., born October 22, 1893; and Harvey G., born March 9, 1897. Mr. Tellkamp is a member of the German Lutheran church, while his wife and children are communicants of the Catholic church. He is also identified with the Masonic fraternity and the Modern Woodmen of America. He votes with the republican party and has held the office of counsellor of La Moille.

From an early age he has made his own way in the world and his possessions are the visible evidence of a life of industry and thrift supplemented by unquestioned business integrity and keen discrimination. He has the patronage of the public and the esteem of his fellow citizens and the family is a prominent one in the community. He is likewise recognized as a leader in local republican ranks and was a delegate to the county convention which nominated J. W. Templeton for state senator. To his children he has given excellent educational privileges, sparing no expense in this direction and, leaving the kindergarten at the age of six years, Harvey is now at the age of nine years in the fourth grade, and Fay in the seventh grade. They are also being instructed in music and Mr. Tellkamp is resolved that they shall have excellent educational privileges. Both he and his wife are widely known in La Moille, where the circle of their friends is almost co-extensive with the circle of their acquaintances.

#### WILLIAM H. HAINES.

William H. Haines, whose farm of eighty acres in Ohio township is the visible proof of his life of activity and energy, for he started out upon his business career empty handed, was born in this county, September 24, 1866. There were five children, of whom he was the third, in the family of his parents, Andrew J. and Julia A. (Williams) Haines. The father was born in Maine and mother in Pennsylvania and both are now deceased. They became residents of Bureau county in the '50s and continued to reside here until called to their final rest. The father was twice married and by the



second union had one daughter, who has now passed away.

Rearred as a farmer boy, William H. Haines pursued his education in the district schools and in Fulton high school, and when not occupied with his text-books his time was largely demanded in farm work and he gained practical experience in all the tasks relating to the cultivation and development of the fields, so that he brought practical experience to his work when he took up farming on his own account. He received some assistance from his father and has practically depended upon his own resources for all that he has achieved, and he has added to his property until he now owns eighty acres of very rich land, worth from one hundred and fifty to two hundred dollars per acre. There are good buildings upon the place and his home is conveniently and pleasantly located near the village of Ohio in one of the best farming sections of the state. Abundant crops are annually gathered and his business is now capably and successfully conducted.

On Christmas day of 1899 was celebrated the marriage of William H. Haines and Miss Erva Staples, who was born in Bureau county. They have a pleasant home and are widely and favorably known in this part of the county. Mr. Haines votes the republican ticket but has never been active in search of public office, preferring to give his undivided attention to his business affairs, in which he is now meeting with signal success. He holds no mistaken ideas regarding the ease with which one may win success but realizes that energy and perseverance are essential factors in gaining prosperity.

#### JACOB CHRITZMAN.

On the pages of pioneer history of Bureau county the names of Chritzman, Knox and Mercer figure conspicuously and honorably, and Jacob Chritzman, whose name introduces this review, is classed among those who bore an important and active part in the business development of Princeton from an early day. He became a resident of the city in 1855 and for many years conducted an implement store there. His birth occurred in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, November 7, 1833. His parents were Henry and Margaret (Zigler) Chritzman, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania. The father's birth occurred in the beautiful district near Gettysburg, and he made his home in Pennsylvania throughout his entire life. His wife also passed away there. In their family were six children but only one is now living, Dr. Harry Chritzman, who is a practicing physician residing at Welshrun, Pennsylvania.

In the schools of his native town Jacob Chritzman acquired his education. His father died when he was a boy and after attending school for

a few years he went to Lancaster, Pennsylvania, where he began to learn the trade of a moulder. He was employed there in a foundry for a few years and afterward removed to Berryburg, Pennsylvania, where he was also employed in a foundry until 1853. That year witnessed his removal to the middle west. He first settled in Minnesota, where he took up land claims, remaining in that state for a short time. He next came to Illinois, settling in Carroll county, where he worked at his trade until 1855, when he came to Princeton. Here he purchased an acre of land near the depot and erected thereon a small building, after which he began foundry work on his own account. He soon removed his plant to Main street owing to the increase of his trade and there he began dealing in implements and wagons, manufacturing his own goods. He thus conducted a good retail as well as manufacturing business for many years and was one of the leading and representative merchants of the city. His patronage steadily increased and his business had grown to such proportions that in 1878 he felt justified in extending the scope of his activities, by adding a complete stock of plows, reapers, mowers, threshers, engines, cultivators, buggies, wagons, etc., and for a number of years he controlled the most extensive business of the kind in Bureau county, continuing therein until his death.

On the 10th of January, 1859, Mr. Chritzman was married to Miss Rachel Jane Knox, a native of Bureau county and a daughter of William and Mary (Mercer) Knox, both of whom were natives of Ohio. The father was born March 31, 1814, and was a son of Joseph Knox, who came from the Buckeye state to Bureau county in 1832, the year of the Black Hawk war. He was one of its first settlers and established his home upon a farm in Princeton township, which he developed from the wild prairie. Aaron Mercer, grandfather of Mrs. Chritzman, built a log cabin just west of Princeton on what is now the Wagner farm. He engaged in general agricultural pursuits there and occupied his cabin home until his death. He was a man of industry and enterprise and prospered in his undertakings. William Knox, father of Mrs. Chritzman, engaged in farming in Princeton township the greater part of his life but in his later days removed to the city of Princeton, where he lived retired for seventeen years or until his death, which occurred on the 17th of October, 1898. His wife also passed away in Princeton and both were eighty-four years of age at the time of their demise. All of their children, eight in number, are yet living, namely: Mrs. Chritzman, Aaron, Sarah, Oscar, Albert, Mary, Malvina and Nan.

Mr. and Mrs. Chritzman be the parents of six children: Albert is now deceased; Lottie is the wife of Thomas Marks, a resident of Rushville, Illinois, where he is station agent for the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company, and they



JACOB CHITZMAN.



have two children, Kathryn Marie, born June 3, 1901, and Clifford C., born February 25, 1903; Fannie died at the age of five years; Clarence married Nellie Pitman and resides in Princeton, where he is engaged in the laundry business; Mercer and Marie M., are both deceased. The death of the father occurred October 16, 1889.

For several years Mr. Chritzman served as school director and held several local offices, in which he was ever found to be a competent and faithful official. His political allegiance was given to the democracy and he belonged to the Masonic lodge and the Knight Templar Commandery of Princeton. In his business affairs he prospered, becoming well-to-do. Honest and upright in all life's relations, his name was a synonym for business integrity and activity. There were no sensational chapters in his life history. On the contrary his record was characterized by a steady perseverance resulting in successful accomplishment of whatever he undertook. He always seemed to realize and fully meet his obligations of citizenship and of business and private life and when he was called from the scene of earthly activities his death was the occasion of deep regret to all who knew him, for he was respected and honored wherever known. He died at the family home at No. 221 La Salle street. This is a beautiful residence yet occupied by Mrs. Chritzman, who is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and a lady whose many good traits of character have won her a large circle of friends.

#### GEORGE W. REMSBURG.

George W. Remsburg, a progressive farmer of Ohio township, where he owns an interest in a valuable tract of land of one hundred and sixty acres, is a native of Sandusky county, Ohio, his natal day being June 6, 1850. His parents are Solomon and Margaret (Shaw) Remsburg, the former born in Frederick county, Maryland, and the latter in Sandusky county, Ohio. The father was first married in Maryland to Miss Mary A. Michael, who was born in that state January 30, 1821. They then removed to Fremont, Ohio, where the wife's death occurred November 28, 1846. She had become the mother of two sons, Isaiah and Carleton. For his second wife the father chose Miss Margaret Shaw, to whom he was married November 2, 1847, and unto them were born two children, of whom our subject is the younger. The parents remained residents of the state of Ohio until the year 1857, when they removed westward to Illinois, settling in Bureau county. Here the father's death occurred May 27, 1898, but the mother still survives.

George W. Remsburg was only seven years of age when he accompanied his parents on their removal from Ohio to Bureau county, Illinois. He received a common-school education, which was

later supplemented by a course in Wheaton college, at Wheaton, Illinois. After putting aside his textbooks he engaged in farming and stock-raising in Ohio township, and this occupation has continued to be his life work. As the years have gone by he has prospered in his undertakings, each year adding to his financial resources, until today he owns a quarter interest in an estate of one hundred and sixty acres of fine farm land, worth from one hundred and fifty to two hundred dollars per acre. He is operating this tract of land, on which he raises the cereals best adapted to soil and climate, and he is also engaged in the raising of stock, both branches of his business bringing him a gratifying income.

Our subject has been twice married, his first union being with Miss Margaret R. Ross, the wedding ceremony being performed on the 3d of July, 1872. She was born in March, 1852, and her death occurred in January, 1880. They had become the parents of two children: Manry B., born August 25, 1873, and Virgil C., born December 4, 1877. Mr. Remsburg's second union was with Miss Aurelia Morse, a relative of Samuel P. B. Morse, the discoverer of telegraphy. She was born in Princeton, Illinois, August 26, 1858, and on the 24th of November, 1887, gave her hand in marriage to George W. Remsburg. Mrs. Remsburg was educated in the schools of Princeton, passing through consecutive grades until she had completed the high-school course. She then engaged in teaching in Bureau county for ten years prior to her marriage.

In politics Mr. Remsburg is a republican and takes an active interest in political affairs. He is popular with his fellow-townsmen, having been called to a number of township offices. For three terms he filled the office of assessor, and for the past three years has filled the office of township treasurer, being the present incumbent. He has also served on the township republican committee, and for ten years was a member of the county central committee, filling these different positions in a creditable manner. Fraternally he is connected with the Masons, belonging to Bureau lodge, No. 112, and he is also a member of the chapter, council and commandery at Princeton. He belongs to the Modern Woodmen camp, No. 17, and to the Knights of the Globe, while he and his wife are members of the Eastern Star. In his religious views he is liberal, being identified with no denomination.

Having spent almost his entire life in Bureau county, Mr. Remsburg has been an active worker in its development and progress. He has labored earnestly and persistently, and, while adding to his individual prosperity, has done effective work for his township and county. He is leading an active and busy life, and, while operating a large tract of land, which claims much of his time and attention, he yet finds time for public affairs. He owns a beautiful country home, and he and his





wife enjoy to the fullest extent the pleasures of life and are popular and influential people of Bureau county.

#### HENRY LAWRENCE FOSTER.

When the tocsin of war sounded men from all walks of life flocked to the standard of the Union. They came from the work shops, the counting houses, the offices and the fields, all actuated by the common purpose of sustaining the supremacy of the national government. Among the number of loyal sons furnished by Bureau county was Henry Lawrence Foster, who made a creditable military record and who in days of peace has manifested an equal spirit of patriotism. He is now actively and successfully engaged in farming in Concord and has been a life-long resident of this locality. He was born September 26, 1838, upon the farm belonging to his father, Franklin Foster, who came from his native country, England, to America at an early age. He resided for a time at Boston, Massachusetts, and in the spring of 1838 came with his wife, Mrs. Harriet Foster, to Bureau county, Illinois, settling at French Grove, where he began farming, an occupation which he followed continuously and successfully until his death. He passed away May 22, 1880, having long survived his wife, who died on the 18th of August, 1857.

In the schools of Buda Henry L. Foster acquired his education and during the periods of vacation he worked on the home farm, continuing to assist his father in its development from the time his education was completed until the 1st of December, 1861, when he responded to the country's call for troops, enlisting as a private of Company E, Thirty-third Illinois Volunteer Infantry, under Captain Elliott, of Princeton. He continued with that command during all of the battles and skirmishes in which it participated. He was first in the Missouri campaign with the western branch of the army and in March, 1863, moved down the Mississippi river to Milligan's Bend, participated in the battle and siege of Vicksburg, Mississippi, where he was under fire for forty days, taking part in the charge on the forts May 22, 1863. The Union troops then drove General Johnson back to Jackson, Mississippi, and Company E, to which Mr. Foster belonged, lost thirty-four men during that engagement. The regiment afterward proceeded to New Orleans and assisted in the recapture of that city and of the railroad. They held the road until November, when they were sent to the border of Mexico, where trouble was threatened, going by boat to the Rio Grande river. They could not land, however, on account of bad weather, so they laid siege to Fort Esperanza, which they captured, continuing in that locality until January, 1864. His term of enlistment having then expired, Mr. Foster returned home on a

furlough of thirty days, after having re-enlisted as a veteran to serve until the close of the war. He again joined the department of the north and took part in the Red River campaign. The Thirty-third Illinois afterward proceeded to Mobile, Alabama, where they assisted in capturing and demolishing Spanish Fort in April, 1865. They then marched to Montgomery, Alabama, where they received the news of President Lincoln's assassination. From that point they made their way back to Vicksburg, Mississippi, and over into Arkansas, where they participated in more skirmishes and battles, taking part in the engagements at Duvall's Bluff, Bayou Sascbe and Helena. During the march from Mobile to Montgomery, a distance of one hundred and eighty-six miles, they had no provisions only such as they could pick up in a devastated country, much of the time living on parched corn alone.

Mr. Foster was mustered out at Vicksburg, Mississippi, November 21, 1865, after nearly four years of active service with the Union army, during which time he proved an intrepid soldier, whose valor was displayed on many a southern battlefield. When the country no longer needed his aid he returned to Bureau county and purchased a farm of forty acres, since which time he has been devoted to general agricultural pursuits and as his financial resources have increased he has added to his property until he now has over two hundred and fifty acres, constituting an excellent and well improved farm.

Mr. Foster had a brother, Edward Brooks Foster, who served with the eastern army in the Civil war, entering at the three-months' call and afterward re-enlisting for three years. He was born in 1810 and joined the Union troops as a member of the Fortieth New York Regiment of Infantry, of which he became a commissioned officer. He participated in the first and second battles of Bull Run, of Chancellorsville, Gettysburg and many others of the most notable engagements of the war. He died in 1902 near Des Moines, Iowa, where he had lived from 1868, having been one of the prominent and extensive farmers of that locality.

On the 14th of October, 1866, Henry L. Foster was married to Miss Sarah C. Weston, of Buda, a daughter of Joseph Weston, a farmer who had come to Illinois from Maine in 1857. Mrs. Foster died June 7, 1897, leaving three children: Harrie W., who is a graduate of the Buda high school and is at home; Arthur Kendall, who was born in 1872 and follows farming; and Albert Webb, born in 1874. The family have altogether over four hundred acres of land and are prominent representatives of the farming interests of this section of the state. Mr. Foster belongs to Emory post, No. 198, G. A. R., of which he is a past commander, and he takes an interest in its camp fires, recalling memories of the past and of the experiences upon the tented fields. He is a valued and helpful member of the First Baptist church of



Buda, in which for years he has served as a deacon. This association is indicative of his character and his principles, for his life has been well spent and honorable.

#### HERBERT T. LYLE.

Herbert T. Lyle, a resident farmer of Neponset township, where he was born on the 11th of May, 1859, represents one of the old families of the county, his parents being Stephen D. and Eliza W. (Hatch) Lyle, of whom extended mention is made on another page of this work in connection with the sketch of Oscar M. Lyle. No event of special importance occurred to vary the routine of farm life for Herbert T. Lyle in his boyhood days. His time was divided between the duties of the schoolroom, the pleasures of the playground and the work of the home farm, and he remained with his parents until he had attained the age of twenty-two years, when he started out in life on his own account—following the occupation to which he had been reared. He at first farmed eighty acres of land, and at the present writing, in 1906, is cultivating about one hundred and sixty acres of the rich soil of Neponset township. In 1883 he erected the residence which he now occupies and his farm is a well improved property, equipped with good machinery for facilitating the work of the fields and supplied with many other modern conveniences and accessories. Mr. Lyle is well known as a breeder of cattle, horses, hogs and sheep, making a specialty of Norman horses and Poland China hogs. He now has one hundred and thirty head of hogs upon his place and he made an exhibit this year of his stock at the Kewanee fair.

Pleasantly situated in his home life, Mr. Lyle was married on the 16th of September, 1880, to Miss Emma E. Barry, who was born in Winchester, Scott county, Illinois, October 9, 1858, a daughter of John W. and Louisa E. (Blackburn) Barry. Her father was born in Zanesville, Ohio, January 5, 1833, and when a youth of nine years, accompanied his parents on their removal to Illinois, the journey being made by team to Knox county in 1842. There the father, who had taught school in Ohio, continued to engage in teaching in the winter seasons, while in the summer months he followed farming. He was a great political speaker. In the spring of 1849, attracted by the discovery of gold on the Pacific slope, he went to California, where his death occurred, and in the succeeding fall, John W. Barry accompanied his uncle to Henry county, Illinois, after which he earned his livelihood for some time by working by the day or month in Henry and Bureau counties. On the 7th of February, 1855, he wedded Louisa Blackburn, who was born in Yorkshire, England, in 1838, and was brought by her parents to America in 1842, the family being passengers

on a sailing vessel which weighed anchor at Liverpool and reached New Orleans after a voyage of seven weeks and two days. From the Crescent City they made their way up the Mississippi river and for two years were residents of Winchester, Illinois, after which they located on what is known as the old Blackburn estate near Kewanee. It was in that neighborhood that Mrs. Barry began her education at the Weathersfield school, following the cattle path across the prairie. In April subsequent to their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Barry removed to Knox county, where he carried mail and passengers by stage on the Quincy route from Galesburg to Avon, while the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad tracks were being laid. This route, in charge of William Florence Holcomb, was twenty-two miles long, and he made the round trip every day in the week. As soon as the railroad was in operation he returned to Henry county, where he resided until 1871, when he removed to Aurora. For eight years he was engaged there in railroading and in the restaurant business, but on account of impaired health he resumed farming in Bureau county, where he devoted his attention to general agricultural pursuits until the spring of 1888, when he took up his abode in the village of Neponset, there spending his remaining days. On the 7th of February, 1905, he and his estimable wife celebrated their golden wedding anniversary, which was a most enjoyable occasion to all present. Many substantial tokens of regard were received from their guests, not the least interesting of which was a box of orange blossoms for the bride, sent by Mrs. Ira O. Smith, a sister of Mr. Barry's, of Los Angeles, California. Mr. Barry often expressed the wish that he might live to celebrate his fiftieth wedding anniversary, and this was vouchsafed to him, but he did not tarry long in life afterward, dying suddenly at his home in the latter part of March, 1905. He had long resided in this county and was an honored citizen. Young and old, rich and poor, were glad to claim his friendship and found him a most genial companion. He was a strong advocate of the cause of temperance and most earnest in his support of the prohibition party. It is said that no man in Neponset had more friends than he. Mrs. Barry still survives her husband and yet resides in Neponset. In their family were nine children, those yet living being: George, of Downer's Grove, Illinois; Mrs. Laura Nevitt, of Chicago; Walter, also of Downer's Grove; Mattie, the wife of Victor Studler; Bessie, the wife of G. A. Reed; Blanche, the wife of Wilbur Blake, of Neponset; Emma, the wife of H. T. Lyle, of Neponset.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Lyle has been blessed with two children: Edith L., born February 18, 1882, and Theron B., born October 11, 1890. The former is now the wife of William Knapp and has three children. Mr. and Mrs. Lyle have a wide and favorable acquaintance in Bureau county, enjoying the hospitality of many



of the best homes. In politics he is a republican and has served as school director for six years, advocating the employment of good teachers and the upholding of a high standard of public education. He has also been assessor for four years and every public duty devolving upon him has been faithfully performed. Fraternally he is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Modern Woodmen of America and the Yeomen. With the exception of one year he has resided continuously in this county, where he has a very wide acquaintance, and the fact that many of his staunchest friends are those who have known him from his boyhood days to the present is an indication that his has been an honorable and upright career.

#### IRWIN CAPPERRUNE.

Irwin Capperrune was born in Yates City, Knox county, Illinois, December 31, 1843, and is a son of T. R. Capperrune. When four years of age he was brought by his father to Bureau county, and for nearly fifty years the father continued a resident of this part of the state, living at Boyd's Grove, in Milo township, where he was recognized as a most valuable citizen, worthy pioneer and upright man. He was interested in the intellectual and moral progress, as well as in the material development of the community, and he gave the land upon which was built the Methodist Episcopal church at Boyd's Grove. His death occurred in 1885, when he had reached the age of seventy-five years.

Irwin Capperrune is one of a family of four children, three of whom are now living, and attended the district schools near his father's farm. He then began business life as a farmer, following agricultural pursuits continuously until 1903, when with his family he came to Bradford.

Mr. Capperrune married Miss Eva C. Bowman, a daughter of Jacob Bowman, an early settler of Bureau county. There have been three children of this marriage, two sons and a daughter.

#### JAMES MCCREEDY.

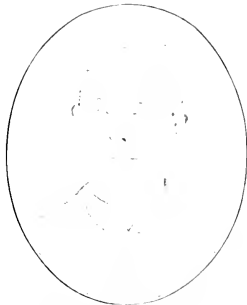
On the list of Bureau county's honored dead appears the name of James McCree, who was born March 20, 1820, and died October 15, 1894. He lived the life of an upright, active and honorable farmer, who was ever a champion of all that pertained to general improvement and progress and who stood for all that is just, true and right in man's relations with his fellowmen. His parents were George and Margaret (Nelson) McCree, the latter a descendant of Lord Nelson of England. Both the father and mother, however, were born in Scotland. Becoming resi-

dents of America, they established their home in Delaware, where the birth of James McCree occurred. He completed his education in the schools of that state, and removed to Michigan, settled at Greenville, where he conducted a general store for a number of years. He also owned property in the town, having forty acres within the corporation limits. In the year 1858 he came from Michigan to Bureau county and made investment in the present homestead, on which his widow is now living. It comprises one hundred and sixty acres of land on section 17, Westfield township, and is a valuable farm property, equipped with modern conveniences and all the accessories that go to make up a model farm of the twentieth century. Mr. McCree displayed excellent ability as a financier, together with keen insight into business conditions and unflinching energy in the execution of his plans. He engaged in the raising of grain and stock, making a specialty of shorthorn cattle. He paid about twelve dollars per acre for the first land which he purchased in Bureau county and which today is worth from one hundred and seventy-five to two hundred dollars per acre. His business interests were most carefully conducted and whatever he undertook he carried forward to successful completion.

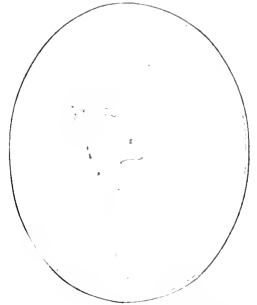
Mr. McCree was married to Miss Ellen McDowell in Chester county, Pennsylvania, in 1869, and bringing his bride to Illinois, settled upon what has since been known as the homestead farm. She was born in the Keystone state, April 11, 1838, a daughter of William and Margaret (McCracken) McDowell, both of whom were natives of Chester county, Pennsylvania. Unto Mr. and Mrs. McCree were born eight children, of whom four have passed away, namely: Martha, who died March 18, 1864; Margaret, April 12, 1861; George, April 25, 1891; and Fred, February 1, 1893. Those still living are James Elston, William John Eugene, Albert J. and Ella V. Margaret.

In his religious faith Mr. McCree was a Presbyterian, and the family all held membership in the church of that denomination at Arlington. He was also a Master Mason, his affiliation being with Arlington lodge. His life was in harmony with the beneficent principles of the craft and with his professions as a member of the church. He was never known to take advantage of the necessities of his fellow-men in any business transaction, and although he attained a high measure of success it was attributed entirely to his judicious investment, his careful management and his marked business enterprise. All who knew him respected him and those who came within the closer circle of his friendship retained for him the warmest personal regard. He was devoted to his family, and it was one of the pleasures of his life that his success enabled him to minister to the comfort and happiness of his wife and children. He attained the age of seventy-

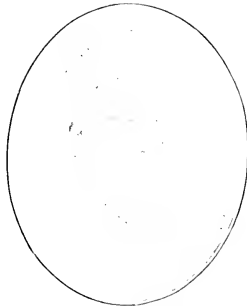




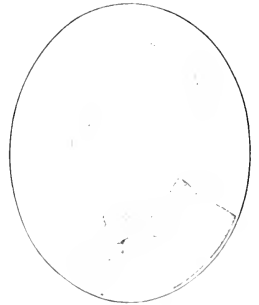
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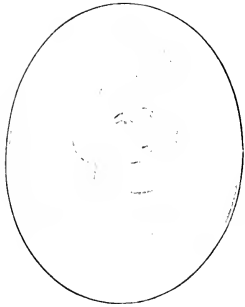
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four years, and when called to his final rest left behind him an untarnished name and a memory that is cherished by friends and neighbors as well as his immediate family.

Mrs. McCreedy still resides upon the old homestead and superintends the place, two of her sons assisting her in the work, while William owns and operates two hundred and fifty-nine acres of land in Whiteside county, Illinois, this being his share of the estate. Mrs. McCreedy has a beautiful home standing in the midst of well tilled fields and surrounded by a fine lawn and shade trees. In addition to this property she owns four hundred acres of land in Fairfield county, Illinois, one hundred and sixty acres south of Arlington known as the Little homestead, four hundred and forty acres in Chase county, Kansas, and some real estate in the village of Arlington. Her possessions altogether aggregate twelve hundred and forty acres, and in the management of her property interests Mrs. McCreedy has displayed excellent business understanding and enterprise. The family is one of prominence in the community, greatly esteemed by all with whom they have come in contact and Mrs. McCreedy has won the most kindly regard by reason of her many excellent traits of heart and mind.

#### GEORGE WASHINGTON DABLER.

George Washington Dabler, one of Indiana's native sons now living in Bureau county, was born in Wabash, that state, on the 3d of December, 1848, his parents being John and Saloma (Chariet) Dabler. The father was a native of Pennsylvania, where he worked as a boat builder. At a later date he took up his abode in Wabash county, Indiana, where he continued to make his home until 1852, when he removed to Bureau county, Illinois, and for some time lived in the Bryan log cabin near Princeton. Subsequently he purchased forty acres of land, and soon after bought a land warrant from the war of 1812 for one hundred and sixty acres, for which he paid at the rate of a dollar and a quarter per acre. Upon the farm he thus secured he spent the remainder of his days. His time and energies were given to general agricultural pursuits, which resulted in making him one of the substantial residents of the county. In 1865 he was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, who died on the 1st of July of that year, while he survived her for about thirty years, passing away June 21, 1894.

George W. Dabler pursued a common-school education in this county, whither he was brought by his parents when but four years of age. When but a young lad he began work in the fields, taking his place behind the plow and doing other labor incident to the care and cultivation of the fields. Throughout his entire life he has been engaged in farming, and the home place now comprises two

hundred and forty-six acres of rich and fertile land, on which are good buildings and excellent grades of stock. It shows in its neat and thrifty appearance his careful supervision and practical business methods. By the faithful performance of each day's duties he finds inspiration and courage for the labors of the succeeding day, and as the years go by he adds to his competence, so that he is now a substantial citizen of his community.

Mr. Dabler was married to Miss Anna M. Hartman, a daughter of John Hartman, of Manlius township. Her father was a native of Bucks county, Pennsylvania, and came to Princeton in 1853. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Dabler have been born eleven children who are living, while three have passed away. Those who still survive are: Charles H., Bertha M., Franklin L., Rose G., Harvey G., Jess W., Grover C., Earl K., Clifford, Ray C. and Marshall. Those who have departed this life are: William, who died at the age of two months; John, who died at the age of nine years, and Saloma, when ten years of age.

Mr. Dabler has been road commissioner for eighteen consecutive years, and treasurer of the board of commissioners for sixteen years. He has been elected on the democratic ticket, and the fact that he has again and again been chosen to these offices is proof conclusive of his capability and the confidence reposed in him by his fellow-townsmen. He was appointed postmaster of Manlius under Grover Cleveland, and served from 1884 until 1903. Fraternally he is connected with Hope lodge, No. 174, Mystic Workers, of Manlius, while all of the family are Baptists in religious faith, attending the services of that church, and aiding in its work and support.

#### ORRIS W. MASON.

Orris W. Mason, engaged in general farming in Concord township, was born at Buda, Illinois, June 21, 1861, and is a son of Cyrus Parker and Sarah Jane (Noyes) Mason, of whom mention is made on another page of this volume. The parents were of Scotch descent and were natives of New Hampshire. The father, who devoted his life to farming and stock-raising, was born August 13, 1831, and died January 8, 1897, while his wife, who was born February 25, 1833, died March 3, 1900. They were both members of the Buda Union Christian Society.

Orris W. Mason pursued his education in the public schools of Buda and was reared to the occupation of farming, early becoming familiar with the work of field and meadow. He has always lived upon the home place with the exception of about a year and a quarter spent in Nebraska, in the employ of J. H. Clark, of De Smet, that state. He resides on section 33, Concord township, and owns and operates two hundred and twelve acres of rich farming land, which is located in



Concord and Macon townships, and is entirely free from all indebtedness. In addition to the farm he also has various financial interests in different places and he owns and operates the best equipped cider mill in the county with a capacity of three thousand gallons in ten hours.

On the 15th of June, 1893, at the home of the bride's parents, in Macon township, Mr. Mason was married to Miss Adah L. Chase, who was born February 1, 1872, in Buda, Illinois, a daughter of James S. and Imogene L. (Hood) Chase. The father, born in Fairfield, Maine, June 25, 1831, died January 10, 1897, only two days after the death of Mr. Mason's father. Mrs. Chase, who was born June 10, 1850, at Indianapolis, Indiana, now resides in Buda. They were the parents of three children: Adah L., George E. and Laura W., all residents of Buda. Mr. and Mrs. Mason have two children: Celia Chase Mason, born April 26, 1901, and Eunice Hood Mason, born January 23, 1903.

In politics Mr. Mason is a republican, unflinching in his allegiance to the party. He has served as director for six or seven years of the Bureau County & Wyanet Mutual Insurance Company, and for the last three years has been its president. The honors and emoluments of political office, however, have no attraction for him, as he prefers to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs and other interests. He belongs to Buda lodge, No. 575, I. O. O. F., of which he has been noble grand for two terms; Buda lodge, No. 399, A. F. & A. M., of which he was senior and junior warden one term; the Buda Daughters of Rebekah, No. 339; the Buda chapter of the Eastern Star, No. 248, of which he was worthy patron for four terms, and Buda encampment, No. 130, I. O. O. F., of which he was chief patriarch for one term. He is liberal in his religious views and is a Unitarian in his affiliation, while for nine years he has been secretary of the Buda Union Christian Society.

#### CHARLES HIRAM PETTEYS.

Charles Hiram Petteys owns and operates a valuable farm of one hundred and ninety-four acres in Concord township. He was born at Jamesville, Wisconsin, April 15, 1852, and is a son of George and Sarah M. (Wilber) Petteys. The father was a farmer by occupation and with his family removed to Boone county, Illinois, from Wisconsin in 1853. The following year, however, he took up his abode in Henry county, this state, where he spent his remaining days, passing away in August, 1862.

Charles H. Petteys was a youth of twelve years when, in 1864, he came to Bureau county to become a resident of Macon township. His early education was acquired in the district schools and he afterward continued his studies in Buda, being

graduated from the high school there. His youth was largely devoted to farm labor and he gained broad practical experience in this direction. After leaving school he entered the railroad shops at Buda and was employed as a brakeman and in other railroad services for a year. Subsequently he returned to farming in Macon township, where he lived for four years, when he took up his abode in Concord township, in the vicinity of Buda, where he has since remained. His time and energies are devoted to general agricultural pursuits, and he owns one hundred and ninety-four acres of rich and arable land, constituting an excellent farm that in its equipments has become known as one of the model farm properties of his locality.

Mr. Petteys was married December 29, 1877, to Miss Ella M. Beckwith, of Buda, a daughter of W. N. Beckwith, a farmer and stockman. In his religious views Mr. Petteys is a Congregationalist, holding membership with the church in Buda, and he stands for all that is right and just in man's relations to his fellowman and for all that is progressive and practical in citizenship.

#### MRS. ALICE C. FAUBLE.

Mrs. Alice C. Fauble, residing in La Moille, was born in Clarion township, Bureau county, Illinois, October 6, 1869, and is a daughter of John and Lucy M. (Smith) Clapp. Her father was born in Northampton, Massachusetts, on the 1st of October, 1814, while the mother's birth occurred in Alden, Erie county, New York, April 19, 1818. In the year 1831 John Clapp arrived in Bureau county and on the 20th of October, 1837, was married in Princeton to Miss Lucy M. Smith, whose residence here dated from almost as early a period as her husband's. Mr. Clapp was a farmer by occupation and owned at the time of his death a tract of land of one hundred and sixty acres. In the family were seven children: Charles S., Harriet W., Cephas E., William A., Dwight, Albert N., and Alice M. Of this family Charles was a soldier of the Civil war, enlisting from Illinois at the beginning of hostilities, and he lost his life at the battle of Champion Hill on the 16th of May, 1863.

The daughter Alice spent her girlhood days in her parents' home and obtained her education in the public schools. On the 30th of August, 1881, she gave her hand in marriage to John Fauble, who was born in Lee county, Illinois, November 16, 1857. He was a farmer by occupation and became a resident of Bureau county in 1897, spending his remaining days here. He was the owner at the time of his death of one hundred and fifty-three acres of choice land, together with a house and lot. He displayed excellent management in his business affairs, combined with keen shrewdness and unflinching enterprise, so that what



ever he undertook he carried forward to successful completion. He held membership with the Mystic Workers, and was prominent and influential in community interests, acting as a member of the village council and also as school director. Matters relating to the public welfare received his earnest consideration and he gave his support to whatever he deemed would prove of general good. He held membership in the Evangelical church at Perkins' Grove and was one of its active, earnest and efficient workers. His life was honorable and upright, his actions manly and sincere and his good qualities of heart and mind drew to him the friendship and kindly regard of all with whom he came in contact, so that his death, which occurred on the 29th of October, 1900, was the occasion of deep and wide-spread regret. The community lost a valued citizen and his family a devoted husband and father.

Mrs. Fauble is a member of the Congregational church and of various societies connected therewith for the promotion of its growth and the extension of its influence. She is a lady of excellent business ability, a capable financier, and is in every way able to manage her business interests, which are of considerable importance. The family to which she belongs is one of some note, her brother, Cephus, being a Congregational minister and state superintendent of home missionary work at Forest Grove, Oregon. Mrs. Fauble is a lady of high attainments, of natural culture and refinement, and enjoys the esteem and good will of many friends. Her home is justly celebrated for its gracious and pleasing hospitality and her cooperation may be relied upon in every good work.

#### REV. H. DECKER.

Rev. H. Decker has since 1887 been pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Zion church in Clarion township. This church was organized August 17, 1856, and Rev. George Guebner became the first pastor. A few months later, however, he was succeeded by Rev. I. Koch, who came in April, 1857, and remained until December of that year, when Rev. George Guebner was called to take charge. He remained from the 30th of May, 1858, until August, 1860, and was followed by Rev. H. Ehlers, who continued as pastor until October, 1867. His successor was the Rev. G. Albert Schieferdecker, who served the church until April, 1874, when Rev. John Wittig was called to the pastorate, remaining until August, 1887. The Rev. K. Heinrich A. Decker, then assuming the pastorate on the 15th of September, 1887, has since ministered to the spiritual needs of his congregation and under his guidance the church has made substantial progress.

Rev. Decker was born in Rendsburg, Germany, June 12, 1851, and in 1873 came to America. He was assistant pastor of a church at Keokuk Junction from December, 1874, until February, 1876,

after which he filled the pastorate of St. Paul's church at Fowler and of St. Peter's church at Coatsburg, Illinois, until 1887. He was then called to his present charge, his pastorate here covering nearly twenty years. He was educated in the schools of Haderleben and Schleswig and afterward in the Mission House of Melsungen, Germany, and in the Wartburg Seminary at St. Sebald, Iowa. In 1874 this seminary was removed to Mendota, Illinois, and he finished his education there, being ordained to the priesthood on the 23d of June, 1876, at Mendota. His life has since been devoted to his holy calling and his labors and efforts have been of no restricted influence but have borne good fruit in the growth of the church.

Rev. Decker was married July 11, 1876, at Peoria, Illinois, to Miss Sophie Muenstermann, who was born in Hoenebach, Germany, January 6, 1852, and came to this country on the same ship with her future husband. Their marriage has been blessed with nine children: C. August, who was born June 25, 1877, and is now pastor of a church in Peoria, Illinois; C. Heinrich T., who was born January 2, 1879, and is a mining engineer in Arizona; Rudolph F. C., who was born July 20, 1881, and is a practicing physician; Paul G. H., who was born March 25, 1883, and is now studying philosophy; Erich G. T., who was born August 2, 1885, and is a telegraph operator in Colorado; Johannes F. K., who was born December 20, 1887, and died August 30, 1888; Theodore C. R., who was born December 7, 1890, and is a student in the college at Clinton, Iowa; Elizabeth L. L. E., who was born March 7, 1892, and is at home; and Frieda M. M., who was born August 23, 1894, and is also with her parents.

Politically Mr. Decker is a republican with independent tendencies. He belongs to the Lutheran synod of Iowa, and is president of the southern district of the synod. He has held several of the offices which have come as the gift of the church through its auxiliary branches. Zion church, of which he is now pastor, has a membership of sixty heads of families and an attendance of three hundred and fifty people. The house of worship was erected in 1857, the corner stone having been laid on the 11th of October of that year by the Rev. Koch, while the dedicatory services were conducted by the Rev. Guebner, September 19, 1858. The three members who officiated at the laying of the corner stone were Frederick Stauderger, John F. Meier and Nicholas Gross. The church steeple was built in 1874, and two bells, placed therein, were dedicated on the 25th of October of that year. The church was enlarged in 1902 and a pipe organ secured, while at the same time new windows were purchased and put in. A new Lutheran constitution was adopted January 13, 1868. This church has many associations for the people of Clarion township and its pastor has been the counsellor and sympathetic



adviser of many of its members and friends through a long period. He has worked untiringly for the upbuilding of the church and the extension of its influence and his words of wisdom and truth as pronounced in the pulpit Sunday after Sunday have led many to seek a better way of life, leading to the development of high character. The pastor enjoys the fullest regard of the entire community irrespective of religious faith, his own life being largely an exemplification of his teaching. He was ably qualified by liberal educational advantages for his holy calling and since leaving college he has been unflinching in his devotion to the church and its work, his labors proving a strong element in the moral development of Clarion township.

#### HENRY C. CODDINGTON.

Henry C. Coddington, a retired farmer residing at the corner of Warren and Fourth streets in Princeton, is one of Bureau county's native sons, having first opened his eyes to the light of day on the 14th of August, 1859, on the old family homestead in Doyer township. His parents were James and Catherine (Fear) Coddington. The father was born, reared and married in Allegany county, Maryland, but at an early day emigrated to Bureau county, Illinois. He comes of good old Revolutionary stock and is of Scotch descent. When the colonists resolved to throw off the yoke of British oppression his grandfather, Benjamin Coddington, shouldered his musket and went to the front to aid in securing independence. After hostilities ceased and peace was once more established he located upon a farm in Maryland, which he operated with the aid of the numerous slaves that he owned.

It was upon that plantation that James Coddington, father of our subject, was born January 25, 1798, and he was there reared to manhood in the usual manner of sons of the planters of the south in comfortable circumstances. In 1834 he started for Illinois, walking part of the way and traveling by water to some extent. At length he landed at Hennepin, Illinois, whence he came to Bureau county, and here he invested in land in Doyer township, upon which he spent his remaining days as a farmer. He took prairie land, which was scarcely improved, save that a little cabin had been built. He paid a dollar and a quarter per acre for two hundred acres and he placed all of the improvements upon the property, which in course of time was transformed from a wild, uncultivated tract of land into one of rich fertility, adorned with all of the evidences of the model farm. In early days he hauled his grain to Chicago and Henry C. Coddington now has in his possession a grindstone for which his father traded an entire load of wheat in Chicago. James Coddington was a stalwart republican, but with-

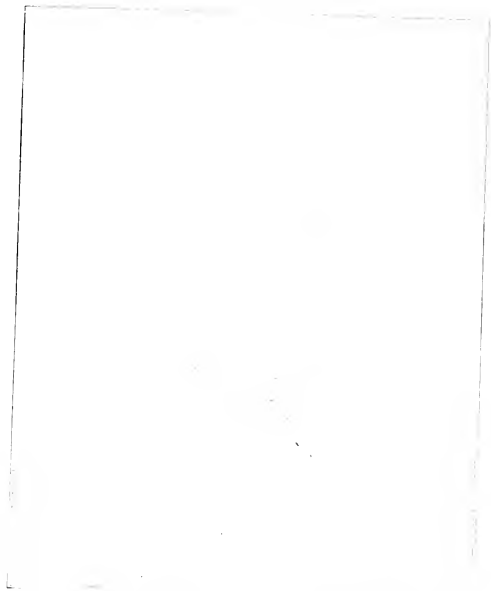
out aspiration for office. He attended the Methodist church and Sundays held at Dover and his influence was always on the side of right and justice, although he did not hold membership in the church. He was accidentally killed by being thrown from a buggy in June, 1876, while on a visit to his native state. His family numbered ten children, three of whom are living: Henry C.; Harvey J., who resides upon a farm in Doyer township; and Mrs. Annie Frazee, the wife of Milford Frazee, residing near her brother Henry.

Reared on the old homestead, Henry C. Coddington at the usual age began his education in the public schools and when not busy with his text-books his time was largely occupied with the work of the fields or other tasks connected with the farm work. He remained with his father until the latter's death and then succeeded to the ownership of two hundred acres of land, to which he has added until his real-estate holdings comprise five hundred and sixteen acres of very valuable farming land in Bureau county. For a considerable period he devoted his time and energies to the labors of the farm and continued to reside upon the old homestead in Doyer township until 1906, when he retired to Princeton, where he purchased a new and beautiful residence. Upon the home place is a large brick residence of ten rooms and two large halls, all lighted and heated by gas. Mr. Coddington added all modern equipments to his farm and has there a natural gas well, one hundred and sixty feet deep with twenty pounds pressure. This has been in continuous operation since 1897. Mr. Coddington became well known as a successful stockman and from 1889 until 1899 handled Galloway cattle, while since the latter date he has handled Hereford cattle. His cattle are thoroughbreds and he has the best herd in the county, numbering from forty to fifty head. He also raises Poland China hogs and is one of the substantial farmers of the county.

On the 23d of December, 1876, Mr. Coddington was united in marriage to Miss Mary Ann Pierce, of Paw Paw, Lee county, Illinois, a daughter of Charles Pierce, who was born in Kingston, Pennsylvania, and became a resident of Lee county in 1835. There he opened up a farm of three hundred and twenty-five acres of land and became a representative citizen of that county, continuing his residence there until called to his final rest. Six children have been born unto Mr. and Mrs. Coddington: Charles J., born March 21, 1877; Emma, who died in 1902; M. J., born in August, 1881; Martha and Mary, twins, born July 29, 1885, the former now the wife of Albert Schmaes, of Ohio, Illinois; and Mary, the wife of Elmer Hoover, their home being upon the old homestead in Doyer township; and Philip Raymond, who was born November 19, 1890. The wife and mother died December 19, 1904, and November 23, 1905. Mr. Coddington was married to Miss

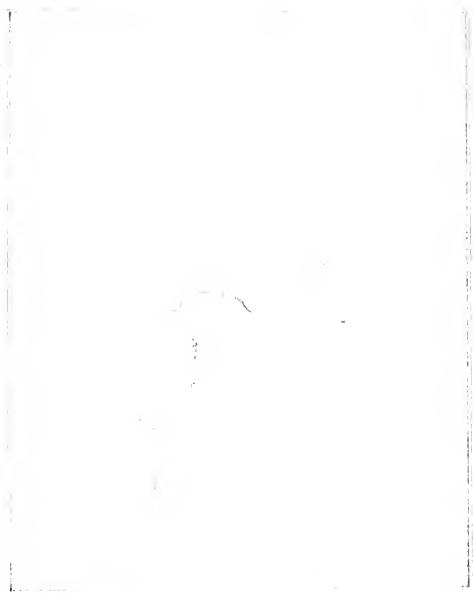






H. C. CODDINGTON





JAMES CODDINGTON.



Nellie Blanchard, a native of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Mr. Coddington votes with the republican party and keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day, so that he is able to support his political position by intelligent argument. Fraternally he is connected with Bureau Lodge, No. 112, A. F. & A. M., and Princeton chapter, No. 28, R. A. M. His children are members of the English Lutheran church. In his business affairs he has prospered and is now one of the extensive landowners of the county. Through his carefully directed labors he has been able to provide his family with the comforts of life and has more-over a splendid competence. Although he inherited the farm his prosperity is largely attributable to his continued activity and energy and his well directed labors. He is seldom at error in matters of business judgment and is still supervising his farming and stock-raising interests, from which he derives a very gratifying financial return.

#### LEWIS M. PETERSON.

Lewis M. Peterson, familiarly called "Uncle Louie" wherever he is known, is now a retired farmer of Bureau county, still holding large landed interests in Wyanet and Concord townships. He resides in the village of Wyanet in the enjoyment of well earned rest, which has come to him as a reward of earnest, persistent and consecutive labor in former years. He was born in Sweden in 1812 and is a son of Peter Olson, who came to Bureau county in 1868 and died soon afterward.

Lewis M. Peterson received but limited educational privileges in the schools of Sweden. He came to Bureau county in 1865, when a young man of about twenty-three years, and here began farming, an occupation which he made his life-work. At length when his labors had brought to him sufficient capital he purchased forty acres of land in Concord township, for which he paid twenty-eight dollars per acre, earning the money by chopping wood and splitting rails. He began the development and improvement of the land and as the years have passed and his financial resources have increased he has added to this forty acres until he now owns eight hundred and fifty acres of fine land in Bureau county, which is very valuable and desirable. He likewise has five hundred and sixty acres in Colorado and is numbered among the wealthy residents of this part of Illinois. His land is devoted to general farming and stock-raising and he continued as an active representative of agricultural interests until 1902, when he retired from the more arduous duties of farm life and removed to Wyanet, where he built a beautiful home and has since lived. He has also erected two fine residences upon his two farms in Bureau county and also on his farm in Colo-

rado, which are almost equal to his splendid new residence in Wyanet. He is now one of the directors of the Farmers' Elevator of Wyanet, which was purchased by a company, of which he is a member, in 1905.

Mr. Peterson was married to Sophia Dahllberg, who was born in Sweden and came alone to this country. Six children were the result of this marriage. Albert is married and lives upon his father's farm, which is located eight miles northwest of Wyanet. Sarah Maria is married and lives upon her father's farm in Colorado. William makes his home in New Jersey. A. G. lives upon one of his father's farms near Wyanet. Rosa is at home, and Hilma is the wife of Oskar Ryburg, a resident of Princeton.

Mr. and Mrs. Peterson are members of the Swedish Lutheran church, in the work of which they are deeply interested and to the support of which they contribute liberally. Mr. Peterson is now serving both as deacon and trustee of the church. In politics he is a republican, who keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day and does all in his power to promote the growth and insure the success of his party, believing that its policy is most conducive to good government. When he arrived in this country he had a capital of only four dollars and a half. He has worked hard until he is now one of the richest men in this part of the county. His farms are all well improved and under a good state of cultivation. He has indeed been a very successful man and is a leader among the Swedish-American people of this portion of Illinois. His life record proves conclusively the value of industry and perseverance as a factor in business and should serve as a source of inspiration and encouragement to others, for, as the architect of his own fortunes, he has builded wisely and well and his property interests are the visible evidence of a life of thrift and well directed labor.

#### GEORGE MAY.

There are representatives of various nationalities in Bureau county but none have proven a more worthy element in its citizenship than those who have come from the Fatherland. To this class belongs George May, who was born in Prussia, September 22, 1832, and when twenty-two years of age crossed the Atlantic to the United States. Thinking that he would have better business opportunities in the middle west, he continued his journey from the seaboard to Chicago, where he remained for about four years. He then removed to Hennepin, Putnam county, where he worked at farm labor until his diligence and enterprise had brought him sufficient capital to enable him to purchase a farm of his own. Later, however, he sold his property in Putnam county and in 1852 removed to Bureau county, where he pur-



chased eighty acres, constituting the nucleus of his present homestead. As his financial resources have increased and favorable opportunity has offered he has added to the original tract until he now owns three hundred and twenty acres of good farm land. His place is carefully cultivated and he annually harvests good crops. He is also a stockholder in the Farmers' Elevator and is thus identified with the grain trade of the county.

Mr. May was married in Hennepin, Putnam county, Illinois, to Miss Lucy Wintersein, a daughter of Lambert and Mary (Drasin) Wintersein, who were farming people of Hennepin, Putnam county, Illinois. The wedding was celebrated June 28, 1866, and has been blessed with five living children: Anna May, now the wife of Nathan Coddington, a resident farmer of Bureau township; George P., who is also engaged in the tilling of the soil in Bureau township and who married Miss Kate Draman; William Henry, a stock-buyer of Manlius, who wedded Miss Nellie Morgan, of Bureau township; Benjamin Frank, who is living in Manlius township; and Everett Forest, at home. One daughter, Mary, became the wife of Peter Johnson, of Irvington, Iowa, and died in September, 1901.

Mr. May is an active republican, interested in the success of his party and doing all in his power to promote its growth and secure the adoption of its principles. He is recognized as one of its able and earnest workers in this locality and is numbered among those who regard it as the duty as well as the privilege of every American citizen to exercise his right of franchise and thus support the principles in which he believes. Though born across the water he is thoroughly loyal in his devotion to the stars and stripes and there would be naught said against the foreign element if all manifested the spirit of allegiance and fidelity displayed by Mr. May. On the contrary, such a citizenship would be gladly welcomed to American shores.

#### SAMUEL S. EVANS.

Samuel S. Evans is one of the younger representative business men of Princeton connected with the Evans, Coppins & Starks Company, which controls one of the leading productive industries of the city. In his business career he has wrought along modern lines of development and progress, has sought out new methods for the enlargement of the trade and has manifested a spirit of enterprise which has made him a leading business man of the county seat.

Mr. Evans was born in Bureau county in 1812, his parents being George P. and Arabella (Möhler) Evans. The paternal grandfather, Winfield S. Evans, was born in Rockingham county, New Hampshire, March 5, 1816, and was a son of Samuel Evans, who was born in Strafford county, New Hampshire. The last named was a son of

Edmund Evans, the founder of the family to the new world. He was a native of England and with a brother crossed the Atlantic to America, locating upon a farm in Strafford county, New Hampshire. Both he and his brother served as soldiers of the Revolutionary war. Samuel Evans was one of a family of nineteen children, all of whom reached mature years. The eldest child, Louisa, married a Mr. Layton, a farmer of the old Granite state, and died when in her one hundredth year.

On reaching manhood Samuel Evans married Miss Hannah Woodman, a native of New Hampshire, and afterward worked at his trade of blacksmithing in Nottingham, that state, where his death occurred when his son W. S. Evans was seven years of age, and the following year his wife also passed away. Winfield S. Evans was the third in order of birth in their family of six children, the others being Elvin A., William Harrison, Samuel Plummer, Sophronia and Leazer W. R.

The advantages, educational and otherwise, which were afforded Winfield S. Evans in his youth were very meager, but he became a well informed man through his own efforts, broadening his knowledge by experience, observation and reading. After the death of his parents he was reared to some extent by others but was early thrown upon his own resources. For a time he worked for his brother in Salem, Massachusetts, and then returned to New Hampshire, where he was employed on a farm for two months. The following winter and spring, however, he was again with his brother. Going to Brookline, Massachusetts, he secured a position as a gardener, remaining with one employer for three years, after which he went to Boston, where he was employed as a porter in a bank. Subsequently he spent two years in the service of a baker, boarding in his family.

Winfield S. Evans was married while in Boston on the 13th of July, 1842, to Miss Sarah J. Langley, who was born, reared and educated in the same neighborhood in New Hampshire as her husband. In 1855 he came to the west, making his way to Bureau county, and was so well pleased with this locality that he returned to Boston the following year and brought his family to Illinois, and still resides in this county. Here he turned his attention to farming and was very successful in that pursuit, so that he is now enabled to live a retired life in Princeton. His wife passed away in April, 1889.

Their only son, George P. Evans, was born in Boston and was provided with good educational privileges. Coming with his parents to Illinois he was reared to the occupation of farming and afterward carried on that pursuit in his own account, but in later years has lived retired in Princeton. He married Miss Arabella Möhler, a daughter of Samuel and Caroline Möhler, natives of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Three children were born unto Mr. and Mrs. George Evans: Caroline J., the wife of Scott R. Coppins, a member of the Evans.





Coppins & Starks Company of Princeton; Samuel Scott, of this review; and Harry A., at home.

Samuel S. Evans spent his boyhood days under the parental roof and after acquiring his education in the schools of Princeton devoted a number of years to the abstract business. He then turned his attention to manufacturing interests, with which he is still connected as the senior member of the above firm, manufacturers of ball-bearing axles, shaft holders and quick shifters. They also conduct a wholesale and retail trade as dealers in fine vehicles. Their factory in Princeton has now been in operation for five years and they employ twenty men throughout the year and are also represented on the road by five traveling salesmen. They manufacture ball-bearing axles (patented) and quick shaft couplers, and they carry the largest stock of vehicles in Illinois outside of Chicago, selling six thousand per year in a wholesale trade. The firm is now doing a mammoth business and makes shipments to Colorado, Nebraska, Kansas and other points in the west. They also ship axles from New York to the Pacific coast. The trade is extensive and growing and the success of the enterprise is largely attributable to the efforts of Mr. Evans, who is a most energetic and far-sighted business man. He is one of the promoters of commercial activity in Princeton and while winning a large measure of success he also belongs to that class of representative citizens who while advancing their own interests largely contribute to the general prosperity.

#### OSCAR S. BASS.

Oscar S. Bass, who is engaged in general farming in Berlin township, was born in Malden, Bureau county, May 19, 1854, and is descended from New England ancestry. His father, Edwin Bass, was born in Connecticut, January 28, 1816, and was married in 1842 to Emeline J. Stannard, whose birth occurred in the state of New York May 3, 1824. They became early residents of Bureau county, settling within its borders during the pioneer epoch in its history. In their family were the following named: Caroline, deceased; Lucian; Luther G.; Sidney and Charlotte, both deceased; Oscar S.; Edwin, who is mentioned elsewhere in this volume; Heber and Howard, twins, also deceased; Wallace, and Alonzo C.

Oscar S. Bass was reared on the old homestead farm and enjoyed excellent educational privileges. After attending the public schools he became a student in Chicago University, where he completed his course in 1880. The occupation to which he was reared he has made his life work, and is a prosperous and enterprising farmer of Berlin township, having two hundred acres of land which he has brought under a high state of cultivation. The fields are well tilled and there are good buildings and modern improvements on the place, which pre-

sents a neat and attractive appearance, indicative of the care and labor which Mr. Bass bestows upon his farm and also of his good business ability.

Oscar Bass was united in marriage to Miss Cora M. Cottrell, who was born in Bureau county, August 27, 1861, her parents being Nicholas and Mary (Cole) Cottrell, both of whom were natives of Worthington, Massachusetts, where the father was born December 8, 1829, and the mother on the 7th of May, 1831. Mrs. Bass is a lady of superior culture, refinement and education, who completed her studies in Smith College, in Massachusetts. By her marriage she has become the mother of three children: Mary, born June 7, 1886; Gerald, January 4, 1889, and Helen, March 20, 1893. The eldest daughter will complete her education in Kalamazoo College, in Michigan, where she is pursuing a classical course. It is the intention of Mr. and Mrs. Bass to supply their other children with good educational privileges. There is a pleasant and attractive home, standing in the midst of a fine farm of two hundred acres, and they are cordially received in the best homes where culture and intelligence are accepted as the passports to good society.

Mr. Bass exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party, and has been called by his fellow-townsmen to fill a number of public offices. He served as justice of the peace for two terms, has been township assessor for three terms and is the present incumbent, and is also acting as a member of the school board at this writing. He and his family are all members of the Baptist church with the exception of their son, who is a Presbyterian in religious faith. In a review of the life record of Mr. Bass it is evident that his success has come through frugality, business enterprise and irreproachable integrity, for these have been the salient features in his career, having been manifest throughout his entire business life, resulting in the prosperity which he is now enjoying.

#### R. W. STORY, D. V. S.

Dr. R. W. Story, a veterinary surgeon, who has been located in Princeton since 1886, enjoying a fine practice here, was born in Bloomington, Ontario, Canada, in October, 1857, his parents being William and Frances (Robson) Story, who came from England about 1816 or 1818. They were from York-shire, and the father's birth occurred near Scarborough, a town on the sea coast. He died in December, 1899, at the age of sixty-eight years, while his wife survived until August, 1898, passing away at the age of seventy-seven. Two of her brothers came to America and served as soldiers in the war of 1812. Unto Mr. and Mrs. William Story were born twelve children, of whom eight sons and two daughters are yet living, while



two of the daughters have passed away. One son, Mark Story, is also a veterinary surgeon, now practicing in Stark county, Illinois.

Dr. Story of this review was reared in Ontario, and after acquiring his preliminary education in the public schools prepared for his profession as a student in the Ontario Veterinary College, at Toronto, from which he was graduated with the class of 1887. Owing to the necessity of making his own way in the world he had practiced for some years before completing his course and since his graduation he has continuously followed the profession, locating in Princeton in 1886, and enjoying here a large and constantly growing patronage, which is indicative of the skill and ability which he displays in following his chosen calling.

Dr. Story was married in Canada to Miss Rachel L. Badgerow, who was born in Ontario in 1856, a daughter of Joseph and Mary (Clark) Badgerow. Her maternal grandfather was a Baptist minister and was of English and Scotch descent. Her paternal grandfather served as a soldier in the war of 1812. Mrs. Story was reared in Ontario, where she resided up to the time of her marriage. She, too, is a member of the Baptist church and is a most estimable lady, having a circle of warm and admiring friends. Dr. Story is connected with the Masonic fraternity, holding membership in Bureau lodge, No. 112, A. F. & A. M., and in politics he is independent. Well qualified for the vocation to which he has given his energies, he has met with creditable success in practice and is a leading representative of his profession in Bureau county.

#### REV. WILLIAM MURTAUGH.

Rev. William Murtaugh, a priest of the Catholic church whose field of labor includes Sheffield and Wyand, his home being in the former city, was born at Chatsworth, Livingston county, Illinois, July 5, 1860. His father Owen Murtaugh, was born in County Louth, Ireland, January 8, 1826, and was the son of a farmer. He was reared to farm life and when twenty-six years of age came to America and worked at farm labor for three years. Attracted by the discovery of gold on the Pacific coast and hoping to realize a fortune in the mines of California, he proceeded southward to New Orleans and thence to Nicaragua and up the river—the route being practically the route of the present ship canal across the isthmus. He spent two years in mining in California, meeting with reasonable success and experiencing the usual hardships and privations of those early mining days on the coast. With a fair sum of money as the result of his two years' work he returned to Illinois and purchased eighty acres of land, while subsequently he bought a half section in Marshall county. Later he removed to Livingston county and from there to Ford county,

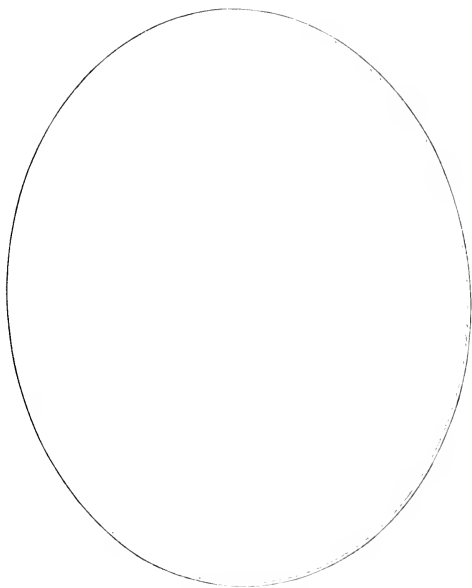
Illinois, where he engaged in farming until 1890, when he took up his abode in Chatsworth, returning from active business life. In 1890 he had married Miss Bridget Lawless, of Marshall county, Illinois, who died in 1894, and subsequently he wedded Mrs. Alice Chary, of Wilmington, Will county, Illinois. Mr. Murtaugh held many offices of trust in the communities in which he resided and was a most faithful incumbent, ever discharging his duties to the best of his ability. In politics he was a staunch democrat, thoroughly in sympathy with the principles and policy of the party. He died May 11, 1901, leaving behind the record of a successful and honorable life. His children are the Rev. William Murtaugh, of this review; Frank; Alice; and a son and daughter deceased.

Father Murtaugh, whose name introduces this record, pursued his studies in St. Vincent College at Kankakee, Illinois; at Watertown, Wisconsin; in Grand Seminary, at Montreal, Canada; and in St. Mary's Seminary, at Baltimore, Maryland. At the last named he was made sub-deacon and afterward deacon, Cardinal Gibbons officiating. He was ordained a priest at St. Mary's cathedral in Peoria, Illinois, August 6, 1888, and first served as assistant pastor at Pontiac for six months. He next had charge of the church at Chatsworth for about the same length of time, and was assigned to Bureau county July 21, 1898, his parish including Sheffield, Tiskilwa, Princeton and Wyand, but his duties becoming too arduous he gave up Tiskilwa and Princeton in August, 1905. For eight years he has labored among the Catholic families of this part of the state and his efforts have not been without tangible results, as shown in the increased numerical strength of the church and the spiritual growth among his parishioners. He has not only cleared off an indebtedness of four thousand dollars since he located here, but has also expended about eighteen hundred dollars on improvements to the church property. Up to this time he has held services in a schoolhouse at Wyand, but has a fund started to build a church. He has about one hundred families in his charge, and visits the sick and needy in Mineral, Boda, Neponset and Manlius, besides his parishioners in Sheffield and Wyand. Liberally educated and consecrated to the work of the church, his zeal and devotion are recognized by all throughout the different towns in which his labors are put forth, and as a pleasant, genial gentleman he makes friends wherever he goes.

#### LINNEAUS A. BATTEY.

Linneaus A. Battey, who owns and controls an excellent farm on section 26, Mineral township, dates his residence in Illinois from 1851, and during the greater part of the period has been a resident of Bureau county. A native of Providence, Rhode Island, he was born May 14, 1853, and is





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a son of Silas and Mercy (Bennett) Battey, whose sketch is found elsewhere in this work.

Linneaus A. Battey was only about a year old when brought to Bureau county, and in his parents' home his youth was passed, his education being acquired in the schools of Mineral township and of Princeton. On attaining his majority he started out in life for himself, working by the month as a farm hand for a year, and following his marriage he began business on his own account. It was in November, 1875, that he wedded Miss Laura Scoughton, of Mineral township, who is a native of New York and a daughter of John and Mary (Vallean) Scoughton. They began their domestic life upon a rented farm, after which Mr. Battey purchased eighty acres of land, on which he has since lived. He is an able farmer, discriminating in his business interests and of sound judgment, and his well improved property is lacking in none of the accessories and equipments of a model farm of the twentieth century.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Battey has been blessed with three children: Eva L., who was born August 12, 1876, and since graduating from the Sheffield schools has engaged in teaching; Pierre A., who was born July 12, 1878, and accidentally shot himself at Nickerson, Kansas, when thirteen years of age, his remains being interred in Sheffield cemetery, and Clair E., who was born September 24, 1881.

The parents hold membership in the Unitarian church, and Mr. Battey is identified with Mineral camp, No. 24, M. W. A. His position on political questions is never an equivocal one. He has stood firmly in support of the republican party since casting his first presidential vote for Hayes in 1876, and he has served as collector of Mineral township for several years and also as school director. His devotion to the public good is above question, and has been manifest in many tangible ways. He and his family occupy an enviable social position, and the hospitality of their own home is greatly enjoyed by their many friends. Mr. Battey is one whose success in life has been built upon energy and determination rather than inheritance or any fortunate combination of circumstances, and his history stands in exemplification of the fact that prosperity results from the efforts of the individual.

#### L. O. MAY.

In a history of commercial progress in Tiskilwa mention should be made of L. O. May, who is engaged in the furniture and undertaking business under the firm style of L. O. May & Son. For twenty-five years he has occupied a foremost place in the ranks of the business men of the town, and has also been a prominent factor in public affairs here, serving at present writing as mayor of the

village. His birth occurred in Indiantown township in 1846. His father, Aaron May, came from Allegany county, New York, to Bureau county in 1832, but before the termination of a year returned to the east. He had formed a strong attachment for the middle west, however, and in 1836 he brought his family with him to Illinois, locating in Indiantown township. He came of one of the old families of New York of English lineage. His wife bore the maiden name of Elizabeth Norton, and was reared in Belmont, Allegany county, New York. Aaron May was a farmer by occupation, and in Indiantown township purchased land which he cultivated and improved, owning at one time a valuable tract of three hundred and twenty acres and several tracts of timber land, so that his possessions aggregated about six hundred acres. Subsequently he invested extensively in property in Missouri and removed to that state, his death occurring in Ravanna. His family numbered nine children, four of whom yet survive, namely: Mrs. Judith Freeman, a widow, residing in Los Angeles, California; Mrs. Carrie Belcher, a widow, living in Tiskilwa; L. O., of this review, and Le Roy, who occupies his father's old home in Missouri.

L. O. May is indebted to the public schools of this county for the educational privileges he enjoyed. He started out in life on his own account at the age of twenty-one years, being employed at farm labor in Indiantown township until he came to Tiskilwa in 1881, since which time he has been engaged in his present line of business, covering a period of a quarter of a century. The firm now consists of L. O. May and his son, G. A. May, and they carry a complete line of all kinds of furniture, carpets and other house furnishings, and also have a fine horse and ambulance for their undertaking business. Their well selected stock and reasonable prices secure to them a liberal patronage, and their trade is now profitable.

Mr. May was married in 1869 to Emma L. Rowe, a native of Wayne county, New York, and a daughter of Isaac Rowe, who came to Bureau county at an early day from the Empire state, establishing his home in Tiskilwa, where he engaged in the furniture business for twenty years, beginning about 1863. Mr. May made his start in this line by purchasing an interest in the business. In 1899 Mr. May was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, who died in June of that year, leaving three sons, as well as her husband, to mourn her death. Gardner A., the eldest, now in business with his father, married Jennie L. Smith, of Geneseo, Illinois, and they have one child, Dorothy, three and a half years of age. Edgar married Catherine Bartholomew, of Wayne county, New York, and is now manager of the Independent Telephone Company at Tiskilwa, Clyde L., living at home, has been a traveling salesman for six or seven years.





Politically Mr. May is a stalwart republican and is now serving for the third term as mayor of Tiskilwa, having been re-elected in April, 1905. That he has given a public-spirited, business-like and progressive administration is indicated by the fact that he has been three times chosen for chief executive officer of the village. He and his eldest son are members of Snatchwine lodge, No. 147, I. O. O. F., of Tiskilwa, and of Princeton encampment, while the son holds membership in Tiskilwa lodge, No. 550, A. F. & A. M. Mr. May is a communicant of the Episcopal church, and in all life's relations has manifested sterling traits of character and fidelity to high and honorable principles. His advancement is due to his own labor and the exercise of his native talents, and as the years have passed he has ever been accorded by public opinion a foremost place in commercial circles and public life in the town where he makes his home.

#### JOHN W. WHITE.

John W. White well deserves representation in the history of his native county and with pleasure we present the record of his life as that of a representative farmer who in all public and private relations has commanded the good will and confidence of his fellowmen. He still lives in his native township of Macon, where he was born on the 4th of April, 1859, his parents being William C. and Elizabeth A. White. The father was born in Ohio, July 7, 1824, and was a son of John and Jane (Robertson) White. John White was of German lineage but was born in New Jersey and his wife was a native of Scotland.

In early life William C. White learned and followed the miller's trade and in Ohio owned a flouring mill, which he conducted in connection with the operation of a turning lathe. In the spring of 1849 he went to California, where he engaged in mining and dealing in cattle until 1852, when he became a resident of Henry county, Illinois, where his parents were then living. In the fall of the same year he purchased from Mr. Motherell the farm that was first settled in Macon township and in 1853 he bought what has since been known as the homestead property of the White family. He lived for a number of years in a log cabin but afterward erected a more commodious and modern frame residence. He gave most of his attention to stock-raising and was very successful. As he prospered in his undertakings he invested more and more largely in land and at one time owned five hundred and thirty-two acres of prairie and timber land. He never cared for public office nor sought political preferment, content to concentrate his energies upon his business interests. He held membership, however, with the Baptist church of Buda and acted as superintendent of the Walnut Grove Sunday school. He took a most helpful part in its work and also contributed

liberally to the support of other churches and toward the advancement of any good cause. His political allegiance was given to the republican party. He was unable to enter the service during the Civil war but did much for those at the front and was known as "the soldier's friend." On the 28th of December, 1851, in Bureau county, he married Elizabeth A. Lewis and they became the parents of nine children. The death of Mr. White occurred March 6, 1874. His wife, who was born in Utica, New York, is now living in Keawano, Illinois. Of the family the following record is given. Loretta J. was born October 16, 1855. Florence A., born August 29, 1857, died March 29, 1863. John William is the third of the family. David A., born January 1, 1861, died March 8, 1862. Carrie A., born December 20, 1862, was married October 29, 1883, to Charles Wolfersberger, of Princeton. Sarah E., born October 17, 1866, is the wife of William Hewitt. Warren J. was born May 10, 1868. Martin E. was born January 11, 1870. Ellen C., born October 18, 1872, is now the wife of Harvey McMullen.

It will be interesting in this connection to note something of the maternal ancestry of the White family. The mother of our subject was a daughter of John W. and Ann (Roberts) Lewis. Her father was born December 14, 1807, in Lewis county, New York, and was a son of William I. Lewis and a grandson of John Lewis, who came to the United States from Wales about 1781. William I. Lewis had one sister who came at the same time and who married a Mr. Jones, settling in Philadelphia. William I. Lewis and his brother, Lewis Lewis, settled with their father near Trenton Falls, New York, and their descendants still live there. Both of the brothers served in the war of 1812. John W. Lewis, the eldest son of William I. Lewis, came to Bureau county in 1853 and in the fall of the same year took up his abode on the northwest quarter of section 15, Macon township, where he lived until his death, January 8, 1873. In March, 1832, he married Ann Roberts, who was born in Wales, August 18, 1813, and was brought to this country by her parents when three years of age. She died November 16, 1874. She was the mother of twelve children, namely: William, Elizabeth, Sarah, David, John, Walter, Henry, Ellen, Thomas, Jerome, George and Albert. Walter died in New York in 1843 but the other members of the family came to this county with their parents.

John W. White, whose name introduces this record, was reared in the usual manner of farm lads, attending the district schools in the winter season and working on the farm through the summer months. He remained at home to the age of twenty-four years and then began farming for himself south of the old homestead, where he cultivated one hundred and sixty acres of land. In 1898 he erected a residence on what was known as the old Motherell property and he is today cul-



tivating a farm of one hundred and twenty-seven acres of his own and also rents some land. In 1900 he purchased a half section of land in Traverse county, Minnesota, three miles from Wheaton, the county seat. He is engaged in the breeding of Poland-China hogs and also raises a good grade of cattle and horses. His fields are well tilled and in his farming operations he is meeting with success. His political allegiance is given to the democracy but he neither seeks nor desires office as a reward for party fealty, preferring to give undivided attention to his business affairs.

On the 31st of January, 1881, Mr. White was married to Miss Annie Wood, who was born in Macon township, July 28, 1864, and is a daughter of Charles and Elizabeth (Gould) Wood, prominent pioneer residents of this county, who are mentioned at length on another page of this volume. Mr. and Mrs. White have three children: Arilla E., who was born December 23, 1884, and is teaching in the Walnut Grove school; Verne J., born July 4, 1888; and Ethel, born May 20, 1890.

Both parents are worthy representatives of prominent pioneer families of this county and, having always resided here, are widely known, while their many good qualities have gained for them the favorable regard of all with whom they have been associated. Mr. White has been a witness of many of the events which have marked the county's development and progress and are now matters of history, and the good name made by his father has been upheld by him, the White family having been among the most respected families of Macon township for many years.

#### EDWIN F. NORTON.

Edwin F. Norton, who is half owner of six hundred and sixty acres of valuable land in Bureau county, is well known as a breeder of sheep, goats and hogs, and his stock farm bears a good reputation throughout the county and this portion of the state. He is a wide-awake and enterprising young business man, his home being in Neponset township, which was also the place of his nativity. His natal day was July 26, 1866, and his parents were George and Ann (Studley) Norton. The father, long a resident of Neponset, was born at Brawby, Yorkshire, England, March 24, 1817, and his parents, John and Sarah (Noble) Norton, were likewise natives of England. In their family were six children, who reached years of maturity. On the 1st of November, 1819, the grandparents of our subject arrived in Bureau county and here spent their remaining days. They were active members of the Methodist Episcopal church and are still well remembered by many of the old settlers.

George Norton came to Neponset in the spring of 1841 and about 1841 entered some land, which became the old homestead property. He added to this from time to time until he was the owner of

a fine place of three hundred and twenty acres which he brought under a high state of cultivation, adding thereto many improvements. His success in life may be honestly attributed to his perseverance and industry, for he started out on his own account empty handed. He was married April 13, 1841, to Miss Ann Studley, who was born in England, January 6, 1827, and about 1836 was taken to Morgan county, Illinois, by her parents, William and Annie (Chapman) Studley, who were early settlers of Neponset township. Into Mr. and Mrs. George Norton were born ten children. Sarah A., born February 5, 1848, became the wife of William Hood, and died February 26, 1900. Eliza, born February 25, 1850, is living in Neponset township. Thomas N., born February 17, 1853, follows farming in Iowa. Emma, born July 4, 1855, is the wife of John Scaife, of Neponset. Levi G., born October 15, 1857, is also living in Neponset. Addie J., born December 5, 1859, is the deceased wife of Walter Pratt. Moses J. is in partnership with his brother Edwin. Fannie E. died April 12, 1889, at the age of twenty-five years. Edwin F. is the next of the family. Irene C. is the wife of Rev. Sanford P. Archer, a minister of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. and Mrs. Norton were at an active and devoted members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and his political allegiance was given to the republican party, which found in him a stalwart champion, ever loyal to its interests. He died September 29, 1887, and is still survived by his wife, who lives in Neponset.

Edwin F. Norton is indebted to the public school system of Neponset township for the early educational privileges which he enjoyed, and he was further qualified for life's practical and responsible duties by a course in a business college at Quincy, Illinois. He started in business on his own account in 1888, when a young man of twenty-two years, being associated with his brother, Moses J. Norton, in farming and stock-raising on two hundred acres of land in Neponset township. In the fall of 1892 they acquired one hundred and sixty acres of land in Macon township, and in March, 1899, purchased other property in the same township. In June, 1902, they made purchase of one hundred and sixty acres more in the same township, and they are today owners of six hundred and sixty acres of valuable land in Bureau county. In the fall of 1892 they went to Billings, Montana, and purchased twelve hundred head of graded Merino sheep for breeding purposes. They have since been engaged in the breeding of sheep, and now have a flock of four hundred at the present time. They also have about five hundred head of hogs, and they ship their own hogs to the Chicago market. They also buy and feed cattle, which they ship to Chicago, sending about two carloads each year, and they breed horses for their own use. Their stock-raising interests are an important source of revenue to them, and they are accounted leading stockmen of the county. They are also



breeders of Angora goats, having a good flock of high-bred animals on their place.

On the 25th of May, 1898, Edwin F. Norton was married to Miss Josephine R. Scott, who was born in Neponset township, April 3, 1872, and is a daughter of Robert and Deborah (Dufree) Scott, who are mentioned on another page of this work in connection with the history of her brother, O. M. Scott. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Norton has been born one son, John Ward, whose birth occurred March 30, 1901. The parents are well known and prominent socially, and their own home is attractive because of its warm-hearted and gracious hospitality. Mr. Norton has served as assessor for three terms and gives his political support to the republican party. He is loyal and progressive in his citizenship, and his efforts for the public good have been far-reaching and beneficial, yet he has never sought to figure as an office seeker.

Moses J. Norton, brother and partner of Edwin F. Norton, was born where he now lives, upon the old homestead farm, January 8, 1862, and, like his brother, was educated in the public schools. They have long been associated in business, and are prominent as stock-raisers of Illinois, in which connection they are widely known through the state. Moses Norton is also a stalwart republican, and for three terms has served as a member of the village board of Neponset. Both are accounted enterprising business men, who keep in touch with the spirit of the times, and their efforts for individual prosperity also result beneficially for the county in the promotion of agricultural and commercial activity, whereon the success and growth of every community depends.

#### GEORGE LITTLEWOOD.

George Littlewood, living in La Moille township, is a native of England, his birth having occurred there on the 26th of July, 1865. His parents, Samuel and Sarah (Smith) Littlewood, were likewise natives of that country, where they spent their entire lives. In the common schools of England their son George acquired his education, remaining in the land of his birth until 1882, when at the age of seventeen years he crossed the Atlantic to America and became a resident of Bureau county, Illinois. Here he devoted his time and energies to farm labor, and, although his possessions were quite limited when he came to the new world, he is now known as one of the wealthy and substantial agriculturists of Bureau county. His farm comprises one hundred and sixty acres of choice land, for which he paid sixty-five dollars per acre, and which is today worth from one hundred and fifty to two hundred dollars per acre.

Mr. Littlewood was married to Miss Anna Swanlund, whose birth occurred in Bureau county October 10, 1874. This marriage has been blessed with four children: William M., born December

25, 1893; Harold R., June 21, 1895; Ethel E., November 25, 1900, and Albert E., March 26, 1901. The family are now nobly located in a new residence which was built about two years ago, and which in its tasteful furnishings and attractive surroundings makes it one of the delightful country homes of La Moille township. Mr. Littlewood is now erecting an excellent barn, forty by sixty feet, and altogether has one of the finest sets of farm buildings in the county. He is recognized as one of the leading agriculturists of his township, and deserves much credit for what he has accomplished, for he is still a young man. If he lives to the allotted age of three-score years and ten he will undoubtedly become one of the wealthiest citizens of this part of the state. He raises good crops, and is engaged in breeding Norman and Clydesdale horses. He also has hogs which are cross-bred between the Poland China and Chester White. Everything about his place is in keeping with the spirit of modern agricultural progress and successful accomplishment.

Mr. Littlewood fraternally is identified with the Modern Woodmen of America, and his political support is staunchly given to the republican party. His wife belongs to the Methodist church, and the family attend its services. Mr. Littlewood has served for several terms as school director, and the cause of education finds in him a warm friend, while to his family he is providing excellent opportunities in that direction, realizing the value of mental discipline as a training for life's practical and responsible duties. His ambition is to provide a good home and comfortable living for his family, and that he is a man of kindly nature and generous disposition is indicated in his face and manner. All who come in contact with him entertain for him warm regard, and the name of George Littlewood is an honored one in this community. Coming from England when a young man, he has never had occasion to regret his determination to seek a home in the new world, with its broader business opportunities and advancement more quickly secured.

#### CHARLES F. MATSON.

Charles F. Matson, a representative of the farming interests of Dover township, where he was born December 28, 1864, is a son of Enos M. and Helen (Westbrook) Matson, who became residents of Illinois at an early day, settling in Bureau county upon the farm now owned by their son Charles. The father labored in Hennepin, Putnam county, Illinois, with a family of nine children and only five dollars in money. He worked for nine dollars a month in order to support his family, and as the years passed he added to his financial resources until at the time of his death he was worth fifty-four thousand dollars, representing the accumulations of a life-time. That





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he was a most diligent and enterprising man is indicated by his success, which was also attributable to his good management.

Charles F. Matson was reared under the parental roof and is indebted to the public-school system of Bureau county for the educational privileges which he enjoyed in his youth. He completed his education at the age of twenty-two years and remained at home until his marriage. He was reared to the occupation of farming, and has always made it his life work and is today the owner of two hundred and nineteen acres, which constituted a part of the old home property, that at one time comprised five hundred and nineteen acres. His father purchased this at a dollar and a quarter per acre, and six years ago Charles F. Matson bought his farm at ninety dollars per acre, while today the property is easily worth one hundred and seventy-five dollars per acre. He raises corn, oats and hay, which are the staple crops of this section, and he also makes a specialty of stock-raising, including horses, cattle and hogs.

On the 23d of December, 1887, Mr. Matson secured a companion and helpmate for life's journey by his marriage to Miss Clara E. Shettel, a daughter of Solomon and Mary Shettel, who came to Illinois at an early period in its development. Mr. and Mrs. Matson now have but one child, Earl V. S. Matson, who was born May 17, 1888.

In his political views Mr. Matson is a republican, stalwart and earnest in support of the party, and on the issues of the day he is well informed, but has never been an aspirant for public office. Fraternally he is connected with the modern Woodmen of America and the Mystic Workers, and his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the English Lutheran church, to which his wife also belongs. An analysis of his life record shows that honesty, industry and economy are his salient characteristics and have led to his success, making him one of the leading and prosperous farmers of Dover township.

#### JOHN DWYER.

In the citizenship of Bureau county among the sons of Ireland who have borne an important part in the business life which has brought about the present prosperity of this section of the state John Dwyer is numbered. He first opened his eyes to the light of day on the Emerald Isle, July 15, 1840, his parents being Cornelius and Bridget (Burns) Dwyer. The father died in Ireland when his son John was but two years of age, and the mother afterward came to the United States with her family of four sons, crossing the Atlantic in the year 1852. She did not tarry on the eastern coast, but made her way to Springfield, Ohio, and

afterward to Miami county. On leaving the Buckeye state she became a resident of Illinois, and her last days were spent in the village of Arlington, Bureau county.

John Dwyer of this review was a youth of but twelve years when he left the land of his nativity and came with his mother to the new world. For three years he resided in Springfield, Ohio, and on the expiration of that period went to Miami county, where he learned the cabinet-maker's trade. He afterward removed to Dayton, Ohio, where lived his brother, Dennis Dwyer, a prominent and influential citizen there, who for nine years filled the position of judge of probate. Later he became judge of the superior court, remaining upon that bench for six years. He was likewise judge of the court of common pleas for ten years, his judicial service covering altogether twenty-four years. That he was a distinguished and able jurist is indicated by the fact that in all that time he had but one decision reversed. He has figured prominently in connection with the legal history of Ohio, and at the present writing he is president of the inter-urban railroad, with a line extending from Dayton to Cincinnati.

While John Dwyer did not pursue his education consecutively, he resumed his studies after the removal of the family to Arlington. He has always been a great reader and a strong supporter of public education, his influence being ever given on the side of intellectual progress through the system of public instruction. In his early manhood he depended upon the trade of cabinet-making for a livelihood, continuing in that work until 1857, when he secured employment at farm labor by the month. As he was still but a boy, his wages were small, but he displayed fidelity and industry, and gradually as his worth became recognized his wages were increased. He possessed, moreover, honorable ambition and firm purpose, and as the years have passed he has made steady advancement in business circles until he is today classed with the prosperous farmers of his adopted country. When his capital was sufficient to justify the purchase of land he became the owner of a small tract, to which he has added from time to time as his financial resources have increased, until his holdings in farm land comprises three hundred and sixty acres, valued at about two hundred dollars per acre. He purchased forty acres in the village of Arlington, on which he now has his home, and for this tract he paid one hundred dollars per acre over twenty-four years ago. He erected his own residence, and it is a comfortable and attractive one, pleasantly situated and surrounded by a fine grove of shade and ornamental trees. There are various well kept buildings upon the place, and neatness and thrift pervade his farm in every department. He is now one of the prosperous agriculturists of the county, and in addition to the cultivation of cereals best adapted to soil and climate he also rears Homboldtian trotting horses and Galloway cattle. He



likewise raises hogs to some extent, and his live-stock interests are no unimportant part of his business.

On the 4th of March, 1867, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Dwyer and Miss Johanna Dee, who was born in April, 1816, and is a daughter of James and Annie (Burke) Dee, natives of Ireland. Mrs. Dwyer was brought to the United States when but two years of age, her parents having died on the Emerald Isle. In this county she was reared to womanhood, and by her marriage she has become the mother of eight children: Dennis, John A., Mary, Emily, Elizabeth, William, George and Catherine. Mr. and Mrs. Dwyer are giving to their children good educational advantages, thereby fitting them for life's practical and responsible duties. They have one son, who is a graduate of Niagara University, at Buffalo, New York, after which he followed teaching for about a year, while subsequently he has engaged in merchandising in the village of Cherry, Bureau county.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Dwyer are communicants of the Catholic church. His political support is given to the democracy, and his fellow-townsmen, recognizing his worth and ability, have frequently called him to public office. For four years he served as supervisor, and for ten years he has been a trustee of the village of Arlington. His home is within the corporation limits of the town, and his farming interests are in Westfield township. All that he possesses has been obtained through his own efforts, and as the architect of his own fortunes he has builded wisely and well. He early realized the value of perseverance and industry as essential factors in a successful career, and though he has met some difficulties and obstacles in his path he has made steady progress toward the goal of prosperity by reason of his keen business discrimination, by unabating energy and industry that never flags.

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#### FRANK WARD.

Frank Ward, who for twenty-two years has engaged in the live stock business, and is the oldest buyer in Tiskilwa, was born in Sullivan county, New York, April 9, 1846, and is a son of Henry and Eliza (Broadhead) Ward, who spent their entire lives in the Empire state. The Ward family is an old one in Bureau county and the ancestry may be traced back to colonial days, while representatives of the name served in the Revolutionary war.

Frank Ward was reared in New York and pursued his education in the subscription schools such as were common at that time. Wishing to see the country, especially in the west, he came to Illinois alone in the fall of 1867, when a young man of twenty-one years. He subsequently went to Nebraska and after spending one year in that state he returned to Illinois, settling in Bureau county.

For some years he engaged in farming in Milo township, becoming owner of a tract of land of one hundred and twenty acres, which he cultivated and improved, transforming it into a fine farm. The fields brought forth rich crops in return for the care and labor he bestowed upon them and he also successfully raised stock. In 1881 he removed to Tiskilwa and in 1886 he sold his farm in Milo township, but has since owned several other good farms. For the past twenty-two years—since coming to Tiskilwa—he has engaged extensively in the live stock business and is the oldest stock buyer of this town. His operations have been extensive and have been profitably conducted, owing to his business enterprise, his correct judgment of the value of stock and his judicious sales.

Mr. Ward was married to Miss Judith A. Edminister, a daughter of Orange Edminister, one of the early settlers of Tiskilwa. Two children grace this marriage: Ada, now the wife of Bernhard Steidle, of Tiskilwa, and Clay, at home. Mr. Ward has a nice home, which is especially attractive by reason of its warm-hearted and gracious hospitality. Politically Mr. Ward is a democrat and his social relations connect him with Tiskilwa lodge, No. 550, A. F. & A. M., while in Princeton he has attained the Knight Templar degree of Masonry. He is free from ostentation or display and is a man of genuine personal worth, whose many good qualities have made him popular with his fellow citizens.

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#### CARL J. PIERCE.

Carl J. Pierce is one of the enterprising young farmers of Bureau county, his birth having occurred August 14, 1872, upon the farm in Berlin township, upon which he still makes his home. His paternal grandfather, Nathaniel Pierce, took up his abode upon this farm, in 1842, when Bureau county was yet largely a pioneer district. The land had passed into possession of James A. Pierce, father of our subject, in 1847, and became the property of the present owner in 1905, so that it has remained continuously in possession of the family for more than six decades. James A. Pierce was born in Greene county, New York, in 1821, and, having arrived at years of maturity, was married to Miss Mary J. Perry, who was born in Belmont county, Ohio, January 1, 1833. The father had been previously married, his first union being with Esther Green, by whom he had two daughters, Ann E., now the wife of William Booth, and Mildred E., the wife of W. S. Martin. By the marriage of James A. Pierce and Mary J. Perry there were born the following named: Sherburn, James A., Mrs. Jessie P. Garwood, Rodney E., Louis L., Olive B., Mary L., Carl J., and David H.

Carl J. Pierce, reared upon his father's farm, acquired his early education in the district schools



and afterward attended Dover Academy, while his education was completed in the Northern Indiana Normal school, at Valparaiso. The occupation to which he was reared he has made his life work, and in 1905 he came into possession of the old homestead farm, having here one hundred and thirty acres of land, which is very productive, responding readily to the care and labor bestowed upon it. Here he raises horses, Durham cattle and Poland China hogs to some extent, while his fields produce large crops of the various cereals best adapted to soil and climate. Everything about his place is kept in excellent condition and the farm presents a neat and thrifty appearance.

On the 26th of September, 1893, Mr. Pierce was united in marriage to Miss Arba E. Spaulding, who was born in Lee county, Illinois, May 4, 1873. Their children are: Verna E., born July 14, 1894, and Eugene B., August 7, 1901. Mr. and Mrs. Pierce hold membership with the Congregational church at Dover and take an active part in its work and contribute generously to its support. Mr. Pierce has served as one of its trustees for ten years and has also filled the office of deacon. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and he has been collector of his township and director of the school board. He takes an interest in political questions and issues as every American citizen should do, and he keeps well informed on the political situation of the country. He belongs to Crystal Fount lodge, No. 547, I. O. O. F., at Malden, and in his life exemplifies its beneficent spirit. He is a young man of enterprise and energy, well known in the county, where his entire life has been passed and where he has so directed his labors as to win recognition as a leading and worthy citizen.

#### HECTOR GERMAIN.

Among the representatives of agricultural interests in Bureau county who have been enabled to put aside the more active and arduous duties of the farm, is numbered Hector Germain, who is now residing in Wyandot. He is one of Illinois' native sons, his birth having occurred near Elgin, on the 14th of February, 1840. His father, James Germain, came from England to the new world and died about 1842. The son was educated in Elgin and came to Bureau county in 1854, when fourteen years of age, at which time he settled in Bureau county. Although then but a young lad he had previously been working at a salary of six dollars per month herding sheep. Owing to his father's death he was early thrown upon his own resources and whatever success he has achieved is the direct reward of his earnest and persistent labors. He was employed in this county until 1860, when he went to Pike's Peak in search of gold and he was in Omaha, Nebraska, when the ground was broken for the Union Pacific Rail-

road. He worked at freighting in Iowa and Nebraska from 1861 until 1862, and remained in the west altogether for fifteen years. He enlisted in the militia and served during 1863 and 1864, and in September of the latter year he re-enlisted, this time becoming a member of Company I, Fourth Colorado Cavalry, with which he was connected until after the close of the war in July, 1865. He was on detailed duty, guarding mail routes and in other such service.

Mr. Germain then followed the Union Pacific Railroad as it was being built westward, buying and selling town property and keeping pace with the construction. He would go ahead of the railroad, buy and build, and when the place would be at the height of its boom he would sell and again move forward. He always made good money on his investments during those times. In the meantime, however, he engaged in the livery and feed business in Georgetown and in Black Hawk, Colorado. His brother managed his interests in that state while Hector Germain was buying and selling town lots along the lines of the Union Pacific. He went through the usual experiences and hardships of frontier life, roughing it in the west until 1875, when he sold out and returned to Bureau county. He purchased land here in 1873, and for two years he bought and shipped brood mares to Colorado. He still carries on business interests in the latter state. When he returned to Bureau county in 1875 he located in Wyandot township on one hundred and sixty acres of land, two miles east of the village of Wyandot, which property he still owns. He has always fed the products of his farm to cattle and hogs and is well known as a stock-raiser. In December, 1904, however, he retired from active business life and removed to the village of Wyandot, where he built a beautiful residence, which he now occupies. He now has two lots, giving him a frontage of one hundred feet.

Mr. Germain was married in 1873 to Miss Phila Hart, who was born in Ohio and is a daughter of Andrew Hart, who enlisted in the army from Peoria, Illinois, and served for four years during the Civil war. He resided near Tishkwa for several years and his death occurred about 1896. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Germain have been born three children: Charles, who married Mary Mount, a daughter of Elisha J. Mount, their home being on his father's farm; Gertrude, the wife of Elmer Wheeler, of Ottawa, Illinois; and Gale, who is living at home.

The parents are members of the Methodist church and Mr. Germain was a member of the Odd Fellows lodge in Colorado, becoming a charter member of the first lodge organized at Black Hawk. In political views he is a stalwart republican and he carried a torch light at the organization of the party in 1856, when Fremont was a candidate for the presidency. He has always been deeply interested in the success of the party and upon its ticket was elected and served as highway



commissioner. He has also been school trustee for twelve years and his official duties have been discharged with promptness and fidelity. In Wyandot, where he is widely known, he is esteemed as a man of generous impulses, high personal worth and splendid business ability. He owes his success to his own labors and though he has led a busy life he has found time for consideration for his fellowmen, being generous and kindly, his good qualities winning him the esteem of those with whom he has been associated.

#### BENJAMIN F. BASH.

Benjamin F. Bash, who is largely engaged in raising and fattening stock for the market, resides upon a farm in La Moille township. He was born January 10, 1856, in Morrow county, Ohio, and came to Bureau county with his parents in 1865. He is the ninth in order of birth in a family of eleven children born unto David and Catherine (Shoop) Bash, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania, the father born in June, 1813, and the mother in 1817. They have now passed away.

Benjamin F. Bash was educated in the public schools of Bureau county and in Western College in Iowa. He was but nine years of age when he accompanied his parents to Bureau county, and here he was reared to farm life. On leaving school he took up farming as a life occupation, and has always followed that pursuit, being today the owner of two hundred and forty-two acres of excellent land, which is valued at the highest market price for land in this locality. There is a good gas well on the farm, of sixteen pounds pressure. Mr. Bash is well known as a prominent stockman, not only feeding all of the products of his own fields to his stock but also buying large quantities of feed for purpose of fattening stock for the market. In 1888 he purchased the home farm, on which he has lived continuously since, and it is a valuable property, equipped with many modern conveniences. He paid thirty-two dollars per acre for the land and it is today worth from one hundred and fifty to two hundred dollars per acre. In the care and improvement of the property he has displayed good management, and through his own labors has brought it under its present high state of cultivation. He has erected the buildings and planted trees which today have grown into fine shade trees, forming an attractive ornament to the place. An air of geniality and good cheer pervades the home, and the farm is regarded as a model property, indicating in its neat and thrifty appearance the care and supervision of the owner.

Mr. Bash was married January 22, 1880, to Miss Bertha R. Eddy, who was born August 11, 1855, in Preston, Minnesota, a daughter of Sheldon and Mary (Eddy) Eddy. The father was a

native of New York and became a resident of Lee county, Illinois, in 1819, when but ten years of age. He was married in Minnesota in 1855 to Miss Mary Eddy, and unto this union there were eight children, of whom Mrs. Bash is the eldest. Her father is still living, but her mother passed away January 20, 1899. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Bash have been born two children: Mrs. Ethel R. Field; and C. Milhoen Bash, now at home. There are also two grandchildren: Frank Lester and Robert Emerson Field, the former born January 8, 1904, and the latter March 15, 1905.

Mr. Bash votes with the republican party, and he and his wife are members of the Baptist church, in the work of which they take an active and helpful part. He is also a factor in political circles, has served as a member of the republican township central committee and has held the office of justice of the peace. In the church he has acted as trustee and as superintendent of the Sunday-school, and he is likewise president of the Citizens' Memorial Society. The various duties which devolve upon him in these connections are promptly and faithfully performed, and he is likewise president of the Reed Prox Company and one of its directors. He is a man of high character and intelligence, who, in the race of life, has forged ahead by reason of his industry and integrity. Both he and his wife are held in the highest esteem by all who know them, and Mr. Bash is recognized as a man of genuine personal worth, who in his public and private relations manifests those sterling traits which in every land and clime awaken respect and confidence.

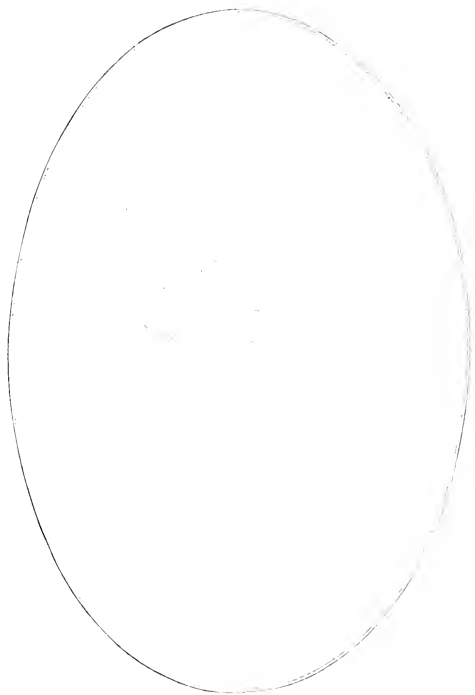
#### JAMES W. TEMPLETON.

James W. Templeton, whose public record has been distinguished by all that marks the public-spirited citizen who has been a student of possibilities for general progress and development and in his official service has labored not alone for present needs, but has looked beyond the exigencies of the moment to the possibilities of the future, dates his residence in Princeton from 1863. He was born in St. Clairsville, Belmont county, Ohio, and for forty-three years has been a prominent factor in the history of the city in which he now makes his home.

Mr. Templeton had resided here for only a brief period when his fellow-townsmen gave evidence of their recognition of his ability and trustworthiness by calling him to public office. He was appointed deputy county clerk and served from 1867 until 1869, when he was elected county clerk for a four years' term. In April, 1875, he received presidential appointment to the office of postmaster of Princeton, and acted in that capacity for twelve years. He was elected to the state senate in 1891 and was re-elected in 1898 and 1902, making twelve years of faithful service in the upper

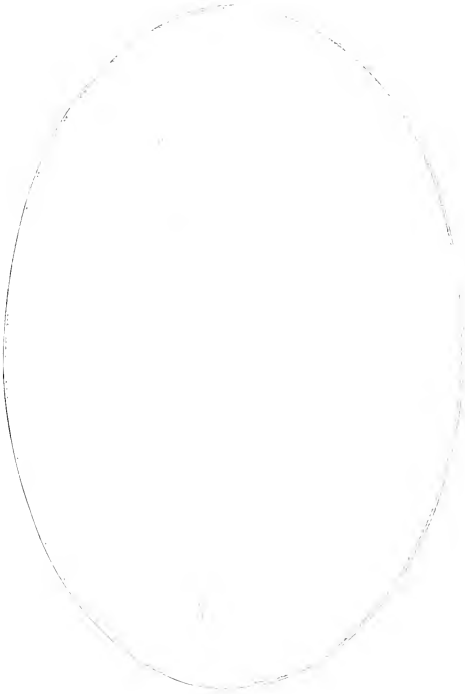






MRS. B. F. BASIL.





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house of the general assembly. His reputation for integrity and ability is state wide. If any measure of a doubtful character is to be forwarded, Senator Templeton is not consulted, as it has been generally known through his long service that he is not in the senate for that purpose; but when any measure is presented that has for its aim the betterment of the commonwealth, then his good judgment and broad experience are sought, a fact for which he and his friends may be justly proud. His record in office shows capable public service, resulting from a thorough understanding of the political situation of the country and a broad knowledge of the questions which are affected by the state government and bear upon the issues of the people. He was appointed president of the Pan-American commission by Governor Yates to build the Illinois building at the Pan-American Exposition, the state appropriating seventy-five thousand dollars for that purpose, of which amount Mr. Templeton returned twenty thousand dollars as not needed—a very unusual occurrence.

On the 21st of December, 1879, Mr. Templeton was married to Miss Mandana M. Stevens, a daughter of Justus Stevens, of Princeton, and two children gladden their home: Stephen and Gladys. Mr. Templeton is a man whose breadth of view and liberal education, which has been acquired through research and study of the problems and issues of the day, have made him a leader of public thought and action, and no man in the community is held in higher regard.

#### WILLIAM A. VAN SICKLE.

William A. Van Sickle is the owner of one hundred and sixty acres of good farming land in Mason township, upon which he located in 1894. He was born in Stark county, Illinois, May 22, 1865, and acquired a public-school education while spending his boyhood days in the home of his parents, Aaron B. and Mary (Kelley) Van Sickle. The father was born in New Jersey in 1830, while the mother's birth occurred in Ireland. He was one of the pioneer settlers of Stark county, where he first worked at a salary of ninety dollars per year. He lived frugally and economically, and as the result of his diligence and perseverance at length obtained the money with which he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land. He then began farming on his own account, built a home and successfully and energetically carried on general agricultural pursuits until 1901, when he retired from active business life and is now living in Toulon. His wife, however, passed away when forty-seven years of age. He has filled the offices of school director and road commissioner, and in politics is an earnest republican. In the family were four children: Harriet, the wife of William A. Barr; George, who married Ellen Scheats; Josephine, the wife of Robert Laing, and William A.

The father was one of the pioneer settlers of this part of the state, where he has always resided since coming to the west, and during the period of his residence here he has watched many notable changes that have brought about the present progress and prosperity of the locality.

William A. Van Sickle, reared to farm life, early became familiar with the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. Soon after his marriage, which was celebrated January 1, 1889, he began farming on his own account, and in 1894 removed to Bureau county, where he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land, on which he has erected a fine residence. Here he has tilled the soil and raised stock, shipping from one to two carloads of hogs to the Chicago market each year. He also breeds his own Norman draft horses, and altogether has a well improved farm property.

On the 1st of January, 1889, Mr. Van Sickle was joined in wedlock to Miss Alma Wiley, who was born in Stark county, Illinois, April 2, 1867, a daughter of John and Sarah (Aten) Wiley. Her father, who was born in New Jersey in 1832,

now living in Stark county, Illinois. Her mother was born in the Buckeye state and died at the age of forty-five years. Mr. Wiley came to Illinois when a young man, settling in Stark county amid its pioneer residents, and there he has made his home for the past half century. He bought both timber and prairie land, and he also built a home. He has kept his farm in touch with the modern ideas of progress, and is today the owner of about five hundred acres of very valuable land devoted to general farming. He has served as school director and in other local offices, and his political allegiance is given to the republican party. He likewise belongs to the Christian church. Unto him and his wife were born five children, namely: Mrs. Van Sickle; Ira L.; Edward T., who married Tillie Nelson; Emma T., the wife of Fred Sweet, and Clara, the wife of Clayton Ebert.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Van Sickle has been blessed with two children: Lula Leota, born in 1892, and Floyd Wiley, in 1896. Mr. Van Sickle is a republican, and, while never seeking office, he yet is deeply interested in the success of his party because he believes its principles are most conducive to good government. He is a representative citizen of the middle west, possessing the spirit of enterprise which has been the dominant factor in the rapid and substantial growth of this section of the state.

#### CHARLES W. COLEMAN.

Charles W. Coleman, interested in general farming, has resided at his present home for more than a half century. He was born in Portage county, Ohio, October 1, 1833, and is a son of Watson and Harriet (Gray) Coleman. His education was obtained in the public schools of his native state, and



after putting aside his text-books he worked in a dairy until he came to Bureau county. He removed from Clark county, Ohio, to Illinois in 1851, and here started in business life upon rented farms. In 1864 he purchased his present farm, after living upon it as a renter for ten years, and the place has therefore been his home for more than a half century. Here he has one hundred and twenty acres of well improved land that returns golden harvests in reward for the care and labor he bestows upon the fields. He also owns one hundred and sixty acres in Iowa. In this county are his well tilled fields, carefully cultivated after approved modern methods of farming, and he uses the latest machinery in carrying on the work of the fields. Moreover, he brings to bear practical common sense in all of his work, and as a result he has been enabled to add to his capital year by year.

On the 24th of August, 1852, Mr. Coleman was married to Miss Emily Miller, of Clark county, Ohio, who was there reared, her parents being Aaron and Jane (Smith) Miller, the former a farmer by occupation. After a little less than two years' residence in Clark county the young couple started westward, and, as before stated, they became residents of Bureau county in 1854. They have always resided on their present homestead, and as the years have passed their marriage has been blessed with eight living children, while three of the family have passed away, these being: William, who died when a year old, and two who died in infancy. The eight who still survive are: Mary Ann, who is the wife of Mason Utrine, a resident farmer of South Dakota; Horace G., who married Emma Hewitt and follows farming in Emmet county, Iowa; Sarah Jane, the wife of Oliver Van Orner, a farmer of Charles Mix county, South Dakota; Jerome N., who married Anna Hartz and is a farmer of Carroll county, Iowa, where he owns one thousand acres of land; Ida E., the wife of Rufus F. Lathrop, who is conducting a livery and sale stable in Glidden, Iowa; Hattie E., the wife of Charles E. Hite, a resident farmer of Emmet county, Iowa; Julia, the wife of H. F. Caskey, a grain merchant of La Salle, Illinois, and Lizzie G., the wife of George Pittman, of Manlius.

The family attend the United Brethren church, and are people of high respectability, enjoying the friendship and regard of many with whom they have been associated. Mr. Coleman is a republican, but without aspiration for office. In addition to his farming interests he is a stockholder in the First State Bank at Manlius. He has lived in Bureau county for fifty-two years, while his life record covers seventy-three years. Here he has so directed his labors and guided his conduct by upright principles that he has won the goodwill of his fellowmen, and is today numbered among the honored early settlers. He is largely familiar with the history of the county during the greatest period of its progress and development, for when he came here there were still evidences of frontier life

in the uncultivated tracts of land and in the primitive homes. A time has gone by he has rejoiced in the progress which has transformed the country, and has borne his full share in the work of public improvement.

#### JACOB ATTIG.

Modern methods of farming are employed by Jacob Attig in the care and improvement of his farm, which is an excellent property of two hundred and fifty acres in Walnut township, valued at one hundred dollars per acre. There are good buildings upon the place and the well tilled fields are proof of earnest, enterprising labor.

Mr. Attig is a native of Woodford county, Illinois, born December 22, 1858, a son of Jacob and Mary Attig, natives of Germany. They were married in Woodford county, Illinois, where they located at an early day, and the mother died when her son Jacob was only a year and a half old. The father continued to engage in farming for many years and made his home in that county until his death, in November, 1898. He came to this country a poor man, hoping to benefit by the broader business opportunities of the new world, and at the time of his death he was the owner of a good farm of one hundred and forty acres.

The district schools of his native county afforded to Jacob Attig the educational privileges he enjoyed and he was trained to the work of the farm, for at an early age he took his place behind the plow and also assisted in the task of planting and of harvesting. Ambitious to gain a good living for himself and family, he has labored untiring and persistently and as his financial resources have increased he has invested in choice farming property, owning now two hundred and fifty acres in one body in Walnut township, worth on an average more than a hundred dollars per acre. He keeps good grades of stock, including shorthorn cattle and Poland China hogs, but his attention is given chiefly to the cultivation of the cereals best adapted to soil and climate. The buildings are commodious and substantial and are kept in good repair, and the farm is well tilled.

On the 16th of February, 1886, Mr. Attig was married to Miss Sarah Zwig, who was born March 13, 1866, a daughter of Jacob and Mary (Smith) Zwig, the former a native of Germany and the latter of the state of Ohio. They were farming people and for many years resided in Woodford county, Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Attig have become the parents of four children, of whom Harvey R., the third in order of birth, died in infancy. The others are Chester J., Alma M. and Lilah P., aged respectively nineteen, fifteen and eleven years, and all yet at home. The son was graduated from the Walnut high school at the age of sixteen, winning the honors of his class. During the summers he assisted his father on the farm and one year sub-





sequent to the completion of his course in Walnut he matriculated in Northwestern college, at Naperville, Illinois. He is now in the junior year, pursuing the scientific course, and will graduate with the class of 1908. Alva is now a sophomore in the high school at Walnut, while the younger daughter is yet attending the district schools.

Mr. Attig and his family are members of the Evangelical church at Red Oak, and his political support is given to the republican party. The honors and emoluments of office have no attraction for him, however, as his ambition centers in his family and his business, utilizing the latter that he may provide a good home and the comforts of life for his wife and children.

#### ASA W. KASBEER.

Asa W. Kasbeer, owning and operating one hundred and forty-six acres of valuable land in Ohio township, Bureau county, and also the owner of a fine farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Allen county, Kansas, is a native son of the county in which he makes his home, his birth having occurred December 28, 1852. He is a son of J. S. and Hannah (Ross) Kasbeer, the former born in Tuscarawas county, Ohio, December 28, 1818, and the latter in 1836, and both still survive. In their family were twelve children, of whom eight are living, while four have passed away.

Asa W. Kasbeer, the fifth member of his father's family, was educated in the public schools of Bureau county, and after putting aside his textbooks, started out upon his own responsibility. He has been very successful in all his undertakings and is now the owner of one hundred and forty-six acres of land situated in Ohio township. Part of this property was inherited by him, but he has added all of the improvements and accessories, thus enhancing its value until it is today worth from one hundred and fifty to two hundred dollars per acre, while it was worth but fifty dollars per acre when it came into his possession. On this tract are found modern and substantial buildings and all the conveniences of a model farm. He has also set out many shade trees, which add to the attractive appearance of the place and show the owner to be progressive in the conduct of his business interests. He has all the latest improved farm machinery to facilitate his work and exercises excellent ability in all that he undertakes. Beside this tract of land he is the owner of one hundred and sixty acres of valuable farming land in Allen county, Kansas, which he has improved until it has doubled in value since it came into his possession.

Mr. Kasbeer was united in marriage to Miss Alice M. Staples, who was born in London, England, on the 14th of April, 1869, a daughter of John and Annie (Level) Staples, both natives of that country. Mrs. Kasbeer accompanied her par-

ents on their emigration from England to America in May, 1869. They first settled at Crest Rapids, Iowa, where they remained for only about a month, and then made their way to Bureau county, Illinois, where the daughter was reared and educated, completing her high school education in Princeton, and after reaching womanhood gave her hand in marriage to the subject of this review, the wedding ceremony being performed on the 8th of March, 1882. The father is still living, but the mother passed away on the 23d of November, 1894. In their family were five sons and six daughters, of whom two are deceased, Mrs. Kasbeer being the fourth in order of birth.

Unto our subject and his wife have been born five children, as follows: Walter R., born March 15, 1883; Louie B., July 13, 1884; Arthur R., March 20, 1886, and now deceased; Nellie M., September 5, 1887, and James A., born October 20, 1892. Politically Mr. Kasbeer is a republican and he and his family are members of the Methodist Protestant church. He has served as school director and is interested in the educational advancement of his township and county. He is an enterprising agriculturist, following modern methods in all his work, and through his industry has accomplished excellent results, so that he is now the owner of extensive landed interests both in Illinois and Kansas, being classed among the substantial and well-to-do agriculturists of Bureau county. He possesses many excellent traits of character which have secured to him many business and social friends and he and his estimable wife are numbered among the most highly respected people of their community, and are now enabled to enjoy the luxuries of life.

#### JOHN MASON.

John Mason, deceased, was born in Deerfield, New Hampshire, January 7, 1798. When he was but four years of age his father died, and three years later he lost his mother also. He had but one sister, Anna Eileen Mason, who was born May 24, 1795, and died in 1883, in Concord, New Hampshire, and left one daughter, now Mrs. Mary Blake, of Concord, New Hampshire. In early life John Mason was bound to Edmund Stevens, to learn the tanner and currier's trade, and his life was such that he had but small opportunities for an education; however, he learned to read and write, and then to cipher, using the hides in the tannery for his slate. After serving his time of apprenticeship, he never afterward followed his trade, but engaged in different occupations. In 1835 he removed from his then home in Pittsfield, New Hampshire, to Illinois, and landed at Pekin, June 15, 1835, and five of the family of seven had to be carried off the boat to the shore on account of sickness. His first settlement was at



Black Partridge Point, in what is now Woodford county, and the following year, 1836, the town of Metamora was laid out on land adjoining his farm. In 1811 he came to Bureau county, and settled at French Grove. That year he made brick and the following year built a two-story brick house, which was the first house erected on the present site of Buda, and yet remains and used as a dwelling. In 1844 he sold this and the following year settled the farm now owned by his grandson, Orris W. Mason, and it was there he met his death May 5, 1860. He was crushed by the falling of a large stone he was trying to bury in the field.

He was married in Canterbury, New Hampshire, March 7, 1820, to Abigail Robey, who was born at Pittsfield, New Hampshire, December 17, 1793, and died in this county November 20, 1865. She was the mother of the following named children: William H., born August 13, 1821; Abigail A., born February 22, 1823; John W., born May 27, 1825; Stephen R., born June 18, 1827, and Cyrus P., born August 13, 1831.

William H. Mason married Phebe A. Drawyer, January 24, 1844. She was born at Carmel, New York, December 29, 1822, and died October 29, 1852, at the home in Macon township, leaving one son, Hiram Francis, born November 28, 1844, and died in Denver, Colorado, August 25, 1874. William Mason's second marriage was June 27, 1853, to Melitable Kaime, who was born in Chichester, New Hampshire, March 21, 1819, and died at the Mason home, October 14, 1886, leaving one son, William K., born September 25, 1856, who resides on the home farm in Macon township, Bureau county. His third marriage, May 2, 1889, was to Mrs. Ann Elizabeth (Read) Rhodes, who was born November 15, 1828, in Providence, Rhode Island, and now resides in Buda, where Mr. Mason died October 11, 1899. A more extended sketch of William K. Mason appears elsewhere in this work.

Abigail Ananda Mason married Benjamin G. Rowell, May 4, 1843. He was born in Andover, New Hampshire, May 2, 1815, and died at his home in Barron Grove, June 11, 1906. To them were born six children: Lydia Abigail, born January 24, 1844, married Robert Freedland, December 21, 1861, died January 15, 1890, at Modena, Illinois; John Moses was born September 6, 1846, now resides in Oklahoma; Henrietta Abigail, born August 22, 1849, married Thaddeus S. Campbell, April 11, 1867, now resides in Neola, Iowa; James D. Robey, born June 17, 1852, resides in Neponset, Illinois; Benjamin Greeley, born August 27, 1857, resides on the home place in Mineral township, Bureau county, Illinois; Addie M., born March 10, 1864, died October 27, 1864.

John Wesley Mason married Achsah Brainard at Princeton, Illinois, March 19, 1847. She was born May 10, 1829, at Westfield, Ohio, and now lives with her daughter in Princeton, Illinois. They were the parents of seven children: Dora M., born December 28, 1847, married John F. Robey, in Buda, Illinois, January 18, 1870, now resides in Princeton, Illinois; Charles, born May 18, 1849, died October 11, 1850; Henry Robey, born September 28, 1852, died November 2, 1893; a daughter born September 7, 1857, died in infancy; Albert French, born February 10, 1859, resides in Buda, Illinois; Charles Seymour, born September 7, 1862, lives at Omaha, Nebraska; George Wesley, born August 3, 1864, is in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Stephen Robey Mason married Mary Ann Brainard June 10, 1852, at Providence, Illinois. She was born January 26, 1831, at Lafayette, Ohio, died March 24, 1889, at DeVall's Bluff, Arkansas. To them were born five children: Ella Jane, born March 4, 1853, married Walter B. Allen, July 26, 1876, died June 30, 1900; Ida May, born January 16, 1855, married John Waterman March 30, 1880, now lives at Creston, Iowa; Robey Ensign, born December 17, 1856, died July 30, 1888, at Brinkley, Arkansas; Wilber John, born November 22, 1859, lives at DeVall's Bluff, Arkansas; Harry Whiting, born March 14, 1863, now resides at Danville, Illinois.

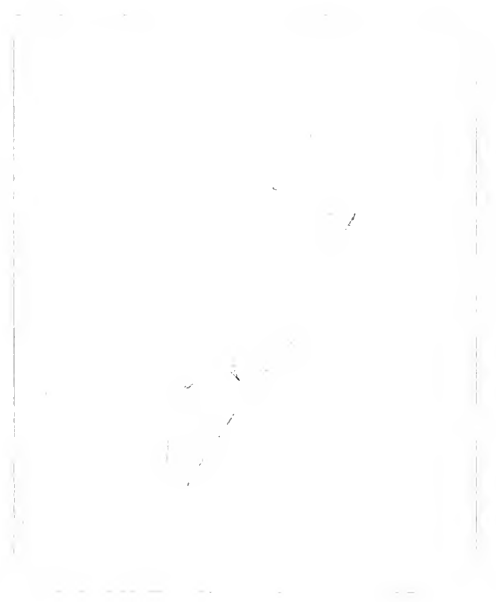
Cyrus Parker Mason (see separate sketch) married Sarah J. Noyes in Buda, Illinois, January 8, 1860. She was born February 25, 1833, in Springfield, New Hampshire, and died March 3, 1900, in Buda, Illinois. Their children were Parker Noyes, (see separate sketch), born October 4, 1862, and Orris Wesley, (see separate sketch), born June 21, 1864, both residents of Buda, Illinois.

#### JOHN F. CRATER.

John F. Crater, now living retired at No. 1419 South Main street, in Princeton, has been a resident of Bureau county since February, 1856. He had come to the county in the previous August, and purchased a farm on what is now known as North Prairie, and after taking up his abode permanently in the county, about a half century ago, he followed farming for many years, and is still the owner of good land, from which he derives a gratifying income.

He was born in German Valley, Morris county, New Jersey, August 24, 1825, his parents being Philip and Catherine (Fritts) Crater, the former born in Morris county and the latter in Hunterdon county, New Jersey. The great-great-grandfather Fritts came from Germany, and was married to a daughter of the captain on whose vessel he sailed to the new world. He built the Lutheran church





JOHN F. CRATER.



in Hunterdon county and was a very prominent and influential resident there in an early epoch of the early settlement of the state. His son, the great-grandfather, was the most prominent factor in the building of another church in that county, and the grandfather also built a church there, so that the Fritts family were closely associated with the early moral development of their locality.

Philip Crater, father of our subject, spent his entire life in New Jersey, where he died when only thirty-eight or thirty-nine years of age. In early manhood he engaged in teaching school, and subsequently he conducted a store, while later he engaged in the hotel business until his death. His widow long survived him, reaching the advanced age of eighty-six years, passing away about 1880. She had resided in New Jersey throughout her entire life, and after the death of her first husband she was married in Somerset county to Henry I. Hoffman, who died some years before her death. He was prominent in community affairs in the east, and served as justice of the peace for forty or fifty years.

Mr. Crater, of this review, was one of a family of eight children, of whom three sisters are yet living: Mrs. Catherine Baker, of New York city; Adeline, who also lives in that city, and Mrs. Mary Yawger, a widow, who is residing with a son in Brooklyn, New York, at the age of ninety-one years. The others are all now deceased, namely: William, George and Isaac. The last named was a photographer, conducting a gallery at No. 55 Clark street, Chicago.

John F. Crater was reared in New Jersey, acquiring his early education in that state, and he afterward attended Lancaster College, in Easton, Pennsylvania. He was thus well equipped by liberal educational training for life's practical and responsible duties. In 1848 he was married in Easton to Miss Elizabeth Neighbour, the wedding ceremony being performed by Dr. Junkard, who was president of Lafayette College and was the father-in-law of Stonewall Jackson. Mrs. Crater was born in German Valley, Morris county, New Jersey, in 1827. They remained residents of the east for about eight years, and, as previously stated, took up their abode in Bureau county in February, 1856. In August, 1855, Mr. Crater had visited this county and purchased a farm on what is now known as North Prairie, but a year later he sold that property and bought another tract of raw land in Dover township, which he improved, having a farm there of one hundred and eighty acres, which he placed under a high state of cultivation. He erected a residence there and resided thereon for seven years. He then again sold out, after which he took up his abode in Selby township, where he bought land and carried on farming for eleven years. He then once more sold his farm, and his next purchase made him owner of a tract of land in Dover township, where he lived for seven years. When he once

more sold he bought a farm in Princeton township, and afterward removed to the city of Princeton, where he has lived for twenty-one years. His farm in Princeton was sold to Mr. Waddell, after which he purchased three hundred and thirty-five acres in White-side and Henry counties, which he now owns, but which he has leased. He visits his farm every year, but makes his home in Princeton. His property brings him a good income, and he is now in very comfortable financial circumstances.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Crater were born five children, who survived the mother, her death occurring about thirty years ago. These are: William N., at home; Jacob A., who died of typhoid fever in California; Kate L., who is the widow of Henry Callinan, and, with her two children, resides in Bureau county, Illinois; Luella, the wife of John F. Kaufman, a farmer residing six miles west of Princeton, and Edward B., a jeweler, of Tiskilwa, who married Alice Bryant. For his second wife John F. Crater chose Angeline Neighbour, a sister of his first wife, and their only child died at the age of three months.

In his political views in early life Mr. Crater was a Henry Clay whig, and supported the party until its dissolution, when he joined the ranks of the new republican party and has since been one of its stalwart advocates. He joined the Presbyterian church before he was sixteen years of age, and has lived a life in consistent harmony with its teachings. When a young man he followed the tailor's trade in New York, and he thus provided for himself for several years prior to his marriage. Throughout his business connection with this county he has followed farming, and although he is now living retired he is still the owner of valuable farming interests. His life has been characterized by diligence and perseverance, crowned with success. He has, moreover, been a witness of much of the development and growth of this county, having come to Princeton in pioneer times, and for a half century he has resided in this county, witnessing the changes that have occurred and bearing his full share in the work of general improvement.

#### SHANNON BONNELL.

Shannon Bonnell, an active representative of the farming interests of La Moille township, is one of the native sons of Pennsylvania. He was born October 18, 1852, and the following year was brought to Illinois by his parents, Silas and Mary A. (Smith) Bonnell. The father was also a native of the Keystone state and in the middle of the nineteenth century brought his family to Illinois. There were nine children, of whom Shannon was the fourth in order of birth.

Mr. Bonnell of this review was reared to the occupation of the farm, early becoming familiar with the duties and labors that devolve upon the





agriculturist as he tills his fields and harvests his crops. When not working at the plow or in the cultivation of the fields Mr. Bonnell was largely engaged in the pursuit of education, being a student in the district schools near his father's home. As he neared man's estate he began thinking of establishing a home of his own, and as a companion and helpmate for life's journey he chose Miss Tena Maloy, who was born in Bartholomew county, Indiana, December 31, 1856, and who gave him her hand in marriage in Bureau county on the 11th of March, 1876. Her parents were John and Laner (Shroyer) Maloy, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of Pennsylvania. In their family were seven children, five of whom are still living. Mrs. Bonnell being the eldest. Our subject and his wife have three children: Everett S., born October 20, 1877; John H., January 11, 1879; and Elva A., born December 11, 1883.

The family home stands upon a farm of forty acres of fine land which is very rich and productive and which responds readily to the care and labor bestowed upon it. Here Mr. Bonnell is engaged in raising hogs, sheep and cattle, and his annual sales of stock bring him several hundred dollars. He is a man of keen discrimination in his business affairs, and all that he possesses has been acquired through his own labor. Both he and his wife are members of the Mystic Workers at La Moille, and in his political connection he is a republican. Mr. and Mrs. Bonnell also hold membership in the Baptist church, and are people of genuine personal worth, whose lives are characterized by many good deeds and kindly actions. Their neighbors attest their integrity and speak in terms of praise of their many good qualities, and the life record of Mr. Bonnell, with its successes, is another proof of the old adage that honesty is the best policy.

#### FRANKLIN A. PATTEN.

Franklin A. Patten, who carries on general farming and stock-raising, owns and operates a farm of eighty acres of fine land in Macon township, and in 1901 erected thereon a new residence. He was born near Skowhogan, in Somerset county, Maine, October 7, 1849, and acquired a common-school education while spending his boyhood days under the parental roof. He is a son of Isaac and Hulda (Squares) Patten, both of whom were natives of Somerset county, Maine. The father was born in 1815, and departed this life on the 23d of March, 1898, at the age of eighty-three years. He was married at Skowhogan, Maine, to Miss Hulda Squares, who died in August, 1887. They became residents of Illinois in the spring of 1863, and located in Macon township, where Mr. Patten purchased one hundred and twenty acres of land. Throughout his entire life he carried on farming and stock-raising, and after a residence of more than two decades in this

county he removed with his wife to Kansas, where Mrs. Patten died in August, 1887. He continued to reside in the Sunflower state until 1889, when he returned to Illinois, spending his remaining days here. His political allegiance was given to the republican party, and both he and his wife were consistent and faithful members of the Methodist Episcopal church. In their family were five children: Mary, Orrin M., Jennie M., Franklin A. and Mercy. The last named died in early womanhood.

Franklin A. Patten spent the first four years of his life in the Pine Tree state and then accompanied his parents on their removal westward to Bureau county. He was reared to the occupation of farming, and has always engaged in the tilling of the soil. He had no financial assistance when he started out in life for himself, but placed his dependence upon the safe and substantial qualities of unremitting diligence and perseverance, and with these as a foundation he has built the superstructure of his success. He is now farming eighty acres of fine land, which is rich and productive and returns to him bounteous harvests. In 1901 he erected a new residence, and has made other substantial improvements upon his farm.

On the 11th of March, 1859, Mr. Patten was united in marriage to Miss Louise M. Havener, who was born in Henry county, Illinois, November 29, 1857, and is a daughter of Fred and Fredericka (Lympke) Havener. The father's birth occurred in Ambrock, Germany, April 5, 1814, while his wife was born at Altkinkendorf, near Berlin, Germany. They were married in their native country on the 14th of March, 1849, and crossed the Atlantic from Bremen to New York city on a sailing vessel which was eight weeks and three days in making the voyage. They landed in July, 1861, and on the 23d of that month arrived at Kewanee, Illinois. Mr. Havener rented a farm in Henry county, near Anawan, where he remained for a year and then removed to Green river, where he lived for four years. His entire life was devoted to general agricultural pursuits and the raising of stock, and he passed away November 30, 1881, when about sixty-seven years of age. His political support was given to the democracy, and he held membership in the German Lutheran church, to which his widow also belongs. She still survives him, and is now living in Mt. township. In their family were seven children, five sons and two daughters, but only two are now living: Augustus, who was born in Germany, January 5, 1855; and Mrs. Patten.

The home of our subject and his wife has been blessed with one daughter, Alma M., born July 25, 1890. For nine years Mr. Patten has been a school director, and has done effective service in behalf of education. He has served as pathmaster, and he gives his political support to the republican party. Fraternally he is connected with Neponset Lodge, No. 802, A. F. and A. M.



He has always stood for progress and improvement, and his efforts in behalf of the community have been far-reaching and effective.

#### HERBERT L. WHITING.

Herbert L. Whiting, who carries on general agricultural pursuits on sections 14 and 12, Indiantown township, was born in the house which he now occupies, September 19, 1858, and is a representative of one of the pioneer families of this part of the state. His paternal grandfather, Samuel Whiting, was a farmer and contractor on the Erie canal, and at one time was engaged in the lumber business on the Genesee river. He was born in Connecticut, and his mother, whose maiden name was Zolpha Mather, was a lineal descendant of Cotton Mather and also a native of Connecticut. Samuel Whiting, Sr., the great-grandfather of our subject, was a native of New England, and in early manhood served as a soldier in the continental army. The Whitings are of English lineage, and the family was established in this country in early colonial days.

Lorenzo Dow Whiting, father of our subject, was born at Arcadia, Wayne county, New York, November 17, 1819, and acquired an academic education, after which he became a salesman in a mercantile establishment at Olean, Niagara county, New York, where he remained until eighteen years of age. He came to the west in 1838, and for four years was engaged in the patent-right business in Illinois, after which he returned to the Empire state. During the next seven years he was engaged in teaching, and also acted as town superintendent of schools in Newfayne, Niagara county, where he likewise filled the office of justice of the peace most of the time. In 1848 he returned to Illinois with his wife and made purchase of a quarter section of land near Tiskilwa. During the first three years of his residence here he was engaged in farming and teaching, after which he devoted the greater part of his time to his agricultural interests, and added to his holdings as opportunity offered, until he became the owner of six hundred acres of valuable land. He was an enterprising, wide-awake and active business man, and his close application and judicious investments constituted the basis of his prosperity. He was also a prominent and influential factor in public life, and his ability well fitted him for the position of leadership which was accorded him. He served for five or six years as supervisor of Indiantown township, but still higher honors awaited him, for in 1868 he was elected to the Illinois house of representatives, in 1869 to the constitutional convention and in 1870 to the state senate. He was altogether a member of the general assembly for eighteen years, and left the impress of his individuality upon the legislative history of the state, and was an influential factor in pro-

moting constructive measures. In the constitutional convention he was the first to propose the insertion of a provision requiring the general assembly to pass laws regulating railroad charges, and as senator he was influential in securing the passage of the bill which embodied a law against unjust discrimination and extortionate charges, known as the Granger law. He was the projector of the Hennepin canal scheme and the originator of other bills looking to the internal improvement of the state, and few men in public life did more effective service for practical improvement and development than Mr. Whiting. He was the author of several important laws relating to agriculture, roads and drainage, and the bill, which passed and became a law, ceasing the Illinois and Michigan canal to the United States on certain conditions, had its authorship in him. It is said that no man in the senate possessed clearer insight into the exigencies and possibilities of a political venture or movement than Mr. Whiting or labored more zealously to secure equal rights and justice to all classes than did Lorenzo Dow Whiting. In 1869 he was among the most active in opposing the lake front scheme, whereby three railroad corporations sought to possess themselves of the shore line of the outer and future harbor of Chicago. In 1878 he led the opposition in defeat of senate bill No. 114, which was to effect the release of a combination of railroads from a large amount of the taxes adjudged by the courts to be due to the public. His championship of measures relating to the producers, and his watchfulness of the public interests when assailed by special and corporate greed, made him known as the "farmer statesman." He was a republican of democratic antecedents, and in his official service he placed the general good before partisanship and the welfare of his constituents before personal aggrandizement.

Lorenzo Dow Whiting was first married in 1846 to Miss Lucretia C. Clement, of Oneida county, New York, who died in 1872, leaving three children, two sons and a daughter. In 1874 he married Miss Eriphyle Robinson, of Brooklyn, New York.

On coming to Bureau county Mr. Whiting located near Wyanet, where he resided until 1854, when he removed to Indiantown township. His business connection with this county was that of a farmer and stock-raiser, and he carefully conducted his interests, so that a large measure of success resulted from his industry and able management. He died October 10, 1889, respected by all who knew him. His life was faultless in honor, fearless in conduct and stainless in reputation. By his first marriage there were three children, of whom Clement A., the eldest, is now a professor in the Pacific school of osteopathy, in Los Angeles, California. The daughter, Emily Lillian, the youngest, is living in Boston, Massachusetts, and is a journalist and lady of superior



literary ability. She has written several books, including the "Life of Kate Fields" and other volumes, and she spends each summer in Europe.

Herbert L. Whiting, whose name introduces this record, was reared upon the home farm in Indian-town township, and has always resided in Bureau county. The occupation with which he became familiar in his youth he decided to make his life work, and he has since carried on general agricultural pursuits. He has valuable land holdings of two hundred acres, constituting the old homestead.

#### HENRY HURST, SR.

Among the citizens of foreign birth living in Bureau county whose loyalty to America and her institutions makes them valued residents of this locality is Henry Hurst, who was born in Prussia, February 13, 1831, a son of Christian and Carolina Hurst. His father, too, was a native of Prussia but in the maternal line Mr. Hurst comes of Swedish descent. He was educated in the public schools and after putting aside his text-books he learned the mason's trade, mastering the business of making both brick and stone structures. He followed that pursuit until he came to America, where he arrived on the 10th of July, 1859. His father was a driver of one of the wagons during the Franco-Prussian war.

The favorable reports which Henry Hurst received concerning America and its opportunities led him to seek his fortune in the United States, and after coming to this country he again worked at the mason's trade. He first settled at Princeton, where he arrived with just ten cents in his pocket, so that necessity demanded immediate employment. After a brief period, however, he went to Iowa, where he remained for two and a half years, and while there he erected a schoolhouse and many other good buildings. In 1862 he returned to Princeton, where he again worked at his trade, while later he and his step-father rented some land and began farming. Success attended him in this venture, so that he was afterward enabled to purchase land in Manlius township, which he bought at twenty dollars an acre. Since then he has added to his farm until he now has three hundred and twenty acres, having paid sixty-two dollars per acre for the last land which he bought on section 13. It is now worth more than one hundred dollars per acre and in fact is one of the valuable and well improved farms of the locality, owing to the labor he has bestowed upon it and the natural rise in property due to the rapid settlement of the state.

Mr. Hurst has been married twice. On the 19th of January, 1863, he wedded Miss Augusta Tuhl, a native of Prussia, and they became parents of four children who are yet living: Clara M., born October 7, 1864; Martha, born April 8, 1867; Albert, born July 18, 1869; and Rose, born May 15,

1877. They also lost twins, Emma and John, the former dying in January, 1874, and the latter in September, 1875. Mrs. Hurst departed this life January 1, 1879, and on the 20th of June, 1880, Mr. Hurst married Miss Amelia Kraft, of Wyanet, Illinois. They have two children: Heinrich F., born March 24, 1881; and Emma F. E., born June 4, 1887. One of the daughters, Martha, is now the wife of Oscar Nelson, a farmer, and has two children: Clara, who is a teacher; and Earl, at home. One of the sons, Albert Hurst, married Miss Elizabeth Hartz, of Gold township, and they have four children: Lillie, Chester, Clara and Virgil. Heinrich F. Hurst married Miss Nina Hewitt, is a farmer of Greenville township and has one child, Lucile, born in February, 1905.

Mr. Hurst has served as school director for many years and believes in employing competent teachers and in upholding a high standard of education. He is a republican and is a member of the German Lutheran church, of which he has served as trustee. He has never had occasion to regret his determination to try his fortune in America, for here he has found the business opportunities he has sought and through his persistent and earnest labor has advanced steadily toward the goal of success and at the same time has gained a good home and made many friends, so that altogether his residence in America has been a most pleasant one and now in the evening of life he has a competence sufficient for old age.

#### JUDGE J. A. DAVIS.

Joe A. Davis, county judge of Bureau county, whose knowledge of the law and conscientious regard for the obligations of citizenship well qualify him for the duties which devolve upon him in connection with the bench, was born in St. Paul, Minnesota, February 26, 1864. He is a son and only child of John X. and Rosetta A. Davis, who settled in Princeton, Illinois, in the fall of 1864.

In the public schools of Princeton Judge Davis acquired his education and on putting aside his text-books entered upon a business career as an employe in the express office of this city, where he remained for a year. He afterward accepted a clerkship in a store and was also a clerk in the postoffice. Ambitions to enter upon a professional career, however, he chose the law and in December, 1885, he began studying in the office and under the direction of John Scott. After thorough preliminary reading he was admitted to the bar in December, 1887, and entered into a partnership with his former preceptor, Mr. Scott, which relation was maintained to the time of Mr. Scott's death. Judge Davis then practiced alone and by appointment served for four years as master in chancery of the circuit court of Bureau county, Illinois. In December, 1902, he was elected county judge, in which position he is now serving.



Since his admission to the bar he has enjoyed a successful and lucrative practice at Princeton, as the result of his untiring labors, his ambition, his energy and well directed efforts. He has been connected with a number of prominent cases tried in the courts of the county and district during his connection with the bar and in the trial of a cause he possesses superior power in sifting the evidence of a case and gathering therefrom those points which carry weight with judge and jury. He is a wise counsellor, an able advocate and his high reputation is justly deserved. Since coming to the bench he has proved himself an able jurist with broad and comprehensive knowledge of the law, who in his decisions is strictly fair and impartial, standing as a conservator of justice in an office to which those who are interested in large property rights and the settlement of estates must look for protection.

Judge Davis is a republican who has always taken an active interest in the affairs of the party in state and nation. It is his firm conviction that the principles of this party are for the best interests of the people and for several years he served as secretary of the republican county central committee.

In 1894 Judge Davis was united in marriage to Miss Harriet L. Benson, a native of New York, and they have one daughter, Helen L. Davis. Laying aside the cares and responsibilities of his professional career, Judge Davis finds his greatest happiness in returning to his home, where his leisure hours are largely spent in the companionship of the members of his own household. Early in life displaying a mind eager in the pursuit of knowledge, he has embraced the opportunities which have come to him and in a profession where advancement depends entirely upon individual effort he has won a creditable position as attorney and jurist.

#### JOHN M. SMITH.

John M. Smith, having extensive business interests in Kasbeer, besides owning and supervising a farm of one hundred and fifty-five acres in Ohio township, is a native of Bureau county, Illinois, having been born in Ohio township, December 20, 1857, a son of Daniel P. and Rachel (Matson) Smith, the former a native of Massachusetts, and the latter of Harrison county, Ohio. The father came to Bureau county in the year 1831, settling on a farm near Princeton. The mother arrived in 1846, and in this county they were married. In their family were thirteen children, of whom nine have passed away, while the surviving members, with our subject, are all residents of Ohio township, Bureau county.

John M. Smith was reared and educated in Bureau county, receiving the advantages afforded by the common schools. After leaving school Mr.

Smith was employed at farm labor for many years, or until 1895, when he entered into partnership with his father and brother, conducting a general mercantile business at Kasbeer under the firm style of Smith Brothers & Company, one of the leading enterprises of the village. They carry on a general mercantile business, having by fair dealing and good business ability built up a large and increasing trade. Besides his interest in this business Mr. Smith is also doing a general banking business which amounts to about fifty thousand dollars annually. He also handles coal, lumber, cement, etc., and in this venture is very successful, having built up a lucrative trade. He also owns a fine farm of one hundred and fifty-five acres in Ohio township, to which he gives his supervision, although he does not carry on the active work of the fields. Here he has a finely improved place, on which are found all modern improvements, including a fine home, supplied with every convenience for the comfort of the family, and on this place he and his family reside, although his business interests are in the village of Kasbeer.

On the 24th of January, 1878, Mr. Smith was united in marriage to Miss Harriet A. Vickroy, a native of Bureau county, born in Ohio township, October 18, 1858. Her parents are William and Eliza (Adams) Vickroy, natives of Ohio. They came westward to Illinois in 1846, settling in Bureau county, and here Mrs. Smith was born, reared and educated. In their family were eleven children, of whom four are deceased, while Mrs. Smith was the fifth in order of birth.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Smith have been born a daughter and son: Cora E., born September 8, 1878; and Charles A., born June 11, 1884. Mr. Smith gives his support to the men and measures of the republican party, and is interested in local political affairs, having served as township assessor for four years, as road commissioner for four years, while for eighteen years he was school director, and in all these positions he was loyal to the interests of the general public. He is liberal in his religious views and is not identified with any church organization.

Mr. Smith had financial assistance from his father to the amount of four thousand dollars, and by excellent business judgment, industry and integrity he has increased the scope of his interests until, through his various business enterprises, he has accumulated a competence which classes him among the substantial residents of Kasbeer and Bureau county. He is active in every movement which tends to advance the welfare of his town or county, is interested in educational progress and expects to give to his children every possible advantage in this direction. He is a great lover of music, is fond of his home and family and does everything in his power for their comfort and happiness. He is leading a very busy life, conducting extensive business in-





terests which add to the substantial development of his town, for the firm of Smith Brothers & Company carry a well selected stock of general merchandise, which meets the demands of the general public, being one of the best enterprises of the kind in Bureau county. His banking, coal and lumber interests are also carefully conducted, and in all of these ventures he is meeting with gratifying success, adding not only to his own financial resources, but they also prove of benefit to the town and surrounding country. He makes his home on his farm, where, after the day's cares are laid aside, he can enjoy the rest and quiet of a rural existence, for here he has every comfort which goes to make life worth living. Mr. Smith has a wide business acquaintance, not only in Kasbeer, but throughout Bureau county, for his extensive interests bring him in contact with a large number of people. He and his wife are prominent socially, the hospitality of the best homes of the county being extended to them, while in their own home their many friends are always received with a hearty welcome.

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#### CHARLES F. ANDERSON.

The growth and development of a community depends not only upon its farmers but upon the men who are at the head of its commercial and industrial interests and who bring to bear in its public life the spirit of enterprise which dominates them in the private business interests. Charles F. Anderson is a worthy representative of this class of citizens and is now successfully conducting a grocery and meat market at 820 and 822 North Main street in Princeton. A native of the western part of Sweden, he was born in Vester-gotland, June 16, 1866, and is a son of Samuel Anderson, who came to Bureau county with his family in 1811, at which time he took up his abode near Princeton, there engaging in farming for some time, when he removed to the county seat, where he has since resided. His wife passed away in February, 1894. In the family were two children: Miss Mary, who is living at home, and Charles F., now residing at 714 North Church street.

Charles F. Anderson was a lad of only five summers when brought by his parents to the new world, and his education was acquired in the Princeton schools to the age of thirteen years, when he began providing for his own support as a clerk in a Princeton store. He first clerked for Swan Linn & Company in the northern part of the city and he eagerly availed himself of every opportunity of gaining an intimate knowledge of the business and for advancement along commercial lines. In 1890 he took a position with Kings-fords & Sons as traveling sub-stern and continued with them for nearly two years, after which, with capital saved from his own earnings, he began

business on his own account, opening a grocery store in the north end of the city, where he has since remained. In 1904, at his present location, he erected a store building two stories in height and one hundred and twenty-five by thirty-two feet in size. The front part of the upper story is used as a dentist's office and the rear part of the second story is occupied by the Shabbona Club of Princeton. Mr. Anderson has secured a good trade and has a well appointed grocery and market, which in its neat and tasteful arrangement and the excellent line of goods carried attracts a large and growing patronage. Mr. Anderson was united in marriage October 16, 1895, to Miss Evelyn M. Larson, who was born July 19, 1872, in Princeton, and is the daughter of P. G. Larson, an old time furniture dealer and undertaker of Princeton, who passed away in February, 1902. In the family were three children: Earl P., Mineva E. and Evelyn M., the latter now Mrs. Anderson. Mrs. Larson since his death is still continuing the business in Princeton. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Anderson has been blessed with one son, Lloyd E., born August 13, 1899. The family are members of the Lutheran church in Princeton and Mr. Anderson belongs to the Masonic and Odd Fellows lodges. Politically he is a republican and is now a member of the board of education, in which he takes a very active interest. He was a member of the city council as alderman for eight years, and at one time was nominated for mayor of Princeton; has twice been a delegate to the state convention, once when Governor Yates was nominated at Peoria, while he and Senator Washburn were delegates when Governor Demen received his nomination at Springfield. He is a leader in business and republican circles and has wielded a wide influence for progress and improvement along all these lines. Dependent upon his own resources from the age of thirteen years, he has made steady advancement in his business career and his life record proves the value of force of enterprise and diligence in overthrowing obstacles and wresting fortune from the hands of fate.

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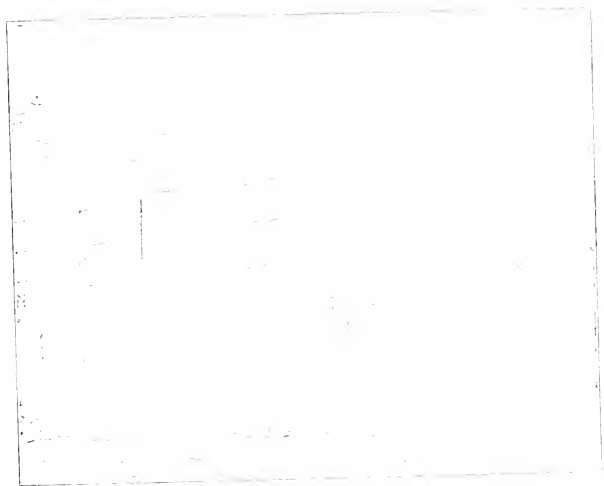
#### HENRY FULLER.

On the roster of officials in Bureau county appears the name of Henry Fuller, circuit clerk and recorder, who since 1892 has filled this position, his long connection therewith being conclusive evidence of his ability and also of the confidence reposed in him by his fellow citizens. He was born in New York city, December 6, 1852. His father, Ira E. Fuller, was a native of New Hampshire, and when a young man removed to New York, where he was engaged in business. About 1858 he removed with his family to Princeton and after a few years was connected with commercial interests in this city as a grocer until



CHARLES E. ANDERSON.





STORE OF C. F. ANDERSON.



1868. In 1870 he purchased a farm in De Kalb county, whereon he resided until his death, which occurred in 1885, when he was seventy-three years of age. He wedded Catherine Withall, a native of England.

Henry Fuller of this review is indebted to the public-school system of Princeton for the educational privileges he enjoyed, and after putting aside his text-books he farmed with his father until nineteen years of age. He then went to Walnut, Illinois, as a clerk, and in 1879 he embarked in business on his own account, continuing at that place until 1892, when he was elected to the office of circuit clerk and recorder. He has since filled the position and his re-election has come as proof of his capability and fidelity in the discharge of his duties.

In 1877 Mr. Fuller was united in marriage to Miss Ella Whitver, a daughter of John Whitver, of Walnut, and they have three children: John Edgar, Darlene K. and Gertrude. Both Mr. and Mrs. Fuller are widely known in Princeton and he is a popular citizen with a wide and favorable acquaintance in business and political as well as social circles. In politics he is a republican, stalwart and unflinching in his support of the party, and for the past eight years he has served as secretary of the county central committee, in which connection he has done effective work through party organizations to secure republican successes. As a public spirited and enterprising citizen, he takes an active interest in all public improvements and is liberal in his support of any measure calculated to promote the general welfare. He is an optimist in the best sense of the word and looks on the bright side of everything.

#### Z. S. HILLS.

Z. S. Hills, engaged in the practice of law in Princeton, also notary public, loan, insurance and real estate agent, was born in Palmer, Massachusetts, June 25, 1832, a son of Cyrus and Amanda (Olds) Hills. The father, a native of Connecticut, was a farmer by occupation, and in the year 1813 removed to Illinois, settling at La Moille, Bureau county, where he bought land and began farming. His attention was given to general agricultural pursuits until his life's labors were ended in death, in 1868, when he was seventy-two years of age.

Z. S. Hills, whose name introduces this record, was a youth of about eleven years when the family came to Illinois. He continued his education in the schools of Bureau county and as a student in Smith's Seminary at Princeton, displaying special aptitude in his books and becoming well qualified for the profession of teaching, which he followed for twenty-five years in Bureau county. At one time he was principal of the schools at Neponset and Princeton, afterward at La Moille and lastly

in Ohio, Bureau county, and was thus closely associated with the educational progress of his part of the state, but at length he retired from professional labors, and from 1879 until 1896 conducted a drug store in Ohio. For many years he was interested in law, however, and when in 1896 he gave up his store he took up the study of law and was admitted to the bar in November, 1897. Immediately afterward he began practice in Princeton, and has secured a good clientele here. He is also notary public, and conducts a loan, insurance and real estate agency, which is also an important branch of his business.

In 1861 Mr. Hills was united in marriage to Miss Susan A. Hanover, of La Moille, who died in Princeton in March, 1905, leaving one son, P. Fred Hills. In his political affiliation Mr. Hills is independent. In the years of an active professional and mercantile career he has made a creditable record, and has long been accounted one of the representative business men of this county.

#### CHARLES L. COREY.

Charles L. Corey, a substantial farmer of Bureau county, owning and operating one hundred and sixty acres of land in Ohio township, was born in this county on the 28th of March, 1869, being the only child born unto John H. and Phoebe A. (Raynor) Corey. The father was born in Morgan county, Illinois, in 1811, while the mother's birth occurred in Pennsylvania, April 8, 1850.

Charles L. Corey received a common-school education, and, after putting aside his text-books, started out to make his own way in life, choosing farm work as his occupation. He possessed strong courage and was determined in his purpose, prospering year by year in his undertakings, so that he is now in possession of a valuable farm property of one hundred and sixty acres, situated in Ohio township, which is worth one hundred and fifty dollars per acre. Here he is engaged in general agricultural pursuits. He possesses good business ability, uses the latest improved machinery to carry on the work of cultivating his land, has added all modern improvements to his place, including a good residence and substantial outbuildings, so that his farm is now one of the best in the township.

Mr. Corey chose as a companion and helpmate for life's journey Miss Carrie L. Taylor, to whom he was married on the 5th of February, 1895. She was born in Berlin township, Bureau county, on the 28th of January, 1876, and received her education in the public schools at Dover, Illinois. Her parents are Henry L. and Anna L. (Rudebaugh) Taylor, the father being a native of Ohio, while the mother's birth occurred in the Keystone state. They accompanied their respective parents to Bureau county, Illinois, and were here married. In





their family were five children, of whom Mrs. Corey is the second in order of birth.

Unto our subject and his wife have been born three children, as follows: Vera, born January 6, 1898; Phoebe, born March 21, 1903; and Lee C., born January 11, 1905. Mr. Corey has always given his political support to the republican party, while in religious faith he is liberal, being identified with no church organization, but his wife is a member of the United Brethren church. Mr. Corey is a member of the Sons of Veterans. He has never sought or desired political office, but prefers rather to give his entire time to his business interests, in which he is meeting with splendid success. He has worked hard to attain success, and his place is evidence that his labors have been richly rewarded, for on his farm of one hundred and sixty acres he has a fine country home and substantial outbuildings, and he has also set out many shade trees, which add to the beauty of the place. He is a great lover of music, and is deeply interested in the cause of education, and intends to give his children every advantage in musical and educational lines. He and his wife are popular among their many friends and are numbered among the leading residents of their native county.

#### JAMES L. COULTER.

James L. Coulter, owning and operating two hundred and eighty-eight acres of fine farming land in Ohio township, situated on section 29, is one of Bureau county's native sons, his birth having here occurred January 15, 1836. His parents were Robert and Catherine (Smith) Coulter, the former born in Ohio and the latter in Indiana. The mother had removed from her native state to Bureau county, Illinois, in 1828, while the year 1842 witnessed the arrival of the father, and in this county they were married and reared a family of ten children, while one died at the age of three years. Both the father and mother are now deceased.

James L. Coulter, whose name introduces this review, was reared and educated in Bureau county and after putting aside his text books began farming on his own account, first renting land, which he operated for twelve years, and, being successful in his farm work, was then enabled to purchase a tract of one hundred and twenty-five acres, situated on section 29, Ohio township. For this tract he paid forty-three dollars and a half per acre, and as his financial resources have increased he has added to his property, making an additional purchase of one hundred and sixty-three acres adjoining the original tract, and his wife owns one hundred and sixty acres near by. He also owns six hundred and forty acres of land in Wisconsin. On his home farm are found a beautiful residence

and outbuildings for the shelter of grain and stock, many shade trees which add to the attractive appearance of the place, and altogether he has a fine farm, on which he is engaged in general farming, using the latest improved methods in carrying on the work of the fields.

Mr. Coulter chose as a companion and help-mate on life's journey, Miss Malissa Kasbeer, to whom he was married on the 28th of October, 1887. She is a daughter of John S. and Hannah (Ross) Kasbeer, the former born in Tuscarawas county, Ohio, December 28, 1818, having removed to Bureau county, Illinois, in 1845, while the mother's birth occurred in 1836. Both are yet living. In their family were twelve children, of whom four are deceased, while Mrs. Coulter is the ninth in order of birth, her natal day being May 24, 1862. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Coulter have been born four sons, namely: Raymond B., born January 19, 1889; L. Dean, born November 2, 1890; J. Milton, April 19, 1896, and Glen G., April 4, 1898.

In politics Mr. Coulter is a republican, and he and his family are members of the Methodist Protestant church. He is a member of the Masonic lodge, No. 814, at Ohio, and also of Modern Woodmen camp, No. 492. Although starting out in life empty-handed, Mr. Coulter has through his energy and perseverance accumulated a fine property, being now the owner of two hundred and eighty-eight acres of valuable land situated on section 29, Ohio township, while his wife is the owner of one hundred and sixty acres near by, and he also owns six hundred and forty acres of land in Wisconsin. He has added many modern improvements to his home place, is progressive in his farm work, giving his personal supervision to his business interests, and year by year he harvests excellent crops, so that he is now numbered among the substantial residents of Bureau county. He deserves much credit for what he has accomplished in a business way, for his success is due entirely to his own labor and business ability. He has always been straightforward in his dealings with his fellowmen, and he and his estimable wife have many warm personal friends in Bureau county, where they have both spent their entire lives.

#### PARKER NOYES MASON.

Parker Noyes Mason, who has been closely associated with journalistic interests in the county and is now publisher of the *Plain Dealer* at Buda, was born in Concord township, October 4, 1862, upon the farm belonging to his father, Cyrus P. Mason, who was born August 13, 1831, in Pittsfield, New Hampshire. He was a farmer and stock-raiser and died January 8, 1907, at Buda.



Illinois. He married Sarah J. Noyes, who was born in Springfield, New Hampshire, February 25, 1833, and died March 3, 1900, in Buda. Further mention is made of the family in connection with the sketches of John Mason and Cyrus P. Mason on other pages of this work.

P. N. Mason was born and reared upon the home farm, a mile west of Buda, and pursued his education in the public schools of Buda, although his attendance covered less than ten years, during which time he completed the work of the ninth grade. His early experiences were those which usually come to a farm boy, and in his youth he manifested considerable mechanical ingenuity. His father established a cider-mill, operated by a steam engine, and afterward a feed-mill and sugar-cane-mill and subsequently a creamery. P. N. Mason did his share of the work in connection with all of these enterprises as well as in the fields, and in 1883 he extended the scope of his activity by purchasing a small job press and some type. He then began to do job printing, mastering the business from the reading of books or papers or anything he could get bearing upon the subject. In January, 1887, he carried out a cherished idea of entering the newspaper field by establishing the *Buda Plain Dealer*, which he began to publish on the farm, a mile from town. He continued its publication there for two months and then, as it promised to be a success, he removed to Buda, since which time he has continued in the publication of the paper, which is one of the leading country newspapers of this part of the state. He has also been connected with various other publications. On the 3d of January, 1889, he established in Sheffield the *Bureau County Times*, which he sold to Charles A. Pratt on the 19th of September of the same year. On the 7th of November following he established a paper in Wyandot, with A. B. Case in charge, but discontinued its publication when S. R. Warden & Company opened a newspaper office in the town July 14, 1893. That paper was published in the Buda office during the four years of its existence. On the 27th of February, 1891, Mr. Mason started a paper in Neponset, with J. T. Miller in charge, the printing being done in the Buda office, but discontinued this paper in the fall of 1891 on the removal of Mr. Miller from Neponset. He has been generally successful in his newspaper ventures and from the beginning the *Plain Dealer* has proven a profitable investment. In 1900 he became interested in the Independent Telephone movement, now known as the Empire Telephone Company, and has since managed the exchange in Buda.

Mr. Mason as editor and as a private citizen has been closely identified with everything tending toward the improvement of his town and community. He has, since attaining his majority, been a strong factor in local republican ranks and is against licensing or in any way favoring the

liquor traffic. He has exerted a strong and beneficial influence in community affairs and has rendered capable service in public office, acting as village clerk of Buda from 1896 until 1900, as president of the board for two years, in 1900 and 1901, and as village trustee in 1904 and 1905. His fraternal relations are extensive. He belongs to Buda lodge, No. 399, A. F. & A. M., in which he has served as secretary, and in other offices; to the Eastern Star chapter, No. 218, in which he has been secretary and worthy patron; the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, No. 515, in which he has filled all of the offices; Buda encampment, No. 130, I. O. O. F., in which he has also filled all of the chairs; Rebekah lodge, No. 339, of which he has been secretary; French Grove camp of the Modern Woodmen of America, of which he was clerk for five years; and Arena lodge, K. P., of which he was a charter member.

Mr. Mason was married in Buda, July 3, 1889, to Gertrude Seguire, a daughter of William S. and Barbara (Buchan) Seguire, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this work. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Mason have been born two children: Mayne, June 3, 1890; and Ross N., April 27, 1893. Both were born in Buda. The parents and sons are members of the Baptist church.

#### ANDREW W. NELSON.

Andrew W. Nelson, engaged in farming in Manlius township, was born in Sweden, February 14, 1834, a son of Nels Carlson and Ingre Nelson. He came to America in the spring of 1861. He had spent the days of his boyhood and youth in his native country, and, believing that the new world offered better opportunities, he came to the United States when a young man of twenty-seven years. His capital was limited at that time, his lack of financial resources rendering immediate employment a necessity. He therefore worked at farm labor for about four years and then with the capital which he had acquired began farming on his own account on rented land. As a companion and helpmate for life's journey he chose Miss Christina Sophia Widestrom, of Princeton, whom he wedded on the 23d of February, 1865.

It was in 1870 that Mr. Nelson purchased a part of his present home-stead, becoming owner of one hundred and sixty acres, to which he has since added until within the boundaries of his farm are now comprised three hundred and sixty acres of very rich and productive land. He has greatly improved the property, putting up good barns and other outbuildings and erecting a fine residence, which is one of the model farm homes of the locality. Everything about the place is neat and is kept in excellent condition, showing his careful supervision and progressive methods.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Nelson were born two children: Nels Oscar William, who was born Decem-



ber 13, 1865, was married February 16, 1888, to Miss Martha M. Hurst, and they have two children, Carrie Christine and Earl Oscar. Hannah Josephine Nelson, born April 8, 1869, became the wife of James Montague Allen, a commercial traveler of Chicago, on the 20th of November, 1894, and they also have two children, James M. and Merle Edith. In 1871 Mr. Nelson was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, who died on the 25th of November of that year. About two years later, on the 9th of October, 1873, Mr. Nelson was married to Miss Rebecca Nelson, of Wyanet, a daughter of Oley and Ellen Nelson, who were farming people of that locality. Five children have been born of this marriage: Emma Geneva, born August 13, 1876; Arthur Harmon, a farmer who was born February 18, 1879, and was married February 15, 1905, to Miss Estella M. Martin, by whom he has one child, Viola Ellen; Edith Blenda, who was born May 13, 1881, and is a milliner at Manlius; Mabel Eleonora, born September 7, 1884; and Carl O., March 7, 1889.

In his political views Mr. Nelson is a democrat and has served as school director for many years. He has never been a politician, however, in the sense of office seeking, preferring to give his undivided time and attention to his business affairs and in connection with his agricultural interests he is a stockholder in the Farmers Elevator at Manlius. Coming to the United States without capital, he has here improved the business opportunities offered, has made the best use of his advantages and has gradually worked his way upward until he is now one of the substantial residents of his adopted county, with a valuable farm to show for his life of industry and perseverance.

#### JAMES EDWARD MONIER.

James Edward Monier is a farmer and stockman, residing on section 33, Milo township, where he owns two hundred and forty acres. He was born April 18, 1864, in Marshall county, Illinois, and possesses the typical spirit of enterprise and progress which has been the dominant factor in the rapid and substantial upbuilding of the middle west. His parents were William and Wilmina (Doran) Monier. The father was born on the Isle of Man, and, with his parents, came to America when sixteen years of age. He married Miss Doran, a native of Massachusetts. Locating in Peoria county, Illinois, he afterward removed to Camp Grove, Marshall county, where he has since resided. He is an extensive and wealthy farmer, now owning a thousand acres of fine land in Marshall county and one hundred and sixty acres in Bureau county. He engages in stock-raising on a large scale, and his dealings in fine stock have made him a leading representative of this line of business in Illinois. He displays excellent business judgment, keen discernment, sagacity and unflinching diligence, and thus the

success which he has acquired has been most honorable as well as gratifying, for it has come as the legitimate result of his own labors. Prominent in political circles, he gives a stalwart support to the republican party and does everything in his power to promote its growth and insure its success. His home is pleasantly located six miles west of Lacon, Illinois.

James Edward Monier is the only member of a family of seven children, five sons and two daughters, who is not a resident of Marshall county. His youth was there passed and his education was acquired in the district schools and the high school of Sparland. He always lived at home until 1894, when he was married and came to Bureau county, where he has since resided. The occupation to which he was reared he has made his life work, and he now owns and operates two hundred and forty acres of fine land in Milo township, where he raises both grain and stock. He is a breeder of shorthorn cattle, is breeding first-class stock and has fifteen head of registered cattle. He also breeds Percheron horses, and has about twenty-five head upon his farm most of the time. Success seems an attendant to his business efforts, for whatever he undertakes he accomplishes, and he has not lacked the financial return which is the desired reward of all business endeavor.

In 1894 Mr. Monier was married to Miss Clara L. Casey, of Marshall county, Illinois, a daughter of Charles Casey, a farmer now residing in that county. Mr. and Mrs. Monier have become the parents of four children, and the family circle yet remains unbroken by the hand of death. These are Nellie, Margaret, Lura and Wilbur Monier. The parents hold membership in the Methodist church, and Mr. Monier belongs to the Masonic lodge at Bradford and to the Modern Woodmen camp at Whitefield, Illinois. Politically he is a republican, and in 1902 was elected supervisor of Milo township, which office he is still filling. He has been a member of the school board for years, and is still the incumbent in that position. He regards a public office as a public trust—and no trust reposed in him has ever been betrayed in the slightest degree. He is loyal and patriotic in his citizenship, is progressive and diligent in business, and in friendship he is ever faithful and true.

#### JOHN LEONARD REID.

John Leonard Reid, who has resided in Milo township from the age of twenty-two years, now follows farming on section 35 and is also filling the office of road commissioner, in which capacity he labors to secure the adoption of his ideas concerning good roads. Born in Scott county, Indiana, on the 16th of October, 1841, he is a son of Matthew M. and Sarah Ann (Horner) Reid, the former born in Maryland in 1814 and the lat-



ter in Indiana in 1820. After residing for some years in the Hoosier state, the father came with his family to Illinois in March, 1851, and located in Milo township, Bureau county. He first purchased land on section 36, just across the road from the farm of his son, John L., and there he spent his remaining days, but in the meantime he added to his property until he was the owner of two hundred acres of very valuable farm land. He died December 6, 1880, and his wife has also passed away, while of their family of nine children one is deceased, Sarah E., who married Frank Corbin and died December 1, 1899. She was the second in order of birth, while John Leonard Reid is the eldest. The others of the family are: David L., a resident of Iowa; George W., of Milo township; Maria J., the wife of Festus Bentley, of Milo township; William U., who is living in Modena, Illinois; Mary Evaline, the wife of Frank Crisman, a resident of Lincoln, Nebraska; Atlantic, the wife of Joseph Hufnagel, who follows farming in Milo township; and Nellie, the wife of Eugene Vale, of Princeton, Illinois.

John L. Reid was educated in the common schools and started out in life on his own account when twenty-two years of age, since which time he has lived in Milo township. His first tract of land comprised forty acres, which he purchased from his father in 1870 and which is still in his possession, but the years have witnessed considerable progress in his business career and he is today the owner of one hundred and sixty acres of fine land, well improved, in Milo township, together with thirty acres of timber land. His work is that of a general farmer and stock-raiser and he also feeds considerable cattle and hogs. He has likewise operated a threshing machine for a number of years and his life has been one of untiring activity and unflinching perseverance.

In 1864 occurred the marriage of Mr. Reid and Miss Fannie Moore, who was born at Birmingham, England, in 1847, and was brought to the United States in 1819 by her parents, John and Harriet (Butler) Moore, both of whom are now deceased, her father having resided in Indiana until his death. Mr. and Mrs. Reid became the parents of four children. Charles L., the eldest, born in Milo township, November 2, 1865, attended the common schools and spent three years as a student in the Bradford high school. He has always followed farming and he purchased forty acres of land where he now resides. On this he has erected a fine residence and has made many modern improvements. He also works his father's farm and keeps some stock. He married Jennie Colchover, a native daughter of Milo township. Her parents, Conrad and Elizabeth (Grady) Colchover, are both living. Mrs. and Mrs. Charles L. Reid became the parents of six children, four of whom survive: Ethel, Harold, Harriet and Howard. Jennie A. Reid became the wife of

Henry Smith, of Milo township, and died June 1, 1899, leaving one child, Margaret, who makes her home with Mr. and Mrs. Reid. Sadie A. died October 16, 1894. Hattie V., who completes the family, is yet at home.

Mr. Reid is a stalwart republican, deeply interested in the success and growth of his party. He has been road commissioner for a number of years, filling the office at the present time, and he has also been school director for some years. He belongs to Gem Lodge, No. 572, I. O. O. F., of Whitefield, Illinois, of which he is a charter member and in which he has twice passed through all the chairs. He is also connected with the Modern Woodmen camp at Whitefield, and is in thorough sympathy with the principles of these orders, which are based upon brotherly kindness and helpfulness. Mr. Reid is popular with many friends because of his excellent traits of character and genial, cordial disposition.

#### JOSEPH E. WATERHOUSE.

Joseph E. Waterhouse is one of Walnut township's native sons, born on the 15th of January, 1863. He is still living in the same township, and has always followed the occupation of farming. His parents were Joseph and Kate (McCann) Waterhouse, natives of England and of Ireland, respectively. In early life they came to the United States, settling in Bureau county, and were married in Princeton about 1856. The father was a shoemaker by trade, and during his residence in the county seat followed that occupation. Subsequently he removed to Walnut township and engaged in farming on sections 14 and 15, purchasing one hundred and twenty acres of land, which constitutes the old home farm, on which he reared his family. He afterward bought other land, and left at his death a valuable estate of five hundred and sixty acres. He passed away December 21, 1885.

Joseph E. Waterhouse completed his education in district school No. 29, in Walnut township, and has always followed farming. He early became familiar with the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist, for in the periods of vacation he worked in the fields, taking his place behind the plow when but a young lad. Since attaining his majority he has carried on farm work on his own account, and as the years have passed he has prospered in his chosen field of labor. His home farm comprises two hundred acres of very arable and productive land, whereon he is largely engaged in the raising of corn and oats. He also has considerable stock, his cattle being largely of the Hereford breed, his hogs of the Poland China breed and his horses of Norman blood. His farm is equipped with substantial buildings and a beautiful home, and everything about the place proves to the passer-by the enterprise of the owner





and the fact that he keeps in touch with modern ideas of agricultural development.

On the 26th of February, 1891, Mr. Waterhouse was united in marriage to Miss Clara Hibbard, who was born April 27, 1862, a daughter of Joshua and Mary (Lumbard) Hibbard, both of whom were natives of New York. They came to La Salle county with the early settlers, and the father always followed the occupation of farming as a means of livelihood for himself and family. He departed this life in 1888, and is still survived by his widow, who is now living in Aurora, Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Waterhouse have but one child, Mabel J., who was born July 25, 1894, and is therefore twelve years of age. She is now a student in district school No. 30, in Walnut township. Mr. Waterhouse has served for the past six years as school director, and believes in the employment of competent teachers and in upholding the standard of public instruction. Politically he is a democrat, but has no aspiration for the honors and emoluments of public office. His attention has been fully occupied by his business affairs, and he is one of the representative agriculturists of the community, carefully conducting his business interests.

#### GEORGE ZINK.

The life history of a self-made man is always of interest. There is something inspiring in a victory, and he who fights the battle of life courageously and comes off conqueror in the strife is deserving of respect. Such was the history of George Zink, one of the pioneer residents of Bureau county, who was well known in this part of the state and was respected and honored wherever known. He was born in Bedford county, Pennsylvania, November 30, 1822. The family was established in Pennsylvania at an early epoch in its development, the grandparents being John and Elizabeth (Howe) Zink, both of whom were natives of that state. The father of our subject, Samuel Zink, was a native of the Keystone state, born August 11, 1788. At an advanced age he went to Ohio, settling in that state in 1841, and in 1844 he came to Bureau county, Illinois, where he joined his son George, who had arrived a year previous to that date. He then remained a resident of Bureau county until his death, which occurred February 15, 1866. His political allegiance was given to the republican party. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Catherine Hanawalt, was born in Huntingdon county, Pennsylvania, August 26, 1789, and died February 10, 1886. She was of German extraction, and both she and her husband were members of the Methodist church.

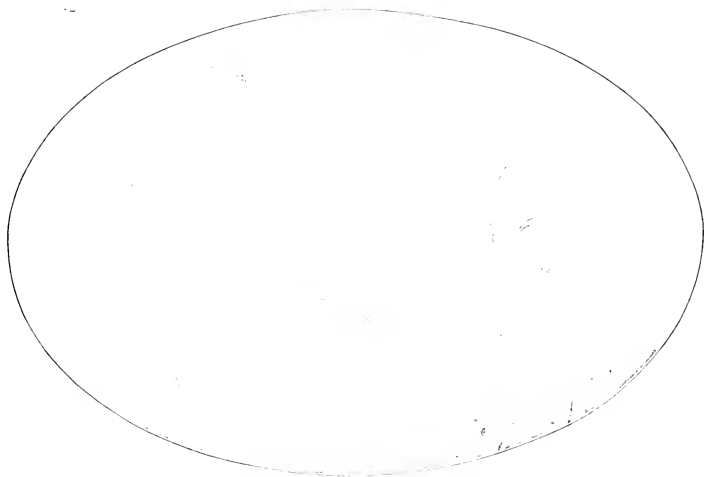
George Zink was one of a family of eleven children. His boyhood days were spent upon the old home farm, and he attended the public schools until about nineteen years of age, when he went

to Ohio with the family. In 1843, on attaining his majority, he came to Bureau county, Illinois, locating about a mile east of Buda, where he purchased eighty acres of military land. It was all wild prairie, and he hauled the lumber from Chicago in order to build upon his place a frame house. He then turned his attention to farming and stock-raising, and at one time owned about four hundred acres of land, while at the time of his death he had an excellent farm of one hundred and twenty acres. Coming to the county at an early day, he experienced many of the hardships incident to life on the frontier, and he resolutely struggled with conditions that made farming a difficult task because of the remoteness of the district from railroads and city markets.

On the 25th of November, 1847, Mr. Zink was united in marriage to Miss Catherine Thompson, who was born June 29, 1822, in Huntingdon county, Pennsylvania, a daughter of Andrew and Elizabeth (Heater) Thompson, natives of the Keystone state. The father was of English lineage, while the mother was of German descent. In 1845 they came to Bureau county, settling near Sheffield, where Mr. Thompson followed the occupation of farming. He was born November 30, 1786, and died December 24, 1847, at the age of sixty-one years, while his wife, who was born May 1, 1792, passed away January 27, 1854, at the age of sixty-one years and eight months, her remains being interred at Sheffield. Mrs. Zink was a young lady when she accompanied her parents to this county, and she has since made her home here. As a bride she went to her husband's farm, and they resided continuously thereon for almost a half century. In 1895, however, they rented the farm and removed to Buda, Mr. Zink retiring from active business life. He had well earned the rest which he enjoyed, for in former years he was a most energetic, active farmer, laboring untiringly day after day, month after month and year after year until his diligence and perseverance had brought to him a substantial financial reward. In the meantime seven children had been born into the family: Samuel Davis, who enlisted in the army at the age of only sixteen years, and died at Springfield before going south for active service; Thompson A., who is mentioned elsewhere in this volume; Elizabeth E., who is still with her mother; Mary C., the wife of W. H. Stutzman, of Buda; George A., of Chicago, and Orrin A. and Warren A., both of whom are residents of Buda.

Mr. Zink held membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, to which his wife still belongs. He remained a resident of Buda for about five years, and passed away on the 5th of March, 1900, when in the seventy-eighth year of his age. His had been an upright life, and in all relations he was found honorable and reliable, courteous and considerate. He exemplified daily the spirit of the Christian religion, in which he believed, and followed closely the golden rule, doing unto others





MR. AND MRS. GEORGE ZINK.



as he would have them do unto him. He met with a fair measure of success in his business life and won his prosperity not by taking advantage of others, but through close application and untiring effort. Such a record is indeed worthy of emulation. Mrs. Zink, still surviving her husband, resides in Buda, and is greatly esteemed by many friends whom she has made during the years of her long residence in this county.

#### A. A. SPOONER.

Among the prominent and substantial citizens of Bureau county, Illinois, are those who assist in the agricultural progress and development of this section of the state, and to this class belongs A. A. Spooner, who is a representative of the farming interests of Ohio township. He is a native of the state of New York, his birth having occurred in Madison county on the 18th of December, 1826, a son of Sir Prince and Rebecca (Patterson) Spooner, in whose family were eight children, of whom the subject of this review is the youngest.

In the district schools of New York our subject received his preliminary education, which was supplemented by a course of study in Madison Academy in that state. He came to Illinois from the east at an early day, believing that the west would afford better opportunity for advancement in a business way than he would enjoy in his native state. He soon manifested the spirit dominant in the western country and by his industry and good business ability, in due course of time, became the possessor of good farming land, to which he has added as his labors have brought him capital, until he is now owning and operating a fine tract of land, constituting three hundred and twenty acres, valued at one hundred and fifty dollars per acre. It is situated in Ohio township, and here he carries on general agricultural pursuits, following modern and practical methods in all his work. He has here a nice home and many substantial outbuildings, and the neat and attractive appearance of the place makes it one of the most valuable farms of the county.

After residing in Illinois for a few years Mr. Spooner sought a companion and helpmate for life's journey, and on the 24th of March, 1858, was married to Miss Mary E. Philpot, who was born September 20, 1811, a native of New York and a daughter of George and Mary (Tooke) Philpot, both natives of the state of New York, where they always made their home. Mr. Philpot was a well educated man and a lawyer by profession, but on account of ill health was unable to engage in the practice of his chosen calling. Mrs. Spooner received here early educational privileges in the common schools of her native place and later pursued a course of study in the Oneida Ladies' Seminary, at Oneida, New York. Unto

Mr. and Mrs. Spooner have been born five children, of whom two are deceased. Those living are: Prince Edward, born September 20, 1863; Winifred R., October 27, 1872; and Allen G., born May 1, 1880.

In his political views Mr. Spooner is a republican and takes an active interest in local political affairs. Popular with his fellow townsmen, he has been called to fill a number of positions of trust, having served as supervisor of East Grove township, Lee county, Illinois, for several years previous to his removal to Bureau county. He also served as justice of the peace for two terms, as road commissioner for eight years, and as school trustee for a similar period, and in all these positions he displayed marked ability and discharged the duties which devolved upon him in a very creditable manner. In his religious views Mr. Spooner is liberal, but is not identified with any church organization.

Having started out in life for himself without capital, he possessed a strong will and a determination to succeed, and coming to the west in early manhood he sought and utilized every opportunity that presented itself and by hard work and economy worked his way upward until he is now the owner of a tract of land of three hundred and twenty acres, valued at one hundred and fifty dollars per acre, and his is one of the most productive farms of Bureau county. He is one of the prominent and progressive farmers of his community and is highly esteemed both in business and social circles.

#### GEORGE EDSON ZINK.

George Edson Zink, who is engaged in farming and stock-raising in Concord township, making a specialty of Durham cattle, was born October 27, 1866, in Macon township, his parents having been pioneer residents of that locality. He is a son of John and Elizabeth (Sensel) Zink, whose sketch is found elsewhere in this work.

The public schools afforded George E. Zink his early educational privileges, and after completing his more specifically literary education in the high school at Buda he entered the Davenport Business College and was thus qualified for the transaction of important business interests. Putting aside his text-books, he entered actively upon the work of the farm and has since been a representative of agricultural interests, placing his fields under a high state of cultivation. He also raises stock and is now making a specialty of registered Durham cattle and Poland China hogs, of which he has some fine specimens upon his place. He has a well cultivated farm and an air of neatness and thrift pervades it in all its departments.

On the 19th of February, 1891, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Zink and Miss Nettie Crenley, a daughter of George and Triphena (Sturte-



vant) Conley, of Bureau county. Her father, a farmer by occupation, died February 10, 1900, and his wife survived him only until the 21st of April of the same year. Mr. and Mrs. Zink have three children: Neva Elizabeth, born January 17, 1893; Althea M., January 13, 1895; and Laurine Fern, July 6, 1897.

The parents are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which Mr. Zink is serving as trustee and steward. In politics he is a republican, stalwart in his advocacy of the party principles, and he has frequently served as a delegate to county and congressional conventions and has held the offices of assessor and road overseer. He has various fraternal relations, being a member of Buda lodge, No. 339, A. F. & A. M., while he is also connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Modern Woodmen of America and the Ycemen of America. He is an enterprising, energetic business man, of keen foresight and laudable ambition, and has already attained a gratifying measure of success in his business life.

#### WILLIAM WILSON.

William Wilson, editor and owner of the Walnut Leader, was born in Clarion county, Pennsylvania, October 18, 1852. His parents were James and Catharine (Schorran) Wilson, the former born in Clarion county, Pennsylvania, and the latter near Reading, that state. In their family were eight children, of whom William was the third in order of birth. They were brought by their parents to Illinois in the spring of 1865, the family home being established in Whiteside county.

William Wilson began his education in a log schoolhouse in Pennsylvania and afterward continued his studies in the public schools of Illinois and in the high school at Morrison, this state. After putting aside his text-books in 1868 he entered the printing office of the Reform Investigator in Morrison to learn the trade, remaining there for two years. In August, 1871, he removed to Prophetstown and became a printer in the office of the Prophet-stown Spike, then owned by Charles Bent and A. D. Hill. He was connected therewith for some time and in 1874 he was married and began farming, operating his father's old home place. Subsequently, however, he re-entered the newspaper field at Walnut, purchasing the Walnut Motor in 1883. In 1890 a disastrous fire visited the town, destroying nearly its entire business section, including the printing office of Mr. Wilson. He, however, at once made arrangements for the continuance of the paper, which he published until March 1, 1891. In April, 1892, he established the Walnut Leader, which he has since owned, edited and published. It is a six column quarto and has a bona fide circulation of over eight hundred and twenty-five copies. It is pub-

lished weekly and is devoted to the dissemination of general and local news.

Mr. Wilson was married on the 8th of October, 1874, to Miss Louisa F. Cox, who was born in Prophetstown, Illinois, December 8, 1855, a daughter of Edwin F. and Lucy R. (George) Cox. Her father, a native of Vermont, came west in 1852 and located at Prophetstown, Illinois. In his family were four children, of whom Mrs. Wilson is the eldest. She was educated in the high school at Prophetstown and in Averil's Seminary, and by her marriage has become the mother of five children: Maud C., born July 23, 1877; W. Gordon, who was born August 21, 1879, and died November 7, 1902; Agnes Lucy, born September 21, 1881; Louisa Mary, April 9, 1883; and Edwin C., February 15, 1886.

Mr. Wilson has been active and influential in community affairs. He served as village clerk of Walnut for two terms and is a republican in politics. Formerly he gave his political allegiance to the democracy, but two years ago his political faith changed and he has since edited his paper in support of republican principles. His religious faith is that of the Presbyterian church, but he does not hold membership therewith. His wife, however, is a member of the Baptist church.

Mr. Wilson is a self-made man, whose only capital in starting out in life was his good health, his energy and willingness to work. He thoroughly mastered the business in which as a young tradesman he embarked, becoming familiar with printing in principle and detail, and through his industry and perseverance he has gained a creditable place as a representative of journalistic interests in this county.

#### ERNEST J. HALL.

Ernest J. Hall, who is farming in La Moille township and is one of Bureau county's native sons, was born January 18, 1867. His parents were John H. and Charity (Smith) Hall, both of whom were natives of Hackertstown, New Jersey. They were married in that state, and, thinking to enjoy better opportunities in the middle west, came to Illinois in 1860, settling in Bureau county.

Ernest J. Hall, the youngest in their family of ten children, is indebted to the public-school system of La Moille for the educational privileges he enjoyed, and during the periods of vacation he was trained to habits of industry and enterprise through the assistance which was required from him in the work of the fields on the home farm. He gradually gained broad and accurate experience in farm work in all of its departments, and throughout his entire life he has followed agricultural pursuits. He now owns one hundred and thirty-three acres of good land lying adjacent to the village of La Moille. This is a valuable property, and in addition to the cultivation of the fields





Mr. Hall feeds hogs and finds in their sale a good source of income annually. He is a self-made man, having started out in life alone and gained his present possessions through unremitting diligence and unabating energy. He is accounted one of the leading farmers of the township in which he resides, and his place is splendidly located, so that the advantages of the town are easily obtainable, while those of rural life are constantly enjoyed. There is a good set of farm buildings and fine shade trees add to the value and attractive appearance of the place. In the pastures are found good grades of stock, and the latest improved machinery facilitates the work of the fields.

Mr. Hall was married to Miss Laura B. Frary, who was born in Bureau county, August 15, 1867. They became the parents of four children: Margaret M., born June 23, 1895; Lucy E., May 22, 1898; George W., December 30, 1900; and Esther C., June 19, 1903. Mrs. Hall is a daughter of George and Mary (Palmer) Frary, the former a native of Massachusetts and the latter of Ohio. They became residents of Illinois in 1863, and in their family were six children, of whom Mrs. Hall is the youngest. She, too, was educated in the public schools of Bureau county.

Mr. Hall is a valued and popular member of the Modern Woodmen camp, No. 227, and the Mystic Workers, No. 48. His political allegiance is given the republican party. He contributes to the support of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which his wife is an earnest and faithful member. They are greatly esteemed in the community, and their circle of friends is almost co-extensive with the circle of their acquaintance.

#### JAMES FISHER.

James Fisher, living in Gold township, where he is owning and operating a farm of ninety-four acres, was born in Pennsylvania, and dates his residence in Bureau county from an early period in its development, having lived here for fifty-two years. He was only two years old at the time of his arrival, having been brought to this county by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John D. Fisher, who came from Pennsylvania in 1851 and settled south of Buda. The father began farming there upon one hundred and twenty acres of land, and the son was reared to agricultural pursuits, early becoming familiar with the work of field and meadow. His education was acquired in the common schools of Gold township, wherein he mastered the branches of English learning usually taught in such institutions. Having arrived at years of maturity, he began farming on his own account, and is now the owner of ninety-four acres, constituting an excellent place, for the land is valuable, being of a character that would enable him to command the highest market price did he desire to sell.

Mr. Fisher was married in this county to Miss

Maggie Blaisdell, a native of Stark county and a daughter of Horace Blaisdell, who was a farmer. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Fisher have been born six children, five daughters and a son: Lydell, who, at the age of twenty-three years, is at home with her parents; Emma, the wife of David Smith, a fireman on the Rock Island Railroad, living in Blue Island, Illinois; Mabel, Florence, Irene and Wilber, aged respectively eighteen, fourteen, twelve and eight years.

Mr. Fisher exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party, but has never desired office. On the contrary, he has preferred that others should serve officially, while he gives his attention to his farm work, which, being capably conducted, is bringing to him a gratifying measure of success. A resident of this county for more than a half century, he has been an interested witness of its growth and development, and has seen many changes here as the evidences of pioneer life have been replaced by the evidences of modern civilization.

#### FRANK LAWRENCE DABLER.

Frank Lawrence Dabler, a son of George W. and Anna May Dabler, was born upon the old family homestead in Manlius township, October 5, 1873. At the usual age he entered the common schools, mastering the branches of learning therein taught. His time was also divided with the pleasures of the playground and the work of the farm, for at an early age he began assisting his father in carrying on the farm work, and his entire life has been devoted to agricultural pursuits. The practical knowledge which he gained in his youth has proven of immense value to him since he began farming on his own account. He has never desired to enter other business, and is now the owner of one hundred and sixty acres of land near the old homestead and a short distance from Manlius, whereon he has erected some very good buildings. He has also brought his fields under a high state of cultivation, and thus annually harvests good crops.

On the 30th of January, 1892, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Dabler and Miss Elsie Parmelia Hewitt, a daughter of George W. Hewitt, of Manlius township, who was one of the old settlers of the county. Two children grace this marriage: Ervin, born November 11, 1901; and Vonda, September 20, 1902. They also lost one child in infancy. The parents are highly esteemed socially and have a large circle of friends.

Mr. Dabler votes the democratic ticket, but is without aspiration for office. He holds membership in the Baptist church in Manlius township, in which he is now serving as a deacon, and he is also a trustee of the Baptist cemetery. It will thus be seen that his interest does not center in his business to the exclusion of all other things, for while successfully conducting his farm he yet



finds time and opportunity to do his part in the work of general progress and improvement in his county, standing for intellectual and moral development as well as material progress.

#### JAMES HENRY SMITH.

James Henry Smith is a farmer and stock-raiser, living on section 13, Milo township. One of Bureau county's native sons, his birth occurred in this township, August 11, 1872. He is a son of James A. Smith, a retired farmer residing in Bradford. The father was born in Ithaca, Tioga county, New York, November 25, 1840, and was a son of William and Lucy (Robinson) Smith. The father came west in 1863 and located in Milo township, where he was employed at farm labor and afterward engaged in cultivating rented land until 1873, when he bought one hundred and sixty acres, which he still owns. He now has about four hundred acres in Milo township, which is devoted to general farming and stock-raising, but he leaves the active management and work of the farm to his son, William J. Retiring from business life in 1903, he removed to Bradford, where he owns a beautiful home which he now occupies. On the 28th of March, 1868, Mr. Smith was united in marriage to Miss Mary J. Fox, a native of New York. They became the parents of four children, three sons and a daughter, and after the death of the wife and mother Mr. Smith married again, his second union being with Jane Culton, a native of this county. The children of the first marriage are: James H., of this review; William J., of Milo township; George R., who is living in Marshall county, Illinois; and Sarah J., the wife of William Hardy, of Indiana. Mr. Smith is a republican, but without aspiration for office. A man of many excellent qualities, he has in his private life and his business relations won the confidence and good will of those with whom he has been associated. All who know him entertain for him the warmest regard, and his circle of friends is an extensive one.

After attending the common schools James H. Smith continued his education in Dixon Business College at Dixon, Illinois, and was graduated with the class of 1894. He has always followed farming, early becoming familiar with the work of plowing, planting and harvesting, as he assisted in the improvement of the old home place. He purchased his present farm in 1895 from C. B. Edminston, of Wyanet, Illinois, and is now the owner of four hundred acres of fine and productive land in Milo township, upon which are good buildings and all modern accessories and improvements. He also owns considerable land in Brown county, South Dakota, and he carries on general farming and stock-raising, feeding much stock and buying much corn for this purpose. He is a man of indefatigable energy, displaying keen discernment

in business affairs and excellent ability as a manager. Whatever he undertakes he carries forward to successful completion, and he realizes that "there is no excellence without labor."

Mr. Smith was married to Miss Jennie Reid, of Milo township, a daughter of J. L. Reid, and they had one child, Marjory, who is living with her maternal grandfather. In 1900 Mr. Smith was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, who died on the 1st of June of that year, and he has since wedded Margaret M. Bradshaw, of Chambersburg, Pike county, Illinois. They have a pleasant home and are highly esteemed people, who hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal church. Politically Mr. Smith is a republican, and has served as school treasurer for some time, while fraternally he is connected with the Modern Woodmen of America. He has been very successful, and is recognized as one of the representative citizens of the community, who bears a good name in the county where his entire life has been passed, and who, through a genial, cordial manner, has become a popular citizen of Milo township.

#### PETER JENSEN, JR.

Peter Jensen, a progressive farmer of Ohio township, where he is operating a tract of eighty acres, is a native son of Denmark, having been born August 5, 1876. His parents are Peter and Marie (Jensen) Jensen, likewise natives of Denmark, where they were married and made their home until the year 1895, at which time they emigrated with their family to America, hoping to enjoy better business advantages in this country than were afforded in their native land. In their family are eight children.

Peter Jensen, Jr., the fourth child in his father's family, was a youth of about nineteen years when, in 1895, he accompanied his parents on their emigration to America. He received his education in Denmark, and since coming to this country has acquired a fair knowledge of the English language. After coming to America he engaged in farm work, being employed by others, but by his industry, honesty and economy he soon won success, and for the past four years has been carrying on agricultural pursuits on his own account, now operating a tract of eighty acres in Ohio township. He is thoroughly familiar with the best methods of farm work, and each year gathers good harvests as the result of the care and labor which he bestows upon the fields, thus adding to his financial resources, and the time is undoubtedly not far distant when he will become one of the well-to-do agriculturists of his section of the county.

On the 30th of September, 1903, Mr. Jensen was united in marriage to Miss Ada Wiesel, a native of Bureau county, Illinois, born December 24, 1881. Her parents are John and Margaret (Bauersock) Wiesel, both natives of Germany.



They emigrated to America in the year 1866, and their marriage was celebrated in Bureau county. In their family are eleven children, of whom Mrs. Jensen is the eighth in order of birth. She received her education in the district schools of Ohio township and is now a successful teacher, having followed the profession for the past six years. She is an intelligent lady and is proving herself a worthy helpmate to her husband.

Mr. Jensen gives his political support to the men and measures of the republican party. He is one of the residents of foreign birth who, utilizing the opportunities offered to young men of ambition and determination, is steadily advancing toward the highway of success, and while he is now classed among the leading agriculturists of his section of the county, has promise of even a brighter future.

#### J. C. HAMRICK.

J. C. Hamrick, to whom has been vouchsafed a well earned retirement from labor, was in former years a prominent and worthy representative of the agricultural interests of Bureau county, and now resides in Princeton, making his home at No. 127 South Church street. He was born February 12, 1838, in Coshocton county, Ohio, and in the fall of 1839, when only about a year and a half old, was brought to Bureau county by his parents, James and Rachel (Markley) Hamrick, who settled in what is known as Center Prairie, in Wyandot township. They were farming people, the father successfully carrying on general agricultural pursuits until he retired from active business life, after which he made his home in Wyandot, where his death occurred. His wife also passed away there. She was born in Coshocton county, Ohio, March 20, 1816, and on the 14th of May, 1837, gave her hand in marriage to James Hamrick. They long traveled life's journey happily together, and on the 27th of August, 1887, Mrs. Hamrick passed away. In their family were ten children.

J. C. Hamrick, whose name introduces this review, was reared in Wyandot township, and pursued his education in the public schools of the neighborhood, while in the periods of vacation he worked upon the home farm and gained practical knowledge of the best methods of carrying on the labors of the fields. Throughout his entire business career he carried on farming, and was a successful agriculturist, who still owns a fine farm in Wyandot township. For many years he tilled the soil and cared for his crops, but since 1892 he has resided at Princeton, where he has built a fine residence at No. 127 South Church street. There he is living retired in the enjoyment of the fruits of his former toil.

On the 25th of June, 1857, Mr. Hamrick was united in marriage to Miss Isaphine Diggins, who was from Pennsylvania, and when young came

with her parents to Bureau county. Both Mr. and Mrs. Hamrick have a wide circle of warm friends in this county and enjoy the esteem, confidence and good will of many who know them.

#### JOHN HENRY PHILLIPS.

John Henry Phillips, a veteran of the Civil war, who is now farming ninety acres of land on section 3, Neponset township, where he has made his home for fifteen years, was born in Redwood, Jefferson county, New York, November 16, 1846, and acquired a public-school education. His parents, William and Malinda (Helmer) Phillips, were both natives of Cortland county, New York, and were there reared and married. The mother died in Jefferson county, New York, September 8, 1855, and the father, afterward coming to Illinois, passed away in 1865, at the age of sixty years, while living in Neponset. In their family were eight children, six of whom still survive: Carrie, the wife of William Cook, a resident of Iowa; Charlotte C., the wife of Thomas C. Otley, of Neponset; Marvin, who resides in Jefferson, Iowa; John Henry, of this review; Levi, who is living in Billings, Montana; and James, who makes his home in Adel, Iowa. The father followed the occupation of farming in the Empire state in order to provide for the support of his family. He gave his political allegiance to the republican party and held membership in the Baptist church.

Mr. Phillips of this review spent his boyhood days in his father's home, and was but eighteen years of age when he enlisted in response to the country's call, joining the boys in blue of Company H, One Hundred and Forty-sixth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, at Buda. The company went to Peoria and was there mustered in, proceeding afterward to Springfield and thence to Quincy, returning to Springfield in 1865. After the war, in 1866, Mr. Phillips became connected with the firm of Hukins & Company, dealers in horses, and was with that firm for about twelve years. On the expiration of that period he began farming on his own account, and has since carried on general agricultural pursuits and stock-raising, giving his attention at the present time to the cultivation of about ninety acres of land on section 3, Neponset township, where he has lived for fifteen years. The farm is well developed, and under his care and supervision the fields are made to yield a good return in bounteous harvests.

Mr. Phillips was married to Miss Sarah Ellen Ausman, a native of Clermont county, Ohio, born September 17, 1846, and a daughter of Abraham A. and Elsie C. (Snell) Ausman. Her father, a native of Indiana, died in Leon, Iowa, at the age of sixty-five years, while the mother survives at the age of eighty-nine years. They were married in Ohio, and, on coming to Illinois, settled in Stark county in 1854, Mr. Ausman being numbered



among the pioneer farmers of that locality. He bought land at a dollar and a half per acre and built there a log house, living in a covered wagon until his pioneer home was completed. He there continued to reside until 1870, when he removed to Iowa, where he spent his remaining days. He served for many years as justice of the peace in Stark county and was a leading and influential citizen there, while his official duties were discharged with the utmost promptness and impartiality. His early political support was given to the whig party, and upon its dissolution he joined the ranks of the new republican party. All his life he held membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, and was most loyal to its teachings and belief. In the family were eight children, of whom six are now living, as follows: William H., Mrs. Phillips, L. T., Melissa, Wesley and Addison.

Mr. Phillips gives his political support to the republican party where national issues and questions are involved, but at local elections casts an independent ballot. He has never cared for public office, but is as true and loyal to his country as when he followed the old flag to the south in defense of the Union. Much of his life has been passed in this county, and he is a typical resident of the middle-west, possessing the alert and enterprising spirit which has been the dominant factor in the upbuilding of this section of the country.

#### MYRON E. WILLIAMS.

Myron E. Williams was born in Bureau county, October 3, 1827, upon the old homestead farm which is yet his place of residence, and is the eldest in a family of four children, the others being Emma A., Elmer O. and Irving S. Williams. The parents were Onam and Mary A. (Mills) Williams, the former a native of Amherst, Massachusetts, and the latter of Ticonderoga, New York. Mr. Williams was born August 3, 1820, and in the year 1849 came to Bureau county, Illinois, casting in his lot with its pioneer settlers. On the 1st of January, 1857, he was united in marriage in Bureau county to Miss Mary A. Mills, who was born August 17, 1820, and who arrived in Bureau county about 1850.

At the usual age Myron E. Williams began his education as a public school student, and later continued his studies in the high school at Princeton. He represents one of the early pioneer families, and is today the owner of a valuable farm property of three hundred and twenty acres, which comprises a quarter section that constituted the original purchase made by his father from the government. This was bought for a dollar and a quarter per acre, and the deed was signed by Zachary Taylor, then president of the United States. The old house first built upon this farm has sheltered some notable characters, including the famous Indian chief, Shabbona, who proved

a friend to the whites during the Black Hawk war and other periods of hostility with the Indians, and who has slept upon the floor of this cabin many a night. In those early days hardships and trials were to be borne that are entirely unfamiliar to the settler of the present day, with his greater opportunities and advantages. The father would haul his grain to Chicago with ox teams, and the roads were then in poor condition. After coming to this county he began raising grain, and the price of wheat was only three shillings per bushel. He had to take his pay in state money, which he afterward exchanged for gold, giving two dollars and a half in state currency for every dollar in gold, for the government would then only take gold in payment for land. Many were the evidences of pioneer life to be seen here, and the family shared in the hardships and trials incident to existence on the frontier. The trip to Illinois from Amherst, Massachusetts, had been made by the father by stage to the nearest point on the Erie canal, thence by canal to Buffalo, and by way of the Great Lakes to Chicago, which was then only an Indian trading post. From Chicago he traveled across the country to La Moille, which was then called Greenfield. The journey was completed with freighting teams, as there were no railroads. The father of our subject became at once a factor in the agricultural development and progress of the county, and as the years passed he placed his fields under cultivation, owning an excellent property.

Of this Myron E. Williams inherited seventy acres, which constituted the nucleus of his present holdings. He added to the farm from time to time as his financial resources have increased, until he is now one of the extensive landowners of La Moille township, having three hundred and twenty acres, constituting a valuable farming property. His place is the visible evidence of his life of thrift and enterprise, for he owes his success entirely to his own labors. The farm is improved with good buildings and fine shade trees, and is so located that its value has continually grown. It is one of the oldest farms of the county, having been occupied by the family in very early days, and from that time to the present the work of improvement has been carried forward along progressive lines, until it is now equipped with all modern accessories.

On the 9th of March, 1886, was celebrated the marriage of Myron E. Williams and Miss Philema McConnell, who was born March 23, 1859, in Bureau county, her parents being James and Catharine (Higgins) McConnell, natives of Scotland, the former born in 1818 and the latter in 1828. There were eight children in their family, of whom Mrs. Williams is the seventh in order of birth, these being John, James, David, Catharine, Ezra, Jannette, Philema and Laura McConnell. Four of the number are now deceased, while four are still living, and the parents both passed away





OXAM WILLIAMS.



MRS. ONAM WILLIAMS.



in this state. Mrs. Williams acquired her early education in the public schools of Bureau county and completed her studies in Mendota high school. Mr. and Mrs. Williams have two children: Laura E., who was born October 22, 1889, and is now attending the Princeton high school, and Walter H., who was born December 29, 1894, and is attending school in La Moille.

At the time of their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Williams located upon a farm, and his attention has since been given to general agricultural pursuits. He is a member of Modern Woodmen camp, No. 227, and is a faithful and zealous adherent of the Congregational church, in which he holds membership. He exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party, and has served as school trustee and school director, but otherwise has never sought nor held public office, preferring to devote his energies to his business affairs, which are now capably controlled. In a review of his life record we note that the salient features in his career have been those which all men may cultivate and which are always attended with good results. He has not looked to outside aid or influence for his success, but has placed his dependence upon the substantial qualities of energy and watchfulness in business, and has gained for himself a place among the leading farmers of La Moille township. The Williams family has been known in this county for sixty-six years, and the name has ever been synonymous with good citizenship and with honorable business interests.

#### WILLIAM S. SEGUINE.

William Sliker Seguire, deceased, was born at Schooley's Mountain Springs, Morris county, New Jersey, October 22, 1845. He was one of a family of fourteen children born to James and Abbie Ann (Sliker) Seguire. The father was a carpenter and of French descent. The school privileges of our subject were very limited, as the large family and the fact that there were no free schools in New Jersey at that time made it necessary for him to start young to earn his way.

At the time the Civil war broke out he was working on a farm for John Miller. When the call came for additional troops the spirit of patriotism in him became supreme and, like the prophet of old, he unhitched his oxen, tied them to the plow handles and responded with the offer of his services, August 13, 1862, at Flemington, New Jersey. Not until two months was he of sufficient age to be mustered in, but on October 15, 1862, he became a private in Company H, Fifteenth New Jersey Volunteer Infantry, and was in the battles at Fredericksburg, Gettysburg, Spottsylvania, the Wilderness, Winchester and several other engagements, being honorably discharged June 29, 1865. He was twice wounded

and compelled to spend a short time in the hospital. He was taken prisoner at Winchester, August 17, 1864, by the Thirty-sixth Virginia Volunteers, Gordon's Brigade, Breckenridge's division, Early's Corps. During the six months and four days' imprisonment he was taken successively to Stanton, Lynchburg, Danville, Richmond and Libby; was paroled February 20, 1865, and discharged June 29, 1865. His father, a brother Joseph, next younger, and our subject gave nine years' service in the defense of our country.

Soon after the close of the war he came to the home of relatives in Ohio, Bureau county, arriving December 8, 1865, and began to do carpenter work, which he afterward followed for a livelihood. In public affairs he stood for what is acknowledged to be right and was energetic in pressing a good cause. He was honored in political life three times as township collector and various other less remunerative offices, the duties of which he carefully and faithfully performed. His connection with the Buda Baptist church began February 10, 1866, when he was baptised by Rev. J. Coker. His religious experience, however, began in his army life and steadily grew stronger. At the time of his death, April 5, 1905, he was a trustee of the church, an office he had held for many years. He joined the Buda Old Fellows lodge in 1880 and remained an active member during his lifetime, always attending its meetings when possible, a greater part of the time serving as an officer.

On August 18, 1867, he was united in marriage to Barbara (Buchan) Seaverns, in Ohio township. In June, 1870, they moved to Buda, Illinois, which place has since been their home. Five daughters constituted the family, upon which the father and mother devoted their affection, providing for them every advantage they were able to supply in the way of good home surroundings and educational opportunities, all but the youngest completing the Buda high school course. The eldest, Antoinette, was born October 13, 1868, and married Charles J. Markee, January 10, 1889. Gertrude was born October 19, 1870, and married Parker N. Mason, July 3, 1889. Frances, born January 3, 1873, married George F. Sweet, Jr., June 30, 1891. All are residing in and near Buda. Nellie, born August 16, 1875, married A. Frank Bvarlay, March 24, 1901, and lives in Neponset, Illinois. Ruth, born November 4, 1883, and died February 2, 1898, in Denver, Colorado.

Mrs. Seguire was the oldest daughter of Francis G. and Flora (Gilechrist) Buchan, both born in Scotland, but came to Canada young and there they were married January 12, 1836. In the spring of 1839 they came to Bureau county, locating in the north part of Ohio township, near East grove. After three years they moved to Princeton, where Mr. Buchan followed the carpenter trade for a number of years. He worked on the old courthouse in Princeton, helping fin-



ish the interior, while in a number of the older residences there, among them the Stevens and McConille houses, his handiwork still endures, for in those days doors and window sash were fashioned by hand with tools not known to the workmen of today. He afterward moved to a farm in Ohio township, where he remained for twenty years. Then moved to a farm north of Buda, where he remained ten years, until failing health necessitated his leaving the farm, when he came to Buda, where he resided until his death, September 15, 1888. His widow continued to live in Buda until her death, November 28, 1903. Francis and Flora Buchan were the parents of ten children—Robert, who died in childhood; Barbara, born November 20, 1838, who married John Seaverns, December 5, 1861, and was left a widow October 7, 1865; William Y., born September 25, 1840, killed at Missionary Ridge, September 20, 1863; Mary Ann, who died in infancy; Eliza Jane, born July 22, 1843, who married Elijah Bachel, October 29, 1866; Francis G., born October 17, 1845; James B. and Margaret Ann (twins), born March 26, 1848, the latter who married E. H. Pierce, and after his death married Walter Williams; Robert D., born November 3, 1850; Nellie, born January 27, 1854, who married Guy T. Norton, September 18, 1873.

#### PETER PETERSON.

Peter Peterson, deceased, who at one time was a representative agriculturist of Manlius township, was born in Denmark, August 18, 1812, and was a son of Simon and Mary Peterson. He came with his parents to the new world in 1837, the family home being established in Pennsylvania, where his father carried on farming for about eight years. He then brought his family to Illinois, settling at Sheffield, and in that vicinity Peter Peterson worked as a farm hand for some years. As he was always faithful and capable he had no trouble in obtaining good positions, and in 1872, with the money which he has saved from his earnings, he purchased some land near what is now called the old homestead and began farming on his own account. His parents remained residents of Bureau county until called to their final rest and throughout his life the father followed the occupation of farming.

In 1874 Peter Peterson purchased more land and farmed the home place of two hundred and twenty acres, which he brought under a high state of cultivation, so that the well tilled fields returned to him abundant harvests and his financial resources were thereby annually increased. He devoted his entire time to farming until about three years prior to his death, when he retired from active business life and went to live in Chicago.

On the 10th of March, 1879, Mr. Peterson was married to Miss Ella Nelson, who came from

Sweden to America in 1866. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Peterson were born two children, who are yet living: Edward Nels; and Josephine Clara, who was born October 25, 1875, and is now in Rock Island, Illinois, having graduated from Augustana Conservatory of Music in 1905. They also lost one child, Anna Sophie, who was born March 23, 1873, and died on the 4th of September of that year.

The death of the father occurred in Chicago, October 29, 1896, and the mother, who survives, is yet living in Rock Island. He served as school director and as township school treasurer for about ten years and was interested in having good schools and competent teachers. Noting what was needed for the benefit of his community and the county, he always advocated the employment of measures which would promote the general welfare and gave his co-operation to movements for the public good. His life was unmarked by events of exciting importance, but was that of a man who daily follows the routine of a business career and by his honorable methods and straightforward dealing gains success and at the same time wins the respect of his fellow townsmen.

Edward Nels Peterson, son of Peter Peterson, was born in Manlius township, March 1, 1871, and at the usual age entered the public schools, wherein he pursued his studies until he had mastered the common branches of learning. Later he attended the State Normal School at Dixon, Illinois, and after completing his education turned his attention to farming. He resides upon the old family homestead and has his farm well improved and developed, carefully cultivating the fields so that rich crops are annually harvested, while throughout the farm neatness and thrift characterize every department.

On the 14th of March, 1900, Mr. Peterson was joined in wedlock to Miss Elizabeth C. Kingery, of Ogle county, Illinois, a daughter of George W. and Mary O. Kingery, who came from Pennsylvania. They have two children, Marguerite Evelyn, born June 28, 1903; and Grant Edward, born October 2, 1906. Mr. Peterson has served his township as school treasurer and is a trustee of the English Lutheran church, to which he and his wife belong. They are highly esteemed residents of their community, and the warm regard of many friends is extended them in recognition of their sterling traits of character.

#### SAMUEL P. CLARKE.

Samuel P. Clarke, a stockman and farmer, who operated for many years successfully as a raiser and dealer in live stock and is now a resident of Princeton, was born in Bureau county on the 20th of April, 1837, thus representing one of the pioneer families. His father, George Clarke, was a native of Ohio and became a resident of Illinois in 1835. The work of development had





scarcely been begun in this section of the state and people that day believed that the prairies could not be inhabited on account of wind storms and in consequence chose claims along the border of the forest. Mr. Clarke, however, with wonderful prescience, realized that the opportunities were greater upon the open prairie and established his home there. Time proved his wisdom and he remained and prospered. For many years he successfully conducted general agricultural pursuits and in his later years retired from active business, dealing in lands and loaning money. He ceased to engage actively in the cultivation of the soil in 1850, after which he continued his real-estate speculations and loans. He died in 1891 at the age of eighty years, much respected by all who knew him. He was one of the earliest settlers of the county, coming here only three years after the subjugation of the Indians in the Black Hawk war. He found a district largely uninhabited and over which wild animals roamed, while herds of deer were frequently seen and many kinds of smaller game could be had in abundance. He met the hardships and privations of pioneer life with a resolute and determined spirit and overcame the difficulties in his path, working his way steadily upward until for many years he occupied a place among the prosperous residents of the county, which owed not a little of its development to his business enterprise and active cooperation in measures for the public good. He wedded Miss Nancy Matson, a native of Ohio.

Samuel P. Clarke, born on the old homestead farm, pursued his early education in the Dower schools and afterward continued his studies at Mount Morris, Illinois. He then turned his attention to farming upon his farm and for forty-eight years devoted his time and energies to agricultural pursuits. He engaged largely in stock-raising and throughout the entire period of his residence on the farm never sold a bushel of grain, but fed it all to his stock and also bought from five to ten thousand bushels annually. In 1881 he began the importation of Galloway cattle, Clydesdale and Shire horses and Shetland ponies, and thus breeding stock with imported animals he did much to uphold the standard of stock-raising interests, thereby promoting prices and advancing general prosperity for the agricultural class. In 1899, after a very successful career as a farmer, Mr. Clarke removed to Princeton, where he now occupies a beautiful residence, which he built in that year.

On the 1st of January, 1860, was celebrated the marriage of Samuel P. Clarke and Miss Anne L. Poole, a daughter of George Poole, a native of Vermont, whence he removed to Bureau county, Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Clarke became the parents of six children, but only one is living, Grace L., now the wife of Alfred Norris, of La Moille. For almost three score years and ten Mr. Clarke has been a resident of Bureau county. He is one of

the oldest native sons and has intimate knowledge of its history and the events which constitute its annals. His memory compasses many important occurrences which have direct bearing upon its history in its political, material, intellectual, social and moral development. He has never cared for notoriety, but he justly deserves the praise which is given for activity and integrity in business that results in honorable success.

#### JAMES A. SMITH.

James A. Smith, who in former years was actively engaged in general agricultural pursuits in Milo township, but is now living in Bradford, having put aside the more arduous cares of business life, was born in Ithaca, Tioga county, New York, November 25, 1849, his parents being William and Lucy (Robinson) Smith. The father died when his son James was a young lad and the latter, reared in the Empire state, pursued his education in the common schools there. The reports which he heard concerning the middle west and its opportunities attracted him to Illinois in 1863, in which year he located in Milo township, Bureau county. He worked out by the month for some time, renting land, and followed farming until 1873, when he purchased one hundred and sixty acres in Milo township that he still owns. He immediately began to think out plans for the further cultivation and improvement of the property and he has put many rods of tiling upon the place and erected all of the buildings which are now found thereon. He has a nice farm in which none of the modern accessories are lacking, while the latest improved machinery facilitates the work of the fields. He has engaged in raising cereals and stock, feeding logs on an extensive scale. It was in this manner that year after year passed and his labors brought to him a good financial return. He retired from active life in the spring of 1903 and removed to Bradford, where he purchased a pretty home which he now occupies, while his son William J. operates the farm.

It was on the 28th of March, 1868, that James A. Smith was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary J. Fox, who came to this county from the Empire state. Their children are four in number: James Henry, who is a resident farmer of Milo township; William J., who is operating his father's farm; George R., a resident of Marshall county, Illinois; and Sarah J., who married William Hardy and lives in Indiana. Following the death of his first wife Mr. Smith was united in marriage to Miss Jane Culton, a native of Bureau county and a daughter of John J. Culton, one of the early settlers here.

Mr. Smith is a liberal contributor to various churches and stands for progress and improvement along the lines relating to the county's welfare and permanent development. He has acted as road



commissioner and as a member of the school board and in both capacities has done effective service for his fellow townsmen. His political allegiance is given to the republican party. It has been through legitimate business channels and as the result of the careful exercise of his native talents and powers that Mr. Smith has won for himself a prominent place in business circles and is now enabled to live retired in the enjoyment of a handsome competence.

#### FREDERICK G. LINDNER.

Frederick G. Lindner is a prominent factor in business circles in Bureau county, where he is connected with both commercial and financial interests. He has wrought along modern business lines, watchful of opportunity pointing to success, and his labors have resulted in the acquirement of a measure of prosperity which is indicative of his capability in trade circles.

He was born in Mineral township, November 6, 1860, a son of Phillip Lindner, who was born June 21, 1833, in Zu-Simmerhausen, Germany. In early life he learned the trade of cloth-weaving, which he followed for seven years, and, coming America at the age of twenty-one, he spent a year in New York, arriving in Sheffield in 1855. In this locality he was employed at farm labor for four years and when gold was discovered in Colorado he joined a party preparing to make the overland trip with ox teams. They started from Sheffield in 1859 and eventually arrived at Pike's Peak, but were not successful in their search for gold there, and Mr. Lindner made the return trip to Mineral township, Bureau county, again traveling with ox teams. Once more he took up the work of the farm and throughout his remaining days devoted his life to general agricultural pursuits. On the 26th day of January, 1860, he was united in marriage to Miss Louise Dorothy Meyer, also a native of the province of Hanover, Germany, born November 26, 1836. She crossed the Atlantic to the new world in 1857 and lived for a year and a half in Buffalo, New York, while in 1859 she came to Sheffield. Mr. Lindner continued to engage in farming throughout the remainder of his life following his venture in the gold fields of the west and at his death left a valuable estate of three hundred and eighty acres of fine land in Mineral township. He had thus prospered in his undertakings as the years had gone by, his success resulting from his close application and unflinching diligence. He passed away September 8, 1898, while his wife is still living, making her home in Sheffield.

Frederick George Lindner, whose name introduces this review, was an only child. He acquired his early education in the district schools and afterward attended the Sheffield high school. He then entered upon his business career as a clerk

in the general store of Boyden & Dewey, with whom he remained until 1897, when he turned his attention to the grain trade, operating the elevator at Buda and conducting the business under the firm name of F. G. Lindner & Company. Two and a half years later he sold the business, but bought it again in 1902 and the firm of F. G. Lindner & Company has not only conducted a large grain trade, but has also owned and operated a lumber business under the same name. On the 15th of March, 1902, they purchased the Bank of Buda, which is conducted under the name of Lindner & Boyden. It is a substantial financial institution, following a safe and conservative policy, and yet does not lack the progressive spirit which is manifest in all successful enterprises of the present day. In addition to his commercial and financial interests Mr. Lindner is also a representative of the agricultural life of the county, owning one hundred and ninety acres of land in Mineral and Gold townships, from which he derives an excellent income.

On the 10th of January, 1884, Mr. Lindner was married to Miss Agatha A. Siemons, a daughter of Simon and Anna Siemons. Her father, formerly a merchant of Minonk, Illinois, came to America in early life and is now a resident of Washington. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Lindner have been born four children: Phillip S., who is in his father's bank at Buda; Annetta L., a student in Knox College at Galesburg, Illinois; and George R. and Marion D., both at home.

The parents and family are members of the Advent Christian church at Mineral, of which Mr. Lindner is a trustee, and while he is leading a busy life and has extensive and important business interests he yet finds time for the higher and holier duties and is deeply interested in the growth and progress of his church, as well as in the advancement of those community affairs which have direct bearing upon general progress and improvement.

#### JOHN REYNOLDS.

John Reynolds, who since 1871 has engaged in farming in Bureau county, now owns and operates two hundred acres of land in Gold township, whereon he has resided for thirty-one years. He is a native of Herefordshire, England, and has attained the age of sixty-six years. His father, John Reynolds, Sr., was also born in Herefordshire and there both he and his wife spent their entire lives, the former dying at the age of seventy-six years, while the latter reached the very advanced age of ninety-seven.

In taking up the personal history of our subject we present to our readers the life record of one who is now widely and favorably known in Bureau county. He is a descendant in the fifth generation in direct line to bear the name of



John. He was reared and educated in his native country and was there married to Miss Mary Burnett, of Herefordshire, the wedding being celebrated in a little town called Sutton St. Nicholas. They have since traveled life's journey together, sharing with each other in the joys and sorrows, the adversity and prosperity which checkered the lives of all. They remained residents of England until 1871 and from 1860 Mr. Reynolds was employed as a gamekeeper, but the favorable reports which he heard concerning the business opportunities and privileges of the new world attracted him and in 1871 he bade adieu to home and native country and sailed to the United States. Making his way to Bureau county he was employed in Neposet township. When his labors had brought him sufficient capital to enable him to purchase land he began farming on his own account and is now the owner of two hundred acres, constituting one of the valuable farms of Gold township, upon which he has lived for thirty-one years, carefully cultivating the soil and harvesting rich crops as the result of the able manner in which he tills the soil.

Mr. Reynolds was reared in the faith of the Church of England, but is not identified therewith at the present time. His political support has been given the democracy since he became a naturalized American citizen, and he has deep and strong attachment for the land of his adoption and its institutions, recognizing that its privileges are many.

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#### GEORGE W. WATERHOUSE.

George W. Waterhouse is the owner of a good farm property of one hundred and ninety-seven acres on sections 23, 26 and 15, Walnut township. His residence stands on section 23 and is a beautiful home surrounded by fine shade trees. A native of Bureau county, his birth occurred on the 18th of April, 1861, his parents being Joseph and Kate (McCann) Waterhouse, the former born in England and the latter in Ireland. In childhood days they became residents of America and were reared in Princeton, Bureau county, Illinois, where their marriage was celebrated about 1856. The father followed the shoemaker's trade there until his removal to Walnut township, where he purchased one hundred and twenty acres of land on sections 14 and 15. He turned his attention to farming upon this property, which is the old homestead of the family, and there he lived for a number of years, but afterward bought other land and at the time of his death, which occurred on the 21st of December, 1885, he was the owner of a valuable estate of five hundred and sixty acres. His success in life was the reward of his diligence and enterprise and he was accounted one of the foremost representatives of the county.

George W. Waterhouse completed his educa-

tion in the Fairview district school No. 29, in Walnut township. He early began work in the fields and as the years passed by he continuously assisted in the farm labor and gained practical experience that has been of much value to him since he began farming on his own account. He is now the owner of an excellent property of one hundred and ninety-seven acres equipped with all modern conveniences. His home forms one of the attractive features of the landscape and in addition to his fine residence there are commodious and substantial barns and outbuildings and all of the improvements which go to constitute a model farm of the twentieth century. He breeds pure blooded Hereford cattle and raises some hogs and horses, but his attention is largely given to the cultivation of the cereals best adapted to soil and climate. He carries on his work along modern scientific lines and the value of his labors has been proven in the excellent success which has attended him.

On the 28th of January, 1891, Mr. Waterhouse was married to Miss Orilla Bunn, who was born January 28, 1868, and is a daughter of Denton and Nancy (Fritz) Bunn, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania. They came to this county at an early date and engaged in farming in Bureau township, Bureau county, Illinois, but now reside in Kewanee, Mr. Bunn having retired from active business. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Waterhouse has been blessed with two children: Hazel M., who was born June 19, 1893, and is thirteen years of age; and Verl N., born August 23, 1896. The daughters are attending the same school in which their father acquired his education.

Politically Mr. Waterhouse is a democrat, but is without political aspiration. His life has been quietly passed and yet his record contains many lessons that are worthy of emulation, as it proves what may be accomplished by persistency of purpose, untiring will and capable management. He finds in the faithful performance of each day's duties courage and inspiration for the work of the succeeding day and as the result of his labors he is now the owner of a very desirable and productive farming property.

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#### RASMUS KNUDSON.

Rasmus Knudson is a worthy representative of the farming interests of Gold township, where he has lived since 1872, owning one hundred and sixty acres of rich and arable land. He was born on the island of Lolland, Denmark, November 10, 1846, and is a son of Knud Peterson, who is still living at the advanced age of eighty-eight years, making his home with our subject.

No event of special importance occurred to vary the usual routine of life for Mr. Knudson in the



days of his boyhood and youth. He was trained to habits of industry and economy which have proven of value to him in his business career in later years. He came to America in 1868 and throughout his entire life has been identified with agricultural interests, having for thirty years resided upon the farm in Gold township which is now his home. It covers a quarter section of land and is an excellent specimen of the richness of the soil which characterizes Bureau county farms. His fields are well tilled and respond readily to the care and cultivation bestowed upon them, yielding good crops, which he cultivates with the latest improved machinery. He also has substantial buildings upon his place and in his business life has manifested the sterling traits of industry, unflinching perseverance and unremitting diligence which have ever characterized the Danish race.

In 1875 Mr. Knudson was united in marriage to Miss Dora T. Peterson, who came from Denmark in 1869 and settled in Sheffield. This marriage has been blessed with seven children: Henry, thirty years of age; Mary, aged twenty-eight, now the wife of Shuman A. Bistlin, a farmer residing south of Buda; Christina, aged twenty-five years; Lena, twenty-two years of age; Julia, aged twenty; and Herman and Ida, aged respectively fifteen and eleven years.

In his political views Mr. Knudson is a republican and religiously is connected with the Danish Lutheran church. His has been an honorable life, marked by fidelity to manly principles and governed by sterling rules of conduct. He had few advantages in his youth and his financial resources were very meager, but, realizing the value of earnest, persistent work, he has built upon that foundation a goodly super-structure of success.

#### CYRUS WILSON RILEY.

Cyrus Wilson Riley, of Mineral township, owns two hundred and fifty-eight acres of good farming land and has a coal mine on his property. He is numbered among the pioneer settlers of Bureau county, where he has resided for more than three-score years and ten, having been brought to the county by his parents in 1835. He was born in Licking county, Ohio, April 10, 1830, a son of Paul and Elizabeth (Loughrey) Riley, who, leaving Ohio in 1835, cast in their lot with the pioneer settlers of this county. The father always followed farming, and he aided in laying broad and deep the foundation for the present development and progress of the county through the assistance which he rendered in the work of public improvement at an early day. When he came to the county there were no railroads and little indication of future progress and improvement. Much of the land was still unclaimed and uncultivated, and its rich resources had hardly been recognized in the slightest degree. Here and there was to be

seen a log cabin, and at long distances there were tiny hamlets or villages, but many of the now thriving towns of the county had not yet sprung into existence.

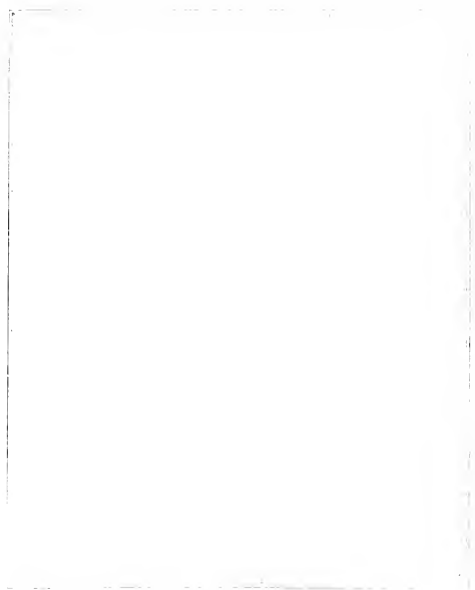
Amid pioneer conditions and environments Cyrus W. Riley was reared, sharing with the family in the hardships and privations which usually fell to the lot of those who live in frontier districts. He assisted in the arduous task of developing a new farm, and has throughout his entire life followed agricultural pursuits. His education was obtained in the district school and also in the schools of Buda, and when not busy with his text-books his time was largely occupied with the work of the fields. He is today the owner of a valuable farming property of two hundred and fifty-eight acres of good land, on which there is a coal mine, which adds to the value of the place. He has raised standard-bred stock and his crops have been an indication of well cultivated fields and work carried on along progressive lines. In 1864 he went to California, mainly for his health, and returned home in 1867, traveling by team both ways. Locating on the old homestead, he cared for his parents until their deaths, and then purchased the interests of the other heirs in the farm, consisting of two hundred and twenty acres, to which he has since added a thirty-eight acre tract.

Mr. Riley was first married in 1851 to Miss Sarah Alvira Humphrey, a native of Ohio, who came here at an early day and died August 20, 1883. The children born of this union were: Melvin P., who lives on the home farm with his father; Dobbie E., wife of L. R. Bond, of Dakota; Thomas Wilson, a farmer, of Minnesota; Charles W., who, with his brother, Melvin, conducts the home farm; Sarah Emaline, wife of Otto Gingrich, living on a ranch in Kansas; Hiram, a farmer, of Mineral township; James, who died at the age of seven years; and Cyrus L., a coal miner and farmer. In 1888 Mr. Riley was married to Mrs. Catherine T. Adams, who was born in Ohio, but when six years of age went to Wisconsin and in 1887 came to Illinois. In the community where they reside they are held in warm regard, having many friends.

Mr. Riley attends the United Brethren church, and has served as school director for eight years. He stands for progress along material, intellectual and moral lines and rejoices in what has been accomplished in the county during the long years of his residence here. Few men have for a more extended period been witnesses of the changes which have occurred. His memory forms a connecting link between the primitive past and the progressive present. He has seen the log cabins replaced by substantial and commodious residences, the wild prairie converted into rich and productive fields, the tiny hamlets developed into thriving cities, while all of the evidences of commercial progress and culture known to the older







CYRUS W. RILEY.



cast have been introduced here and made this one of the leading counties of this great commonwealth. In all of this work Mr. Riley has borne his full share as a public-spirited citizen.

#### GEORGE W. PRUNK.

George W. Prunk, whose farm of one hundred and sixty acres lies on sections 11 and 14, Indiantown township, is one of Bureau county's native sons, his life record having here begun on the 16th of November, 1866. He represents one of the early families of Virginia. His paternal grandfather, Daniel Prunk, was born in Botetourt county, Virginia, in 1794, and became a brave and fearless soldier, participating in the war of 1812 and in the Indian wars of that section. He was of German lineage and was reared in his native state, where he was married to Miss Catherine Hammond, a native of Maryland. They became the parents of eleven children, six sons and five daughters, as follows: Martha, Jane, John, Hammond, Madison, Maggie, Daniel H., George E., Washington, Catharine and Mary A.

In 1831 Daniel Prunk with his family emigrated to Illinois, settling first at Hennepin, where he built a shop and worked at his trade of blacksmithing for a few years. During the Black Hawk war he again took up arms and went forth to battle in defense of the pioneer settlers and their homes. In 1813 he became a resident of Bureau county and entered one hundred and sixty acres of land on sections 11 and 14, Indiantown township, where his grandson, George W. Prunk, now resides. He became one of the most energetic and prosperous farmers of his locality, and, making judicious investments in property, at one time owned six hundred and forty acres of valuable land. He spent his remaining days upon the old homestead and passed away March 14, 1862, while his wife, who survived him several years, departed this life at the home of her daughter in Minnesota in February, 1880, at the age of eighty years.

Washington Prunk, father of George W. Prunk, was born at Hennepin, Illinois, March 22, 1836, and was reared in Bureau county, where he aided in the development and improvement of a new farm, but though his training in agricultural life was extensive, his opportunities for securing an education were limited. He attended the public schools of the neighborhood, but the system of public education was not well developed at that time and only a few branches were taught. He continued upon the home farm until the death of his father, and after the outbreak of the Civil war he enlisted in August, 1862, as a member of Company E, Ninety-third Illinois Infantry, going to the front as corporal. He participated in nearly all of the engagements of his regiment, and at the battle of Champion Hill sustained a gun-shot

wound in the foot which disabled him for a time. He was confined in the hospital at Milliken's Bend, Louisiana, but at the end of a month was able to rejoin his regiment, then on the Mississippi river. Soon afterward he participated in the battle of Jackson, and at Altoona, Georgia, he was taken prisoner by the rebels, being held at Milan, that state, for about three months, when he was paroled and returned home. Later he again joined his regiment at Alexandria, Virginia, but was soon afterward discharged at Louisville, Kentucky, in June, 1865, for hostilities had ceased and the war had been brought to a successful termination.

On again reaching Bureau county Mr. Prunk resumed farming on the old homestead, to which he had succeeded, and he greatly improved the place by the erection of a large two-story stone residence, also substantial and commodious barns and other outbuildings for the shelter of grain and stock, and these are still substantial evidences of his thrift, industry and progressive spirit. He lived upon the old home place until 1893, when he purchased residence property in Tiskilwa, and from that time forward until his death enjoyed a period of rest and retirement from active business. He was married December 20, 1865, to Mrs. Charlotte R. Stewart, a native of Fulton county, New York, and a daughter of John Hawley, who came to Illinois in October, 1862. She was the mother of four children, namely: George W.; Bertha, the wife of Ervin R. Kitterman, of Indiantown township; Harry A., who died September 22, 1893; and Rome, wife of J. Miller, of Colorado. The father of this family was a republican in his political views, casting his first presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln in 1864. He was never an aspirant for office, as his attention was fully occupied by his home and business interests, and yet he was active in the work of the party and served as a delegate to various county conventions. The cause of education found in him a stalwart friend, and he did effective service in its behalf as school trustee. Although not a member of the church, he always contributed liberally to the support of the Baptist church, of which his wife was a member and which he attended with her. He belonged to Swain post, No. 666, G. A. R., and he remained a respected and worthy resident of Tiskilwa until his death, which occurred in 1899. His widow still resides there and is now sixty-seven years of age.

George W. Prunk was born upon the farm which is yet his home, and the schools of Tiskilwa afforded him his educational privileges. When not busy with his text-books his attention was given to the work of the fields, so that he brought to his present business broad, practical experience. He carries on general farming and stock-raising and breeds high grade Norman horses. His place is pleasantly and conveniently located about a mile and a half west of Tiskilwa, and he here



occupies a fine stone residence which was finished by his father and started by his grandfather. The stones were all dressed by hand, and this dwelling is one of the notable features in the landscape.

On March 19, 1897, Mr. Prunk was married to Miss Nora B. Dabler, a daughter of William Dabler, who is now living in Princeton. Unto this marriage have been born two daughters: Ruth, June 13, 1900; and Lois, born April 10, 1906. In his political affiliation Mr. Prunk is a republican, and has served as school trustee. Matters of citizenship are of interest to him and he gives earnest championship to many movements which have direct bearing upon the welfare of his town and county. He has always lived in this county, is a representative of one of its honored and prominent pioneer families, and by reason of his personal worth is entitled to representation in this volume.

#### CHARLES W. WEDDING.

Foremost among the leaders of agricultural interests in Bureau county is numbered Charles W. Wedding, who is operating a farm of one hundred and ninety-seven acres situated in Ohio township, Bureau county. A native son of this county, he was born November 20, 1857, a son of John W. and Harriet (Adams) Wedding, both natives of Ohio and now deceased. Eleven children were born of this marriage, of whom our subject is the sixth in order of birth.

Charles W. Wedding, whose name introduces this review, received his education in the public schools at Princeton and on putting aside his text books started out in life on his own account, following the occupation of farming, which has always been his life work. He had no financial assistance when he started out in the business world but possessed those qualities which are always sure to win success—industry and perseverance—and with this as a foundation he has advanced steadily year by year, raising excellent crops which added to his financial resources until he is now operating on quite a large scale. For twelve years he rented the Gray farm and was very successful in the management of his affairs there. He has, however, for the past three years been operating one hundred and ninety-seven acres of valuable land, which he rents and which is situated in Ohio township. Here he is engaged in the cultivation of the cereals best adapted to soil and climate, following practical and modern methods in his farm work and using the latest improved machinery in the cultivation of his fields. He is meeting with very gratifying success in the management of his business interests, accumulating a handsome competence which in due course of time will enable him to become the possessor of a farm of his own.

As a companion and helpmate for life's journey Mr. Wedding chose Miss Rosa Cork, likewise a

native of Bureau county, to whom he was married on the 14th of May, 1884. She was born November 3, 1861, a daughter of Stephen and Jane (Hubbard) Cork, both of English birth, who emigrated to America in 1845, settling in Bureau county, Illinois. In their family were ten children, Mrs. Wedding being the eighth in order of birth. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Wedding has been blessed with four children but only three survive, namely: Lilley M., born October 26, 1884; Mand D., born April 21, 1886, and Harry D., born August 6, 1899. Their eldest son and third child, Stephen W., born January 13, 1888, died in July following.

In politics Mr. Wedding supports the men and measures of democracy, and in religion faith is liberal, being identified with no church organization. One daughter is a member of the Methodist Protestant church. Fraternally he is connected with Modern Woodmen camp, No. 3681, at Ladd. Starting out in life on his own responsibility and without assistance, but with a strong determination to succeed, he has, with this end in view, worked his way steadily upward year by year until he is now operating one of the extensive and valuable farms of Ohio township and is numbered among the most prominent and progressive agriculturists of this section of the state. He is honest in his dealings with his fellowmen, energetic in his farm labor and, possessing sterling traits of character, has won the confidence and good will of his fellow townsmen and is deserving of mention among the leading citizens of Bureau county.

#### NEHEMIAH J. KNIPPLE.

Nehemiah J. Knipple, filling the office of postmaster at Buda, was born in the neighboring state of Indiana on the 5th of September, 1846. His parents were Robert G. and Alice E. (Schenck) Knipple, who were farming people and in 1853 removed to Michigan, settling at Centerville. In 1863 they made their way to Kewanee, Illinois, in which locality the father purchased a farm, and in 1866 he came to Buda, where he lived retired for many years. He passed away, however, in 1889, while his wife survived him until 1904.

Nehemiah J. Knipple was a young lad of six years at the time of his removal of the family to Michigan and his education was acquired in the schools of that state and of Buda. He also attended Bryant & Stratton Commercial College in Chicago and was thus well qualified for the onerous and responsible duties of a business career. He engaged in merchandising for three years at Buda in the early part of his business life and afterward turned his attention to the hardware trade, which he carried on for nineteen years. He next entered manufacturing circles and was thus connected until 1891, when he once more became a factor in mercantile life. In 1897 he was ap-



pointed postmaster and is still filling that position, first under appointment of President McKinley and later under President Roosevelt.

Mr. Knipple has a creditable military record, for in 1861, when not yet eighteen years of age, he offered his services to the government as a defender of the Union army, enlisting as a member of Company D, One Hundred and Twelfth Illinois Infantry. He thus served until the close of the war as a private and was in the commissary department. He is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and thus maintains pleasant relations with his comrades who wore the blue upon the tented fields of the south. He is likewise a Mason, belonging to lodge No. 399, and has held the offices of secretary, senior warden and master. In his political views Mr. Knipple is a stalwart republican and takes an active interest in the work of the party. He has been a delegate to congressional and other conventions for the past thirty-five years and his opinions carry weight in local party councils. He has been honored with some public offices and has always done capable service as a public official. He served for nine years as school director and six years as township trustee. He has been clerk of the village board for three years and township clerk for eight years, while for two years he has been president of the village board. Community interests find in him a stalwart champion where the question is one for the betterment of the county and its substantial improvement.

Mr. Knipple was married to Miss Eunice B. Foster, a daughter of Stephen H. and Sarah Foster, who were farming people of Bureau county. Her father died in 1901 and the mother in 1902. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Knipple was celebrated at Buda, October 16, 1874. They are well known people of the community and the hospitality of their home is greatly enjoyed by their many friends.

#### CHRISTIAN SCHUNEMAN.

Christian Schuneman is the owner of very valuable farming property in Bureau county and is one of the most extensive agriculturists of Manlius township, all of which indicates him to be a wide-awake, alert and enterprising business man, who carefully and successfully manages his interests. A son of John and Caroline (Leubke) Schuneman, he was born in the province of Pomerania, Germany, near Stralsund, December 19, 1856. His father, a farmer by occupation, crossed the Atlantic to America in the fall of 1871 and settled near Princeton, Bureau county, where he lived for four years. In the spring of 1876 he removed to Manlius township and purchased one hundred acres of land at forty-two and a quarter dollars per acre. He took up his abode upon that farm and there carried on general agricultural

pursuits continuously until 1883, when he rented the place and retired from active life. His remaining days were spent in the enjoyment of a well earned rest and he died at the old homestead October 15, 1899.

Christian Schuneman came to America with his parents when fifteen years of age. He was totally unacquainted with the English language but with a boy's readiness he soon picked up a knowledge of the English tongue as he came in contact with neighbors and acquaintances. His training at farm labor was not meager, for from an early age he assisted his father in the work of the fields, and when twenty-three years of age he started out in life on his own account as an agriculturist. He had no money to buy property, so rented eighty acres of land in Walnut township, where he lived for three years. On the expiration of that period he rented his father's farm on section 29, Manlius township, and also lived upon it for three years. He next purchased his present home of one hundred and twenty acres, for which he gave seven thousand dollars. In 1893 he bought one hundred and twenty acres adjoining his farm on the west for sixty-two hundred dollars. He has continued to buy land to the present time and has sold different properties to good advantage. In 1902 he bought the homestead of one hundred acres, for which he paid ten thousand dollars, and in 1904 he bought the adjoining property, making his holdings in farm lands four hundred and twenty acres. He also raises stock and markets from eight to ten thousand bushels of grain annually. He is perhaps one of the largest tax-payers in the township and is one of the most extensive farmers in this part of the county. His farms are very valuable owing to the excellent buildings which have been placed thereon and the high state of cultivation manifest in the fields. He uses the latest improved machinery to facilitate the farm work and everything about the place is indicative of the skill and care of the owner who has not been a follower but a leader in the work of agricultural development in this locality.

Mr. Schuneman was married December 9, 1879, to Miss Caroline Krebs, a daughter of George W. and Theresa (Wilhelm) Krebs, of Manlius township. Her father was a farmer by occupation and in 1849 came with his wife to America, settling in Bureau county in 1858. Here he died at the age of seventy-three years, but the mother is still living. Into Mr. and Mrs. Schuneman have been born eight children: Mary B., who is the wife of Fred Lebahn, a farmer of Depue, Bureau county, by whom she has one child, Ernest; John George, Albert Theodore, Frederick Carl, Lena Anna, Frieda Theresa, Bernhard John and Clara Minnie, all at home.

The parents and family are members of the German Lutheran church and in politics Mr. Schuneman is a democrat who takes an active interest in the work of the party and does all in his





power to promote its growth and insure its success. He is ever loyal to a public trust and in private life has manifested sterling traits of character, while his example in business circles might well be followed by those who wish to attain an honorable success.

#### JOHN R. PADEN.

John R. Paden, owning and operating a valuable farm of three hundred and eighty acres, situated in Ohio and Walnut townships, on which he is engaged in general agricultural pursuits and the raising and breeding of fine grades of stock, was born in Fremont, Sandusky county, Ohio, June 6, 1851. He is a son of Alexander and Mary (Rensburg) Paden, natives of Maryland. They removed to Ohio in 1831, where they made their home until the fall of 1859, at which time they came westward to Illinois, settling in Bureau county. In their family were eleven children, of whom six are deceased.

John R. Paden, whose name introduces this review, is the youngest child in his father's family. He accompanied his parents on their removal from Ohio to Illinois in 1859, being then a youth of eight years. He received his education in the public schools of Bureau county, and after putting aside his text-books engaged in farming, which has continued to be his life work. He was ambitious to succeed, and with this aim in view, by industry and economy prospered in his undertakings until he was able to make purchase of land. For his original holdings he paid fifty dollars per acre, but he has improved and cultivated this until it is now valued at one hundred and twenty-five dollars per acre. He has added to his first purchases as his financial resources have increased, until he is now in possession of three hundred and eighty acres, constituting one of the most productive tracts in Ohio township or in Bureau county. Here he is engaged in raising corn, oats and hay, annually harvesting good crops as the result of the practical methods which he follows in carrying on his work. He is also engaged in breeding short-horn cattle and Percheron horses, and this is proving a most important branch of his business. He is most progressive in his farming and stock-raising interests, keeping good grades of stock and raising the products which he uses for feeding purposes.

As a companion and helpmate on life's journey Mr. Paden chose Miss Martha E. Rensburg, whom he wedded on the 23d of March, 1876. She is a native of Middletown, Maryland, born November 14, 1853, a daughter of Hanson and Susan R. (Sheffer) Rensburg, likewise natives of that state. They removed to Bureau county in 1873. Mrs. Paden received a public school education in her native place, and was a young lady of about twenty years when she accompanied her parents

on their removal to Illinois. In her father's family were ten children, she being the sixth in order of birth, and four of the number are now deceased. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Paden were born the following children: Harry B., born April 14, 1878; Mrs. Orpha E. Fordham, born March 10, 1880; Abby F., born May 10, 1882; Maggie M., who was born April 8, 1884, and died on the 19th of June, following; Mrs. Elma R. Kasbeer, born June 13, 1885; Bula S., April 18, 1888; Walter E., June 11, 1890; and Ferris W., born May 23, 1891.

Mr. Paden is a Mason, belonging to the lodge, chapter and commandery at Princeton. In his political views he is a republican, having firm faith in the principles of that party. He has served as school trustee for twenty years, the cause of education finding in him a stalwart supporter, one who is always working for the betterment of the school system. Aside from this he has filled no other public offices, preferring to give his entire attention to his farming and stock-raising interests, in which he is meeting with very desirable and creditable success. He and his family are identified with the Methodist Protestant church, taking an active and helpful interest in the cause of Christianity.

Starting out in life to face its responsibilities and overcome its obstacles and with a determination to succeed, he has worked his way steadily upward until today his fine farm of three hundred and eighty acres, on which is found a good home, surrounded by large shade trees and well kept and substantial outbuildings, is proof of a life of industry and perseverance which has accomplished gratifying results. Mr. Paden is numbered among the highly respected and prosperous residents of Ohio township and Bureau county, having here a wide and favorable acquaintance, for he has spent almost his entire life in this section of the state.

#### WILLIAM HENRY SMITH.

William Henry Smith, a son of Nathan and Susan Ann (Wix) Smith and a resident of Manlius township, was born in Kent county, Delaware, on the 29th of May, 1861. His ancestors through various generations had resided in that state. At the usual age he entered the public schools, mastering various branches of learning, while through the periods of vacation he was reared to farm labor. At the age of twenty-three years he came to Bureau county, Illinois, attracted by the broader business opportunities that he believed might be enjoyed in the middle west. He had no capital save ambition and energy. These, however, are a safe foundation upon which to build success—a fact which has been proven in the life of Mr. Smith. He worked at farm labor for eleven years in this county and carefully saved his earnings, so that in 1901 he was enabled to purchase his present farm in Manlius township, comprising



one hundred and ninety-five acres of rich and arable land, which he is now further cultivating and improving. It is an excellent farm property and shows the careful supervision of the owner in its neat and thrifty appearance. He is also a stockholder in the Farmers' Elevator Company of Manlius and thus is connected with the grain trade of the county.

Mr. Smith was married January 16, 1894, to Miss Mattie Fenner Aldrich, a daughter of Fenner and Martha (Mowry) Aldrich, of Wyanet. Her father died November 29, 1901, and her mother is still living. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Smith have been born three children, who yet survive: Nathan Lloyd, born January 19, 1897; Cecil Leota May, born November 6, 1899; and Fenner Edward, October 25, 1902. They have also lost two children: Edith Arista, who was born November 13, 1894, and died May 29, 1899; and Clarence Galena, who was born May 13, 1901, and passed away June 17, 1903.

Mr. Smith is a republican with firm belief in the principles of the party, yet he has never been an office seeker, as he feels that his time and attention are fully occupied with his business affairs. The success he has achieved is entirely due to his own labors, and he has justly won the proud American title of a self-made man. Brooking no obstacles that could be overcome by determined and earnest purpose, he has steadily advanced on the highway to success and the goal is now not far ahead of him.

#### JOHN P. FOLLET.

It is seldom that one finds a man of Mr. Follet's years yet actively engaged in business, but he largely possesses the vigor of a man of much younger years and in spirit and interests seems yet in his prime. He has, however, passed the seventy-eighth milestone on life's journey and his has been an honorable and a creditable career, winning him the justly merited esteem of his fellowmen and also gaining for him a substantial competence. He was born at Gibson, Susquehanna county, Pennsylvania, April 17, 1828, and is a son of Hiram and Nancy (Green) Follet. His father was born January 7, 1803, and the mother's birth occurred March 23, 1805. He was a farmer by occupation and always followed that pursuit, being identified with agricultural interests in Pennsylvania for many years, but removed thence to Illinois in the latter part of his life. He died in 1876, while his wife passed away in 1866. One daughter, born April 25, 1832, who spent the greater part of her life in Pennsylvania, passed away September 23, 1899.

John P. Follet was a public-school student in his boyhood and youth and afterward worked at farm labor in the east. Subsequently he conducted a general mercantile store in Pennsylvania for ten

years, on the expiration of which period he came to Bureau county to look after his father's interests and has since resided here. He is now the owner of a very good farm of about ninety acres, situated near the village of Manlius. His land is rich and productive and because of the care and labor bestowed upon it yields good harvests.

Mr. Follet was married, November 26, 1862, to Miss Adaline E. Claffin, who was born in Gibson, Pennsylvania, February 2, 1837, a daughter of Watson and Eliza P. Claffin. Her father engaged in the operation of a flouring mill as a life work. He died at the age of sixty-nine years, while his wife passed away at the age of sixty-five years. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Follet has been born one son, Ralph Claude, born January 1, 1864, in Pennsylvania. He now resides in Manlius and is a merchant and farmer. He was married December 29, 1892, to Miss Maud May Miller, of Manlius, a daughter of David A. Miller, and they now have two sons: Gerald Alonzo, born May 26, 1894; and Burl Millard, April 26, 1903.

In his political affiliation Mr. Follet is a democrat and the trust reposed in him by his fellow townsmen and his personal popularity are indicated by the fact that he was elected supervisor in a strong republican community and by re-election has been retained in office for eleven years in all, discharging his duties with the utmost fidelity and ability. He has also served as school director and he has given tangible aid to many interests of a public character, for in all matters of citizenship he is interested, withholding his support from no movement that tends to promote the general good. His business is that of farming and he now has ninety acres of rich land near the town of Manlius, where he is continually busy with the work of tiling the soil or improving the property in accordance with ideas of agricultural progress.

A life of activity is well deserving of the highest commendation. It has been said that "a man is just as old as he feels," and judged by this criterion Mr. Follet is still in the prime of life. Few would judge him to have reached his present age, so active is he in his business affairs and so interested in matters of general moment. Wherever he is known he commands high respect and regard, and it is with pleasure that we present his life record to our readers.

#### JOHNSTON D. HANEY.

Johnston D. Haney, whose home farm adjacent to La Moille comprises thirty-nine acres of good land, the place being well improved and adorned with many evidences of modern agricultural progress, is a native son of Pennsylvania, born January 15, 1841. His residence in Bureau county covers a period of forty-two years. His parents were Conrad and Mary (Lewis) Haney,



both of whom were natives of the Keystone state and died there.

At the usual age Johnston D. Haney began his education in the public schools of Pennsylvania, where he continued his studies until he had mastered the common branches of English learning. He was the fourth in order of birth in a family of seven children and was reared upon the old homestead farm. Having arrived at years of maturity he was married to Miss Sarah Baird, the wedding being celebrated in Pennsylvania, March 26, 1863. She was born in that state, March 28, 1843, a daughter of Charles and Martha (Snyder) Baird, who were likewise natives of Pennsylvania and came to Illinois about forty-two years ago, settling in Bureau county. Mrs. Haney was the second in order of birth in their family of eight children and by her marriage she has become the mother of four children: Adda J., the wife of John Rapp, of Dixon, Illinois; Mary E., the wife of Albert Wade; Hattie, the wife of Theodore Shoultz, of Mendota; and Pearl, deceased. All were born in Bureau county.

Mr. Haney has continuously followed farming save for the period of his service in the Civil war. After the outbreak of hostilities between the north and the south he joined Company D of the Fifty-fourth Pennsylvania Infantry for the defense of the Union and went to the south, where he followed the stars and stripes until honorably discharged. He is now a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and thus maintains pleasant relations with his old comrades of military days. In his political views he is a republican and keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day, so that he is able to support his position by intelligent argument. He and his family are all members of the Methodist church. Their home is situated on an excellent tract of land of thirty-nine acres adjoining the corporation limits of La Moille. The house is surrounded by fine shade trees and is an attractive place, culture, refinement and hospitality combining to make it a favorite resort with their many friends. Mr. Haney's success is attributable to his own perseverance and efforts, as he started out in life on his own account empty handed and has worked his way steadily upward. He is a genial, pleasant gentleman and a typical farmer of the modern age, a lover of education and of the beautiful. His taste in this direction is indicated in his home and the family is one of prominence in the community.

#### CYRUS PARKER MASON.

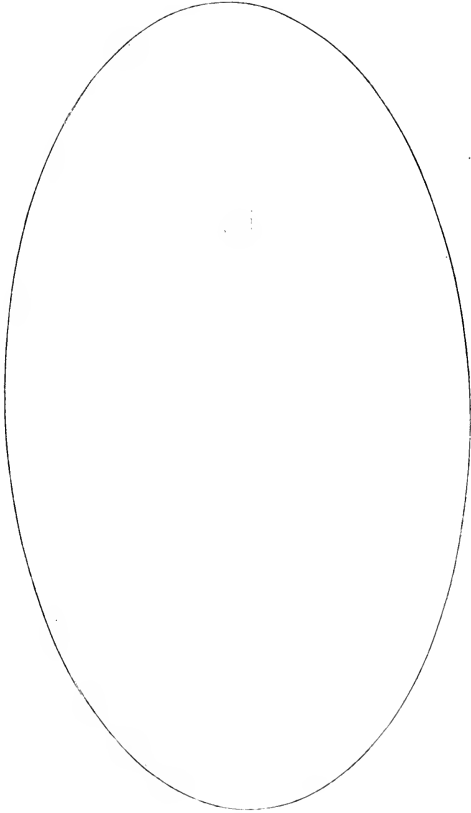
Cyrus Parker Mason, deceased, was born in Pittsfield, New Hampshire, August 13, 1831, and died at his home in Buda, Illinois, January 8, 1897. He was the youngest son of John and Abigail (Roley) Mason. (See John Mason's sketch for genealogy.) In childhood he was not strong and

could not stand outside work so he was accustomed to help his mother, thus becoming very handy about the house work. He obtained a meager common-school education and later went to an academy at Henry, Illinois. His first work was teaching country school and also a writing school, for several years. He was advised to go into the brick business as a health measure and for several years conducted the business on the farm of his father, which afterwards became his own. In 1866 he became associated with Horatio Churchill and moved the business to Buda, where he sold his interest to J. N. Perrier, and now the business is conducted by Mr. Churchill. Though farming was his occupation he always had some other work in hand. In 1876 he started a cider-mill, which is to this day known far and wide as the best equipped of any in this part of the state, and is operated by his son Orris. A feed-mill and sorghum-mill were added to the business in 1880 and a creamery in 1888 and were operated for several years.

In politics he was a republican, joining the abolition faction in his young manhood. He held various positions of trust and honor in the gift of the people and always discharged those duties faithfully. Early in life he belonged to several fraternities. In war time, while he was physically unable to serve as a soldier, he was an active member of the Union League Club of Princeton. He was a prominent temperance worker and was honored with the highest office in the state by the Sons of Temperance. On December 29, 1881, he joined the Odd Fellows lodge in Buda and in time received all the honors of office that his brethren could confer. On January 9, 1884, he joined the Masonic lodge in Buda and was an active member. His religion was liberal, his belief being that "Deeds are more than Creeds." He was connected with the Buda Union Christian Society and at the time of his death had been the secretary for thirty-six years.

In that church he was married by Rev. Chester Covell, on January 8, 1860, to Sarah Jane Noyes, daughter of James and Sally (Philbrick) Noyes. Mrs. Mason was born February 25, 1833, and was the youngest of a family of five girls: Ursula A. Noyes, born May 24, 1819, married Charles Durham, April 16, 1860, and died February 17, 1903, leaving one son, Charles, now living in Maytown, Lee county, Illinois; Caroline P. Noyes, born July 11, 1822, married Moses G. Loverin, May 8, 1841, and died December 21, 1899, leaving two sons, Byron N., of Kearney, Nebraska, and Daniel Bruce, now deceased. The others were Millie and Sarah E. Noyes, who died in early youth, and Sarah Jane Noyes. In 1845 Mrs. Mason went to Lowell, Massachusetts, to attend school and later worked in the cotton-mills until she came to Buda, Illinois, where she arrived January 29, 1857. She made her home with her sister Caroline on the farm now owned by Tobias Burke until her mar-





MR. AND MRS. CYRIL P. MASON.





riage. With the exception of six months in 1866 her married life was spent on the old Mason farm, where she departed this life March 3, 1900. The illness which terminated her life was of ten years' duration and attended with much suffering. Her home was her kingdom, for which she was ever ready to make sacrifices and poured out the wealth of her affections on its inmates. In all the relations of life she was faithful, tender and true, possessed of an amiable disposition and always full of life and hope. Her father died September 10, 1842. In 1848 her mother married James Flanders and in 1857 they emigrated to Illinois, locating on a small farm, a part of which is owned by D. O. Brainard in Buda, where they lived until from age and failing health they had to quit the farm. Mr. Flanders died July 5, 1881, at the home of Cyrus P. Mason, with whom they were living. Grandma Flanders, as she was familiarly known, remained with her youngest daughter until her death, October 11, 1889, at the advanced age of ninety-one years, two months and twelve days.

To Cyrus and Sarah Mason were born two sons: Parker Noyes, born October 4, 1862; and Orris Wesley, born June 21, 1864. (A separate sketch of each is given in another part of this book.)

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#### MARSHALL M. LAMB.

Among Bureau county's native sons who are now leading representatives of its farming and stock-raising interests, is numbered Marshall M. Lamb, owning a valuable farm of two hundred acres situated in Ohio township. His birth occurred January 3, 1850, his parents being Jeremiah and Martha A. (Shillett) Lamb, who were natives of Virginia and removed to Illinois in 1831, settling in Bureau county, but both have now passed away. In their family were twelve children, of whom our subject is the seventh in order of birth.

Mr. Lamb received a common-school education and on putting aside his text-books made choice of farming as his life work. He had been trained to habits of industry and economy and with this as a foundation he has advanced year by year in the business world until today he is in possession of a valuable farm property, constituting two hundred acres, situated in Ohio and Dover townships, Bureau county. Here he is engaged in the raising of grain and stock and is meeting with a very desirable measure of success. He has added many modern improvements to his place, including a fine country home and substantial outbuildings, which are kept in good repair, and the neat appearance of the entire place is indicative that the owner is thoroughly acquainted with the best methods of carrying on a business of this character. He also raises excellent grades of stock for

the market and this brings him a very gratifying income.

On the 23d of December, 1874, Mr. Lamb was united in marriage to Miss Emma Yetman, who was born in Ottawa county, Ohio, February 10, 1854. This marriage was blessed with eight children: Artie, who was born August 21, 1876, and died June 30, 1878; Laura A., born January 31, 1880; Jasper, born December 27, 1882; Earl, who was born August 5, 1885, and died October 30, 1889; Emma G., born October 21, 1890; Ethel P., born February 25, 1893; and two who died in infancy. Mrs. Lamb was a daughter of George and Edith (Whiddacre) Yetman, natives of England. They were married in that country in 1850, and coming to America on their wedding journey and being pleased with the outlook, they remained here. In their family were five children, of whom Mrs. Lamb was the second child. She was educated in the Union schools at Princeton and when about twenty years of age gave her hand in marriage to Mr. Lamb, to whom she proved a devoted companion. She has been trained to the duties of the household and was thus capable of taking charge of a home of her own at the time of her marriage. After a happy wedded life of thirty-two years Mr. and Mrs. Lamb were then separated by the death of the wife and mother, she being called to her final rest on the 21st of March, 1905. Her demise has caused a shadow of gloom over the household, for she was devoted to the welfare and happiness of her family. She possessed many good qualities which endeared her to all with whom she came in contact, so that her loss was deeply felt throughout the circle of her acquaintance.

Mr. Lamb gives his political support to the men and measures of the republican party but is not active in political work, for his extensive farming and stock-raising interests require his entire time and attention. He and his family are members of the Methodist Protestant church, with which Mrs. Lamb was also identified. Mr. Lamb started out in life on his own account with little of this world's goods but has through the careful management of his business interests and judicious investments accumulated valuable and extensive farming interests which classes him among the most influential and prosperous residents of Bureau county, where he has spent his entire life, and where he has taken an active and helpful part in the development of this portion of the state.

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#### THOMAS HENRY DALE.

Thomas Henry Dale, who is engaged in general farming in Manlius township, was born in Bureau county, January 18, 1858, his parents being Thomas Edward and Eliza (Spargo) Dale. The father's birth occurred in East Kent, England, October 11, 1821, his parents being John and Elizabeth Dale, who were likewise natives of that



place, where they spent their entire lives. They were the parents of eighteen children, nine of whom reached years of maturity, but only one daughter and Thomas Dale ever became residents of Bureau county.

It was in March, 1850, that Thomas E. Dale came to the United States, landing in New York. He spent some time in traveling over Arkansas and other southern states and in January, 1852, he came to Bureau county, where he purchased eighty acres of land, which he afterward sold. He then operated a rented farm for three years, on the expiration of which period he bought one hundred and eighty acres, continuing to add to the old homestead from time to time as his financial resources increased until he was the owner of a valuable tract of four hundred and twenty acres. When he became a naturalized American citizen he supported the democracy and remained one of its stalwart advocates until his death. He was married in this county, October 25, 1855, to Eliza Spargo, a native of Cornwall, England, and a daughter of Stephen and Elizabeth (Richards) Spargo. She became the mother of eleven children: Elizabeth, Thomas H., John R., William C., King J., Emeline, James H., Eliza J., Carrie L., Mary C. and Priscilla S. Dale.

Thomas Henry Dale was educated in the common schools of Fairfield township and afterward turned his attention to farming. He had been reared to that occupation, early becoming familiar with the work of the fields. In 1888 he and his brother, John R. Dale, purchased a tract of land of six hundred acres. They worked together until 1903, when he bought out a part of his brother's interest, becoming owner of four hundred of the six hundred acres. This constitutes his present home place. It is a thoroughly modern and up-to-date farm, upon which is a good residence, substantial barns and all the outbuildings necessary for the shelter of grain, stock and farm machinery. He raises good grades of stock, including horses, cattle and hogs, and the farm is lacking in no modern accessories. In fact it is a valuable and well improved property and brings to the owner a very gratifying annual income. He is also one of the stockholders and directors of the Farmers' Elevator Company of Manlius.

Mr. Dale was married January 3, 1884, to Miss Laura Chapman, of Manlius township, a daughter of Elisha A. and Miranda C. Chapman. They now have eight children and they lost two in infancy. Those still living are: Louie May, Jennie Lenora, Ava Belle, Laura Bernice, Florence Ada, Clara Elizabeth, Thomas Edward and John Howard, all of whom are yet under the parental roof.

Mr. Dale is identified with the democratic party and is active in its work but has never sought the honors nor emoluments of office as a reward for party fealty. He has served, however, as commissioner of highways for five years, was tax assessor for eight years and then resigned the office, and for

four years was supervisor. He was called to these positions by his fellow townsmen, who recognize his worth and ability, and every trust reposed in him was well placed, for he proved a capable official, never faltering in his devotion to the public good. He belongs to the Masonic lodge at Sheffield and the Odd Fellows lodge at New Bedford. A native son of the county and a representative of one of its old and prominent families, his life record has been in harmony therewith and as a business man and citizen he is highly esteemed.

#### CHARLES S. HECHTNER.

Charles S. Hechtner is the owner of one of the fine farms of Bureau county, having three hundred and forty acres of land in Bureau township, which yields bountiful harvests of oats, corn and other cereals. In addition he is raising pure blooded cattle and sheep and is accounted one of the foremost stockmen of his locality. Therefore as a representative citizen we present his life record to our readers, knowing that it will be received with interest by many. Mr. Hechtner was born in 1832 in the township where he still resides, his parents being John and Elizabeth (Mahlin) Hechtner, the former a native of northern Germany and the latter of Switzerland. He was born in 1836 and died in 1891, while the mother is still living. The year 1854 witnessed the arrival of John Hechtner in America. He did not tarry on the Atlantic coast but made his way at once to the interior of the country and located in Princeton, where he worked at the shoemaker's trade for about two years, having learned that pursuit in his native country. Desiring to follow agricultural life, however, as soon as possible he put aside the shoemaker's tools and located upon a farm in Bureau township, after which his attention was given to general agricultural interests until his life's labors were ended in death. Unto him and his wife were born seven children, namely: Mary, Emma, John, Charles, Lizzie, Caroline and Minnie.

Charles S. Hechtner supplemented his early education, acquired in the country schools, by study in Davenport Business College at Davenport, Iowa, and also in Princeton Business College and thus, well trained for the transaction of business interests, he put aside his text-books and took up the active work of the farm, which he has followed continuously since with the exception of one year. That he is a prosperous agriculturist is indicated by the fact that he is today the owner of three hundred and forty acres of fine land which yields bounteous harvests. The place is well tilled and everything about the farm is indicative of the careful supervision and progressive spirit of the owner. Mr. Hechtner raises pure blooded cattle and sheep and is one of the foremost stockmen in the township. He has always been a



hard working man and his life of industry and enterprise are now crowned with a gratifying measure of prosperity. He has placed his dependence not upon any outside aid or influence, but, realizing that labor is the basis of all success, he has worked persistently and with determination to secure the prosperity that he now enjoys.

In 1896 Mr. Hechtner was united in marriage to Miss Nellie Westbrook, who was born August 4, 1878, and this union has been blessed with four children: Ethel, Grace, Martha and Charles. Mr. Hechtner is a member of Bureau lodge, No. 428, A. F. & A. M., and Beausant lodge, No. 19, K. P. He is also connected with the Fraternal Life Reserve and in politics is independent. He is yet a young man, but has made a splendid record and in all life's relations commands the confidence and good will of those with whom he is associated, while in farm life his example might be profitably followed by those who desire to enter upon a prosperous agricultural life.

#### JAMES M. ENNIS.

James M. Ennis, a man of varied business interests, all of which, successfully controlled, have been elements in the garnering of a prosperity which now makes him one of the substantial citizens of Princeton. He is today closely associated with the grain trade and with real-estate operations. He was born in Walnut township, Bureau county, November 18, 1857. His father, Theodore Ennis, was a native of Ohio and in his boyhood days became a resident of Bureau county, where he was reared to manhood. He then followed the occupation of farming in Walnut township and still lives upon the old homestead, where for sixty-four years he has resided. He has reached the age of seventy-three and is one of the respected and honored pioneer residents of the community, having contributed in substantial measure to the development and improvement of the county, especially along agricultural lines. He has never been active in politics but has been neglectful of no duty of citizenship and is a most public-spirited man, whose interest in the general welfare has been marked by the tangible support which he has given to many measures and movements for the public good. He has always been a keen sportsman and has shot buffalo and other big game all over the United States. He has been a fine trap shot of national reputation and has many medals as the result of his skill in that direction. He married Miss Sarah Atkinson, a native of Ohio, and there has been neither sickness nor death in their family. Their daughter Lizzie is now the wife of Lucien Bass, of Princeton.

The only son, James M. Ennis, began his education in the schools of Walnut township, pursued a high school course and afterward attended the Northern Illinois College. He was reared to

agricultural pursuits, early becoming familiar with the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the farmer, and for a number of years after putting aside his text-books he gave his attention to the tilling of the soil. Later he concentrated his energies upon the grain trade and the stock business and has been so engaged for a quarter of a century. He is one of the extensive grain operators, having a line of elevators in various sections, so that he makes extensive annual purchases and shipments. He has also been engaged in dealing in horses for many years and has found this equally profitable owing to his sound judgment and excellent business sagacity. He has dealt largely in real estate in Chicago, where he owns considerable property, and he is also handling farming lands on a large scale, having at the present time more than two thousand acres. His investments have been carefully planned and the rise in value of the property which he has handled has made him one of the prosperous residents of his native county. He is thoroughly reliable in all of his business dealings, being never known to take advantage of the necessities of another in a trade transaction, and his name has become a most honored one on commercial paper.

On the 23d of September, 1880, Mr. Ennis was united in marriage to Miss Hanna N. Lindsay, a daughter of Isaiah Lindsay, of this county. They have two children, Lindsay T. and Valby Naomi. Mr. Ennis is a prominent Mason, belonging to Walnut lodge, to Princeton commandery and Princeton council. He is also identified with other fraternal organizations and societies and has been president of the County Agricultural Society for two years. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and he was supervisor of Walnut township for six years. He represents one of the old and prominent pioneer families of this part of the state and his lines of life have been cast in harmony therewith. His career clearly illustrates the possibilities that are open in this country to earnest, persevering young men, who have the courage of their convictions and are determined to be the architects of their own fortunes. When judged by what he has accomplished his right to a first place among the representative citizens of Princeton cannot be questioned.

#### MRS. SARAH E. ROLLINS.

Mrs. Sarah E. Rollins, living in Sheffield, is a representative of one of the old New England families and the ancestry can be traced back to a Mr. Squire, who was born in England about the year 1735 and was captain of an English sailing vessel. He came to America, settling in Vermont, and his son, Josiah Squire, was there born January 22, 1765. The latter lived in Vermont until his removal to Steuben county, New York. He married Miss Lucinda Marrant, and they had eight



children: Permelia, Elizabeth, Josiah, George W., Clemmon, Nathan, Martain and Hiram. At a later date Josiah Squire removed to Ohio and thence to Tiskilwa, Illinois, where he purchased land from the government. He died near Sheffield at the home of his son, George Squire, on the 16th of May, 1831.

George W. Squire was born in Steuben county, New York, May 4, 1809, and accompanied his parents on their removal to Ohio. When fourteen years of age he went to Mississippi, where he lived for two years, and then returned to Ohio, residing there until March, 1838. In that year he made his way to Tiskilwa and was employed on a farm in that locality until April 16, 1849, when he married Susan Riley, by whom he had six children: Josiah, Riley J., George Thompson, Mary L., William P. and Sarah E. Mr. George W. Squire was always associated with the United Brethren church. He bought land of the government and had to go to the land office at Dixon for his deeds. He was closely associated with the early development and progress of the county and assisted materially in the work of improvement in pioneer times. He died March 3, 1899, after long years of residence here and thus passed away one of the honored pioneer settlers of the county. His wife, who was born near Dayton, Ohio, April 5, 1820, lived in that state until fifteen years of age and in April, 1835, accompanied her parents on their removal to Sheffield, where she resided until the 16th of April, 1840, when she gave her hand in marriage to George W. Squire and went to live with him on his farm. She, too, was a member of the United Brethren church, and her death occurred April 19, 1899.

Josiah Squire, the eldest child of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Squire, was born August 1, 1811, and died September 30, 1843.

Riley J. Squire, the second member of the family, was born September 8, 1812, attended a country school and afterward engaged in farming. He now lives on the old homestead. He was married May 12, 1861, to Frances M. Campbell, who was born June 8, 1810, and went with her husband and family to Ogallala, Nebraska, on the 1st of March, 1887. They lived upon a farm there and two years later Mrs. Frances Squire passed away, her death occurring on the 18th of November, 1889. She was a member of the United Brethren church at Barren Grove and her husband is also a member of the same church. They had four children: Eva O., Loyal T., Harvey R. and George. Of these Eva O. Squire was born August 9, 1865, attended school in Sheffield and went west with her parents on the 1st of March, 1887. For two years she taught school near Ogallala, Nebraska, and died June 5, 1890. She was a member of the Methodist church in Mineral, Illinois. Loyal T. Squire was born in Mineral township, Bureau county, November 2, 1866, and attended the district schools until he went west with his parents to

Ogallala, Nebraska. He married Miss Mabel Green, of Ogallala, and they now live in Boulder, Colorado. They have a little daughter, Archie, four years old. Loyal T. Squire is connected with the Methodist church. Harvey R. Squire, the third member of this family, was born October 12, 1868, lived with his parents on a farm near Sheffield and attended the country schools until eighteen years of age, when on the 1st of March, 1887, he went west to Ogallala, where he lived for two years, after which he returned to Illinois and is here engaged in farming. George Squire, the fourth child of Riley Squire, was born May 10, 1870, and died September 8, 1881.

George Thompson Squire, son of George W. Squire, was born August 27, 1811, and attended the country schools until seventeen years of age, when in March, 1862, he joined the army as a member of Company E, Sixty-fifth Illinois Regiment, serving his country for three years and six months. He was promoted to the rank of first lieutenant. When the war was over he returned home and was married October 15, 1865, to Elma Rollins, who was born July 30, 1849, in Manchester, New Hampshire. She lived in that city with her parents to the age of twelve years, after which the family home was established upon a farm near Neponset, Illinois. Both Mr. and Mrs. George Thompson Squire were members of the Methodist church in Mineral and Mr. Squire served as postmaster of Mineral from May 8, 1897, until 1903. He also served as supervisor from 1890 until 1897, and is a member of T. T. Dow Post, No. 290, G. A. R., of Annawan. They had three children: George O., Susie O. and Clair M. Of this family George O. was born January 6, 1868, was reared in Mineral and attended school until March 1, 1887, when he went to Nebraska, where he spent a year. He afterward returned home and is now living in Mineral. He was married October 15, 1888, to Frances M. White and they have two children, Vera and Elma. Susie O. Squire, the second child of George Thompson and Elma Rollins Squire, was born January 15, 1872, attended school in Mineral and on the 2d of September, 1887, gave her hand in marriage to Frank Barringer. She is a member of the Methodist church of Mineral and has three children: Elma, Ora and Fay. Clair M. Squire, the third child of George Thompson and Elma Squire, was born May 27, 1888, attended school in Mineral and was graduated May 30, 1904.

Mary L. Squire, daughter of George W. Squire, was born May 16, 1853, lived on the home farm with her parents and attended the country schools. She was married December 25, 1874, to Samuel L. Case and died March 17, 1876, in the faith of the United Brethren church of Mineral township, of which she was a member.

William P. Squire, the fifth member of the family, was born March 13, 1855, and attended the country schools until eighteen years of age, after





which he turned his attention to farming. He was married December 17, 1876, to Emma T. Johnson, of Mineral, and to them have been born two sons: Laurence, who was born October 16, 1877, and died August 26, 1878; and Everett F., who was born October 6, 1883, and was educated in the Sheffield schools. He passed the examinations and would have graduated May 29, 1902, but died on the 8th of that month. He was associated with the Unitarian church of Sheffield.

Sarah E. Squire, daughter of George W. Squire, was born January 19, 1857, and lived on a farm near Sheffield in her girlhood days, attending the country schools until the age of fifteen, after which she spent two years as a student in the Sheffield high school. She was married September 17, 1876, to Orra L. Rollins, who was born December 9, 1855. He was a son of Lyman P. and Olive L. (Wadleigh) Rollins. The father was born January 15, 1823, near Grafton, New Hampshire, and went to the city of Manchester to work in the cotton mills. He was married in March, 1843, to Olive L. Wadleigh, who was born in Grafton, July 15, 1826, and afterward became a resident of Manchester, New Hampshire. In March, 1862, Mr. and Mrs. Lyman P. Rollins removed to Illinois and he began farming near Neponset. They were both members of the United Brethren church of Barren Grove and unto them were born four children: Elma F., Albert W., Orra L. and Byron A. Orra L. Rollins attended the district school and was engaged in farming until January 15, 1902, when he and his family removed to Sheffield. He has practiced as a veterinary surgeon for about eighteen years. His wife is a member of the Methodist church of Mineral. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Orra L. Rollins have been born three children: Edna O., Elmer P. and Esther V. Of these Edna O. Rollins was born August 8, 1877, and attended a country school until thirteen years of age. She was afterward a student in the Sheffield schools and was graduated with the class of May 30, 1896. In September following she began teaching and followed that profession two years. She was married October 15, 1898, to Clyde Baty, who was born in Sheffield, April 4, 1877, and attended school until he secured a situation in a printing office. He afterward began farming near Sheffield. Both he and his wife became members of the Unitarian church of Sheffield, and unto them was born one son, Laurence C., born July 30, 1899. The mother died November 16, 1899.

Elmer P. Rollins, the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Orra Rollins, was born on the home farm in Mineral township, November 2, 1879, and attended the district schools until twelve years of age, after which he spent six years as a student in the Sheffield schools and when eight-n years of age he turned his attention to farming. He was married, December 18, 1902, to Edith M. Case, of Henry, Illinois, who was born May 1, 1881, lived with her parents near Henry and attended the Henry

schools, from which she was graduated May 30, 1900. On the 7th of March, 1906, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer P. Rollins removed to Mount Vernon, South Dakota, where he is engaged in farming. Unto him and his wife has been born a son, Alden, who was born January 27, 1901. Mrs. Edith Rollins is associated with the Methodist church of Henry, Illinois.

Esther V. Rollins, the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Orra Rollins, was born July 19, 1897, and on the 15th of January, 1902, her parents removed to Sheffield. She is now a student in the fourth grade of the Sheffield schools.

#### WILLIAM CHESNEY.

William Chesney, who is engaged in farming on section 12, Milo township, is one of Bureau county's native sons, born on the 17th of July, 1857. He is a son of William Chesney, Sr., and his grandfather, a resident of West Virginia, bore the same name. The father of our subject came to Bureau county about 1854 and settled at Lone Tree, in Wheatland township, but subsequently removed to Macon township and afterward took up his abode in Milo township near where his son now resides. He was married to Miss Hulda Merritt, a native of New York, and they became the parents of six children, but only two are now living: William and Judith, the wife of Leslie Wilkins, a druggist of Tiskilwa. The father made his home in Bureau county for fourteen years, when his life's labors were ended in death in 1868. His wife survived him for about eight years and died in 1876.

William Chesney, the only surviving son, was educated in the common schools and began life as a farmer, since which time he has continuously carried on agricultural pursuits. He inherited some property from his father, to which he has added as his financial resources have permitted until he now owns two hundred and eighty acres of good land, upon which are substantial buildings, the whole constituting a valuable and attractive farm which is characterized by neatness and thrift in all of its departments. He is engaged quite extensively in raising cattle, hogs and horses and he buys much stock and grain. He ships about ten carloads of hogs and cattle each year and in addition to this part of his business he carries on general farming. He is watchful of every detail pointing to success, is thoroughly familiar with the farm work in all of its minor as well as its more important interests, and his careful management and thorough acquaintance with his business are salient elements in his success.

Mr. Chesney married Miss Flora E. Murphy, who was born in Indiana but was reared in Illinois and Nebraska. She is a daughter of John Murphy and by her marriage has become the mother of six children: William, Samuel, Electa,



Esther, Clara and Ernest. The parents are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, in the work of which they take a deep and helpful interest. Their home is pleasantly located about five and a half miles from Tiskilwa and is always open for the reception of their friends, who are many. Mr. Chesney is a democrat and has served as school director and road commissioner. He has attained high rank in Masonry, holding membership in the lodge at Tiskilwa and the chapter and commandery in Princeton, while he and his wife and daughter are members of the Eastern Star lodge, and his son Samuel is a Master Mason. The family are prominent socially and the consensus of public opinion classes Mr. Chesney with the alert and enterprising business men of this part of the state, whose prosperity has been honorably earned and is therefore well deserved.

#### ALBERT DESTAING BOAL.

Albert D. Boal, druggist, dates his residence in Buda from 1866, and in Illinois from 1857. He was born in Columbus, Ohio, November 12, 1847, a son of Dr. James F. and Lucinda (Starr) Boal, who came to this state from Columbus in 1837. The father was a physician and druggist, and on his removal to Illinois located at Uniontown, Knox county, where he resided until 1864, when he removed to Iowa. After two years he returned to Illinois and took up his abode in Buda, where he opened a drug store and engaged in the practice of medicine until his death, which occurred on the 3d of April, 1899, when he was eighty-two years of age. He was a leading and prominent citizen of this place, his professional skill and business ability gaining him a foremost place in public regard as well as in business circles. He was a strong and active Union man during the Civil war, and a republican in politics. His wife survived until May 7, 1903, dying at the age of ninety years.

Albert D. Boal was educated in a private school in Uniontown, Illinois, and afterward assisted his father in the drug store. With the exception of two years spent in attending lectures at Rush Medical College, in Chicago, in 1868 and 1869, he has been constantly engaged in the drug business. The name of Boal has long figured in connection with the commercial interests of Buda, and stands as a synonym of commercial activity, enterprise and business integrity. A well appointed store, a carefully selected line of goods, tasteful arrangement and straightforward dealings have gained for the present owner a liberal and well-deserved patronage.

In 1871 Mr. Boal was married to Miss Elizabeth Murphy, of Buda, who died in February, 1873, leaving a son, Tracy E., who is now associated with his father in the drug business. He married Estella Reid, of Buda. After losing his first wife

Albert D. Boal wedded Mary E. Stetson, of Rochester, Wisconsin, October 10, 1886, and they have two children: Albert Dwight, born February 16, 1888, and William Stetson, born November 15, 1896.

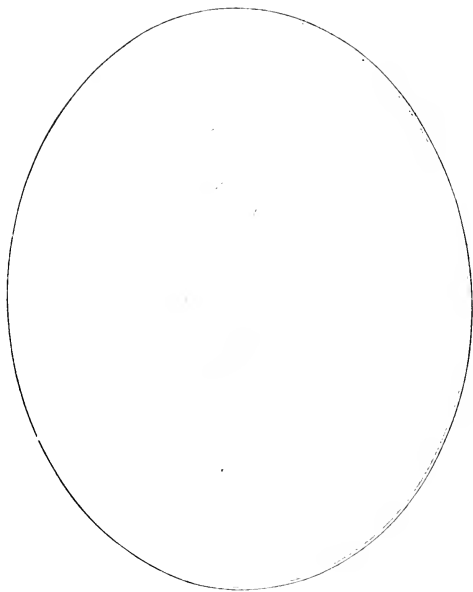
Mr. Boal is recognized as one of the leaders of the republican party in Buda and Bureau county, active in the work of the party and a stalwart champion of its principles. Keeping well informed on the questions and issues of the day, he is able to support his position by intelligent argument, and for many years he has been a delegate to the various conventions of the party, and for six years he has served as chairman of the county central committee. He is well fitted for political leadership, having the ability to co-ordinate forces and utilize the means at hand in producing desired results, and his opinions are often a decisive factor in the discussion of political problems. He has been chosen by the vote of his fellow townsmen to various political offices, serving as tax collector, supervisor for four years, when he resigned, and a member of the board of trustees of Buda. He has been president and secretary of the school board and has filled many other offices of trust in the community. Affairs relating to general improvement receive his earnest indorsement and co-operation, not only in political but in other lines as well, and his efforts have been effective and far-reaching. He is a Mason and a past master of Buda lodge, No. 399, A. F. & A. M. He was formerly treasurer and is a member of the board of trustees of the Congregational church, of which he is a member, and he gives hearty aid to all matters relating to the material, social, political, intellectual and moral progress of the community, and therefore deserves classification with the representative citizens.

#### GREG W. DRUMMER.

Greg W. Drummer operates the old Drummer homestead, comprising one hundred and sixty acres of land in La Moille township. This tract of land has been in possession of the family since 1867, at which time it was purchased by Andrew Drummer, father of our subject, who was born in Bavaria, Germany. When but seven years of age he was brought to the United States and was reared in Buffalo, New York, where he met and married Miss Elizabeth Cook, a native of that city. On leaving the Empire state they came to Illinois in 1867, settling in Bureau county, where the father secured the tract of land upon which his son Greg now resides. In the family were ten children, eight of whom are living, while two have passed away, Greg W. Drummer being the fourth in order of birth.

In his boyhood days Mr. Drummer of this review was a public-school student in Bureau county, and when not occupied with his text-books his





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attention was largely given to farm work. Through the periods of vacation he assisted in the labors of the fields, and since leaving school permanently he has given undivided attention to his agricultural interests. He is today the renter of one hundred and sixty acres of valuable land, constituting what is known as the old homestead property. Corn, oats and hay are his main crops. The fields are well tilled, and everything about the place is indicative of the spirit of progress and enterprise manifested by him in the capable conduct of his business interests.

Mr. Drummer was married to Miss Clara Bell Marriott, who was born in La Moille on Christmas Day of 1875, and is a daughter of Joseph E. and Maria C. (Booth) Marriott, both of whom are natives of Bureau county, where the father has carried on business as a stockman. There were nine children in the Marriott family, of whom Clara Bell is the eldest, and on the 26th of April, 1899, she gave her hand in marriage to Mr. Drummer. She, too, was educated in the public schools, and, like her husband, she is held in high esteem throughout this community. Mr. Drummer belongs to the Roman Catholic church, while his wife is a member of the Congregational church. He is identified with La Moille camp, No. 227, M. W. A., while his political ballot is cast for the men and measures of the republican party. He and his wife are most highly esteemed, and their home relations are largely ideal. They are pleasantly situated, and neighbors and friends attest their good qualities and their sterling worth. They are warmly esteemed by all who know them, and the circle of their friends is almost co-extensive with the circle of their acquaintance.

#### FESTUS BENTLEY.

Festus Bentley is proprietor of the Burr Oak farm, which is located in Milo township, and is a veteran of the Civil war, having in the darkest hour of our country's history stood loyally by the stars and stripes. A native of Indiana, his birth occurred in Henry county in 1841. He lost his mother in infancy, and in 1853 came to Bureau county with his father, Eli Bentley, who in the meantime had married again, his second union being with Mary A. Custer. Eli Bentley settled on the farm which is now owned and occupied by his son Festus, and there spent his remaining days. He brought the lumber from Rock Island for his buildings, and he improved the place from its natural condition, transforming wild land into richly productive fields and adding many substantial buildings which are indicative of modern progress. His children, five in number, were all born of his first marriage, and Festus is the only one now living. The death of Mr. Bentley occurred in 1880, when he was seventy-two years of age, and the com-

munity thereby lost a valued and representative citizen.

In the common schools Festus Bentley mastered the branches of learning that usually constitute such a curriculum, and on the 16th of August, 1861, when twenty years of age, he offered his services to the government as a defender of the Union cause. He was assigned to duty with Company D, Forty-seventh Illinois Volunteer Infantry, under Captain J. C. Townsend, and had the usual experiences and hardships meted out to the soldier who engages in active duty on the field of battle. He participated in the movements and engagements of the Army of the Mississippi, the siege of Corinth, also the battle of Farmington and the second battle of Corinth, the charge upon Vicksburg and the siege of that city until its surrender, the Red River expedition and the battles of Pleasant Hill, New Madrid, Island No. 10, and Jackson, Mississippi. He was in more than twenty engagements in all, but was never wounded, although he was frequently in the thickest of the fight. He served until after the expiration of his three years' term of enlistment and was honorably discharged October 11, 1864, at Springfield, Illinois, when he returned home with a creditable military record, having never faltered in his allegiance to the old flag nor the cause it represented.

Not long after his return Mr. Bentley wedded Miss Maria J. Reid, of Indiana, a sister of J. L. Reid, a representative farmer of Milo township. They are now parents of five children: William C., who married Gertrude Sherman, has two children and lives in Milo township; Mary Josephine, the wife of Robert Conover, of Saratoga township, Marshall county, Illinois; Alma E., the wife of Le Roy A. Hill, a resident farmer of Whitefield township, Marshall county, and Walter E. and Elsie G., both at home.

The home farm of the family is a fine property of two hundred and forty acres in Milo township, in addition to which Mr. Bentley owns eleven acres of timber land. The farm is lacking in none of the equipments and accessories of a model property of the twentieth century, for there are good buildings upon it and the fields are well tilled, while the stock which he raises is of good grades. He annually raises many hogs, and feeds both cattle and hogs, his business in this particular proving a source of gratifying profit.

On election days Mr. Bentley never wavers in his allegiance to the republican party, and at all times is prepared to give an intelligent reason for his political affiliation because he keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day. He has served as postmaster, has been justice of the peace and was for many years a school director. He belongs to the Grand Army post at Bradford, thus maintaining pleasant relations with his old military comrades, and he is also identified with the Odd Fellows lodge at Bradford, while his wife is a member of the Methodist church. This worthy





couple are highly esteemed, their many sterling traits gaining for them the friendship of the greater number of those with whom they come in contact. The diligence and enterprise of Mr. Bentley have made Burr Oak farm one of the leading agricultural properties of the county, and since starting out in life for himself he has continually progressed toward the goal of prosperity.

#### WILLIAM FETZER.

Among the native sons of Illinois who have taken a deep and helpful interest in the agricultural development of the state is numbered William Fetzer, who was born in Lee county, September 7, 1853, a son of Casper and Frederica L. A. (Huflman) Fetzer, both natives of Germany, the former born January 16, 1829, and the latter October 13, 1829, whence they emigrated to America in 1852, locating in Bureau county, Illinois. In their family were ten children, of whom the subject of this review is the eldest.

William Fetzer received his education in the district schools of La Moille, and after acquiring a fair knowledge of the branches there taught, started out in life on his own account. Although he inherited some property, he has through industry, economy and careful management met with success in his work, and year by year has added to his financial resources, until through purchases at different times he is now in possession of a valuable farm of two hundred and forty acres, worth from one hundred and fifty to two hundred dollars per acre. This is situated in the northeast quarter of section 13, Ohio township, and here he is engaged in general agricultural pursuits, following the best methods in tilling the soil and caring for his crops, so that he annually harvests a large amount of grain as the result of his well directed efforts. He has added many modern improvements to his place, including fences, a good house and substantial outbuildings, all of which he keeps in good condition, so that his farm now ranks with the best in Bureau county.

As a companion and helpmate on life's journey Mr. Fetzer chose Miss Mary A. Miller, to whom he was married October 19, 1882. She was born August 25, 1859, a daughter of George J. and Elizabeth Miller, who were natives of Germany, and emigrated to this country in 1853. Mrs. Fetzer received her education in the district schools of Clarion township and was trained to the work of the household by her mother, so that she proved to her husband a worthy assistant in his business affairs, for she was capable in the management of the duties which devolved upon her in connection with the care of a home, and was devoted to the welfare of her family. After a happy married life of more than two decades, the wife was called from this life, her death occurring December 23, 1903, being the occasion of deep regret not only to her

immediate family, but also to her many friends, to whom she was endeared, for she possessed many excellent traits of heart and mind and was loved wherever known. Mrs. Fetzer had become the mother of three sons and two daughters, who with the husband and father still survive. They are Ida F., born July 14, 1883; Gilbert W., September 25, 1884; Martha E., November 10, 1886; George C., July 14, 1889, and Oscar W., September 2, 1893.

Politically Mr. Fetzer is a democrat and in religious faith he and his family are identified with the German Lutheran church of Ohio township. Interested in the cause of education, he has served as school director for sixteen years and is now filling that office, but aside from this has filled no public positions. Although Mr. Fetzer inherited some property, he has used precaution in the management of his business affairs, and by judicious investment, energy and determination has added to his original holdings until he now has a good farm of two hundred and forty acres of as fine land as can be found in the entire county, thus classing him with the prominent representatives of this section of the state, where he has a wide and favorable acquaintance, and where, through his straightforward dealing and honorable methods, he has gained many friends.

#### WILLIAM HARTZ.

William Hartz, successfully engaged in general agricultural pursuits and in the raising of registered shorthorn cattle, in which connection he has gained more than a local reputation as a stockman, was born March 26, 1867, in the county which is still his home. His parents, Nicholas and Anna M. (Houk) Hartz, were both natives of Bavaria, and became residents of America in 1855, after which they located in Bureau county in 1865. The father was a farmer by occupation, and in this county he reared his family, numbering eight children. He not only provided comfortably for their support, but also managed to save a goodly competence and was numbered among the successful agriculturists of the county, where he continued to make his home until his death on the 2d of October, 1889.

William Hartz was a public-school student in his boyhood and youth, and when not busy with his text-books aided his father in the work of the home farm, to which task he also gave his attention for some years after completing his education. In 1890 he made his first purchase of land, comprising eighty acres, and later, in connection with his brother, George Fred Hartz, he bought one hundred and twenty acres, making this purchase in 1893. For some time they were associated in the management and cultivation of their land, but afterward dissolved partnership. William Hartz of this review now has the old homestead of one hundred and sixty acres in connection with



the share which he received after the division of the property with his brother, and the fields are well tilled, being cultivated for the raising of the cereals best adapted to soil and climate. He also raises registered shorthorn cattle as well as good grades of horses and hogs, and his stock interests are no unimportant branch of his business.

Mr. Hartz has served as school director from the age of twenty-one years to the present time, and the cause of education finds in him a stalwart champion, whose labors are effective for good schools. In 1906 he was elected supervisor, and he has been road commissioner for one term and tax assessor for seven years. His political allegiance is given to the democracy, and he is prominent in the ranks of the party, being frequently chosen as a delegate to senatorial and county conventions. Fraternally he is a Mason and holds membership with Sheffield lodge, No. 142, A. F. & A. M., and also with the Odd Fellows lodge at New Bedford.

Thus public interests have claimed his attention, and at the same time he has won a place among the prominent business men of his county. He is a man of resourceful ability, and, while farming has been his principal occupation, he has not confined his attention entirely to the work of the fields, but has extended his efforts into other lines of trade and commerce. For the past five years he has been the president of the New Bedford Creamery Company, and for many years before was one of its directors. He is likewise the president of the Manlius Grain & Coal Company. His business interests therefore are quite extensive, and he has so conducted his affairs that he has made steady progress toward the goal of success, and finds that prosperity is ambition's answer.

#### GEORGE FREDERICK HARTZ.

The name of Hartz is well known in Bureau county in connection with agricultural interests, and the life record of George Frederick Hartz adds new luster to the creditable record always borne by the family. He was born December 2, 1870, in Bureau county, and, like his brother, whose sketch is given above, he was educated in the country schools of Manlius township. He worked on the home farm with his father for years, and thus received practical training in the best methods of tilling the soil and caring for the crops. He bought eighty acres of land in 1890 and in 1893, in connection with his brother William purchased one hundred and twenty acres, which they cultivated together for six years, or until 1899. George F. Hartz now owns and operates two hundred and forty acres, constituting a valuable and well improved farm in Manlius township.

On the 8th of September, 1897, he married Priscilla S. Dale, of Fairfield township, who was born September 12, 1874, and is a daughter of

Thomas Edward and Eliza S. Dale, who are mentioned on another page of this work in connection with the sketch of Thomas Henry Dale. Into Mr. and Mrs. Hartz have been born five children: George Edward, born January 17, 1898; James William, October 24, 1899; Mary Othea, February 4, 1902; Vernon Harold, February 22, 1903, and Perry Carlyle, August 22, 1904.

Mr. Hartz votes with the democracy and is identified through membership relations with the Odd Fellows lodge at New Bedford. He is highly respected as an enterprising farmer, as a reliable business man and good citizen, and, although yet a young man, has attained a measure of success that many an older one might well envy.

#### CAPTAIN F. C. DUNCAN.

Captain F. C. Duncan, manager of the Princeton gas plant, although one of the more recent acquisitions to the citizenship of Princeton, is so well known in business circles in Illinois as to have become already a representative resident of this place. He is a native of Bath, Maine, born March 23, 1847. His parents were Captain Charles C. and Hannah (Tibbets) Duncan, who were likewise natives of Maine. In early life Captain Charles Duncan began following the sea and was a ship-master. He took his family on various European and Mediterranean voyages until he established himself in New York city as a ship broker and ship owner in 1851. He also had a branch office in England, and carried on that business until 1867. Desiring to form a European connection, he took in with him a partner, whom he left in New York, while with his family he crossed the water to England, establishing offices in London and Liverpool, making his home in the latter city. Returning to this country, he resided in Brooklyn, New York, until he removed to Northfield, Massachusetts, in 1885, and became interested in school work there, in which he continued up to the time of his death, which occurred in Northfield in 1898. His wife passed away in New York city in 1869.

Captain Duncan of this review largely acquired his education in the schools of Bath, Maine, and attended the Polytechnic schools of Brooklyn, New York, and he also continued his studies in England to some extent. He went on his first voyage in active connection with a sea-faring life in 1859, and until 1863 he made occasional voyages between Europe and the United States, and between such trips attended school in both New York and Liverpool. In 1863 he came to the United States from England, and after receiving a special order from Gideon Welles, then secretary of the navy, to have his age waived and his examination foregone, he obtained an acting appointment and went on board the United States ship Brooklyn as an officer of the United States navy, the vessel being ordered to join the western gulf squadron,



then in charge of Admiral Farragut. After the battle of Mobile Bay the Brooklyn was so damaged by the fire of the forts and rams that she was sent north for repairs. Mr. Duncan then took up his service on the ship *Owaso*, blockading ports from Mobile Bay to Galveston, and at the close of the war he returned to the merchant service and sailed as chief officer until he obtained command in 1871. Since that date he made all of his voyages in command of ships on long voyages to different parts of the world. His last ship, *Florence*, was built for California trade and was so utilized for ten years. He sold the *Florence* in 1898 at San Francisco, and for a year thereafter remained a resident of that city. On that ship he made voyages around the cape of Good Hope to the East Indies, the Philippines and Java. On nearly all of these voyages he was accompanied by his family, and his two youngest sons were born on board that ship.

In 1899 Captain Duncan located at Galesburg, Illinois, where he became assistant secretary and treasurer of the gas and electric light company, which afterward became the Galesburg Railway & Light Company. He was also financially interested in the enterprise. He was connected with all of these enterprises until his removal to Princeton a short time ago. When George F. Duncan of the McKinley syndicate purchased the Princeton gas works of H. S. Capron, he asked his brother to take charge of the new purchase, and he removed his family to Princeton on the 12th of May. This is his present business connection. The gas plant had its inception in 1874 and became an established fact in 1875. At times it has had a prosperous existence and at others a precarious one, but during much of the period the business has been large and profitable, and under the capable control of its present manager—a gentleman of broad business experience—it will undoubtedly prove successful.

Captain Duncan was married in New York city to Miss Kate Belcher, a native of Brooklyn, New York. Her parents were Samuel E. and Elizabeth (Foshay) Belcher, the former for thirty-four years president of the Jefferson Fire Insurance Company of New York city, the oldest corporation of that character in the eastern metropolis. He made his home there until recent years, and now lives with his daughter in Bridgeport, Connecticut, at the age of eighty-two years. His wife passed away in New York city in 1902. Unto Captain and Mrs. Duncan have been born five children: Alice, at home; Otis Belcher, who is connected with the Western Electric Company in Chicago; Kate, at home; Fred Belcher, a student in Knox College, and Charles Clifford, at home.

Captain Duncan is a republican, but has never been active in party work. He served as deputy United States shipping commissioner in New York city. Both he and his wife took letters to Central Congregational church at Galesburg, Illinois, from

Plymouth church of Brooklyn, New York, of which Henry Ward Beecher was so long pastor, and in which both of their fathers were deacons. The family now reside on South Pleasant street in Princeton, and are nicely located there. Captain Duncan, through considerable experience, has become well informed upon the line of business which claims his attention at the present time, and is a valuable addition to industrial circles in this city.

#### WILLIAM CAREY ALLEN.

When the tocsin of war sounded men from all walks of life flocked to the standard of the nation. They came from the offices and the shops, the counting houses and the fields, all imbued with the same purpose of defending the Union cause. Among this number was William Carey Allen, who proved a loyal soldier, and the same spirit of faithful citizenship has characterized his life in days of peace. He is now living quietly upon a fine farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Manlius township, where in connection with the tilling of the soil he devotes considerable attention to the raising of Hereford cattle and other stock.

A native son of Bureau county, he was born September 21, 1838, and is a son of William and Nancy (McCartier) Allen, who came from Brown county, Ohio, to Illinois in 1831. The father was one of the early settlers who took up government land at a dollar and a quarter per acre and aided in transforming the wild prairie into cultivable fields. He devoted his entire life to farming in this county, where he remained a resident until called to his final rest at the age of sixty-three years. His wife, surviving him for some time, died at the age of eighty years.

William Carey Allen, born and reared upon the old home farm, began his education in the district schools and continued his studies in the public schools of Princeton. On completing his education he took up the business of farming, but at the time of the outbreak of the Civil war he put aside all business and personal considerations and offered his services to the government, enlisting as a private of Company K, Fifty-seventh Illinois Infantry, in the fall of 1861. The regiment was sent to Cairo, Illinois, and thence by steamer to Fort Henry and on to Fort Donelson, Tennessee, where Mr. Allen participated in the engagement. He also took part in the battles of Corinth, Mississippi, and the siege and capture of that place, remaining there for nearly a year. He was also in the second battle of Corinth and afterward, with his regiment, was ordered to Tennessee. He took part in the Atlanta campaign and the battles of Dalton, Resaca, New Hope Church, Altoona Pass, Kenesaw Mountain, Chattahoochee, and, in fact, all of the military movements of the Atlanta campaign. Later the Fifty-seventh Illinois was ordered to Rome, Georgia, and was there when Gen-



eral Sherman started on his march to the sea. They joined his command and remained with Sherman during the entire march from Savannah through South Carolina and on to Goldsboro, to Raleigh, North Carolina, and to Washington, D. C., where they participated in the grand review on the 22d of March, 1865, when the victorious army, numbering thousands of loyal troops, marched down Pennsylvania avenue and passed the reviewing stand upon which the president greeted the return of his victorious soldiers. In the meantime Mr. Allen, his first term of service having expired, had re-enlisted as a veteran and was discharged at Louisville, Kentucky, on the 7th of July, 1865. He had been promoted to the rank of first lieutenant of his company, and at the battle of Shiloh he was slightly wounded in the left arm, but otherwise he escaped personal injury, although experiencing the usual hardships and privations meted out to the soldier.

Returning to Bureau county when his military life was ended, Mr. Allen once more took up the occupation of farming, and as a companion and helpmate for life's journey chose Miss Jennie Shenkle, of Clermont county, Ohio, whom he wedded on the 11th of March, 1875. They now have five living children and lost two in infancy. Those who still survive are: Nancy, the wife of Robert Fox, a farmer of Manlius township; Ralph M., who married Ida Hurt, and is a farmer of Manlius; Iva A., the wife of William Ohda, of Greenville; Edwin R., who is farming with his father, and Edna P., at home.

Mr. Allen today owns and operates an excellent place of one hundred and sixty acres in Manlius township. His farm is well improved, the fields being richly cultivated, and he also raises registered Hereford cattle and good horses and hogs. He operated a thresher for a number of years, having the first traction engine and thresher in the community. Politically he is a democrat and socially he is connected with the Grand Army post at Sheffield, thus maintaining pleasant relations with his old army comrades.

#### JOHN RICHARD BOYLAND.

John Richard Boyland, deceased, was one of Bureau county's native sons, born on the 5th of February, 1869. His parents were Thomas and Mary Boyland, both natives of Ireland. He came to Bureau county with the early settlers and reared his family here, so that John Richard Boyland spent the days of his boyhood and youth in this locality, acquiring his early education in the public schools and afterward attending the Dixon (Illinois) schools. He was reared to farm labor, and early became familiar with the work of plowing, planting and harvesting. As the years passed by he took up farming as a life pursuit, and always engaged in that business until called to his

final rest. He was an energetic man, who carefully directed his labors, and his success was the direct result of his diligence and perseverance.

On the 28th of January, 1896, Mr. Boyland was married to Miss Catherine Marie Lucas, who was born February 23, 1876, a daughter of John and Catherine (Broderick) Lucas, both of whom were natives of Ireland. They came to Bureau county, Illinois, thirty-nine years ago, and here reared their family, numbering nine sons and six daughters. Both Mr. and Mrs. Lucas are still living, and the mother is a remarkably well preserved woman, who appears almost as young as her daughters. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Boyland was born one son, James John, who was nine years of age on the 21st of June, 1906.

Mr. Boyland was a communicant of the Catholic church, of which his widow is also a member. He was a straightforward business man, always reliable in his dealings, as well as energetic and diligent, and his labors resulted in the acquirement of a good farm property. His widow now owns eighty acres of land and is managing the farm, in the midst of which stands an attractive modern residence, elegantly furnished and tastefully kept. She presides with gracious and warm-hearted hospitality over her home, and it is a favorite resort with her many friends.

#### JAMES H. HAINES.

James H. Haines, at one time the owner of a good farm of eighty acres situated on section 4, Ohio township, which he still operates, is a worthy representative of the agricultural interests of this section of Bureau county. He was born in Ohio, Bureau county, Illinois, October 26, 1860, a son of Andrew J. and Julia A. (William) Haines, the former born in Bangor, Maine, October 28, 1828, and the latter born near Bristol, in Bucks county, Pennsylvania, in 1835. Her death occurred in 1874. Of this union five children were born, of whom our subject is the eldest. The father afterward married again, his second union being with Landena H. Warner, and the only child of this marriage is now deceased.

James H. Haines was educated in the public schools of Ohio, Illinois, and after mastering the branches therein taught started out to make his own way in the world. He inherited some property, and by the careful supervision of this and through his energy and determination was in due course of time enabled to add to his original holdings until he at one time was the owner of eighty acres of fine farming land situated on the southwest quarter of section 4, Ohio township, but he has since disposed of this property, receiving one hundred and fifty dollars per acre for the same. He still rents the land and is here engaged in raising the cereals best adapted to soil and climate, using practical methods in cultivating the fields and





planting his crops so that he annually harvests a large amount of grain in return for the care and labor bestowed upon the place. At the present time he has no real-estate holdings, but has a goodly bank account and personal property, so that he is numbered among the well-to-do and progressive agriculturists of Bureau county.

On the 28th of October, 1890, Mr. Haines was united in marriage to Miss Minnie B. Staples, who was born March 30, 1876, a daughter of William and Elisabeth Staples. The father was born in the state of New York, September 3, 1853, while the mother's birth occurred in Indiana, February 29, 1857. Mrs. Haines was educated in the Greenville district schools and was trained by her mother in the duties of the household, so that she is now capably managing the interests of her own home. Two children grace this marriage: Eva B., born October 31, 1893, and Winnie E., born April 7, 1899. They have also lost two children. Mr. Haines is a republican in his political views, and he and his family are identified with the Methodist Protestant church.

Although Mr. Haines had some assistance when he started out in life for himself, he has by his own well directed efforts and careful management of his business interests added to his possessions, and while he has now disposed of his realty holdings he has a goodly competence as a reward for his earnest toil. He is a genial gentleman, one whom it is a pleasure to meet, and he and his estimable wife are received with cordiality in the homes of their many friends throughout Bureau county.

#### CHARLES WILLIAMS.

Charles Williams, of Princeton township, whose farm lies on sections 2 and 3, is a native of La Moille township, born November 6, 1882. His parents were William and Sarah (Crossman) Williams. The father was born in Bureau county, Illinois, July 7, 1854, and was a son of James H. Williams, whose birth occurred in Culpeper county, Virginia, August 24, 1821, and who was a son of Jackson and Margaret Williams, natives of Virginia. The grandparents spent their last years in Coshocton county, Ohio. Their children were Cordelia, Mary, Charlie, Addison, James H., Washington, Eliza, Amanda and Jackson Williams.

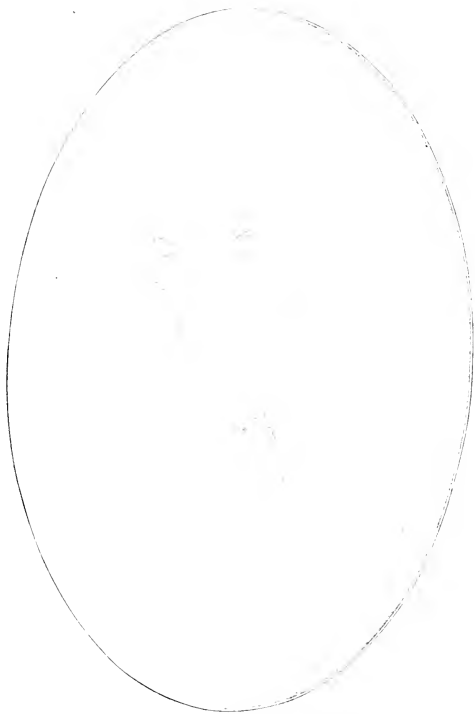
James H. Williams, grandfather of our subject, became a resident of Coshocton county, Ohio, when a youth of fifteen years. In May, 1847, he enlisted for service in the Mexican war as a member of Company B of the Third Ohio Regiment of Infantry Volunteers and served for one year. He came to Bureau county, Illinois, in the summer of 1848 and, with the land warrant received for service in the Mexican war, he entered one hundred and sixty acres of land in La Moille town-

ship, on which he took up his abode in March, 1850. He placed it under cultivation, continued the work of improvement and added to the property from time to time until he was the owner of six hundred and twenty acres of very choice land. He was both a self-educated and self-made man, who made good use of his opportunities, and as the years advanced became one of the prosperous residents of his adopted county. He was married in Ohio to Miss Elizabeth Shirk, and they became the parents of six children: Henry, Eliza, William, James, Charles and Washington.

William Williams, whose birth occurred in this county, July 7, 1854, was here reared, and is indebted to the public-school system for the educational privileges he enjoyed. He has been a successful farmer and stockman, especially in buying and shipping stock, and is today one of the extensive landowners of the county, having eleven hundred acres of fine land within its borders. He was married November 7, 1877, to Miss Sarah Crossman, who was born July 5, 1854, and is a daughter of John C. Crossman, who was born January 29, 1830, in Draycott, Somersetshire, England, his parents being George and Sarah (Rhude) Crossman, both of whom died in England. J. C. Crossman came to America about 1850, and was for two years employed in Onondaga county, New York, where he was married. In March, 1852, he went to La Moille, Illinois, and after living there for a year rented land and engaged in farming. In 1855 he bought one hundred and sixty acres of land, which he soon sold, and after renting for another year he bought a quarter section from William Hart. This he afterward disposed of, and in 1857 returned to the state of New York and afterward to England, where he visited his relatives, again taking up his abode in La Moille the following year. He first rented the place which he afterward bought, and eventually he became the owner of six hundred and seventeen acres of land, on which he carried on general farming, but made more of a specialty of stock-raising. He was married, July 24, 1851, to Elizabeth Weeks, who was born December 23, 1828, in England, and was a daughter of William and Ann (Dicks) Weeks, also natives of that country. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Crossman was blessed with eight children who reached adult age, namely: Mary A., Sarah, Eliza, Fannie, John F., Ollie, Alice and Nellie. Mr. Crossman was a republican in politics and always took an active interest in the work of the party as well as in all matters relating to the agricultural development of the county. He died in the year 1898.

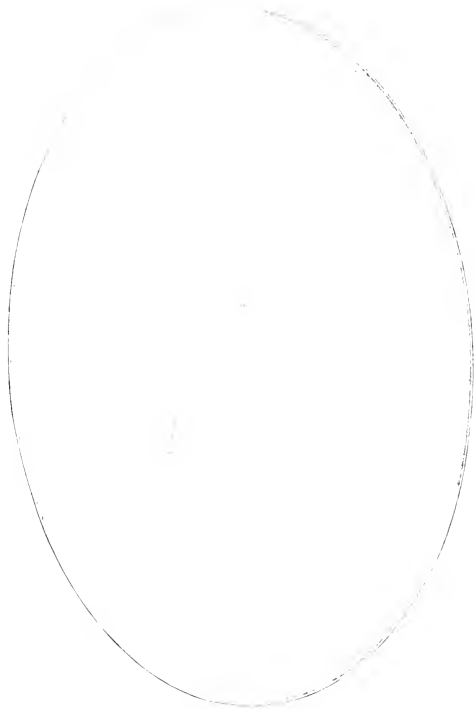
Following their marriage William Williams and Sarah Crossman located upon a farm, and for many years he was closely associated with the general agricultural development of the county, in the work of which he prospered, so that he is now enabled to live a retired life. Uno him and





CHARLES WILLIAMS.





MRS. CHARLES WILLIAMS.



his wife were born four children: Harry, who was born October 9, 1878, and is now living in Missouri; Charles, of this review; Mark and Glenn, both at home.

Charles Williams, whose name introduces this record, was educated in La Moille and at Princeton Business College. He married Miss Ada B. Morton, who was born in Bureau township and is a daughter of Charles and Nancy (Beatty) Morton, now residents of South Dakota. Mr. and Mrs. Williams have one child, Gail. They own one hundred and forty-eight acres of land on sections 2 and 3, Princeton township, three miles from the city of Princeton, which he purchased in 1903. He carries on general farming and stock-raising, buys and feeds stock and raises horses. He has sixteen head of fine draft horses, also driving horses and colts, and, in fact, owns some of the best horses to be found in the county. He is a stockman of excellent judgment, and his business interests have been well managed, his farm indicating in its excellent appearance his thrift and capable control. In his political views he is an independent, but without aspiration for office, and in his religious belief he is a Presbyterian. A young man, he has made a creditable success for one of his years, and is widely and favorably known in the county where his entire life has been passed and where the family has been known from pioneer times to the present.

#### ALBERT W. WADE.

Albert W. Wade, who as the architect of his own fortunes has builded wisely and well and today has valuable property interests, owning and occupying three hundred and seventy-five acres of valuable land on section 22, La Moille township, where he follows farming, was born in this township, December 29, 1866. His parents were Richard H. and Mary (Shoup) Wade, natives of Ohio, and his brother, John Wade, is a resident of the village of La Moille. In the family were eleven children, of whom Albert W. was the tenth in order of birth. At the usual age he entered the public schools and therein mastered the branches of English learning which equip one for life's practical and responsible duties. He has always followed the occupation to which he was reared, and a place is accorded him among the foremost and representative farmers of the county, for he has made steady and consecutive progress in his business life, manifesting the spirit of enterprise that has enabled him to overcome all difficulties and obstacles in his path. That he has prospered is indicated by the fact that he is today the owner of three hundred and seventy-five acres of very valuable and productive land, pleasantly and conveniently situated about two miles from the village of La Moille.

On the 6th of December, 1888, Mr. Wade was

united in marriage to Miss Eva Haney, who was born in La Moille township, May 11, 1868. Unto them have been born two children: Wilbert L., born September 30, 1889, and Ora R., September 30, 1893. His political endorsement is given to the republican party, and his religious support to the United Brethren church, of which he is a member. He withholds his co-operation from no movement for the general good, and is accounted one of the valued and representative citizens of this part of the state.

At the same time he is carefully conducting business interests of importance, which are constantly growing. He handles stock on an extensive scale, buying and feeding, and thus utilizing all of the products raised upon his farm. He handles from thirty to forty carloads of stock annually, and is thus one of the leading business men of Bureau county. His present prosperous condition is in marked contrast to his financial resources when he started out in life. He then rented land and thus cultivated the fields until his labors had brought him sufficient capital to make investment, when he purchased two hundred and thirty-nine acres, constituting the old homestead. He has since extended the boundaries of his farm until it now comprises three hundred and seventy-five acres of as fine land as can be found in Bureau county, valued at from one hundred and seventy-five to two hundred dollars per acre. All this he has accomplished within a comparatively few years, for he is yet a young man. His farm is one of the attractive features of the landscape, being equipped with beautiful buildings surrounded by fine trees and ornamental shrubs. The scene is well worthy a place on a painter's canvas, for the substantial home, the broad prairie, the richly tilled fields, the gravel roads and the cars running within sight of his home make this an ideal country place. Mr. Wade belongs to one of the leading families of Bureau county, and with the years usually allotted to man he will rank among the wealthiest residents of this part of the state, for each year adds to his success. The most envious cannot grudge him his prosperity, so honorably has it been won and so worthily used. He and his wife deserve all the happiness that comes to them, and all who know them are glad of their friendship.

#### SOREN KNUDSON.

In a history of the men of foreign birth who have come to America and in Bureau county have advanced from humble stations in life to positions of affluence, becoming also valued citizens of the community by reason of their devotion to the land of their adoption and the institutions of republican government, mention should be made of Soren Knudson, who, starting out in life empty-handed, is now the owner of four hundred and





fifty acres of land in Gold township, his place, moreover, being improved with all modern equipments and accessories.

Mr. Knudson was born in Denmark in 1838 and spent the days of his boyhood and youth in that country. On attaining his majority, however, and carefully considering the opportunities afforded by his native land, he decided that he might enjoy better business advantages in the new world, where labor is not hampered by caste or class, and accordingly came to the United States in 1859. He made his way at once to Sheffield, Bureau county, and began earning his living as a farm hand, for his limited financial resources made immediate employment a necessity. He worked diligently and perseveringly, so that he was always able to secure a job, and when he had saved a considerable sum from his earnings he purchased one hundred and twenty acres of land, which constituted the nucleus of his present fine farm. He at once began its development, and his labors constitute the secret of his splendid success. He has made additional purchases from time to time, until he is now the owner of an extensive tract of four hundred and forty acres, which would command the highest price if placed upon the market. He also has a half section in South Dakota.

Mr. Knudson was married after coming to this country, the lady of his choice being Miss Carrie Sophia Hanson, who came to the United States from Denmark, and is now sixty-nine years of age. She arrived in 1867, having been induced to come to the new world by a brother who was living here at that time. The family numbers three children: Andrew, John and Anna, the last two being twins. These are thirty-six and thirty-two years of age, respectively, and the sons aid their father in the operation of the home farm.

The parents are members of the Danish Lutheran church, and Mr. Knudson is independent politically, supporting the candidates whom he thinks best qualified for office without regard to party affiliation. His present prosperity is in marked contrast to his financial condition when he arrived in this country forty-seven years ago to seek his fortune—a poor boy without friends or influence to aid him and without capital to assist in gaining him a start. He possessed, however, a stout heart and willing hands, and farm labor soon gained him a start. He has never taken a backward step, but has made continuous progress in his business life, and is now a substantial agriculturist of Gold township.

#### MAURY B. REMSBURG.

Maury B. Remsburg, engaged in the livery business in Ohio, is a native of Ohio township, Bureau county, Illinois, born August 25, 1873. He is the eldest of two children born unto George W. and Margaret R. (Ross) Remsburg, the former

a native of the state of Ohio, and the latter of Bureau county, Illinois.

Maury B. Remsburg received a good education in the district and public schools of his native town, and after mastering the branches therein taught started out in life on his own responsibility, following farming pursuits for a time. He was later engaged in teaching for a time in different schools in Bureau county, and after abandoning that profession engaged in the poultry business for three years. On the expiration of that period he disposed of that interest and embarked in the hardware trade, which he conducted for a time, but is now engaged in the livery business in Ohio. He is meeting with success in his undertaking, keeping a fine line of vehicles and horses, which lends to the public, and his livery is considered the best in his section of the county.

Mr. Remsburg was united in marriage to Miss Nellie E. Brewer, who was born in Walnut township, Bureau county, Illinois, February 20, 1872. She is a daughter of Lemuel and Clara (Van Arnam) Brewer, natives of Walnut, Illinois. Mrs. Remsburg is the eldest of five children, of whom one is deceased. She was educated in the schools of Walnut township, and is an excellent lady, possessing many sterling characteristics. She is the first reader of the Christian Scientist church, to which her husband also belongs.

Mr. Remsburg is a republican in his political views. Fraternally he is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, belonging to Schamo lodge, No. 627, and he is also a member of the Rebekahs and of the Knights of the Globe. He is a musician of more than local reputation, belonging to the Ohio band, which is considered the best organization of this character in Bureau county. Mr. and Mrs. Remsburg are excellent people, occupying a leading place in the social circles of Ohio, where they have a host of warm personal friends.

#### FRITZ STIER.

Fritz Stier dates his residence in Bureau county from 1880, and since 1890 has resided upon his present farm. He now owns more than two hundred acres of land in the home property, all of which is under a high state of cultivation. He was born in Stratzund, in the province of Pomerania, Germany, August 19, 1849, his parents being Chris and Mary Stier, who were farming people. Reared and educated in his native country, Fritz Stier remained in the fatherland until 1880, when at the age of thirty-one years he sailed for the United States, arriving on the 6th of November. He spent the first year as a farm hand and then rented land in the northern part of Bureau county, where he lived for seven years. He afterward spent two years east of the home place, and for five years rented his present farm before making



purchase of this on the 9th of August, 1895. That date made him owner of one hundred and sixty acres, and in 1901 he added to this an adjoining tract of forty-five acres, so that he is now the owner of two hundred and five acres of good land, which he has highly cultivated. All of the buildings upon it are new and modern, and none of the accessories of a model farm are lacking. He raises horses, cattle and hogs, all of which are standard bred, and this branch of his business proves a good source of income.

In June, 1876, Mr. Stier was married to Miss Minnie Rosenow, of Germany, and their eldest child, Fred Morris, was born ere their emigration to America. His birth occurred December 14, 1877, and he now operates the home farm with his father. The other children of the family are: Emma, born September 6, 1882; Alfredua Alberta, December 2, 1885; Charles August, July 11, 1888, and Mina. Fred has purchased forty-five acres of land adjoining the home place, on which he has built a neat residence. Fred and Emma both belong to the Christian church of Greenville, while the others are members of the German Lutheran church at Manlius.

Mr. Stier possessed a capital of but eighty-five dollars when he came to America, and all that he has since accumulated has been gained through hard work, industry and economy. The hope that led him to seek a home in the new world has been more than realized, and in the county of his adoption he has gained warm friendships as well as material possessions.

#### WILLIAM HARRY NORTON.

William Harry Norton, a native of Bureau county, Illinois, was born September 20, 1875, and is a son of Edward L. and Rosella (Lorey) Norton, the former an employe of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway Company, located at Sheffield, Illinois.

William H. Norton, the subject of this review, was educated in the schools of Sheffield, and after putting aside his text-books engaged in farming for a time. He then entered the employ of H. L. Wood, at Sheffield, who was engaged in the lumber business, Mr. Norton acting as foreman of this enterprise for five years. On the expiration of that period he severed his connections with that firm and entered the employ of A. W. Boyden & Sons, engaged in the banking business, with whom he remained for a time, but later engaged in the lumber business, and has for the past three years been employed as manager for F. G. Lindner & Company, at Buda. He is capably filling this position, and his services are highly acceptable to his employers. On the 1st of November, 1906, he expects to take charge of a lumber yard at Somo-nauk, De Kalb county, under the name of W. H. Norton & Company.

On the 30th of April, 1899, Mr. Norton was united in marriage to Miss Nellie Amelia Woods, of Keithsburg, Illinois, a daughter of J. W. Woods, who is engaged there in horticultural pursuits. Their home has been blessed with two children: Harry Woods, born July 7, 1901, and Rose Genevieve, born June 21, 1906.

Mr. Norton is a staunch democrat, having supported that party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias fraternity, and is acting as vice chancellor of that order. Popular socially, Mr. and Mrs. Norton have a host of warm friends in Buda, where the hospitality of their own home is greatly enjoyed.

#### ROBERT WHITAKER.

Robert Whitaker, who owns and operates a good farm of eighty acres on section 20, Indiantown township, was born in Dearborn county, Indiana, March 6, 1813. His father, William Whitaker, was lost on the ocean after going to England in 1856, the vessel going down upon his return voyage to this country. The mother died when our subject was only eleven years old. Robert and an elder brother remained at home and took care of the younger brother and sisters. There were ten children, and seven reached years of maturity.

Robert Whitaker was educated in the common schools, but when thirteen years of age began working on a farm by the month. At the outbreak of the Civil war his patriotic spirit was aroused, and in October, 1861, he enlisted, joining the boys in blue of Company H, Thirty-seventh Regiment of Indiana Infantry. He served for two and a half years and was honorably discharged in May, 1863, at Quincy, Illinois, on account of disability. He had a horse stolen from him by John Morgan, who was then making his raid through Indiana. In August, 1863, Mr. Whitaker again enlisted, joining the Seventh Indiana Cavalry, with which he served until March, 1866, and during that time he was sent to Texas, where he remained for nearly a year. During his first enlistment he served in Louisville and thence went down the Ohio river to West Point, Kentucky, on to Bowling Green, to Nashville, to Murfreesboro and to Huntsville, Alabama, where the Union troops captured some prisoners under General Mitchell. They afterward proceeded to Athens, Alabama, and subsequently operated in Tennessee and Mississippi. Mr. Whitaker was never wounded, but on one occasion had his horse shot from under him. Becoming ill, he was in the hospital for eight months, spending six weeks of that time in Nashville, while later he was at New Albany, Indiana, and subsequently in the hospital at Quincy, where he was discharged in May, 1863.

Mr. Whitaker remained a resident of Indiana until 1880, when he came to Bureau county. Here



he has since followed farming, with the exception of two years spent in Kansas. He bought his present place of eighty acres in January, 1902, and carries on general agricultural pursuits and stock-raising, making a specialty of cattle, hogs and sheep, and raising a large number of calves each year. In 1905 he built a fine residence, containing eight rooms, each one of which is sixteen feet square. This is one of the best houses in this part of the county, and he has new barns and other modern buildings upon his place, and the farm is one of the neatest and most attractive in the township.

In his political views Mr. Whitaker is a stalwart republican, and has served as highway commissioner and as a member of the school board, while socially he is connected with Swain post, No. 606, G. A. R. In his family are four children: Hettie, now engaged in school teaching; Mattie, who also taught school prior to her marriage to Nicholas Scherty; Flora, also a school teacher, and May, at home. Mr. Whitaker and his family are very sociable people, and are highly esteemed in the community where they live. He owes his success entirely to his own labors, for he started out in life empty-handed, and has worked his way steadily upward through persistent purpose and intense and well directed energy.

#### JAMES CONLEY, JR.

James Conley, Jr., living in Manlius township, his attention being given to the supervision of his farming and stock-raising interests, was born August 8, 1867, in Concord township, this county. His parents were James and Mary (Freeman) Conley, and the father followed the occupation of farming, so that the subject of this review was reared to agricultural life. He was educated in the common schools and in Dixon Normal School at Dixon, Illinois, and when he had put aside his text-books he took up the vocation of teaching, in which he engaged for about three years. He first taught in the Red schoolhouse in Manlius township and afterward in the Douglas school at Neponset, while later he became principal of the schools of the town of Mineral. He was a capable educator, imparting readily and clearly to others the knowledge that he had acquired, but thinking that he would find agricultural interests more profitable he purchased eighty acres of land in Manlius township, whereon he has since lived. Here he has carried on general farming and stock-raising and now has good standard bred horses, cattle and hogs. He likewise operates a thrasher, culler and sheller and has all he can do in this line during the season. In fact he leads a very busy life and his success may all be attributed to his own well directed labors.

Mr. Conley was married, August 29, 1893, to Miss Ella L. Baxter, of Manlius, a daughter of

Newton and Naomi (Davis) Baxter, a farmer of this locality. Her father, however, has now passed away but her mother is still living. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Conley has been born one son, Guy Edwin, whose natal day was December 29, 1894. The parents attend the United Brethren church, of which Mrs. Conley is a member. Mr. Conley has spent his entire life in Bureau county, where he is favorably known as a teacher, agriculturist and citizen, having in all life's relations displayed sterling qualities which have commanded for him the respect and good will of those with whom he has been brought in contact.

#### GEORGE F. RACKLEY.

George F. Rackley, a native of Bureau county, is the owner of eighty acres of land in Berlin township and it was in this locality that he was born June 27, 1869. Throughout his entire life he has been identified with farming interests and is now a worthy representative of agricultural life in this part of the state. He is a son of N. F. Rackley, who was an early settler of the county. The father purchased this farm in 1854, at which time he paid twenty dollars per acre for the land. He went to California in 1859, making an overland trip and spending two years on the Pacific coast. He made enough money there in his mining ventures to purchase what is now the old homestead farm upon his return to Illinois. He made the trip across the plains after the manner of travel at that time, being one hundred days without seeing any settlement in crossing the arid desert land and in climbing the mountains of the west. For many years he was closely associated with agricultural interests in Bureau county as one of the leading and enterprising farmers.

George F. Rackley acquired his education in the public schools and was trained to farm work, no event of special importance occurring to vary the routine of farm life for him in the days of his boyhood and youth. Having arrived at years of maturity he was married in Berlin township on the 10th of January, 1884, to Miss Anna M. Wilson, who was born in Chicago, January 23, 1861. Her father, William R. Wilson, was a native of Scotland, born April 17, 1838, and he is now living on Prairie avenue in Chicago. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Martha Alexander and was also born in the land of hills and heather, died in Chicago in 1874. In their family were four children: Anna M., now Mrs. Rackley; Agnes, deceased; Margaret, still living; and Elizabeth, who has passed away. Mrs. Rackley was educated at Breen school in Bureau county, while Mr. Rackley pursued his studies in Malden and in Dover Academy. By their marriage they became the parents of one son, who is yet living, William F., who was born November 9, 1884, and was married June 6, 1906, to Lizzie B. Keel, who was born June 4,



1885. The other children of the family were: May M., who was born September 6, 1886, and died November 4, 1891; Ellen A., who was born December 15, 1887, and died October 31, 1891; and George A., who was born March 22, 1891, and died January 19, 1895.

Since attaining his majority Mr. Rackley has carried on farming on his own account and, residing upon the old homestead, is now the owner of a valuable property of eighty acres, which has been in possession of the family for more than half a century. It is a well improved tract of land, equipped with modern conveniences and accessories and everything about the place is indicative of the care and supervision of a progressive owner. He is prominent socially as a member of Dauntless lodge, No. 150, K. P., and Modern Woodmen camp, No. 468. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and he adheres to the faith of the Baptist church, of which his family are also members. His entire life having been passed in the county, he is widely known to many of the citizens of Berlin township and other districts and through forty-six years he has now been an interested witness of the changes which have occurred as man has wrought for the improvement and development of this part of the state.

#### JAMES E. RILEY.

James E. Riley, dependent upon his own resources from an early age, is now a substantial resident of the village of La Moille, trusted by his fellowmen by reason of his personal worth, his business ability and the fidelity which he has displayed toward every trust that has been reposed in him. He is, moreover, deserving of representation in this volume as one of the veterans of the Civil war, who stood loyally in defense of the Union during the dark hour in our country's history.

Mr. Riley is a native of Greene county, Indiana, born July 19, 1812, and is the eighth in a family of eleven children. The father, John Riley, was born in Bradford, England, February 23, 1805, and was married there to Miss Rachel Dalby, who was born in the same place on the 20th of September, 1805. They came to America in 1830 and settled in Indiana, where they reared their family.

James E. Riley spent the days of his boyhood and youth in the state of his nativity and completed his education in the schools of New Albany, Indiana. He then learned the cabinet-maker's trade, at which he worked until the outbreak of the Civil war. He had watched with interest the progress of events in the south, had noted the growing movement toward secession and had resolved that if a blow was struck to overthrow the Union he would stand loyally for its defense. Hardly had the smoke from Fort Sumter's guns cleared away when on the 16th of April, 1861, he

joined Company A of the Twelfth Indiana Infantry in response to the first call for soldiers to crush out the rebellion in the south. Later he served with Company F of the Fifty-ninth Indiana Infantry, subsequently with Company A of the Forty-ninth United States Colored Infantry and afterward with Company B of the First United States Veterans. He was with the army continuously throughout the period of the war and it was not until the 4th of January, 1866, about eight months after the actual cessation of hostilities, that he was honorably discharged. He participated in the only battle where the black flag was raised, which meant "no quarter." His regiment guarded the scaffold at Washington whereon the conspirators connected with the assassination of President Lincoln were hung. It was his regiment that buried the dead on the field thirteen months after the battle of the Wilderness, covering a territory twenty-one miles long. Mr. Riley saw arduous service, fraught with every difficulty and danger known to the life of a soldier, but was never known to falter in the performance of any duty, displaying marked valor and loyalty throughout his entire connection with the army. Following the close of the war he returned to his home and took up work at the carpenter's trade, which he has followed during the greater part of his life, being closely associated with building operations in this section of the county for many years. As he has prospered in his undertakings he has invested in real estate and is now the owner of town property in La Moille.

On the 8th of April, 1869, Mr. Riley was married to Miss Hattie E. Phillips, who was born in Buckland, Massachusetts, August 18, 1848, and was educated in the schools of La Moille and in Dover academy. Her parents were Elijah B. and Elizabeth (Hood) Phillips. Her father was born in Massachusetts and was of the eighth generation of the descendants of Miles Standish. With his family he came to La Moille in 1856 and remained a resident of Bureau county until his death, save that for a short period he resided in Livingston county, Illinois, and in South Dakota. He then returned to Bureau county, where he and his wife spent their remaining days. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Riley has been blessed with three children: Benjamin B., born January 23, 1870; Ralph E., May 23, 1882, and Glenn A., June 15, 1892.

Mr. Riley has filled all of the offices in the Odd Fellows lodge, of which he is a member, and has been district deputy grand master for five years. He is one of the leading members of this organization in his section of the state and has done much for its advancement. He votes with the republican party and has filled various offices, serving as township collector, as president of the village board, as trustee for eight years and for four years as clerk. He and his family hold membership in the Congregational church. Friends and neighbors esteem him, for he is a public-spirited citizen in the truest and best sense of the term, mani-





festing in days of peace the same loyalty to the government in its local and national interests as when he followed the stars and stripes upon the battlefields of the south. He has fully merited the confidence of his fellowmen by an upright life, has been a trustworthy official and in business has ever been honest and reliable.

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#### ORMOND J. CONNER.

Among the leading and influential merchants of Ohio, Bureau county, Illinois, is numbered Ormond J. Conner, who with his father, William M. Conner, is interested in the lumber and coal business. He was born in Ohio township, this county, September 18, 1874, a son of William M. and Maria Winkler, the former a native of Leesburg, Virginia, born March 2, 1837, and whose sketch appears elsewhere in this volume, and the latter born in Summit county, Ohio, August 20, 1841, a daughter of James and Lucinda (Boydston) Winkler. In their family have been born four children, namely: Lucy B., born November 7, 1865; Clarence E., May 21, 1867; Roberta V., born September 26, 1869, and Ormond J., the subject of this review.

Ormond J. Conner, the youngest member of his father's family, received his education in the public schools of Ohio, and after putting aside his text-books entered into business in connection with his father as a dealer in lumber and coal in the village of Ohio. By honesty and strict adherence to business they have built up a large trade, handling all kinds of lumber for building purposes, as well as coal, and they enjoy a large patronage both in the village of Ohio and in the surrounding country as well.

Mr. Conner was united in marriage to Miss Mae E. Fagan, the wedding ceremony being performed on the 29th of August, 1895. Mrs. Conner was born January 20, 1874, and is a daughter of Michael and Mary E. (Shehan) Fagan. The father was born in eastern Canada, December 28, 1850, and when a small boy was brought by his parents to the United States. The mother was born in Lee county, Illinois, August 17, 1852. They became the parents of nine children, of whom Mrs. Conner is the second in order of birth. She was educated in the public schools of the village in which she yet makes her home. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Conner have been born four children, namely: Ivan E., born January 10, 1897; Glen O., born December 9, 1898; Margaret M., born March 11, 1901, and Helen M., May 7, 1906.

In politics Mr. Conner is a republican and takes an active and helpful part in local political ranks, having served as councilman of the village of Ohio, and was also township clerk for four years. Fraternally he is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, belonging to Schamo lodge, No. 627, and is also a Modern Woodman, belonging to

lodge No. 17. Mrs. Conner is a communicant of the Catholic church.

Mr. Conner is an energetic young business man, having through his well directed efforts and straightforward dealing built up an excellent business as a dealer in lumber and coal, and in addition to this business he is also the owner of one hundred and sixty acres of land in Wisconsin and owns his residence in the village of Ohio. Thus it will be seen that he has accumulated a handsome competence which classes him among the prominent citizens of Bureau county. He possesses a genial nature, is courteous in manner, and both he and his wife are popular socially.

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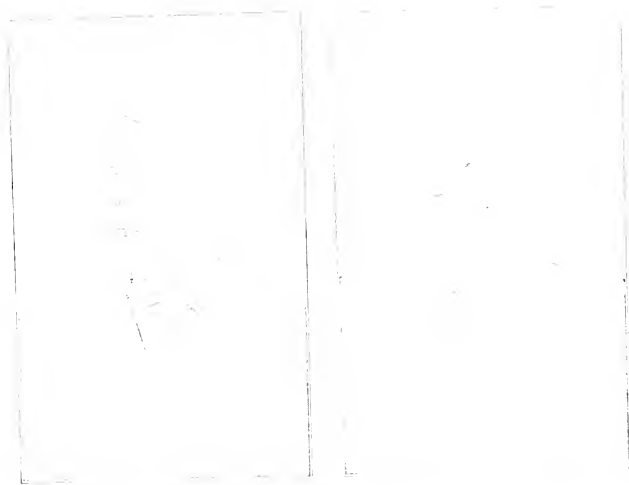
#### NELS ERIKSON.

Nels Erikson is one of the extensive land owners of Bureau county, his holdings comprising five hundred and seventy acres in Arispie township. A noted lecturer has said that "Sweden is the home of the honest man," and throughout the world it is a recognized fact that the sons of that country are among the most industrious people on the face of the globe. The life record of Nels Erikson is another illustration of these statements, for his unflinching energy, combined with his business integrity, have been the strong elements in his success, which has made him one of the prosperous residents of his adopted county.

He spent the first twenty-one years of his life in the land of his nativity, and in the year 1856 came to the United States, hoping to enjoy better business opportunities and advantages in the new world.

He lived in Minnesota for a few months, after which he removed to Molina, Illinois, where he spent a year and a half. He then came to Bureau county, and entered business life here as a farm hand, working for eleven dollars per month. Ambitious, however, to engage in farming on his own account, he at length rented land, which he operated for a few years, and when his industry and economy had brought him sufficient capital he made purchase of a farm of sixty acres in Arispie township. He became owner of this property in 1868, and it has since been his place of residence, although from time to time, as his financial resources have increased, he has extended its boundaries, until he now owns five hundred and seventy acres of very valuable land. Much of this was covered with timber when it came into his possession, but it now constitutes one of the finest farming properties of the county, the fields having been brought under a high state of cultivation, while all modern equipments have been added, together with the latest improved machinery to facilitate the work of plowing, planting and harvesting. He has been very progressive in all his work and has made a specialty of the raising of





MR. AND MRS. NELS ERICKSON.



fine stock, which has proved an important source of income to him.

In 1866 Mr. Erikson was united in marriage to Miss Ellen Pierson, a native of Sweden, who came to the United States when nine years of age and died in April, 1899. Five children graced this marriage: Albert, deceased; Oscar, now a prosperous jeweler of Pittsfield, Illinois; Edward, who married Freda Oberg and is living on a part of his father's farm; Psther, the wife of S. M. Johnson, at Kewanee, Illinois; and August, who has charge of one of his father's farms in Arispie township.

Mr. Erikson is a member of the Lutheran church and is living a life in harmony with his professions. He has now passed the seventy-third milestone on life's journey, and in a review of the past it will be seen that he has displayed many of the sterling traits of character which command respect and confidence in every land and clime.

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#### JAMES G. LORD.

James G. Lord, after many years of active connection with agricultural interests, is now living retired on his farm on section 8, Milo township. He was born near Manchester, England, July 21, 1830, and is a son of Lawrence Lord. He was reared in his native country and acquired his education in private schools there, having liberal advantages for intellectual development. He also attended evening schools to some extent and prepared for a business life by a ten years' apprenticeship to the iron molder's trade. He came to America in 1844, when only fourteen years of age, but after remaining for a year returned to his native country. In 1850, however, he once more came to the United States and in 1852 he went back to England, where he was married. The same year he brought his bride to the new world and has since continued in America. He first lived in New York city but in 1855 came to Bureau county and purchased eighty acres of land, whereon he now resides. He made the purchase, however, for his father, while he maintained his residence in Chicago until 1877, when he took up his abode upon the farm which has since been his home. For twenty-two years he worked at the iron molder's trade in Chicago and his capability always secured to him good positions. It was in 1839 that his father first came to America but later he returned to England, again coming to the United States in 1841, once more went back to his native land and in 1851 took up his abode permanently in the new world. After living for a number of years in Bureau county he removed, in 1877, to New Jersey, where he spent his remaining days.

To his first purchase of land James G. Lord has added from time to time until he now owns two hundred and forty acres, constituting a splendid-

ly improved property. He has engaged extensively in raising cattle and hogs and has always been very successful in this work. He is now practically retired, while his sons carry on the labor of the farm.

In 1852 Mr. Lord was married to Miss Harriet Parr, who was born in England in 1826, a daughter of Thomas Parr. They have four children: Eliza, the wife of B. A. Labryn, of Chicago, by whom she has a son and daughter; James, who is the owner of a fine orange ranch in California; George, who is living near his father and has four daughters and an adopted son; and Lawrence, who also lives near the old homestead and has two sons and three daughters.

Mr. Lord votes with the republican party, of which he has been a stalwart advocate since casting his first presidential vote for Fremont. He has been school director and clerk for twenty-five years and the cause of education finds in him a warm and helpful friend. He was also commissioner of public highways for many years and has been solicited to hold other offices but would never accept, his ambition not being in the line of office holding. He and his wife have led a very active life and as the result of their former toil and capable management they are now most comfortably situated upon their farm, which is four miles from Bradford. They have seen many changes since first coming here and Mr. Lord is one of the few old settlers who can tell from personal experience events which have left their impress upon the history of the county and have aided in molding its destiny. He has now passed the seventy-sixth milestone on life's journey and he enjoys the respect of young and old, rich and poor.

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#### GEORGE OTTOSON.

Among the representatives of Scandinavian race to whose efforts may be largely attributed the growth, development, progress and prosperity of Manlius township, is numbered George Ottoson, who was born in Denmark, January 17, 1841. His parents were Otto and Hannah (Jenson) Ottoson, who spent their entire lives in Denmark. There their son George was reared and educated and, attracted by the opportunities of the new world, he crossed the Atlantic to the United States in 1872, when twenty-eight years of age, coming direct to Bureau county. He first located at Sheffield, and for about eight years was employed at farm labor in this county, during which time he saved from his earnings a sum sufficient to justify his purchase of eighty acres of land in Manlius township. He then began farming on his own account and now has a good property.

Mr. Ottoson was married February 8, 1880, to Miss Anna Jacobson, a daughter of John and Lena Johnson, of Lolland, Denmark, the former a miller by occupation. Mrs. Ottoson came to America



in 1818 and following their marriage the young couple began their domestic life upon the farm which has since been their home. The union has been blessed with two children but they lost their son, John Charles, who was born on the 13th of January, 1881, and died on the 18th of February of the same year. Their daughter, Hannah H., was married February 14, 1906, to Peter D. Hanson, of Fairfield township.

Mr. and Mrs. Ottoson hold membership in the Danish Lutheran church of Sheffield and are well known farming people of the community, living a quiet life, yet through the conduct of his business interests and the faithful performance of each day's duties Mr. Ottoson is making a creditable record and contributing to that general stability and progress which results from the concerted efforts of the business men of the county.

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#### PETER NELSON.

An important element in the citizenship of Manlius township and this part of the county is that which has been furnished by Sweden, "the home of the honest man." The sons of that country have always been noted for their industry and therefore prove important factors in developing the natural resources of any locality where they chance to settle. Mr. Nelson was born in Hesselholm, Sweden, September 22, 1846, his parents being Nels and Mary (Olson) Peterson. The father, a farmer by occupation, always following that pursuit in order to provide for his family, was born in 1818 and died in 1899, while his wife, whose birth also occurred in 1818, passed away in 1901.

Their son Peter spent his boyhood days in his native country and retained his residence there to the age of twenty-three years, when in 1869 he crossed the briny deep to the new world and made his way at once into the interior of the country, reaching Moline, Illinois, on the 2d of June. Here he was first employed on laying the foundation for the Moline Wagon Works and subsequently he secured work on the canal at Keokuk, Iowa. On the 15th of October, 1869, he began laying track on the Buda and Elmwood branch of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, and on the 26th of January, 1870, he turned his attention to farm labor and to the task of hauling lumber and logs, being thus engaged for three years. He next removed to Manlius township, where he rented land and began farming on his own account, remaining on that place for three years. In 1875, having carefully saved his earnings, he made purchase of eighty acres in Manlius township and in 1882 purchased his present homestead of one hundred and sixty acres adjoining his original tract, so that he owns altogether two hundred and forty acres of rich land in one body. He is interested in fine stock, raising full blooded cattle

of the shorthorn variety and also Poland China and Duroc Jersey hogs, of which he has many head of registered stock. He likewise has good horses upon his place and his stock-raising interests are an important source of revenue to him, for their high grade insures a ready sale on the market and enables him to command the highest market price.

On the 10th of March, 1872, Mr. Nelson was married to Miss Ellen Gustafson, a native of Jonkling, Sweden, in which country her parents were farming people. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Nelson have been born eight children, of whom six are yet living: Mary Ida, at home; Freeda Otella, who is employed in the county clerk's office in Princeton; Sadie, who was graduated from the Princeton high school in the class of 1906 and won a scholarship to the State University at Champaign; Albert, who is operating a rented farm of three hundred and twenty-seven acres and married Miss Mand Siebel, of Manlius township, by whom he has two children, Perry and Fay; Edward L., who is at home with his father; and Alma Nathalie, the wife of Claud Brown, county superintendent of schools. Those deceased are: Emma E., who became the wife of Max P. Siebel and died leaving one child, Glee Page; and Frederick, who died in 1877, at the age of six months.

Mr. Nelson and the family attend the Christian church in Greenville township. He has served as school director for fifteen years and in politics is a very active republican, earnestly desiring the growth and success of his party, yet never seeking office for himself. When he landed in America he had a capital of only twenty-six dollars, so that his present good fortune is the result of his own perseverance and labor. He paid thirty-two dollars per acre for the first land which he bought and forty-eight dollars and seventy-five cents per acre for the tract of one hundred and sixty acres. His farm buildings are among the best in the township and include substantial barns and sheds together with a very commodious and attractive residence. Altogether the farm is one of the pleasing features of the landscape and the owner is numbered among the leading and representative agriculturists of Manlius township.

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#### J. S. CLARK.

J. S. Clark, a retired and wealthy farmer residing at No. 816 South Main street in Princeton, his native city, was born October 19, 1829, his parents being George and Nancy (Matson) Clark. The father was born in St. Clairsville, Ohio, March 13, 1811, and came to Bureau county in 1835, settling on one hundred and sixty acres of land in Berlin township, but later he purchased a home in Dover, where he spent his last years in retirement from agricultural life. He and his wife had traveled life's journey together for fifty-six years at the





time of his demise. Mrs. Clark was a sister of Nehemiah Matson, who gave to the city of Princeton its library. She was born April 6, 1814, and died in her ninety-first year, passing away in Princeton on the 30th of December, 1901, while Mr. Clark's death occurred in February, 1890. In the family were four children, three of whom are residents of Princeton, while Enis Clark is an attorney of St. Louis, Missouri.

J. S. Clark, whose name introduces this record, was educated in the common schools of Bureau county, Illinois, and always followed farming up to the time of his retirement. In 1866 he was married to Miss Annie E. Sapp, a native of this county and a daughter of Solomon Sapp, who arrived here in 1835. Two daughters grace this marriage: Fannie, the wife of H. A. Clark, of Princeton; and May, the wife of Thomas Joy, of Birmingham, Alabama.

In 1882 Mr. Clark took up his abode in Princeton, where he has since lived retired, his judiciously placed investments bringing to him a splendid income. His life has been passed without exciting incident or episode but stands as a splendid illustration of the force and power of energy, perseverance and integrity in business affairs and the value of a high standard of conduct in winning the respect, confidence and good will of one's fellowmen.

#### JAMES C. JENSEN.

James C. Jensen, who owns, operates and occupies a valuable farm of one hundred and twenty acres in Gold township, has spent almost his entire life in this county, although he was born in Denmark in 1870. He is a son of Andrew and Mary Jensen, who were likewise natives of Denmark, whence they sailed for America with their family when their son James was only a year old, making their way to Sheffield, Illinois. The father has devoted his life to farming, which occupation he is now following in Manlius township.

At the usual age James C. Jensen began his education in the district schools and therein mastered the common branches of English learning which equip one for the transaction of business in later life and qualify him for responsible duties. The periods of vacation were largely devoted to work upon the father's farm as he assisted in the labors of field and meadow and the care of the stock, and after attaining his majority he began farming on his own account. He is now the owner of one hundred and twenty acres of good land in Gold township and has brought his fields under a high state of cultivation, using the latest improved farm machinery to facilitate the work. He has also added many modern equipments and conveniences to the farm.

Mr. Jensen was married, in 1899, to Miss Han-

sene Jensen, who was born in Denmark and came to the United States when nineteen years of age. This marriage has been blessed with two children: Wallace, three years of age; and Martha, a year old. The parents attend the Danish Lutheran church of Sheffield, while fraternally Mr. Jensen is connected with the Odd Fellows lodge, No. 898, at Sheffield, and politically is a democrat. He has spent practically his entire life in this county and many of his warm friends are those who have known him from his boyhood days.

#### JAMES O'BRIEN.

James O'Brien is farming a quarter section of land in Macon township which he purchased in 1900. He is one of the veterans of the Civil war and no adopted son of America has been more loyal to the interests and welfare of the nation. He was born in County Clare, Ireland, March 1, 1844, and is a son of Patrick and Bridget (Reynolds) O'Brien, both of whom were born in County Clare. Both died when about eighty years of age. They were married in Ireland and came to the new world in 1848 as passengers on a sailing vessel which dropped anchor in the harbor of Quebec. They afterward proceeded to the state of New York, where they lived for a number of years and then came to Bureau county in 1856, locating in Indiantown township, where the father was first employed at farm labor and later purchased a farm comprising both timber and prairie land. He continued its cultivation throughout his remaining days, making it his home until he was called to his final rest. Both he and his wife were devoted members of the Roman Catholic church and in politics he was a Jacksonian democrat. In their family were ten children, but only four are now living: James; Margaret; Anna, the wife of Philip Horan, of Tiskilwa; and Daniel, a resident farmer of Indiantown township.

James O'Brien was only four years of age when the parents left Ireland, bringing their family with them to America. In his youth he worked upon the home farm in the summer months and attended school in the winter seasons. He remained at home until after the outbreak of the Civil war, when on the 15th of August, 1862, at the age of eighteen years, he enlisted at Tiskilwa, Illinois, as a member of Company E, Ninety-third Illinois Volunteer Infantry, serving with that command until honorably discharged at Camp Douglas, Chicago, July 6, 1865. On the day of his enlistment he was promoted to the rank of corporal and was in every battle and on every march in which his regiment participated. He took part in the engagement at Champion Hill, May 16, 1863; was in the siege of Vicksburg from the 19th of May until the 4th of July of that year; was also in the Chattanooga campaign; the battle of Mission Ridge; the battle of Altona,



Georgia, on the 5th of October, 1864; the campaign in the Carolinas; and the grand review in Washington, D. C., on the 24th of May, 1865, where the victorious army marched past the stand on which stood the president and other noted men of the nation to welcome the returning army amid the cheers of thousands of loyal Union people who lined the streets of the capital city. The war being over, Mr. O'Brien then returned to his home with a most creditable military record.

He came with the family to Bureau county and here, on the 1st of January, 1870, was married to Miss Mary Cahill, who was born in County Cork, Ireland, March 17, 1817. Her parents, Morris and Margaret (Golden) Cahill, came to the United States in 1851, sailing from Cork and landing at Boston, Massachusetts. They located at Salfon Falls, New Hampshire, where they lived until 1862, Mr. Cahill being employed in a cotton factory. In November of that year they came to Illinois, settling at Tiskilwa. He owned three hundred acres of land in Stark county and three hundred and twenty acres in Bureau county. His remaining days were spent as a farmer of this locality. Both he and his wife were communicants of the Roman Catholic church and his political allegiance was given to the democracy. Both died when about eighty-five years of age. In their family were eleven children, five now living: Mrs. O'Brien, Stephen, Morris, William and Agnes.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. O'Brien has been blessed with nine children, seven of whom survive: Anna, the wife of Daniel Johnson; Patrick; Mary, the wife of John Turner; Morris; Elizabeth; James and Agnes Veronica.

Following his marriage Mr. O'Brien began farming on his own account and throughout his entire life has carried on agricultural pursuits. He now has a well improved farm property, upon which he has lived since 1900. It comprises one hundred and sixty acres of well cultivated land and his labors are annually rewarded by abundant harvests. He has served as school director but has never been a politician in the sense of office-seeking. His ballot, however, supports the democracy and he is loyal in citizenship, manifesting the same spirit of fidelity that he displayed when upon southern battlefields he followed the old flag. He and his family are communicants of the Roman Catholic church.

#### N. W. ISAACSON.

N. W. Isaacson is the senior partner of the leading dry goods firm of Princeton, and has a business record which any man might be proud to possess, for from a small beginning he has developed an enterprise of extensive proportions, and, moreover, has the entire confidence, good will and admiration of his business associates, for he has never incurred obligations that he has not met

nor made engagements that he has not fulfilled. The firm of N. W. Isaacson & Company are today proprietors of the "White House," and carry an extensive line of dry goods, carpets, millinery and cloaks, this being the largest enterprise of the character in Bureau county.

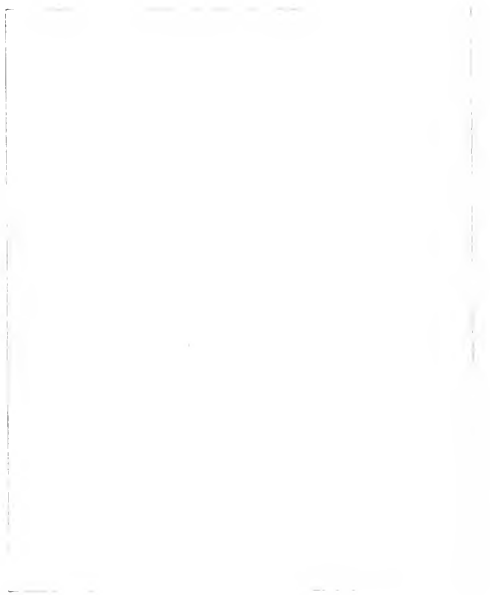
The life record of Mr. Isaacson began in Christianstadt, Sweden, January 20, 1853, his parents being Peter and Carrie (Johnson) Isaacson, both of whom have passed away, the father dying when about eighty-two and a half years of age and the mother when eighty-three years of age. They came to Princeton on the 12th of June, 1865, and made their home here throughout their remaining days.

N. W. Isaacson had attended school in Sweden and completed his education in the schools of Princeton, whither he came with his parents when a youth of twelve years. When he put aside his text-books he watched for opportunities for favorable entrance into the business world, and on the 1st of March, 1870, became actively connected with the dry goods trade, in which line he has continued through the intervening years to the present time. For a quarter of a century he has been engaged in business on his own account, and the junior partners of the present firm are Miss Olman and J. S. Anderson. From ten to twelve people are employed in the store, which is now an extensive establishment, unsurpassed by any commercial enterprise of this kind in Princeton or Bureau county. Mr. Isaacson erected the present fine building, which is forty-three and a half by ninety feet, and in 1895 he opened in this store the present stock of goods. The second story contains a suite of rooms occupied by Dr. Palmer and the Delmonte Club rooms. Mr. Isaacson gives his entire attention to the business, which is constantly growing. The stock is carefully selected with regard to the wishes of a general trade, and the enterprise, conservative business methods and yet progressive spirit which has always characterized the house have been the strong and salient features in its success.

Mr. Isaacson was married, March 24, 1881, to Miss Almeda Spake, a sister of John L. Spake, deceased. Two children grace this marriage: Roger S., who is connected with the store, and Verna L., who is now a student in the Northwestern University at Evanston, Illinois, pursuing a regular classical course and also devoting special attention to languages.

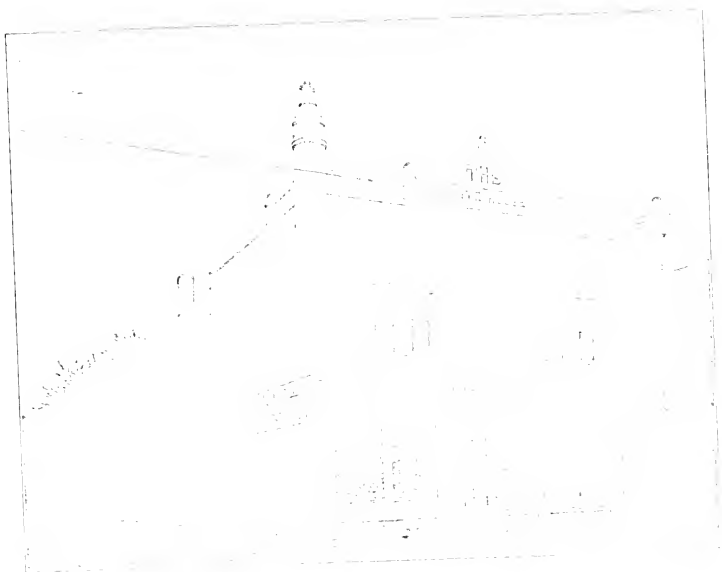
Since age conferred upon Mr. Isaacson the right of franchise he has always been a staunch republican, though never an office seeker. He does not seek or desire office as a reward for his party fealty, which is given because of his earnest belief in the principles of the party and his desire that the best interests of the country may be promoted thereby. Socially he is connected with the Masonic fraternity, in which he has attained the Royal Arch degree, and he attends the Metho-





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THE WHITE HOUSE.





Episcopal church. His interest extends to the material, intellectual, political and moral progress of his city and is manifest by tangible co-operation in many movements that have had direct bearing upon the general welfare. He is thoroughly identified with the interests of Princeton and Bureau county and is justly accounted one of the most prominent Swedish-American citizens. The family residence is on South Main street, where Mr. Isaacson has erected a very comfortable and attractive home.

#### THE WHITE HOUSE.

The White House dry goods store, while it is not a department store, yet it is so systematically arranged that each particular line of goods is a complete store in itself. The store is divided into two parts by a double row of shelving down the center. That part facing north is filled with a complete line of dress goods and silks at the front and table linens and flannels in the rear. That part facing south contains kid and fabric gloves, hosiery and velvets at the front and underwear in the rear. The millinery department is located at the left as you enter the door, and is one of the strong features in the store. The south side of the store is filled to its utmost capacity with notions, prints, ginghams, cotton dress goods and staples. At the extreme rear, on the right, is found an up-to-date carpet, rug and linoleum department, and at the left a full line of cloaks. On a balcony at the rear is the upholstery department, comprising lace curtains, portieres, shades, etc., in endless variety.

#### GEORGE G. BENNETT.

George G. Bennett, a stock-raiser and shipper of Neponset township, living upon a good farm property which he owns, is one of New England's native sons, his birth having occurred in Peacham, Caledonia county, Vermont, March 10, 1831. His paternal grandfather, Humphrey Bennett, was a lawyer by profession and died in the east on the 1st of January, 1834, when only twenty-nine years of age. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Celinda Morrill, long survived him and passed away August 24, 1851, at the age of fifty-three years.

Humphrey Bennett, Jr., father of our subject, was born in Danville, Vermont, on the 6th of May, 1822, and was reared in the Green Mountain state, where, having arrived at years of maturity, he was married to Miss Laura M. Blanchard, whose birth occurred in Peacham. Humphrey Bennett, Jr., was only two and a half years of age at the time of his father's death but was carefully reared and educated. Attracted by the opportunities of the great and growing west, however, he left New

England in the fall of 1856 and made his way to Illinois, settling on section 35, Neponset township, where he secured one hundred acres of wild prairie land. He was a carpenter by trade and in the spring of 1857 he erected a residence upon his farm and was then joined by his wife and children, who came from Vermont to their new home in Bureau county. With characteristic energy he undertook the task of breaking the wild prairie and developing a farm. He planted trees upon the place and carried on the work of cultivation, eventually transforming the wild land into productive fields. Year after year he performed the task of plowing, planting and harvesting and his labor brought to him a goodly measure of success. He lived upon his original farm until 1874, when he sold that property and bought one hundred and sixty acres in the same locality as the Palmer Blanchard place. There he lived until 1880, when he removed to Neponset and spent his remaining days. In 1886 he was called upon to mourn the loss of his first wife, who died on the 22d of October of that year at the age of sixty-one years, eight months and fourteen days. In their family were five children, of whom four still survive, namely: George G.; Lizzie H.; H. H., who is living in Lincoln, Nebraska; and Hattie J., the wife of William Studley, a resident of Macon township. The father was again married, his second union being with Miss Lucretia Pearson, a native of Massachusetts, who still survives him. Mr. Bennett passed away on the 9th of March, 1905, at the advanced age of eighty-two years, ten months and three days. After coming to Illinois he served as a school director for a number of years and was also school trustee. His life was ever honorable and upright and he was a devoted member of the Congregational church and took a most active and helpful part in its work. For some time he taught the bible class in the Sunday-school, continuing this labor of love as long as his health would permit. He was also one of the deacons in the church for a number of years and was a most ardent advocate of the cause of temperance, doing all in his power for its promotion. His political support was given to the whig party until its dissolution, when he joined the ranks of the new republican party and marched under its banners throughout his remaining days. His position was never an equivocal one. He stood firm in support of his honest convictions and his influence was ever found on the side of right, justice, truth and progress.

George G. Bennett, whose name introduces this review, was a little lad of only five summers at the time his parents left New England and came to Illinois. He was therefore reared in Bureau county and worked upon the home farm in his boyhood days during the summer months, while in the winter seasons he attended the common schools, thus acquiring a good English education. He was afterward employed by the month at farm



labor in the neighborhood up to the time of his marriage, when he began farming on his own account, securing one hundred and sixty acres of land, which he cultivated for some time. Later, however, he bought the farm on which he now resides and on which substantial improvements have been made. He raises graded cattle, horses and hogs and ships his own stock to market, sending about two carloads of hogs each year.

On the 21st of January, 1880, Mr. Bennett was married to Miss Sarah A. Stabler, who was born in Neponset township, September 14, 1861, a daughter of Robert Joseph and Martha (Brambles) Stabler. This marriage has been blessed with six children, of whom four are now living: Claud G., who was born March 9, 1881; Laura M., September 27, 1883; Guy R., October 29, 1885; and Nellie V., May 11, 1890. One son, Harry M., born March 28, 1887, died August 16, 1900.

Mr. Bennett is a republican and keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day but has never sought or desired office, holding no public position save that of school director. His time is fully occupied by his business cares and in his farm work he has displayed close application, unremitting diligence and laudable ambition.

#### JACOB FREDERICK SCHOETTLE.

Jacob Frederick Schoettler, who was born November 5, 1845, in Concord township, Bureau county, Illinois, is a son of Frederick and Marie (Schwarztraub) Schoettler, both of whom were natives of Germany, and came to America at an early day. The father first located in Ohio and was married in Butler county, in May, 1843, and in the same year came to Illinois, settling in Concord township, Bureau county, where he engaged in farming.

Jacob F. Schoettler was reared to farm life in Bureau county and received his education in the country schools of Concord township. He remained upon the home farm during his boyhood and youth and gave his father the benefit of his services, receiving practical training in this line which later enabled him to start out in life on his own account. In 1871 he came to Buda, where he engaged in the draying and transfer business for many years, also dealing in coal and ice. In 1904 he engaged in the harness and saddlery business, in which he has been very successful, having built up a good patronage not only in his immediate vicinity but throughout the surrounding country.

Two years after coming to Buda, in 1873, he was united in marriage to Miss Abbie Jane Robey, the wedding ceremony being performed on the 8th of October of that year. Mrs. Schoettler, with her parents, James D. and Patience L. Robey, came to Illinois from New Hampshire in 1861. They have become the parents of one daughter, Grace

Robey, born in December, 1879, who is a graduate of the Buda schools.

Mr. Schoettler affiliates with the republican party. He is a popular and influential citizen of Buda, having served for three terms of two years each on the village board. He is also a member of the Unitarian church and is now acting as treasurer of that organization. He is a progressive citizen, being interested in every movement which tends to advance the welfare of his town and county, and by his reliable and honorable dealings with his fellow citizens has built up a nice business, which adds much to the substantial development of his home town, and he and his family are highly esteemed throughout the community.

#### WALTER L. GIBBS.

Walter L. Gibbs, residing at No. 1225 South Main street, in Princeton, where he owns a fine new residence, has for the past twelve years been a traveling representative for the wholesale house of Hibbard, Spencer, Bartlett & Company, of Chicago. He was born in 1859 in the city which is yet his place of residence, and is a son of H. D. Gibbs, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this work. He was reared here to the age of seventeen years, after which he spent two years in Tiskilwa and then went to Chicago, as house employe and traveling salesman for fourteen years, for the hardware firm of Wells & Nelligan Company. He has thus devoted most of his life to the hardware trade, including three years spent at Tipton, Iowa, as a retail hardware merchant. He is thoroughly conversant with the trade in every detail and is an expert salesman, having built up a good patronage over the territory where he travels, so that he is one of the trusted and valued employes of the house.

Mr. Gibbs was married in Princeton to Rosella J. Priestley, a daughter of C. M. Priestley, and they now have five children. Charles H., who is assistant engineer of the Illinois Valley Railroad Company, and now has charge of the construction work of the line to Princeton, is a graduate of the University of Illinois of the class of 1905, at which time he won the degree of B. S.; Forest L., who is pursuing a course of study fitting him for the profession of architect in the University of Illinois and will graduate with the class of 1907; Leigh H. is a student in the Princeton high school; Margaret R. and Rachel W. are both at home.

In his political views Mr. Gibbs is a republican, having staunchly supported the party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. Socially he is connected with the Masonic fraternity, in which he has taken the degrees of the lodge, chapter and commandery, and the family are members of the Presbyterian church. He is a popular man, of genial nature, whose courtesy and deference for



the opinions of others have gained him warm friends, and wherever he is known he is held in high esteem.

#### CHARLES T. BAIRD.

Charles T. Baird, whose farm in La Moille township comprises one hundred and sixty-six acres of excellent land and who in addition owns a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Nebraska, came to Bureau county on the 22d of February, 1865. He was then in his seventh year, having been born in Westmoreland county, Penn-sylvania, on the 22d of November, 1858, of the marriage of Charles and Martha (Snyder) Baird. His parents were likewise natives of Westmoreland county, born June 30, 1818, and June 12, 1817, respectively. For many years they remained residents of this county, coming to Illinois in February, 1865. They traveled life's journey together as man and wife for sixty-five years, sharing with each other its joys and sorrows, its adversity and prosperity, and on the 16th of July, 1901, they were separated by the death of Mr. Baird. His widow still survives and yet makes her home in this county.

Of their eight children Charles T. Baird is the youngest and one of the number is now deceased. He attended the public schools and continued his education in Naperville, Illinois. His father gave him forty acres of land, which constituted the nucleus of his present extensive and valuable possessions. The remainder he has acquired by his own hard work, his business integrity and capable management and his farm in La Moille township now covers one hundred and sixty-six acres of excellent land, from which he annually harvests good crops. He also has one hundred and sixty acres in Nebraska. Upon the farm are fine buildings, commodious and substantial, and everything about the place is in keeping with the ideals of modern agricultural progress. There is a gas well upon the farm where nineteen pounds of direct pressure is shown and this furnishes heat and light for his home throughout the year.

Pleasantly situated in his domestic relations, Mr. Baird was married to Miss Margaret Splain, who was born in Massachusetts, October 31, 1857, her parents being John and Elizabeth (Murphy) Splain, both of whom were natives of Ireland. In the year 1865 they came to Illinois, settling in Dover township, Bureau county, and of their five children, two of whom are now deceased, Mrs. Baird is the eldest. She was well educated in the country schools and in Dover academy and was a teacher under Professor Harrington for several years. She proved an excellent educator, imparting clearly and readily to others the knowledge that she had acquired and she is equally proficient in her house-keeping duties, managing the affairs of her home with capability and dispensing there gracious hospitality. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Baird

have been born four children: John A. B., born January 10, 1887; Oscar C., February 8, 1888; Clifford, January 10, 1890; and Orpha M., April 22, 1895.

The family attend the United Brethren church, although Mr. Baird was reared in the faith of the Methodist church. Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise he has supported the men and measures of the republican party and has served as supervisor of his township and for many years as school trustee. He and his family are most pleasantly situated in an attractive home supplied with all modern equipments and conveniences and in his farm work he has made steady and consecutive progress, his labors placing him in the foremost ranks among the substantial agriculturists of La Moille township.

#### LISLE PRENTICE SMITH.

Lisle Prentice Smith, one of Bureau county's native sons, now farming in Manlius township, was born in Princeton, September 3, 1855, and is a son of Osmyn and Laura (Robinson) Smith, of Princeton. The father was a native of Pennsylvania and came with his parents from the east to Bureau county in 1836, the family casting in their lot with the pioneer residents of this part of the state who aided in reclaiming the district for the uses of the white race, for until a short time before it had still been under the domain of the red man. The grandfather of our subject served as sheriff of Bureau county in an early day and Osmyn Smith afterward filled the same position while still in early manhood. He was at one time supervisor of Manlius township. His life was largely devoted to general agricultural pursuits and thus he provided for his family. He died in 1896, at the age of sixty-nine years, while his wife passed away in 1892, at the age of sixty-five years.

Lisle P. Smith, whose name introduces this review, was reared in his native county and the common schools of Manlius township provided him his educational privileges, which he improved and thus was well prepared for life's practical and responsible duties. He early became familiar with farm work in its various departments and remained with his father until twenty-two years of age, when he started out in life for himself. When he was twenty-four years of age he bought one hundred acres of his present place, to which he has added until he now has two hundred and twenty-three acres, constituting a valuable and well improved farm. He raises Aberdeen Angus cattle and Shetland ponies.

On the 29th of January, 1879, Mr. Smith was united in marriage to Miss Dolphi J. Miller, a daughter of David A. Miller, of Manlius township. They have six children: Laura M., a grad-



uate of the Princeton high school and now at home; Lisle Prentice, who is an auctioneer and makes his home with his parents; Earl B., an engineer; Vivian Rivers, Orpha Delphine and David Osmyrn, all at home.

Mr. Smith has served his district as school director for the past twenty-three years and believes in employing competent teachers and in upholding a high standard of public instruction. He has also been road commissioner for the past three years. While he has lived the quiet life of a farmer he has found in it ample opportunity for the acquirement of success and, carefully directing his business interests, he has worked his way steadily upward and is now one of the men of affluence in Mandius township, owning an excellent farm property.

#### JAMES M. GARDNER.

James M. Gardner, deceased, was well known in Tiskilwa and in Arispie townships, having for some years carried on general merchandising in the village, while in the township he became a representative and prosperous farmer. He was born in Osceola, Illinois, May 1, 1819, and there resided to the age of sixteen years, when in 1835 he came to Tiskilwa. He had gained his education in Osceola and after coming to Tiskilwa he made his home for ten or twelve years with J. H. Welsh and during that period attended Lombard university at Galesburg, Illinois, thus acquiring a liberal education. He was for some time in the employ of Mr. Welsh, one of the early and prominent merchants of the town, and later engaged in general merchandising on his own account, conducting a store until three years after his marriage, when he removed to the farm whereon his widow now resides, there spending his remaining days.

Mr. Gardner was married to Miss Clara P. Benson, of Arispie township, a daughter of Alanson and Sarah (Loop) Benson. She was born only about a quarter of a mile from her present home. Her father, a native of Massachusetts, was born February 27, 1823, and was a son of Alanson Benson, while his grandfather was Aaron Benson, a soldier of the Revolutionary war. The Benson family is of Scotch and English lineage. Alanson Benson started from Massachusetts in 1838 and traveled by team across the country to Ohio, where he remained for a year. There he purchased and operated a saw mill, but not liking the country he continued on his way westward to Illinois. His family at that time consisted of nine children, four sons and five daughters, of whom Alanson Benson, the father of Mrs. Gardner, was sixteen years of age. He was sent with his mother and the smaller children by boat on the Ohio river and thence by the Mississippi and Illinois rivers to Hennepin, Illinois, while the father and older children of the family made the journey with

teams and wagons across the country. On arriving in Bureau county the grandfather of Mrs. Gardner settled in Arispie township, where he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land, which had previously been entered from the government by a Mr. Dunn. This land Mr. Benson improved and thereon spent his remaining days. His son and namesake, Alanson Benson, Jr., was educated in Massachusetts and in Princeton academy, of Princeton, Illinois, and became one of the first teachers in Tiskilwa, where he taught for two years. While attending school in Princeton he worked for his board in the employ of Dr. Chamberlin, but he spent the greater part of his life upon a farm and with the money made in teaching purchased his first land, a tract of forty acres in Arispie township, to which he added as his financial resources increased and favorable opportunity offered until he had extensive land holdings in Arispie township. At one time he resided in Princeton for a period of three years but subsequently returned to the old homestead, whereon he spent his remaining days. For more than a half century he resided on section 21, Arispie township, his farm becoming one of the old landmarks of the county. On the 22d of February, 1851, he married Miss Sarah L. Loop, a native of Oneida, New York, who came to Bureau county in 1849, traveling by boat to Chicago and by wagon the remaining distance. After living in Kane county for a year she became a resident of Providence, Bureau county. By this marriage there were born four children but only two are now living; Mrs. Clara P. Gardner; and Lorella, the wife of Edwin Cushing, of Arispie township. Those deceased are: Mrs. Lucina Battey, who died December 3, 1892; and Alanson, who died at the age of eighteen years.

Mr. Benson engaged quite extensively in farming and stock-raising and in connection with a Mr. Norris at one time owned a large stock ranch in Montana. When he first began farming for himself he was a breeder of shorthorn cattle, but in later years he devoted his attention to polled Angus cattle. He fed stock largely and was recognized as one of the prominent stockmen of Bureau county and also as an honored and much respected pioneer citizen, whose many good qualities gained for him the esteem and trust of his fellowmen. Politically he was a republican and for many years served as county surveyor. He also filled the office of township assessor for some time and was supervisor of Arispie township for two years. He discharged every duty with a sense of conscientious obligation and was most faithful to every public trust. Both he and his wife were worthy members of the Baptist church and were widely known as earnest Christian people, well liked by all who knew them. Mr. Benson passed away June 6, 1898, having for about two years survived his wife, who died July 15, 1896.

Mrs. Gardner was educated in the Princeton





high school and in Mount Carroll seminary in Carroll county, Illinois, which she attended for two years. By her marriage she became the mother of three children, all now living: Alanson, who wedded Mary Hunter, and lives near his mother; Marian and James Harlan, both at home. The death of the husband and father occurred in 1890. He was rather independent in his political views. He held membership in the Baptist church, of which his wife and children are also members, and this association indicated much of the character of the man, for he was loyal to his professions and faithful to every trust which devolved upon him either of a public or private nature.

Mrs. Gardner owns several farms in Arisipie township, which are well improved and have good buildings upon them. She has one of the finest and best homes in Bureau county with all modern improvements, and its attractive furnishings indicate her refined and cultured taste. There are also splendid barns and other outbuildings upon the place and her farm is devoted to the raising of the crops best adapted to soil and climate and also to stock raising, a specialty being made of the Hereford cattle. Mrs. Gardner displays excellent business capacity and management in the control of her property interests and, moreover, is a lady whose position in social circles is an enviable one. She represents one of the old and prominent families of this part of the state, without mention of whom the history of Bureau county would be incomplete.

#### GEORGE PICKERING.

George Pickering, who many years ago engaged in breaking the wild prairie with ox teams in Bureau county, has lived to see this district transformed into one of the best developed agricultural districts of this great commonwealth and as the work of general progress and improvement has been carried forward he, too, has made advancement and is today in possession of a comfortable competence acquired through years of former toil. His possessions are now sufficient to enable him to live retired and he is spending the evening of life in a well earned rest, at his home in the village of Neponset.

He was born in Yorkshire, England, December 17, 1829, and was a son of David and Elizabeth (Waite) Pickering, who were likewise natives of England, where they spent their entire lives. Of their children all are now deceased with the exception of George Pickering, who was the youngest. His parents were both members of the Church of England and the father died at the age of seventy-eight years, while the mother's death occurred when she was more than eighty years of age.

Their son George was educated in the public schools and in 1856 crossed the Atlantic on a sailing vessel which weighed anchor at Hull, England,

and eventually reached the harbor of Quebec. He thence proceeded by steamer to Hamilton, Canada, and by rail to Neponset. He spent the first year of his residence in this county in Mineral township, where he engaged in farming and then removed to Neponset township. Throughout his active business life he carried on farming and stock-raising, being thus engaged until 1899, when he purchased a home in the village of Neponset, where he is now living retired. In early days he broke the wild prairie with ox teams and converted the land into richly cultivated fields. He had only fifteen dollars when he arrived in this county and with that meager capital he began life in Illinois, his diligence and perseverance being the salient features in a success which is as honorable as it is gratifying. He eventually became the owner of one hundred and sixty acres of land and greatly increased its value by the cultivation and improvements which he placed upon it. He continued to own this property for many years but eventually sold it to his son.

Mr. Pickering married Miss Ann Stobler, who was born in Yorkshire, England, March 22, 1837. They traveled life's journey together for many years and were then separated by the death of the wife on the 28th of August, 1895. In their family were sixteen children, of whom twelve are now living: Betsy Ann, born March 24, 1857; Sarah Jane, July 16, 1858; Susanna D., November 29, 1859; Harriet O., July 18, 1861; David, March 18, 1864; Emma Eliza, May 19, 1866; George W., July 27, 1867; John E., October 4, 1868; Isabel, March 25, 1870; Lottie May, July 22, 1871; Charles, May 24, 1873; and Fred, March 9, 1877.

Mr. Pickering was a school director for eight or ten years and has always been interested in the material, intellectual and political progress of the community. On taking out his naturalization papers he became the champion of the democracy and has always voted with that party. He has never had occasion to regret his determination to seek a home in America, for here he found the opportunities which he sought and which, by the way, are always open to ambitious, resolute young men. By improving these advantages he made steady progress toward the goal of prosperity and is now enabled to live retired.

#### CHRISTIAN SIMON PETERSON.

Christian Simon Peterson, who has made farming his life work, was born in Denmark and is a son of Simon and Mary (Jergerson) Peterson, who came to America in 1854. They first located in Potter county, Pennsylvania, where the father purchased a farm and there in they remained until 1863, when they came to Bureau county, Illinois. Three years later the father purchased eighty acres of land for which he paid twenty dollars per acre, and to the further development and improvement



of that place he devoted his energies throughout his remaining days, passing away at the age of fifty-four years. His wife long survived him and died at the age of seventy-four years.

Throughout his entire life Christian S. Peterson has lived on a farm with the exception of a brief period of five years when he worked at the carpenter's trade in Chicago. He was but a young lad when brought to the United States by his parents and he attended the common schools of Manlius township. In his youth he early became familiar with the best methods of carrying on farm work and cultivating the fields and he is now engaged in general agricultural pursuits and in the raising of good farm horses and shorthorn cattle. His life has in a way been quietly passed and yet it shows forth many commendable qualities by reason of his faithfulness to every duty that has devolved upon him and his reliability in his business life.

On the 14th of February, 1878, Mr. Peterson was married to Miss Belle Christina Nelson, a daughter of Christian Nelson, a farmer of Gold township. They have three children, Anna Sara, who was born September 9, 1879, is the wife of Albert Peterson, proprietor of a hotel at Manlius, and they have one child, Herman. Wilbur Herbert, born July 11, 1881, is a bookkeeper in the Western Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago. Asa Simon, born in February, 1886, is at home.

Mr. Peterson is a stalwart republican and has filled various positions of honor and trust. He was for about twelve years school director, has also been highway commissioner, was justice of the peace for four years and drainage commissioner for nine years. He belongs to the Danish Lutheran church at Sheffield and was acting as one of the trustees during the erection of the parsonage. His farm is in a perfect state of cultivation and he has placed modern buildings upon it. Interested in the material, intellectual, political and moral progress of the community, he is justly accounted one of the leading citizens of Manlius township.

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#### ED MALONEY.

Ed Maloney, engaged in general farming and stock-raising in Gold township, is a native of County Cork, Ireland, born in 1819, and is a son of William Maloney, now deceased. He spent the first sixteen years of his life in the land of his nativity and acquired his education there. In June, 1865, he crossed the briny deep to America, and, making his way to Illinois, settled in Sheffield, since which time he has been largely engaged in agricultural pursuits. His business life has been marked by the steady progress which follows consecutive and well defined labor, and as he advanced from a humble financial position to a place where he could command some capital, he

made investment in land, and is now the owner of one hundred and sixty acres, whereon he is engaged in general farming and stock-raising. His fields have been brought under a high state of cultivation, and he also keeps on his place good grades of stock, which he raises, feeds and sells.

Mr. Maloney was married in January, 1876, to Miss Nora Jones, a daughter of Roger Jones, who came from Wales in 1870 and was employed at railroading and on public works. His last days were spent in the east, where he went to live with relatives, and there he died in 1898. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Maloney have been born two children: William, who at the age of twenty-six years, is at home and assists his father in the operation of the farm; and Rosa May, nineteen years of age, also at home.

In his political views Mr. Maloney is a stalwart democrat, and keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day. About two decades ago he was chosen for the office of bridge and road commissioner, and served in that capacity for about six years. He was also tax collector for one year and district overseer for one year, and his official duties have been promptly and faithfully executed. He and his wife are Catholics in religious faith and attend St. Patrick's church at Sheffield.

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#### SYLVESTER WALRATH.

Sylvester Walrath, who by earnest, persistent toil has gradually worked his way upward from a humble financial position to one of affluence, and is now the owner of good farming property in Walnut township, was born August 25, 1846, in the state of New York, and when only two years of age was brought to Illinois by his parents, Daniel and Mary Ann (Shaffer) Walrath. In the paternal line he comes of German ancestry, the father having been born in Germany in 1821. The mother, however, was born in England, in 1826. The former was not long permitted to enjoy his new home, for, arriving in Illinois in 1843, he passed away in 1851. He had located with his family in Hennepin, and there his death occurred about three years later. His wife long survived him and died in 1886.

Sylvester Walrath was largely reared in Bureau township, and acquired his education in the district schools. When twenty-five years of age he removed to Walnut township, where he has since resided, and he is now the owner of one hundred and fifty-six acres of very rich and productive land, situated on sections 12 and 13, Walnut township. He started out in life a poor boy, but he has toiled and saved until he has a fine home, standing in the midst of a valuable farm, and is accounted one of the substantial agriculturists of the community. He has continuously made his home in Walnut township for thirty-five years.





MR. AND MRS. SYLVESTER WALRATH.



and is one of its well known residents, respected by all for his genuine personal worth.

On the 15th of March, 1868, Mr. Walrath was married to Miss Hattie Westbrook, who was born September 21, 1849. They traveled life's journey happily together for more than a third of a century, and were then separated by the death of the wife, on the 20th of June, 1906. She was a lady who possessed many excellent traits of character, and her good qualities of heart and mind endeared her to all with whom she came in contact. By her marriage she had become the mother of three children, one of whom is deceased. The others are Albert Melvin, born June 9, 1869, and Amy L., born December 3, 1872.

Mr. Walrath gives his political allegiance to the democracy. He is a member of the Church of Christ, and he has in his possession an old bible which belonged to his grandparents, and which was printed in the eighteenth century. It is one of the oldest bibles of the county, and is a treasured heirloom in the family. A life of activity, usefulness and honor have won for Mr. Walrath the confidence and good will of those with whom he has been associated, and his name is a synonym for business integrity and honor whenever he is known.

#### THEODORE B. MATTESON.

Theodore B. Matteson, living upon a farm in La Moille township, was born in Oswego county, New York, September 12, 1815. His parents were Sylvanus and Mary (Turk) Matteson, the former a native of Vermont and the latter of Germany. In their family were twelve children, of whom Theodore B. is the sixth in order of birth. He remained a resident of the east until eighteen years of age, when in 1863 he came to Bureau county, Illinois, and was employed at farm labor, thus making a start in his new home. His education had been acquired in the public schools of his native county and under the parental roof he was trained to habits of industry, frugality and perseverance.

On the 29th of January, 1866, Mr. Matteson was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Wilkie, a resident of this county at the time of her marriage and a native of Ohio. They became the parents of two children: William S., born January 29, 1867; and Bertha B., born March 20, 1874.

As soon as his labors had brought him sufficient capital to justify his purchase of land Mr. Matteson began farming on his own account and is now the owner of one hundred and fifty-five acres of choice land, upon which he has lived for thirty-three years. It is improved with a commodious residence and substantial barns and outbuildings, which afford ample shelter for grain and stock. There are fine old trees upon the place, some good fruit, and the fields are well cultivated, while in the pastures are seen good grades of cattle and

horses. A life of industry has been crowned with success and his farm is now a valuable property, bringing to him a gratifying annual income.

Mr. Matteson has long supported the republican party and is in thorough sympathy with its policy and its principles. Both he and his wife are devoted and faithful members of the United Brethren church. Mr. Matteson has served as school director and roadmaster, but while neglectful of no public duty his time and attention have been chiefly given to his farming interests. Both he and his wife enjoy the confidence and good will of all who know them, for they have led lives of uprightness and integrity. Mr. Matteson is a man of public spirit, generous and kindly, and their neighbors attest the excellent qualities of this worthy couple.

#### EUGENE A. RIPLEY.

Eugene A. Rippley, a progressive farmer of Bureau county, operating one hundred and twenty acres of land in Ohio township, is a native of England, having been born in Sheffield county, April 15, 1839. His parents are Dustin and Melvina (Palmer) Rippley, likewise of English birth. They removed to America in 1844, believing that in this country they might enjoy greater business opportunities than were offered in their native land. Accordingly they made their way to Boston, Massachusetts, where they remained until 1889, when they took up their abode in Bureau county, Illinois. In their family were three children, of whom Eugene A. is the eldest and the only surviving member.

Eugene A. Rippley was only two years old when brought by his parents from England to the United States. He was reared in the east and acquired a good education in the schools of Boston. After completing his education he followed the sea for a time but later learned the boiler-maker's trade, but thinking agricultural pursuits would be more congenial to him, he engaged in farming and for the past four years has operated a tract of one hundred and twenty acres, which is situated in Ohio township. He has been very successful in this venture and follows practical methods in the cultivation of his fields. He raises corn, oats and hay and each year reaps abundant harvests as the result of the care which he bestows upon the land.

Mr. Rippley was married to Miss Emmagene M. Remsburg, who was born in Bureau county, Illinois, November 6, 1868. Their marriage has been blessed with four children: Waldo R., born December 15, 1886; Edward E., March 15, 1888; Louis E., February 16, 1891; and Willie, May 14, 1898. Mr. Rippley is a republican in his political faith but is not active in the work of the party, giving his entire time and attention to his business interests, in which he is meeting with desirable success. He is orthodox in his Christian





belief but is not identified with any church organization.

Mr. Rippley is a great student of nature and has traveled extensively through the United States as well as in foreign lands, so that he is an interesting conversationalist, having gained that broad knowledge which can only be acquired by visiting the different points on the globe. Honesty and industry have marked his business career and through these good qualities he has gained gratifying success and is accorded the high esteem of his business as well as social friends.

#### CLEMENT V. FIELD.

One of the attractive farm properties of Bureau county is in possession of Clement V. Field. A splendid set of farm buildings, commodious and substantial, stand in the midst of beautiful shade trees and green fields which promise golden harvests. In front of the same stretches a green, velvety lawn, while flowers and shrubs adorn the place. Everything about the farm indicates the cultured taste, progressive spirit and marked enterprise of the owner, who is a careful, accurate business man, and who has added to his property until he is now the owner of two hundred and forty acres of rich land. It is indeed a valuable farm, worth two hundred dollars per acre, and its owner is accounted one of the foremost representatives of agricultural interests in Berlin township. Mr. Field was born in this township November 15, 1865, and is the fifth child of John and Catharine (Schneily) Field, who were married in Peoria, Illinois, and came to Bureau county in 1853. The father was born in Virginia, May 22, 1818, and at an early age became a resident of Ohio, whence he removed to Illinois, taking up his abode in Bureau county more than a half century ago. His wife was born in Peoria, Illinois, in 1836, and is still living, but Mr. Field passed away in 1900.

The usual experiences which fall to the lot of a farmer boy came to Clement V. Field in the days of his boyhood and youth. He aided his father in the work of plowing, planting and harvesting, and in the winter months attended school. He was a student in Dover Academy and completed his course at Dixon, Illinois. He was married on the 5th of October, 1892, to Miss Letitia Barrett, a daughter of John H. and Martha (Perkins) Barrett, who on coming to this state located first in La Salle county, whence they afterward removed to Bureau county. In their family were five children, of whom Mrs. Field is the youngest.

Following his marriage Mr. Field located on his present farm, and he nearly doubled the property which he inherited from his father. This is one of the attractive homes of the county. He has splendid buildings upon his place and beautiful shade trees, which shelter his residence from the hot rays of the summer sun and add to the attrac-

tive appearance of the farm. A well kept lawn surrounds his home, and everything is as attractive as skill, labor and a knowledge of scientific farming can make it. In the care of the fields he is never at error in matters of business judgment, his practical experience and enterprise having made him a man of sound discernment.

Politically Mr. Field is a democrat, following in the footsteps of his father, and giving staunch support to the party principles. He and his wife are Presbyterians in religious faith, attending and supporting the Arlington church. For six years he has served as school director, but otherwise has never been an office holder. The cause of education, however, finds in him a warm friend, and his efforts in its behalf have been far-reaching and beneficial. Mr. Field has not been actively engaged in farming since 1902, since which time he and his wife have spent a portion of each year in travel and sight-seeing. He is hardly yet in the prime of life, but has gained a measure of success which many an older man might well envy, and his position in business circles is attributable not to the fact of his inheritance, but to his capability and strong purpose, supplemented by a broad outlook into business conditions and by thorough deference for the rights and privileges of others. He is regarded as a man thoroughly reliable in all that he does, and has thus won an honored name, as well as a fine property.

#### W. S. REMSBURG.

W. S. Remsburg, representing the agricultural interests of Bureau county, where he owns and operates a valuable tract constituting one hundred and ten acres, situated on the southeast quarter of section 8, Ohio township, is a native son of the township in which he yet makes his home, having here been born March 29, 1868. His parents were Louis E. and Emily J. (Cole) Remsburg, the former a native of Sandusky county, Ohio, born December 28, 1831, and the latter a native of Marvin, Chautauque county, New York, born in 1832. The father came to Bureau county in the year 1853, and the mother arrived a year later. In their family were born six children, of whom our subject is the fourth in order of birth.

W. S. Remsburg received his education in his native township, and on putting aside his textbooks started out in life on his own responsibility. He inherited some property, but through industry and the careful management of his business affairs he has added to this until he now owns a farm of one hundred and ten acres, situated on the southeast quarter of section 8, Ohio township, where he is engaged in general agricultural pursuits. He has here added many improvements and accessories, making his property one of the valuable farms of the county. He has a nice home and substantial outbuildings, good farm machin-



ery which is used in the care and cultivation of the fields, and each year good crops are harvested as the result of his well directed labor.

On the 11th of January, 1903, Mr. Rensburg was united in marriage to Miss Maggie C. Hardersen, a popular young lady of Ohio township, where she was born on the 3d of October, 1851. She is a daughter of Claus and Elizabeth (Parchen) Hardersen, the former a native of Germany, whence he came to this country at the age of eighteen years. The mother was born in Bureau county, Illinois. Mrs. Rensburg is the eldest of five children born unto Mr. and Mrs. Hardersen. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Rensburg has been blessed with two little daughters: Lila M., born February 27, 1904, and Etta J., born July 16, 1905.

Mr. Rensburg has always supported the men and measures of the republican party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise, although he takes no active interest in political questions, preferring to give undivided attention to his farming interests, and that he has been successful in his undertakings is indicated by the fact that he is now in possession of a valuable tract of one hundred and ten acres, on which are found many modern improvements and conveniences. Mr. Rensburg and his wife are excellent young people, the hospitality of their home being greatly enjoyed by their many friends.

#### JOSEPH ALBRECHT.

Joseph Albrecht, a prominent merchant of Ohio, Bureau county, where he is engaged in the hardware business, having conducted his store for the past fifteen years, is a native son of Bureau county, Illinois, his birth having occurred on the 11th of August, 1856. He is a son of Jacob and Barbara Albrecht, natives of Bavaria, Germany, and our subject is the sixth in order of birth in a family of seven children born of the father's second marriage. By a previous marriage there are four children.

Joseph Albrecht, whose name introduces this record, was educated in the schools of his native town and at Princeton, and after putting aside his text-books started out to make his own way in the world. He had no capital, but possessed a strong will and a determination to succeed, and that he has not been thwarted in his plans is indicated by the fact that he is today conducting a prosperous business in Ohio, dealing in all kinds of hardware and farm implements, in which he has built up a large and increasing trade. He has studied the needs of his patrons and carries a large and well selected line of goods to meet the general demands of the public. He is ever straightforward in his business methods, and has by honesty and fair dealing won the good will of all with whom he comes in contact. In addition to his

hardware business Mr. Albrecht also owns three hundred and twenty acres of land in Wisconsin, besides a house and lot and a store building in the village of Ohio and one hundred and sixty acres near the town.

On the 23d of May, 1878, Mr. Albrecht was united in marriage to Miss Emma Knuth, who was born in Bureau county, December 21, 1859, a daughter of Ludwig and Louisa Knuth, both natives of Germany, whence they emigrated to America in the early '50s. In their family were nine children, of whom Mrs. Albrecht is the sixth in order of birth. She has lately come into possession of a part of the estate left by her parents, who are now deceased. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Albrecht has been blessed with five children, of whom one died in infancy. Those surviving are: Maria L., born February 23, 1880; Peter J., November 13, 1883; Lee R., April 16, 1891; and Mabel J., born February 7, 1897.

In politics Mr. Albrecht is a republican, although he does not adhere strictly to party ties, often casting an independent ballot, supporting the men whom he regards best qualified for office, regardless of party affiliation. He holds membership with the Mennonite church, and fraternally is connected with camp No. 17, M. W. A.; lodge No. 47, Mystic Workers; and lodge No. 627, I. O. O. F., in which he has passed all of the chairs.

Mr. Albrecht is a self-made man, for he started out in life with nothing save industry and perseverance, and with the possession of these qualities he worked his way upward year by year until he accumulated a comfortable competence. Later he inherited some property from his father's estate, and to this he has added until he is now numbered among the wealthy and prominent citizens of Bureau county, having for the past fifteen years conducted a hardware business in the village of Ohio, which is one of the leading enterprises of the town, and in addition to his interests here he also owns a fine tract of land, constituting three hundred and twenty acres, situated in Wisconsin, and one hundred and sixty acres near the village of Ohio, and also owns a store building and a nice home, which he occupies. He is an enterprising business man, ever watchful of opportunities that will lead to success, and he has many business and social friends, all of whom speak of him in terms of highest praise and commendation.

#### WALLACE D. ANDERSON.

Wallace D. Anderson, who has already achieved a measure of success in farming interests that argues well for the future, makes his home in La Moille township, where he owns one hundred and sixty acres of good land. He was born November 5, 1867, in this county, his parents being David and Sarah (Kennedy) Anderson. The father, a



native of Pennsylvania, came to Illinois in 1858 and the year of the mother's arrival here was 1860. Five children were born of their marriage, of whom Wallace D. is the third in order of birth. Reared to manhood under the parental roof, without special event to vary for him the routine of life, he devoted considerable of his youth to the mastery of those branches of learning which constitute the public-school curriculum and when not busy with his text-books aided in the labors of the home farm. He has always carried on general agricultural pursuits and his holdings today comprise one hundred and sixty acres of land, which is well located and is very arable. From the age of seven years to the present time he has lived upon this place and it is now a valuable farm, to which he has added many modern equipments and accessories. The home is surrounded by well tilled fields and every evidence of care and progressive supervision are here seen.

On the 28th of January, 1892, Mr. Anderson was married to Miss Alice McDonald, who was born April 3, 1873, in this county, and is a daughter of Lester and Rachel (Clark) McDonald, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of Ohio. In the family were seven children, of whom Mrs. Anderson is the second, and by her marriage she has become the mother of one daughter, Alta F., born December 22, 1893.

The social relations of the parents are very gratifying, being indicative of the genuine personal worth which always wins recognition by those who have regard for intelligence and culture. Mr. Anderson attends the United Brethren church, of which his wife is a member, and he votes with the republican party, but while keeping well informed on questions and issues of the day he has never sought or desired office as a reward for party fealty, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs, and although he is yet a young man he has won a place among the leading farmers of the county and it needs not the spirit of prophecy to foretell a still more prosperous future. He stands as a champion of education, of substantial development and of improvement in all those lines which have direct bearing upon the welfare of the community. He possesses, moreover, a generous spirit which has prompted him to extend a helping hand to friend and neighbor. His nephew, Cadet Anderson, seventeen years of age, is living with him and assists in the operation of the home farm.

#### WILLIAM H. WINTER.

William H. Winter displays in his business career that close application and persistency of purpose, combined with a thorough understanding of his trade, which never fails to win success, and he is now recognized as one of the leading painting contractors and paper-hangers of Bureau county, employing a force of about fifteen workmen throughout the year. He also conducts a

store for the sale of wall-paper, mixed paints, white lead and oil, etc., and has a large and liberal patronage in this line as well as in his contracting business as painter and paper-hanger.

Mr. Winter is one of Princeton's native sons, having been born in this city in 1861. His father, W. M. Winter, came here in the early '50s from New York, and had previously settled in the Empire state on his emigration from England to the new world. He was a grocer and conducted a bakery for some time, but is now living retired, his home being on East South street, in Princeton. He and his wife are well preserved old people and are highly esteemed, their good qualities having gained for them many warm friends. Mrs. Winter bore the maiden name of Mary Ann Abbott, and is also a native of England.

At the usual age William H. Winter began his education in the schools of Princeton and passed through successive grades. In 1875 he went to Hastings, Nebraska, when that was a small and inconsequential town. Later he engaged in the drug business in Juniata, Nebraska, not far from Hastings, where he remained until 1893, when he returned and began business in his present line, which he has since followed. Gradually he has developed his business until it has assumed very extensive proportions, and he now does more painting and paper-hanging than any other house of the kind in the county. His work always gives satisfaction, and he shows considerable artistic ability in the adornment of homes through the utilization of the industrial art with which he is connected. He carries the largest and best stock of wall-paper in this part of the state, together with a complete line of mixed paints, also the leading brands of white lead and oil and paste for wall-paper. He buys in very large quantities, thereby getting the bottom price and also securing a big saving in time for his men, who would otherwise have to do the mixing by hand. His large store is located just east of the postoffice in Princeton, and Mr. Winter is the best posted man in his line of trade in this part of the state. He is about to add to his store and enlarge his stock by placing a complete line of painters' supplies, being the only establishment of its kind in Bureau county. His pay roll is more extensive than that of any other representative of industrial, manufacturing or commercial interests in Princeton, and he has the ability to capably control the labors of those who work for him, so that pleasant relations are ever maintained between employer and employe.

In 1884 Mr. Winter was married to Miss Clara B. Gentsch, who was born in South Bend, Indiana. They now have two children living, and they lost their first born, Alice Luelie, who died in September, 1901, at the age of seven-and-a-half years. Those living are Marguerite, born February 17, 1900; and William S., born February 9, 1904. The



family home is at No. 420 South Church street, in Princeton.

Mr. Winter is a member of the Tribe of Ben Hur and also of the Mystic Workers. He is esteemed as one of the most prominent, energetic and prosperous business men of the city, belonging to that class upon whom the commercial advancement and growth of the community depends. He allows no obstacles to obstruct his path if they can be overcome by determined and honorable effort, and, moreover, he is a thorough master of his trade, possessing, too, not a little artistic taste, which is manifest in the excellent results which are produced through effective device and coloring in painting and paper-hanging. He well merits the liberal patronage that is accorded him, and he is today enjoying constantly growing success.

#### RICHARD HALL.

The attractiveness of Bureau county as a place of residence is indicated by the fact that many of her native sons have remained within her borders since attaining their majority and have found opportunity here for advancement in business life and the acquirement of the success which each individual seeks. Mr. Hall was born in this county, August 31, 1859, being the sixth in order of birth in a family of ten children, whose parents were John and Charity F. (Smith) Hall. They were natives of New Jersey, and in the spring of 1859 took up their abode in Bureau county. In the fall of the same year their son Richard was born, and the days of his boyhood and youth were spent in his parents' home, while in the public schools he acquired his education. He was trained to farm work, early becoming familiar with the duties and labors of the fields, and throughout his entire life he has carried on general agricultural pursuits. He has today a farm of two hundred and forty acres under his management and he owns eighty-five acres in another part of the township.

On the 21th of November, 1879, Mr. Hall wedded Miss Martha J. Wade, who was born in Tuscarawas county, Ohio, June 4, 1859, and in 1866 was brought to Bureau county by her parents, in whose family were ten children, she being the fifth in order of birth. Mrs. Hall was also educated in the schools of Bureau county, and to her husband has been a faithful companion and helpmate on life's journey for more than a quarter of a century. He affiliates with the Modern Woodmen of America, his membership being in camp No. 227, and his political views accord with republican principles. Both he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and are a worthy Christian couple, who have always enjoyed the confidence of neighbors and friends. They have long been permanently settled in this community and are now comfortably situated in

life, meeting with a spirit of fortitude every adverse condition and steadily progressing toward the goal of prosperity by reason of their careful management and business capacity. They are citizens worthy of the unqualified confidence of their fellow townsmen and are well deserving of mention in this volume.

#### JOHN HENRY HUSEMAN.

Among the native sons of Bureau county still residing within its borders is numbered John Henry Huseman, who was born in Princeton, March 16, 1858. He is of German lineage. His parents were Frederick W. and Mary (Kassing) Huseman, who came from Germany to the United States in 1852, settling first in St. Louis, Missouri, whence they removed to Princeton in 1856, remaining residents of the county seat until 1874. They then removed to Dover township, and in 1878 took up their abode in Kansas. There Mr. Huseman followed general agricultural pursuits, and he passed away in the Sunflower state in 1899, at the age of seventy-seven years, and his wife died in 1889.

John H. Huseman is indebted to the public-school system of Princeton for the educational privileges he enjoyed, and when he entered upon his business career he took up the life of the farmer, but subsequently worked in a nursery. In 1877 he went to Kansas, where he engaged in farming until 1880, when he returned to this county and was here employed at farm labor. Ambitious and energetic, however, he could not content himself by passing his life in the service of others, and, desirous of having a farm of his own, he carefully saved his earnings, and now has one hundred and twenty acres of land in Manlius township, on which he has recently erected a handsome modern home. He also has sixty-six acres in Greenville township, and in addition to cultivating his own land, comprising about two hundred acres, he has also rented and tills about four hundred and eighty acres besides. He is thus extensively engaged in carrying on agricultural pursuits, and in addition to cultivating the soil he also raises a high grade of cattle, horses and registered Poland China hogs. A man of resourceful business ability, he is constantly watchful for opportunities to extend the scope of his activity, and in addition to managing his farming interests he assisted in establishing the Independent Telephone Company, and is a stockholder in the grain and coal company of Manlius.

On the 14th of December, 1882, Mr. Huseman was married to Miss Anna Helena Fenn, of Manlius township, a daughter of George Fenn, a resident farmer there. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Huseman have been born six children: Mary, who is employed as a clerk in the store at Walnut, Illinois; Anna, a school teacher; Alvina and Minnie, at





tending school in Walnut; Emma and Leona, at home. The family attend the English Lutheran church of Mandlin, and Mr. Huseman is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America and the Knights of the Globe. He has been school director, road commissioner and constable and has filled other local offices, and viewed from the standpoint of a citizen or a business man he has made an equally creditable record, while the extensive circle of his friends is indicative of the warm personal regard which he wins from those with whom he comes in contact.

#### ROBERT JOSEPH STABLER.

Robert Joseph Stabler, deceased, started out in life on his own account as a farm hand and at his death was the owner of a valuable property of four hundred and fifty acres. His success was attributable entirely to his diligence, perseverance and capable management, and his record should serve as a source of inspiration and encouragement to others. Born in Pocktrop, Yorkshire, England, on the 9th of May, 1835, he passed away in this county, February 13, 1901. His parents were Robert and Elizabeth (Hood) Stabler, who were natives of England, in which country they were reared and married. They crossed the Atlantic to Quebec in 1857 on the steamship North America, which was eleven days in making the voyage. They proceeded to Kingston, Canada, by canal and river, thence by rail to Port Huron, Michigan, over the Michigan Central Railroad to Chicago, where they boarded a train on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad that brought them to Neponset, on the 23d of June, 1857.

Robert J. Stabler acquired his education in the schools of his native country and remained under the parental roof throughout the period of his minority, accompanying his parents on their emigration to America in 1857. He was then a young man of twenty-two years and he began earning his own living in the new world while working as a farm hand by the month. Carefully saving his earnings he was enabled in 1861 to make his first purchase of land and bought from Mr. Lyford eighty acres in Neponset township. Subsequently he purchased eighty acres from Mr. Barrons. As his financial resources increased he made further investments in land until he owned four hundred and fifty acres in Illinois. Throughout his entire business career he followed general farming and stock-raising, and in his later years he retired, with a handsome competence, making his home in Neponset from February, 1895, until his death. During that period he enjoyed a well earned rest, deriving from his farm an income sufficient to supply him with all of the comforts and many of the luxuries of life.

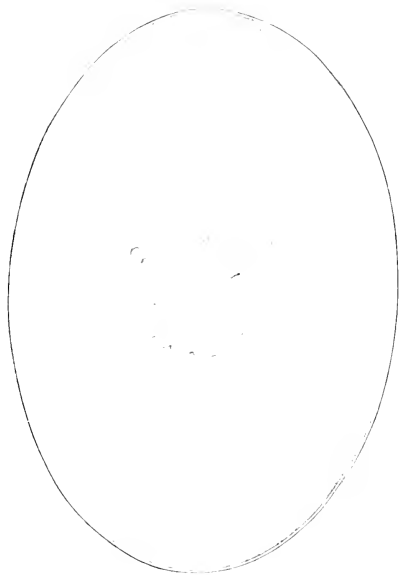
In early manhood Mr. Stabler chose as a companion and helpmate for life's journey Miss Martha Bramble, to whom he was married in England on the 23d of March, 1857. She was born in Munston, Yorkshire, England, November 14, 1818, and is a daughter of John and Martha (Willis) Bramble. Mr. and Mrs. Stabler became the parents of five sons and five daughters, namely: John, Henry, Sarah A., Edwin, Nellie, Alice May, Alfred G., Cora E., Walter J., and Ethel M. Of this number John, the eldest, died December 5, 1905.

Mr. Stabler exercised his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party, but was never very active in the sense of office seeking. He served, however, as road commissioner and for twenty years or more acted as school director and was a stalwart champion of the cause of public instruction. He also contributed to the support of the Methodist Episcopal church and was an advocate of every movement tending to promote the material, intellectual, social and moral progress of his community. He deserved much success for what he accomplished in a business way, for he depended entirely upon his own resources. He brooked no obstacles that could be overcome by determination and earnest effort and gradually he worked his way upward to affluence, so that at his death he left his family a goodly estate and also the priceless heritage of an untarnished name. His widow still survives and now makes her home in Neponset, where she has many warm friends, and the family occupies an enviable position in social circles in the village, while wherever known they are held in high regard.

#### FRANK C. JACOBY.

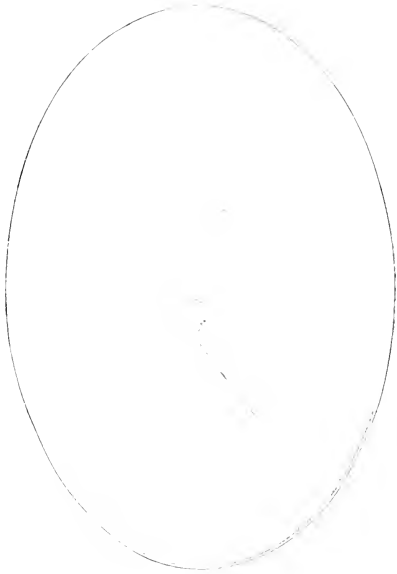
Frank C. Jacoby owns and operates a good farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Westfield township and makes a specialty of the raising of Poland China hogs and shorthorn cattle. He was born November 19, 1854, in La Salle county, Illinois, and is of German lineage, his parents being Mathias and Catharine (Pantenburg) Jacoby, who were born in the old world, the father in Luxembourg province and the mother in Germany. In the year 1852 Mathias Jacoby became a resident of Bureau county, Illinois, having lived for some time previous in Michigan, where he was engaged in steamboating on the lakes. The mother went to La Salle county with her parents in 1847, the family being among the early settlers of this part of the state. About 1819 they removed to Bureau county and resided in Westfield township, where Mr. and Mrs. Pantenburg were identified with farming interests until called to their final rest. Mathias Jacoby was also numbered among the active agriculturists of Bureau county, for many years continuing in business until his life's labors





*Mathis Stalder*





*R. J. Stabler*



were ended in death in 1902. He had for several years survived his wife, who passed away in 1885.

Frank C. Jacoby completed his education in the schools of Westfield township and has always been a farmer. He was early trained to habits of industry and economy and these qualities have proven essential factors in his success in later life. In early manhood he sought a companion and helpmate and was married on the 28th of January, 1879, to Miss Ellen Skellington, who was born in Gloucester, Canada West, April 2, 1851, her parents being Michael and Mary (Brennen) Skellington, both of whom were natives of Ireland. They removed from Canada to Bureau county thirty-four years ago, taking up their abode here in the month of May, and the father was thereafter continuously connected with farming until his death, which occurred on the 28th of September, 1880. His wife survived him for about twelve years and passed away August 10, 1892. Unto the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Jacoby have been born five children, of whom Joseph, Katie and Mary, twins, and Robert are still under the parental roof. One daughter, Emmeline, died at the age of five months. Robert was graduated from the high school with honors and is entitled to free tuition at any normal school in the state.

In order to provide a livelihood for himself and family Mr. Jacoby has continuously followed farming and is the owner of one hundred and sixty acres of land pleasantly situated in Westfield township. Here he cultivates corn, oats and other crops, and is also well known as a stock-raiser, making a specialty of Poland China hogs and shorthorn cattle. Both branches of his business are proving profitable and he is meeting with gratifying success in his undertakings. He and his family are all communicants of the Catholic church at Arlington.

#### JOHN PETERSON.

John Peterson, who dates his residence in Bureau county from 1861, has resided upon his present farm since March, 1876, and in the thirty years which have since come and gone he has wrought a wonderful transformation here, for the fields have been brought under a high state of cultivation and the farm has been converted into a valuable and productive property. As the name indicates, Mr. Peterson comes of Danish ancestry. He was born on the island of Lolland, belonging to Denmark, August 15, 1811, and is a son of Peter and Marguerite (Miller) Rasmussen, who were farming people of that country, in which they spent their entire lives.

John Peterson was reared in the land of his birth, and when a young man of about twenty years, believing that he would have difficulty in making rapid business advancement there, and feeling that he would enjoy better opportunities

in the new world, crossed the Atlantic to America. The year 1861 witnessed his arrival at Sheffield, and he soon afterward secured employment at farm labor, being thus engaged for two years. He was afterward with the Rock Island Railway Company at Bureau Junction for some time, and when he had saved from his earnings sufficient capital to justify his purchase of land he bought his present homestead of one hundred and sixty acres and has resided thereon since March, 1876.

It was about six years before this, when on the 9th of February, 1870, Mr. Peterson was married, the lady of his choice being Miss Christina Jensen, of Lolland, Denmark, who came to the new world in 1861. She was a daughter of Jensen and Ellen Christen, who remained in Denmark throughout their entire lives. Mr. and Mrs. Peterson now have eight living children: James F., who operates a thrasher and corn sheller and lives at home with his parents; Albert C., who is proprietor of a hotel in Manlius; Ella, the wife of James Hackett, a farmer; Martha, the wife of Dr. T. Sprague, a practicing physician of Sheffield; Harry L., an engineer, who for one year has been in the employ of the United States government; Emma G., at home; Carrie, now living in Moline; and Henry V., at home. They also lost one son, Peter Herman, who died in Colorado at the age of thirty years.

Mr. Peterson has been road commissioner for the past six years, school director for twenty years and a member of the drainage commission for the past eight years. He takes a very active interest in politics as a staunch advocate of the republican party, yet he does not desire office for himself, and the positions which he has filled have come to him in recognition, on the part of his fellowmen, of his worth and ability. The family are members of the Danish Lutheran church of Sheffield, which Mr. Peterson aided in organizing, becoming one of its charter members, while for many years he served as one of its trustees. His life has been spent in consistent harmony with his religious professions, and under all circumstances he has been found loyal to justice, truth and right.

#### MRS. MARY J. (SMITH) CHAMBERS.

Mrs. Mary J. (Smith) Chambers is well known in Bureau county, where she has spent her entire life, now living in Ohio township, where she owns seventy-seven acres of choice land, which is operated by her son. She was born August 26, 1852, and is a daughter of Daniel P. and Rachel (Matson) Smith, the former a native of Massachusetts and the latter of Belmont county, Ohio. In their family were thirteen children, of whom Mrs. Smith was the third in order of birth.

She acquired her education in the public schools near her father's home and was carefully trained





in the duties of the household, so that she was well prepared to take charge of a home of her own when on the 30th of March, 1871, she gave her hand in marriage to Leander Chambers, who was born in Tuscarawas county, Ohio, August 26, 1813. Mr. Chambers was also educated in the common schools of Bureau county, having been brought to Illinois in his early childhood. At the time of the Civil war, when a youth of about eighteen years, he responded to the country's call for aid, enlisting in 1861 as a member of Company B, Eightieth Ohio Infantry. The regiment was assigned to the Western army, and he participated in the battles of Iuka, Vicksburg, Savannah, Corinth, the march under Sherman from Atlanta to the sea and in others of lesser note, making a most creditable military record. He was ever found at his post of duty, gallantly and valiantly defending the old flag and the cause it represented, and in 1865, the war having ended, he was honorably discharged. He had veteranized at the close of his three years' term, and passed through all the experiences meted out to the soldier, and can relate many incidents of the war.

Mr. and Mrs. Chambers have become the parents of two children: Amy Bell, born October 25, 1872, and John W., born November 30, 1873. The son is now operating the farm of seventy-seven acres of choice land which his mother inherited from her father, and is accounted one of the enterprising young farmers of the county. He is engaged in the raising of corn, oats and hay, and has good stock upon the place.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Chambers are members of the Methodist Protestant church, and he is a republican in his political affiliation. Mrs. Chambers has spent her entire life in this county and is a representative of one of the worthy pioneer families of this part of the state, and in the community where she has now lived for more than half a century she has many warm friends. She has witnessed many changes in the county since her girlhood days, for the work of improvement and development has been carried steadily forward and time and man have wrought a marked transformation here.

#### WILLIAM W. CLEMENT.

William W. Clement follows farming on what is known as the old Clark farm, on section 19, Wheatland township, and is serving as township supervisor, which office he has filled since 1902. He was born in Niagara county, New York, August 19, 1840, and came to Bureau county in 1865 after the close of the war. He is numbered among the veterans who wore the blue in defense of the Union, having enlisted on the 16th of August, 1862, in the Nineteenth New York Independent Light Artillery from Niagara county. With this command he served until June, 1865. He spent

two winter seasons in Washington and afterward participated in the battles of the Wilderness and Spottsylvania Courthouse, also in other engagements that led up to the siege of Petersburg and Richmond; in fact, was in every engagement with his company, which he never left for a day, fortunately escaping all wounds. Few men in all of the war saw more hard fighting, and though he was continuously at the front he never faltered in his allegiance to the old flag, loyally and uncompromisingly defending the interests of his country.

When the war was over Mr. Clement came to Bureau county, and for two years was connected in business with L. D. Whiting. He afterward went to Missouri, where he spent two years, and then returned to Bureau county, where for thirty-four years he has continuously followed farming.

Mr. Clement married Miss Clara E. Clark, who was born on this farm and is a daughter of Stephen M. Clark. They have become parents of ten children: Clarence A., who married Josie Mayo and is a civil engineer living in Chicago; Emma L., at home; Flora Belle, who died at the age of eight years; William W., who married Ada Reynolds and lives in Oklahoma; Lora E., Jesse W., Roy G., Eva C., Leslie C. and Lillian G., all at home. Politically a republican, Mr. Clement has been supervisor of Wheatland township since 1902 and chairman of the board from 1904 to 1906. He has also been justice of the peace since 1890 and has served as highway commissioner, and his elections and re-elections to these various offices stand in evidence of his capable service and the confidence reposed in him by his fellow townsmen.

#### JOHN BEHRENS.

John Behrens, who arrived in this country from Germany empty handed and with no knowledge of the English language and yet who, adapting himself to altered conditions and environment, soon familiarized the different methods and customs of the new world, has gained in the course of years a place among the substantial agriculturists of Bureau county, having now one hundred and eighty acres of land in Manlius township. He was born in Germany, September 22, 1837, a son of John and Dorothy Behrens, who, crossing the Atlantic to America in 1881, made their way direct to this county, where they spent their remaining days, the father passing away at the age of seventy-three years, while his wife died at the age of seventy-four.

John Behrens, of this review, on coming to Bureau county, secured employment at farm labor and worked for five years for a Mr. Howard. Ambitious to engage in agricultural pursuits on his own account, he then rented the Curtis farm about a mile north of Sheldahl and continued its cultivation for six years, during which time he lived carefully and frugally and thus saved the capital



sufficient to enable him to purchase his present farm. It was in 1892 that he bought this property, comprising one hundred and eighty acres in Manlius township. He has improved the same by carefully tilling the fields and by erecting first-class buildings, including a house and barn. He has always followed farming and the success he has achieved has come to him through his close application and ability in that line of work.

On the 18th of December, 1886, Mr. Behrens was united in marriage to Miss Anna Barnokow, a daughter of John Barnokow, who was a native of Germany and came to the new world in 1882. Nine children have graced this marriage and the family circle yet remains unbroken by the hand of death. These are: Carrie, John, Mary, Carl, Alfred, Max, Bernhard, Lizzie and Martha, all yet at home.

Mr. Behrens is a democrat where national questions and issues are involved but casts an independent local ballot. He and his family are members of the German Lutheran church of Manlius and are esteemed as worthy people of the community. He was absolutely without money when he arrived in the United States and his present possessions are the fruits of his toil, indicating that his has been an active and useful life and showing what may be accomplished in this country where effort is not hampered by caste or class.

#### GERALD F. STOODLEY.

Gerald F. Stoodley, engaged in farming in Manlius township, was born in Gibraltar on the 18th of July, 1848. His father, John Stoodley, was a military officer and chief of the commissary department in the British army. Prior to accepting that position he was connected with the medical department, and he served in the army until his death, in 1857. It was while he was stationed at the military post of Gibraltar that the birth of his son Gerald occurred. His wife bore the maiden name of Eliza Fitzgerald.

Following the return of the family to England, the subject of this review pursued his education at Crewkerne, Somersetshire, England, and in 1870, when about twenty-two years of age, came to America, making his way to Bureau county, Illinois. About 1878 he purchased his present home of one hundred and sixty acres and has since resided thereon, his time and energies being given to his farm and his stock. He has standard bred horses, cattle and hogs and has provided ample shelter for his stock and his grain in large barns and sheds. The fields are well tilled and he annually gathers good harvests, for he thoroughly understands the best methods of farming and is practical in all that he does.

On the 2d of May, 1877, Mr. Stoodley was married to Miss Addie V. Werick, of Manlius township, and they are well known socially, having the

favorable regard of many friends. Mr. Stoodley is a member of the Episcopal church or the Church of England, in the faith of which he was reared. Time has sanctioned and proven the wisdom of his resolution concerning his emigration to America, for here he has found good business opportunities and through the improvement of conditions wherewith he has been surrounded he has gained a goodly measure of success.

#### CHRISTIAN D. SALTZMAN.

Christian D. Saltzman, one of the wealthy and influential citizens of Ohio township, having extensive landed possessions aggregating four hundred and twenty acres, most of which has been acquired through his own labors, was born in Millenburg, Louisiana, December 18, 1835. He is a son of Mitchell and Elizabeth (Schrock) Saltzman, the father born in Alsace, France, and the mother in Bavaria, Germany. The subject of this review is the youngest of their family of six children.

Christian D. Saltzman received a public-school education, which fitted him for life's responsible duties. In 1881 he came to Bureau county, Illinois, where he engaged in farming. He began with eighty acres but through his careful management, industry and well directed labors has worked his way up year by year until he is now in possession of valuable farms of four hundred and twenty acres, which are among the finely improved tracts of Bureau county. He has added many modern improvements by building good fences, a beautiful residence, surrounded by fine shade trees, and ample outbuildings for the shelter of grain and stock. He is practical and progressive in the methods of carrying on his farm work, using only the latest improved machinery for facilitating his work, and thus year by year he harvests abundant crops which find a ready sale on the market, for his products are always of the best quality.

Mr. Saltzman chose as a companion and helpmate for life's journey Miss Anna M. Zimmerman, to whom he was married September 11, 1888. She was born in Bureau county, Illinois, May 26, 1870, and was here reared and educated. She is the younger of two children born unto Andrew and Elizabeth (Albrecht) Zimmerman, the father a native of France, and the mother a native of Bureau county. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Saltzman has been blessed with four sons: Julius A., born April 11, 1890; Otto M., January 2, 1893; Edwin W., June 26, 1895; and Oscar C., born September 19, 1900.

Mr. Saltzman is a republican in his political views. He has been called to fill some township offices, having served as highway commissioner and as school director. He and his wife are members of the Mononite church, while three of their sons hold membership with the Methodist Protestant church. Mr. Saltzman has acquired the most of



his landed possessions through his own efforts, for when he started out he had but eighty acres but has added to this until he now owns four hundred and twenty acres of very valuable land, constituting one of the best improved tracts of the county. He is thus carrying on general agricultural pursuits quite extensively, being assisted by his sons, whom he is training to habits of thrift and industry. He and his family are highly respected in the community in which they live, and he is today classed with the wealthy agriculturists of Bureau county.

#### ZIMRI SMITH.

Illinois, foremost among the great agricultural states of the Union, offers in its broad fields excellent opportunity to him who wishes to engage in the tilling of the soil. The surface of the ground is generally slightly undulating, so that comparatively little artificial drainage is needed, and the rich black soil responds readily to the care and cultivation which is bestowed upon it, so that annually great crops are harvested and sent to the various markets of the country. Among the energetic business men who are devoting their time and labors to farm work in Bureau county is Zimri Smith, whose life record began in Berlin township on the 5th of February, 1858, his parents being Jonathan and Malinda (Ary) Smith, who came to this county in October, 1846. The father, a native of Virginia, was born in Rockingham county, October 14, 1814, while his wife was a native of Greene county, Ohio, born in 1818. By their marriage they became the parents of five sons and one daughter, of which number one has passed away.

Zimri Smith is the fifth in order of birth, and under the parental roof the days of his childhood and youth were passed. At the usual age he entered the district schools in Berlin township, and thus continued his education until he became a student in Arlington. Later he engaged in teaching in this township and imparted clearly and readily to others the knowledge that he acquired. Much of his life, however, has been devoted to general agricultural pursuits, and he now owns eighty acres of fine land inherited from his father. By careful management and improvement the property has been doubled in value and is a very desirable farm, in the midst of which stands a beautiful residence amid attractive surroundings. All of the buildings are modern and first class in every particular and are kept in good repair. Mr. Smith is always to be found upon his farm, carefully directing its interests, and in all that he undertakes he is practical, utilizing the means at hand to the best advantage and accomplishing results which are very desirable.

Fortunate in his home life, Mr. Smith was married February 12, 1896, to Miss Emma G. McKee,

who was born in Bureau county, September 14, 1857. She is a daughter of Richmond and Mary (Borger) McKee, who were natives of Lehigh county, Pennsylvania, the former born in 1818 and the latter in 1823. Both are now deceased. By their marriage there were thirteen children, three of whom have departed this life. Mrs. Smith being the seventh in order of birth. She was educated in the public schools of Selby township and in Princeton.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Smith are widely known in this part of the state. They are believers in the Christian religion, and Mrs. Smith belongs to the Presbyterian church at Arlington. Mr. Smith is identified with Levi Lusk lodge, No. 270, A. F. & A. M., at Arlington; Princeton chapter, No. 28, R. A. M., and Bethany commandery, No. 28, K. T., of Mendota, and he and his wife are members of the Order of the Eastern Star. He has held various offices in his lodge and represented it in the grand lodge in 1896. For six years he has been a school director and clerk of the school board, and in politics he is an independent democrat, usually voting with the democracy yet not considering himself bound by party ties. He is a man of cordial nature and genial disposition, whose kindness of spirit, geniality and deference for the opinions of others have made him popular with those with whom he has come in contact. His entire life has been passed in Bureau county, and that he has lived worthily is indicated by the fact that many of his staunchest friends are those who have known him from his boyhood days down to the present time.

#### ROBERT S. BEATTY.

Robert S. Beatty, pleasantly situated upon a fine farm in La Moille township, manifests in his business career a spirit of enterprise and progress that has made him a leading agriculturist and he now owns a valuable place comprising one hundred and ninety-one acres of land. He was born August 10, 1855, in the township which is still his home, his parents being Frank and Catherine (Smith) Beatty, the former a native of Canada and the latter of Massachusetts. They became residents of Bureau county about 1855 and were married here. Unto them were born nine children, of whom Robert S. was the fourth in order of birth. Three of the number are now deceased.

Reared upon the old homestead farm, Robert S. Beatty acquired his early education in the public schools of Bureau county and continued his studies in Fulton, Illinois. He has always followed farming and his advancement in business circles is largely attributable to his unflinching diligence and keen business discernment. He is now the owner of one hundred and ninety-one acres of valuable land, on which he carries on the raising of grain and stock. This farm was settled by a man of the name of Perkins and was purchased by Mr.



Beatty four years ago at a cost of ninety-two dollars per acre. Today the place is worth from one hundred and seventy-five to two hundred dollars per acre by reason of the natural appreciation of land values and the improvements which he has placed upon the property. There are excellent buildings on this farm and the home is supplied with many of the comforts and luxuries of life. It is surrounded by broad fields of waving grain, giving promise of abundant harvests, and all of the equipments and accessories of the model farm of the twentieth century are here found.

Mr. Beatty was married November 10, 1887, to Miss Lizzie Cheesman, who was born in Arlington, this county, April 27, 1868, her parents being John T. and Elizabeth Cheesman, who were natives of England. On coming to Bureau county in 1855 they settled in Arlington, Westfield township, and their daughter, Mrs. Beatty, was the fifth of their children. By her marriage she has become the mother of seven children: Charles, born November 2, 1888; Alta, December 3, 1889; Frank, June 10, 1892; Robert D., March 20, 1891; Alice, February 26, 1899; Viola, October 25, 1902; and Henry L., June 7, 1905.

Mr. Beatty is a staunch republican, unflinching in his allegiance to the party and yet without ambition for public office. He and his family attend the United Brethren church, of which his wife and children are members. In the community they are held in high esteem, occupying an enviable position in the social circles in which they move. Mr. Beatty has long been recognized as a stalwart friend of the cause of education and has done effective service in behalf of the schools during twenty years' connection with the school board. He owes his prosperity to his own efforts and the assistance of his estimable wife, who has indeed been a helpmate to him. They are both people of many excellent traits of character and the consensus of public opinion regarding them is altogether favorable.

#### WILLIAM R. SMITH.

William R. Smith, for many years a respected and representative agriculturist of Bureau county, died upon the old home farm on section 33, Selby township, on the 18th of December, 1900. He was born near Brownsville, in Brown county, Ohio, September 4, 1829, his parents being Isaac and Lucinda (Bartley) Smith. When their son William was about nine years of age they removed from Ohio to Indiana, locating in Grant county, and later in Wabash county, where they continued to reside until the spring of 1852, when they removed to Bureau county, Illinois. The father purchased a farm in the northern part of Selby township, whereon he and his wife resided until called to their final rest. His death occurred in February, 1869, when he was seventy-four years of age,

while his wife died in 1866, at the age of sixty-eight years. Mr. Smith was from the state of New York, and was of English and Welsh descent, while the Bartley family were from Virginia. His entire life was devoted to general agricultural pursuits, and thus he supported his family of nine children, namely: Eliza and Joseph, deceased; William R., of this review; Margaret and Jane, who have passed away; Alva, who resides in Ottawa, Kansas; Isaac, Jr., deceased; Thomas, whose home is in Ellingham, Kansas; and Lucinda, who has also departed this life. Alva and Thomas were soldiers of the Civil war, enlisting from Bureau county, the latter being a member of the Ninety-third Illinois Infantry and the former of the One Hundred and Twelfth Regiment of Illinois Volunteers.

William R. Smith resided in Indiana from the age of nine years until he became a resident of Fulton county, Illinois, in the spring of 1850, and in the following spring he came to Bureau county. Afterward, however, he returned to Wabash county and was married there in October, 1851, after which he brought his bride to Illinois and spent a year or more in farming on Green river. Coming to Selby township, he carried on farming until 1859, when he removed to Douglas county, Kansas, but in 1860 again took up his abode in Selby township, purchasing a tract of land on section 31. This was his home until he sold the property and bought the present home farm on section 33 in 1876. There he carried on general agricultural pursuits and stock-raising. From a small start and by hard work—breaking prairie and tilling the soil—he accumulated an excellent property, and at his death left a valuable farm of one hundred and twenty-five acres.

Mr. Smith was united in marriage to Miss Susan Hartzell, who was born in Miami county, Ohio, October 20, 1831, a daughter of Leonard and Delilah (Weiss) Hartzell, who were Pennsylvania Dutch people, and removed from Ohio to Rush county, Indiana, and subsequently to Wabash county, that state, where they remained until the death of the wife and mother in 1847. Mr. Hartzell afterward removed to Iowa, where he died in 1878, at the age of eighty years. He followed farming as a life work and owned a good tract of land in Indiana. In his family were eleven children: Willis and Lewis, both deceased; Adam, who resides in Wyanet; Susan, now Mrs. Smith; Mrs. Nancy McNuslin, of Cass county, Nebraska; Mrs. Eliza Mounts, deceased; Edward, who has also passed away; John, who resides in Kansas City, Missouri; Philip, living in Tama, Iowa; Mary, deceased; and Aaron, who has departed this life.

Into the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Smith were born ten children: Melissa, who was born in 1851 and died in infancy; Alonzo, born June 25, 1856; Viola, who was born October 15, 1858, and is the wife of Augustus Marley, a resident of Selby township; Lily B., who was born December 19,





1860, and is the wife of Timothy Rhyne, of Selby township; Mary L., who was born December 27, 1862, and married Carlos Hosiar, of Bureau Junction; John, born February 12, 1865; Nora, who was born February 20, 1867, and became the wife of Charles Ketch, of Kingfisher, Oklahoma, and died in 1897; Joseph, who was born April 4, 1869, and died in 1897; Edith, who was born December 28, 1873; and Linnie, July 10, 1875. The last two are still at home. The Smith brothers, Alonzo and John, operate the home farm of one hundred and twenty acres and also own other lands in Selby township, comprising in all two hundred and twenty acres. They have improved the farm until it is now a splendid property, built a new barn and added other modern equipments. They raise good horses, making a specialty of the Norman stock, and own a pacing horse, Cyclone, with a record of 2:15 $\frac{1}{4}$ . They also raise polled Angus cattle, and are very successful in their stock-raising business. Politically they are supporters of the democratic party, and their religious views are indicated by their attendance at the Congregational church.

William R. Smith, the father, was a staunch democrat, and in early life held membership with the Methodist Episcopal church, but afterward became identified with the United Brethren church, and at the time of his demise was a member of the Congregational church. He lived a life of activity and usefulness characterized by unflinching diligence and crowned with success. All that he possessed and enjoyed was acquired through his own labors, and, moreover, the business methods which he followed won for him the unqualified respect of his fellowmen, because he conformed to a high standard of ethics. The family is a prominent and influential one in Selby township, and well worthy of representation in this volume.

#### JOHN QUINN.

John Quinn was born upon a farm in Bureau county, January 23, 1863, and his entire life has been devoted to general agricultural pursuits. His parents, Thomas and Jane (Wool) Quinn, were natives of Ireland, and after coming to America located in La Moille township, Bureau county, upon a farm on section 20. They had a family of five children: James, Mary A., Alice J., Frank E. and John. Of this number James and Frank are still single and are living upon the old homestead. They are partners of our subject in its ownership and operation, and also buy stock together under the firm name of Quinn Brothers.

Having acquired a good practical education in the public schools, John Quinn concentrated his energies upon his business affairs. He was married June 28, 1899, to Miss Florence Brown, who was born in Bureau county, January 2, 1869. She was educated in the district schools of La Moille

township and in Princeton Commercial College. Her parents, George and Rebecca (Goldard) Brown, were natives of Massachusetts and of Leicestershire, England, respectively, and were married in Princeton, Illinois. This union was blessed with seven children, of whom Mrs. Quinn is the fifth in order of birth.

The firm of Quinn Brothers own four hundred and twenty-six acres of land, of which one hundred and twenty acres is comprised within the old homestead farm whereon their parents resided. Here they raise and feed stock and gather good crops, both branches of their business proving profitable. They have clung loyally together through all the years, four of the number remaining single and keeping up the old home. They have ever been loath to sever the associations of their childhood, and the brothers carry on their business in complete harmony, the labors of one ably supplementing the efforts of the others, so that the best results are obtainable.

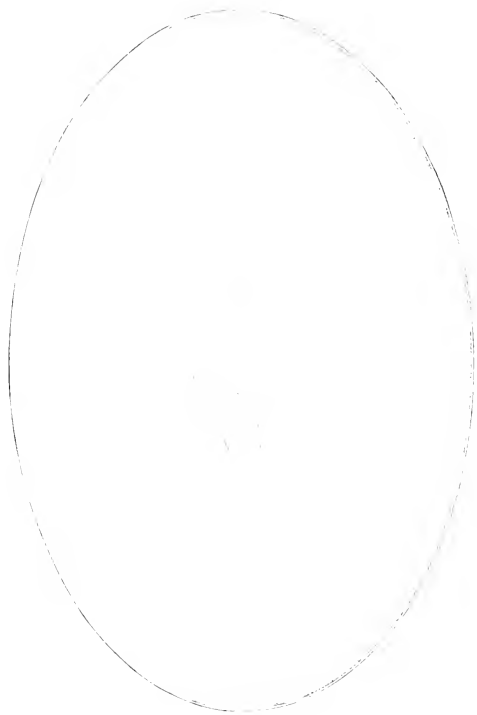
John Quinn of this review is president of Father Mathews' Temperance Society, of which he has been a member for twenty-four years, ever loyal to the pledge which he signed in early life. His political allegiance is given to the democracy, and both he and his wife are zealous communicants of the Catholic church.

#### WILLIAM BURKE.

Many of the residents of Westfield township are of Irish birth or lineage, and among this number is William Burke, who has displayed in his business life the versatility, ready adaptability and industry characteristic of the sons of the Emerald Isle. He deserves classification with the representative men of his community, and, having a wide and favorable acquaintance, his history cannot fail to prove of interest to many of the readers of this volume. He was born September 30, 1864, in La Salle county, Illinois, his parents being Thomas and Bridget (McGraw) Burke, both of whom were born in Ireland. They became residents of La Salle county with the early settlers and there reared their family.

At the usual age William Burke entered the public schools and therein continued his education until he put aside his text-books in order to devote his entire time and energies to the labors of the farm. He is still actively interested in general farming, and also conducts a livery barn in the village of Arlington, employing others to work his fields. He has been in the livery business for the past five years, and has a well equipped stable, having good horses and carriages, which he lets out on demand. His earnest desire to please his patrons, combined with his reasonable prices, have secured him a volume of business which makes his investment a very profitable one. His residence





WILLIAM BURKE.



in Bureau county dates from 1900, but he has always lived in this section of the state, and is well known in both Bureau and La Salle counties.

On the 7th of February, 1899, occurred the marriage of William Burke and Miss Mary Duffly, who was born in Bureau county in 1874, a daughter of John and Ellen (Prendergast) Duffly, both natives of Ireland. Crossing the Atlantic to America, they became early residents of Bureau county, where the father followed the occupation of farming, thus providing a livelihood for his wife and children. In 1902, however, he was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, who in that year was called to her final rest. He is now living retired, making his home in Arlington. The father of Mr. Burke is also living, and is a retired farmer of La Salle county, while Mrs. Burke, his wife, passed away on the 23d of August, 1900. Unto our subject and his wife have been born a son and three daughters: John, Eleanor, Lucile and Angela, and the family circle yet remains unbroken by the hand of death.

The farm which Mr. Burke owns comprises one hundred and twenty acres of good land in Westfield township, and is a carefully improved property, on which large crops of corn and oats are annually raised. Land is now very valuable in this part of the state, and this farm is today worth from one hundred and seventy-five to two hundred dollars per acre. The family residence stands upon the farm, of which forty acres lie within the corporation limits of Arlington, but while giving his supervision to his agricultural interests Mr. Burke largely devotes his time and energies to the management of his livery business, while the work of the fields is carried on by others. His fraternal relations are with Keenan council of the Knights of Columbus, and he is a member of the Catholic church. He votes with the democracy, and for two years was alderman of Arlington, while for four years he has held the position of school director. His endorsement and co-operation are given to many measures which have direct bearing upon the general good, and in an active business career his success is attributable entirely to his own labors.

#### JOHN W. CHAMBERS.

John W. Chambers, one of the younger representatives of agricultural interests in Bureau county, where he is operating a farm of seventy-eight acres belonging to his mother, is a native son of this county, his birth having occurred November 30, 1873. He is a son of Leander and Mary J. (Smith) Chambers, who are represented elsewhere in this volume. His father was born in Tuscarawas county, Ohio, August 26, 1813, while the mother's birth occurred in Bureau county, Illinois, August 26, 1852. John W. Chambers is the younger of two children born unto Mr. and

Mrs. Leander Chambers, his sister being Anna Bell Chambers, who was born October 25, 1877.

The subject of this review acquired his education in the public schools of his native county, and was here reared to farm life. He is now operating his mother's farm of seventy-eight acres, situated in Ohio township, to which he gives careful supervision, each year harvesting good crops in return for the care which he bestows upon the fields. He is an enterprising young business man, thoroughly familiar with the best methods of farming the land and caring for the crops, so that he is numbered among the substantial citizens of Bureau county.

Mr. Chambers was united in marriage to Miss Nellie Stewart, the wedding ceremony being performed on the 19th of January, 1898. She was born in Bureau county, June 23, 1877, a daughter of James E. and Adeline (Lafferty) Stewart, the former likewise a native of this county, while the mother's birth occurred in Ohio. Mrs. Chambers is the second in order of birth in a family of seven children born unto Mr. and Mrs. Stewart. She received her education in Bureau county, completing a high-school course at Princeton.

Two children grace the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Chambers: Albert L., born December 1, 1898; and Louis B., born June 29, 1901. Mr. Chambers gives his political support to the republican party, and his wife is a member of the Methodist Protestant church. Mr. Chambers is progressive in his work of carrying on the cultivation of the fields, and he raises stock to some extent. He and his wife occupy a beautiful home, surrounded by fine shade trees, and neatness pervades the entire place. They are excellent young people and have a host of warm friends throughout the township in which they live.

#### CHARLES A. ANDREWS.

Charles A. Andrews, living in Manlius township, was born in Concord township, November 24, 1859. His parents were Henry P. and Susan L. (Nash) Andrews. The father came to Bureau county from Maryland in 1851 and the mother came from Massachusetts to Illinois in 1831. The Andrews family on their westward trip preceeded down the Ohio river and thence up the Mississippi and Illinois rivers to Hennepin, Putnam county, while the Nash family traveled by way of the lakes from Buffalo to Chicago and thence overland by ox team to Putnam county. In early manhood Henry P. Andrews conducted a general mercantile store in Sheffield, but after the war turned his attention to farming. He had previously followed that pursuit to some extent in Putnam county and he resumed agricultural life in Manlius township in 1868. There he engaged in tilling the soil for some years but at length retired on account of poor health and died in 1875, at the age of fifty



years. His widow long survived him and passed away in 1905, at the age of seventy-five years.

Charles A. Andrews, a native son of Sheffield, acquired his early education in the country schools and afterward spent a year and a half in work in machine shops in Buda. In 1884 he went to Nebraska, where he engaged in farming, having taken up a homestead claim, upon which he remained for seven years. He then sold that property and returned to Manlius township. In 1891 he bought his father's farm, purchasing the interest of the other heirs in the property, and has since resided thereon. Here he raises Hereford cattle, keeping registered stock and also standard bred horses, and he is well known as a leading stockman of the county.

On the 2d of May, 1883, Mr. Andrews wedded Miss Kittie McKenzie, of Buda, a daughter of Gideon and Carrie McKenzie, the father an employe of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad. Mr. and Mrs. Andrews have seven children: Henry G., George G., Paul M., Gwendolyn D., Lura N., Jessie C. and William P. The family circle yet remains unbroken and all are still at home.

Mr. Andrews is a Master Mason, belonging to the lodge at Sheffield, and he is likewise a member of the Unitarian church at Buda. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and he has served as school director but has never been a politician in the sense of office seeking, preferring to leave the contests of the political arena to others, while he gives his individual attention to his business affairs, wherein he is now meeting with a goodly measure of prosperity.

#### GEORGE HUNT.

George Hunt, deceased, was one of the pioneer settlers of Bureau county, who took up his abode here in 1816 and found many evidences of frontier life, for much of the land was still unclaimed and uncultivated, only a comparatively few roads had been made and the work of development and upbuilding had scarcely been begun in many districts of the county, while the now thriving towns and cities were then little villages. Mr. Hunt was a young man of twenty-six years at the time of his arrival, his birth having occurred in Massachusetts in 1829. His life portrayed many of the typical characteristics of the New Englander, including the thrift and industry which led him from humble surroundings to the plane of affluence. In 1866 he became the owner of what is now the old family homestead, comprising eighty acres of land in Gold township, whereon he continued to reside until his death, his attention being given to the further cultivation and improvement of the fields.

Mr. Hunt was married to Miss Margaret Finley, who was born July 1, 1832, in Missouri, and came

here in 1831 with her parents. Upon the home farm Mr. and Mrs. Hunt reared their family. The father there resided to the age of sixty-four years, when, in 1888, he was called from this life. For more than four decades he had been a resident of the county and had assisted in its early reclamation. He had kept in touch with modern progress in agricultural affairs and his life was one of business activity and honor. His widow still survives him, and resides upon the old homestead at the age of seventy-four years.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Hunt were born six children: George C., the eldest, who is a farmer of Gold township; Charles D., who at the age of forty-six years is engaged in the raising of bees at New Bedford; Mary, forty-four years of age, the wife of George W. Culbertson, of Dover, Illinois, who is agent for the Reader Medicine Company, of Peoria; William L., of whom mention will be made later; Bertha, thirty-six years of age, the wife of Arthur Williams, a resident farmer of Manlius township; and Cora, who has reached the age of thirty-three and is the wife of Pearl Webb, a carpenter living in Buda.

Of this family William L. Hunt is now managing the estate left by his father. He was born in 1867, was educated in the district school and was reared to the occupation of farming, which he has always followed. He is now manager of the estate, which as yet is undivided, and he keeps the farm under a high state of cultivation and makes many modern improvements thereon.

William L. Hunt was married to Miss Ann B. Fay, and they became the parents of three children: Hazel, Virgil and Dora, aged respectively fifteen, thirteen and ten years, and all yet at home. Mr. Hunt served as a member of the police force of Sheffield for one year, 1900-1, but his attention is now confined to his farming interests. He supports the republican party and is in thorough sympathy with its principles and purposes. Fraternally he is connected with the O. B. Fellows lodge, No. 898, at Sheffield, and with the Modern Woodmen camp, No. 166, at New Bedford. The family are all Methodists in religious faith. The name of Hunt has long figured prominently and honorably in this county in connection with business affairs, the material interests and the intellectual and moral development, and is worthy of an honored place on the pages of the county's history.

#### WILLIAM MERCER.

William Mercer, representing the agricultural interests of Bureau, his native county, where he was born September 26, 1876, is operating a tract of one hundred and eighty-six acres, belonging to his mother. He is a son of Dr. Thomas D. and Margaret R. (Kasbeer) Mercer, likewise natives of Bureau county, Illinois. The father was a physician and surgeon, practicing his profession for





many years in the village of Ohio, but he is now deceased. In their family were four children, two of whom have also passed away, the sister of our subject being Alice G. Mercer, who was born August 16, 1879.

William Mercer, the subject of this review, was reared on the place which is yet his home, and was educated in the public schools of his native place. He is now operating his mother's farm of one hundred and eighty-six acres, located in Ohio township, and that he is an enterprising and progressive young farmer is indicated by the fact that each year abundant harvests are gathered as the result of the care and labor he exercises in the cultivation of the land. He keeps everything about the place in good condition, so that this property is considered among the best in Ohio township.

As a companion and helpmate for life's journey Mr. Mercer chose Miss Florence L. Limerick, a popular young lady of Bureau county, to whom he was married December 22, 1897. She was born July 26, 1877, and was about twenty years of age when she gave her hand in marriage to Mr. Mercer. Her parents are Robert and Mary (Perry) Limerick, both natives of Illinois, the father born in Bureau county, while the mother's birth occurred in La Salle county. Mrs. Mercer is the eldest of the four children born unto Mr. and Mrs. Limerick. Two sons and a daughter grace the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Mercer: Robert T., born September 10, 1898; John G., August 21, 1900; and Gladys, May 3, 1904.

In his political views Mr. Mercer is a republican, and while keeping informed on political questions, is not active in the work of the party, preferring to give his entire time to his farming interests, in which he is meeting with very desirable success. Fraternally he is connected with the American Stars of Equity, belonging to lodge No. 33, at Kasbeer, and his wife is also a member of the order, while their church membership is with the Methodist Protestant denomination at Kasbeer. They are excellent young people, having many warm personal friends throughout the community in which they live.

#### HARRY W. PALMER.

Harry W. Palmer, actively associated with farming interests in La Moille township, was born in Bureau county, May 22, 1875. His parents were Charles W. and Elizabeth (Ames) Palmer, the former a native of Belmont, Ohio, and the latter of Wyoming county, Pennsylvania. They were married in the Keystone state, and, removing to the middle west, settled in Bureau county, Illinois. It was at an early period in the development of this locality that Charles Palmer took up his abode here, making a permanent location. He secured land and began the development of a farm,

to the further cultivation and improvement of which he devoted his energies throughout his remaining days. He was a devoted husband and father and worthy citizen, and was held in high esteem by neighbors and friends. He was twice married, and by the first union had three children, while by the second marriage there were born a son and daughter, Harry W. and Hattie J., twins, who are still at home with their mother.

Harry W. Palmer of this review was educated in the schools of La Moille, and is well known as a dealer in horses, which he breeds and raises, also buys and sells. He is an excellent judge of horses, being seldom at error in the valuation which he places upon an animal, and is thus able to make judicious purchases and profitable sales. He is an enterprising, active young business man, who has made a creditable record and won the respect and confidence of the entire business community.

In connection with his mother and sister Mr. Palmer owns a beautiful home within the corporation limits of the village of La Moille, where they have eight and one-half acres of ground, and the residence is surrounded by many fine old shade trees and a well kept lawn, which adds much to its attractive appearance. In his political affiliation Mr. Palmer is a republican, having supported the party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. He is orthodox in his religious belief, and, with his mother and sister, attends the services of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which they are members. All occupy an enviable position in social circles and are highly esteemed by many friends, whose number is almost as great as the number of their acquaintances.

#### HARDING PIPER.

Among the more successful of the younger representatives of farming interests in Bureau county is Harding Piper, of La Moille township. He was born in this county, August 7, 1876, and is a member of a prominent and well known family, his parents being Harding H. and Mary A. (McWilliams) Piper, in whose family of ten children he is the youngest. At the usual age he entered the public schools and therein mastered the branches of English learning which commonly constitute the curriculum of a district school. He was trained to habits of business activity and enterprise under the direction of his father, one of the prominent and successful business men of the county and one of its largest landowners. Harding Piper is now manager and heir of five hundred and fifty-six acres of choice land belonging to his father, and in his business affairs shows excellent executive force and keen discernment. He allows no obstacle to brook his path and is making steady advancement toward the goal of prosperity.

In September, 1899, Mr. Piper wedded Miss Polly E. Jullian, who was born in this county,



September 25, 1878, a daughter of John and Margaret (Jay) Jullian, both of whom were natives of Ohio. The mother came to Illinois in 1851 and the father in 1855, and they were married in Bureau county, November 30, 1865. The death of Mr. Jullian occurred July 17, 1892, and the community thereby lost one of its representative and honored citizens. In his family were nine children, of whom Mrs. Piper was the eighth in order of birth. Three children grace this marriage: Asa H., born January 28, 1900; Francis J., January 28, 1902; and Mary L., August 16, 1903.

Mr. Piper holds fraternal relations with camp No. 227 of the Modern Woodmen of America. He votes with the republican party, and while he keeps well informed on questions and issues of the day has never been an office seeker. He has served as school director, but otherwise has held no official positions in his township. He is a thoroughly progressive farmer, having a home equipped with all modern accessories and conveniences. He keeps an automobile, and in all of his business and social interests manifests a progressive spirit. The Piper family is one of the most prominent and influential in Bureau county. Its men having been noted for their prowess in acquiring wealth, while they are equally notable for the honorable methods followed in business. The sterling traits of character which Harding Piper has already displayed indicates that he possesses the family characteristics in this regard, and he is now accorded a prominent position among the leading representatives of agricultural life in Bureau county.

#### PATRICK H. HICKEY.

Patrick H. Hickey, who is the owner of an excellent farm of one hundred and sixty acres of choice land on sections 12 and 13, Walnut township, and who, moreover, is entitled to representation in this volume, not only as a substantial resident of Bureau county, but also as an honored veteran of the Civil War, having been one of the loyal defenders of the Union, was born in Tipperary, Ireland, November 9, 1831. His parents were Thomas and Margaret (Maher) Hickey. The father, who was born on the Emerald isle in 1780, passed away in 1838, while his wife, whose birth occurred there in 1782, died in 1882, at the remarkable age of one hundred years.

Thomas Hickey was a farmer by occupation and thus Patrick H. Hickey was reared to farm life. His education was acquired in the schools of his native country, and he remained a resident of Ireland until 1861, when he came to America, settling in Sandwich, Illinois, where he made his home with his sister until his enlistment in the Union army in 1862. He proved his loyalty to his adopted country by offering his services to the

government and going to the front as a member of Company K, Eighteenth Illinois Volunteer Infantry. With that command he was in active duty until June, 1865, when he was transferred to the Fifty-ninth Illinois Volunteers and sent to Texas, where he remained until December 8, 1865, when he returned to Springfield, Illinois, for final discharge. He participated in many important and sanguinary battles, including the engagements at Stone River, Liberty Gap, Chickamauga, Mission Ridge, Knoxville, Resaca, Kennesaw Mountain, Peach Tree Creek, Atlanta, Jonesboro, Pulaski and Franklin, Tennessee. In the battle of Resaca he was wounded in the right limb just above the knee, the bullet passing through the knee, but in three weeks' time he was again with his regiment.

Following his return home Mr. Hickey began farming, and has since followed that occupation. Through earnest, unremitting toil, accompanied by economy, he was at length enabled to make purchase of land, and is now the owner of a valuable tract of one hundred and sixty acres on sections 12 and 13, Walnut township, valued at from one hundred to one hundred and twenty-five dollars per acre. His possessions are now such as would enable him to spend his declining years in retirement from business. Following his return from the war he lived at Sandwich, Illinois, until 1868, when he removed to Serena, but afterward returned to Sandwich, where he lived for five years. Subsequently he spent seven years in Lee county, Illinois, and then took up his abode in Walnut township, where he has since resided.

It was on the 29th of August, 1868, that Mr. Hickey was married to Miss Hannah Nora Hunt, who was born January 28, 1848, and acquired her education in Ireland, her native country. Her parents were Terence and Margaret (Morstan) Hunt, who were likewise natives of Ireland. The father was born in 1811 and died in 1851, while his wife, whose birth occurred in 1817, passed away June 30, 1882. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Hickey have been born seven children, of whom four are yet living: Martin T., born May 28, 1869; Mary E., December 15, 1873; Caroline L., November 4, 1875, and Esther, March 6, 1884. Mr. and Mrs. Hickey and their children are members of the Catholic church.

Mr. Hickey is a republican in his political views and staunchly advocates the principles of the party, although he has never sought office as a reward for party fealty. He belongs to Brewer post, No. 577, G. A. R., at Walnut, and thus maintains pleasant relations with his old army comrades with whom, wearing the blue uniform, he marched in defense of the stars and stripes. Many years of labor now enable him to enjoy an age of ease, and in the evening of life he can surround himself with many of the comforts and luxuries which go to make life worth living.





MR. AND MRS. P. H. HICKEY.



## JOHN CONDON.

John Condon resides upon a farm in Manlius township, a portion of which he purchased in 1867, and while giving much of his attention to general agricultural pursuits, he has also been connected with building operations and has worked on a number of important buildings in the county.

John Condon was born June 13, 1829, in Ireland, and came to America in 1838, when a youth of but nine years. In 1843, at the age of fourteen, he went to Syracuse, New York, and entered upon an apprenticeship to learn the mason's trade, at which he worked in the Empire state until 1851. That year witnessed his arrival in Illinois, and he assisted in building the brick station and freight house at Mendota. Subsequently he removed to Princeton, where he erected a number of the best buildings, including the American House and other important structures there. He lived in Princeton for some years, working at his trade, and evidences of his handiwork are seen in the residence of Justice Stevens and also in the poor-farm buildings of Henry county. He likewise aided in building a number of the business blocks of Sheffield and of Buda, and thus he has worked at various places in the county, becoming well known in building circles. In 1867 he purchased eighty acres of his present home place, and has since extended the boundaries of the farm until he now has one hundred and twenty acres. Here he has worked at his trade also, erecting the Catholic church in Sheffield and other buildings in this part of the county. He is likewise a stockholder in the Farmers' Mutual Telephone Company.

Mr. Condon was married in Syracuse, New York, in November, 1852, to Miss Bridget Flaherty, a native of Ireland, who was a maiden of nine summers when she crossed the Atlantic to the new world. They now have six living children: William H., a farmer and mason of Sheffield; John J., who also follows farming; Edward V., proprietor of the Hotel Antlers at Taylorville, Illinois; Mary E., at home; Kate, the wife of James Coggins; and Anna, the wife of Patrick Curran, an engineer on the Northwestern Railroad, who was fortunate enough to draw land in the Rosebud reservation. As her husband could not go, Mrs. Curran secured a car from the railroad and went to Bonesteel, South Dakota, whence she traveled overland with the car on wheels and there lived for eight months with her five children, proving up the claim. Prior to her marriage she engaged in teaching school. Mr. and Mrs. Condon have lost four children: Eugene, who died at the age of thirteen years; Frank, who died at the age of twenty-nine; and two who died in infancy.

Mr. Condon supports the democracy and is an active worker for the party, while he and his family are communicants of the Catholic church at Sheffield. He has now passed the seventy-seventh milestone on life's journey, and, reviewing the past, we note that he has ever been a busy, active man,

placing his dependence upon the safe and substantial qualities of industry and perseverance in order to gain a good living and provide for his family. Whatever success he has achieved is the direct result of his own labors, and while he has never sought to figure prominently in public affairs, there has been much in his life that is worthy of emulation.

## LOUIS H. WIMAN, A. B., M. D.

Dr. Louis H. Wiman, an able and prominent medical practitioner of Bureau county, living in the village of La Moille, was born in Yale, Illinois, April 19, 1877, his parents being George H. and Jane E. (Power) Wiman, natives of Illinois and Ohio respectively. In their family were seven children, of whom Dr. Wiman is the second, and with the exception of the two youngest all are college graduates.

The doctor spent his early life in attendance at the common and high schools of La Moille, being graduated from the latter with the class of 1895. He afterward engaged in teaching school for one year and then entered Austin College, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1900. He again engaged in teaching during the succeeding year and subsequently matriculated as a member of the sophomore class of the Medical College of Indiana in the fall of 1901. He was under the preceptorage of Dr. E. D. Clark, and he located for active practice in La Moille on the 6th of August, 1901.

On the 4th of August, 1904, Dr. Wiman was united in marriage to Miss Myrtle Grogan, who was born in Crawford county, Illinois, September 20, 1879. This union has been blessed with one son, Louis H., born June 5, 1905. Mrs. Wiman is a daughter of George W. and Elsie W. (Wilkin) Grogan, the former a native of Tennessee and the latter of this state. Their family numbered three children, of whom Mrs. Wiman is the eldest. She pursued her early education in the public schools of Crawford county, Illinois, and is a graduate of Liebling's Conservatory of Music in Terre Haute, Indiana. She holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal church.

In his political affiliation Dr. Wiman is a republican, and while he never seeks or desires office, he always keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day. He belongs to the Masonic lodge at La Moille, and both he and his wife are members of the Order of the Eastern Star. Dr. Wiman, in the line of his profession, is connected with the Bureau County Medical Society and the State Medical Society. Conscientious and zealous in his practice, a man of energy at all times and strong in his friendships, he has made for himself a creditable position in professional circles and in public regard in this county. A lover of music, a friend of education, he stands for all that pro-





motes intellectual, aesthetic and moral culture, and is, in the truest and best sense of the term, a manly man.

#### ALLISON WILSON.

Allison Wilson, who, starting out in life on his own account, has worked his way steadily upward from a humble position to one of affluence, makes his home in Ohio township, where he owns a good farm of one hundred and eighty acres. His success in a business way would entitle him to representation in this volume, but he furthermore deserves mention by reason of the fact that he is an honored veteran of the Civil war. He was born in Belmont county, Ohio, June 15, 1811, and has been a resident of Bureau county since 1858, when he was brought to this locality by his grandfather. He is a son of William and Ruth (Wilkinson) Wilson, also natives of Belmont county. His mother died in 1819, in that county, when he was very young, leaving four children, of whom Allison was the third in order of birth. The father's death occurred in Dover township, Bureau county, Illinois, in 1819.

Brought to Bureau county when only seventeen years of age, Allison Wilson acquired his education in the common schools and in his youth became familiar with farm labor. He put aside all personal and business considerations, however, at the time of the outbreak of the Civil war, enlisting at Dover in response to the country's call as a member of Company B, Ninety-third Illinois Volunteer Infantry. He served for nearly three years with the Fifteenth Army Corps and participated in many important engagements, including the battles of Champion Hills, Vicksburg, Mission Ridge, Altoona Pass and others. He was twice wounded and was honorably discharged on account of his injuries after five months spent in a hospital. He carried a minie-ball weighing an ounce in his body for five years, three months and fourteen days. He had many narrow escapes while serving his country and met the usual experiences and hardships meted out to the soldier.

It was not long after his return that Mr. Wilson was married, on the 7th of January, 1866, to Miss Maria Ary, who was born in this county, December 31, 1817, the daughter of Tobias and Sarah (Ogan) Ary, who were natives of Greene county, Ohio. In that state they were married and in 1846 came to Bureau county. They had but two children, of whom Mrs. Wilson, who was born December 31, 1817, is the elder. She, too, is indebted to the public-school system of this county for the educational privileges she enjoyed, and by her marriage she has become the mother of two children: Lincolne, who was born April 8, 1868; and Herbert E., born February 3, 1875. Mrs. Wilson belongs to the Methodist Protestant church, and Mr. Wilson is orthodox in his belief although not a member of any church. His political allegi-

ance is given to the republican party and he has always stood as a loyal defender of that party, which was the champion of the Union cause in the dark days of the Civil war.

Throughout his business career he has carried on general farming and is the owner of one hundred and eighty acres of choice land, valued at from one hundred and fifty to two hundred dollars per acre. His farm lies near the village of Ohio and his fields have been brought under a high state of cultivation, responding readily to the care and labor bestowed upon them. Mr. Wilson has watched with interest the changes that have been made in the methods of farming and has kept abreast with the general progress and improvement. For eleven years he served as school director and has done much to further public education in his home locality. He and his wife now occupy a beautiful residence and they enjoy the esteem of all who know them, being numbered among Bureau county's best citizens. Mr. Wilson's residence here covers a period of almost sixty years and thus his memory forms a connecting link between the primitive past and the progressive present, for he recalls many scenes of pioneer life and the experiences incident to the development of a new farm upon the frontier.

#### JACOB JAMES KINNICK.

Jacob James Kinnick in 1819 took up his abode on his present farm in Gold township, comprising one hundred and sixty acres of land, and has here since engaged in general farming and stock-raising, keeping everything about the place in first class condition, evidences of modern agricultural progress being seen in all departments of the farm.

He was born in Dover township, four miles north of Princeton, on what is known as the James Garvin farm, on January 4, 1816, and is therefore sixty years of age. He is a son of Walter and Susan Kinnick, who for some time lived upon the Garvin farm, where the death of the father occurred when he was forty-three years of age. Three sons of the family are still living: Walter, who has retired from business life and resides in Buda; Joseph, who makes his home in Park City, Montana; and Jacob J., of this review.

Jacob J. Kinnick was reared to farm life, and in the schools of Princeton acquired his education. He served for one year in the Civil war, enlisting in October, 1864, in Company H, One Hundred and Forty-sixth Regiment of Illinois Volunteers, and during his year at the front saw arduous service, being honorably discharged July 8, 1865. He then returned to his home and has since followed farming in this county. At one time he owned forty acres of land in Concord township, near Buda, and he came to his present farm in Gold



township in 1894, at which time he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land, which is now well tilled. The raising of cereals adapted to soil and climate constitutes one feature of his business, and he is also engaged in stock-raising, having some good cattle, horses and hogs upon his place. Investigation into the methods which he follows shows that he is not only thoroughly familiar with modern farm processes, but that he follows them and therefore derives from his work the best possible results.

Mr. Kinnick was married to Miss Fannie Fletcher, who was born in Virginia, whence she removed to Ohio and thence came to this county in 1814. Her father was a cooper by trade, but engaged in stock-raising after coming to the middle west. She was largely reared in this county, remaining in her parents' home until she gave her hand in marriage to Mr. Kinnick in 1872. They are both well known in the county, where they have lived through many decades, being properly classed with the early settlers, their memory compassing the period of early pioneer development and improvement here as well as the later era of progress and prosperity. Mr. Kinnick is a member of the Grand Army post of Buda and his wife is a member of the Wesleyan church.

#### JOHN A. MURPHY.

John A. Murphy, deceased, who was a respected, worthy and successful farmer of Manlius township, was born in Kilkenny, Ireland, and was reared to farm life, early becoming familiar with the work of field and meadow. He became a resident of Princeton, Illinois, in 1855, and, having no capital, he at once sought employment, which he secured upon a farm. He was thus employed at farm labor until 1859, when he purchased his first land, consisting of fifteen acres near Princeton.

As a companion and helpmate for life's journey Mr. Murphy chose Miss Catherine O'Toole, whom he married in Rome, New York, on the 8th of January, 1853. She is also a native of the green isle of Erin, and came to America when a young lady of seventeen years. Following their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Murphy removed to Williams county, Ohio, where they remained for three years, and then settled in Bureau county, Illinois. Here Mr. Murphy spent his remaining days, his death occurring in Princeton on the 12th of November, 1860.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Murphy were born six children who are yet living: Katie, the wife of Albert B. Elliott, a farmer residing in Princeton township; James A., who follows farming in Manlius township; Michael E., also a farmer of the same township; Mary A., the wife of Patrick Clinton, an agriculturist of Manlius township; and Anna E., the wife of Marion M. Griffin, who likewise

carries on agricultural pursuits in Manlius township. One son, John L. Murphy, died January 20, 1905, at the age of forty-four years.

Mrs. Murphy is now the owner of a valuable farm property of two hundred acres, from which she derives a good income, for the place is kept under a high state of cultivation and the fields therefore return rich harvests. Her son James has a farm of eighty acres and Michael one hundred and twenty acres, so that the family possessions aggregate four hundred acres. In politics the sons are supporters of the democracy, while the family are all members of the Catholic church of Sheffield. They are widely and favorably known in the community where they reside and are prominent representatives of the farming interests of this part of the county.

#### MRS. ALICE McCLEARY.

Mrs. Alice (Kasbeer) McCleary, living in Ohio township, is a representative of one of the pioneer families of Bureau county, and now owns and occupies the original Kasbeer homestead, vacated by her parents in 1868. She was born March 3, 1855, and is a daughter of John S. and Hannah (Ross) Kasbeer. Her father was born in Tuscarawas county, Ohio, December 28, 1818, and the mother's birth occurred in the same county, February 12, 1826. There were twelve children in the family, of whom four are now deceased. Mrs. McCleary, who is the tenth in order of birth, attended the district schools and also spent four terms as a student in Princeton and one term in the State Normal University at Normal, Illinois.

On the 18th of February, 1902, she gave her hand in marriage to Daniel C. McCleary, who was born in Fayette county, Pennsylvania, September 10, 1856, a son of Henry and Edith (Darlene) McCleary, who were likewise natives of that county, the former born January 8, 1821, and the latter February 26, 1827. This worthy couple were the parents of seven well trained children, who were taught temperance habits, and of whom four have now passed away. Daniel C. McCleary, the sixth of the family, was educated in the common schools of Pennsylvania and Virginia and is today an industrious farmer and stock-raiser, making a specialty of polled Angus and Galloway cattle. He makes a large quantity of butter for market and raises a large number of chickens. On the 17th of March, 1880, in Cass county, Missouri, he married Elizabeth Marsh, a daughter of Jacob and Rebecca (Ross) Hunter. She was born in Bureau county, July 13, 1832, and died September 6, 1900. Of the two children born of that marriage Nellie Laurena was born November 19, 1881, and died May 30, 1891, and a little son died in infancy.

Mrs. Alice McCleary remained long on the farm with her aged parents, attending to the household



duties and assisting her father in business matters. Her farm adjoins the village of Kasbeer on the north, and the house was erected by her father sixty years ago, but has since been greatly re-modeled and enlarged, making it a very attractive home. The framework, sleepers, joists and laths were hewed out of hard timber. The late country home of the parents went to their youngest son, John William Kasbeer, at their death. Mrs. McCleary is the only lady notary public ever registered at the courthouse in Princeton, and has served in that capacity for the past eight years to the entire satisfaction of all concerned. She is a writer of considerable ability, and has contributed many able articles to the press.

Mr. and Mrs. McCleary are members of the Methodist Protestant church and are most highly esteemed residents of Ohio township. Their friends are many, and entertain for them the highest respect. They are interested in church work and all that pertains to the moral progress of the community, and Mrs. McCleary was for twenty-one years teacher of a class in Sunday-school. She is also a member of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of her church and belongs to a temperance society which was organized in 1875 and is still in existence. The family have long been stalwart advocates of the cause of temperance, and are prohibitionists in their political faith and affiliation.

#### JOHN J. COSTELLO.

Upon a farm in La Moille township lives John J. Costello, who for ten years has had charge of the Stacy place of two hundred and ninety-three acres. He was born in the neighboring county of La Salle on the 20th of September, 1868, and is of Irish lineage. His father, John Costello, born on the Emerald Isle, came to the United States in 1861, and in Pennsylvania was united in marriage to Miss Katharine Brennan, whose birth occurred in Ireland and who came to this country in 1863. In a family of seven children who graced this marriage the subject of this review was the third, and, like the other members of the household, he was reared upon the home farm, acquiring his education in the schools of La Moille township, while in the summer months he assisted in the work of plowing, planting and harvesting. His labors proved a practical training school for the experiences of his later years when he started out in life on his own account.

Happy in his home surroundings, Mr. Costello was married on the 9th of October, 1896, to Miss Savilla Sterns, who was born in Ohio, October 9, 1869. She was the second in a family of eight children whose parents were William and Sarah (Criswell) Dority, natives of Ohio, whence they came to Illinois in 1866. Mrs. Costello was then a little maiden of six summers, and her education

was acquired in the Bureau county public schools. There are two children of this marriage: Joseph J., born October 8, 1897; and James W., born February 11, 1900.

Mr. Costello is a communicant of the Roman Catholic church, and affiliates with the Modern Woodmen of America, while his political views lead him to indorse the principles of the republican party. He has had charge of the Stacy farm, consisting of two hundred and ninety-three acres, for the past ten years, and is here engaged in raising both grain and stock. He is a self-made man who started out in life a poor boy to make his own way in the world. His life exemplifies the phrase, "through struggles to triumph," for by hard work he has accumulated a nice competence, which he keeps invested in stock. He is an excellent judge of stock, being seldom, if ever, at error in placing a valuation upon domestic animals, and this has been one element in his success. He is spoken of among those who know him as an excellent neighbor and a valuable friend, and, moreover, he has made a creditable record in the business world.

#### GEORGE E. SEIBEL.

George E. Seibel is a representative of one of the old and prominent families of this county, and resides upon the Seibel homestead, in Manlius township, where he owns and operates one hundred and eighty acres of land. It was in this township that his birth occurred on the 5th of November, 1854, his parents being John J. and Priscilla P. (Follet) Seibel, who are mentioned elsewhere in this work. At the usual age George E. Seibel began his education and studied in Manlius and Sheffield. When he put aside his text-books he took up farming with his father, and has always resided in Manlius township with the exception of a period of six years, which he spent in Gold township, where he now owns land. He at the present time resides upon the old Seibel homestead, where a valuable farm of one hundred and eighty acres pays tribute to his labor, care and management. The fields are rich soil and return good harvests, and everything about the place is kept in accordance with modern ideas of progressive agriculture.

On the 20th of July, 1875, Mr. Seibel was married to Miss Eva E. McNaughton, a daughter of John F. and Elizabeth (Liddell) McNaughton, farming people of Fairfield township. They came to Illinois from Vermont in 1856 and took up their abode in this county in 1874, spending here their remaining days. The father died at the age of sixty-nine years, while the mother passed away at the more advanced age of seventy-four years. In the last ten years of Mr. McNaughton's life he was engaged in the conduct of a hotel at Tampico. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Seibel have been born five children, of whom two have passed away, while those



living are: Grace L., born December 30, 1883; Vernon M., June 25, 1892; and Leonard M., January 29, 1898. All are still under the parental roof. One son, Frank J., died June 39, 1880, when a year old, and a daughter, Ethel C., who was born May 10, 1885, died December 12, 1903, at the age of sixteen years.

In politics Mr. Seibel is a republican, and has served as school director, and was also justice of the peace, but resigned the latter position, for his aspiration is not in the line of office holding, although he stands for good government and does everything in his power to promote local progress and national advancement. He and his family are members of the United Brethren church of Mansfield, of which he is one of the trustees, and he is now serving on the finance and building committees, having in charge the construction of a new church. He is interested in all that pertains to educational and moral development here, and his record has ever been in harmony with that of the prominent pioneer family which he represents.

#### HERBERT LESLIE LITTLEFIELD.

Herbert Leslie Littlefield, now operating the old home farm of the family, was born in Boston, Massachusetts, February 15, 1867, and is a son of Joseph Emerson and Sarah Anne (Baker) Littlefield, who were farming people and came to Sheffield in 1870. Near that town the father rented land for eight years and, living frugally and economically and carrying on his farm work with energy and determination, he at length secured a sum of money sufficient to enable him, in 1878, to purchase the home farm of eighty acres, whereon he lived and labored until his death, which occurred on the 16th of February, 1905. He had for two years survived his wife, who died on the 18th of February, 1902. Mr. Littlefield was a native of Kennebec, Maine, born October 31, 1828, and his wife was a native of Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, born March 24, 1831. Both were of English descent and were people of genuine worth, whose many sterling qualities won for them the friendly regard of all with whom they came in contact.

Herbert L. Littlefield was reared to farm life, early becoming familiar with the work of field and meadow. He acquired his education in the public schools, his time being divided between the work of the schoolroom, the pleasures of the playground and the duties incumbent upon him as a farmer's son. He is now residing on the old homestead place, which he had worked with his father through the period of his minority and early manhood. This farm was left to him and his sister, Mary Louise, who resides with him. She was also born in Boston and was brought by her parents to Illinois, where she has since resided. She supple-

mented her early educational privileges by study in the Sheffield high school and in Knox College at Galesburg, after which she spent four years in Boston, but she is now living with her brother upon the old homestead, which is owned jointly by them. He is a republican with firm faith in the principles of the party but without desire for office, his attention being concentrated upon his business affairs, and in their management he displays keen discernment and executive force as well as unflinching diligence.

#### HENRY POPP.

Henry Popp, who for a third of a century has been identified with the agricultural interests of Macon township, was born in Frederickshafen, Bavaria, Germany, April 24, 1838. His parents were Lawrence and Lena (Fry) Popp, who were likewise natives of Frederickshafen, the former born in 1821 and the latter in 1830. The father was a farmer by occupation and was a man of considerable local prominence, serving for many years as mayor of his town. He was also a soldier of the German army for several years and held membership in the Lutheran church, in the faith of which he died at the age of sixty-five. His widow is still living on the old homestead in the fatherland. In their family were six children, of whom three are now living: John and Mattie, being residents of Germany.

At the usual age Henry Popp began his education in the public schools of his native country and when twenty years of age he entered the German army, serving for three years as a musician. He also followed farming in his native province for one year and in October, 1852, he bade adieu to friends and childhood's home and left his native soil for America, landing at Philadelphia. He afterward made his way to South Chicago, where he remained for about six months, and then came to Macon township, Bureau county, where he has since been a representative of its agricultural life, now farming one hundred and sixty acres of land, whereon he also raises some stock. His is one of the typically fine farms of Illinois, and the property has been acquired entirely through his own unaided labors.

Mr. Popp was married, January 20, 1855, to Miss Mary Albrecht, who was born in Tiskilwa, this county, April 7, 1854, a daughter of Christian and Katherine (Rugger) Albrecht, natives of Bavaria, the former born in 1830 and the latter in 1810. They are now residents of Tiskilwa and in their family are six children: John, who married Lizzie Reiser; Lena, the wife of John Ringenberg; Mrs. Popp; Katie, who married Samuel Simmon; Lizzie, and Emma, the wife of Peter Rinkenberger. Mr. and Mrs. Albrecht came to the United States and settled in Bureau county





among its earliest residents, Mrs. Albrecht being but seven years of age when with her parents she crossed the Atlantic. In 1896, Mr. Albrecht, after having followed farming for many years, retired and has since lived in Tiskilwa without recourse to further labor, his competence being sufficient to supply him with all the comforts and some of the luxuries of life. He has also given to each of his children eighty acres of land. He and his wife hold membership in the Mennonite church and are most highly esteemed people.

Mr. and Mrs. Popp also hold membership with the same religious denomination and in politics he is independent, voting for the best man. Their family numbers five children: Christian L., who was born February 9, 1886, and died June 10, 1887; Ida, born September 7, 1888; Henry, January 10, 1891; Laura, December 30, 1892; and Harry, November 18, 1898. In a review of his life during the last third of a century, in which time he has lived in this county, it will be found that Mr. Popp has displayed sterling traits of character, business rectitude, loyal citizenship and consideration for the rights of others, of which the regard in which he is uniformly held is the legitimate outcome.

#### ELISHA W. FASSETT.

The life of Elisha W. Fassett was so constant in its activity, so honorable in its purposes and so far-reaching and beneficial in its effects that it became an integral part of the history of La Moille and since he has passed from this life his name has been honored and his memory cherished by all who knew him. A native of New Hampshire, he was born in Cheshire county, June 23, 1823, and his life record compassed the period between that date and 1891. His parents were Elisha and Lovina (Angier) Fassett, natives of Fitzwilliams, New Hampshire, which fact indicates that their respective families were established in America in colonial days. The Revolutionary war had been brought to a close only about a decade before the birth of the father, on the 29th of October, 1792. For many years he remained a resident of the Old Granite state, but in June, 1835, they sought a home in the then far west, coming to Bureau county, Illinois, which, however, at that time was a part of Putnam county. All of the conditions of frontier life were here in evidence and many were the hardships and privations which the family experienced, making their lot a very different one from what they had known in New England, where the older civilization enabled them to secure many of the comforts of life. Elisha Fassett, of this review, was the youngest of their three children, the daughters being Nancy and Rosilla. The wife and mother was not long permitted to enjoy her new home, for her death

occurred in La Moille, August 1, 1837. Elisha Fassett, Sr., long survived her and departed this life in Canon City, Colorado, November 17, 1884, at the venerable age of ninety-two years.

Elisha Fassett, whose name introduces this record, was reared in the state of his nativity and is indebted to the schools of New Hampshire for the educational privileges he enjoyed. He was a young man of twenty-two years at the time of the removal of the family to Bureau county, and here at the age of twenty-nine years he was married, December 7, 1842, to Miss Parmelia W. B. Morton, whose residence in Bureau county antedates that of the great majority of its old settlers. She was born in Hatfield, Hampshire county, Massachusetts, May 21, 1823, a daughter of Cotton and Nancy H. (Herrick) Morton, also natives of the Bay state. The Morton family is of Scotch extraction, and for many generations have made their home at Hatfield, Massachusetts. Mrs. Fassett traces her ancestry back to Richard and Ruth Morton, both of whom lived to a ripe old age, the former dying April 3, 1740, and the latter December 31, 1744. Soon after their marriage, in about 1668 or 1669, they removed to Hatfield, Massachusetts, where, for many generations, the family have resided, but the only one now living there is Silas Porter, a cousin of our subject, who is unmarried.

From Richard and Ruth Morton, tracing toward the present time and omitting several generations, we find the honored names of Lieutenant Jonathan Morton, and his wife Sarah, the latter of whom died October 5, 1760, at the age of seventy-three years. In some of the early wars, probably the French and Indian, the former gained his title. Jonathan Morton, the son of this worthy couple, married Eunice Smith, and their only child of whom we have any knowledge is William, who married Hannah Chambers June 23, 1783. He died November 12, 1837, and his wife passed away February 25, 1838.

Cotton Morton, the father of Mrs. Fassett, was one of their family of twelve children. His death occurred February 19, 1845, at the age of forty-nine years and ten months, and his wife departed this life in 1886, at the age of eighty-six years, her birth occurring November 30, 1800. Mrs. Fassett is the oldest in their family of seven children, the others being as follows: Plina F. married Eleanor Garmon, of New Jersey, who died in October, 1895, and he now resides in California. Caroline M. was married in 1856 to George Brush, who died March 12, 1888, in the sixty-ninth year of his age, and she is now making her home in La Moille. Harry N. is the wife of William Burnside, a resident of Riverside, a suburb of Chicago. Andrew J. wedded Mary Cook, and died while on a visit to Chicago, Illinois. Nancy C. is the wife of Isaac Harkness, of Bloomington, Illinois. Martin V. B. married Mary Adams, and is now living in Princeton.



*E. W. Hassett*



All of the children were born in Hatfield, Massachusetts.

Soon after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Fassett removed to La Moille and from that time until his death he was closely associated with its business interests and material development. For a long period he was a successful merchant, carrying on a store in which he met with a good patronage, owing to his straightforward business methods, his reasonable prices and the earnest effort he made to please his customers. He won an unassailable reputation in business circles because of his strict conformity to a high standard of commercial ethics. He was never known to take advantage of the necessities of another in a business transaction and his prosperity was therefore well merited. In community affairs, too, he was active and helpful. He recognized the duties and obligations of citizenship and he stood for improvement and progress along all those lines which contribute to public stability and the general welfare. He did much toward securing the Allen school building, of which the citizens of La Moille are justly proud. He held membership in the Baptist church, of which Mrs. Fassett is also a member, and to its support he contributed generously, while in its various activities he did his full share.

Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Fassett, as follows: Hattie L. P. is the wife of J. R. Woods, a banker of La Moille, and they have three children—Parmelia F., Riley F. and Lydia M. Fannie died at the age of fourteen years. Charles W. married Sarah B. Rambau, now deceased. They had one son, Claude V. His second wife was Emma V. Boroff, by whom he has two children—Edith V. and Kittie H. Frank married Amanda Long and has two daughters, Florence Vienna and Lillian. Florence Vienna, the fifth child of our subject, died at the age of twenty months. Elisha Pearl, a resident of Chicago, married Jennie Penfield of Quincy, Illinois, and they have three children—Leon Penfield, Elisha W. and Charles.

The death of the husband and father occurred in La Moille October 17, 1891, when he was in his sixty-ninth year. He was worthy the respect and honor of his fellowmen because of the use he made of his talents and his opportunities and because his thoughts were not self-centered, but were given to the mastery of life problems and the fulfillment of his duty as a man in his relations to his fellowmen and as a citizen in his relations to his home locality and his county. Mrs. Fassett still survives her husband and resides in La Moille, where she has lived for about sixty-four years, being the oldest resident of the village in years of continuous connection therewith. Her residence in the county covers a period of sixty-eight years, for in 1838 she accompanied her parents on their removal to Princeton. Few have longer resided within the borders of the county

and throughout all the decades which have been added to the cycle of the centuries since 1838 she has been an interested witness of the changes which have occurred. Her mind bears the impress of the early historic annals of the county and forms a connecting link between the primitive pioneer past and the present with all of its progression and higher civilization.

#### JAMES WILLIAM COGGINS.

James William Coggins is the owner of a pleasant home in the midst of a good farm in Manlius township. He first opened his eyes to the light of day in Sheffield, on the 14th of February, 1862, and is of Irish lineage, his parents being Patrick and Katherine Coggins, who came from Ireland, the father crossing the Atlantic at the age of eighteen years. He survived to the age of seventy-four years, passing away in 1902, and his widow still lives in Sheffield.

Mr. Coggins of this review is indebted to the public-school system of his native town for the educational privileges he enjoyed and which qualified him to undertake the duties of a business career in later life. He first began earning his living by working in the coal mines, and was thus employed until May, 1893, when he purchased his present home of one hundred and sixty acres. His attention has since been given to general agricultural pursuits, and he has developed his land, making it productive through the capable manner in which he has tilled the soil and rotated crops. He suffered a great loss by fire on the 16th of July, 1903, when all of the buildings upon his place were destroyed, but with resolute spirit and undaunted courage he set to work to retrieve his lost possessions, and has since erected a beautiful modern residence, containing ten rooms. He has likewise built good barns and made all other modern improvements, and now has one of the best farms in the county. He raises good horses, cattle and hogs, all from registered stock, and this branch of his business is likewise proving to him profitable.

Mr. Coggins was married September 15, 1885, the lady of his choice being Miss Kate Frances Condon, of Manlius township, a daughter of John Condon, who is mentioned elsewhere in this volume. They have become the parents of seven children: Anna B., who is engaged in teaching school; Mildred C.; John C.; LeRoy J.; William; Eugene G.; and Evaline M. The family are now pleasantly situated in their new home, which is tastefully furnished and supplied with many modern comforts.

Mr. Coggins is independent in politics, voting without regard to party ties. He has served as school director, but has never desired public office. Starting at the very bottom round of the ladder, he has steadily climbed upward, and has made a



business record which any man might be proud to possess. He has faithfully met all obligations and kept all business engagements, and although he started out for himself at the age of twenty-one years without capital, he had a pair of willing hands and strong determination, and with these he has builded his success, and is now one of the substantial farmers of Maunius township.

#### VALENTINE WARKINS.

Valentine Warkins, one of the prominent and influential residents of Bureau county, owning and operating a tract of land of one hundred and twenty acres, situated on sections 7 and 18, La Moille township, is a native of Rockingham, Virginia, born on the 10th of January, 1831. He is a son of St. Clair and Jane (Shifflett) Warkins, both natives of Virginia, the former born in 1809 and the latter in 1812. They removed to Illinois in 1851, locating first at Princeton, where they remained for several years, but later made their way to Dover township, Bureau county. In their family were nine children, of whom Valentine Warkins is the second in order of birth.

The subject of this review was reared in Ohio and Indiana, where he received a common-school education, and at the age of sixteen years started out in life on his own account. At that time he came to Illinois, the year of his arrival being 1847, and he first worked as a farm hand by the month, being employed by William Knox, with whom he remained for eight years. His place constituted the present site of Peru. By industry and economy Mr. Warkins was enabled in a few years to purchase land of his own and engage in an independent business career. As he prospered in his undertakings he added to his property from time to time until he is now in possession of one hundred and twenty acres of valuable land, situated on sections 7 and 18, La Moille township. Here for many years he has been engaged in general agricultural pursuits, each year adding to his financial resources, and he has placed many improvements upon the farm, including good fences, a nice home and substantial outbuildings, besides a gas well. He has been successful in his undertakings, so that he is now able to lay aside the more arduous tasks of a business life.

On the 27th of March, 1857, Mr. Warkins was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Vickrey, who was born April 2, 1838, a daughter of Christopher and Mary (Aery) Vickrey, natives of South Carolina and Greene county, Ohio, respectively. They removed to Illinois at an early day, being numbered among its first settlers. In their family were born twelve children, of whom Mrs. Warkins is the eleventh in order of birth. She was educated in the schools of Ohio and Illinois, and gave her hand in marriage to Mr. Warkins at the age of about nineteen years. She has become the mother of

twelve children, of whom five are deceased, while the surviving members are: Amanda E., born December 9, 1858; Mary E., born April 3, 1866; Sylvia J., April 11, 1869; William A., December 14, 1870; Micha, July 5, 1876; Ada, April 5, 1878; and Maggie, born March 20, 1880.

Mr. Warkins is a democrat in his political views. He has been a hard working man, for he started out in life as a farm hand, but by industry and economy worked his way steadily upward until after a few years he was enabled to engage in business on his own account, having purchased a tract of land, to which he added from time to time until now, in his old age, he is the possessor of one hundred and twenty acres, from which he derives a good income, so that he and his wife may enjoy the evening of life in their quiet country home, surrounded by the comforts of life. Mrs. Warkins is an estimable lady, possessing many sterling traits of character, and she is loved wherever known. Having spent the greater portion of their lives in Bureau county, they have a wide acquaintance, and are classed among the highly respected citizens of this section of the state.

#### JAMES W. SMITH.

James W. Smith, who was formerly engaged in school teaching and is now carrying on farming, has spent his entire life in Bureau county, where he first opened his eyes to the light of day May 20, 1864. In his father's family were but two children, the sister being Elizabeth A., who was born September 15, 1862. The parents are Joseph and Mary J. (McNurlin) Smith, natives of Pennsylvania. The father came to Illinois in 1852, and was married in this state in 1859.

As a school boy James W. Smith mastered the branches of learning usually taught in the public schools and continued his studies in Aurora (Illinois) Seminary. He was thus well equipped by liberal educational privileges for the profession of teaching, which he followed for twelve years, proving a capable educator, who became quite widely known as a representative of public instruction in this state. Under his guidance the schools of which he had charge made rapid and satisfactory progress and maintained a high standard of intellectual development and training. On leaving the schoolroom Mr. Smith concentrated his energies upon farm work, and has so continued to the present time. He now owns an interest in the farm upon which he resides, and although it is not very large, comprising forty acres, it is valuable land, worth from one hundred and fifty to two hundred dollars per acre. He is now meeting with success in what he undertakes, and, moreover, he deserves much credit for what he has accomplished, for he has made his own way in the world, securing his own education with funds that he earned, while since entering business life he has depended en-





tirely upon his own resources. Each advanced step that he has taken has brought him a broader outlook, and through the improvement of his opportunities he has already gained a good living for his family and is steadily progressing toward the goal of affluence.

On the 5th of December, 1895, was celebrated his marriage with Miss Ida V. Smith, who was born in this county, September 1, 1875, her parents being Mark and Caroline (Lowe) Smith, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of New Jersey. They came to Bureau county, Illinois, in 1847, and were married in Livingston, this state. In their family were four children, Mrs. Smith being the third in order of birth. By her marriage she has become the mother of two children: Edith M., born December 6, 1896; and Florence B., born December 25, 1898. The family have a nice home, and the two interesting little daughters add life and light to the household.

Mr. Smith stands for all that is progressive in citizenship, is a friend of the cause of education and keeps in touch with the interests and questions of the day through broad and comprehensive reading. Matters of local progress and national advancement are both dear to his heart, and he stands among the representative men who keep in touch with the world's advanced thought, and while not neglectful of business interests or responsibilities, yet finds time for the consideration of those matters which bear upon the general interests of society.

#### MARTIN H. McMAHON.

Martin H. McMahon owns and operates one hundred and sixty acres of rich and arable land in Manlius township. He was born in Ireland, July 18, 1862, the place of his nativity being in County Clare. He was educated in the public schools of his native country, and when nineteen years and eight months of age came to America, attracted by the favorable reports which he had heard of its possibilities for business advancement. He first settled near Worcester, Massachusetts, where he worked as a laborer and farm hand for about seven months, when he continued on his westward way and became a resident of Bureau county, where lived his uncle, for whom he worked on a farm for one year, and three years, summer and winter, on the Cushing farm, west of Providence. He then began farming on his own account on a tract of eighty acres, which he rented, and three years later, having prospered in his undertakings, he purchased his present home place in Manlius township, comprising one hundred and sixty acres of rich and arable land, which responds readily to the care and labor bestowed up on it, yielding large crops. He also raises standard bred cattle, horses and hogs and has excellent stock upon his place.

On the 9th of February, 1888, was celebrated

the marriage of Mr. McMahon and Miss Ellen Frances Dwyer, of Manlius township, a daughter of Patrick and Elizabeth (Molloy) Dwyer, the former a farmer by occupation. Unto this marriage have been born eight children: Bessie, Katherine, Paul, Marie, Genevieve, Anna, Margaret and Bertha. The family circle remains unbroken by the hand of death, and the children are still under the parental roof.

Mr. McMahon and his family are members of St. Patrick's Catholic church at Sheffield, and his political allegiance is given the democracy, for he is in hearty sympathy with its principles. He has been school director for the past twelve years and clerk of the school board for the same length of time, and he does everything in his power to promote the interests of the schools, realizing how valuable is a good education as a preparation for life's work.

#### JOHN G. RASMUSSEN.

John G. Rasmussen, farmer and stock-raiser, was born in Denmark August 5, 1861, and acquired his education in that country while spending his boyhood days under the parental roof. Both his father and mother are now deceased, having always remained in Denmark—their native country.

John G. Rasmussen there remained until nineteen years of age, when consideration of the business outlook there convinced him that the opportunities of the country were comparatively limited, and he resolved to try his fortune in America. Accordingly he made the voyage to the new world, having little more than would pay his passage, and in Gold township, this county, he sought and obtained farm work. Thus he made his start in life, and he has always been industrious and diligent, realizing that unremitting labor is the basis of all success.

Mr. Rasmussen was married in 1901 to Miss Anna D. Erickson, a native of Gold township and a daughter of Mads Erickson, who was of Danish birth. Two children were born unto Mr. and Mrs. Rasmussen: Henry M., three years of age; and Marie, now in her first year. Mr. and Mrs. Rasmussen reside upon his mother-in-law's farm of one hundred and twenty acres, which is situated on section 23, Gold township, and here he carries on general farming and stock-raising, giving his attention unremittingly to the further development and improvement of the place. He also rents eighty acres on section 24.

He and his wife hold membership in the Danish Lutheran church. Politically he is independent, voting for the candidates whom he regards as best qualified for office, without reference to party affiliation. His fellow townsmen, recognizing his worth and fidelity, have chosen him for the office of collector for three years, and he has also been a school trustee. He had nothing when he came



to America, but his stout heart and strong resolution stood him instead of capital, and these qualities have enabled him to make progress along the high road to success since his arrival in the new world.

#### JOHN S. ROBINSON.

John S. Robinson, numbered among the pioneer residents of Bureau county, where for more than a half century he has made his home, claims the far-off state of Maine as the place of his nativity. His birth occurred near Skowhegan, on the 11th of April, 1828, and he represents one of the old families of the Pine Tree state. His father, Josiah Robinson, was born in Hallowell, Kennebec county, Maine, in 1801, and became a pioneer settler of Somerset county, Maine, where he carried on business as a farmer and stock-dealer. He purchased cattle which he drove through to the old Brighton market near Boston, Massachusetts, making the entire journey on foot—a distance of two hundred and fifteen miles. He was not only active and successful in his business affairs, but was also one of the influential factors in community life and held a number of township offices. He and his family were members of the Baptist church and his political allegiance was given to democratic principles as advocated by Jackson until 1854, when he became a republican. He had been reared in the Baptist faith, his father being a minister of that denomination, and his life was in harmony with his profession. He died at the age of fifty-five years, while his wife, who was born in Somerset county, Maine, June 5, 1801, died in the month of May, 1850. In their family were four children: John S.; Richard J., who was born June 6, 1832, and died in October, 1905; Judith, who was born December 19, 1836, and is the wife of C. C. Daniels, of Somerset county, Maine; and George H., who was born March 19, 1810, and is living in Macon township, this county.

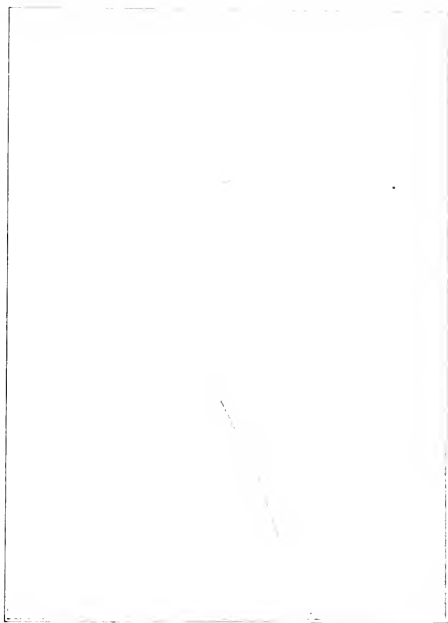
John S. Robinson in his boyhood days worked on the home farm with his father, who engaged in the live stock business, and the son assisted him in driving cattle from his home in Maine to the Brighton market near Boston, being weeks at a time upon the road, for they journeyed on foot, following the herd of stock. They would travel through the forests and at times late in the year would get caught in heavy snow storms. This was before the Kennebec & Portland Railroad, now the Maine Central Railroad, was built. After the construction of the line the father shipped his cattle by rail in the winter time.

Mr. Robinson of this review became familiar with all the farm work in its different departments, and at twenty-two years of age he left home to work for himself, being employed in the lumber camps and in driving logs down the Ken-

nebec river. He also worked in the shipyards of Reed and Page, continuing his residence in Maine until April, 1852, when he left the Pine Tree state and traveled by rail to Buffalo, New York. There he took passage on the steamer Atlantic for Detroit, Michigan, where he boarded the Michigan Central Railroad and continued his journey to New Buffalo, Michigan, which was at that time the terminus of the road. He proceeded by steamer to Chicago and then by boat down the Illinois & Michigan canal to La Salle and across the country by team to Princeton and on to the French Grove postoffice, where the town of Buda now stands. He soon purchased forty acres of land on the old state road at three dollars per acre. After a brief residence in this county, however, he went to Iowa and up through Minnesota, where he crossed into Wisconsin and made his way through the woods to Sheboygan, that state. He thence proceeded by packet steamer to Buffalo, New York, being five days on the lakes, after which he returned to Maine, where he resided until the spring of 1855. In that year he returned to Bureau county, settling in Macon township, where he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of wild prairie land, for which he paid six dollars and a quarter per acre. He built thereon a frame residence, which he occupied until 1881, when he erected a fine home in which he is now living. He has added to this land until he now owns four hundred acres constituting a very valuable property. His farm is well improved, the rich productive fields yielding him large harvests as a reward for the care and labor which he bestows upon them. He was formerly engaged extensively and successfully in breeding short-horn Durham cattle, but at the present time is giving his attention to black Galloway cattle, having at this writing, in 1906, more than one hundred and forty head upon his place. He is also a breeder of Shropshire sheep and his flocks number two hundred and twenty-five head of sheep and lambs. He has shipped one carload of lambs to the Chicago market in the present summer, as well as many summers previous, and there he secures the highest market price. He also breeds Poland China hogs, having seventy head upon his farm at the present time, and he likewise raises good horses, of which he has fifteen head. He says it costs less to raise good stock than those of inferior grades, and he is known as one of the foremost stock-raisers of this part of the county, carrying on his business on an extensive scale that results in the acquirement of very gratifying prosperity.

On the 4th of July, 1857, Mr. Robinson was happily married to Miss Rosa Bigelow, who was born in Somerset county, Maine, April 13, 1834, and died in November, 1891. She was a daughter of Abiel and Rebecca Bigelow. Her father was born in Woonfield, Somerset county, Maine, while his wife was born in Anson, Maine. Mr.





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Bigelow was a carpenter by trade and followed that pursuit in the Pine Tree state until 1851, when he came to Bureau county, Illinois, settling at French Grove, now the site of Buda. He bought eighty acres of land, bordering the old state road, at three dollars per acre, building thereon a house, and engaged in breaking the wild prairie and transforming it into cultivable fields. He was one of the early pioneers of the locality and his labors proved an important factor in reclaiming this district for the uses of civilization. He was also active in public life and served as road commissioner. His political support was given to the whig party and he was a member of the Baptist church. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Bigelow were born six children, but only two are now living: Philena, the widow of George H. Wells; and H. E. Bigelow, who resides near Sioux City, Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. Robinson became the parents of a daughter and two sons: Lottie May, the wife of Charles Norton, of Neponset; Arthur M. and Richard W. The death of the mother was the occasion of deep and widespread regret in Neponset township and Macon and Bureau county, where she had many warm friends. She was devoted to the welfare and happiness of her family, where her loss comes with greatest force. Mr. Robinson has been somewhat active in public life in Macon township, and for four years served as collector. He was also school director for several years, was road commissioner for four years and has held other offices. He cast a ballot for Abraham Lincoln in 1860 and 1861, but in more recent years has given his political allegiance to the democracy. He has now traveled life's journey for more than seventy-eight years and his has been the record of an honorable, upright man, whose business affairs have been carefully directed and whose diligence and laudable ambition have constituted the basis of his success. He is, moreover, known as one of the early settlers of the county, having for more than a half century lived within its borders, so that he is largely familiar with its history and what to many are matters of record are to him matters of experience, as he has witnessed the many changes that have occurred, bearing his part in the work of public improvement and development.

#### SOLOMON C. DOTY.

Solomon C. Doty, engaged in general farming in Gold township, is a native of the Empire state, his birth having occurred in Milan, Dutchess county, New York, August 13, 1828. He is a son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Sanford) Doty, both representatives of old New England families, founded in America during an early epoch in the history of the country. Joseph Doty, the emigrant, came over in the Mayflower.

Reared to the occupation of farming, Solomon

C. Doty has always followed that pursuit, and it is this line of business which is now utilized as a source of livelihood, bringing to him an annual income that classifies him with the substantial residents of Gold township. He has resided in this county since 1876, and while the years have been devoted to the quiet pursuits of the farm and the conduct of his individual interests, he has yet found time and opportunity to manifest the qualities of good citizenship, to indorse progressive public measures and to co-operate in behalf of those movements which are a matter of civic virtue and civic pride.

Mr. Doty was united in marriage November 25, 1851, to Miss Christine Wilsey, and to them were born three children, but one died at the age of seventeen years. Those living are: Seely, now thirty-nine years of age; and Willis, aged thirty-seven. The latter is married and resides in Dingley, where he is conducting a store and is also serving as postmaster, being one of the leading and influential men of the town.

Mr. Doty is a republican, and keeps well informed on the questions and issues which divide the two great parties, so that he is able to defend his position by intelligent argument. For fifteen years he has filled the office of justice of the peace, rendering opinions which are strictly fair and impartial and "winning golden opinions from all sorts of people," as is indicated by his long retention in office. The welfare of the county is a matter of deep interest to him, and he is thoroughly imbued with the spirit of enterprise and progress which have been the dominant factors in the up-building of the middle west.

#### TIMOTHY FORD.

Timothy Ford, a veteran of the Civil war, has since 1874 lived upon his present farm in Manlius township. His life record began in County Galway, Ireland, November 26, 1843, and coming to America in 1855, when twenty-two years of age, he began work on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, being thus employed until 1861, when he gave evidence of his patriotic spirit and his loyalty to the American government by enlisting, on the 4th of October, as a member of Company K, Fifty-seventh Regiment of Illinois Volunteers. This command was engaged in the battles at Fort Henry, Fort Donelson, Shiloh and Corinth, and then marched through Alabama, taking part in the engagements at Decatur, Huntsville, Bear Creek, Rosaca, Rome Crossroads, Altoona Pass and Rome. He was with the reserve and the rear guard during the siege of Atlanta, and marched with Sherman to the sea, proceeding northward from Savannah through South Carolina and on to Goldsboro and Raleigh, North Carolina, to Richmond, and then to Washington, D. C.,



where he participated in the grand review, the most celebrated military pageant ever seen in the western hemisphere. He was mustered out at Louisville, Kentucky, July 7, 1865.

Returning to Buda, Mr. Ford again worked for the railroad company until 1874, when his bank account had sufficiently increased to justify his purchase of one hundred and twenty acres of land. He then became the owner of his present farm in Manlius township, and has since engaged in general agricultural pursuits, ably performing the various duties connected with the capable management of a farm property along modern lines, using the latest improved machinery to facilitate the work of the fields and keeping everything about his place in a state of good repair.

Mr. Ford is much respected in the community, and for thirty-five years he has been school director in his district, while for two years he was path-master. In politics he is a democrat, and the family are communicants of St. Patrick's Catholic church at Sheffield.

On the 15th of September, 1868, Mr. Ford was married to Miss Margaret Henneman, of Wyandot, who is also a native of Ireland, and they now have eleven living children: Mary Emma, the wife of John Brady, of Kewanee, Illinois; Margaret, a milliner of Sheffield; Patrick M., a carpenter; Edward J. and Francis, who follow farming; Alice, at home; Agnes, who is living in Concord township; Catherine, who is attending business college at Moline, Illinois; Jennie, a school teacher; Angelina, who is attending school at Sheffield; and William, at home.

Such is the life record of Timothy Ford, who, with sound judgment, recognized the superior advantages of the new world and came to America to enjoy the broader opportunities here. Nor has he been disappointed in his hope of bettering his financial condition, for, empty-handed at the time of his arrival, he is now in possession of a comfortable competence.

#### JAMES H. CLARK.

James H. Clark, who as a business man has been conspicuous among his associates not only for his success but for his probity, fairness and honorable methods, is now living in Buda. He has been for many years associated with financial and agricultural interests, his life being one of continuous activity, in which has been accorded due recognition of labor. Today he is numbered among the substantial citizens of Bureau county and is in possession of a handsome competence that enables him to rest from further business cares. His interests are thoroughly identified with those of the community in which he resides, and at all times he is ready to lend his aid and co-operation to any movement calculated to benefit this section of the country or advance its wonderful development.

A native of Pennsylvania, he was born on the 19th of March, 1812, near Uniontown, Fayette county, a son of John M. and Jane (Hankins) Clark. His father being a farmer, he was reared amid rural scenes, becoming familiar with the duties of an agriculturist and acquiring his education in the common schools near his home. Entering upon an independent business career at the age of twenty years, he operated a farm on shares which belonged to his uncle, and during that time succeeded in saving a small amount. He first came to Buda in March, 1861, and for five years thereafter was employed on a farm. He then returned to Pennsylvania, where he again operated a farm on shares for three years, on the expiration of which period he located at Lombardville, in Stark county, Illinois. There he conducted a grain business for three years in the employ of C. C. Warren & Company, after which he went to Dorchester, Saline county, Nebraska, where he followed the grain business on his own account from 1878 until 1890. He prospered in that undertaking and also became interested in banking as one of the organizers of the First National Bank of Dorchester, of which he was a prominent stockholder and director. He was elected its first president and re-elected seven consecutive terms, at the end of which time the bank went into voluntary liquidation. The Citizens' Bank of Dorchester having gone into voluntary liquidation at the same time, the Dorchester State Bank was at once organized, composed of the stockholders of the two former banks, and Mr. Clark was elected its president, serving in that office for fifteen terms, making twenty-two years in all to the present time, a period of continued service as bank president not often exceeded. Mr. Clark has also served four years as village trustee and at present is serving his second year as president of the village board of trustees.

On the 17th of April, 1877, Mr. Clark was united in marriage to Miss Celia Maria Chase, a daughter of Colonel Charles and Celia B. (Pitts) Chase and a native of Fairfield, Somerset county, Maine, born February 6, 1839. She is descended from early New England families. Representatives of the name went from France to England at an early day and during the stormy years that followed the accession of the house of Stuart they came to this country soon after the landing of the Pilgrims. Several members of her grandfather's family served in the Revolutionary war and two were in the battle of Bunker Hill and were not heard from afterward. Later—in 1821—two of her ancestors were appointed escorts of Lafayette on his visit to America and subsequently they visited France. A cousin of her mother had the contract for the building of the Bunker Hill monument.

Her father, Colonel Chase, was a master lumberman and for twenty-eight years each spring brought rafts of lumber down the river. He was



also a member of the state legislature and served with the rank of colonel in the state militia. At the beginning of the Mexican war he was offered a commission as colonel by the war department at Washington but declined to enter service on account of business interests. Twin brothers of her mother, John A. and Hiram A. Pitts, were inventors and manufacturers of the Pitts threshing machine with establishments at Buffalo and Chicago.

Mrs. Clark lived in Maine until about thirteen years of age and then accompanied her parents on their removal to Illinois in 1852, the family home being established near Buda, in which vicinity she has since resided. They traveled by the slow boats of the lakes and rivers. Leaving the Illinois river at the point nearest their destination, they proceeded by team to Buda, which was then a collection of a few farm houses scattered along the state road. On the farm, bearing the many burdens that usually fall to the only daughter and sister, caring tenderly for her parents in their old age and never leaving them until they were laid to rest, she lived for many years. As stated, she gave her hand in marriage to Mr. Clark April 17, 1877, and some years afterward they came to the village of Buda, where she lived an exemplary life, devoted to her home and family. One who knew her well said: "She was unselfish in a marked degree; would deny herself comforts and pleasures that others might be benefited. She was in touch with nature. She dearly loved the birds, the trees, the flowers; all nature had charms for her. Her first years were spent on the banks of the Kennebec river and the beauty of her surroundings lingered with her all her life, an inspiration. She was a true friend, a faithful, loving wife, and a devoted mother." She was a woman of unusual intelligence, having clearly defined opinions on all questions of the day. She held her opinions graciously and was generous of her knowledge to those who would learn. On the greatest of all themes, that which relates to our highest and holiest duties, she held definite views. In her life she endeavored to follow God's precepts, and she rejoiced in the progress of His kingdom. To live in the past as well as the present, to live in the whole world and watch its progress and rejoice in it, this was characteristic of Mrs. Clark. Time sometimes adjusts a balance, as it were, for those whose life has been a ministry of care for others, and so for her there came later the comforts of luxury as far as she cared for them, and the joy of love of husband and son and family in her last years. She died July 1, 1906, aged sixty-seven years, four months and twenty-five days.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Clark was born but one child, Walter C., whose birth occurred February 25, 1878. He married Jessie Goodell and is now living in Buda. Mr. Clark was reared in the faith of the democracy but has always been a staunch republican since casting his first presidential bal-

lot for General Grant in 1868. He has been without aspiration for the honors or emolument of public office. Fraternally he is connected with Doric lodge, No. 118, A. F. & A. M., and also became a member of the chapter at Cote, Nebraska. His life in its various business connections and phases has always manifested certain characteristics, among which are indfatigable energy and the successful accomplishment of whatever he has undertaken. In all of his dealings he has been strictly fair and trustworthy and in his social and fraternal relations with his fellowmen has displayed those sterling traits which win warm friendship.

#### CHARLES O. WHITE.

Charles O. White, of Princeton, secretary and general manager of the Bureau County Independent Telephone Company, of which he was also one of the incorporators in 1899, was born in La Moille township, May 5, 1859, a son of Oziel and Minerva (Hammer) White. The father was a native of Warren county, New Jersey, and came to Bureau county in 1859, spending most of his subsequent life upon a farm within its borders. He died November 18, 1881. His wife, who was born in Indiana, May 2, 1831, is a daughter of the late George Hammer, an early settler of Bureau county, and is now making her home in Princeton.

Charles O. White supplemented his early education, acquired in the district schools, by study in the academy at Dover, Illinois, from which he was graduated in 1879. His father being in poor health it largely fell to his lot to manage and operate the home farm and from an early age he was familiar with the work of field and meadow. He taught two winter terms of school in his home neighborhood but otherwise gave his entire attention to agricultural pursuits from early manhood, carrying on the tilling of the soil and also raising stock. His business interests were carefully conducted and he met the success which always crowns earnest labor. In 1899 he was one of the three incorporators of the Bureau County Independent Telephone Company, of which he was chosen general manager, while later he was elected secretary. He now holds both offices and gives his entire time and attention to the business, which under his guidance has made substantial growth and become an enterprise of vast importance in the business life of the county. Since becoming actively interested in the telephone business he has sold his farm in La Moille township but still owns a farm in Missouri and some land in South Dakota. He also owns residence property in Princeton, where he has made his home since March, 1906. He has been one of the principal promoters of the telephone company and in extending its scope has shown good management and executive skill.



On the 18th of January, 1883, Mr. White was married to Miss Ella Taylor, a daughter of Matthew and Catharine Taylor, of Dover, Illinois. Their children are Irma Belle, born January 21, 1884; Margaret Faith, June 19, 1890; and William Douglas, May 12, 1900.

While interested in public affairs Mr. White has had no aspiration for public office, content to do his public service as a private citizen through co-operation in the movements which directly benefit the community. He has always been a republican in his political faith but does not consider himself bound by party ties. He is a member of the Modern Woodmen camp and the Fraternal Reserve Life Association and he also belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church of Princeton.

#### JOHN KANE.

John Kane, whose farm of one hundred and eighty acres in Manlius township is the visible evidence of his life of labor and unremitting diligence, was born in Ireland, November 17, 1810, and after spending the first twelve years of his life on the Emerald isle came with his parents to America, the family home being established at Buda in 1832. There he acquired much of his education through attendance at the public schools, after which he was employed for a time as a farm hand and later he engaged in farming on his own account on rented land. He rented a farm with his father and thereon remained until 1871, when in October of that year he purchased eighty acres of land in Manlius township. To this he has added from time to time until he now has one hundred and eighty acres in the home place, all of which is well improved. There are good buildings on the place, together with modern machinery, and the entire farm presents an excellent appearance, a glance being sufficient to indicate to the passer-by the enterprise and energy of the owner. He also raises standard bred horses, cattle and hogs.

On the 25th of October, 1871—the year in which he purchased his farm—Mr. Kane further completed his arrangements for having a home of his own by his marriage to Miss Mary Cole, a daughter of James Cole, a farmer. They began their domestic life at their present place of residence, and as the years have gone by eleven children have been born unto them: Richard, who is deputy sheriff of Valley county, Montana; James, an agriculturist; Kate and Allie, both at home; Joseph and George, who follow farming; John and Edward, twins; Nellie; Jennie, attending school in Sheffield; and Mary, the wife of Daniel Haggerty, a farmer of Iowa. The family are communicants of St. Patrick's Catholic church at Sheffield, and Mr. Kane is a democrat who for the past twenty years has served as school director.

Such is the history of a self-made man, who has worked earnestly and persistently to secure a good property and has succeeded in his undertakings.

#### ARTHUR C. HUPP.

Among the well known, alert and energetic business men of Westfield township is numbered Arthur C. Hupp, cashier of the Arlington State Bank. He was born in La Salle county, Illinois, December 11, 1871, and is a son of G. C. and Mary J. (Callaghan) Hupp. The father was also a native of La Salle county, while his grandfather, a resident of Pennsylvania, settled there in 1836. After the outbreak of the Civil war G. C. Hupp, responding to the country's call for aid, enlisted as a member of Company K, Eighth Illinois Cavalry. He became first lieutenant and with his regiment was attached to the Army of the Potomac. He participated in many important and decisive battles, including the engagements at Gettysburg, Fredericksburg and Shiloh and made a splendid military record, characterized by valor and meritorious conduct on the field of battle. His mother was a native of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, and her parents were natives of Ireland, arriving in the United States in 1838.

Arthur C. Hupp spent the days of his boyhood and youth in the county of his nativity and is indebted to its public-school system for the educational privileges he enjoyed. Coming to Bureau county in April, 1902, in search of a favorable business opening, he established a private bank in Arlington and in the following October it was converted into a state bank with the following officers: Peter J. Cassidy, president; Mrs. Anna N. Kendall, vice-president; and Arthur C. Hupp, cashier. From the beginning Mr. Hupp has been the active manager of the institution and its success is due to his capable control and marked business ability.

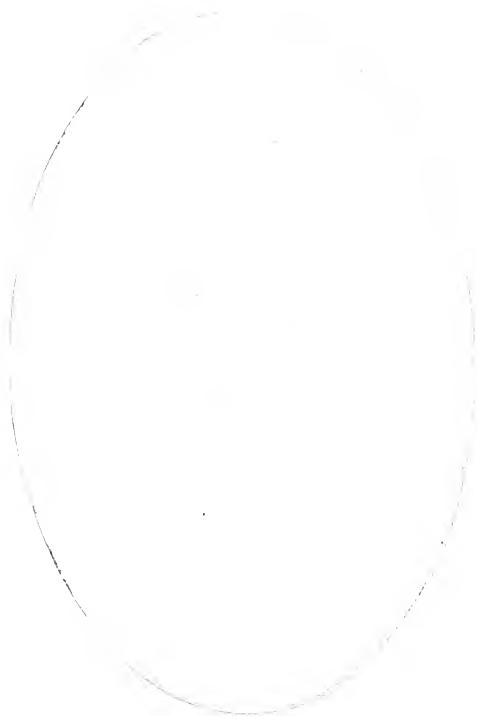
#### ALFRED NORRIS.

Alfred Norris is one of the extensive landowners of Bureau county, whose holdings comprise eight hundred acres, all of which lie on section 31, Clarion township, and the east half of the east half of section 36, La Motte township. A man of excellent business ability and keen discernment, he carefully manages his invested interests, and Pleasant Fields—the name of his estate—is one of the finest country properties in Bureau county.

Mr. Norris was born on the 20th of March, 1863, in the township which is still his home, his parents being William and Mary (Mans) Norris, the former a native of Belmont county, Ohio, where he was born May 20, 1825. He was a son of Luther and Pleasant (Hoge) Norris, the for-







- A. C. HUPP.



mer being born in Frederick county, Maryland, February 1, 1793, and died in Bureau county, Illinois, on March 20, 1869. Pleasant Hoge was born in Belmont county, Ohio, June 9, 1796, and died in the same county, on April 11, 1833. Luther Norris' parents, William and Mary (Hayes) Norris, were natives of Frederick county, Maryland, emigrating from there to Belmont county, Ohio, in 1808.

William Norris, the father of our subject, drove a team of horses from Belmont county, Ohio, to La Moille, Illinois, in the fall of 1816, and the next year bought the quarter section where his son Alfred now lives. In 1852 he drove a yoke of oxen to Sacramento, California, where he mined with poor success for one year. Returning to Bureau county, he devoted the rest of his life to agricultural pursuits and stock-raising, and at one time owned the best herd of shorthorn cattle in the county. Having a thorough knowledge of the productive value of Illinois land, he added to his original one hundred and sixty acres until, at the time of his death, July 1, 1897, he owned two sections of land, lying in Clarion, La Moille and Westfield townships. In the fifty years of his residence on this farm he made great improvements in the way of buildings and the planting of trees, until his was one of the most attractive places in the neighborhood. In August, 1853, he was married to Mary Maus, who came to La Moille in 1852. They were the parents of six children, of whom Lundy and Elmer both died in infancy; Pleasant, born May 7, 1856, died June 20, 1877; William L., born April 20, 1859, died May 23, 1895; Alfred, our subject, born March 20, 1863, as above stated; and Isaac H., born July 4, 1866, and is now a resident of Yorkville, South Carolina.

Mary Norris, the mother, died January 4, 1879. She was born in Qualo-rtown, Bucks county, Pennsylvania, April 19, 1828. Her parents, William and Ann (Rawlings) Maus, were natives of Bucks county, Pennsylvania, the former being born there in 1786 and dying in the same county in 1866. Frederick Maus, father of William Maus, was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in 1750 and was a revolutionary soldier, participating in the battles of Germantown, Pennsylvania, and Trenton, New Jersey, and died in Columbiana county, Ohio, in 1833.

Alfred Norris is indebted to the public-school system of Bureau county for the early educational privileges he enjoyed and completed his studies at the Princeton high school. Throughout his entire business career he has been identified with general agricultural pursuits, and his home is very appropriately named "Pleasant Fields." It is a tract of rolling prairie, splendidly located, and a most pleasing picture of rich and abundant harvests. There are fine buildings upon the farm, commodious, substantial and well painted, and are all equipped with the latest improved modern

improvements connected with the purpose for which they were designed.

On October 8, 1898 Mr. Norris was married to Miss Grace L. Clark, whose birth occurred in Dover township, this county, April 18, 1863. The history of her parents is given in connection with the sketch of S. P. Clark on another page of this work.

Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise, Mr. Norris has given his political allegiance to the republican party and is in thorough sympathy with its principles. He is orthodox in his religious faith but is not a member of any church. His wife, however, belongs to the Congregational church. He is a man of broad experience and of wide general culture, who has traveled extensively, gaining the knowledge which is acquired only in that way. He has visited every state and territory in the Union, spending about three years in travel, and is thoroughly familiar with the many places of historic and scenic interest in this country. He and his wife live and enjoy life to its fullest extent, being abundantly able to gratify their desires in the way of travel, and they are, moreover, held in the highest esteem for their attractive social qualities and for their genuine appreciation of all that is truest and best in life.

#### ANDREW OLOFSSON.

Andrew Olofsson, deceased, was numbered among the residents of Swedish birth who were a most important factor in reclaiming and improving Manhus township, converting it into one of the richest agricultural districts of this part of the state. All who knew him respected him by reason of what he accomplished and the methods which he followed in an active business career. He was born in Sweden, September 23, 1831, a son of Olof Johnson. Upon the home farm he was reared and in the common schools was educated. When a young man of twenty-two years he resolved to try his fortune in the new world, reaching Princeton on the 8th of June, 1854. From that time until his death he resided continuously in Bureau county save for the period of the year 1867 which he spent in Iowa. In the spring of 1869 he removed to what is now the old homestead farm of three hundred and forty acres on section 25, Manhus township. Throughout his entire life he carried on agricultural pursuits and year after year engaged in the tilling of the soil with the result that his labors were followed by good crops and he was thus enabled to add annually to his income.

On the 26th of August, 1866, Mr. Olofsson was married to Rachel (Hosier) Clary, who was born in Indiana in 1836. Her first husband, a native of Ohio, died in Indianapolis, Indiana, in 1863, being at that time a member of Company G of the Forty-seventh Indiana Infantry. He left two chil-



dren: John Clary, who was born June 12, 1858, and was married September 13, 1882, to Ella J. Scott, a native of Bureau county, their home being now in Whiteside county; and Sylvester M., who was born April 19, 1862, and is a farmer of Bureau township. On the 10th of February, 1886, he wedded Miss Mary E. Garman, who died August 19, 1896, and he was married November 3, 1898, to Miss Emma Bearfoot, of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Olofson were born four children. Francis A. was married, October 30, 1889, to Miss Ida Lattey, of Bureau township. Minnie A. was married October 20, 1892, to Edward C. Olson, a resident farmer of Manlius township. William A. is following farming in Manlius township upon the old homestead. Ora E. Garfield is yet at home.

Mr. Olofson was a member of the United Brethren church and his influence was ever given on the side of right, progress and improvement. He voted with the republican party and in all matters of citizenship he was loyal and faithful, having a deep attachment for his adopted country. He served his community as school director and was considered a good man, worthy the respect of all who knew him. As the years passed by he won success as the reward of his earnest and indefatigable labor and thus when he was called from this life on the 24th of September, 1902, he was enabled to leave his family in comfortable financial circumstances. Mrs. Olofson still remains upon the old homestead in Manlius township, where she has about one hundred acres of land.

#### BENJAMIN F. METCALF.

Benjamin F. Metcalf, engaged in farming and stock-raising in La Moille, his native township, began his life record here on the 22d of April, 1866. He is a representative of one of the old New England families. His father, Frederick C. Metcalf, was born in Williamstown, Vermont, November 14, 1822, and during the pioneer epoch in the history of Bureau county came to Illinois, where he has resided continuously since the year 1839. He married Sarah Ann Hubbard, a native of Pennsylvania, and for many years they traveled life's journey together but were separated by the death of the wife on the 26th of December, 1905. Mrs. Metcalf was then seventy-eight years of age, her birth having occurred on the 20th of June, 1827, while Mr. Metcalf has attained the very venerable age of eighty-four years. They were married in Pennsylvania, June 10, 1855, and became the parents of six children: Sahara N., Rodolpho, Harriett, Benjamin F., Buena Vista and Macbell. Of this number Harriett and Macbell are deceased.

Benjamin F. Metcalf, whose name introduces this record, entered the public schools at the usual age and completed his education in Dixon (Illinois) Business College. He was reared to farm

life and has never felt a desire to change his occupation, getting pleasure and profit from the faithful discharge of his daily duties. He now owns one hundred and sixty acres of land and the farm is well improved with good buildings, which stand in the midst of fine old shade trees that were planted fifty years ago by his parents and now make the place a most attractive one, suggesting coolness and relief from the hot sun upon a summer's day. He has resided almost continuously in this county, although at the age of twenty-two years he went west to Tacoma, Washington, where he remained for five years, later spending eight years in Spokane. He then returned to the old homestead, where he has resided continuously since, and his time and attention are now given to the farm, his labors being attended with a gratifying measure of success.

Mr. Metcalf was married to Miss Josephine Lindley, who was born in Eureka, Humboldt Bay, in Humboldt county, California, August 25, 1838, and became a resident of Bureau county, Illinois, in February, 1901. She was educated in California, a daughter of Ellice and Martha Jane (Darnell) Landley, the former a native of Louisville, Kentucky, and the latter of Indianapolis, Indiana. In the year 1849 Mr. Lindley went to Eugene, Oregon, and afterward to California, where he died twenty-seven years ago, but the mother is still living in the Golden state.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Metcalf are members of the Congregational church and are deeply and helpfully interested in its work. In politics he is a republican and a strong Roosevelt man, while fraternally he is connected with the Modern Woodmen of America, holding membership in the lodge at La Moille. His business interests claim the greater part of his time and attention and he now feeds all that he raises to his stock, fattening stock for the market. This is a most important branch of his business and is bringing to him an excellent return, for his sales are extensive. Life is made up of varied experiences and Mr. Metcalf has had many opportunities to learn valuable lessons in this way through his sojourn in the west as well as in Bureau county. He is a self-made and broad-minded man and with his estimable wife is leading a happy life upon the old homestead farm of the family in La Moille township.

#### FRANK B. PECKHAM.

Frank B. Peckham, engaged in the real estate business in Princeton, was born in Tiskilwa, this county, in 1863, a son of James and Harriet (Head) Peckham, both of whom were of English birth, natives of Brighton and London respectively. The father has now passed away but the mother resides in Tampico, Illinois. On coming to the new world James Peckham, made his way to Chicago and about fifty years ago ar-



rived in Bureau county. He established his home south of Tiskilwa, where he lived for a few years and then spent five years half way between Princeton and Tiskilwa. Subsequently he removed to a farm on Green river, where he resided until a year or two prior to his death, when he took up his abode in Tampico. He was a farmer by occupation and was the owner of two hundred and eighty acres of valuable land, from which he derived a handsome income. In politics he was a democrat, but was not particularly active in political work. He and his wife held membership in the Episcopal church in Tiskilwa during their residence there. Men who knew him respected him and those who came within the closer circle of his acquaintance gave him their warm friendship. In the family were nine children, five sons and four daughters, all of whom are living. The eldest daughter was born in England and the eldest son in Chicago. Three of the family are still residents of this county: William, who follows farming near New Bedford; Mrs. R. M. Heaton, of Wyandot; Frank B., of this review. The other members of the family are Thomas, Albert and David, who follow farming in Allen county, Kansas; Mrs. F. W. Smith, of Tampico; and Mrs. R. M. Kumbler and Mrs. H. S. Palmer, of Minneapolis.

Frank B. Peckham was reared in this county to the occupation of farming, which he followed on the old homestead until eighteen years of age. He has since owned a farm and sometimes has owned two or more. For the past twenty years he has been engaged in the real estate business, mainly handling farm properties, and few men in this line are more thoroughly acquainted with realty values than he—a fact which enables him to make judicious investments and profitable sales. He has negotiated many important realty transfers and has an excellent clientele in his chosen field of business.

Mr. Peckham was married in Princeton to Miss Martha M. Moses. She was born in Petersburg, New York, in 1866, a daughter of Professor S. W. and Mary E. (Hovey) Moses, who became residents of Princeton twenty-nine years ago. Her father was a well-known professor of music, a violinist of rare ability and teacher of violin, piano and many other branches of music. In 1885 he opened a music store which he conducted for a number of years. He died in April, 1901, and his loss was deeply felt in musical circles. Mrs. Peckham is very prominent in musical circles and has composed a number of vocal and instrumental pieces. She was reared in Princeton and studied music with her father a number of years, and later she continued her work in musical theory at the American Conservatory of Music, under Mr. Adolf Weidig. Two children grace this union: Solon Moses, who was born in Chicago during a temporary residence in that city; and Mary Hovey, who was born in Princeton.

The son and daughter are both now in school. The parents are members of the Christian Science church, and in political faith Mr. Peckham is a republican. Having resided almost their entire lives in this county, they have a wide acquaintance and are prominent socially, while in business circles Mr. Peckham has made a creditable name.

#### MARCUS R. THACKABERRY.

The farming interests of Fairfield township are well represented by Marcus R. Thackaberry, who is living on section 20, where he owns and operates seven hundred and twenty acres of valuable land, all in one body, and improved with three sets of farm buildings. His holdings, however, are much more extensive, making him one of the leading landowners of this part of the county.

His birth occurred in Fairfield township in 1860 upon the farm which is now his place of residence, his parents being Marcus and Mary (Gregg) Thackaberry, who were early residents of Princeton, coming from Pennsylvania to Bureau county in 1853. The father was born in Queens county, Ireland, April 25, 1817, while the grandfather was a native of Germany, whence he emigrated to the Emerald Isle. Marcus Thackaberry, Sr., leaving the latter county in 1846, sailed for the new world, attracted by the broader business opportunities here afforded. He was first employed in a foundry in New York, where he remained until 1850, when he went to Pennsylvania, where he resided until his removal to Bureau county, Illinois, in 1853. In this county he retired from industrial pursuits and turned his attention to agricultural interests. He first rented a farm four miles north of Princeton and in its cultivation he won a measure of success that enabled him in 1857 to purchase eighty acres of land. He invested in property to that amount in Fairfield township and gradually he extended the boundaries of his property until at one time he was the owner of five hundred and twenty acres of valuable land in Fairfield township. His life was indeed a busy, useful and active one, and his unremitting diligence was crowned with a gratifying measure of success. His death occurred December 18, 1889, when he had reached the age of seventy-two years. He was married in Dullin, Ireland, to Miss Mary Gregg, a native of that city. She still survives him and is now living in Fairfield township at a very advanced age, having passed the eighty-eighth milestone on life's journey on the 6th of May, 1905.

Marcus R. Thackaberry spent the days of his boyhood and youth in his parents' home, where he worked at farm labor when not busy with his text-books until twenty-one years of age. His father gave him eight-on dollars per month for his services, and with the money thus earned he paid his way through college. He left home to attend





school at Valparaiso, Indiana, where he was a student in the Northern Indiana Normal College in 1881 and 1882. He was preparing for the study of law and after leaving that institution he engaged in teaching for some time, proving a capable educator, the schools under his charge making satisfactory progress. However, he determined to engage in farming as a life work and rented a farm of his father until the latter's death. He made his first purchase of land in 1881, becoming owner of a tract in Fairfield township. He afterward bought one hundred and twenty acres, adjoining the old homestead upon which his birth occurred, and subsequently he purchased the interest of the other heirs in the home property and thus acquired sole ownership. He has added to his holdings from time to time as opportunity has offered until he now owns seven hundred and twenty acres all in one body in Fairfield township, but this by no means represents his entire acreage, for he has four hundred and thirteen acres in Whiteside county and a half interest in two hundred and twenty acres southeast of the city of Princeton in Princeton township. He also owns eighty acres within eighteen miles of the Cook county courthouse and an extensive tract of nine hundred and sixty acres in Beadle county, South Dakota, which ranch is stocked with horses and cattle, and all his different farms are well stocked with cattle, horses and hogs. He also has a section of land at Saskatchewan, Canada. He has been continuously engaged in agricultural pursuits since he started for himself in 1883. He was somewhat in debt at that time but he soon cleared away all financial obligations and has accumulated property until he has reached his present extensive holdings. He likewise has a fine herd of shorthorn Durham cattle, having handled this grade of cattle for the past ten years. He also raises Poland China hogs and as a stockman as well as a land owner is well known, success attending his ventures in that direction.

Mr. Thackaberry was married to Miss Clara Shugert, of Princeton, a daughter of Philip and Rebecca Shugert, both now deceased. They were early residents of this county, coming in 1850, and for a long period they resided in Princeton. The father died February 2, 1901, at the age of eighty-one years, while the mother, who was born in Ohio, May 25, 1825, passed away in June, 1885, at the age of sixty years. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Thackaberry have been born four children, three of whom still survive: Shugert, who was born November 9, 1890; Lucile, born December 21, 1895; and Margaret, born August 31, 1898. The children are all now in school. The eldest daughter, Fern, who was the second in order of birth, died March 2, 1901, when almost ten years of age.

Politically Mr. Thackaberry is an earnest republican and has served as township clerk, as collector, as justice of the peace and in other offices for a long period, but at the present time is filling

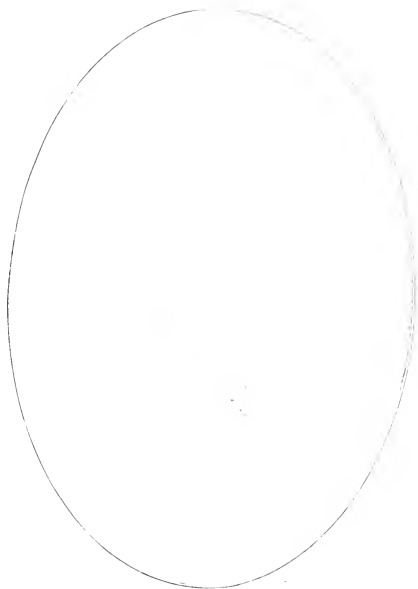
no position of political preference. His fidelity in citizenship, however, is above question and it is a well known fact that his co-operation can be counted upon to further and support any movement for the public good. He and his family are members of the Christian church, and in the work of which they are deeply interested. Mr. Thackaberry has had a remarkable and most successful career since he began dealing in real estate. He is a man of action rather than theory, forms his plans readily and is determined in their execution. Among the most energetic, enterprising and successful business men of the county he is numbered and he is now controlling vast business interests, while in the world of trade his keen discernment and careful management are widely recognized as the basis of his prosperity. His methods are such as will bear the closest investigation and scrutiny and therefore the most envious cannot well grudge him his success. He is well known as a man of courteous manner, unflinching principle and unquestioned integrity and yet without he possesses that practical common sense which never runs to extremes. He has contributed greatly toward assisting others in various ways.

#### CHARLES DECKER.

Charles Decker, deceased, who occupied a prominent position among the citizens of sterling worth in Princeton, was born in the village of Magee, Seneca county, New York, March 1, 1819. His father, William Decker, was a native of the town of Tyre, Seneca county, born July 21, 1818. The grandfather, Jeremiah Decker, was a native of Vermont, while the great-grandfather was born in Holland, and became the founder of the family in the new world. In the year 1813 William Decker was united in marriage to Margaret Magee, a daughter of John and Mary (McNeil) Magee, of Argyle, New York. Six children were born of this marriage: William Clarence, Charles, George, John, Edward and Ella. George died in early manhood, while the remaining four sons and one daughter lived to years of maturity. Edward resides on a farm near Providence. Ella is the wife of L. Maynard and lives on the old Maynard homestead, a half mile east of Providence.

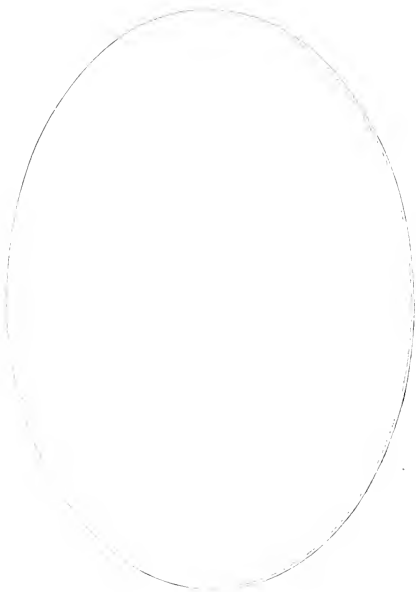
William Decker spent thirty-four years in his native town, after which he removed to Virginia, where he remained until the outbreak of the Civil War, in 1861. He then came to Illinois, and spent four years in Fayette county, subsequent to which time he located in Bureau county, about a mile south of Providence, there residing until a few years prior to his death, when he left the old homestead and removed to Tiskilwa, where he died December 9, 1888, at the age of seventy-one years. He and his wife were members of the Providence Congregational church, and he was a man of genuine integrity and of unshaken honor. William





CHARLES DECKER.





MRS. CHARLES DECKER.



Clarence Decker, his eldest son, was born at Macee, Seneca county, New York, and in 1865 came with his father to Bureau county, where he resided upon a farm until his removal to Bradford, Stark county, this state. He there engaged in the stock business and subsequently went to Chicago and accepted a position in the Columbia Live Stock Commission Company as its president, in the year 1892. He had a wide and favorable acquaintance among shippers and stockmen generally, and was highly esteemed for his exceptionally honest and Christian character. He died in Englewood, Illinois, January 19, 1898, leaving a widow and two daughters.

Charles Decker, whose name introduces this record, resided in Seneca county, New York, until his father's removal to Virginia, where he lived for about nine years, coming to Bureau county at the age of fourteen. He remained with his father upon the home farm near Providence until he began farming on his own account, at the time of his marriage to Miss Janet Hillis Jardine, of Providence, Illinois, a daughter of James and Mary (Murray) Jardine, the latter a daughter of Peter Murray, who was one of the earliest settlers in the Providence colony, coming from Ayrshire, Scotland. His eldest child, Janet H. Jardine, was born in Muirkirk, Scotland, May 18, 1851, and in 1859 accompanied her parents to Tiskilwa, while a few years later they located at Providence, where she resided until her marriage to Charles Decker. There were four children born of this union: Jessie M., the wife of C. A. Dexter, of Providence; William J., Edna M. and Cora B.

Following his marriage Charles Decker engaged in stock-raising to some extent, living on what is known as the Dorr Hill farm of eight hundred acres or thirteen years, during which time he bought and shipped horses and cattle. He was a natural horseman, took great pleasure in raising fine horses, and in his earlier years raised and trained a well-known pacer, Wood Shedd, with a record of 2:09 1/4. In the year 1892 he purchased the old homestead of one hundred and sixty acres, a mile south of Providence, and took up his abode thereon, making it his home until 1900, when he removed to Princeton, where he died on the 5th of June, 1904.

Mr. Decker was a man who was never idle. He was of a very practical turn of mind and of a retiring and modest disposition. He won and kept the regard of his many friends, to whom he was always loyal, and his word was as good as his bond. He was ever in sympathy with anything that was for the benefit of the community and county in which he lived, and his co-operation could be always depended upon. He acted as road commissioner in Indiantown for some years while living there, and was also school director at Dorr Hill and later at Providence. He was much interested in the building of the new school house there while acting as director, and the cause of

education ever found in him a stalwart friend. In 1898 he united with the Providence church, and on coming to Princeton he and the other members of the family transferred their membership to the First Congregational church, where he was acting as one of the trustees at the time of his death. Mr. Decker left a widow and four children, the eldest being Mrs. C. A. Dexter, who resides with her husband and two children, Erna and Esther, on the Thomas Dexter farm, near Providence. William John, the second child and only son, is engaged in the jewelry business at Granville, Putnam county, Illinois, while the two daughters, Edna and Cora, are with their mother in Princeton.

#### JOHN RICHARD DALE.

John Richard Dale, who has devoted his entire life to farming and now has an excellent tract of land in Manlius township, under a high state of cultivation, was born in Bureau county, March 31, 1859, and is a son of Thomas Edward and Eliza (Spargo) Dale, who are mentioned on another page of this work in connection with the history of their son, Thomas Henry Dale.

Rearing under the parental roof, John R. Dale at the usual age began attending the common schools and thus pursued his education in Fairfield township. His training at farm labor was not meager, for from an early age he began to assist in the work of the fields and soon became familiar with the tasks of plowing, planting and harvesting. He has never desired to engage in other business as a life work, but on the contrary has been fully content with farming, which George Washington said, "is the most useful as well as the most honorable occupation of man." On starting out in business for himself he rented eighty acres, which he cultivated and improved. Later, in connection with his brother, Thomas H. Dale, he rented two hundred and forty acres, which at the end of four years they purchased. In 1893 they bought two hundred and forty acres more adjoining their original purchase and which formerly belonged to their father. Subsequently they added to their property until their holdings embraced six hundred acres in all. They were thus closely associated in business for a number of years, or until 1903, when they divided the property, John R. Dale retaining two hundred acres as his share. This constitutes his homestead farm and is a very valuable and desirable property. The fields are now well tilled and bring forth rich harvests and all of the modern equipments and accessories of a model farm are found upon his place. He has devoted his entire life to general agricultural pursuits and he is also a stockholder in the Farmers' Elevator Company of Manlius.

Pleasantly situated in his home life, Mr. Dale was married February 25, 1903, to Miss Margaret





Jane Smith, of Gold township, a daughter of Robert Hamilton and Jane Rebecca (Murphy) Smith. Her father was born in Ireland, February 2, 1829, and came to America when eighteen years of age, spending his last days in Sheffield, where he died June 30, 1905, at the age of seventy-six years. When he first reached America he located in Phoenixville, Pennsylvania, where he resided for five years prior to his removal to Bureau county, where he spent his remaining days.

Mr. Dale is a democrat, but takes no active part in politics aside from exercising his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of his party. He has always lived in Bureau county and therefore has a wide acquaintance, while good qualities have made him favorably known and gained for him warm friendship.

#### WILLIAM McCABE.

William McCabe, owning and operating six hundred and eighty acres of land in Gold and Alba townships, is a native son of Bureau county, his parents being Michael and Hannah McCabe, both natives of Ireland. The parents emigrated to America in 1850, settling in Bureau county, where the father followed farming throughout his remaining days. Both the father and mother are now deceased.

William McCabe, whose name introduces this review, was reared to farm life, assisting his father in the task of cultivating the home place and thus receiving practical experience which fitted him to later carry on business on his own account. He received his education in the schools of his home township and later attended a normal school for three terms at Geneseo. He later started out in business on his own account, following the occupation to which he had been reared. He has been very successful in his farming operations and each year has added to his financial resources, until today he is the owner of extensive landed interests, having six hundred and eighty acres of valuable land situated in Gold and Alba townships. On his place are found good buildings for the shelter of grain and stock and he uses the latest improved farm machinery to facilitate his work.

In 1895 Mr. McCabe was united in marriage to Miss Emma Burden, of Fairfield township, and unto them have been born three children. Mr. McCabe was appointed to act as supervisor of Gold township, filling out the unexpired term of F. W. Morsray, in which capacity he served for eight months, and on the expiration of that period he was elected to the office, having served altogether for the past two years, and is the present incumbent. In politics he is a democrat and in religious faith he and his wife are Catholics.

Mr. McCabe is an enterprising and ultra-ist of Bureau county, having accumulated large landed interests from which he derives an excellent income. He is a man of good business ability and straightforward dealing and is highly respected by his many business and social friends.

#### EDWIN BASS.

Edwin Bass, who owns and occupies a good farm of two hundred and fifty acres in Berlin, his native township, was born April 23, 1856, and is a representative of one of the pioneer families of Bureau county. His father, Edwin Bass, Sr., was born in Connecticut, January 28, 1816, and having arrived at years of maturity was married in 1842 to Emeline J. Stannard, who was born in the state of New York, May 3, 1824. In their family were the following named: Caroline, deceased; Lucian; Luther G.; Sidney and Charlotte, both deceased; Oscar S.; Edwin; Heber and Howard, twins, also deceased; Wallace, and Alonzo C.

Edwin Bass of this review spent the days of his boyhood and youth upon his father's farm, where he was early trained to the work of the fields. He was also afforded good educational privileges and after attending the public schools of Dover became a student in the academy there, completing his course at the age of twenty-two years. Farming has been his life work from choice and his labors have been attended with a measure of success that makes him one of the prosperous agriculturists of the community. Since 1882 he has lived upon his present farm, having now two hundred and fifty acres of land, which is now valued at one hundred and fifty dollars per acre, owing to the natural rise in land values consequent upon the rapid settlement of the county and also owing to the many substantial improvements which he has put upon his place. He raises Poland China pigs and Durham cattle and his well tilled fields produce good crops of corn, oats and hay.

On the 23d of February, 1882, at Malden, Mr. Bass was married to Miss Lydia A. Steele, who was born in Berlin township, Bureau county, April 22, 1860, and acquired a public school education in Malden. Her parents were Robert and Mary (Black) Steele, both natives of Ireland, the former born July 12, 1826, and the latter in 1824. Mr. Steele came to Illinois in 1854 and his family numbers four sons and four daughters, namely: Margaret, Mary A., Robert B., Lydia A., Sanford E., Eliza J., Eros S. and William. The last named is now deceased. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Bass have been born six children: Emma L., born January 9, 1883; George S., April 6, 1884; Nellie May, who was born September 18, 1885, and died September 5, 1900; Pearl L., born



July 11, 1887; Sarah A., October 22, 1890; and Carrie, February 5, 1895.

The political support of Mr. Bass is given to the republican party and he has been called to local office, serving now for the third year as road commissioner of his township, while for six years he has been a school director. His membership with the Baptist church covers thirty-four years and the family are also communicants thereof. His entire life, covering a half century, has been passed in Berlin township and in the years of his manhood he has so directed his business affairs that success has resulted and his record proves the value of integrity, enterprise and perseverance as factors in prosperity.

#### WINFRED K. TRIMBLE.

Winfred Kenneth Trimble, engaged in the practice of law at the bar of Bureau county, Illinois, was born in Princeton, July 25, 1867. His parents were Harvey Marion and Margaret (Dakin) Trimble, whose records are detailed elsewhere in this volume.

Winfred K. Trimble entered the public schools of Princeton at the usual age and continued his studies until graduated from the Princeton high school in the class of 1885. He immediately entered the employ of J. W. Templeton, as clerk in the postoffice in Princeton, which position he resigned in the spring of 1886 to engage in the real estate business in Omaha, Nebraska, where he remained two years, leaving there at the cessation of the real estate boom to accept the offer of employment with Wemott, Howard & Company, of St. Paul, Minnesota. While at home on a vacation in 1889 he assisted J. W. Bailey, then supervisor of census, as the result of which service he was asked to come to Washington, D. C., and accept a position in the census office under Robert P. Porter, then superintendent of census, which offer he accepted, as it afforded him the opportunity he had long desired, to attend the Columbian (now the George Washington) University to fit himself for the practice of law. He occupied his position in the census office (a part of the interior department of the government) for nearly three years, during which time he pursued his studies at the Columbian University law school, from which he graduated in the spring of 1892, with the degree of Bachelor of Laws.

In September, 1892, he resigned his position with the census office and settled in Bradenton, Manatee county, Florida, in which state he was immediately admitted to the bar and began the practice of law, and where he remained until the fall of 1898, when he returned to Princeton to accept the appointment of deputy county clerk, which position he filled for two years. He was manager of the Jasper County (Missouri) Ab-

stract Company and receiver of the International Zinc Company, at Joplin, Missouri, in 1901. After the affairs of both of these companies had been closed he returned to Princeton to accept the appointment of master in chancery of Bureau county, which position he held for four years. In addition to his individual law practice he is now assisting his father, Judge H. M. Trimble, as receiver of the Spring Valley National Bank, of Spring Valley, Illinois.

Mr. Trimble has always been a pronounced advocate of the principles of the republican party and has always stood ready to perform his share of the work to promote the success of the party.

He was married May 23, 1894, to Clara McNeill Stoddy, a native of New Philadelphia, Tuscarawas county, Ohio. While they resided in Florida they had two children born to them, Winfred Edward, born March 11, 1895; and an infant son, born April 7, 1897, who died on May 6, 1897. Since removing to Illinois, a daughter, Clara Elizabeth, was born to them on October 19, 1905.

Mr. Trimble is a member of the Elks lodge of Joplin, Missouri, and a member of the Knights of Pythias lodge, the Masonic blue lodge, the chapter of the council of Princeton, Illinois, and of Oriental Consistory and Medinah Temple of the Mystic Shrine, of Chicago, Illinois.

#### JAMES E. STOTHARD.

James E. Stothard, engaged in farming and stock raising in Clarion township, was born in Michigan, November 20, 1863. His parents were James E. and Mary E. (Headland) Stothard, who were natives of England and came to America at an early age, settling in Michigan. In their family were twelve children. Their son, James E. Stothard, the fourth in order of birth, was, like the other members of the household, educated in the common schools of Bureau county. He was early trained to farm labor and instructed in the value of industry, frugality and diligence as factors in the acquirement of success. Throughout his entire life he has carried on general agricultural pursuits and he now has charge of fifty acres of land, owning the stock thereon. He is well known as a stock raiser and one whose opinion is seldom at fault in the valuation of farm animals. Possessing energy and unflinching determination, he carries forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes and has thus gained a good living for himself and family as the years have passed by.

It was on the 12th of September, 1894, in La Moille, that Mr. Stothard was married to Miss Leah D. Dougherty, who was born in Ohio, May 2, 1866. By this marriage there are two children: Dole E., born February 13, 1903; and Chester N.,



born August 28, 1904. Mrs. Stothard is a daughter of John J. and Martha T. (Norman) Dougherty and a native of Coshocton county, Ohio. She became a resident of Illinois in 1878, when her parents removed to this state, bringing with them their four children, of whom Mrs. Stothard was the eldest.

Interested in the political questions which affect the welfare of community, state and nation, Mr. Stothard gives his support to the republican party, the principles of which he has advocated since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. He is a man of genial, pleasant disposition and kindly spirit, recognizing the rights of others and never taking advantage of the necessities of his fellow-men in any business transaction. He works for the best interests of the community at large, while at the same time laboring for his individual success in business affairs and during his residence in this county he has eagerly availed himself of the opportunities which may always be secured by those who desire a prosperous business life and have the will to dare and to do.

#### JOSEPH HENRY EICKMEIER.

Joseph Henry Eickmeier, now identified with farming interests in Bureau township, was born in the city of Princeton, December 31, 1859. His parents, Joseph and Riecke Eickmeier, were both natives of Holland and came to the United States in the '50s, locating first in St. Louis, Missouri, where they remained for about two years. On the expiration of that period they came to Princeton, where Mr. Eickmeier worked at the carpenter's trade for some time, being identified with the early building operations in that city. He was afterward engaged in the milling business and later he turned his attention to farming, which he carried on a short distance south of Princeton. For the past thirty years, however, he has not been actively engaged in business and at the present writing makes his home in Kansas with one of his daughters. He has attained the age of eighty-one years and is now in quite feeble health. His wife died of consumption in April, 1875.

Joseph Henry Eickmeier acquired his education in the old Holiday school in Dover township, where he mastered the branches of learning usually taught in such institutions. In his youth he also performed various labors such as devolve upon the farmer lad and he assisted his father to the age of twenty-five years, when he was married to Miss Laura V. Stiles, who was born May 4, 1868, in Bureau township, upon the farm where they are now living. She is a daughter of Alvah and Elvira (Darin) Stiles. Her father, who was born in Greene county, Ohio, February 23, 1831, died in Princeton, October 13, 1900, at the age of sixty-nine years, seven months and

twenty days. He was married in 1853 to Miss Elvira Darin, and came to Bureau county in 1855, at which time he took up his abode on a farm north of Princeton and there resided until 1893. He then removed to the county seat, where he lived until his death. His widow survived him for more than five years and passed away on the 16th of January, 1906. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Eickmeier has been blessed with eight children, namely: Milton, Alvah, Georgie, Elvira, Marion, Lester, Laura and Lillian.


At the time of his marriage Mr. Eickmeier began farming on his own account and has since carried on general agricultural pursuits with the result that he is today one of the prosperous farmers of his community, owning two hundred and eighty-six acres of good land which is very rich and arable, returning excellent harvests for the care and labor which he bestows upon the fields. He is largely engaged in the cultivation of corn and oats and he also raises considerable stock, making a specialty of Poland China hogs.

He and his family are members of the Wesleyan Methodist church of Bureau township and are interested in its work and growth. Mr. Eickmeier has spent much of his life in his native county, but in 1885 he went with his family to Nebraska, where he engaged in farming for sixteen years. Five years ago he returned to this county and in 1905 he purchased the Stiles farm, which he has since been operating. His life has been one of unremitting diligence and perseverance and he has brooked no obstacles that he could overcome by determined and earnest effort. Realizing that labor is the basis of all success, he has by his close application to his business made steady progress and is now a leading agriculturist of Bureau township.

#### HERMAN H. KROOSS.

Herman H. Krooss, a public-spirited citizen and one whose business interests have contributed to the agricultural development and progress of the community as well as to his individual success, now resides in La Moille township, where he is engaged in raising stock and in operating a large clay bed. He was born in La Salle county, Illinois, August 21, 1870, and the following year was brought to Bureau county by his parents, Henry and Sophia (Wiegman) Krooss, who were natives of Germany and came to America in 1866. Four children were born of this union, of whom Herman H. is the youngest. Educated in the public schools of La Moille township, after putting aside his text-books he began farming and also manufacturing brick and tile and is a leading representative of the agricultural and industrial interests of this part of the county. He now owns a tract of one hundred and twenty-five acres adjacent to the village of La Moille and





MR. AND MRS. J. H. EICKMETER.





constituting a very valuable place. He raises and feeds stock, using all of the products of his fields in this way. He owns the old homestead property which he occupies and there is a large deposit of clay, suitable for the manufacture of brick and tile, upon this farm. There is also a large factory for converting the clay into the finished product and the plant is now in full operation. Mr. Kroos is a very enterprising, wide-awake and active business man and owes his success entirely to his own efforts. He possesses superior business ability and executive force and brooks no obstacles that may be overcome by determined and honorable effort. He is now carefully supervising his farming and manufacturing interests until they bring him a handsome income and as the years pass his success will undoubtedly be largely increased.

Mr. Kroos is a member of the Modern Woodmen camp, No. 227, and in his political views is an earnest republican. He holds membership in the Congregational church and his life is devoted to much that is elevating and helpful in the development of honorable character. In manner he is genial, kindly and approachable, according to all the courtesies of an interview, and in relation to the general welfare he is regarded as a public-spirited and valuable citizen, whose efforts have been effective for the promotion of the general good, his labors being at all times of a practical as well as progressive nature.

#### T. CLARK HAYS.

Among the residents of Wyandot to whom has been vouchsafed an honorable retirement from business cares and labors, is numbered T. Clark Hays, who in former years was an active factor in commercial circles. He was born July 5, 1836, in Clinton county, Ohio, his parents being Elijah and Rachel (Thatcher) Hays. The father came with his family to Bureau county from Clinton county, Ohio, in 1813, and took up his abode in Wyandot township, where he followed farming and made his home until his death, which occurred in 1871.

T. Clark Hays was reared in Bureau county and was educated in the common schools, while for one year he was a student in the James H. Smith select school in Princeton, and later in Abingdon (Illinois) College. He engaged in teaching for several years in his early manhood—from 1856 until 1867—and received his first certificate from Aaron B. Church, school commissioner.

Mr. Hays is a man of parts. He does his own thinking and looks at life from a philosophical standpoint. He is not an extreme optimist nor is he in any sense a pessimist, but his logical mind enables him to pilot his life-boat between the elation of the former and the depression

of the latter, a condition that is very essential to the prosperity and happiness of communities and individuals. His mind is well stored with useful knowledge, acquired both from reading and observation, and his plain and unassuming ways make him a most desirable and useful citizen.

#### ANDREW C. SWANSON.

Andrew C. Swanson, whose homestead property comprises eighty-five acres of rich land in Manlius township and who has financial holdings in business interests in the village of Manlius, was born in Odshög, Linköping, Sweden, November 24, 1847. His parents, Susan and Hannah (Johnson) Anderson, were also natives of Sweden and there spent their entire lives as farming people. Their son Andrew, reared and educated in his native country, came to America in 1869 when twenty-one years of age, hoping to improve his financial condition by enjoying the broader business opportunities that he had heard were afforded in the new world. He did not tarry in the east but came at once to the middle west, settling first in Princeton, after which he went to Tisadwa. For two years he was employed at farm labor by Hart Morris and then, desiring that his work should more directly benefit himself, he began renting farms and thus tilled the soil for six years. On the expiration of that period he took up his abode in Manlius township and purchased eighty-five acres, constituting his present homestead property. This is now well improved. A few years ago, however, he was unfortunate in having all of his buildings, fences and other improvements upon his place destroyed in a cyclone, entailing a severe loss. He has, however, rebuilt and now has modern and substantial structures upon his place, indicative of the progressive spirit of the owner. He is wide-awake, energetic and enterprising in all that he does and he has become a stockholder in the Manlius Elevator & Coal Company and also in the First State Bank of Manlius. When we consider that he came to this country empty-handed, having little more than would pay his passage to the new world, his success seems indeed remarkable and his example, characterized by industry and integrity, may well be followed by others who desire to enter upon a successful and honorable business career.

Mr. Swanson was married December 24, 1871, to Miss Emily J. Anderson, who was born in Sweden, July 9, 1845, and is a daughter of Gus and Hannah Anderson, farming people of that country. They now have six children: Anna Maria, who was born September 22, 1872, and follows dressmaking in Joliet and Lockport, Illinois; Ada Josephine, who was born October 11, 1874, and is the wife of George W. Dahl, a resident farmer of Greenville township; Emma Matilda, who was born December 11, 1876, and is the wife



of Herman Draper, who likewise follows farming in Greenville township; Frank Alfred, who was born August 19, 1879, and married Edith Johnson, a daughter of Christian D. Johnson, and for the past two years has successfully engaged in farming on the Greenville place of one hundred and eighty-two acres; Jennie Amanda, who was born December 2, 1882, and is now the wife of Le Roy Banton, a machinist of Sterling, Illinois; and Clarence Edward, who was born May 17, 1886, and is at home, engaged in farming for himself.

Mr. Swanson exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party. In his business life he has recognized obstacles as well as possibilities and has overcome the former by determined effort, while improving the latter through his energy and industry. In all of his work he has been practical and during the years of his residence in Bureau county has arisen from a humble financial position to one of affluence.

#### DAVID H. LAW.

David H. Law is one of the pioneer residents of Bureau county, having been brought to Illinois by his parents in early boyhood. He has thus for a long period been a witness of the changes which have been wrought here as the work of civilization and improvement has been carried forward and his memory forms a connecting link between the primitive past and the progressive present. He can recall the days when many of the homes were log cabins, when much of the land was uncultivated and when one could ride for miles without coming to a fence or other sign of habitation to impede his progress.

His birth occurred in Windham county, Connecticut, November 9, 1835, and he was educated in the private schools and in the Plainfield high school of that state. His parents were William A. and Polly (Henry) Law, who were also natives of Windham county, Connecticut, the former born December 27, 1810, and the latter December 29, 1813. They were married September 8, 1831. Mr. Law, who was a carpenter by trade, continued to follow that pursuit in Connecticut until September, 1851, when he came to Illinois with his wife and three children. They journeyed from Connecticut to Worcester, Massachusetts, thence by rail to Buffalo, New York, and by steamer to Detroit, Michigan, whence they crossed that state by rail to St. Joseph, Michigan, where they embarked on a steamer for Chicago. They then proceeded down the Illinois and Michigan canal to La Salle and across the county by team to Indian town, which is now Tiskilwa, stopping for dinner at the old Prairie House at Princeton. They remained at Indian town for about three or four months, after which they removed to French Grove, now the town of Buda. Mr. Law began farming and

on the 1st of April, 1856, he raised his house on section 3, Macon township, where he had one hundred and sixty acres of wild prairie land. He split rails for fencing and in those early days shared in all of the hardships and privations incident to pioneer life. He never cared for public office yet kept well informed on questions and issues of the day. He preferred to give his time and energies to his business affairs, following farming and building, and his handiwork can yet be seen in the Blueville mill in Windham county, Connecticut. In addition to the tilling of the soil he built various bridges. He belonged to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and was in hearty sympathy with the basic elements of that fraternity. He was also a consistent member of the Freewill Baptist church, and both he and his wife sang in the church choir at Chestnut Hill for a long period. His political allegiance was given to the democracy. He died in Bureau county, September 1, 1869, and was long survived by his widow, who passed away December 5, 1909. In their family were six children: David H.; Helen M., who was born March 9, 1838, and is the widow of Harrison Bray and a resident of Chicago; Alfred N., of Putnam, Connecticut, who was born September 7, 1840; Adeline F., who was born March 21, 1852, and died in infancy; and Dallas A., who was born November 26, 1856, and is living in Buda.

David H. Law was a youth of about sixteen years when he accompanied his parents on the long trip by water to Illinois. He shared with the family in the hardships and privations of pioneer life and as the years passed by he did more and more largely in the work of the fields as his age and strength permitted. He has seen this county transformed from wild prairie into finely improved farms and witnessed the introduction of the railroad. He saw the first passenger train that entered Buda, James R. Cottle being the engineer and Mr. Peimy the conductor. He has seen wild geese, ducks and prairie chickens by the hundreds, also wild deer. Following his father's death he operated the home farm and assisted in caring for the family up to the time of his marriage. He added one hundred and sixty acres of land to his place, so that he is today the owner of three hundred and twenty acres, constituting a fine farm, all of which is well improved with the exception of about twelve acres of wild prairie which he keeps in remembrance of the old times and which is well worth looking at. He raises some stock and ships directly to Chicago.

David H. Law was married October 9, 1853, to Mrs. Lucy J. Field, who was born in Bureau county, May 13, 1850, and died July 28, 1909. She was a daughter of Samuel and Lucien G. (Stevens) Field, both of whom were natives of Andover, New Hampshire. Her father died March 23, 1859, at the age of fifty years, while his wife passed away March 20, 1902, at the age of seventy-two years. In their family were ten children, of



whom seven are now living: Thomas J.; Lucien M. C.; John S.; George; Chester D.; Frank; and Mary E., the widow of Charles Cliechester. Mr. Fifield came to Illinois in the '40s, locating at French Grove, now the town of Buda. He was one of the pioneer residents of that district and hewed out a farm in the midst of the wilderness and on the wild prairie, for the land which came into his possession was entirely uncultivated and unimproved. He held township offices and was at one time postmaster of Buda, his election coming to him as a candidate of the democratic party. He held membership in the Masonic fraternity and was one of the organizers of Buda lodge.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Law has been blessed with two children, but Willie, the elder, died in infancy. Ernest H., born September 21, 1878, was married December 21, 1903, to Miss Laura Anderson, who was born in Macon township March 28, 1883.

Mr. Law cares nothing for public office but supports the democracy and advocates the principles expounded by Jackson. He attends the Unitarian church and has lived a life which will bear close investigation and scrutiny, for in all of its varied relations he has been true to high standards of manly conduct and has never been known to take advantage of the necessities of his fellowmen in any business transaction.

#### CHARLES L. SAVAGE.

Charles L. Savage, one of the oldest living residents of Bureau county, residing in Selby township, near Depue, was born in Morgan county, Illinois, August 5, 1831, and has made his home within three miles of his present location throughout his entire life. His paternal grandfather served in the Revolutionary war, being taken prisoner with Burgoyne. His wife was Hannah Rich, a native of Vermont. His father, Peter S. Savage, was a native of Cayuga county, New York, and was married in the east to Miss Dolly Shontz, a native of Pennsylvania. On leaving his native state, Peter S. Savage went to Indianapolis, Indiana, making his way to that place by raft and ox team. In 1822 he made the shingles used for the old log state house there. In 1824 he went to Morgan county, Illinois, where he entered from the government a tract of land, on which the city of Jacksonville now stands. In 1831 he sold that tract to a syndicate for sixteen thousand dollars and the same year entered another tract in Putnam county, this state, which is now known as the Lobe Coyle farm. He then returned to Morgan county, where he spent the winter, but in the spring of 1832 came again to Putnam county, locating on a claim two and a half miles east of Hennepin, and here in the winter of 1833-34 his wife died. In 1835 he was again married, his second union being with Miss

Charlotte Hassler, and on the 1st of January, 1836, the family removed to Bureau county, settling on a farm on section 32, Selby township. After residing for a number of years on this place he removed to Labette county, Kansas, where he resided until his death in 1880, when he had reached the age of eighty-four years. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Peter S. Savage were the following named: Jane first married George W. Venchioneur, who died at Hennepin in 1835, and after his death wedded John G. Greener, whose death occurred in 1900, and she is also now deceased, her death having occurred in 1853. James, who accompanied his brother Morgan to California in 1846 and became conspicuous as an Indian chief, having several tribes and fully three hundred warriors at his command, died in that state many years ago. Morgan, who while en route to California, was married to Miss Anna Brisben, who became the mother of twelve children, died in 1901 at Corvallis, Oregon. Harriet is the wife of Perry Piper and resides at Princeton, Illinois. William and Silas both died in infancy. Charles L. is the next member of the family. John, who served as a soldier in the Civil war, resided for a number of years in Bureau county but later removed to Red Willow county, Nebraska, and subsequently to Frowater, Oregon, where his death occurred in 1904 at the Soldiers' Home. There were also two daughters of Mr. Savage's second marriage: Ann, who became the wife of William Piper and is now deceased; and Amanda, who married Frank Walker and resides in Nebraska.

Charles L. Savage, having lost his mother when about two years of age, accompanied his father on his various removals and was reared to farm life, remaining at home and assisting in the operation of the home place until after he had attained his majority. He then, on the 8th of February, 1853, was united in marriage to Miss Henrietta Young, who has proved to him a faithful companion and helpmate on life's journey. He then started out in life on his own account and was first employed at breaking prairie and threshing. He has always been a hard-working, industrious man, and by the assistance of his estimable wife he was enabled in a few years to purchase land of his own, adjoining the village of Depue, and with the exception of four years spent in Depue continued to be there home for forty years but he recently sold this land to the Mineral Point Zinc Company, which corporation is expending five million dollars in the erection of a model plant. In 1894 he purchased ninety acres of land, which he made his home for several years but which is now operated by his son Harry. In March, 1904, he bought a farm of three hundred and twenty acres known as the Ben Smith farm, situated near Princeton, for which he paid forty-seven thousand dollars, and in January, 1905, he and his family removed to his



home on section 31, Selby township. For over forty years Mr. Savage was also engaged as an auctioneer, having in 1867 taken up this line in connection with his farming interests. He has cried as high as ninety-eight sales, mostly on farm lands, in a year in northern Illinois, where his services have been highly satisfactory.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Savage have been born four sons: Charles Henry, born November 17, 1853, is a farmer and engineer, residing at DePue. He is married and his children are: Warren who is married; James; Mrs. Lillie Papke; Henrietta, the wife of John Seaburger; and Mary. James Martin Savage, born in January, 1855, died on the 25th of March, 1893. He had been married to Miss Betsy Glafson and of this marriage there are two daughters, Carrie, the wife of George Barnes, and Charlotte, who is the wife of John Marple. Perry Alvin Savage, born in 1869, died in 1882, when about thirteen years of age. Harry Charles Savage, born in 1871, and now operating the home farm, was married to Miss Nancy Fox and they have five children, Amanda, Morgan Charles, Lydia Carolee, Theodore, and baby.

Politically Mr. Savage has always been an advocate of republican principles and has been a delegate to conventions of his party, and has always been an active campaign worker. He was president of the DePue council for several years, served as deputy sheriff for four years under Sheriff Beatty, and as deputy provost marshal under Norton during the Civil war. He has also been a reporter for the mercantile agencies of Dunn, Douglas, Brock and others of Chicago and New York for over forty years.

Though starting out in life without capital, he possessed a strong will and through his perseverance and industry is now in possession of a valuable property, being classed among the well-to-do and influential citizens of Bureau county, where he and his family are highly esteemed. Over the record of his public and private career there falls no shadow of wrong, for he has ever been most loyal to the ties of friendship and citizenship, and his history well deserves mention on the pages of this volume.

#### JAMES G. LAUGHLIN.

James G. Laughlin, who in former years was identified with agricultural interests in Bureau county but for the past twenty years has lived retired in Princeton, where he took up his abode in 1855, was born in Bond county, Illinois, on the 6th of October, 1824, and is therefore in the eighty-second year of his age. His parents were Samuel Davis and Rebecca (Dunlaway) Laughlin, the latter a native of Ohio and the former of South Carolina. In the year 1867 Samuel D. Laughlin left his native state and with his parents removed

to Brown county, Ohio, where in his youth he learned the blacksmith's trade, which he followed until 1849. He then removed westward to Bond county, Illinois, where he engaged in business along the same line until 1839. In that year he became a resident of Putnam county, Illinois, and entered a fine farm of four hundred acres near the village of Florid, where he carried on general agricultural pursuits for a few years. He afterward lived retired until his death, which occurred in 1849, when he was fifty-two years of age. His wife died a few days before but in the same week. In their family were eight children, but only three are now living: James G., of Princeton; one a resident of Putnam county, Illinois, and another of Kewaunee, Wisconsin.

James G. Laughlin attended the public schools of Putnam county, Illinois, to which place he removed with his parents in his childhood. He also spent one year as a student in Galesburg, Illinois, and received a good education. In his youth he learned the blacksmith's trade with his father and was employed in that way for a short time, after which he purchased a farm in Putnam county, where he carried on general agricultural pursuits until 1854. That year witnessed his arrival in Bureau county and he purchased land on section 18, Bureau township, which he converted into richly improved fields, carrying on general farming there for eight years. In 1862 he returned to Putnam county, Illinois, and settled in the village of Mount Palatine, where he entered into partnership with his brother John. They established a blacksmith and wagon shop and conducted a large business there for eight years, on the expiration of which period Mr. Laughlin of this review sold out and again turned his attention to farming near Mount Palatine, where he owned one hundred and sixty acres of land. He was thus engaged in general farming and stock-raising until 1885. He placed his fields under a high state of cultivation, carrying on his farm work along progressive, modern lines and each year he harvested rich crops, for which he found a ready sale on the market.

While residing in Putnam county Mr. Laughlin was married in Princeton on the 28th of November, 1850, to Julia Smith, a native of Mohawk, Herkimer county, New York, born in 1829, a daughter of Beriah H. Smith, who left the state of New York in 1817 and came to the west with his family, settling in Putnam county upon a farm. He there carried on the work of the fields until the death of his wife, after which he sold the farm and removed to Princeton, where he lived retired at the home of Mr. Laughlin until his demise. There were nine children born unto Mr. and Mrs. Laughlin: Mary, who died at the age of forty years; Charles Emmet, who is engaged in the cultivation of rice in Louisiana; Antoinette, the wife of James A. McNabb, who is engaged in the hardware business in the town of McNabb, Put-







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nam county, Illinois; John Bayard, who married Louise Fisher and is engaged in the furniture business in Mount Vernon, Washington; Adelbert, a carpenter of Wyoming; Jennie, the wife of Fred Lauder, of St. Joseph, Missouri; Samuel Fred, who married Rose Pryor and is a farmer living in Wyand township; Howard F., of St. Joseph, Missouri; and Mabel, who died at the age of two years. Mr. and Mrs. Laughlin also have an adopted daughter, Amanda Ferry, now the wife of L. Clay Bair, of Holdrege, Nebraska. The children were all given good educational privileges, most of them attending high school, while two of the daughters were teachers.

Since coming to Princeton in 1885 Mr. Laughlin has lived a retired life. He served for some time as justice of the peace in Putnam county and in politics has always been a stalwart republican. Both he and his wife are members of the Congregational church, and Mrs. Laughlin is an active worker in the Women's Christian Temperance Union. Their home is a nice large residence at No. 606 West South street and in addition to this property Mr. Laughlin owns a fine farm of one hundred and seventy acres in Wyand township, whereon his son resides, and another of one hundred acres in Berlin township. He and his wife have spent much time in the past years in traveling, visiting their children in the south and west, together with many places of historic interest. He is one of the leading and well-to-do retired citizens of Princeton, with a business record that is honorable as well as successful, so that he justly merits the esteem which is uniformly accorded him.

#### JOSEPH H. SHOWALTER.

Joseph H. Showalter, a veteran of the Spanish-American war and editor and proprietor of the *La Moille Gazette*, was born April 30, 1873, in the village which is still his home, his parents being Henry and Mary A. (Sullivan) Showalter. The father was born in Wayne county, Ohio, March 30, 1833, and became a resident of La Moille township, Bureau county, Illinois, in 1857, when a young man of twenty-four years. He was married in Mendota in 1863 to Miss Mary A. Sullivan, whose birth occurred in the state of New York on March 25, 1838, and she became a resident of Illinois as early as 1845, the family home being established at Oquawka, on the Mississippi river, whence she afterward removed to Troy Grove and later to Mendota, La Salle county. Following the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Showalter they took up their abode in La Moille and unto them were born three children—Lewis, who died in 1869, at the age of three years; Lucy E., born May 25, 1871; and Joseph. The daughter was educated in the high school of La Moille and completed her studies in Dixon (Illinois) College.

After several years devoted to teaching she became principal of the public schools of Bristol, this state, and in 1893 she joined her brother Joseph in the newspaper business as an equal partner in the ownership of the *La Moille Gazette*. While visiting some relatives in Goslen, Indiana, and on the eve of her brother's departure for Cuba as a soldier of the Spanish-American war she died and thus Joseph H. Showalter was left the only surviving child of the family. The parents are still living in La Moille and he makes his home with them, performing every filial service and duty possible to aid and cheer them in the evening of life. The father is a blacksmith by trade and has thus long been identified with the industrial interests of the town.

In the public schools of La Moille Joseph H. Showalter pursued his education. He remained at home through the period of his boyhood and youth and, becoming interested in military affairs, he joined Company K of the Sixth Illinois Infantry, with which he served for two years as first sergeant, beginning in 1892. He was then elected second lieutenant of his company, was afterward appointed battalion adjutant, while subsequently he was commissioned first lieutenant. He served with the latter rank throughout the Spanish-American war and his identification with the National Guard of Illinois is in the same capacity at the present time. He went with the regiment to Porto Rico under General Miles and became familiar with all the modern methods of campaigning.

Returning to his home, Mr. Showalter has since engaged in the publication of the *La Moille Gazette*, which is an excellent country newspaper, well edited and carefully published with regard to its appearance as a representative of the art preservative. He publishes the paper in the interests of the republican party and is a recognized leader in political circles, taking an active part in county and state politics, both as the champion of party principles through the columns of the *Gazette* and through personal effort. He is now serving as a member of the republican county central committee and has served as a member of the village council. His efforts in behalf of the political ideas which he indorses are effective and far-reaching and have been an element in republican successes in this locality. He has also served as township treasurer and township clerk and the various duties devolving upon him have been promptly and faithfully discharged. He is a member of La Moille lodge, No. 383, A. F. & A. M., and of Modern Woodmen Camp, No. 227.

In connection with his father he is the owner of three pieces of property in the village of La Moille and also farming land in the township. Dependent upon his own resources from an early age, when he entered business circles, he has been successful in life and at all times has displayed



unabating energy combined with high ideals. Reading and investigation have constantly broadened his mind and made him one of the well informed men of Bureau county. Because of his ability, his enterprise and laudable ambition, the future seems to hold much in store for him and he has already made a creditable name and place for himself as a factor in those interests which have direct bearing upon the welfare and progress of the community and the state at large.

#### JACOB EIGSTI.

Jacob Eigsti, owning and controlling a good farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Macon township, has passed the Psalmist's allotted span of three score years and ten, having now reached the age of seventy-three. He was born in Bavaria, Germany, August 19, 1833, and is one of a family of nine children whose parents were Nicholas and Barbara (Gasho) Eigsti, both of whom were natives of France, in which country they were reared and married, subsequently removing to Germany. The father died in the latter country at the age of fifty years, and the mother afterward came to America, spending her last days in Macon township, where she passed away at the age of eighty-two. Five of their children still survive. Barbara is the widow of Joseph Burkey and lives in Nebraska. Phoebe is the widow of Christian Sear and is living in Illinois. Fannie married Andrew Hunter and their home is in Nebraska. John Eigsti is also a resident of Nebraska.

Jacob Eigsti, the other member of the family, remained a resident of the fatherland until seventeen years of age, when, with his widowed mother and children, he crossed the briny deep to the United States, landing at New York city. They then proceeded by rail to Chicago and by canal to La Salle and on by boat to Hennepin, from which place they journeyed by team to Bureau county. Mr. Eigsti went to work as a farm hand and after a time removed to Macon township, where he invested his hard earned savings in one hundred and sixty acres of wild prairie land, on which not a furrow had been turned or an improvement made. There was not a tree in sight, but he set out trees and now has many fine ones upon the place. In 1856 he erected a new residence and in 1872 built a barn. His life has been characterized by the most unremitting toil and diligence, by close application and by excellent business management. Thus he has gained a measure of prosperity that is most gratifying and at one time he was the owner of seven hundred acres of valuable land in this county. Generous with his family, he has given each of his children a farm and now retains for himself one hundred and sixty acres of land in Macon township, constituting a good home property, from which he annually derives an income sufficient to

supply him with the necessities and comforts and some of the luxuries of life.

For many years there traveled by his side on life's journey one who was a most faithful companion and helpmate. She bore the maiden name of Fannie Albrecht and they were married in 1865. She was born in Hennepin, Illinois, in 1844, and for thirty-eight years they lived happily together, but were separated through the death of the wife September 29, 1903. Their family numbers a daughter and two sons—Katie, John and Will.

Mr. Eigsti holds membership in the Mennonite church and votes with the Democracy. He came to America with the intention of becoming a citizen of this republic and is most loyal in his attachment to the stars and stripes, still retaining, however, a deep affection for Germany as the land of his birth. He has never had occasion, however, to regret his determination to seek a home in America, for here he has found good opportunities and through their improvement has worked his way steadily upward, gaining a goodly measure of prosperity and at the same time winning many friends in the land of his adoption.

#### HORACE R. BROWN.

Horace R. Brown, practicing at the Bureau county bar, to which he was admitted in 1900, was born in Fairfield township, this county, on the 23d of June, 1852. His father, Lee W. Brown, was a native of Vermont and in his boyhood days came to Illinois with his parents, who settled in Fairfield township, Bureau county, among the pioneer residents of this part of the state. There Lee W. Brown was reared to the occupation of farming, which he made his life work. When he had reached years of maturity he wedded Frances A. Whipple and they became the parents of five children, of whom Horace R. was the second in order of birth. Throughout his active business career the father carried on general agricultural pursuits and his death occurred in 1904, when he was fifty-seven years of age.

Horace R. Brown was educated in the district schools and in the northern Indiana Normal School at Valparaiso, completing the commercial course in that institution by graduation and also pursuing several other courses. He taught school for four years in Bureau county and during that time devoted his leisure hours to the study of law, regarding teaching merely as an initial step to other professional labor. He pursued his regular law course in Valparaiso, Indiana, where he was graduated in 1898. On the 1st of July of the same year he came to Princeton and entered the office of Judge Skinner. In 1900 he was admitted to the bar upon examination before the supreme court and entered upon practice the same year in Princeton, since which time he has been





continuously associated with Judge Skinner. He has made an excellent record as an able lawyer, who is clear and cogent in his reasoning, forceful in the presentation of his cause and logical in his deductions. He is seldom, if ever, at error in the application of a legal principle to the points in litigation and has won some notable forensic victories for one of his years. In January, 1906, he was appointed master in chancery.

Mr. Brown is a stalwart advocate of republican principles and has always worked for the success of his party, although he has never been a politician in the sense of office seeking. He belongs to the Masonic lodge of Princeton and is an exemplary representative of the craft, being in hearty sympathy with its teachings and purposes.

On the 27th of August, 1903, Mr. Brown was married to Miss Harriet Gray, a daughter of W. J. Gray of Galena, Illinois, and they have two children, Merville Lee and Marjorie Eliza. The young couple have a wide and favorable acquaintance in Princeton and Mr. Brown is well known in the county, where his entire life has been passed. Realizing that close application and unremitting diligence are just as surely concomitants to success in the arduous and difficult profession of the law as well as in other departments of business activity, he has never feared that laborious attention to detail or the work of the office which is so necessary as a preparation for the trial of causes before the courts. He is today enjoying a clientele which connects him with much important litigation.

#### HON. OWEN LOVEJOY.

The writer never had the privilege of meeting the Hon. Owen Lovejoy, of Princeton, Illinois, but in his boyhood days, while yet in his teens, at the old homestead nestled among the hills of Vermont, he heard and read of his noble deeds and he now recalls the admiration he then had for him. It was our privilege when but a lad to have access to the pages of the *New York Tribune*, and our attention was early called to those stormy scenes that were at that time agitating the whole people. And conspicuous among all the defenders of human rights stood Owen Lovejoy—a man who had strong convictions and was ready to defend them. In the pulpit, on the rostrum and in the halls of congress Mr. Lovejoy stood like the adamantine rock for the cause of human justice and human freedom. Owen Lovejoy was born in Kennebec county, Maine, on January 6, 1811. He was the son of a clergyman who lived on a farm where Owen was born, and here he lived and labored until he was eighteen years of age, attending the public schools in the winter months and helping on the farm during the summer season. He prepared himself for a teacher and subsequently,

by his own efforts, passed through the college course at Bowdoin college. In 1830 he came to Alton, Illinois, where in November, 1837, his brother, Elijah P. Lovejoy, met his tragic death. He fitted himself for the ministry and upon the death of his brother he moved to Jacksonville, Illinois, where he was ordained as a preacher of the gospel. In 1838 he came to the Congregational church in Princeton. Here he lived and labored during the seventeen years of his pastorate, not only preaching the gospel but fighting error and oppression wherever found. He was a man of great physical as well as mental power. The untimely death of his martyred brother aroused his whole being and his great heart beat anew in the cause of oppression and wrong, and, kneeling upon the fresh, new earth that covered all that was mortal of him who had given his life to the cause of human liberty, he swore eternal warfare upon the institution that made it possible for such things to be. Yes, beside the great "Father of Waters" which is forever moving on and on, whose banks had drunk up the life blood of this great disciple of truth and where now the sculptured marble raises its proud head, saying to the world that this spot was the gateway to liberty, Owen Lovejoy covenanted with his God that from that time on his life should be devoted to the abolition of American slavery, and right well did he keep it. Mr. Lovejoy, like all other reformers, had his warm friends and bitter enemies. His pathway was beset with thorns as well as flowers. He could truly say with the servant of old, "A night and a day I have been in the deep," but amid it all he never faltered, his strong arm never lowered and his courage never quailed while there was an opportunity to do battle for the cause that lay so close to his heart. It is not our purpose to give an account of his personal encounters in his eventful life; his connection with what was called the underground railroad, his untiring zeal in defending those struggling for freedom, we leave for others to recount. Our desire is to place his strong and aggressive character before the reader in such a way as will best stimulate the rising generation to emulate his manly life.

Mr. Lovejoy was the candidate of the "liberal party" for congress in 1844. In 1851 he was elected to the Illinois legislature. In 1856 he was nominated, at Bloomington, for congress, after a long and bitter contest. His election was considered doubtful, but by his masterly power upon the rostrum he succeeded in turning the tide his way and was elected by a good majority. He remained in congress until his death, which occurred on March 25, 1861. Mr. Lovejoy's career was remarkable in many ways. He stood out before the world unique in American history. His thought was not of himself but of others. His ruling passion was to alleviate the sorrows and burdens of human life. His great soul thirsted for the liberty of the race. Fear seemingly was a thing unknown



to him. He was the Savorarola of America and his burning words will glide down through the corridors of the coming centuries, growing grander and brighter as time rolls on. But his strong body and brilliant intellect at last felt the strain of his strenuous life and the burdens that he had carried so many years were quietly, gently and lovingly laid aside and all that was mortal of Owen Lovejoy was placed under the grateful shade at Oakland and his spirit returned to "God who gave it."

#### IRVING W. HOPPS.

Irving W. Hopps, one of the prosperous land-owners of Bureau county, his home being near La Moille, has demonstrated his value as a citizen not only in his business life but also through his co-operation in those movements which promote the intellectual and moral development of the community, upholding the political and legal status. He was born March 4, 1854, in Clarion township, near La Moille, his parents being Martin and Hannah Maria (Little) Hopps. He comes of German and English ancestry, the latter on his grandmother's side, the line being traced back to Governor William Bradford, of Massachusetts. Martin Hopps, the father, was born in New Brunswick, September 17, 1812, and being reared in a timbered country he early developed a fondness for the forest and for the use of edged tools. He worked in the pine woods in the winter months and as he grew to manhood learned the carpenter's trade. In 1836 he came to Illinois, locating at Princeton, where he had steady work at his chosen occupation until the year 1842, when he came to La Moille and bought a part of the farm on which he afterward made a permanent location. He was the owner of what was then a very commodious house at the time of his marriage to Mrs. Hannah Maria (Little) Kendall, a native of Vermont, who came to this county in a covered wagon with her first husband, Jarub Kendall, and young son Wallace E., now of Waterloo, Iowa. Mr. Kendall only lived for one year after their arrival in the new country. The representatives of the present generation who are western born can hardly appreciate the work and hardships that fell to the lot of the early settlers in giving to them at the present time so fine a heritage. Martin Hopps as a carpenter had to make all the moldings used in finishing the interior of the houses which he built, as well as the doors and window sash. His son, I. W. Hopps, still has in his possession the plane used by the father in finishing the doors in the house of the late John Bryant, and some of his work can still be seen in that beautiful home, although considerable remodeling has been done since its erection. As a farmer Mr. Hopps hauled dressed pork to La Salle, where the highest price that he could secure was one dollar and a quarter per hundred weight. On one trip darkness and a

snow-storm overtook him on the prairie between La Salle and what is now Arlington. With nothing to mark the road he was soon lost. After a long search in the dark his feet struck the rough wagon road, which he followed by the side of the wagon until he came to the grove near Arlington. He was among those who established the first house of worship in La Moille—the old brick Baptist church—of which he remained an active member up to the time of his death. He was a man of benevolent and generous spirit and assisted many poor people in gaining a start by loaning them seeds, teams and even land to work, and on one occasion he built a small house for a family, who were empty-handed when they came to this country, but through the assistance given them by Mr. Hopps they soon became independent and now the sons of the family have over one thousand acres of good Illinois soil. In all of his business life Mr. Hopps showed close application and unflinching energy and yet he found time to make several trips to his native land and also visited in Ohio, Vermont and Maine. He did not make the accumulation of wealth his sole aim and end in life, but found time for social and church interests. He was also one of the financial supporters of the old University of Chicago. He gladly embraced the opportunity of sending his sons away to school that they might be qualified thereby for the responsible as well as practical duties of life. He was a man honored and respected by all who knew him and he had a wide acquaintance. At his death, which occurred on the old home farm near La Moille, February 5, 1877, he left behind him a host of warm friends as well as a goodly estate and his memory is yet cherished by many who knew him.

To Martin and Hannah M. Hopps were born three sons, Herman K., Arthur D., and Irving W. Herman K. studied for the ministry, but was drowned at Providence, Rhode Island, in the twenty-sixth year of his age. Arthur D. is mentioned elsewhere in this work.

I. W. Hopps, whose name introduces this record, acquired his early education in the district schools and afterward attended the University of Chicago, but during his father's last illness he left school and took up the care and management of the farm, which had been borne by his father for so many years. He was made executor of his father's estate and therefore abandoned his college work in order to settle up the business and divide the property, which was accomplished in 1877. In the latter part of that year Mr. Hopps purchased his brother's share in the estate and rented the portion left to his mother and half sister, Myra B. Hopps. The succeeding year he had the farm all under his control, although his mother and Myra B. Hopps retained their residence on the farm. Since that time he has improved all of the opportunities for making judicious investment. In 1879 he bought twenty acres of John E. Smith for



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eight hundred and thirty-three dollars, paying for it out of one shipment of hogs raised that year on the farm. In 1886 he paid thirty-four hundred dollars for forty acres of the old Holbrook farm, and in 1883 he had purchased seven acres from George Crossman, for which he paid six hundred and thirty dollars. In 1899 he bought of the John Gill heirs one hundred and seventeen acres at seventy dollars per acre, and in 1902 he purchased his brother's share in the home property, which fell to him after the death of his half brother and sister, so that he is now the owner of little more than six hundred acres of valuable Illinois land, and is justly accounted one of the prominent representative and prosperous farmers of Bureau county.

Mr. Hopps was married November 7, 1858, to Miss Margaret D. Boyle, at the homestead near La Moille by the Rev. E. P. Bartlett. Mrs. Hopps was born in Missouri and after the death of her father she and her mother returned to La Moille, at which place the mother, Mrs. Jemima Boyle, became the second wife of Martin Hopps, father of our subject. The father of Mrs. Hopps was Hugh Wilson Boyle, who was born in East Kilbride, near Glasgow, Scotland, and his mother was a descendant of William Wallace. Mr. Boyle began his apprenticeship at the tailor's trade at the age of ten years and came to this county, October 7, 1855. He remained for a brief period at Lighthouse, in Ogle county, Illinois, and in 1856 came to La Moille, where he opened a tailor shop. He was married October 7, 1857, to Jemima Duncan McIntire, at Lighthouse, Ogle county, she being also a native of Scotland. Soon after coming to America Mr. Boyle took out his naturalization papers and became a staunch republican. He lived in La Moille for about three years and then removed to Missouri, settling on a farm, which he operated through the summer months, while in the winter seasons he taught school. Eventually, however, he returned to Illinois and died at Bunker Hill, this state, January 28, 1861. He was a self-educated as well as self-made man and was a very active and well informed citizen, progressive in his views and in his conduct. He was a man of strong personality, interested in every good work for the benefit of others. Reared in the faith of the Presbyterian church he afterward became identified with the Baptist church on coming to La Moille. He served as librarian in his town and was active and influential in political circles, delivering many addresses during the presidential campaigns. As his activity extended to many lines of life he developed thereby a well rounded character. Six children have been born unto Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Hopps: Caroline L., Grace G., Hester M., Hugh M., Abida B., and one child who died in infancy.

Mr. Hopps and all his family are members of the Baptist church, he having been converted and joined the church in 1867. He has been very

active and helpful in Christian work in connection with that church and has been a generous contributor to its support. At different times he has served as trustee and clerk of the church, collector and treasurer, and he has held other official connections, being a director of the La Moille cemetery and director of the Root Drug Company, school director and school trustee and trustee of the Allen High school fund, commissioner of highways, and supervisor of Clarion township. Father trust has been reposed in him through his appointment as executor of two estates and as guardian of different children, and no trust reposed in him has ever been betrayed in the slightest degree. He is most reliable at all times and under all circumstances, and his probity stands as an unquestioned fact in his life record. For thirty-one years he has been a stalwart advocate of the republican party and its principles, and in the discharge of his official duties he has displayed unflinching fidelity as well as capability. He has never sought to figure prominently in public life outside his own community, but has been content to labor among the people where he has always resided and where he has so directed his labors as to make his life one of signal usefulness and honor.

#### C. A. PALMER, M. D.

Dr. C. A. Palmer, a leading physician and surgeon who has attained distinction in the profession and at the same time found opportunity for co-operation in progressive public measures, so that the city has benefited by his efforts, was born in Dover township, Bureau county, September 8, 1855. His father, George M. Palmer, was a native of New York and came to Bureau county from Ohio in 1855. A farmer by occupation, he carefully conducted his agricultural interests and was a prominent representative of that class. He married Ellen Russell, a native of Ohio.

Dr. Palmer completed his more specifically literary education by graduation from the Princeton high school and was graduated in medicine from the Northwestern University as a member of the class of 1876. He added practical experience to his theoretical training by active service as interne in Mercy hospital for a year and this well equipped for the profession came to Princeton in 1877 and has since been engaged in active practice here. He has pursued various post graduate courses, including two in New York and three in Chicago, and at all times he keeps abreast with professional advancement in the ever widening knowledge of the profession, resulting from research and scientific experiment. The extent of his practice is the best criterion of his ability and few physicians of this section of the state can equal him in the volume of patronage a world him. He was honored by election as the first president of the Bureau County Medical Society, of





which he was one of the active organizers, and he also belongs to the Illinois State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. Somewhat in the line of his profession, he was for twenty years a partner in the drug business as a member of the firm of Palmer & Trulson, but recently has disposed of his interest to Mr. Trulson.

Dr. Palmer was married in 1882 to Miss Jane I. Eckels, a daughter of James S. Eckels of Bureau county, and they became the parents of four children, three daughters and a son who are living, while their second child, Charles, is deceased. Those who still survive are Margaret Ellen, Alice, Eckels and Jean Isabella.

Dr. Palmer, prominent in Masonry, has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish rite and is a member of various other fraternal organizations, including the Knights of Pythias. He has the distinction of holding the first commission for surgeon major for the uniformed rank of the Knights of Pythias. He belongs to the Presbyterian church and his interest and co-operation have extended to many movements for the material, intellectual and moral progress of his community. He has been a member of the city school board and for eight years he was president of the high school board and from 1899 until 1903 was mayor of the city, giving a public spirited administration looking to general improvement and advancing civic virtue and civic pride.

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#### JOHN C. FIELD.

John C. Field, a resident farmer of Berlin township, has erected his home upon an eminence commanding an excellent view of the surrounding country and has one of the attractive farm properties of this section of the state. He still lives in Berlin township, which was the place of his nativity, his natal day being April 21, 1849. His father, John Field, was born May 22, 1818, and became a resident of Bureau county in 1853, at which time he located on section 10, Berlin township. Later he bought two quarter sections of land on section 15 of the same township and persistently and energetically gave his time and energies to farm work, with the result that the wild land was transformed into very fertile and productive fields that yielded good annual harvests. Mr. Field was married in Peoria, Illinois, about 1858 to Miss Catharine Schnell, who was born in that city in 1836. They became the parents of six children, of whom John C. is the youngest, and two of the number have now departed this life.

Reared under the parental roof, John C. Field at the usual age became a student in the common schools and later he completed his education in Geneseo (Illinois) College. During the periods of vacation he assisted in farm work and after his school days were over he aided in the labors of

the fields. In fact throughout his entire life he has carried on general agricultural pursuits and is now a leading and prosperous farmer of his community, engaged in the raising of short-horn cattle, Poland China hogs and Norman horses in addition to cultivating the cereals best adapted to soil and climate. He has made a success in his business career and although he now rents his fields he yet gives supervision to his place. When his present farm came into his possession it was one vast corn-field, but he has erected good, substantial buildings upon a rise of ground, giving him an excellent view of the surrounding country unsurpassed by that secured from any other farm residence of the county.

On the 21st of December, 1892, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Field and Miss Eva Booth, who was born March 8, 1874, a daughter of William and Ann E. (Pierce) Booth, who were natives of Illinois and have spent all of their lives in Bureau county. They became the parents of two children, Eva and May, the former now the wife of Mr. Field. This marriage has been blessed with one daughter, Helen R., born May 30, 1895.

In his fraternal relations Mr. Field is a Mason, and has attained the Knight Templar degree, belonging to Arlington lodge, No. 279, A. F. & A. M., and to Princeton Temple Commandery, No. 29, K. T. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Congregational church at Dover, in which he has been treasurer for several years and is still holding the office. His interest in community affairs is deep and sincere, matters of local progress and national improvement being causes dear to his heart, so that his co-operation and aid can always be counted upon for the furtherance of any progressive public movement. He has prospered in his business, and through his capable management has been enabled to double the farm since it came into his possession. He today owns one hundred and sixty acres of good land in Berlin township, and his well directed labors have been the resultant factor in his achievement of a success which is as enviable as it is gratifying.

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#### DAVID H. BARKMAN.

David H. Barkman has for the past six years resided upon his present farm in La Moille township. His life record began in New Jersey on the 23d of February, 1862, and his residence in Illinois dates from the 27th of March, 1886, when he located in Bureau county. In a family of twelve children born unto Henry M. and Marinda (Reinhart) Barkman he was the eighth. His parents were likewise natives of New Jersey, where they were reared and married and made their home upon a farm.

In the public schools of his native state David



H. Barkman acquired his education and received ample training at farm labor, for he was early instructed in the best methods of cultivating the fields and by practical experience became well qualified for work in this connection. Thinking to enjoy better business opportunities in the middle west he came to Illinois when a young man of twenty-four years and has since resided in Bureau county. A life of diligence and business activity has made him the owner of one hundred and eighty-one and a fourth acres of excellent farming land which is well located and is improved with good buildings and beautiful shade trees. Here Mr. Barkman has lived for six years and the value of the place is constantly increasing by reason of the modern equipments and accessories he has added. He uses the latest improved machinery to facilitate the work of the fields and his farm is neat and thrifty in every department.

Mr. Barkman was married on the 25th of August, 1889, to Miss Ida B. Wood, who was born near Sandusky, Wisconsin, November 27, 1861. Her parents were Samuel and Frances (Gray) Wood, the former a native of New York and the latter of Ohio. In their family were five children, of whom Mrs. Barkman is the eldest and one of the number is now deceased. She completed her education in the Princeton high school and by her marriage has become the mother of three children: Henry L., born May 2, 1891; Cecil L., August 23, 1897; and Viola B., October 22, 1900.

Mr. and Mrs. Barkman attend the services of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which she is a member, while he holds membership relations with Ohio lodge of the Knights of the Globe. He exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party but has never been an aspirant for office, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs, which are now bringing him gratifying success. He made no mistake in choosing the middle west as a favorable location and by utilization of the opportunities offered here he has gained a place among the substantial residents of the county, being now classed with the leading and prosperous farmers of La Moille township.

#### W. C. GRISWOLD, M. D.

Dr. W. C. Griswold, who for many years devoted his life, with gratifying success, to the practice of medicine and surgery, is now living retired in Princeton, where he has made his home since 1900. He is a native of Allegany county, New York, and a son of George W. Griswold, who came to Bureau county in 1856, settling in Milo. For twenty years the father devoted his life to teaching in the high school there and also carried on general agricultural pursuits. He likewise filled the office of town clerk for two years and was actively and helpfully interested in all matters

of local progress and improvement. Both he and his wife died in this county.

Dr. Griswold pursued his early education in New York and afterward attended the Northwestern University. The completion of his more specifically literary course was followed by several years of teaching and he then entered upon preparation for the practice of medicine as a student in Chicago Medical College, of Chicago, from which he was graduated March 6, 1861. Immediately afterward he joined the army and acted as assistant surgeon until the close of the war, whereby he not only rendered effective and valuable aid to his country but also promoted his own efficiency through the broad and varied experience which comes to the military surgeon.

For a year after the close of the war Dr. Griswold practiced in Princeton and then removed to Memphis, Tennessee, where he remained for thirty-five years as one of the able general practitioners of medicine and surgery with a large and lucrative patronage. He was also examining surgeon for pensions in Tennessee and was a member of the Loyal League and other beneficiary societies in that state. He not only attained professional prominence but was also a candidate for the legislature on the republican ticket and recognized as a leader in public life in the community, exercising considerable influence in affairs of general moment. In 1900 he returned to Princeton, where he has since lived retired.

Dr. Griswold was married to Miss Josephine R. Anthony in 1879, the wedding being celebrated in Providence, Bureau county. Mrs. Griswold is a daughter of Alfred Anthony, one of the earlier settlers of the county, who came here in 1837 and followed the occupation of farming. Both Dr. and Mrs. Griswold are members of the Christian church and they reside at No. 902 South Fourth street in Princeton, where he owns a beautiful home that he has erected since locating here. It is a large two-story residence standing in the midst of a fine lawn. Since his retirement from the active practice of the profession the Doctor and his wife have enjoyed many pleasures, including a trip to the Orient. They were gone five months and during that period they visited France, Italy, Rome, Paris, Constantinople, Black Sea, Smyrna, Joppa, Jerusalem, Jericho, the Jordan, the Dead Sea, Bethlehem, Alexandria, Cairo, and traveled up the Nile for six hundred miles. They also visited Madeira, Malta, Algiers, Spain, Switzerland, Greece, London and Liverpool, thus viewing many points of modern, historic and scenic interest. Dr. Griswold is a stockholder in the Bureau County Independent Telephone Company and other corporations, his capital being judiciously placed. He is a member of the Memphis Medical Society of Memphis, Tennessee, the Princeton Medical Association, the Tri-State Medical Association of Tennessee and the American Medical Association. He attained considerable prominence



in his profession and the years of his active labor therein were crowned with a success that now enables him to enjoy much that life has to offer in the way of pleasures and comfort.

#### DAVID YOUNT.

David Yount is the owner of a valuable farm of three hundred and twenty-eight acres in Macon township. He was born in Bedford county, Pennsylvania, April 3, 1835, and is one of the eight children whose parents were Jacob and Sarah (Kooniz) Yount. The father was born in Bedford county, Pennsylvania, and lived the life of an agriculturist, spending his entire days in his native county, where he owned and operated two hundred and forty acres of rich and arable land. He held various township offices, to which he was elected on the democratic ticket. He held membership in the Christian church and his life was upright and honorable, winning him the respect of all with whom he associated. He died in 1865 at the age of fifty-five years, while his wife, long surviving him, passed away March 20, 1898, at the age of eighty-three years, eleven months and twenty-seven days. Her last days were spent in the home of her son, John Yount, in Bedford township and she was the last survivor of her father's family. She was a faithful member of the Reformed church for more than half a century. For more than three years prior to her demise she was a confirmed invalid but she bore her ills with Christian resignation and although she outlived the allotted time of man her mind remained perfectly bright and clear to the last. Of the seven sons and one daughter born of her marriage five are now living: John, Scott, Jacob, George and David, while Henry and Peter are deceased.

David Yount, whose name introduces this record, was reared to farm life and his attention was largely given to the work of the fields until about nineteen years of age, when he learned the trade of a brick and stone mason, being employed along that line until 1859. He then removed to Springfield, Missouri, where he remained until the fall of 1861, when he came to Macon township, Bureau county, where he now resides. In 1865, soon after his marriage, he began farming on his own account and that he has prospered as the years have gone by is indicated by the fact that he is today the owner of three hundred and twenty-eight acres of valuable land, whereon he tills the soil and raises crops, his business proving profitable.

Mr. Yount was married January 26, 1865, in Macon township, to Miss Elizabeth Carper, who was born in Bedford county, Pennsylvania, a daughter of John Carper, who was a native of that county and died at the age of sixty-one years, while his wife passed away when her daughter, Mrs. Yount, was a little child. In their family

were seven children, of whom but one now living: Jacob, John, Adam, Henry and Christina. The father, Mr. Carper, was one of the pioneer residents of Macon township and held a number of local offices during the period of his connection with this county. He belonged to the Church of God and his political views were in accord with the principles of the whig party until its dissolution, when he joined the ranks of the new republican party.

In 1901 Mr. Yount was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, who died on the 10th of May of that year at the age of sixty-one. In the family were two daughters and a son, John, Della and Alice. The elder daughter is now the wife of T. Pratt, a resident of Macon township.

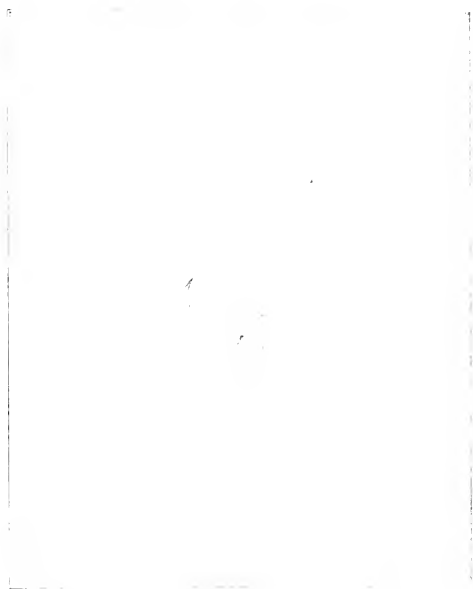
Mr. Yount holds membership with the Church of God and in politics is a stalwart republican but has never cared for public office. He has served, however, as school director for about fifteen years and is interested in public education. His success has been by no means the result of fortunate circumstances. It has come to him through energy, labor and perseverance directed by an evenly balanced mind and by honorable business principles. He finds his greatest social enjoyment at his own fire-side and he has many friends, who esteem him for his genuine personal worth.

#### HOWARD H. PRIESTLEY.

Howard H. Priestley is a member of the Priestley Hardware Company, the largest enterprise of this character in Bureau county, and as such needs no introduction to the residents of Princeton or the surrounding country. He is one of the native sons of this city, born August 25, 1861. His father, C. M. Priestley, who was in the hardware business here for a short time, arrived in Bureau county in 1856 from Johnstown, Pennsylvania, and is still living in Princeton.

At the usual age Howard H. Priestley entered the public schools and passed through successive grades until he had completed the high school course by graduation in the class of 1879. Since that time he has been engaged in the hardware business and as a member of the Priestley Hardware Company is active in the control of the largest enterprise of this character in Bureau county. The store is located on North Main street, where they handle all kinds of hardware, stoves, furnaces, cream separators, refrigerators, hammocks, tinware and wire fencing. The business was organized here on the present site in 1855 and has always been a foremost factor in the commercial interests of the county. The company is now composed of Howard H. Priestley, Harper N. Noble and L. P. Larson. In addition to the above mentioned line of goods which they carry they also handle all kinds of builders' hardware, iron and blacksmiths' supplies, the woodwork for wagons





H. H. PRIESTLEY.





and buggies, mechanics' tools, tinware and all kinds of kitchen utensils, and are the Bureau county agents for the Round Oak and Munson furnaces. From the beginning the house has sustained an unassailable reputation for honorable dealing and has found that honesty is the best policy, in proof of which theirs is now an extensive enterprise. The firm does more business and carries a larger stock than any house in the state outside of Chicago with one or two exceptions.

In 1890 Mr. Priestley was married to Miss Mabel Sisson, of Galesburg, Illinois. They are both widely and favorably known in this city and Mrs. Priestley is acting as a member of the Princeton high school board. Mr. Priestley holds membership in the Presbyterian church and politically is a republican. He stands for progress and improvement in municipal affairs and has been a co-operant factor in many movements that have had direct bearing upon the welfare and advancement of the city and county. He is a typical representative of the spirit of the age, being an alert wide-awake business man, who holds clear conceptions of trade interests, conditions and possibilities and who has wrought along modern business lines with the result that his success is demonstrated in one of the leading commercial enterprises of the county.

#### GEORGE R. WEISE, M. D. C.

Dr. George R. Weise, a leading veterinary surgeon of Bureau county, with office at 438 South Main street, in Princeton, has a large practice and is considered one of the best representatives of his profession in this part of the state. A native of Bureau county, he was born in 1861. His father, Andrew T. Weise, was born in Morris county, New Jersey, February 28, 1832, and was a son of Jacob and Mary Weise, both of whom were natives of the same state and were of German descent. Andrew T. Weise was the eighth in order of birth in their family of nine children and was reared in his native state to the age of sixteen years, during which time he attended the common schools and then came with his parents to Bureau county. The grandfather died in Princeton at the age of eighty-two years. Andrew T. Weise remained at home until 1852, when he made a trip across the plains with an ox team to California, being six months on the road. He remained in California for five years, being engaged in mining principally, but for a time was on a ranch. In 1857 he returned home by way of the Panama route to New York city, making the trip in twenty-two days. After a short visit in Chicago he came to the old home-land and for two years was engaged in farming. In 1860 he married Miss P. J. Cartwright, a native of Pennsylvania, in which state she was reared to the age of eighteen years, when she came with her father to Bureau

county, Illinois. Immediately after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Weise located on a farm on North Prairie, where they remained for two years and in the spring of 1863 they located upon his present farm, where they have since remained with the exception of a period of seven years spent in Texas. Mr. Weise is a democrat in his political views and affiliations and is a member of the Masonic fraternity, in which he has attained the Knight Templar degree. He enjoys the confidence and respect of the entire community and the circle of his friends has constantly grown as the circle of his acquaintance has widened. Unto him and his wife have been born four children: George R., Frank H., Will M. T. and Mary T.

In the public schools of this county Dr. Weise pursued his early education and determining upon the practice of veterinary surgery as a life work, he began preparations to that end in Chicago Veterinary College, of which he is a graduate. He has since practiced in Princeton and his ability places him with the foremost members of the profession and has secured for him a large patronage. His early youth was spent upon the farm and on leaving home he went to Texas, where he spent two years on the ranch. He afterward conducted a butcher shop in Malden, Illinois, and then entered the veterinary college, since which time he has devoted his energies to the practice of veterinary surgery in Princeton.

In 1895 Dr. Weise was married to Miss Addie B. Russell, of Leopertown, a daughter of Samuel Russell, who is now living. Mrs. Weise passed away in February, 1905, leaving a little daughter six months old, who is now with her mother's people at Bureau. Dr. Weise also lost one child. In his political affiliations he is a democrat. The greater part of his life has been passed in this county, where he is widely known and there through his interest and efficiency in his profession he has gained a liberal patronage.

#### H. T. JACKSON.

H. T. Jackson, associated with the manufacturing and building interests of Princeton as a member of the firm of Berry & Jackson, proprietors of a large planing mill, was born in Bureau county in 1871, his parents being Robert J. and Emily (Thomas) Jackson. The father was of Scotch descent and came from the land of hills and heather to America. The mother was born near Princeton in 1837, and her sister, Mrs. Mary Hobert, now of Oregon, was the first white child born in Bureau county. The grandfather, Henry Thomas, came to this county in 1828 and as a pioneer settler aided in reclaiming the region from the domain of the red man and converting it into the uses of civilization. The father was a mechanic and later a farmer, devoting many years to general agricultural pursuits. He is now de-



ceased but his widow yet resides upon the old homestead.

At the usual age H. T. Jackson entered the public schools, wherein he continued his studies until he had mastered the common branches of learning that qualify one for the duties of an active business career. When not busy with his text-books his time was largely devoted to the work of the fields and other farm labor and he was identified with general agricultural pursuits until 1904, when at the age of thirty years he began working at the carpenter's trade and on the 1st of January, 1905, purchased an interest in the planing mill in which he is now associated with J. W. Berry under the firm style of Berry & Jackson, Mr. Jackson having charge of the men who work outside. The present mill was built by Mr. Berry in 1898 and is located at No. 607 North Main street in Princeton. It is a well equipped plant, supplied with much modern and improved machinery and the company manufactures all kinds of porch work, fancy stair work, carved moldings, window and door screens, window and door frames and sash and doors. They also handle window and plate glass and art windows and paints and oils, and they do turning and scroll sawing. The business is constantly growing and has long since become one of the profitable enterprises of the city.

Mr. Jackson votes with the republican party and served as constable of Bureau township for six or seven years. Socially he is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He possesses the determination that enables him to carry through to successful completion whatever he undertakes and in his business life he is just and upright, never failing to do his part.

#### CHARLES JONES RICHARDSON.

Charles Jones Richardson was born on a farm in Brattleboro, Vermont, November 15, 1825, and in the paternal line is descended from English ancestry, representatives of the name locating in New England in 1634. The paternal grandfather, Isaiah Richardson, was a resident of New England. His son, Isaiah Richardson, Jr., was born in Adol, Massachusetts, in 1792, and in 1799 removed to Vermont. He married Miss Betsey Stearns, November 25, 1815, who was born in Brattleboro, Vermont, in 1792, and was a daughter of Ruben Stearns, who was of Scotch lineage, and lived to be eighty-eight years old. Isaiah Richardson, Jr., was a farmer by occupation, and on the same day he was married began farming on forty acres of land. He never left that farm until he had been married for fifty years, when he retired from active business. He had worked earnestly and persistently in the interval and had become the owner of three hundred and twenty-seven acres of land. Mr. Richardson's parents celebrated their golden wedding November 25, 1865. The next

day they left the old homestead, where their ten children were born and reared, and moved into a beautiful new home, purchased for them by their sons Charles and Frederick, in the village of West Brattleboro, where they enjoyed a quiet life until the death of Mrs. Isaiah Richardson, July 3, 1874, at the age of eighty-three years. Her husband passed away at the advanced age of ninety-five years. Mr. Richardson's grandmother lived to be more than ninety-four years of age; both the Richardson and Stearns families being noted for longevity. Mr. and Mrs. Isaiah Richardson had ten children, seven sons and three daughters, and they all lived to be married and had families except one. Two sons still survive; Frederick G. residing in Chicago.

Charles was the third son of Isaiah and Betsey Stearns-Richardson. When fourteen years of age he was placed in a country store, at a salary of twenty-five dollars a year and his board. He clerked for about eight years. Late in the year 1848 the news of the discovery of gold in California reached New England, and Mr. Richardson decided to become a member of the Narragansett Mining and Trading Company, and sailed from Boston on the bark "Velasco" on the 14th day of February, 1849. He reached his destination, San Francisco, on the 6th day of October, after two hundred and thirty-four days on the water. They had forty-two days of wind and storm off Cape Horn. While in California Mr. Richardson was interested in mining, employing men to do the actual work in the mines, and he was also connected with other lines of business. He bought a ranch of twenty-eight hundred acres, and subsequently conducted a store and blacksmith shop; also a hotel and a stage coach station, owning the first stage line in that part of the country. He utilized the advantages which came to him, and so directed his business affairs as to win success. Mr. Richardson remained in California eight years, returning to the states in 1856, but returned to California to dispose of his interests there.

On the 18th day of November, 1857, Mr. Richardson was married to Victoria McArdle, at Republic, Seneca county, Ohio. Mrs. Richardson was the daughter of John P. and Betsey Haines McArdle. Her father was the son of one of the Irish patriots who led, after the rebellion in Ireland, to this country in 1797. Her father was born in 1785, and her mother was the first white child born in Mount Vernon, Knox county, Ohio, in 1800. Mr. McArdle brought over the mountains in a wagon the first printing press that was ever brought to the west side of the Alleghenies. He printed the "Mount Vernon Banner" in 1812. The old printing press is now in a museum in Cincinnati, Ohio. He was a prominent representative of journalism in that early day.

From this union five children were born: Elizabeth M., born November 21, 1858, married John True Garland, and they now reside in Minnapp-



olis, Minnesota. Harry Chase, born May 19, 1860, died October 23, 1883. Victor Ocar, born March 10, 1861, died on the 10th of July of the same year. Charles Prentice, born September 29, 1869, married Frances Green, a native of Battle Creek, Michigan, and they are now living in Spokane, Washington. Anne Stewart, born March 10, 1873, is the wife of Herbert Fielding Leners, of Owatonna, Minnesota, who is editor of the *Journal Chronicle* of that place.

In the spring of 1858 Mr. and Mrs. Richardson came to Bureau county, settling on a farm in Manlius township, and to which development and cultivation he gave his energies until May, 1862, when he entered the employ of the government at St. Louis. His duties called him to various parts of this state, and also west of the Mississippi river. He resigned in November, 1861, and entered into active business life. In May, 1869, he returned to Illinois, settling in Princeton, and has been a factor in its business interests ever since. For a quarter of a century he has been a director of the First National Bank of Princeton, Illinois. Mr. Richardson is a republican; he has continuously supported the party since its inauguration. He was chairman of the executive committee of the first Matson Library Board, and also its treasurer. He gave especial attention, with the valuable assistance of the other members of the board, to the interests of the library. They opened the doors to the public library, which had then some one thousand volumes, and which has since grown to more than seven thousand. Mr. Richardson's co-operation and assistance has been given to many movements for the public good, and he has manifested a helpful spirit in working for the interests which were of benefit to the community. His record has been such as to command respect, and may well serve as a source of inspiration to others.

#### DOUGLAS MOSELEY.

Douglas Moseley, president of the Citizens Bank of Princeton, was born April 18, 1860, and is a son of Frederick Moseley, who came to Bureau county with his parents in 1831. He was a son of Roland Moseley, who came from Massachusetts direct to Bureau county and settled on a farm in Princeton township, so that the family has long been connected with the history of this portion of the state.

Douglas Moseley acquired his more specifically literary education in the schools of Princeton, being graduated from the high school with the class of 1879. He afterward attended the Harvard Law School for one year, and in 1884 he entered the Citizens National Bank as bookkeeper. He has since progressed in his business life, becoming assistant cashier and still later cashier, while in 1902 he was elected to the presidency of the institution, which is one of the strong financial concerns of the county.

Mr. Moseley was married August 12, 1881, to S. Louise Jones, a daughter of Dr. Jones, formerly of La Moille, but now deceased. They have one child, Frances Louise Moseley.

#### WILLIAM E. WHAPLES.

William E. Whaples, of the Exchange Bank of Neponset, a prominent business man and representative of one of the leading pioneer families of the county, was born March 31, 1861, in the city where he still resides, and is descended from New England ancestry. His great-grandfather, Elisha Whaples, Sr., was a native of Connecticut and of French extraction. He participated in the war of 1812 and subsequently engaged in farming. His son, Elisha Whaples, Jr., was born in Newington, Connecticut, in 1800, and died in the year 1854. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Amanda A. Hart, was born in Avon, Connecticut, in 1806, and passed away in Newington, that state, in 1850. Their children were Mrs. Nancy A. Denning, Warren Day, and Shubal H.

Warren D. Whaples, father of William E. Whaples, was born in Newington, Connecticut, July 3, 1832, and there pursued his education, after which he followed farming and also engaged in teaching school for two terms. In 1856, at the age of twenty-four years, he came to the Mississippi valley, settling in Neponset, Bureau county. Soon after his arrival here he bought a fourth interest in the town lots and otherwise dealt in lands, which he subsequently sold. He had been a resident of Neponset for only a brief period when he established a store, and from that time until his death was engaged in merchandising and in banking. For a year he was employed as a clerk, and on the expiration of that period he formed a partnership with Joseph Lyford, conducting a general store until 1860, when the relation between them was discontinued and Mr. Whaples formed a partnership with his brother, Shubal H., which continued until the close of the Civil war. Warren D. Whaples was afterward alone in business, and was very successful, commanding an excellent trade as a merchant and thus prospering in his undertakings. In 1873 he established the Exchange bank, and although he met with a heavy loss shortly afterward, through the failure of a Chicago bank, his own banking venture nevertheless proved a decided success, and has since been one of the reliable financial concerns of the county. In 1883 he erected a fine business block, occupying the two lower rooms for store and banking purposes. He built a fire-proof vault and also placed in it a burglar-proof safe, adding also the equipments and devices of a modern banking establishment.

On the 29th of November, 1858, Warren D. Whaples was united in marriage to Miss Mary E.



Lawrence, who was born September 23, 1837, in East Canaan, Connecticut, and they had two sons: William E. and Walter L., the latter born July 5, 1863. The father was an active member of the Congregational church and took an active interest in all things pertaining to the welfare of the community, while his private business interests were of a nature which also contributed to the general business activity and prosperity. In his fraternal relations he was a Good Templar, which indicated his attitude on the temperance question, and his political allegiance was given the republican party.

Born, reared and educated in Neponset, William E. Whaples, when twenty-one years of age, became associated with his father in business and in 1890-joined him in his banking enterprise. Since his father's death, which occurred September 24, 1891, he has been connected with his mother and brother in the ownership and control of the Exchange Bank, and is well known in financial circles in this part of the state, conducting the bank along conservative lines, and yet not without a spirit of progress in keeping with modern banking ideas.

William E. Whaples was married October 24, 1885, to Ida M. Baker, who was born in Neponset, February 14, 1863, a daughter of George W. and Marian (McCreath) Baker. Her father was born in New York city, January 9, 1828, and the mother in Glasgow, Scotland, October 31, 1833. They were married in the Empire state and became residents of Kewanee, Illinois, in 1855, removing the following year to Neponset, where Mr. Baker followed his trade of carpentering and also engaged in farming until 1885, when he retired from agricultural pursuits and is now enjoying a well earned rest at his home in Neponset. He exercises his right of franchise in support of the republican party. In his family are a son and daughter, the former being James Baker, now deceased.

Mr. and Mrs. Whaples have three living children: George Warren, born August 9, 1886; Jessie M., born January 24, 1888; and Lesley H., born May 10, 1891; while Prudence, who was born December 16, 1892, died March 10, 1894.

Interested in the upbuilding and progress of the village, William E. Whaples has co-operated in many movements for the general good. He has been school treasurer for twenty-five years and treasurer of the village for many years. He has likewise been treasurer of the Congregational church for the past twenty years, and the financial interests thus entrusted to his care show the confidence reposed in him by his associates. He is a member of Neponset lodge, No. 893, A. F. & A. M., and he and his wife are members of the Eastern Star lodge, of which she is worthy matron, while Mr. Whaples is worthy patron. Both are members of the Congregational church, and their influence is ever on the side of aesthetic and moral culture

and of all that tends to promote public progress and improvement. Although Mr. Whaples came into possession of a business already established, in enlarging and controlling this he has displayed excellent business ability, proving that success is a matter of judgment, experience and diligence, and not the result of genius or of fortunate circumstances, as held by many.

#### CHARLES N. KEITH.

Charles N. Keith, a representative of commercial interests in Princeton, where he is engaged in real estate, farm loans and insurance, was born November 29, 1857, upon a farm in Ohio township, Bureau county, his parents being Melvin J. and Betsy (Perkins) Keith, both of whom were natives of the Empire state. The father was about twenty years of age at the time of his arrival here in 1847. Being greatly impressed with the possibilities of this new but rapidly developing country, he soon afterward purchased a tract of land and became an active and enterprising agriculturist of this portion of the state. He has also been quite prominently identified with public affairs and has wielded a wide influence in matters relating to the general progress. He has capably served as county clerk and outside of office has put forth effective effort in behalf of the general good. He and his wife now reside in the village of Dover, Bureau county, Illinois.

Upon that farm Charles N. Keith was born and reared to the age of twenty-five years, remaining there continuously save for the period of four years spent in school. In the fall of 1882, having six months before located a homestead claim in Spink county, in the territory of Dakota, and having faith in the future of that northwest country, in company with Hon. L. G. Johnson of Morrison, Illinois, he organized an excursion party, whose destination was the northwest. Their efforts were wonderfully successful and on the 6th of September, 1882, in charge of a special train, Mr. Keith accompanied a party of over three hundred home seekers to Dakota. In all the years that immigration has been pouring into that country this excursion exceeds all others in point of numbers. Mr. Keith established a newspaper, the *Mellette Tribune*, and also opened a land office at Mellette, Dakota. He became a prominent and influential factor in public life there and aided in shaping the policy of the territory during its formative period. In the fall of 1883 he was elected a delegate to the constitutional convention called by citizens of the territory for the purpose of drafting a constitution and presenting a memorial and petition to congress for admission as a state. At that convention Mr. Keith was appointed chief census enumerator and at once appointed county enumerators to proceed to take the census of the inhabitants of that portion of





the territory afterward admitted as the state of South Dakota.

On the 26th of November, 1884, Mr. Keith was married to Miss Elizabeth Edwards, of Mendota, Illinois, a daughter of Samuel Edwards, and they now have one child, Lillian. Closing out his business at Mellette, Mr. and Mrs. Keith removed to Watertown, South Dakota, where for a number of years he was special land examiner for the Dakota Loan & Trust Company. In 1890 the company made him manager of its business in the state of Nebraska, his headquarters being at Broken Bow, where he spent the succeeding three years. In the fall of 1893 he returned to Bureau county, where he engaged in farming and in the manufacture of brick. About the same time he located his family in Princeton, where he is now engaged in the real estate, loan and insurance business, conducting a profitable business here. He owns over four hundred acres of land in South Dakota and Nebraska and also valuable property at Watertown, South Dakota. In the years of an active business career he has been watchful of opportunities pointing to success and his keen sagacity and enterprise have made him a valued exponent of substantial development in the northwest as well as in his home county. In politics he is an active democrat and has been chairman of the Bureau County Democratic Central Committee.

#### GEORGE P. PETTEE, JR.

George P. Pettee, Jr., a resident of Princeton and cashier of the Seatonville State Bank at Seatonville, in which capacity he has served since its organization in 1904, is one of the native sons of Bureau county, having been born upon his father's farm in Concord township in May, 1859. He is a son of George P. Pettee, of French descent. The father was born February 25, 1834, in Rutland county, Vermont, and is therefore seventy-two years of age at this writing. His parents were George W. and Eleanor (Wrisley) Pettee, both of whom were natives of the Green Mountain state. George P. Pettee attended the schools of Vermont, obtaining a good practical education, and in 1855, at the age of twenty-one years, he left the parental roof and the hills of his native state to make his home upon the broad prairies of Illinois. On coming to Bureau county he operated rented land near Princeton until 1858, when he made his first purchase of eighty acres on section 10, Concord township, constituting a part of his present fine farm. He has extended its boundaries by additional purchase from time to time until the place comprises three hundred and sixty acres of valuable land and the improvements thereon have been made by him. He planted the seed from which have sprung the fine maple trees that adorn the place and he has

continued the work of development in accordance with modern ideas of agricultural progress. His farm is now well supplied with good buildings and the land has been brought under a high state of cultivation. On the 7th of July, 1857, he was joined in wedlock to Miss Margaret Sinnott, a daughter of Nicholas and Johanna (Bryant) Sinnott. Five children were born unto Mr. and Mrs. Pettee: Mary E.; George P.; John C.; Alice A., who died November 10, 1899; and William J., a graduate of the Princeton high school and of the Gen. City Business College of Quincy, Illinois. In his political views George P. Pettee, Sr., has always been a democrat since casting his first presidential ballot for James Buchanan in 1856. For many years he served as a member of the school board and has always been the champion of matters relating to general progress and development. About five years ago he retired from active farm life and is now living in Princeton.

In taking up the personal history of George P. Pettee, Jr., we present to our readers the life record of one widely known in Bureau county, where he has always lived. He attended the district schools and also the schools of Sheffield and afterward engaged in teaching for some time in Seatonville. Subsequently he went to Chicago, where he attended the Bryant & Stratton Business College, and later took up the study of pharmacy in Illinois Pharmaceutical College. Returning to Seatonville, he again engaged in teaching for some time and in Princeton has conducted a hardware store, being thus closely associated with its commercial interests. He went to Seatonville before the town was started and after its establishment he served for four years as postmaster under President Cleveland. He is now cashier of the Seatonville State Bank, which was organized in 1904, with a capital of twenty-five thousand dollars. Mr. Pettee has been a most active and helpful factor in the growth of Seatonville and his name is inseparably interwoven with its interests and development.

In 1895 occurred the marriage of George P. Pettee and Miss Neva Myrtle Brookie, of Bureau county, a daughter of Arnie Brookie. Her father was born in St. Louis, Missouri, April 20, 1850, and is a son of Dr. John and Sophia (Keedy) Brookie, the former a native of Louisville, Kentucky, and the latter of Boonsbors, Washington county, Maryland, her birth having occurred within a mile and a half of the battlefield of Antietam. Dr. Brookie started out in business life as a farmer, but later took up the study of medicine under Dr. McDonald, of St. Louis, and engaged in practice at that place for many years. Before removing to the city he had lived with a brother-in-law, Mr. Kane, in Noble county, Illinois, and he planted the first fruit tree set out within the borders of that county—a morilla cherry. He died in Peru, Illinois, August 18, 1865, at the age of fifty-six years. Both he and



his wife were consistent members of the Christian church. Mrs. Brookie passed away in August, 1855. She was the daughter of Jacob and Priscilla Keedy, who removed from Maryland to Noble county, Illinois, in 1868 and there both died in 1881. Unto Dr. and Mrs. Brookie were born eight children: Sarah, Fannie, Mary, William F., Anna, Eugenia, Arthur and James.

Of this family, Arthur Brookie was educated in the common schools and has spent his life as a farmer. On first coming to Illinois he located in La Salle county, but later returned to Maryland, where he engaged in farming for three years. On the expiration of that period he became a resident of Bureau county, Illinois, and clerked in his brother-in-law's store for a time. He afterward again spent a year in Maryland, but once more came to Bureau county. He was married December 8, 1870, to Miss Lora E. Munson, a daughter of H. W. and E. J. Munson, in whose family were the following named: Plansina, who was drowned July 4, 1862; Augusta; Lora, the wife of Arthur Brookie; and William H. and James Munson. Mr. and Mrs. Brookie have become the parents of five children: Howard and John, twins, but the latter is now deceased; Neva Myrtle, now Mrs. Pettec; Lida Eugenia; and Anna Belle. Mr. Brookie is a democrat and is a member of the Knights of Pythias fraternity, while he and his wife hold membership in the Congregational church.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Pettec have been born two children, Harold and Marguerite, aged, respectively, eight and seven years. Politically Mr. Pettec is a democrat, with rather independent tendencies. He and his wife hold membership in the Congregational church. He owns land in Nebraska. He has in his possession the bow and arrows and deerskin sheath that once belonged to Spotted Tail, chief of the Sioux Indians, and these things are still in a good state of preservation, the sheath showing wear through carrying. It is a very valuable and interesting relic. Mrs. Pettec is a relative of the Hall girls, who were kidnapped by the Indians in the Black Hawk war. Both are representatives of prominent old pioneer families and are surrounded at their home by a circle of friends, who appreciate their true worth, entertaining for them warm regard.

#### OLIVER J. FLINT, M. D.

Among the younger practitioners of medicine in Princeton is Dr. Flint, a native son of Bureau county, born on the 6th of November, 1870. His father, Milan Flint, was a native of New York and became a resident of Illinois in the early '50s. He was associated with the educational development of the state, being engaged in teaching school here at an early day, and he also engaged in farming, while the moral progress of his community

found in him a promoting factor as he labored earnestly and zealously, in proclaiming the gospel as a minister of the Methodist church. He died in the year 1875 and those who knew him recognized the loss of a man worthy of all respect and honor. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Frances Wilhite, is a native of Kentucky.

Oliver J. Flint pursued his education in the public schools of Bureau county, completing the high-school course in Princeton with the class of 1888. His medical education was obtained in Northwestern University and was completed by graduation in the class of 1898. He commenced practice in Princeton in January, 1899, and has been a partner of Dr. C. A. Palmer during the period of his connection with the medical fraternity of his native county. He is esteemed in professional circles and is secretary of the Bureau County Medical Society. He also belongs to the State Medical Society and the American Medical Association and reading and investigation are adding to his knowledge and promoting his efficiency. He maintains a high standard of professional ethics and enjoys the regard of his professional brethren as well as of a host of friends of social life.

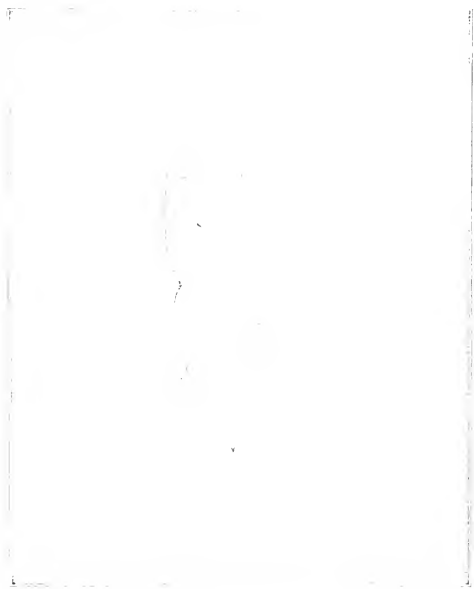
#### MICHAEL FAGAN.

Michael Fagan, who is engaged in the meat and stock business in Ohio, was born in Ottawa, Canada, December 28, 1849. His father was James Fagan, who was born in Wicklow, Ireland, and went to Montreal, Canada, about 1816. After a period of about thirty-three years he removed to Bureau county, Illinois, and he died in La Moille, this county, on the 15th of August, 1865. He had settled upon a farm in La Moille township of two hundred and eighty acres, which he purchased in 1853 at two dollars and a quarter per acre.

Michael Fagan was reared in this county amid pioneer scenes and conditions and he can remember back to the early days, when he saw a great drove of wild deer. He acquired his education in the common schools, which he left in 1868 in order to devote his undivided attention to work upon the home farm, where he remained until he attained his majority. He then engaged in the butchering business in Ohio for a period of one year, when he sold his interests and established a meat market in Chicago, where he remained for one year. He then returned to the home farm, but a year later again came to the village of Ohio, in which he has since engaged in the meat and live stock business in a very successful manner. He has a good trade, which has constantly grown, and he enjoys the confidence of all with whom he comes in contact.

Mr. Fagan was united in marriage to Miss Mary E. Sheehan, who was born in Lee county, Illinois, in 1852. They were married in Amboy, Illinois, in 1873 and have become the parents of the fol-





DR. O. J. FLINT.



lowing named: Estella, the wife of F. B. Kaiser, a resident of Mount Auburn, Iowa; May, the wife of O. J. Conner, residing in Ohio; Anna, at home; William D.; and Martin J., who died April 19, 1901. The family are communicants of the Catholic church and in his political affiliation Mr. Fagan is a stalwart democrat. He served as village trustee for a period of twenty-two years and the interests of the town were largely benefited by his active and public-spirited co-operation in every movement for the general good. Fraternally he is connected with the Modern Woodmen and the Knights of the Globe. He has prospered and progressed in his business life and in addition to his business interests in Ohio he owns a half section of land in Alberta county near High River, Canada.

#### JUDGE RICHARD M. SKINNER.

Judge Richard M. Skinner, occupying the bench of the Circuit court, has for a third of a century been a member of the Bureau county bar and is widely recognized as one of the leading lawyers of this part of Illinois. His activity has been so closely interwoven with the development of the county along many lines as to make his life record an integral chapter in its history. His social and financial affairs have felt the stimulus of his co-operation and have profited by his practical methods and keen discernment.

Elected judge of the thirteenth judicial circuit in 1903, his record on the bench is in harmony with his record as a man and a lawyer, distinguished by unswerving integrity and by a masterful grasp of every problem presented for solution.

Judge Skinner was born in Morris county, New Jersey, April 13, 1817, a son of John C. and Mary (Stevens) Skinner, likewise natives of that state. In 1833 the father, accompanied by his family, removed to Ohio and in 1851 sought a home in Bureau county, Illinois, settling upon a farm near Princeton, where he spent his remaining days, his death resulting from an accident in 1877, when he was sixty-three years of age. His wife survived him until 1893, departing this life at the age of seventy-eight years. Their family numbered two sons and three daughters: Sarah S., the wife of Henry U. Bacon of Ottawa, Kansas; Richard M.; George S., an attorney at the Princeton bar; Mary E., the wife of Elijah P. Lovejoy; and Eliza J., librarian in the Congressional library at Washington, D. C.

From the age of seven years Judge Skinner was reared to farm life and his primary education was acquired in the district schools. Ambitious for further intellectual training, however, he entered the high school at Princeton, from which he was graduated with the class of 1836, the first class sent out from that institution. His scholastic

training was continued in Cornell University at Ithaca, New York, where he pursued a special course, when having resolved to follow the profession of law his life work he matriculated in Albany Law School of Union College and following his graduation in 1832 was admitted to practice in all the courts of the state of New York. For a brief period, however, his attention was not given to his chosen profession. He spent two terms as a teacher in the high school of Princeton and then in 1833 entered upon the active practice of his profession as a member of the Bureau county bar, when in he was destined to win the distinction which comes from close and unflinching attention to the profession and from broad and comprehensive understanding of the principles of jurisprudence. He has practiced in all of the courts of the state and is recognized as the peer of many of the ablest members of the Illinois bar. From 1876 until 1880 he was state's attorney of Bureau county and again from 1888 until 1892. His official duties were ever discharged without fear or favor and his high standing at the bar, his recognized ability in the interpretation and correct application of principles of law led to his selection for the bench. Fairness and impartiality characterize his decisions, together with a thorough and comprehensive understanding of legal principles, and he displays a marked sense of conscientious obligation in the discharge of the duties of the office to which life, liberty and property interests must look for protection. Aside from the profession he has extended his efforts to other lines and has served as director of the Farmers National Bank and as director and general attorney of the Citizens National Bank of Princeton. Conservative in all business matters, his judgment is relied upon by his associates and the public has confidence in the stability of an institution conducted by such men.

Judge Skinner was married on the 12th of June, 1838, to Miss Mary Eda Sharp, a daughter of John N. and Nancy (McCracken) Sharp, of Hackensack, New Jersey, later of Brooklyn, New York. The five children of this marriage were: Dewitt, who died in 1892 at the age of twelve years; Walter R.; Anna B.; John S.; and Richard M. The family attended the Congregational church.

Judge Skinner is perhaps best known aside from his professional activity, by reason of the prominent part which he has taken in political interests. He was reared in the faith of the republican party and his mature judgment has sanctioned its principles as most conducive to good government. He has delivered many campaign addresses in support of party measures and he stands for progress, improvement and reform. Whenever there is a public-spirited attempt to disclose misdeeds in municipal affairs he is to be found working with the leaders of the movement. A thorough temperance man from principle, he





has always opposed the licensing of saloons and in 1895 was elected mayor of Princeton on the no license ticket. He brought to his official duties a firm determination to execute the laws and exercised his official prerogatives in support of every movement and measure which he deemed would prove of permanent benefit. His course as chief executive won the commendation of the most progressive and law-abiding element. He served on the bench as county judge of Bureau county from 1897 until 1902. In the public-school system of the state he has always taken a lively interest and for eighteen years was a member of the board of education of the Princeton high school district, being one of the first graduates of the high school and one of the first of its alumni to occupy the position of a teacher in it. The interest manifested as student and teacher has ever been maintained. The Princeton high school occupies a peculiar position, being the first high school in Illinois to be organized under a special charter from the state. Its standing as an advanced school has always been the highest and to Judge Skinner much of the credit of its efficiency is due. For years he has been either president or clerk of the board and is familiar with every detail of the work connected therewith. He has served as a member of the Mat-on public library board and he is the champion of all that stands for intellectual progress and for all that upholds the political and legal status of his community. He has left and is leaving the impress of his individuality upon public life in Bureau county and his clear judgment, his lofty patriotism and his public spirit well render him a leader of thought and action.

#### WILLIAM BANSCHBACH.

After a useful and well spent life William Banschbach is now living retired in Princeton, enjoying a well earned rest and the fruits of former toil. He was born in Baden, Germany, on the 12th of June, 1837, his parents being Martin and Caroline (Bischofberger) Banschbach, who came to America in 1851, and settled in Bureau county, Illinois. For a time the father resided near Malden and then removed to Solby township, where he bought a farm which continued to be the home of himself and his wife until called to their final rest. He died in August, 1897, and she passed away on the 12th of August, 1887, at the age of seventy-five years and eighteen days. In his native land he served in the German army and then, coming to America, followed brick-making and the burning of lime and tile in connection with farming, but in this country devoted his attention almost exclusively to agricultural pursuits. He had five children, namely: Martin, who is represented on another page of this work; William, whose name introduces this review; Charles, who

resides in Chicago and was for forty years foreman of the tool-house for the Illinois Central Railroad Company, but recently resigned that position though still employed in the shops there; Louis, who is a farmer by occupation and has made his home in Christian county, Illinois, for the past thirty-five years; and Henry, who enlisted at the age of sixteen years in Company G, Twentieth Illinois infantry, and was wounded in service, dying at the general post-hospital at Jackson, Tennessee, October 29, 1862, when only nineteen years of age.

William Banschbach spent the first fifteen years of his life in his native land, and in 1852 crossed the broad Atlantic with his brother Martin, becoming a resident of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, where he remained for two years, and at the end of that time took up his abode in Bureau county, Illinois. He worked as a farm hand in Solby township until he had attained his majority and later followed the harness business for twenty years at Deque, Mabel, Holloayville and Princeton, being at the last named place for nine years. Selling out his business in 1878 he later devoted his attention to the drug trade, from 1889 until 1883, disposing of his store in the latter year. He once acted as administrator and guardian for some eighteen or twenty years, but in the fall of 1905 retired from business and has not actively engaged in any enterprise since that time.

On July 2, 1872, Mr. Banschbach was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Ann Rollingshafer. She was also born in Germany in 1848, but was a mere infant when brought to America, learning to walk on shipboard when crossing the Atlantic with her parents, who came to the United States that year. She was practically reared in Iowa and was married at Sheridan, that state. Having received a good common school education, supplemented by a four years' college course at Ames, Iowa, she successfully engaged in teaching for twenty-one terms in Lucas and Delaware counties, Iowa, prior to her marriage. Five children have been born to Mr and Mrs. Banschbach, namely: Edward Aaron, now of Chicago, who for years acted as salesman for typewriters, and is now selling the Burroughs adding machines; William Martin, who married Edith French, and conducted a sporting goods store and repair shop at Princeton for some time, doing a good business, but now makes his home in Portland, Oregon; Oliver Lott, now at Yokohama, Japan, as pay clerk in the United States Navy on the U. S. S. Raleigh; Winifred G., who is a graduate of Knox Conservatory of Music and is now successfully engaged in teaching music at Princeton; Litta Celia, who was graduated at the Illinois State University in June, 1906, and is now pursuing a post-graduate course at the University of Illinois.

Mr. Banschbach was a supporter of the republican party until the election of Cleveland, but



since that time has voted independently. Socially he has been affiliated with the Odd Fellows fraternity for thirty-five years, being a member of the order at Princeton. His wife is connected with the Daughters of Rebekah and the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. She is an active member of the Methodist Episcopal church and both are held in high regard by all who know them. They have a nice home at No. 5 South Pleasant street, where hospitality reigns supreme.

#### STEPHEN A. NAWA.

Stephen A. Nawa, who carries on farming and stock-raising on section 32, Selby township, is a native of Germany, his birth having occurred in Schlesien on the 20th of December, 1857. His parents, John and Johanna (Stokony) Nawa, continued to make their home in that country throughout life and both died in 1882. The father was overseer of timber lands for a forester. In his family were seven sons and three daughters, namely: John, Edmond, Emanuel, Franz, Casper, Stephen, Paul, Mary, Augusta and Annie. Of this number Casper came to America and died in Reading, Pennsylvania, where he was for some time engaged in agricultural pursuits. With the exception of our subject all remained in Germany. During his boyhood and youth Stephen A. Nawa attended school in his native land, completing his education by a collegiate course, and he was thus well fitted to start out in life for himself. After leaving school, at the age of twenty years, he served for three years in the German army, as did also all of his brothers. Before coming to America he was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Kalthoff, who was born in Rhine province, October 25, 1860, and is a daughter of John and Annie (Pauss) Kalthoff. Her father, who was a coal miner, died in Germany and her mother subsequently came to the United States, where she passed away some sixteen years ago. Mrs. Nawa has one sister, Mrs. Yeck, who lives at De Pue, Illinois, and has two half brothers, Clement Wolf, a painter of De Pue, and William Wolf, who is also engaged in business at that place.

Thinking to better his financial condition in the new world, Stephen A. Nawa crossed the Atlantic and in 1882 became a resident of Bureau county, Illinois, residing for some years at De Pue. There he followed coal mining for four years and was employed at check weighing. He then rented a farm from Charles Savage for six years and at the end of that time purchased his present place. He now has one hundred and thirty acres on section 32, Selby township, and eighty acres on section 29, upon which he has made excellent improvements, his place being supplied with private waterworks, for use in both house and barn. Here he has made his home for the past nine years and to its further cultivation and improve-

ment he devotes his entire time and attention. He is an energetic and progressive farmer and stock-raiser and the success that he has achieved in life is due entirely to his own well directed efforts, as he came to this country practically without capital.

Ten children have come to bless the home of Mr. and Mrs. Nawa, five sons and five daughters, namely: Matilda, now the wife of Walter Thurston, a farmer of Bureau county; and William, Frank, Benjamin, Fred, Emma, Annie, Mary, John and Freda, still under the parental roof. Mr. Nawa is not identified with any political organization, but votes for the man whom he believes best qualified to fill the office, regardless of party ties. For a time he served as addendum at De Pue, and has always taken an active and commendable interest in public affairs, giving his support to any enterprise which he believes will prove of public benefit. Socially both he and his wife are members of the Toolies, while two of their children belong to the Mystic Workers, and in religious faith the family are Catholics. They stand high in public regard and have a host of friends throughout Bureau county.

#### PALMER E. ANDERSON.

Palmer E. Anderson, engaged in the real estate, loan and insurance business with offices on Main street, is numbered among Princeton's native sons, born on the 29th of March, 1854. His parents were Jonas and Elizabeth (Nelson) Anderson, both of whom have now passed away, the father having died on the 1st of March, 1899, while his wife's death occurred February 1, 1890. Mr. Anderson was a carpenter and house-mover and came to Princeton in 1858. A native of Sweden, he established his home in St. Charles, Illinois, on coming to the new world, and subsequently removed to Bureau county, where he was closely associated with industrial interests as a carpenter and house-mover. He possessed many of the sterling characteristics of the Swedish race, including unflinching industry, adaptability and integrity, and these qualities rendered him a valued resident of his adopted city. He took an active part in politics and served as collector and in other local offices.

Palmer E. Anderson was indebted to the public-school system of Princeton for the educational privileges he enjoyed and entering upon his business career he became connected with the dry-goods trade as a young man and so continued until 1904. He was for some time a junior member of the firm of N. W. Isaacson & Company, with whom his business connection continued for several years. On withdrawing from commercial pursuits he became connected with the real estate, loan and insurance business and now has well ap-



pointed offices on Main street. As representative of fire insurance he is associated with H. A. Clark, but he handles the other departments of his business independently. He has secured a good clientele, is thoroughly acquainted with real-estate values, and is thus enabled to make judicious investments and profitable sales for his clients.

Mr. Anderson was married in Princeton to Miss Winnie Mae Spake, also born and reared in this city, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Spake, now deceased. Her father was born in Djurs-lida, Kalmar Lau, Sweden, March 20, 1839, and when ten years of age came with his parents to America, the family home being established in Chicago, whence two years later they came to Princeton. Mr. Spake was engaged in the drug business in this city for many years, the leading representative of commercial circles here. He married Miss Mary Stern, who was born in Sweden, December 8, 1840, at Asby Loken, Linkoping Lau, and came to the United States in 1852, accompanied by four sisters and a brother. They settled in Princeton and on the 10th of November, 1850, she gave her hand in marriage to John L. Spake. Two children were born of this union: Barkna Louisa, the wife of George E. Case; and Winnie Mae, the wife of Palmer E. Anderson.

Mr. Anderson exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party and in 1903 was elected town clerk, since which time he was twice been re-elected, so that he is now serving for the third term. He is a member of the board of education of the Union school of Princeton, to which he was elected in 1906, and he manifests a public spirited interest in all that is of value to the community in the promotion of those measures and movements which have direct bearing upon the welfare and prosperity of town and county. In his public service and business life he is alike alert and energetic and is justly accounted one of the best known and enterprising young business men of Princeton.

#### EGBERT CURTIS.

Egbert Curtis, engaged in the live stock business at Princeton, where for the past thirty years or more he has devoted his time and energies to buying and shipping stock, was born in Stockbridge, Berkshire county, Massachusetts, August 15, 1827, and though now nearly four score years of age he is still an active factor in business life and his record should put to shame many a man of much younger years, who, growing weary of the struggles and trials of a business career, would relegate to others the burdens that he should bear in supporting himself and family. Mr. Curtis has always been most active and enterprising, indolence and idleness being utterly foreign to his na-

ture, and his success has been the direct reward of his perseverance and energy.

His parents, Henry and Phoebe (Crombilly) Curtis, came to Bureau county in 1859, and remained residents of Princeton until they passed away, the father dying twenty-two years ago, at the age of eighty-six years, while the mother's death occurred twenty-five years ago, when she was eighty years of age. Both were natives of Stockbridge, Massachusetts, and the father followed the occupation of farming there. The Curtis family was founded in America in 1643 by three brothers, who came from Stratford-on-Avon, England, locating first at Weatherfield, Connecticut. The great-grandfather of our subject removed to Berkshire county, Massachusetts, and his son, Elnathan Curtis, resided there, as did Henry Curtis, father of our subject. In the family of Henry Curtis were five children, all of whom are still living, and a reunion was celebrated in the latter part of August, 1906, at the home of the eldest brother, S. C. Curtis, at Lafayette, Indiana, the youngest being Henry Curtis, now sixty-three years of age. In order of birth the members of the family are: S. C., of Lafayette; Egbert; Mrs. Worthington, of Albdon, Michigan; Phoebe J., of Princeton; and H. S., also of Lafayette, Indiana.

Egbert Curtis spent the first thirteen years of his life in the state of his nativity and then accompanied his parents on their removal to New York. He came to Bureau county in 1851, when twenty-seven years of age, and has since made his home in Princeton with the exception of a brief period of a year and a half. For some time he was connected with merchandising, conducting a hardware store, but his attention has been mainly devoted to the live stock business and he is one of the oldest and most prominent representatives of this line of business activity in Bureau county. For thirty years or more he has operated in live stock, making extensive purchases and shipments, and in the conduct of his business he has showed himself to be an excellent judge of stock so that he has made judicious purchases and profitable sales.

Mr. Curtis was married in Princeton on the 19th of March, 1856, to Miss Elizabeth Walter, who died in February, 1906, at the age of more than seventy years. She was born in the state of Ohio and during her infancy was brought to Bureau county by her parents, John and Eliza (Smith) Walter, who were among the earliest residents of this part of Illinois. Her father was well known as a pioneer settler, who aided in laying broad and deep the foundation for the present development and progress of the county. From Chicago he hauled the lumber used in building his house at Princeton. He was a tanner by trade and conducted a shop in this city for many years, but later engaged in other lines of business. He and his wife were founders and were also numbered among the founders of the



Congregational church in Princeton, and they were most highly respected citizens there, occupying a foremost place in social circles, and in the regard of those who knew them. Mr. Walter died in 1899, while his wife passed again in 1901, when more than eighty years of age. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Curtis was born one son, William W. Curtis, D. D. S., who is now about forty-seven years of age and resides in Chicago. He was born in Princeton, is a graduate of the high school of this city, and also of the Dental College at Ann Arbor, Michigan. He married Miss Nannie J. French of Newport, Rhode Island, and for several years has been successfully practicing his profession in the western metropolis.

Mr. Curtis is a stalwart republican, having supported the party since its organization. He has served in various offices, as trustee and alderman and as highway commissioner of the city of Princeton. In this capacity he began the first graveling of roads, and to him and his fellow members on the board at that time much credit is due for the fine roads of Princeton and vicinity. He has always stood for progress and improvement and his efforts have been effective in promoting general good along many lines. The family favor the Congregational church and have contributed generously to its support. For more than a half century Mr. Curtis has resided in Princeton and is one of its best known and most honored citizens. He has ever stood for all that is progressive and commendable in business life and his actions have ever measured up to the standard of honorable manhood.

#### GEORGE A. ROBINSON.

George A. Robinson, whose name is inseparably interwoven with the commercial history of Princeton, having for many years been engaged in the retail shoe business in this city, was born in Chesterfield, Hampshire county, Massachusetts, on the 27th day of March, 1811, his parents being Eleazer and Caroline (Benton) Robinson, who were natives of Massachusetts. The father engaged in farming and spent the greater part of his life in Hampshire county, where both he and his wife passed away.

George A. Robinson was educated in the common schools of his native county and when not busy with his textbooks assisted his father on the home farm until, thinking to find other occupation more congenial, he secured a position in the express office in Pittsfield, Massachusetts. He was thus employed for a few years, after which he accepted a clerkship in different dry-goods stores in Pittsfield, his time being thus given to commercial interests until after the outbreak of the Civil war. A spirit of patriotic ardor being aroused in him by the attempt of the south to overthrow the Union, he offered his services to

the country during the first year of the war and enlisted as a member of the 10th (regiment) Massachusetts Infantry under Captain Cooley. The regiment participated with the military movements in the Shenandoah Valley and in many battles of importance, which were a factor in the final result that crowned the Union arms. Mr. Robinson was never wounded or taken prisoner but became ill with pneumonia and was in the hospital for several weeks. He afterward rejoined his company and in December, 1864, he was made sergeant, filling that position until honorably discharged at the close of the war in 1865.

In the meantime a Mr. Bates, a friend of Mr. Robinson, in Hampshire county, Massachusetts, had come to the middle west, locating in Princeton, where he was engaged in business. He induced Mr. Robinson to join him here, although the latter remained a resident of Pittsfield, Massachusetts, until 1867, when he came to Bureau county and accepted a clerkship in the store of his former friend, Mr. Bates. He acted as a salesman for a few years and then removed to Sidney, Champaign county, Illinois, where he formed a partnership with his cousin in the establishment of a general store, which Mr. Robinson managed. He continued its conduct for two years, when he returned to Princeton and entered into partnership with his friend, Mr. Bates, under the firm style of Robinson & Bates. They established a retail shoe business, their store being located on Main street near South street. For a few years they were in business together, after which Mr. Bates sold his interest to a Mr. Murphy and the firm then became Robinson & Murphy, under which style the business was successfully conducted until the death of the senior partner.

George A. Robinson was married in Princeton to Miss Charity Bryant, a native of this county and a representative of one of the oldest and most prominent families of this part of the state. Her father was Cyrus Bryant, of whom mention is made on another page of this work. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Robinson were born four children, of whom one died unattended in infancy. Agnes M., Marcus B., and Alce J., all residing at home.

Mr. Robinson never fully recovered from the illness which he sustained during the Civil war, but he remained actively in the shoe business in Princeton until his demise, which occurred on the 20th of April, 1896. He was a member of the Grand Army Post of Princeton and of the Masonic lodge here and of both organizations was accounted a valued and popular representative. He voted with the republican party and held no membership in the Congregational church, in the work of which he took an active and helpful interest, serving as trustee and steward for many years. His life was marked by honorable principles and characterized by manly conduct, and in all relations he maintained an unimpeachable repu-





tation. In citizenship he was as loyal to his country as when he followed the stars and stripes on southern battlefields and in business he was thoroughly honorable and straightforward. His best traits of character, however, were reserved for his family, to whom he was very devoted, considering no personal sacrifice on his part too great if it would promote the welfare or enhance the happiness of his wife and children. The family are also members of the Congregational church and they reside at No. 203 West Peru street.

#### WILLIAM G. JOHNSON.

The agricultural interests of Fairfield township are well controlled and managed when in the hands of such men as William G. Johnson, who is alert, enterprising and progressive and moreover possesses that laudable ambition without which success is never achieved. He lives on section 26, Fairfield township, where he has a good farming property. One of Illinois' native sons, he was born October 19, 1841, his parents being Loyal T. and Mary C. (Goodhart) Johnson, the former a native of Wayne county, New York, born May 13, 1808, and the latter of Columbus, Ohio. The paternal grandfather of our subject served as a colonel in the New York militia, while William R. Goodhart, the maternal grandfather, was a native of Scotland and for seven years served in the French navy, taking the place of an Englishman, who hanged himself rather than fight against his native land. He was with Napoleon in the Russian campaign and saw the destruction of Moscow. On leaving the French service he joined the English army against the United States in the war of 1812, and was taken prisoner in the conflict on Lake Erie, when Commodore Perry won his great victory. Three Indians were placed under his charge, and while he was called below to get orders that part of the ship in which they were stationed was shot away. After the battle was over he was surprised to see the Indians emerge from the coal hole. Many years afterward while living at Bloomington Grove, now Bloomington, Illinois, he came across some Indians, one of whom stepped forward and called him captain, telling him that he was one of the three. Mr. Goodhart made his escape and later joined the American forces, serving under General Harrison until the close of the war.

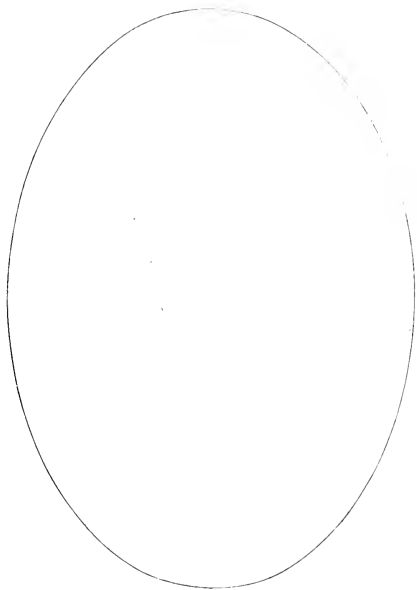
In Franklin, Ohio, August 2, 1814, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Goodhart and Miss Sarah A. Clouse, and at that place he secured a claim. During his residence there he made a trip to New Orleans on a flatboat which required six months. In 1819 he had his leg broken by a falling tree and during his illness meditated on religion. Soon afterward he was converted under the preaching of Elder Wright, who was holding

a camp meeting, and subsequently became an exhorter of the Methodist Episcopal church, holding a license issued by Peter Cartwright. At an early date he prepared to come west but his wife refused for several years. Finally in the fall of 1821, with wife and six children he emigrated to McClintock township, Fayette county, Illinois, where the settlers gave him a hearty welcome and built his cabin. Indians were still very numerous, and during his absence on a visit to Bloomington Grove they caused his family much uneasiness. Later when removing to that place the red men came upon them yelling, so that their horses were frightened and upset the wagon. They were drunk, but under the control of two sober Indians, and finally ceased their disturbance when Mr. Goodhart spoke to them in French. The family located in Bloomington where the Illinois Central depot now stands, and some apple trees are still there which were planted by Mr. Goodhart over seventy years ago, on what is known as the Judge McClune place. Upon his farm was manufactured the first brick in McLean county. From 1830 until his death in 1842 he continued a resident of Bloomington, where he was numbered among the honored and highly respected citizens. In his family were ten children, as follows: Jacob, who died in June, 1855; Elizabeth C., wife of William H. Rankin, of Kansas; Mary C., who was the mother of our subject; George W., deceased; William R., who died of cholera in 1850; Anna C., who married Joseph Douglass; Mrs. Sarah M. Livingston, deceased; John H., who was a member of the Union service, and was killed at Merriweather's Ferry, Tennessee, in July, 1862; James G., of Bloomington; and Mrs. Julia A. P. Douglas, deceased.

Loyal T. Johnson, father of our subject, was reared in his native county and on removing westward in 1836 settled in Canton, Illinois. He was married in Peoria, this state, January 3, 1810, and soon afterward removed to Bloomington, where he conducted a tannery and engaged in the shoe business. He was one of the early settlers of Fulton county, Illinois, establishing the first boot and shoe store in Canton. In 1845 he became a resident of La Salle county and the year 1857 witnessed his arrival in Bureau county, at which time he took up his abode in Wyandot township when it was largely an unclaimed and uncultivated wilderness. While erecting a house upon his claim the men that worked there saw a herd of fifty-two deer, which fact plainly indicates the unsettled condition of the country. Our subject was only a little boy at that time.

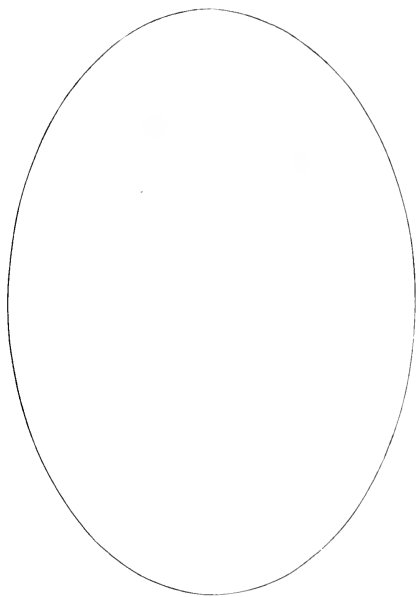
Mr. Johnson was offered the land where the village of Wyandot now stands for three dollars and a half per acre. He was an enterprising, industrious man, fond of travel, and he was killed by the cars at Newman, Kansas, February 26, 1875. His widow survived until 1896, passing away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Mary Elizabeth





MRS. W. G. JOHNSON





W. G. JOHNSON.



Lampher. In the family of this worthy couple were nine children, eight of whom are still living: Ellen D., wife of Harrison Webb, of Montana; Mrs. Esora M. Murphy, of Seattle, Washington; Mrs. Mary E. Lampher, of Princeton, Illinois; Mrs. Elura C. Self, near Glidden, Iowa; Owen S. and Loyal L., of Gold township, Bureau county; and Wilbur L., of McLean county, Illinois.

William G. Johnson was a little lad of only about six years when brought by his parents to Bureau county and amid the wild scenes and environments of pioneer life he was reared. The public schools afforded him his educational privileges and when not busy with his text-books his attention was largely given to farm work. At the time of the Civil war, however, he put aside all business and personal considerations, offering his services to the government as a supporter of the Union cause. He became a member of Company B, Sixty-fourth Regiment of Illinois Volunteers, known as Yates sharpshooters, and remained in the service for three years, during which time he participated in the engagements at New Madrid, Island No. 10, the siege of Corinth, Chambers Creek, Tusculum Creek, Resaca, Snake Creek Gap, Kingston, Vanort, Dallas, Farmington, Juka, Mississippi, both battles of Corinth, New Hope Church, Ackworth, Big Shanty, Kennesaw Mountain and Decatur. He was wounded at Kennesaw Mountain on the 27th of June, 1863, and he was often in the thickest of the fight. When his term had expired he was honorably discharged and returned home with a most creditable military record.

While a soldier of the war Mr. Johnson was married on the 11th of September, 1861, to Miss Malvina Galer, who was one of three children, her brothers being Joseph and George. Her father, Adam T. Galer, came to Illinois from Highland county, Ohio, in 1834 with his parents, Peter and Elizabeth (Allen) Galer, natives of Virginia, who here entered three hundred and twenty acres of land, on which they continued to reside until called to their final rest. Mrs. Johnson's parents died while living with her. To Mr. and Mrs. Johnson were born seven children, of whom Thompson G., Ollie A. and Eugene H. all died of diphtheria on the old Galer homestead. Those still living are: Adam L., of Gold township, who married Anna Gudgel and has three children, Loyal T., Virgil and Harvey; William C., of Fairfield township, who married Margaret Rollo and had five children, four living, Clark, Thompson, Cecil and Annie; Mary M., the wife of Charles Gudgel, of Gold township, by whom she has six children, John, William, Homer, Mary, Hazel and Melvina; and Nellie J., who married Lemuel F. Kolp and after his death wedded John Decker, their home being in Gold township. They have three children, William, Mary and Edith.

It was on the 3d of February, 1870, that Mr. Johnson took up his abode on his present fine

farm. He first lived in a little log cabin, which was later replaced by a frame dwelling and in 1892 he erected his fine two-story residence, which is neatly and tastefully furnished. The farm comprises four hundred and twenty-five acres of rich and productive land lying in Fairfield and Gold townships and is a splendidly improved property, the fields having been brought under a high state of cultivation. Everything about the farm is indicative of his thrift, enterprise and careful management and indicates him to be a man of progressive spirit and practical ideas. From the age of eighteen years he has provided for his own support and has made steady progress toward the goal of prosperity. He is a man worthy of the trust and good will of all and that he has the confidence of his fellow men is indicated by the fact that he has been called upon to settle six estates. He maintains pleasant relations with his old army comrades through his membership in the Grand Army of the Republic and he is also vice-president of the Bureau County Soldiers Association from Fairfield township, there being a vice-president from each township of the county. He also holds membership with the Masonic lodge at Princeton and is vice-president of the Fairfield Society of Old Settlers. All who know him—and his acquaintance is a wide one—respect and honor him, for throughout his entire life he has manifested those traits of character which in every land and clime command respect and regard.

#### CHARLES GARVIN.

Charles Garvin, one of the venerable citizens of Neponset township, where he is now living a retired life, was born in County Down, Ireland, May 25, 1819. His parents were Alexander and Elizabeth (Wilson) Garvin, also natives of County Down. The former died on the Emerald Isle at the age of forty-six years and the mother's death there occurred when she was fifty years of age. He was a weaver by trade and always followed that occupation in order to provide for his family, which numbered three children: Charles, Bessie and John, but Charles is the only one now living. Reared in his native country, Charles Garvin acquired a limited education in that land and then started out in life on his own account. He was married in County Down to Miss Sarah Ann Gunning, who died in the old country at the age of forty-five years. Seven children, four sons and three daughters, have been born of their marriage, namely: Bessie G., who became the wife of Timothy Driscoll and died at the age of thirty years; Charles; Jane, the wife of James McGuffey; Thomas; Sarah, the wife of George Combes; John; and Alexander. Following the death of his wife, the father came to America with his seven children. He made allies to friends and native country in 1870 and the vessel on which he sailed





reached New York harbor on Sunday morning, July 14, 1870. On Monday morning they left the steamer and on Tuesday morning left New York city, arriving in Neponset on the following Saturday evening. Since that time Mr. Garvin has made his home in Bureau county. He first purchased eighty acres of land in Stark county, where he lived for six years, and later he bought one hundred and sixty acres additional of prairie land and thirty acres of timber land. For many years he carried on general agricultural pursuits, meeting with success in this undertaking, but he is now living a retired life, spending his time with his children. He has made his home in Bureau county for about ten years and is one of its venerable citizens, having now passed the eighty-seventh milestone on life's journey. He was always a man of marked industry and enterprise, who labored earnestly to win a competence and thus provide a comfortable home for his family. Both in his native land and in this country he made good use of his opportunities and the success which he enjoyed was attributable entirely to his own efforts. On taking up his abode in America he became a naturalized citizen and has continuously supported the republican party. His religious faith is that of the Presbyterian church and his Christian belief has been manifest in his daily conduct, in his relations with his fellow men and in his honorable business life. He is truly worthy the high respect which is uniformly accorded him and with pleasure we present to our readers his life record.

#### THOMAS GARVIN.

Thomas Garvin, one of the leading and energetic agriculturists of Neponset township, was born in County Down, Ireland, August 14, 1858, his parents being Charles and Sarah Ann (Gunning) Garvin, who are mentioned above. The mother died in Ireland, and in 1870 the father brought his family to the new world, so that Thomas Garvin continued his education in the public schools of Stark county, Illinois, where the family home was established. He was reared to farm life, early becoming familiar with the work of field and meadow, as he assisted in the task of plowing, planting and harvesting. At the age of twenty-one years he started out in life on his own account, and is now farming three hundred and twenty acres of rich and productive land, the fields annually returning to him abundant harvests as the reward of his care and labor. He also has twenty-two head of horses on his place, and raises about one hundred head of hogs annually, together with forty head of cattle. He ships most of his stock to the Chicago market, and is well known as a progressive farmer and stockman, whose close application and unremitting diligence constitute the salient features of his success.

On the 15th of September, 1886, Mr. Garvin was united in marriage to Miss Hattie Canoy, who was born in County Down, Ireland, September 2, 1862, and is a daughter of Barney and Elizabeth (Lennon) Canoy, who were likewise natives of County Down. Her father became a resident of Bureau county, Illinois, in the year 1877, locating in Neponset township, where he followed the occupation of farming until his life's labors were ended in death in 1895, when he was seventy-five years of age. His political allegiance was given to the democracy, and he was a communicant of the Roman Catholic church. His widow still survives him and is now living in Neponset township. In their family were twelve children, of whom the following yet survive. These are: Mary Ann, the wife of Timothy Driscoll; Kate, the wife of Thomas Curran; Sarah, the widow of Thomas Smith; Mrs. Garvin; Maggie, the wife of William Stone; Ella, the wife of Henry Smithers; Lena, who married F. Rouse; Theresa, the wife of Morgan Hunnel; John; Robert; and Bessie.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Garvin has been blessed with ten children, of whom seven yet survive, namely: Margaret, Sarah, Thomas, Mary, Elizabeth, Catherine and Alice. Mr. Garvin is desirous that his children shall enjoy good school advantages, and has done effective service in behalf of education through the employment of competent teachers in the school district in which he is a director. He votes with the republican party, and his interest in community affairs is that of a public-spirited citizen. Since starting upon his business career he has displayed many sterling traits of character, including unflinching perseverance and diligence and a laudable ambition. He has in this way attained a measure of success that is very gratifying, and he is now accounted one of the progressive and prosperous agriculturists of his community.

#### SEWARD MARTIN.

Seward Martin, whose farm of one hundred and ninety-six acres in Bureau township is largely devoted to the breeding and raising of pure blooded Galloway cattle, when one are some of the finest specimens of this breed to be found in northern Illinois, was born in Manlius township, December 23, 1859, his parents being Thurlow W. and Mary L. (Alvard) Martin, who became early residents of this part of the state. No event of special importance occurred to vary the routine of farm life for their son Seward in his boyhood days. He attended the district schools and worked in the fields, and, as the years passed by, gained in proficiency and his knowledge of the best methods of carrying on farm work.

On the 7th of February, 1889, he was united in marriage to Miss Sarah R. Morgan, a daughter of W. H. and Barbara L. (Jontz) Morgan, the



former a native of England and the latter of Bureau township, this county. It was in the year 1857 that Mr. Morgan came from his native country to the new world and took up his abode in Bureau county. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Martin has been blessed with five children, but their first born, Mabel, is now deceased. Those still living are William, Everett, Barbara and Florence.

Throughout his entire life Mr. Martin has carried on farming, and has found that diligence constitutes a safe basis upon which to build the superstructure of success. Day after day, week after week and year after year he has labored persistently, his efforts being guided by sound judgment and business capacity. Today he is the owner of one hundred and ninety-six acres of land in Bureau township, where are seen well tilled fields, promising golden harvests, while in his pastures are found fine specimens of Galloway stock. He is making a speciality of the breeding and raising of cattle of this kind and is finding it a successful venture.

His political allegiance is given to the republican party, and he is well informed concerning the questions and issues of the day. Fraternally he is identified with the Modern Woodmen of America, and in matters of citizenship he is found progressive and active, manifesting the same spirit of enterprise which has made him successful in his business career. Measures for the general good receive his hearty indorsement and he does what he can for the benefit and welfare of the community.

#### CHARLES M. SAPP.

Charles M. Sapp, who, having retired from farm life, makes his home in Princeton, was born in Wyandot township, Bureau county, May 30, 1864. His father, Henry Sapp, is practically retired from farm life, but still manages his agricultural interests in Wyandot township, although for the past four years he has made his home in Princeton. He was born in Kent county, Delaware, December 13, 1834, a son of Solomon and Ann (Carter) Sapp, both of whom were natives of Delaware. They became residents of Bureau county in July, 1835, and, after a brief residence in Princeton, settled about four miles west of the city, in what is now Wyandot township. This was at that time a pioneer district in which few settlements had been made, the most of the land being unclaimed and unlocated, while many of the now thriving towns had not yet sprung into existence. At a later date Mr. and Mrs. Solomon Sapp spent eight months at Galena, Illinois, but afterward returned to Bureau county, and he entered a large tract of land from the government in Wyandot township, becoming owner of between four and five hundred acres. As the years passed he prospered, and, investing more and more largely in real estate, be-

came the owner of over twelve hundred acres, followed farming and stock raising, and with cultivating part of his land, he raised most of it, deriving therefrom a good income. He served as justice of the peace for years, but was never very active in politics in the sense of office seeking. His political allegiance was given to the democracy for a long period, but in later years he was a prohibitionist, for the party embodied his ideas upon the temperance question. Both he and his wife were life long Methodists, and were most earnest Christian people. His death occurred in December, 1891, when he lacked but four days of being eighty-four years of age. He was twice married before he wedded Ann Carter, and by a former marriage had one son, John W., who served in the Civil war and died after returning home. Mrs. Ann Sapp passed away about 1880 at an advanced age. By this marriage there were eight children, of whom four are now living, two died in childhood, a daughter passing away in infancy and Solomon at the age of eleven years. The other six arrived at maturity, namely: Alfred B., who died upon his farm in Wyandot township in 1892, leaving three children; Julia, who became the wife of E. K. McNeer, and died in August, 1905, when fifty years of age; Elijah, a farmer residing west of Wyandot; Mrs. Sarah E. Foreman, whose home is in Iowa; Ann E., the wife of J. S. Clark, of Princeton; and Henry.

The last named was reared in Bureau county from the age of six months, and has here lived for seventy-one years. He attended the public schools and a private school at Princeton, and was also a student in northern Illinois, pursuing his studies at one time at Mount Morris, in Ogle county. He has successfully followed farming and stock-raising and still owns two farms, one of one hundred and sixty acres and the other of eighty acres, both lying in Wyandot township. To these he yet gives his personal supervision, although he leaves the active work of the farm to others. His life has been one of industry and enterprise, and indolence and idleness are utterly foreign to his nature. In 1859 Henry Sapp was married to Miss Martha Mills, who was born in Hamilton county, Ohio, and came to Bureau county in 1857 with an aunt. Her parents, John R. and Ann (Marshall) Mills, had arrived in 1856. The father died in the '80s, at which time he was a retired farmer at Tiskilwa. His wife passed away in August, 1906, at the very advanced age of ninety-three years, and both were laid to rest in the Tiskilwa cemetery. Mrs. Sapp was one of seven children, five daughters and two sons. The latter are now deceased, but the five sisters are all living, though they are widely scattered. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sapp were born two children who yet survive, and they also lost one in infancy. The daughter, Lucile, is the wife of M. M. Cusie, residing at Chicago, who for years has been engaged in the boot and shoe business. They have one child, Dennis, who is about twenty-



three years of age and is connected with a steel company at Chicago. Politically Mr. Sapp has given his support to the democratic party through much of his life, although he is practically independent in politics. He has filled some local offices, but has never been ambitious in that direction. He now resides at No. 201 East Fern street, in Princeton, and is comfortably situated as the result of his enterprise and labor in former years. He worked persistently to acquire a competence, and as the years have passed he has gained that success which is the legitimate outcome of earnest and unflinching labor.

The subject of this sketch was married to Miss Nell R. Virden, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Virden, mentioned on another page of this volume. She, too, was born and reared in Bureau county and educated in the district and city schools. Two children grace this marriage: Edward Virden, who was born in 1886, and is now a stenographer in the freight office of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, having graduated in the business college in Princeton on the completion of the commercial course; and Charles Lee, eighteen years of age, at home.

In his political views Mr. Sapp has always been a democrat, yet never active in the work of the party. He is prominent in Masonry, having taken the degrees of the lodge, chapter and commandery, and his wife is connected with the P. E. O., while her religious faith is indicated by her membership in the Methodist Episcopal church. They have a pleasant home at No. 521 West South street, and are prominent in social circles of the city, having a wide and favorable acquaintance, while the hospitality of many of the best homes of Princeton is cordially extended them.

#### WARREN L. MERCER.

Warren L. Mercer, residing in the village of La Moille, is an enterprising and wide-awake business man, who has charge of his father's estate. A native son of the county, he was born May 15, 1873, his parents being George W. and Sarah (Little) Mercer, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of New Jersey. They were married in 1870 in this county and located upon a farm. Mr. Mercer successfully carried on general agricultural pursuits, making judicious investments in property until he is now the owner of six hundred acres of very valuable land. Unto him and his wife were born seven children.

Warren L. Mercer, the second in order of birth, was a student in the La Moille schools until he had mastered the branches of learning therein taught, after which he turned his attention to the farming and live stock business. He now owns property in the village of La Moille and his time and energies are largely occupied with the management of his father's extensive interests. He

has charge of the farming of six hundred acres of land and in its careful management has most ability and executive force.

On the 20th of August, 1891, Mr. Mercer was married to Miss Ida McCray, who was born August 18, 1874, in La Moille township, a daughter of Joseph McCray. They now have three children: Alma E., born April 8, 1894; Gladys E., October 7, 1898; and Gaylord, July 26, 1900. In his political views Mr. Mercer is a republican and he and his family are members of the Methodist Protestant church. He is a man of fine physique, who has attained proficiency in various athletic sports and is a model citizen, whose interest in public affairs is manifest in the tangible co-operation which he gives to many movements of direct and permanent benefit to the community. In his business affairs he has attained distinction as one thoroughly familiar with his chosen line of activity and also thoroughly competent therein, and in the control of the interests of which he now has charge he is displaying excellent ability and executive force.

#### HENRY D. STEELE, M. D.

Dr. Henry D. Steele, physician and surgeon of Princeton, with large patronage, indicative of the public confidence in his professional skill and knowledge, was born in Dover, Illinois, June 17, 1869. His father, Andrew L. Steele, was a native of New York, and married Susan Zearing, a native of Pennsylvania and a relative of the Zearing family of Bureau county. The marriage was celebrated in 1852, and Andrew L. Steele followed merchandising in Dover, Illinois, thus providing a comfortable living for his family. He took a warm interest in public affairs, and has always been numbered among the highly respected citizens of the different communities in which he has lived. He now makes his home in Princeton, where he is enjoying a well-earned rest after long, active and honorable connection with commercial pursuits.

Dr. Steele, having completed his literary education in Dover Academy, entered upon the study of medicine as a student in the medical department of the Northwestern University of Chicago, from which he was graduated in the class of 1892. After spending a year as a student in John Hopkins hospital at Baltimore, Maryland, he located for practice at Buda in 1893, where he remained until 1895, when he pursued a special course of study on the eye, ear, nose and throat in Chicago Polyclinic. Later he went to Moline, Illinois, where he remained from 1896 until 1899, and in the latter year he went west to Colorado for the benefit of his health. He was greatly improved by his sojourn in that state and engaged in practice there, being so successful that he took his family to the west, continuing his residence in Colorado until 1900, when he came to Princeton,



where he has since been located.

On the 13th of November, 1891, Dr. Steele was joined in wedlock to Miss Alta M. Mesenlop, a daughter of W. H. Mesenlop, of Princeton, and they have one son, William Henry. Dr. Steele holds membership in the Masonic lodge of Princeton, the council and the commandery, and is a worthy exemplar of the craft. He possesses the enterprising spirit which has been the dominant factor in the upbuilding of the middle west, and his laudable ambition and close application have made him an able representative of his profession, with broad, thorough and accurate knowledge. He is seldom, if ever, at fault in the diagnosing of a case or in anticipating the outcome of disease, and anything which tends to bring to man the key to that complex mystery which we call life is of interest to him. A love of scientific research and broad humanitarian principles combine to make him a successful physician.

#### ALBERT PIPER.

The broad acres which constitute the farm of Albert Piper are well cultivated, and golden harvests are annually gathered as the reward of his labors. He is one of the most progressive agriculturists of his community, and that he keeps in touch with modern progress is indicated by the fact that among his possessions is included a fine automobile, whereby he is enabled to cover the distance of twelve miles between his home and the county seat in thirty-five minutes. Born in Bureau county on the 1st of April, 1835, he is a son of Hiram H. and Amanda (McWilliams) Piper, who were married December 18, 1859. The father was born in Harveyburg, Ohio, December 11, 1828, and the mother's birth occurred January 16, 1811. Hiram H. Piper arrived in Bureau county in 1836, and has since lived within its borders, taking a prominent part in shaping its agricultural development. He is now one of the venerable citizens of the county, and well deserves mention in this volume as a pioneer who has aided in subjugating the wilderness and extending the frontier.

Albert Piper at the usual age became a public-school student, and through the winter seasons mastered the branches of learning usually taught in the public schools, while in the summer months he was trained to farm labor, with which he became thoroughly familiar, gaining accurate knowledge of the best methods and time of planting his crops and of caring for the fields during the season of development and of harvest. As a companion and helpmate for life's journey he chose Miss Ella M. Turner, whom he wedded on the 1st of October, 1856. She was born September 18, 1814, in this county, and her parents, Clarence L. and Mary A. (Palmer) Turner, were also natives of this county and are now living retired in Princeton at the age

of sixty years. Like her he found, Miss Piper was educated in the public school of this county, and the Methodist Episcopal church of Madison and contribute to its support, while Mr. Piper follows in the political footsteps of his father and gives unflinching allegiance to the republican party. He belongs to the Knights of Pythias fraternity, his membership being in Danville lodge, No. 159, and is also identified with the Modern Woodmen of America.

While his is a well rounded nature, in which no attention is given to the various interests bearing upon man's physical, mental and moral development, his time naturally is given mostly to his business affairs, and he is now the owner of two hundred acres of choice land, in the management of which he displays excellent business foresight and sagacity. He is seldom at error in matters of judgment, is capable and honest, and success has come to him as the result of well directed effort. He bids fair to repeat the work of his father, who has long been numbered as one of the prosperous and leading farmers of the county. Already he has a fine farm, in the midst of which stands a handsome residence. Near by are good barns and outbuildings for the shelter of grain and stock, and these in turn are surrounded with broad fields, giving promise of golden harvests. No modern equipment of a model farm is lacking, and he is always interested in everything that pertains to agricultural progress. Fifty years ago people were riding to town in this part of the state behind the slow plodding oxen. Today Mr. Piper covers a distance of twelve miles in thirty-five minutes in his automobile. Equally pronounced progress has been made in other departments of farm work and with all Mr. Piper has kept in touch. Money making is not the sole end and aim of his life, for while he is successful he believes also in enjoying life and in his home hospitality reigns supreme, the Piper residence being a favorite resort with the many friends of the family.

#### WILLIAM E. ANDERSON.

William E. Anderson, who, having retired from active farming life after many years of connection with general agricultural interests, is now living in a comfortable home in Milo township, was born in Bureau county, Illinois, in 1858. He is a son of Emanuel Anderson, who came to this county from Pennsylvania and settled on the farm where Peter Bankman now lives. He assisted in improving this land and subsequently went to Iowa, but after a time removed to Nebraska, where he died in 1901 at the age of seventy-seven years. He had four children, three sons and a daughter, of which number three are now living, namely: William, Francis, who resides in Oregon; and Mary, the wife of Jerome Lewis of Kansas.





William Anderson was educated in the common schools and has always followed farming. He bought his first tract of land in 1855, becoming owner of two hundred and forty acres at a later date. He has prospered in his undertakings, his investments have been judiciously placed and as the result of his careful management and enterprising business affairs he is now in possession of a handsome competence that enables him to live retired.

Mr. Anderson married Miss Charlotte Hunter, a daughter of Edward Hunter, an old settler of Bureau county, who came here when a boy about 1850. They now have four children, two sons and two daughters: Charles, who is a graduate of the Tiskilwa high school and is now attending college at Champaign, Illinois; Hiram McClellan, a graduate of the Tiskilwa high school; Ethel; and Inez.

Mr. Anderson is a republican who has served as road commissioner, as school trustee and school director, and the duties devolving upon him in these connections have been faithfully performed, for in all matters of citizenship he is loyal to the best interests of the community. He holds membership with the Masonic fraternity at Tiskilwa and he and his wife favor the Methodist Episcopal church. In former years Mr. Anderson was a leading farmer and stock man, who raised hogs and cattle for the market. By his close application and unremitting attention to his business, combined with unflinching industry, he steadily worked his way upward, reaching the plane of affluence. He built a beautiful home on the farm where he now resides, but he has recently disposed of this property and will take up his abode in the town, his capital being sufficient to supply him with the comforts and many of the luxuries of life without recourse to further labor.

#### A. M. BRYAN.

A. M. Bryan resides at No. 101 South Fourth street in Princeton and is well known throughout the county and this part of the state as a prominent and prosperous breeder of registered short-horn cattle and Poland China hogs, to which business he has devoted his energies for twenty-three years. He was born in Ohio in 1853 and in 1855 was brought to Bureau county by his parents, James and Julia (Leaham) Bryan. His mother, a native of Ohio, had a family of sixteen children, of whom thirteen are now living. She still survives, but the father passed away in 1894.

A. M. Bryan acquired his education in the common schools of Bureau county and throughout his business career has been identified with farming and stock-raising interests here save for a period of two years spent in northwestern Iowa. In 1901 he purchased a farm of two hundred and fifty

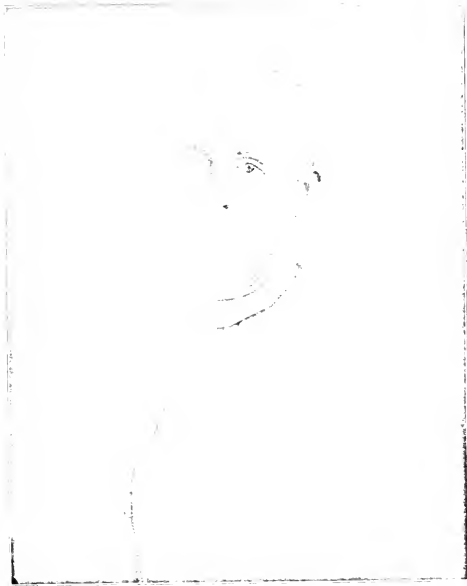
acres east of Princeton, which is now his home. He is one of the prominent stock-raising men of northern Illinois and keeps about forty registered Poland China and three hundred hogs. He has pigs born every month in the year and sells five or six each month in the year. He has made sales of hogs in thirteen states of the Union, including Tex., Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Delaware, Ohio, Iowa, and others. He makes a specialty of the breeding and raising of hogs and for this purpose buys the best stock regardless of price. He now owns Junction Chief, eleven years old and weighing one thousand pounds. In 1905 he bought a hog, U. S. Sunshine, two years old, weighing eight hundred and fifteen pounds and measuring eleven inches on the smallest part of the leg. Captain R. Britton, living ten miles north of Princeton, who has the reputation of being the best pork producer in Bureau county, has bought two male hogs each year from Mr. Bryan for seventeen consecutive years. In his business Mr. Bryan has been very successful. He advertises in breeder's journals and has become well known in stock-raising circles throughout the country. His business has reached very extensive and profitable proportions and he has become the owner of valuable property holdings, including a fine farm of two hundred and eight acres just south of Princeton, where he carries on his stock-raising interests. He has there a fine two-story residence and large barns. He also owns two hundred and fifty acres east of Princeton and his present residence is situated at 101 South Fourth street, just opposite the Princeton high school, in which his daughters are being educated.

Mr. Bryan was married to Miss Maggie Elliott, a daughter of J. F. Elliott, of Iowa, and a sister of Simon Elliott of Princeton. Mr. and Mrs. Bryan now have two daughters, Zathoe and Vivian. The parents and daughters are members of the Presbyterian church. Mr. Bryan is a democrat with independent tendencies and though he keeps well informed on questions and issues of the day he has never sought for office, preferring to concentrate his attention upon his business interests. He does not possess a dollar that he has not himself honestly earned. It has been through indomitable perseverance and a hard struggle that he has worked his way steadily upward and the story of his achievement should inspire all young men who read it with a truer estimate of the value of industry and the sure rewards of character.

#### LEWIS M. LONG.

Lewis M. Long, whose life has been an active and useful one, deserves much credit for what he has accomplished. He was born in Ottawa county, Ohio, December 12, 1851, and was only six years of age when brought to Bureau county by his parents in 1857. He was the eldest of five children.





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dren born unto Frederick and Rachel (St. Clair) Long, the former a native of Germany and the latter of Ottawa county, Ohio.

Being but a young lad when he arrived in Bureau county, Lewis M. Long began his education in the public schools here and continued his studies in the graded schools at Sublette, Lee county, Illinois, and again was a student in Bureau county for one term. His mental training was an excellent discipline for the practical and responsible duties of later life and on putting aside his text-books he entered upon the task of making a farm and home for himself. He has met with some financial reverses, but under all conditions has maintained an unassailable reputation for integrity and honor, and as right eventually triumphs, Mr. Long is again numbered among the substantial residents of his community.

On the 3d of September, 1875, occurred the marriage of Lewis M. Long and Miss Eliza P. Cresap, who was born in Bureau county, July 10, 1856. She is a daughter of Van O. and Ruth (Ravenscroft) Cresap, who were natives of Ohio and became residents of Illinois in 1840. Her father was a farmer by occupation and reared a family of six children, of whom Mrs. Long is the fifth. By her marriage she has become the mother of three children: Pearl, born August 10, 1877; Elva Ruth, born January 16, 1883, and Daisy M., born April 29, 1881. Mrs. Long attends the United Brethren church, of which she is a member, and his views upon the temperance question are plainly indicated by the allegiance which he gives to the prohibition party. The home farm comprises one hundred and twelve and a half acres of excellent land and Mr. Long has always followed farming and stock-raising. He has been a director of the schools for twelve years and the cause of education finds in him a warm friend. Socially he and his wife occupy an enviable position and he is a pleasant, genial gentleman, whose kindness and deference for the opinions of others have made him popular. At all times he has maintained an unassailable reputation for honorable dealing, and his personal worth classes him with the valued and representative citizens.

#### PETER J. CASSIDY.

Peter J. Cassidy, figuring prominently in agricultural and financial circles in Arlington and Westfield townships as president of the State Bank of the former and as a leading and successful farmer of the latter, is numbered among that class of representative American citizens who in promoting individual success likewise contribute to the general prosperity. Moreover, he has maintained an active and helpful interest in public affairs and is justly accounted one of the representative men of this part of the state.

He was born in Canada, August 4, 1845, about twenty miles from the city of Ottawa. His parents, Patrick and Joanna (Coughlin) Cassidy, were both natives of Ireland and at a very early age became residents of Canada, where they were reared and remained until their removal to the United States in May, 1847. They resided for a short time in Stark county, Illinois, coming later to Bureau county, where they took up their abode in Westfield township before the close of the same year. Patrick Cassidy and his father, Peter Cassidy, entered claim to eighteen tracts of land of eighty acres each near to and adjoining the village of Arlington, which was at that time called Lost Grove. Practically the work of development and improvement had not been started in that part of the county, the land being still in its primitive condition. Patrick Cassidy first purchased a yoke of oxen and was obliged in the early days to drive this ox team thirty miles to mill in order to get bread stuffs. It frequently required two days to make the trip, for he had to wait his turn at the grist. He brought flour back with him to sell to his neighbors. In the community he was widely known and was an influential factor in public life and in the business development and improvement of the community. Peter Cassidy, Sr., died in the spring of 1861 at Ottawa, Illinois, while Patrick Cassidy died July 16, 1855, on what is now the old homestead farm on section 10, Westfield township, Bureau county. They were both prominent pioneer settlers and their names are closely interwoven with the early history of this part of the state.

Patrick Cassidy had four brothers, two of whom, Peter and Terrence Cassidy, served as soldiers in the Civil war. Terrence enlisted at Ottawa early in the war and was wounded at Atlanta, being shot in the hand. He died shortly after the close of the war, passing away in 1865. Peter Cassidy, uncle of our subject, was drafted in 1864 and served until the close of hostilities. He died in the winter of 1881. Phillip Cassidy, another brother of this family, passed away at Omaha, Nebraska, in 1893, while the fourth brother, James Cassidy, died in Arlington, Illinois, July 3, 1895.

Two years of age when brought by his parents from Canada to Illinois, Peter J. Cassidy of this review began his education in the district schools and continued his studies in the high school in Princeton. He engaged in teaching school for a time through the winter terms and during the summer months followed farming. He has always led a busy and useful life, his energy and enterprise being crowning features in his career and from early manhood to the present time has been closely associated with agricultural interests. He is now the owner of two hundred acres of land in Westfield township, valued at from one hundred and seventy-five to two hundred dollars per acre. This constitutes a very fine farm,



being equipped with all modern conveniences and accessories and everything about the place is in keeping with the most advanced ideas concerning agricultural development. Mr. Cassidy also became an active factor in financial circles when in 1902 he was one of the organizers of the Arlington State Bank. He served as a director from the beginning and on the 28th of May, 1904, he was chosen president of the bank, which is his present connection therewith. He is a man of keen discernment in business affairs, his judgment being seldom, if ever, at error and his wise counsel is a valued factor in the successful control of the interests, public and private, with which he has been connected.

On the 19th of November, 1877, Mr. Cassidy was married to Miss Mary A. Lawler, who was born in the village of Arlington, June 26, 1857, a daughter of Luke and Catherine (O'Malley) Lawler, both of whom were natives of Ireland. The father came to Bureau county in the early '30s and was the first blacksmith in Westfield township. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Cassidy have been born three children: Harry Vincent, who died in infancy; Jennie, who died in 1896; and John L., who is still with his father. The wife and mother passed away April 26, 1888, and as she was a most estimable lady, possessed of many good traits of heart and mind, her death was deeply regretted by those who knew her.

Mr. Cassidy has served as assessor of Westfield township for several years and was township treasurer for four years. In politics he is an independent democrat, supporting the candidate rather than the party and always laboring for the best interests of the community. He ever places the general good before partisanship, nor has he sought political preferment as a reward for aid which he has rendered in matters pertaining to the welfare of the community. Realizing the obligations which have devolved upon him as an individual and as a citizen he has in public and private relations of life faithfully discharged every duty and thereby commanded the esteem and confidence of his fellowmen.

#### BENJAMIN F. PATTERSON.

Benjamin F. Patterson, who has spent his entire life in Bureau county, where his birth occurred August 2, 1868, has throughout the period of his manhood carried on general farming interests and now owns and operates one hundred and twenty acres of land in Berlin township. His parents were David and Mary (Davis) Patterson, both natives of Pennsylvania, whence they removed westward, becoming residents of Bureau county, Illinois, during a comparatively early period in its development and upbuilding. They lived upon a farm and thus Benjamin F. Patterson was reared to general agricultural pursuits, early be-

coming familiar with the plow and horse, that fall to the lot of the farmer. In youth he held an interest in the crop and raising of watermelon, he acquired his education in the common schools.

On the 6th of January, 1890, in Bureau county, he was married to Miss Della D. Jay, who was born in Berlin township, December 30, 1872, and is a daughter of Andrew James Robinson (Kinnaman) Jay, both natives of Ohio, the former born in 1829 and the latter on the 18th of October, 1834. Mrs. Patterson obtained a common school education in Bureau county, and by her marriage has become the mother of one daughter, Ruth E., born April 17, 1891.

Mr. Patterson, in order to provide for himself and family, is devoting his energies to general agricultural pursuits and is a wide-awake business man, alert and energetic. He now has one hundred and twenty acres of land, which is rich and productive and the place is well equipped with modern improvements and accessories, the fields being well tilled, while in the pastures are found good grades of stock. Socially he is connected with the Modern Woodmen and in his political views is a republican. His wife is a member of the Methodist church and both are highly esteemed people, who have spent their entire lives in this county and have a large circle of warm friends, many of whom have known them from early life to the present time.

#### HERMAN N. HOLLER.

Herman N. Holler, comfortably situated in his open a farm in Westfield township, is one of the native sons of La Salle county, this state, having been born in Danville township, November 13, 1861. He is a son of Phillip and Elizabeth (Ott) Holler. His father, a native of Chambersburg, Franklin county, Pennsylvania, became one of the early residents of La Salle county and for many years followed farming as a source of livelihood, but is not actively engaged in business pursuits at the present time. He resides upon the boundary line between Bureau and La Salle counties on the old family horse road, which has been his place of residence through a long and uninterrupted period. His wife was born in Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, and with her husband came to La Salle county in 1816. She died November 15, 1899. Mr. Holler is yet a very active old gentleman, who, although eighty-five years of age retains his hearing and eyesight unimpaired. He is so hale and hearty that it is difficult to realize that he has passed the four score mark on life's journey. He has been a member of the Masonic fraternity for over forty years and was one of the first to join Persepolis. He has attained the Knight Templar degree in St. John's commandery and is one of the oldest Masons





in the state. He has reared a family of children and now has grandchildren and great-grandchildren, so that there are four living generations of the family in the part of Illinois.

Herman N. Holler at the usual age entered the district schools, wherein he pursued his studies until he put aside his textbooks to give undivided attention to farm labor. The occupation to which he was reared he has always made his life work and he is now the owner of one hundred and twenty acres of fine land valued at from one hundred and seventy-five to two hundred dollars per acre. Upon this place he raises corn, oats and other crops and also keeps some stock. He is principally a grain farmer, however, and his fields are now well cultivated, bringing to him good annual harvests. He has recently erected a fine new residence upon his place and there are also substantial barns and outbuildings. The land is divided into fields of convenient size by well kept fences and none of the equipments of a model farm are here lacking.

Mr. Holler was married December 16, 1898, to Miss Jennie Neill, who was born in Peoria, Illinois, a daughter of William and Margaret (Cockley) Neill, the former a native of Ireland and the latter of this state. Four children bless this marriage: Howard, Robert, Blanche and Phillip.

#### THOMAS C. CALLINAN.

Thomas C. Callinan is among the worthy residents of Bureau county furnished by the Emerald Isle. His birth occurred in County Clare, Ireland, and he came to America in 1860, making his way direct to Princeton, and after four years' residence in the new world he offered his services to his adopted land as a defender of the Union cause, enlisting in 1861 and serving until the end of the war. He took part in a number of battles and was wounded on several occasions. He was in the engagement at Mtoona Pass and in various battles of the Atlanta campaign, and after the capitulation of the city of Atlanta went with Sherman on the celebrated march to the sea. He joined the army as a private of Company I, Thirtieth Illinois Infantry, and became captain of a forage company, in which capacity he was led into many places of danger, but he never faltered in the performance of any task that was assigned him.

Returning to his home at the close of the war, then but eighteen years of age, Thomas C. Callinan gave his attention to farm work and throughout his entire life has carried on general agricultural pursuits. In 1870 he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land, for which he paid seventy-two and a half dollars per acre and which is today worth one hundred and seventy-five dollars per acre. He has placed many substantial improvements upon his property and uses excellent machinery to facilitate the work of the fields.

He raises the cereals best adapted to soil and climate and altogether has a very important model farm.

On the 21th of February, 1850, in Warren, Mr. Callinan was married to Miss Mary A. Rindley, who was born in this county, in August, 1822. Their children are: Murry A., who was born March 31, 1851, and married Bessie A. Rindley; and Eva, who was born November 11, 1858, and is now the wife of J. E. Scottsburg, by whom she has one child, Jacob E., now in his third year. Mr. Callinan provided his children with excellent educational advantages. His son, who was a student in the high school of Princeton, completed his education in San Francisco, California, and the daughter, after attending the Princeton high school, pursued her studies in the Model school in Massachusetts and was afterward graduated on the completion of a course in both vocal and instrumental music in Oberlin College at Oberlin, Ohio. She is a musician of rare ability, both as a performer and vocalist.

Mr. Callinan has attained high rank in Masonry, belonging to Princeton lodge, No. 581, A. F. & A. M., Princeton chapter, No. 28, R. A. M., Council No. 8, R. & S. M., and Temple of Laundry, No. 20, K. T. He is also a member of Peoria post, No. 309, G. A. R., and of Danville lodge, No. 150, K. P., at Malden. He votes with the republican party, to which he has always given staunch support, standing firm in his advocacy of the organization which was the champion of the Union during the dark days of the Civil war and has always been the promoter of reform and progress in the country. For four years he served as deputy sheriff, but other wise has held no public offices. In his religious faith he is a Presbyterian, belonging to the First Church of Princeton. Loyal in military service, faithful in citizenship, and accurate and reliable in his business affairs, he has during the years of his residence in Bureau county won a place among its foremost citizens.

#### FRED ALBRECHT.

Fred Albrecht, owning and operating two hundred and eighty-two acres of valuable farming land on section 5, Ohio township, Bureau county, and also having extensive landed possessions in Wisconsin, where he owns thirteen hundred and sixty acres, was born in the township which is still his home, on the 6th of January, 1859. His parents were Jacob and Barbara (Ritz) Albrecht, both natives of the east, whence they came to Illinois at an early day. In their family were five children, of which the subject of this review is the youngest. By a previous marriage the father had four children.

Fred Albrecht was reared to farm life and acquired a common-school education. Although he inherited some of his property he has through



industry and integrity added thereto until he is now the owner of two hundred and eighty-two acres of very valuable farm land, situated on the southeast quarter of section 5, Ohio township, Bureau county. He has added many modern improvements to his place, uses good farm machinery in carrying on the cultivation of his land, and by practical and modern methods has only had the value of his farm until it is worth from one hundred and fifty to two hundred dollars per acre, and is one of the best tracts in Ohio township, and in fact in Bureau county. He is engaged in general agricultural pursuits, and annually harvests excellent crops of grain, his products finding a ready sale on the market, where they command the highest prices, owing to their good quality. Besides this farm on which Mr. Albrecht makes his home, he also owns a tract of thirteen hundred and sixty acres in Wisconsin.

Mr. Albrecht was married on the 25th of October, 1855, to Miss Anna B. Bumgardner, who was born in Bureau county, July 9, 1866, a daughter of Henry C. and Anna M. Bumgardner, the former born in Switzerland, whence he came to America in the '50s. The mother was born in Bureau county. Unto our subject and his wife have been born seven children: Christian H., born July 26, 1885; George F., September 11, 1887; Albert D., January 23, 1889; Amelia M., February 4, 1891; Sadie, January 11, 1893; Pearl C., January 27, 1892, and Florence E., January 4, 1903.

Mr. Albrecht gives his political support to the Democratic party, having firm faith in its principles, and he and his family are identified with the German Evangelical church. Although our subject came into ownership of some of his property through inheritance, he has been industrious and persevering, carefully managing his business interests, so that year by year he has added to his financial income and he has been enabled to make additional purchases until he is today in possession of a handsome competence, being numbered among the most prominent and substantial farmers of Ohio township. He and his family are excellent Christian people, possessing sterling qualities, which have won for them warm and lasting friendships.

#### GENERAL THOMAS J. HENDERSON.

General Thomas J. Henderson, of Princeton, was born in Brownsville, Tennessee, November 29, 1824, a son of Colonel William H. and Sarah M. (Howard) Henderson. His father, born in Garrard county, Kentucky, November 16, 1793, enlisted at the age of nineteen in Colonel Richard M. Johnson's Regiment of Mounted Rifle men and served in the war of 1812. In 1824 he removed to Stewart county, Tennessee, where he followed the profession of surveying and filled various positions of honor and trust. On coming to Illinois,

he located on what is called the Parkman tract, 2400 acres, near the mouth of the Mississippi river, in 1830, and cultivated it until 1835, when he removed to a more convenient location at Tipton, Benton county, a more notable one. He received the 2400-acre tract in section 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, and in 1847 he was the only settler in 1847 Independent government. In 1845 he transferred his Johnson county, Iowa, land, July 27, 1845, at the age of twenty-one years. He was married in Stewart county, Tennessee, July 11, 1846, to Miss Lucinda Wingo, and they had four children: The mother died in Hillsdale, Tennessee, and Mr. Henderson married Sarah W. Howard, who was born in Surfer's county, North Carolina, September 15, 1849, and died in Marshalltown, Iowa, in January, 1879. They had five children.

General Henderson of this review is a student in the public schools and in the academy at Brownsville, Tennessee, until eleven years of age, when he accompanied his father's family to Scott county, Illinois, where he resumed his studies in the pioneer schools. Nine years later he went with the family to Johnson county, Iowa, and spent one term in the State University at Ames City. He then returned to Scott county, Illinois, and after teaching for a term spent nearly a year as clerk in a store. In the fall of 1847 he was elected clerk of the county, county agent, clerk, and served as such until the office was changed to that of clerk of the county court, to which he was elected, serving until 1853. In that year he continued his law studies, was admitted to the bar in 1852, and on returning from the office in 1853 began practice in Tipton. The following year he was elected to the state legislature, and in 1856 was chosen to represent his district in the state senate, being the youngest member of that body. It was an exciting epoch in the history of the country—that period of the Civil war. As an anti-Northern man he was elected to the house and as a republican he was chosen to the senate. When the war was inaugurated he stood for the Union, and in almost every school district in Scott county addressed his fellow citizens, urged enlistments and pleading with all to stand by the administration.

In the summer of 1862 General Henderson enlisted, raising a company, which was attached to the One Hundred and Two-Pth Illinois Volunteer Infantry. The regiment was permitted to elect its own officers and privates. After being mustered in September 22, 1862, it was sent immediately to the front, participating in the campaigns through Georgia and Tennessee, and Major General J. D. Cox, son of Colonel Henderson, "Always hopeful, always prepared, always aggressive, he was a first-hand soldier, and among the most able and devoted leaders." At the battle of Resaca, May 14, 1864, he was severely wounded.



and after some time spent in the hospital was granted a furlough and returned home. After rejoining his regiment, the Third Brigade, Third Division, Twenty-third Army Corps was returned and he was assigned to its command, thus serving until the close of the war, when he was brevetted brigadier general, the commission dating November 30, 1864.

The war over, General Henderson returned to Toulon, Illinois, and resumed his law practice. In March, 1867, he removed to Princeton and was a partner of Joseph I. Taylor in the practice of law until 1871, when he was appointed by President Grant as United States collector of internal revenue for the fifth Illinois district, with headquarters at Peoria. He filled the office for two years and on his return to Princeton in 1873 joined Judge H. M. Trimble in the formation of one of the strongest law firms that has ever practiced at the Bureau county bar. In 1868 General Henderson was one of the presidential electors for the state at large and supported General Grant. In 1870 he was an unsuccessful candidate for nomination for congress, but in 1871 was elected to the forty-fourth congress from the sixth Illinois district, and during that term served on railways, canals and pension committees; in the forty-fifth congress he served on claims; in the forty-sixth on commerce; in the forty-seventh was chairman of the committee on military affairs; in the forty-eighth, forty-ninth and fiftieth congresses he served on the committee on rivers and harbors; in the fifty-first was chairman of the committee on river and harbors; and in the fifty-second and fifty-third served on the rivers and harbors committee, and also on banking and currency. For eight years he represented the sixth district, and for twelve years the seventh district, and after his first term was always re-nominated by acclamation, continuing in congress for twenty years.

On the 29th of May, 1849, General Henderson married Henrietta Butler, of Wyoming, Illinois, who was born in New York city, August 11, 1830, a daughter of Captain Henry and Rebecca (Green) Butler. They have become the parents of four children: Gertrude R., who married Charles J. Dunbar, of Princeton; Sarah E., who became the wife of Chester M. Purdy, of Princeton; Mary L., who married John Farnsworth, of Washington, D. C.; and Thomas B., a business man of Princeton.

General Henderson has attained high rank in Masonry in connection with the York and Scottish rites, belonging to the commandery and consistory. A contemporary biographer has said: "A man more honest and devoted to the best interests of his constituents never entered the halls of congress, and those who know him best do not hesitate to say that he is in every respect a noble type of American manhood. His name stands for hon-

esty, integrity and everything that is good in politics and public life, and no man in Bureau county has stood nearer to the hearts of the people."

#### WILLIAM H. BOOTH.

William H. Booth, who in former years was a representative farmer of Berlin township but is now living retired in Princeton, was born in Putnam county, Illinois, October 21, 1817. His parents were Jeremiah and Elizabeth A. (Carver) Booth, natives of Ohio, whence they came to Illinois in 1816, locating in Putnam county. Their marriage was celebrated in the former state and they became the parents of six children, of whom William H. was the fifth in order of birth. His youth was passed in his parents' home, where he was early trained to habits of industry and economy. His preliminary education was supplemented by study in Dover Academy and after leaving school he went upon a farm and has devoted almost his entire life to general agricultural pursuits.

On Christmas day of 1867 he was united in marriage to Miss Ann E. Pierce, who was born May 11, 1818, a daughter of James A. and Esther (Green) Pierce. Mrs. Booth was also educated in Dover Academy and is a lady of natural culture and refinement. By this marriage have been born two children: Eva E., who was born March 8, 1871, and is the wife of J. C. Field, a resident of Berlin township; and May P., who was born June 28, 1875, and is still at home.

Mr. Booth owns one hundred acres of land in Berlin township but now resides in the city of Princeton, renting his farm. This land, which was purchased for five dollars per acre, is now worth from one hundred and seventy-five to two hundred dollars per acre and the rental therefrom brings him a good income. He has up to recent years led a very busy, active and useful life. His place is situated in one of the finest farming sections of the county and is abounded with excellent buildings, beautiful shade trees and all modern equipments and accessories which go to render it an ideal country home. There he raised and fed stock in addition to the various crops best adapted to soil and climate. His prosperity is attributable entirely to his own efforts, having been acquired through honest, earnest labor, through economy and careful management. Whatever he undertook Mr. Booth carried forward to successful completion and his business affairs were so ably directed that he is now in possession of a very handsome competence.

Mr. Booth holds membership in Levi Lusk lodge, No. 219, A. F. and A. M., at Arlington; in Princeton chapter, No. 28, R. A. M.; in Temple commandery, No. 29, K. T.; and the entire family belong to the Eastern Star lodge of Princeton.



They are also members of the Congregational church and take an active and helpful interest in its work. Mr. Booth has filled all of the offices in the Masonic lodge and in his life exemplifies its beneficent spirit. In politics he has always been a republican, voting with the party since a conference upon him the right of franchise. For several terms he has served as school director and the cause of education finds in him a stalwart friend and supporter. He and his wife were numbered among the leading citizens of Berlin township and left behind them many friends when they removed from the farm to the city, where they now reside and where they have already gained the favorable regard of those with whom they have become associated. Mr. and Mrs. Booth have always provided their children with good educational privileges and the youngest daughter is a graduate of the Princeton high school. The family stand for educational progress, for material improvement and for advancement in all those walks of life that are of benefit to humanity at large and those who know them entertain for them the warmest esteem.

#### CHRISTOPHER BOYLAND.

Christopher Boyland, a farmer of Westfield township, where he owns a fine tract of eighty acres, was born in Dimmick township, La Salle county, Illinois, February 5, 1854, his parents being Thomas and Mary (O'Brien) Boyland, both natives of County Meath, Ireland, who emigrated from that country to America in the year 1816, their destination being La Salle county. The father there engaged in farming until 1862, when, on the 6th of April of that year, he removed to Bureau county, Illinois, settling on a farm on section 13, Westfield township, where he continued his farming operations until his death, which occurred on the 4th of August, 1888, while his wife survived him for only a few years, passing away on the 15th of September, 1895.

Christopher Boyland, the subject of this review, was reared to farm life, assisting his father in the work of cultivating the land, planting and harvesting the crops when not engaged with his tasks in the school room. His educational privileges were received in Morris McDonald's district school No. 7, now No. 91. When he had put aside his text-books and was ready to start out in life on his own account he chose the occupation to which he had been reared, and, as he was energetic and industrious, always alert for every opportunity that would prove of benefit to him, as the years have passed by he has prospered in his undertakings until he is today the owner of eighty acres of very valuable farming land, situated in Westfield township. He has improved his land, keeping the best farm machinery in order to facilitate his labors, and on his farm

are found good, substantial buildings for the shelter of grain and stock. He has recently completed a new corn crib, which has a capacity of six thousand bushels of corn and five thousand bushels of oats. Besides raising the grain best adapted to soil and climate, Mr. Boyland is also engaged in raising stock, having horses, cattle and hogs of fine grades, and thus he has been very successful in both farming and stock-raising interests.

On the 28th of February, 1854, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Boyland and Miss Catherine McDonald, who was born December 17, 1856, a daughter of Thomas and Nora (McDonald) McDonald, both natives of Ireland, from whence they emigrated with their respective parents to Newfoundland, where they were engaged in the fishing business. The McDonald families later removed to Bureau county, Illinois, the year of their arrival here being 1852. Here Thomas McDonald engaged in railroading for a number of years, or until 1862, when he turned his attention to agricultural pursuits until his death, which occurred on the 2nd of July, 1904. He had been married in 1851 to Miss Nora McDonald and she yet survives her husband, making her home on the old farm homestead.

Unto our subject and his wife have been born eight children, namely: Richard, Thomas, Edward, John, Patrick, Agnes, Mary, and Marcella. Politically Mr. Boyland is a democrat and he and his family are excommunicants of the Catholic church at Arlington. He is also a member of the Modern Woodmen camp, No. 3111, at Arlington.

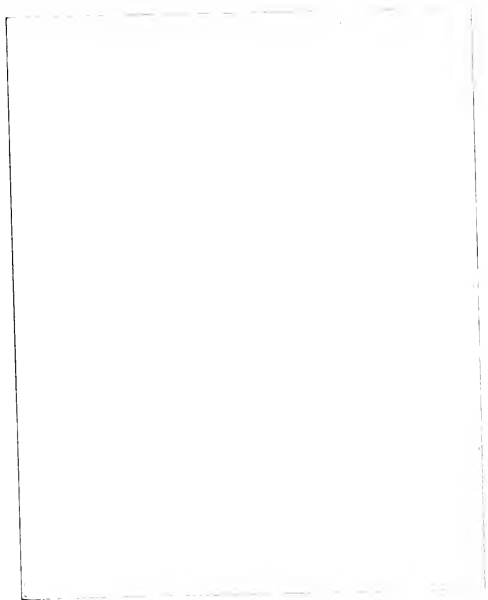
Mr. Boyland is numbered among the substantial farmers and stock raisers of Westfield township, having a fine tract of eighty acres on which he has placed all modern improvements and through his industry and careful supervision of his business interests he is meeting with gratifying success. He and his family have many warm friends and are classed among the best people of their community.

#### CLIFTON D. COCHRAN.

Clifton D. Cochran, who was one of the heirs of a fine farm of one hundred and eighty acres in Westfield township, Bureau county, was born in Hall township, this county, March 1, 1865, a son of David A. and Melissa (Dewey) Cochran, both natives of New York, and the latter a cousin of Almiral Dewey. The grandfather, David Cochran, Sr., came from New York to Bureau county in 1848 and in the early '50s purchased from the government the south half of section 32, paying the usual price of one dollar and a quarter per acre, the payment being the signature of President James K. Polk. The father accompanied his parents from New York to this state, and the mother arrived in the year 1863. The farm is







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now deceased, his death occurring July 1, 1881, and his wife still survives, making her home in Ladd, Illinois. Fred Cochran, a brother of our subject, was born April 8, 1870, and lives in Ladd with his mother.

Clifton D. Cochran was reared to farm life, assisting in the operation of the home farm, and thus receiving practical training which fitted him for carrying on a farm of his own in later years. He pursued his education in the Bureau school in Westfield township, and after putting aside his text-books he continued to follow the occupation to which he had been reared, and at one time owned a valuable tract of land in Westfield township, which was entered from the government by his grandfather many years ago.

On the 12th of March, 1881, occurred the marriage of Clifton D. Cochran and Miss Sylvia Cheesman, who was born July 15, 1863, and is a daughter of John T. and Elizabeth (Barker) Cheesman. The father is a native of England, and the mother claims Canada as the place of her birth. They came to Bureau county prior to the Civil war. The father is now deceased, but the mother still survives, and makes her home in Peoria county with her daughter, Mrs. Carrie Brown. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Cochran have been born five children: Carrie, Walter, Jean, Sylvia and David.

Mr. Cochran is a Mason, belonging to Levi Lusk lodge, No. 270, at Arlington. He is now serving as a trustee of the Bureau Baptist church in Westfield township, although not a member of that denomination. He is a republican in politics. For the past twenty years he has served as school director, and is now acting as clerk of the school board. He is interested in the cause of education, and does everything in his power to advance the system of public instruction. He has followed farming as a life work and has been very successful in his undertakings, and is a man highly esteemed by his many friends and acquaintances.

#### WILLIAM PRATT BUSWELL.

William Pratt Buswell, deceased, who was connected with farming interests in Bureau county, and in business life won prosperity and the respect of his fellowmen, was born in Peacham, Caldonia county, Vermont, August 23, 1824, and died in Neponset, Illinois, July 20, 1891. He was descended from one of the oldest New England families, tracing his ancestry back to Isaac Buswell, who left England on the ship *Caroline*, April 11, 1638, and died at Salisbury, Massachusetts, July 8, 1683. Without referring specifically to succeeding generations, we come down to Nicholas Colby Buswell, the father of James Buswell. The latter was born in Peacham, Vermont, in 1793 and married Chloe Pratt.

At an early period in the first half of the nine-

teenth century James Buswell brought his family to Illinois and William Pratt Buswell acquired his education in the district school of Orosola, Stark county, and in Knox College, at Galesburg, Illinois. Ever of a studious nature and disposition, he was a great reader of history and English literature, and continually enriched and broadened his mind by his reading and research, which acquainted him with the works of the master minds of all ages. Throughout his active business life he was connected with agricultural pursuits and the purchase and improvement of farm lands.

On the 24th of July, 1854, Mr. Buswell was married to Miss Elizabeth Holgate, a daughter of Judge James Holgate, of Wyoming, Stark county, Illinois, and the members of the family are: James Jay, who married Elsie Fowler, a daughter of Morris Fowler of Bradford, Illinois; Ward H., who married Elizabeth Boynton, of Galva, Illinois; May H.; Scott; and June.

In politics Mr. Buswell was a staunch republican and took a deep and active interest in the work of the party and its growth and success. Gifted by nature with good intellectual powers which he cultivated by reading and study, he was always interested in life-problems and was conscientious in the fulfillment of his duty as a man in his relations with his fellowmen and as a citizen in his relations to his county and his country.

#### FRED G. BAUER.

Fred G. Bauer, whose valuable farming interests comprise three hundred and twenty acres of land and who in addition to the development and improvement of his farm has been engaged in threshing for the past thirty years, was born in Clarion township, April 13, 1858, and it is in the same section of the county that he still resides. His parents were John and Katharina (Hofer) Bauer, both natives of Birkheim, Germany. They came to America in the latter part of the '40s, probably about 1848, and were among the earlier settlers of Bureau county, taking up their abode on a farm on section 28, Clarion township, where they remained for seven or eight years. Subsequently they settled on section 16 of the same township and there the mother is still living, but the father passed away on the 15th of August, 1875.

Fredrick G. Bauer completed his education in the Clarion township schools and throughout his entire life has carried on general agricultural pursuits. That he has prospered is indicated by the fact that he is today the owner of extensive landed interests covering three hundred and twenty acres in Clarion township valued at from one hundred and seventy-five to two hundred dollars per acre. Every accessory of the model farm is here found in the good residence, the substantial



outbuildings and well kept fences, the richly cultivated fields and the good grades of stock. He has led a life of industry crowned with success and his example serves to prove what may be accomplished through unremitting diligence and carefully executed plans.

On the 13th of November, 1882, Mr. Bauer was married to Miss Mary Frese, who was born in Germany, January 1, 1861, a daughter of Henry and Anna (Elders) Frese, who were likewise born in the fatherland. Mr. Frese came to Bureau county with his daughter, Mrs. Bauer, his wife having died three years previously in the old country. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Bauer have been born five children, who are yet living: John E., Herman C., Tillie E., Hattie M. and Paul J. They also had one son, Robert, who died in infancy. The parents are members of the German Lutheran church and are actively interested in its work. Politically Mr. Bauer is a republican but without aspiration for office. In disposition he is joyful and genial and is a man loved by his many friends. His entire life has been spent in this county and he is very popular with all with whom he has come in contact.

#### LOUIS KUMPF, JR.

Louis Kumpf, Jr., of La Moille township, owns two hundred and twenty acres of fine land located in one of the best farming districts of Bureau county. He is well situated financially for a young man of his years, for he has just completed his third decade, having been born in Bureau county on the 14th of January, 1876. His father, Louis Kumpf, was born in Germany and came to America in 1841. In 1848 he established his home in Bureau county and was married in the United States to Miss Sylvia Garinger, also a native of Germany. As the years passed their family numbered eleven children, of whom Louis was the seventh in order of birth. Of this number five are now living in Nebraska and the others in Illinois. To a boy wide awake and full of life there is always something of interest happening and though Louis Kumpf passed his youth upon the farm it was not an uneventful period, for he acquired the education and laid the foundation for the development of a character that has enabled him to win a place among the leading farmers of La Moille township in later years. A life of diligence and enterprise has been crowned with a gratifying measure of success and he is today the owner of two hundred and twenty acres of fine land in La Moille township. This is rated at the highest market price and through the judicious investment of his capital and the careful improvement of his land Mr. Kumpf has doubled his wealth in five years. The farm is supplied with excellent buildings, which are commodious, modern and well painted. There are fine trees

upon the place, which add to the attractive appearance and the home is a pleasantly hospitable one, provided over by a most estimable lady, who gave her hand in marriage to Mr. Kumpf about seven years ago.

It was on the 14th of December, 1899, that the marriage of Louis Kumpf and Miss Bertha Schwab was celebrated. She was born in Greenville township, Bureau county, February 18, 1878, and is a daughter of Chris and Eva (Schneider) Schwab, who were natives of Germany, but were married in this country. They had a family of five children, of whom Mrs. Kumpf is the fourth. Like her husband, she was educated in the district schools of La Moille township. Their union has been blessed with three children: Lillie, born June 10, 1900; Verma, born April 27, 1903; and Minnie, born May 11, 1906.

The parents are members of the German Lutheran church at Hollowayville and Mr. Kumpf votes with the republican party, believing that its principles are most conducive to good government. He and his family are very comfortably situated in life and he has already gained a place among the substantial men of affluence, attaining a measure of success superior to that of most men of his years. Straightforward business dealings and indefatigable perseverance have marked his way and those with whom he has had trade and social relations speak of him in terms of praise and commendation, for in his history there has been naught that savors of unclean dealing or questionable practices.

#### FRED B. STEIN.

Fred B. Stein, a farmer, owning and operating one hundred and fifty-four acres of land in Westfield township, Bureau county, Illinois, is a native of this county, having been born in Clarion township in 1870, his natal day being September 22. He is a son of Henry and Minnie (Mösel) Stein, both natives of Germany, who came to America at an early age and settled in Bureau county, being numbered among its early pioneer settlers. During his active business career the father always followed agricultural pursuits, but he has now retired from all business connections and with his wife is now living retired at Merdola, Illinois. He was always an energetic and industrious farmer and his rest from further toil is well merited.

Fred B. Stein, whose name introduces this record, was reared in the usual manner of farm lad, assisting in the work of cultivating and developing his father's land, and he was thus well fitted for carrying on business on his own account in later years. He received his education in the district schools of Clarion township. After putting aside his text-books he continued agricultural



pursuits, which has always been his life work. When he started out on his own account he prospered in his undertakings, and year by year has added to his income until today he is the owner of one hundred and fifty-four acres of fine farming land, situated in Westfield town-ship, which he has improved, adding all modern accessories, until it is now one of the fine farm homes of the town-ship. He is here engaged in raising corn and oats and each year the land yields splendid crops, owing to the care he bestows upon the fields. He is also engaged to some extent in raising Norman horses, and he finds this branch of his business a very profitable one.

On the 18th of January, 1891, Mr. Stein was united in marriage to Miss Gertrude Klein, a native of Germany, born on the 5th of June, 1873, a daughter of Peter and Frances (Kindersveit) Klein, who were likewise natives of that country. Mrs. Stein was nine years of age when her parents emigrated to America and settled in La Salle county, Illinois, the year of their arrival being 1882. The father there engaged in agricultural pursuits and he and his wife still reside there. Mr. and Mrs. Stein are the parents of five children, namely: Edward, Viola, Minnie, Laurina and Florence, and the family are members of the German Lutheran church at Mendota. Mr. Stein is a democrat in his political views, although he does not adhere strictly to that party and sometimes votes an independent ballot, regarding the men whom he thinks best qualified for office rather than adhering to party ties.

He is an enterprising agriculturist, as is manifested by the finely improved condition of his land, which is a very valuable property, being worth from one hundred and seventy-five to two hundred dollars per acre. Here he is engaged in the raising of grain and stock and ranks among the most successful farmers of Westfield town-ship. He and his wife are hospitable people and have a host of warm friends.

#### VICTOR A. NELSON.

Among the citizens of Bureau county of foreign birth is numbered Victor A. Nelson, whose life record is creditable alike to the land of his nativity and of his adoption. He was born in Sweden, May 26, 1869, has been a resident of America since 1888 and is now actively interested in farming operations in La Moille town-ship, Bureau county. He pursued his education in Sweden, where he was reared under the parental roof, and in the year 1888 he came to America, hoping to benefit his financial condition in the new world, of whose opportunities and privileges he had heard very favorable reports. For eight years he has resided upon the farm which he now owns and occupies, comprising ninety acres of good land in La Moille town-ship, for which he paid one hun-

ded dollars per acre. The improvement placed upon it and the natural rise in real-ty values here made it today worth one hundred and fifty dollars per acre. Mr. Nelson is a grain farmer, his fields producing huge crops of corn, oats and hay. The place is one of the finest farms of the county, splendidly equipped with all modern conveniences and accessories. It is supplied with natural gas for heating and cooking purposes and the buildings are model farm structures in every particular. The attractive residence is surrounded by fine shade trees and in the rear stand commodious barns and outbuildings for the shelter of grain and stock. These in turn are surrounded by well tilled fields, which are divided into tracts of convenient size by fences that are ever kept in good repair.

On the 26th of December, 1895, Mr. Nelson was married to Miss Catharine Felzer, who was born in this county, August 16, 1868, a daughter of Casper and Frederica (Hullman) Felzer, who were natives of Germany, and after coming to America established their home in Bureau county. Mr. and Mrs. Nelson now have one child, Estah Nelson, born July 23, 1896. They attend the United Brethren church and are progressive people who stand for all that is of value in the welfare and substantial development of the community. Mr. Nelson votes with the republican party and no native-born son of the new world manifests a more loyal spirit in his support of the institutions of the republic. He has never had occasion to regret his determination to come to the United States, but on the contrary has found here the opportunities he sought, which, by the way, are always open to ambitious, energetic young men. He has had here full scope of his energy and determination—his dominant qualities—and as the years have passed he has wrested fortune from the hands of fate and is already one of the substantial agriculturists of La Moille town-ship with valuable property holdings. Ever doing looking to the betterment of town and county receives his endorsement and in his public life, as in his business interests, he has the genius for devising and executing the right thing at the right time. He and his wife are esteemed by many friends, being always spoken of by their neighbors in terms of kindly and appreciative regard.

#### JOHN CLANCY.

John Clancy, dealing in fine wines and liquors in Arlington, is a son of the Emerald Isle, where his birth occurred June 21, 1870. His parents were Patrick and Johanna (Powell) Clancy, who were likewise born in that country, where the father still lives, but the mother passed away in 1886.

John Clancy remained a resident of his native land through much of the period of his youth





and on the 20th day of May, 1888, he came to Arlington, since which time he has lived in Bureau county. He was identified with agricultural pursuits here for about eleven years, but is now a business man of Arlington, where he is dealing in fine wines and liquors. He holds membership in the Catholic church.

#### J. F. WAGNER.

J. F. Wagner, owner of the largest brickyard and tile manufacturing establishment in Princeton, which business has been under his personal control for a number of years, although established by his father in 1857, is a man whose intense and well-directed activity has gained him prominence in connection with the productive industries of the county, while in all his business relations he has manifested the spirit that places him with that class of representative men who, while promoting individual interests, also contribute in substantial measure to general progress and prosperity. He was born in Princeton in 1857 and is a son of John Wagner, a pioneer of Bureau county, who arrived in 1818, coming from Germany to America when young. After his arrival in this country he learned the trade of brick and tile making and in 1857 established in Princeton the brickyard which is now being conducted by his son. The new enterprise prospered from the beginning and in the course of years he built up a large business, the output being of such a quality as to find a ready sale on the market, while his straightforward business dealings won for the house an unassailable reputation. He was united in marriage to Miss Katherine Michel, who also arrived in this county in 1818. They had seven children, but J. F. Wagner is the only one now living. The father departed this life in 1894, but the mother still survives and makes her home with her son at the advanced age of eighty-six years.

J. F. Wagner, spending his boyhood and youth

under the parental roof, was educated in the school at Princeton and in the high school at Leavenworth, under the direction of his father. He has always been conversant with the fine line of business and one element of his success is undoubtedly the fact of his possession of property in this occupation in which he established himself as a tradesman. Admitted to a partnership in the business, he eventually became sole proprietor and has developed the enterprise along profitable lines, resulting in the establishment of an extensive industry which has long since reached very profitable proportions. The output is more than a million brick and two hundred thousand drain tile annually and he ships to a considerable extent. In addition to this large and popular business, he also owns one hundred acres of land adjoining Princeton, which is very valuable and which he farms, finding interest and relaxation in his other business duties in the supervision of his agricultural project.

Mr. Wagner was married to Miss H. M. Mollen, of Mendota, and they now have three sons, Gilbert, Wilhelm and Harold, aged, respectively, eighteen, sixteen and ten years. The family home is a fine residence on East South street and its warm-hearted and genial hospitality is one of its most attractive features, while its tasteful furnishings indicate the refined and cultivated taste of the owners. In politics Mr. Wagner is a democrat, who has served as supervisor of his township for two terms and was a member of the city council for three terms or six years. He exercised his official prerogatives in support of every movement of a reformatory or progressive nature and whether in office or out of it has always maintained a high standard of citizenship, working for those interests which are a matter of municipal honor and civic pride. The family are all members of the Presbyterian church and in the city of his nativity, where his entire life has been spent, Mr. Wagner is without exception distinguished as one of its foremost residents.



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